

of such appointments. In the present instance there happens to be a gentleman at the Bar possessor of superior Talents, who has been Solicitor General since the first formation of the Court & who it would be an act of injustice to pass over. I have the honor to send Mr. Sheffield to the Duke of Devonshire.
2^d Dec.

38-3C
My Lord,
I flatter myself your Grace will excuse the liberty I take of addressing you on the subject of a very respectable Man, for whom I understand you have expressed a regard; I mean Col. Winslow of New Brunswick.

It might not have been necessary to trouble your Grace on the subject if the present Ministers might have shown on more than one occasion how little disposed they are to attend to me; but it will hardly be the same in respect to your Grace: I have therefore enclosed in another cover the copy of a letter which communicates the object of Mr. Winslow. Before he left England last Spring he mentioned to me his situation & the kindness your Grace had shown him & he conceived that if an opportunity offered now he would be ready to support with your recommendation. I have reason to be satisfied that his large family has reduced

him to great distress & that if he does not attain some situation of emolument after his long & many services, he will be obliged to sell the little property he has & quit the Province.

The appointment in question seems to be in the Colonial Department but having had occasion to apply there not long since respecting Col. Winslow, I understood that every thing is now done by means of the Treasury. I shall enclose also the certificate referred to in Mr. W's letter. I have applied to Sir George Sney, of the Under Secretary of the Colonial Department, but as I have no answer I fear the opportunity of serving so meritorious a Person may be lost.

I have the honor.

Highgate's house
Winster paper 1571
My Lord.
38-3D
Alnwick Castle
11th Dec^r

A slight attack of the gout in my right hand, prevents me from being able to do more than sign my name to this letter acknowledging your Lordship's of 2^d of this Month. Nobody, my Lord, has to my knowledge a greater claim upon Government for the loyalty he should show in their whole conduct in America, than Mr. Winslow & nothing would give me greater pleasure than being instrumental in procuring for him a situation to which his public services as well as private abilities give him a fair pretension. I am sorry however to say my Lord, that unconnected as I am with any party at present, my influence with his Majesty's Ministers is but small & if they will not pay a proper attention