

your joint investigation, as well as other instructions herewith declared to Mr. Collins, to be made known to the inhabitants of the new Western Settlements, there will be need of caution in the execution of it, for the better discovery of the principles and temper from which the discords to which it refers originate.

That you may be apprised of the object of that article, you will receive with this letter, and carefully peruse, the late communication from that quarter; and in marking the conduct of the chief agents in exciting disorder and contentions, you will accompany your reports with proofs upon oath, to substantiate what shall appear so exceptionable as to deserve public animadversion.

"You will also give public information of my design to form these Settlements into a distinct district, agreeably to the late Act of the Legislature, and endeavour to make your visit there useful in obtaining information concerning the fittest instruments for the several offices and trusts necessary for its organization, as well as the most convenient distribution of them, and the proper places for a Court-house, and Prison convenient with Sir John Johnson's settlers, whose acquaintance with the loyalists, and disposition to serve them and the Government, I very much confide in, maintaining a proper reserve as to others, that the common curiosity may not be awakened, nor any handle given for any popular conventions and representations upon these heads.

"I am with regard, &c.

(Signed)

"DORCHESTER."

The result of this Commission opened what were called the new Settlements to every advantage of civilization, and the assiduity displayed by the Deputy Surveyor of Lands and the other Commissioner to fulfil all his Lordship's gracious purposes towards the loyal Refugees was so fully approved by that Nobleman, that being honoured himself by a highly confidential trust, which his station did not admit of his executing in person, he thought of delegating to the high honor the poor Refugee who had so faithfully executed his former trusts.

"The Lords of the Treasury on the one part, and Messrs. Harley and Drummond, Contractors for supplying money to his Majesty's Forces in Canada during the late war, and the Honorable John Cochrane, their agent, on the other part, have delegated full powers, with right of substitution, to Lord Dorchester, to recover the outstanding debts due on the account of bills drawn by the said Mr. Cochrane on Messrs. Harley and Drummond, and sold