

York, Upper Canada

5th June 1808.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's despatch of the 11th of May which I received yesterday.

That the earliest, as well as the most efficacious measures, may be adopted, that are likely to attach the Indians to us, by ties sufficiently strong, I shall immediately instruct, the Deputy Superintendent General, and Captain Elliott, to employ, but with great caution, some trusty and confidential persons, to ascertain the temper, and disposition of the Indians to the Southward, and Westward, and to endeavour to conciliate, and secure them to the British Interest.

It cannot escape your Excellency's observation, that this Service, with others of a similar nature, must be accompanied with considerable expense; I have therefore ordered Colonel Claus, and Captain Elliott, to make a charge in their Abstract of Disbursements, for such sums as may be requisite for the above purpose.

His Excellency

General, Sir James Craig B. B.

I should be happy to be honored

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