

Sir.

May 19. 18.

During the time which I acted as President & Commander in Chief of the province of New Brunswick I never rec^d the least intimation ^{of the expectation of} ~~that~~ Government expected that the rations issued to the embodied Militia here were to be paid for. The whole arrangement of embodying the Militia had been made by my predecessor in office with whom I presumed every circumstance relative to their rations had been settled, and no demand having been made upon me ~~from~~ from any department. They were disbanded ^{by the advice of His Majesty's Council} under the authority of which they were paid agreeable to the Law of the province. without stoppage.

Under these circumstances it was impossible for me to give any orders upon the subject, but I shall have particular satisfaction in adopting any measure which you may ^{please to} point out ~~to~~ ~~me~~.