

To His Excellency

Lieutenant General Sir John J. Craddock Kt.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, to which, from the importance of the subject to which it relates, it is deemed proper to take the earliest opportunity of replying.

The Governor in Council directs me to express his particular concern, that any circumstances should have occurred to excite the feelings expressed in your letter, and the desire which he sincerely entertains to alleviate that impression by every practicable means.

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The Governor in Council feels himself

precluded

precluded from going into any particular consideration of the circumstances which may have led to the embarrassment which you have described, but he is satisfied that you will concur in his opinion that it could not be in the contemplation of the authorities in England that any contingency should arise which might lead to the separation of the Command of His Majesty's and of the Honble Company's forces serving in this Country. The Governor in Council would consider an event of this nature to be at variance with the intention, if not with the express provision of the Legislature, to be adverse to the tenor of the orders and Regulations framed for the Command of the Indian Army, and to be fraught in its ultimate effect with consequences of the most serious tendency.

4 The Governor in Council is satisfied from your Excellency's extensive knowledge of the interests of the public service,

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that these are considerations which need not be  
 further pressed, and he is not less satisfied from  
 your Excellency's Zeal for the public Interests  
 that you would feel the utmost concern in the  
 adoption of any measure tending to the dis-  
 union of two branches of the public Service which  
 it is of the highest national importance to  
 preserve in the closest conjunction. -

5. In these circumstances while the  
 Governor in Council feels the utmost regret for the  
 sensations impressed on your Excellency's mind,  
 and while he entertains the highest respect  
 for your Excellency's high Station and character,  
 he cannot hesitate to express a decided opinion  
 that the late orders from England are of a  
 nature to leave no alternative with regard  
 to the future execution of the duties of Commanders  
 in Chief at this Presidency and that the change  
 which has been directed to take place should be  
 completed to the extent apparently intended. -

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Under this explanation, I am  
directed to express the confidence of the Governor  
in Council that your Excellency will concur  
in the opinion which has been stated regarding  
the serious injury which might be produced  
by a separation of the Command of His Majesty  
from that of the Trade Company's Forces, and  
that your Excellency will readily accede to the  
only arrangement by which so dangerous a  
consequence can be at present averted.

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George

Sir,

14<sup>th</sup> September 1807.

Your Excellency's most Obedient

humble Servant.

Signed J. P. Buchanan

Chief Secy to Government.

(True Copy)

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