

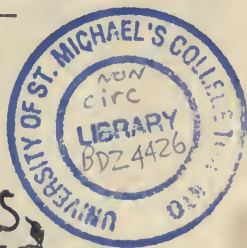
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REPORT ON CANADIAN ARCHIVES.

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Minister of Agriculture,
&c., &c., &c.

SIR,—I have the honour to present the report on Archives for 1887.

The work of copying documents in London is now so systematized that few remarks are necessary on the subject. During the year the last of the volumes of the Haldimand Collection have been received, and the whole of them being now in the Archive Rooms, that collection of 232 volumes, with Bouquet's collection of 30 volumes, both covering an important period in the history of the country, are accessible. There are no other copies of these collections on this continent, and their existence here has led to a very considerable amount of correspondence. The most prompt attention has been given to every inquiry, and the letters of acknowledgment show how greatly the information sent has been valued.

In the Public Record Office in London, the work of transcription is making steady progress. As stated in the report for 1887, instructions were given to have the work so arranged that copies would be made concurrently of the papers relating to Lower and Upper Canada after the division of the old Province into two, in 1791. Those for Lower Canada received this year cover the administration of Lieutenant Governor Alured Clarke, from November, 1791, to September, 1793, and a portion of Lord Dorchester's administration as Governor General from the latter date to November, 1795. Those for Upper Canada include the rule of Lieutenant Governor Simcoe from November, 1791, to August 1796, the administration of Acting Governor Peter Russell from the latter date until November, 1799, when General Peter Hunter became Lieutenant Governor, the papers covering a part of his tenure of office to December, 1803, being received. The papers relating to Upper Canada are essential to the study of the formation of that Province, not only from a historical but from a more material point of view. It may be permitted to remark that a common error is the belief that the Archives form a collection intended to satisfy the curiosity of historical students and historians as to the events of the past. For this purpose they are undoubtedly valuable, but experience has shown, that from a mere money point of view, they have proved of essential benefit to the public service as well as to individuals.

I beg most respectfully to call attention again to the reports on the documents in Paris made by Mr. Joseph Marmette. The importance of having these copied at as early a date as possible is scarcely open to doubt, and it may be permitted to point out that there are claims pending in the courts of law here, involving large amounts, which can only be settled by a reference to documents now in Paris, of which copies should be in the possession of this Department. I would also respectfully submit for consideration the propriety of beginning at as early a date as possible the collection of the records concerning Nova Scotia, many of which are of great importance.

In addition to public documents important papers have been presented by or acquired from private individuals. Among these are the journals and diaries of the late Mr. Dorwin, of Montreal, beginning about 1815, and continuing to the date of his death, nearly seventy years later. The journals contain his own account of contemporary events, both of a public and private character, and were presented by Miss Dorwin, his daughter. Mr. Robert Clarke, of Cincinnati, Ohio, as an acknowledgment of services rendered, presented the log-book of the French vessel "*Le Héros*," on her voyage to Quebec in 1712. The log, which has for title "*Remarques et Particulières des Côtes et riviére du Canada*," begins on the Banks of Newfoundland; the usual details being given of latitude, longitude, distance made each day, winds, courses, &c. But there are, in addition, rough but apparently accurate sketches of the coast of Newfoundland and of the principal points in the Gulph of St. Lawrence, which add much to the value of the log. Mr. Clarke also sent an unpublished journal, with the title "*Memoirs of the siege of Quebec and total reduction of Canada in 1759 and 1760 by John Johnson, Clerk and Quartermaster Sergeant of the Fifty-eighth Regiment*." Mr. Parkman, in his "*Montcalm and Wolfe*," refers to these memoirs as authority for some of his statements, and at page 440 of the second volume, gives an account of the manuscript in the possession of George Francis Parkman, Esquire, a cousin of the historian, it having come to him through his grandfather, Thomas McDonough, Esq., formerly British Consul at Boston. In answer to a letter I sent describing the MS. presented by Mr. Clarke, and asking for information, Mr. Parkman wrote:—

"MY DEAR SIR,—My cousin's copy of the John Johnson MS. is before me. It is a 12 mo., bound in paper, evidently by an amateur binder, with brown leather back and marbled sides, perfectly preserved. The title is as you give it, with some difference of arrangement in the lower lines.....

