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Department of War, 22d May, 1815.

SIR....Enclosed you will receive the National Intelligencer, containing a statement of the organization of the military peace establishment of the United States, which you will be pleased to consider as coming authentically from this Department, and act accordingly.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servant,
A. J. DALLAS.

Brigadier Gen. BOYD, *New York.*

The Hon. WM. H. CRAWFORD, Secretary of War.

In presenting myself once more to the attention of the National Government, I am aware of assuming both a delicate and unpleasant office. It would have been far more grateful to have owed the exhibition of my claims to the justice and candor of my seniors in command. But their indifference and neglect have deprived me of so eligible a mode, and imposed on me a necessity as painful to myself as it will no doubt be irksome to the Government. A sense of imperious duty left me no alternative; the vindication of my military character was too dear to me to be neglected; and if the trouble I impose cannot be justified by the claims I exhibit, the soldier's love of fame will at least furnish an excuse for my weakness. This task, so unpleasant at all times, is rendered doubly so by the lateness of the application. But it is humbly conceived the merits of a claim cannot be effected by a delay, the result of other's omissions; more especially when the delay itself augments the misfortune, and leaves in an act of recompense, but a small part of its advantages.

Under the conviction of the truth of this sentiment, the attention of the Government is respectfully solicited to some of the facts attending the capture of Fort George, to the separate command of that post by the undersigned, together with a few reflections on the battle at Chrystler's Field. This measure has been adopted from a belief that the facts connected with the first of those events, have never been disclosed to your department by the General in command, and from an intimation received on one occasion, that such a disclosure would have been followed by the object of this

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