Sir,

Hastings Town, 13th July 1836

I see with much surprise & astonishment what you say alluding to the new Wharf, and the intended improvements at Collage Green that "it was very curious if the Gentleman did not know what was generally understood at the time, especially as he had some time before joined with other proprietors in begging to Government the right of so many feet along the river for that purpose."

I have to say, I was in ignorance that such improvements were in contemplation, nor did the General in any communication with me, let fall the slightest hint on the subject. This ignorance, I believe, common to the whole community. I have expressed it to several of my friends, and a regard for my character for veracity calls on me to make this public statement.
The Resignation of my Right of so many feet along the shore, you must know, was not yielded from my knowledge of the intended formation of the new Wharf, but in consequence of a certain Intimation all along the Bay which was obliged to accede, against my own will. Permeate it not to be.

Your Humble Servant

R. S. 1874 / 1861

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