"Handwriting as you describe it, very small, clear, neat and round, like that of a careful school boy. Ruled lines at the sides, as in your copy. Few interlineations and scarcely an error.....

"Your copy, it seems to me, is, in all likelihood, a duplicate, with variations, from the hand of Johnson himself."

There can scarcely be a doubt that the manuscript is in Johnson's own hand. According to the answer made by the War Office to Mr. G. F. Parkman, the sergeant was alive and in Chelsea Hospital in 1802, but if the evidence of the binding is to be accepted (and that it is a home made binding is evident) he was alive after 1806, the cover being made from stiff paper containing the conditions of a contract by Boulton of Birmingham, the partner of James Watt, for coining copper money, which is dated in 1806. The marbling which originally concealed the printing has worn off, so that the contract can be easily read. Mr. Parkman in describing the manuscript in his cousin's possession accurately describes the copy here, except that in the latter, the bottom parts of the title and of five pages following it are illegible, only the preface, however, which covers three pages, being seriously injured.

I give two extracts from the preface which will serve to show the style, and the writer's own ideas concerning his work. It was the intention of the officers of the 58th Regiment to have had the journal published, but this intention was abandoned on the death of Mr. McKemptie, the adjutant, who took the lead in the matter. The sergeant after giving these facts, including the death of Mr. McKemptie, proceeds:—

"The journalist having now no person of consequence remaining to assist him in collecting any future materials, he was therefore intending to destroy those he had already had by him, but communicating his intentions to some of his comrades they prevailed with him not to destroy those already collected and assisted all in their power. He again began to renew the journals, and meeting with unexpected assistance from several Gentlemen, they were continued, and which are collected into one sum in the following sheets."

What follows is illegible, with the exception of the beginnings of the lines. The preface ends thus:—

"But since God in tender mercy has brought the journalist through the perils and dangers of forty years servitude, being discharged after the late hard and dangerous siege of Gibraltar, which was the last actual service he was upon, and lodging him safe under the bright influence of His Most Sacred Majesty, and the benevolence of his country in Chelsea Hospital, and having much leisure time and no profitable or useful employment, he set himself down for his own amusement as well as that of his comrades, or for any Gentlemen who chuses to inspect them for their own private amusement, but he desires them to be hid from the harsh and censorious critick, as the diction is much too flat to be examined by the harsh rules of oratory."

A collection of letters and other papers left by the late Major Noah Freer, Military Secretary to Sir George Prevost, previous to and during the War of 1812, has been acquired from Miss Freer. By the list of works, &c, presented, it will be seen that the important publications of the Public Record Office, London, are regularly sent as issued, as well as the reports of the Historical Manuscripts Commission; the labours of this Commission are bringing to light most valuable contributions to the elucidation of many vexed questions. It is only necessary to make a general acknowledgement of the reception from the Provincial Governments of the publications issued by order of the legislatures, &c., with the exception of those from British Columbia, whose printed records, I have not yet been able to obtain.

The correspondence is steadily increasing, and the demand for the annual reports, not only from learned societies, libraries and individuals on this continent, but from various other parts of the world, shows the interest that is taken in the work in progress here. An examination of the list of works presented will show that these come not only from Canada, but from many States in the American Union, as well as from England, Scotland, &c.

In expending the grant for the Archives' service, the strictest and closest economy is observed; a larger grant could be employed to advantage, as some portions of the work have been of necessity suspended, owing to the want of pecuniary means. On this point I would respectfully request the most favourable consideration.

