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Dear Sir,—

I am directed to draw your attention to the claims of the above Society, through whose agency a considerable amount of useful matter has already been collected. They embrace documents and published works of an old date, relating to matters of general interest concerning the early history of the country; also, several very complete biographical sketches of some of the best-known of our first settlers—men whose influence in the formation of our institutions was such, that their lives form no inconsiderable part of the early history of Canada; and whose immediate descendants are, in too many instances, rapidly passing off the stage of life, without leaving us those memorials of their ancestry from which a people's history can best be compiled.

The success which has attended the scanty efforts already made, convinces us that a rich mine of valuable information, now latent, can be struck, and an interesting repertory of useful knowledge formed, if our operations could be extended, and a larger number of persons induced to co-operate in a work calculated to elicit the best feelings of the patriot: who thus collects for the benefit of posterity the materials for constructing an historical edifice, which all may yet hope to see made worthy of our noble country. With this view we venture to solicit from you, either in an original or a copied shape, any historic records likely to interest, to be deposited in the archives of the Society. At our Monthly Meetings Papers on historical subjects are read; and any communication of this nature will be thankfully received in behalf of the Society, by

Your humble servant,

THOS. D. PHILLIPPS,
Secretary.