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APPENDIX.

YORK, 13th July, 1823.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The peculiarity of my situation will, I hope, justify the presumption of passing by your private Secretary, to address myself directly to your Excellency.

Being called upon by Mr. Hillier with the last Dispatch from Earl Bathurst, on the subject of claims for loss by the war, he read to me a list of names intended by your Excellency to be inserted in the Commission of Enquiry referred to in the Dispatch, and said that it was your Excellency's pleasure that I should be consulted if there was any objection to the persons named.

I thought that there could be none, and said so; but observed that the Attorney-General would probably wish to be excused from such a duty.

Some time after, I saw in the Gazette Appointments of the Commissioners named, that in place of the Attorney-General's, that of Mr. Alexander Wood was inserted.

I was surprised, and enquired of Major Hillier if Mr. Wood's name was in the list which he read to me. Mr. Hillier instantly replied that it was not; but that as your Excellency approved the remark in respect to the Attorney-General, his name was left out, and that he was directed to find another person, and that he had consulted Dr. Strachan, who mentioned Mr. Wood, to whom he considered that there could be no objection, and therefore had not referred to me, which I desired the Major to bear in remembrance.

The Major then said, that he hoped that there was no objection; to which I answered, there was such a one as did not admit of my silence if called upon by his Excellency to approve.

There was then no specific cause shown; but Major Hillier observed, that your Excellency doubtless expected that I was consulted, and that he would explain the reason why I was not.