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Sir

It has always been my opinion that the whole expenses of the Militia in this province, from their first being embodied to the day of disbandment, should have been embraced in one general compact account, & the amount drawn for by me, and (of course) that Major General Hunter (who had no connection with the expenses) could not with propriety take upon himself the trouble or responsibility of settling the accounts; This opinion is supported by the plain arguments which naturally occurred to a man long accustomed to public business, and the communications by the last mail satisfy me that I was perfectly right. - Some nice logical distinctions for which ^{was} abundant opportunity to prevent that measure from being adopted, and I very readily retreated from the duty. It is my wish (undoubtedly) to avoid all further concern with public accounts but to save the embarrassment & perplexity which must necessarily arise from creating an entire new acc^t. I should consider myself fully warranted to complete the settlement and to draw for any balance that may remain due from Government, taking care to transmit a correct statement of all the facts to the Lords of Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury & also to the Commissioners for auditing the public accounts.

You will have the goodness to communicate

this with my best regards to His Honor the President

Major Hales

Very truly Yours
Edward Winslow.

Major Hales

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