

(Circular.)

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,  
Kingston, 29 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1814

SIR;

The very exorbitant prices demanded by the Farmers for every article of Provision and Forage required for the use of His Majesty's Troops serving in this Province, induces His Honor Lieutenant General Drummond, with a view to put a stop to that system of extortion, which so generally prevails, and of acting at the same time upon the most fair and liberal principle, to call upon the Magistrates of the respective Districts to assemble, in order to adopt and report, for his information and guidance, such a scale of Prices to be paid for those articles as may appear to them, upon mature consideration, under existing circumstances, to be equitable and just, as well towards the Government as the individual. I am therefore to signify His Honor's desire that you be pleased to attend with your brother Magistrates, at the usual place at which they meet on occasions of a public nature, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December next, for the purpose abovementioned.

The propriety of regulating those prices so that in either case, when articles shall be brought away at the expence of the purchaser, or be delivered by the Farmer at any military Post or Depot no difficulty may arise, cannot escape your observation.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant,

Edw MacTavish  
Secretary

To

Stephen Conger Esq.  
Justice of the Peace  
Midland District

P. S. An Officer of the Commissariat Department will be directed to attend with the Magistrates, in order to point out to them, those articles, the prices of which it will be more immediately the object of the Meeting to settle.

E. M. S.