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Fredericton, New Brunswick,
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Sir

On the 31st Ult^o. I had the honor to receive the letter N^o 8, containing the very gracious answers of Your Royal Highness, on the Subject of Mr. Ramsford's Memorial, and to the Address of the Corporation of St. John.

In the same dispatch Your Royal Highness has been pleased to mention a letter, lately written to Mr. Secretary Dundas, "on the Subject of the force necessary for the defence of the several provinces committed to your charge", and to communicate to me an Extract of so much of that letter, as relates to the province of New Brunswick.

With ~~my~~ ^{the most} ~~sincerely~~ grateful acknowledgements of the honor done to me by this mark of ~~condescending~~ attention, I beg leave to mention a circumstance, of which I have, hitherto, had no particular occasion to inform Your Royal Highness; but which now suggests itself, as affording an important argument, in confirmation of what Your ~~Royal Highness~~ have been pleased to state to the Minister, respecting Fredericton and the ~~chain~~ communication with Lower Canada. One great object in view, when the Seat of this Government was fixed here at the head of the Navigation of the River St. John for Vessels of any considerable Size, was the promotion of the interior settlement and cultivation of the Country, and especially on the upper parts of this River, on which the extension of a chain of Settlements was of such obvious importance to the facility of that communication, which has so deservedly engaged the attention of Your Royal Highness. The beneficial effects of the measure, in this view, have been very considerable: many valuable and flourishing Settlements having been made in