

Title:	Letter by Winfield Scott to John Haney, June 21, 1813		
Creator:	Winfield Scott		
Dates of Material:	June 21, 1813	Record Group Number:	RG 814
Summary of Contents:	<p>A letter written by Winfield Scott, Adjt. Genl US Army, to John Haney, Dep. Adjt. Genl., British Army, dated at Fort George, June 21, 1813. The letter was written shortly after the Americans had captured Fort George from the British and concerns British prisoners. Scott notes that wounded prisoners will be returned to the British army by a cartel ship. It is also noted that although Lieut. Col. Christopher Myers will not be returned, the Americans will treat him well. The text of the letter follows:</p> <p><i>“Since writing the accompanying letters of this date Major Genl Dearborn influenced rather by considerations of humanity than the example of the Enemy, has consented to the removal in parole of such sergeants & rank & file prisoners at this place as have been maimed or otherwise badly wounded. As many of that description therefore as can be removed with safety will accordingly be delivered to Capt. Irvine on board the cartel. It is deeply regretted by the General commanding that considerations above suggested do not permit him to grant a like permission in the case of Col. Myers who would otherwise be entitled to every indulgence. However whilst this Officer shall remain in our hands no attentions towards him shall be pretermitted which it may be in our power to bestow.”</i></p>		
Physical Description / Condition:	1 letter (20 x 31 cm)		
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch:	<p>Fort George, situated on the west side of the Niagara River in Niagara-on-the-Lake, served as the headquarters for the Centre Division of the British Army during the War of 1812. On May 25, 1813, the Americans launched an artillery attack on the Fort, destroying most of the buildings. Two days later, the Americans invaded the Town of Niagara and occupied Fort George. Winfield Scott commanded the first brigade in the Battle of Fort George. The Americans remained in the Fort for almost seven months, but suffered defeats at the Battle of Stoney Creek and Beaver Dams. Only a small number of militia remained stationed at the Fort. Fearing an attack by the British, the Americans retreated back across the Niagara River in December, 1813. The Fort remained in British possession for the rest of the War.</p>		

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