The continuation of the Calendar of the Haldimand Collection, forming part of this year's report, is of much interest. Among the volumes now calendared are two volumes of correspondence relating to military affairs in Nova Scotia (B. 149, 150), including the attack on and capture of Penobscot, &c. Much interesting correspondence relating to the affairs of Penobscot will be found in B. 184 from the American commandant at Machias, letters of LaBalme, d'Abadie and others, showing the differences which had arisen among the French contingent, the complaints against the French priest, Father Lamotte, and the steps taken to secure American interests

among the Indians and on the coast. The volumes from B. 158 to B. 169 relate entirely to the loyalist and irregular corps of Rangers and contain information on the operations of these troops during the war, besides muster rolls, lists of settlers on the conclusion of the peace and many names not ascertained by the writers who have attempted to give an account of the loyalists, much of the material now accessible having been hitherto unavailable.

The course taken by Governor Chittenden, Ethan and Ira Allen, Major Fay and other leading men in Vermont during the Revolutionary War has been the subject of much controversy. The evidence of the hostilities between the settlers on the New Hampshire grants and New York, as shown by the application made by Governor Tryon of the latter province for military assistance and General Haldimand's reply, declining to accede to the request until the power of the civil magistracy had been tried and proved insufficient, will be found in page xii of the report on Archives for 1887. The respective claims of New York and the inhabitants of the territory now forming the State of Vermont to the lands included in the New Hampshire grants have been amply discussed, but in regard to the motives underlying the negotiations with Clinton and Haldimand for the return of Vermont to allegiance to the British Crown, it has been assumed by most writers that these were solely intended as a stroke of policy to avert the horrors of war from the territory, and that General Washington and Congress were kept fully informed of all the correspondence and negotiations between the Vermont commissioners and the British authorities. This view of the policy of Vermont is, however, open to doubt, and even now with fuller information available, a very close and impartial examination of the documents is necessary. What is of great importance in this examination is first to make a close scrutiny of the dates on which certain communications were made to Congress, and next, to determine the importance of the information conveyed to Congress up to the period when by the surrender of Cornwallis it seemed evident that the success of the American Colonies in their struggle with Britain was assured. Whilst it may be impossible to arrive at a perfectly unassailable judgment on the question of the good or bad faith of the leading men of Vermont in their dealings with the British commanders, or of the sincerity or otherwise of their declarations to Congress, yet such an examination as is here suggested, conducted without preconceived ideas on the subject, would undoubtedly lead to the greatest degree of certainty now attainable. Besides letters scattered throughout the general correspondence which may easily be found by referring to the Calendar in this and previous reports, there are nine volumes (B. 175 to B. 183), the contents of which largely relate to the Vermont negotiations.

The volumes relating to the cases of State prisoners and suspected persons in Canada (B. 184, B. 185), each of which has for convenience sake been bound in two parts, give a very large amount of information respecting the charges made against the prisoners arrested for treasonable and seditious actions and utterances, and to some extent refute the exaggerated charges respecting their number. Besides these two volumes, there is in B. 205 and B. 206 correspondence relating to Pierre du Calvet (of whom some account is given in this report) and Pierre Roubaud (whose life was sketched in the report for 1885), which may be read in connection with the general reports on state prisoners, in the latter of which are the documents relating

to the arrest of Mesplets the printer and others, whose cases have been brought into some prominence in the history of the country.

Much valuable information is furnished in the volume (B. 202) containing the correspondence with Governor Cox, Mr. Felix O'Hara and others at Gaspé. The letters from O'Hara give a vivid account of the destruction of the fishing interests on the Gaspé coast by the American privateers and the almost complete extinction of the newly formed settlements there. The volume begins with lists of families settled in 1774; the number of firms, with their boats and men engaged in the fisheries, and closes with some account of the beginning of the loyalist settlement in 1784, after the conclusion of the Revolutionary War.

