

SIR—Reflecting upon the Communication I had the honor to receive this evening from you, respecting the assertion made at the Council Board this morning by Mr. Justice Mabane, that since the peace I had taken the oaths of allegiance to one of the United States, I deem it incumbent on me to trouble you on this occasion to communicate to my Lord Dorchester and the Members of the Honorable Board, at which such an injurious falsehood was published my unequivocal declaration, that I never at any time took, or subscribed any oath or oaths of a public or private nature, either of abjuration or allegiance in or to any of the United States of America, and the only declaration I ever subscribed, (except that prescribed by Statute for admission to the Bar) was on the 19th day of April, 1775, voluntarily pledging myself to support the person, laws and government of his present Majesty with my life and fortune against my own countrymen.

The publicity and nature of Mr. Mabane's assertions may perhaps justify me in stating for his Lordship's information, what and who I am, my conduct, and the motives of it, since I could think for myself, not only that his Lordship and the Council may the better judge my pretensions to a few acres of land; but of my claim to support and countenance against so cruel a slander, aggravated by the grave character of its Author, the manner, place, and occasion of its publication.

I am &c.

W. D. P.

“ PETITION.

“ W. D. P. for lands on the south side the Ottawa River, between the upper boundary of Mr. De Lothbinere's Seignory and the lower boundary of that of Monsieur De Longueuil.

“ Ordered, that the Surveyor General report a survey of three thousand acres, corresponding as nearly as may be with the location described by the Petitioner.

(Signed)

“ J. WILLIAMS.”

The execution of the honorable part delegated by Lord Dorchester, of representing himself as the middle-man in the arbitration between the Lords of the Treasury and the remitters of public money, of which Mr. Coffin, the Controller of Public Accounts for the Treasury, was one, and Mr. M. Gill the merchant, for Harley and Drummond, was another, and the Refugee represented the third person, was so satisfactory, that his Lordship almost immediately placed the Refugee at the head of a highly confiden-