

Feeling an absolute necessity of being enabled so to delegate the powers intrusted to me I applied home, immediately on my arrival in this Country, to that effect, and hope to be furnished very shortly with the means of so doing. As it may perhaps be satisfactory to You to be fully acquainted with my sentiments on this subject, I herewith inclose a copy of my letter to His Grace The Duke of Portland, which will I trust fully account for my not having hitherto sent a warrant to New Brunswick. Under these circumstances I have judged it best to determine upon assembling the General Court Martial for the trial of Captain Parry at Annapolis Royal, to which place You will therefore be pleased to send both Brevet Major Robinson and Captain Parry, with all such evidence as the prosecutor may apply for, to conduct the prosecution, and the Prisoner require to produce in his defence. It will be necessary for Captain Hailes as Major of Brigade to the Forces under Your Command to take charge of Captain Parry, to attend him to Annapolis and remain there with him until such time as the Court Martial is closed, and further orders are received from me. By this arrangement the

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the Prisoner will have the advantage of being tried by a Court totally unbiassed, and the prosecutor will also have the fairest chance given him of establishing the charges he may produce. You will be pleased to order Brevet Major Robinson and Major of Brigade Hailes immediately on their arrival at Annapolis, to report themselves to Lieut. Colonel Urquhart 66th Regiment Commanding there, who has my instructions to dispatch an Express instantly off to me, that no time may be lost in sending from Halifax and Fort Edward such other Field Officers and Captains together with a proper person to officiate as Judge Advocate as with those of the 66th Reg^t at present at Annapolis may be found requisite to compose the Court.

I remain with high consideration
and regard

Very truly
Yours &c

Edward
General and Commander in Chief
of His Majesty's Forces serving in
British North America.