It is unnecessary to enter into similar remarks respecting the contents of the other volumes, the calendar of which is contained in the present report. An inspection of the table of contents will show their nature, but it may be remarked that the correspondence with officers of Engineers, Artillery, &c., the correspondence and returns of Nathaniel Day, Commissary General, respecting provisions, the reports of the Quartermaster General, &c., must be consulted before a judgment is arrived at as to the wisdom of certain military movements, and the taking possession of certain posts, which seemed to be an evident duty, and yet a duty which had been neglected. The present report contains the calendar of 59 volumes, from B. 149 to B. 207. It will be observed that a second volume of the Calendar is finished in the present report at volume B. 200, and a third volume begun at B. 201, and that the volumes have been paged consecutively, the pagination being regularly carried forward from one report to the next, each volume of the Calendar, however, beginning at page 1.

The outrage on Thomas Walker, a Justice of the Peace in Montreal, committed in December, 1764, has been described in various histories of Canada, but the accounts have been to some extent biassed by the views of the writers. The documents now published (Note A) give a full account of the affair, and the report made by the Chief Justice in his official capacity states very clearly the proceedings at the trial, at which the conduct of Walker appears to have done much to prejudice his own case.

It is unnecessary to do more here than refer to the outrage and the trial, the documents narrating fully the events connected with these. The applications of Fraser and the other prisoners, the letters of the Chief Justice, &c. are given in full, as they show the degree of earnestness evinced in attempting to secure the perpetrators, and the firmness of the Chief Justice in dealing with those accused, notwithstanding the respectability of the positions they occupied. The full text of the petition in favour of Fraser and the others, with the names attached, is given as it shows the names of many of the principal merchants of Montreal and Quebec in 1766. The outrage itself was an evidence of the bad state of feeling between the military and the civil part of the population, and it seems by no means improbable that the account given by Murray of the class from which the latter was drawn may to some extent have been influenced by the feelings of contempt entertained by the military towards the first British settlers after the Conquest, a feeling which was reciprocated, and which found vent in the petitions for Murray's recall. This feeling, however, appears to have materially changed after Carleton's arrival, who, writing to Lord

Shelburne in September, 1767, says that their heats were abating, "indeed" he adds, "it seemed to be brought to a fair trial whether the course of justice should prevail, or all matters be determined by association and party spirit. I flatter myself I shall see no more attempts of that sort in this Province."

Walker was dismissed from the Commission of the Peace by General Murray on the ground that by his seditious insinuations he had induced the Montreal jurors to refuse to do their duty, that there were repeated complaints of his insolent overbearing temper, and the consequent impossibility of getting any other justice to act with him. These charges were considered by the Council sufficient to warrant his dismissal, a resolution to which Murray agreed with reluctance, on account of the ill treatment Walker had received and the triumph it would give his enemies.

On the 27th March, 1766, His Majesty ordered that Walker be immediately restored to the magistracy. The text of this dispatch will be found in Smith's History of Canada (Quebec, 1815), Volume II, p. 23, the date being given there as the 21st of March, which is an error. On the same date (27th March, 1766), an order was issued from the Privy Council, addressed to the Governor of Michillimakinak and Detroit, in which it was enjoined that Walker should receive the most effectual assistance in the pursuit of his trade and business. In short, every reparation possible was made to him by the Imperial authority, and the most stringent orders were given that no exertion should be spared to secure the arrest of the perpetrators of the outrage. These, as the papers show, were unsuccessful. On the 1st of April, 1766, Murray was ordered to London to give an account of the state of his government, to which he did not return. The complaint against him in the memorial of the old subjects, and the memorial in his favour by the new are at Note B.

