

Quebec 18th April 1828.

Sir

It being desirable that the Annual Demand for Presents for the Indian Department for the year 1829 should be prepared for transmission to England, if possible, before I leave Quebec for the Upper Province, as the proper period will probably have long expired before my return to Head Quarters. I have to desire that you will, with the least possible delay, prepare and transmit to Lieut. Col. Napier at Montreal, the usual Demands, founded on the Spots that have been made during the last year.

Take this opportunity of acknowledging your letter of the 29th March accompanying the copy of one, purporting, to have been written by you to the Secretary of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relative to civilizing the Indians: in which I observe you state, that "His Excellency has already taken some important steps for that object."

Being fully assured of this disposition of His Excellency, I cannot but be surprised, after the sentiments I have expressed on the subject, that you should not have

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