

Lichfield May 19th 1805

Sir

I was only yesterday honored with your letter of the 15th inst^t, or should have sooner acknowledged it.

I am entirely ignorant what is to be the extent of my authority in the Nation of Nova Scotia; the words of my Appointment are these; "Sir, I have it in command from" "The Commander in Chief, that His Majesty has been pleased" "to direct, that you should be removed from the Staff of" "Great Britain, and placed on that of Nova Scotia". Signed "H. Calvert". This, in my opinion, implies nothing more than a simple command of the Troops as Senior Officer on the Staff, without the power of removing, or appointing, to any situation excepting that of my own side-de-camp. I never heard of Captain Reynett but through two Officers, nor was the communication made directly to me; One of these was Lieut. Colonel Cooke, Nephew to Lieut. General Bowyer; the other, Lieut. Colonel Fitzgerald, formerly Pay-Master of the 29th Regiment, and at present side-de-camp to Lord Cathcart; both of these Gentlemen, who are lately come from Halifax, N. S.

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