Walker was an Englishman, who had lived for many years in Boston, but came to Montreal some time after the close of the war in 1760, where he engaged in the trade with the Upper Country. He appears from the first to have opposed every action of the Governor, called himself the agent of the people, and convinced them that it was by his influence Murray was to be recalled, making use of Lord Dartmouth's name as his authority. Up to the time of the invasion of Canada by Arnold, he took the lead in Montreal in getting up memorials for a House of Assembly, and attempted, but unsuccessfully, to win over the French Canadians to his side (Series Q, Vol. 10, pp. 11 to 16). In November, 1773, it was resolved to send him and Zachary Macaulay to London, and accordingly they sailed for there shortly after, furnished with a letter of introduction to Francis Maseres, ex-Attorney General of Canada, who on the 4th of January, 1774, transmitted the petition for a House of Assembly to Lord Dartmouth, with a very cautiously worded letter, disclaiming responsibility for its terms (Q. 10, p. 8). The petition was not favourably entertained by His Lordship, who wrote to Lieut. Governor Cramahé on the 6th of April, that the object was factious and that it was calculated and intended to interfere with the passage of the Quebec Act, to be brought before Parliament at the approaching session (Q. 10, p. 42).

Walker appears from the first threat of hostilities by the discontented Colonies to have been in correspondence with his friends in Boston, and to have been recognized as a willing agent in Canada for its subjugation. On the 20th May, 1775,

Benedict Arnold wrote him from Ticonderoga, introducing Captain Nineham, who had been sent on a mission to the Caughnawaga Indians to obtain their co-operation, the letter being in such terms as serve to show that Walker was heart and soul in the cause of the Bostonians (Q. 11, p. 192). Nineham brought with him a letter from Ethan Allen, addressed to "The Councillors at Kocanawaga" (Q. 11, p. 193), urging the Indians not to fight for King George, but to lie in ambush to shoot his soldiers. "We want," he says, "our brother Indians to help us (to) fight, for I know you are good warriors and can shoot well and I think it is right for us to kill them and that our brother Indians also kill them," (p. 184), promising them plenty of rum. That Caughnawaga was a hot bed of sedition during the war and a place of resort for emissaries from the revolted Colonies is abundantly evident from the correspondence and reports of that period.

That Walker was deep in the confidence of Arnold is evident from the contents of a letter written from Crown Point four days later (24th May, 1775) in which he is asked to send from time to time "the number of troops with you, their movements (& designs if posable) and if joined by any Canadians or Indians. If any number of the former you may assure them they will soon see an army of Bunker's Hill men in the heart of the country. I have here and at Ticonderoga about one thousand men, and expect to be joined in a few days by two thousand more." *

* * (Q. 11, p. 196). In accordance with arrangements printed appeals from Congress to the Canadians were circulated in immense numbers, which were dropped at every house in the parishes near Montreal. In June Walker was at Repentigny spreading news among the habitants that the Bostonians were coming in force, that they would harm no one who kept quiet, but that those taking arms against them would suffer. At his own house a week or two later Walker spoke so freely that his wife was obliged to caution him, telling him he spoke too much and that his words would hurt him (Q. 11, p. 301). This confirms the statement elsewhere, that he was a rash, hot headed man. About the end of June he was at Chambly, promising money, arms, and powder to the French Canadians, one of whom stated that Walker was on Chambly Mountain looking out for the Bostonians, and that he had offered him 2,000 francs if he would join them.

A letter from John Brown, one of Arnold's lieutenants, dated the 1st of August, 1775, summoned Walker to Chambly "on business of high importance." The letter was accompanied by another from Schuyler, and the statement that other friends had been sent for to Caughnawaga to attend the same meeting. Inside it was addressed to "Messrs Walker, Price and such others as they shall communicate," but was intercepted. It is unnecessary to follow in detail this man's movements, who acquired a factitious prominence from the brutal outrage committed on him, but was otherwise of little importance. Some details of his movements are to be found in Series Q. 11, pp. 238, 301, 307, 316. Series B. 184-1, pp. 1, 6, 13. In 1776 he fled, and no further mention of him is made till 1785, when a glimpse is obtained of him in London seated at the table of du Calvet, whom he entertains with an account of the favour in which Haldimand is held by the King, until du Calvet can scarcely restrain his passion. Then he disappears from the record.

