

I am Dear Sir, with undisguised regard

Your's most sincerely

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GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS IN YORK

York February 24th 1806

My dear Askin I opened the Session on the 4th Inst and as yet the house of Commons do's nothing but vomiting grievance and Complaints Against the Administration of General Hunter and plaguing me, and his favoured. They will do nothing for the the good of the Country tho there is very little wanted so that in few days, I will be under the necessity of proroguing of them.⁴¹ The only act wanted is the renewing of the still duty & Liencens. They keep that back till their Complaints are redressed so that nothing will be done. The October & November mials are arrived at Quebec & Expected hourly here. a letter from Quebec says that General Burton Son of General Christie has got all General Hunters appointments in this Country,⁴² that M^r Alcock go's Chief Justice to lower Canada & our attorney General⁴³ Chief Justice here, our late puisne Judge⁴⁴ with that other Country man of yours M^r Weeks, are the fomentors of all the disorder amongst the Commons. My real affection to your good wife & Children No news of any kind [We are] waiting with great anxiety for some favourable accounts from the Contenent of Europe

Alex^r Grant

⁴¹ For an account of the popular opposition to the administration here alluded to, see D. B. Read, *The Lieutenant Governors of Upper Canada and Ontario, 1792-1799* (Toronto, 1900), 55 ff.

⁴² This report proved incorrect; Francis Gore succeeded Hunter as lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada.

⁴³ Thomas Scott, for whom see *ante*, 486.

⁴⁴ Robert Thorpe, puisne judge of the Court of King's Bench of Upper Canada, 1805-1807. He was a principal leader of the opposition to the administration and through Governor Gore's influence his judgeship was taken away from him in 1807. For sketch of