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To His Excellency
Lieutenant General
Sir George Prevost Bart^t
Commander of the Forces
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Toronto Halifax
3rd October 1814

Sir,

I have the honor to send your Excellency herewith
a Duplicate of a Letter which I addressed to you
from the Postoffice on the 4th Ultimo.

Since my arrival here I have been informed
that your Excellency has sent only the Staff of
the 1st Battalion of Marines to Quebec for the
purpose of being forwarded to the Squadron under
my command and as I have been taught by
my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to
rely upon the assistance of this Battalion, I am
necessarily called upon again to assure your
Excellency that unless I am reinforced by its
strength, the operation intended by His Majesty's
Government, for the Force placed at my disposal,
during the ensuing winter months must in a
great degree or altogether be abandoned. By
the reinforcements which Sir James Yeo
received from the 2nd, a number beyond the
wants of the Ships under his command, I
cannot conceive upon what principle the Men
of the first Battalion have been detained; and
this is the more extraordinary considering the
advanced season of the year, which must
soon put a stop to all operations ~~at~~ upon the
Lakes. The Service to be carried out ^{up} on the

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