

inals are in Ottawa. Your sister Nellie copied some for me. Your father gave me two or three papers and books, as did you yourself. Considering what Mr. Plumb did for you and the trouble I took to benefit your family, I think you might have written me a better letter.

Yours truly,

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Niagara, February, 1901.

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SIR,—I enclose you copies of the letters from the Minister of Agriculture and Mr. Brymner on the subject of our papers. The originals are in my possession, and you or your friends can see them at any time. The papers were not in your office a year and a half; they were only there about six or seven months. As to Mr. Plumb giving any to Sir John MacDonald; he may have done so, or he may not; but as the contents of Sir John's Library were sold at the same time as his furniture, I can very soon find out from the catalogue if any of our papers were among the contents, so you will not be able to hide yourself behind dead men. As to my father giving you any papers or books; he once loaned you a book he valued and was never able to get it back. That cured him of lending you anything, and as you were not a man he cared for, he was not likely to give you any papers belonging to his father and grandfather; and it is these books and papers I am looking after. As for myself; I gave you an old Almanac published at York in 1824, and twelve or thirteen years ago I lent you a History of the War of 1812. This book I am still waiting for you to return. As for the papers; I told you you might keep two or three letters for the signatures, but no books and no valuable papers. You will always remember my sister was a party to the transaction, and she knows as well as I do, and as well as you do, that those books and papers were not given to you for yourself, but to be sent to Ottawa, to be placed in the Archives. Now, as to some of the things that were given to you: There was an Orderly Book of the 1st Lincoln Militia. This book my father once allowed you to see and at the same time told you he thought he would present it to the 19th Batt. You advised him not to give it to them, but to send it to Ottawa. He did neither, and that book was still in his possession when he died. We placed it with the papers and gave it to you to send to Ottawa. This book is not in the Archives. Then there was a manuscript of several pages called "The Origin of Many of the Ceremonies and Customs Among the Indians," dated "Guy Park," 177— (I have forgotten the exact year). This was given to you to send to Ottawa, and this is not in the Archives. Of course this did not surprise me, after I found you had been kind enough to give Col. Guy Johnson a second wife. Then