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MR. BRYAN

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, with its several enclosures, the photograph of the amended tablet appears satisfactory and it is not thought necessary to have any further change made to cover the point raised by Colonel Leslie. The tablet commemorates not only the officers named but the non-commissioned officers and soldiers, who were killed in action at Chrysler's Farm. Those, who died of wounds then received, were practically killed in action.

Major Nairne originally spelled his name "Nairn" and added the "e" later probably, to give it more distinction. The shire in Scotland from which the surname was undoubtedly derived, is plain "Nairn."

His substantive rank in the army, as the extract from his widow's petition shows, was major in the 53rd Regiment. He afterwards held the same rank in the Royal Highland Emigrants which <sup>was</sup> absorbed into the army as the 84th Regiment, and seems to have been granted the brevet rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on disbandment. In a future revision of the "Guide to Fort Wellington," it is suggested that he might be given the higher rank and the spelling of the surname changed to "Nairne."

It is understood that Colonel Leslie, who was an officer in the Royal Canadian Artillery, is related in some way to the Nairne family, which gives him a particular interest in the subject.

Yours truly,

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