

APPENDIX.

HUDSON'S BAY HOUSE, LACHINE, 31st March, 1860.

To the Officers of the Hudson's Bay Company's Service.

GENTLEMEN: Having been applied to by the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, for permission to invite the assistance of the Company's officers in conducting observations, having for their object the development of the physical and natural history of the northern part of this continent, I have very cheerfully acceded to the request, and take the present means of commending the object in view to your favorable consideration.

You are well aware of the desire of the Company to promote the interests of science by all the legitimate means in its power. In the present case, where so much may be done by systematic and conjoined action, over a widely extended territory, it will be gratifying to learn that information and materials of a valuable character have been supplied from the stations of the Company, and by the industry of its officers.

The accompanying circular and instructions, from Professor Henry, will explain more fully the objects of the Institution, and will be found to embrace all necessary information for your guidance.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. SIMPSON.