

his excellency's information, whether you could make it convenient to engage in a mission of this nature, and what pecuniary assistance would be requisite to enable you to undertake it without injury to yourself.

At present it is only necessary for me to add, that the governor would furnish you with a cipher for carrying on your correspondence; and that in case the leading party in any of the states wished to open a communication with this government, their views might be communicated through you.

I am, with great truth and regard,

My dear sir,

Your most faithful, humble servant,

(Signed) HERMAN W. RYLAND.

No. II.

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*Sir James Craig, Governor General of Canada,
to Mr. Henry.*

Most secret and confidential.

QUEBEC, 6th February, 1809.

SIR,

AS you have so readily undertaken the service which I have suggested to you, as being likely to be attended with much benefit to the public interests, I am to request that with your earliest convenience, you will proceed to Boston.

The principal object that I recommend to your attention, is the endeavor to obtain the most accu-