

known to us, the fear of unwittingly putting out a 'twice-told tale' impels us to trouble you for an opinion as to its originality, or whether your wide knowledge can identify it with anything already extant."

That this confidence was well-founded, and the pains taken to sift the matter very considerable, the following excerpt from Dr. Doughty's reply, printed with his permission, clearly shows:

"I have had an examination made of all the manuscripts we have in the Archives relating to the Simcoe period, but I can find no trace of documents such as you mention. I thought perhaps that some clue might be obtained from the *Journal* of Mrs. Simcoe who makes frequent notice of visitors to Government House in 1793, but there is nothing that throws light on the question. I think therefore you would be quite safe in publishing the manuscript."

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