That the appeals to the better class of French Canadians had little effect is strikingly shown by the list sent by Carleton in a letter to Lord George Germaine on the 9th of May, 1777, in which there does not appear the name of a single French Canadian. Those of this nationality who took part with the Bostonians were men of a low class. Pelissier was a native of France. The list is referred to in a post-script to a letter written by Carleton (Series Q, vol. 13, p. 98) in which he says: "Inclosed your Lordship will receive a list of the principal leaders of sedition here. We have still too many remaining amongst us that have the same inclination, tho' they at present act with more caution and so much subtilty as to avoid the punishment they justly deserve." The enclosure is headed: "List of the principal persons settled in the Province who very zealously served the rebels in the winter 1775 and 1776, and fled upon their leaving it, the place they were settled at, and the country are natives of, by the initial letter, as England, Scotland, Ireland, America or France."

At Quebec.

Hector McNeil,	S. Has long been settled and married twice in America.
John and Acklan Bondfield,	E. John app'd. a commy. of provisions by the Congress, the other supposed to be an asst.
Udney Hay,	S. Acted as D.Q.M. Gen. with rank of Major.
John Welles,	E. A sort of secy. to Wooster.
John White Swift,	A.
J. D. Mercer,	A.
Jonas Clark Minot,	A.
John Halstead,	A. A comy. of Provns.
— Freeman,	A. do at Trois Rivières.
— Holton,	A. Conductor of Artillery.
James Jeffrys,	A.

At Trois Rivières.

— Pelissier,	F.
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At Montreal.

Thomas Walker,	E. Lived many years at Boston.
— Price,	A.
— Heywood,	A. Great Zealots, originally Barbers.
Edward Antill,	A. Lt. Col. and
Moses Hazen,	A. Half-pay Lieut. of the 44th. Col. of the Rebel Army.
Joseph Bendon,	E.
Wm. Macarty,	A.
Joseph Tory and two brothers,	A.
David Salisbury Franks,	A.
— Livingston and two brothers,	A. The eldest Lt. Col.; second Major, and youngest Captain.
John Blake,	A. Carried goods down to the Colonies in winter and did not return; the first known to be a rank rebel.
— Blakely,	

Of these 29 two were Scotch, five English, one French and 21 American born. Besides these last, the others, except Pelissier, had lived in New England, and only removed to Canada after the cession.

The documents published in Note C will show clearly the difficulty of the task of retaining Canada after its cession in 1763. The documents are such as to require little comment, beyond the remark that Carleton's views in respect to the future of Canada were based solely on his knowledge of Lower Canada, as at that time Upper Canada was an unsettled wilderness. The memorial by the Chevalier Chaussegros de Léry sets out fully his position, and the correspondence of Carleton with the British Minister shows his earnest desire to do justice to the French Canadians. In this note are also lists of the Seigniors, &c., which may be studied with advantage.

Chevalier Chaussegros de Léry, born in Canada, was the son of the French King's chief engineer, who obtained a seigniorship in 1732. He prepared the plans for the fortification of Quebec in 1720. His son, the writer of the memorial, entered the army in 1742 as *Ensign en second*, became *ensign en pied* in 1748, lieutenant in 1751 and captain in 1757, which rank he held at the date of the capture of Quebec in 1759. He prepared the plans for the fortifications of Montreal; built Fort Beau-séjour in Acadia, and had command of various posts, &c., down to 1759. The memorial shows his course after the Conquest and as the audience he had from George III and the compliment paid by the King to the beauty of Madam de Léry are mentioned in every history of the period, these need only be referred to. In March, 1769, Carleton recommended the appointment of French Canadians to the Legislative Council, the first on the list being Mr. Chaussegros de Léry. "I have placed," said Sir Guy, "Mr. de Léry at the head of this list, as he gave early proofs of a desire to serve His Majesty and the British interests, that he expresses a grateful sense of the King's favours, and that great trust and confidence may be reposed. I verily believe, in his fidelity and attachment to the present Government. The others in general are men of the first property and consequence in the country and therefore the most likely to render the Crown good service upon occasion." (Series Q, Vol. 6, pp. 35, 36). The other names were those of La Naudière, Contrecoeur, Tonnancour, d'Aillebout de Cuissey, de Gaspé, St. Ours, St. Luc, Bellestre, Rouville, Montesson, Niverville. Subsequently Mr. de Léry was appointed to the Council, and continued to be a member till his death, on the 11th December, 1797, up till which time he received the annual pension of £200, besides £100 a year as the allowance of a Legislative Councillor (Warrants 1798, p. 178).

