

there was a book that might be called a letter book, as it contained copies of letters sent and received by Col. William Claus. This book I did not find until some time after the papers had gone to Ottawa, and I took it up to let you see it. I went for it a few days after and you then told me you had sent it to Ottawa, and I told you at the time that I had not intended that book to go to Ottawa. This is not in the Archives; and, in fact, it was not at all necessary for me to enquire if it was there, as I had already heard from Col. Cruickshank that you had never sent that book to Ottawa, and it was from this book Col. Cruickshank obtained the information for an article which he published in "Canadiana," entitled "Reminiscences of Col. Claus from his Day-Book." I just mention these three articles to you to let you see that, if your memory is poor, mine is still good; and, although some years have passed since we sold those papers to the Government, I can still remember some of the valuable ones. As to any trouble you took in the business, it was certainly no trouble for you to sit in your office and read those letters over, and that was the greatest amount of trouble you took; and if you had been a writer of any consequence, the mere fact of seeing those papers would more than have repaid you for any trouble you might have taken, not to mention the commission of fifty dollars that the Government paid you; and, as there is still one hundred dollars of the money paid for those papers missing, any trouble you took in the matter was not done entirely to benefit my family. I am determined that the people to whom you have shewn these papers shall know how you came by them, and to whom they really belong.

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DEAR SIR,—I have had an interview with Mr. Kirby on the subject of the papers. He says he has none of them in his possession—that he has nothing but copies, the originals of which went to Ottawa. He acknowledges he has the Orderly Book, and when I asked him why he had kept it, he said he wished to copy some of it, and that afterwards it got mislaid; yet, when Col. Cruickshank sent to Mr. Kirby for the loan of it, he sent it up to Fort Erie—so it could not have been very much mislaid. The Letter Book he does not know anything about; in fact, did not know what it was nor what it was like. The manuscript, he says, he sent to Ottawa, and, if they would look for it there, they would find it. He thinks that after the papers went to Ottawa they were very careless about them, and that a great many of them were lost or stolen. He tells me he sent a list of the papers with them when they went to Ottawa and that list should be there now. He never got any commis-