

Lichfield May 12th 1805

Sir

I had yesterday the Honor of receiving your letter of the 9th inst., accompanying one from Mr. Winslow proposing himself to be Secretary to the Station I am about to occupy at Halifax - I should be always ready, and willing to pay the greatest attention to your recommendation, and I have also a very high respect for Mr. Winslow's character, with which I was well acquainted during the American War, but I understand the situation of Secretary is already occupied by Captain Reynett who is reported to me, to have great merit and experience in that line, therefore, if I had the power of displacing him (which I very much doubt, my Appointment being simply Lieut. Genl. on the Staff of Nova Scotia) I do not think I should be justified in so doing, there being no cause whatever, of complaint against him -

Mr. Winslow desires me to answer his proposal, to you, which I have done, and request you to communicate it to him, at the same time assuring him of the regret I feel at any obstacle interfering with his wishes.

I have, the Honor to be, With great regard and Esteem, Sir Your Most Faithful

Humble Servant

General Carleton

to your son

William Gardiner

Mr. Winslow

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