

Montreal, 18<sup>th</sup> Decem: 1823

Sir

I am directed by Sir John Johnson to acquaint you that His Lordship the Commander of the Forces has no objection to Doctor Reeves proceeding to the United States for the purpose set forth in his Letter to you.

But, as a specific period for his return cannot be fixed, it is expected that he will not absent himself longer than is necessary for the accomplishment of the object of his errand.

I have the honor to be with respect

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

J. A. Murray Johnson

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The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Colonel Claus

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