

N^o 31.Quebec 11th February 1789

Sir

It has been stated to the Lords of the Treasury that a practice had prevailed in North America, of the Commissaries receiving a percentage on the sale of condemned provisions and the same on the purchase of others in the lieu thereof, which their Lordships are of opinion must be productive of much injury to the public as well as to those who undertake to supply the provisions from Europe. I do not find that any thing of the kind has been practised in this province, and am to desire you will cause immediate and strict enquiry to be made and if such Practice shall be found to exist in the district of your Command, that you give orders that it be discontinued and report to me the result thereof.

I am with regard,

Your most obedient
humble servant

Dorchester

His Excellency
Brigadier General Carleton
New Brunswick

Lord Dorchester, No 31.

Respecting practice of sending
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