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General Sir Fenwick Williams

Inspecting Field Officer, and Commissioner
in Chief of the Militia of Canada &c &c

Sir,

A few Years ago when an order came in compliance with the Law as to the organization of the Militia, I had the honor to address the Ad^l. Gen^l. ^{by letter} expressing my willingness to continue to do duty as formerly.

In reply to which I received a letter from that Gentleman informing me that the appointments were all made out. Soon after, I had the honor to receive a Letter ^{Co. Councils} from the Commissioners, and a letter expressing the willingness of the Government to allow me to retire.

I had no wish to resign; being an old dutyman, having served as a volunteer in the War of 1812-13-14 on the Niagara Frontier in the Line of Militia.

I know I had a sufficient excuse not to serve by age, as also by the loss of a leg (by a Millstone) in 1829 but I did my duty in the time of the Rebellion in 1837 on the Niagara Frontier according to my orders.

It being a time of peace when those appointments took place in this Sixth Military District, as other districts, I had no inclination to continue as to rank or command, but now the case is quite different, England expects

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