

"ORDER"

Headquarters Fort George, June 4th, 1813.

As the good of Society requires a vigilant attention of the Civil Magistrates in the due execution of the laws, those within the district of Niagara are hereby informed that their respective functions as Magistrates will be considered by me in force and a due administration of the laws for the suppression of offences against Society will be respected by me accordingly.

Signed,

H. DEARBORN.

Major General.

Under this authority, some cases arose calling for the interference of the civil Magistrates, and these were acted upon until the 19th day of June, when I and others were taken under a guard and confined in a house in the town of Niagara. Two days had elapsed when I presumed the guard might be ignorant of our situation, the following correspondence took place:

May it please your Excellency:

Presuming you are unacquainted that I with a number of other civilians are now under confinement, I have therefore to state the fact and to remark when I had the honor last time of a conversation with you, I little anticipated the measure now resorted to.

I have the honor to be your Excellency's

very humble servant,

(signed) WM. DICKSON

To His Excellency

Major General Dearborn.

June 21st, 1813

Sir:—Your note of the 21st inst has this day been received. Any measures that circumstances may have demanded in relation to yourself and certain other gentlemen, could, I presume, have resulted only from an obvious departure in those gentlemen from that proper deportment which under existing circumstances had been expected, and from the severities practised on many persons who had given their parole by persons in the British employ. Be assured, Sir, that the measures you question are among those painful cases which nothing but necessity could induce me to countenance

Your humble servant,

(Signed) H. DEARBORN.

William Dickson, Esq.