

less readily with any wish of yours, and of the Canada Company, than the Court of Directors can have anticipated.

"Allow me, on this occasion, to ask whether from your intimation that you framed the letter, which you presented to me from the Court of Directors, I am to infer that it is in any degree the less to be regarded as conveying the sentiments and wishes of the Company; or whether your appointment extends to a more sole and exclusive direction of its affairs, than I might have been naturally led to suppose.

"I have the honour to be, dear sir,

"Your obedient humble servant,

"P. MAITLAND."

"To John Galt, Esq."

An explicit answer was necessary, and mine was as follows :

No. IV.

"Steamboat Hotel, 14th Dec. 1826.

"DEAR SIR,

"Being altogether unconscious of having in any way, or at any time, done, said, or written, the slightest matter of intentional offence towards the Colonial Government, I should be wanting in the respect due to myself and to your Excellency, were I not to repeat the request for an explanation. I shall never allow my private feelings to interfere with my public duty.