The man who has had most influence on the spirit in which the history of the events in Canada after the conquest has been written is Pierre du Calvet, a French Huguenot, who was imprisoned for corresponding with the Americans during the American Revolutionary War, and who after his release sued General Haldimand for damages, at the same time using all the means that the press afforded to secure public sympathy for his cause: None of the Canadian historians appear to trust him, although they all more or less accept his statements. When Garneau cites him as evidence, it is with evident hesitation; Bibaud speaks of him as an exaggerator; Faribault says of him:—The picture which Mr. du Calvet himself gives of these

times and the actors in them is probably too highly coloured, and in many instances is a mere caricature."

Pierre Roubaud, the ex-jesuit, of whom an account was given in the report on Archives for 1885, and who was du Calvet's confidant in London, and a spy on his actions, thus describes him:—

"Du Calvet is undoubtedly of a restless and shuffling disposition. Exasperated as he was by the judicature and military treatment before the imprisonment, he is in his heart certainly disaffected to His Majesty's service, and General Haldimand was entitled by the laws of good policy to suspect the loyalty of such a man tho' upon my conscience and my knowledge I have all reason to believe that Du Calvet never exerted his disaffection by any outwardly act, his great covetousness and the fear of losing his property, which according to the general Canadian reports was pretty great, tho' not half so great as the proprietor boasts of, were more than sufficient to keep him within the bounds of an extreme moderation. He is of the most vindictive nature, which knows not of any forgiveness, and once provoked he follows his revenge night and day, spares no pains, searches and precautions" (Archives, Series B, 206, p. 61.)

The character of Roubaud casts more or less suspicion on all his statements, but however unprincipled he might be, he was an able man, clearheaded and observant, and his estimate of du Calvet was the result of long and careful observation. The description was written in London, in March, 1785.

Du Calvet, according to his own statement, was born in Quercy, near Languedoc, in France, of a Protestant family of some distinction and rank. For the sake of religion he did not scruple to abandon his property in France, which he could never recover, although supported by the demands of the British Ambassador. He was sent to Acadia in 1758 (still following his own statement) by the French Government as a commissary, and there secured the liberty and life of a crowd of British soldiers, who had been made prisoners of war, to whom he became a protector and father, and after the taking of Quebec he says he was charged by the Governor with keeping the inhabitants within the limits of submission and obedience in which he was happily successful. Founding upon these statements (which are somewhat difficult to reconcile with each other), and on the ground of being an unfortunate and steadfast Protestant, he presented a petition to George III in 1767 for a lieutenancy in the army for a nephew, and for a pension for life for himself. As a specimen of his style, the close of the petition may be quoted:—

"C'est au nom de ma fidélité et de mes services reconnus et attestés par le Gouverneur et par les autres officiers Genereaux de Votre Majesté au Canada; c'est au nom de la religion protestante, pour laquelle j'ay tout perdu, et qui parle aujourd'hui pour moi; c'est au nom des vœux les plus ardentes qu'il ne cesse de former pour la gloire et la prospérité du regne de Votre Majesté, que prend la libreté de luy adresser ces demandes un de ses plus fidéls sujets,*

PIERRE DU CALVET.

* It is in the name of my fidelity and my services, recognized and attested by the Governor and your Majesty's other General Officers in Canada; it is in the name of the Protestant religion, for which I have lost everything, and which now speaks for me; it is in the name of the most ardent desires, which he ceases not to form for the glory and prosperity of your Majesty's reign; that one of his most faithful subjects takes the liberty of addressing to you these requests.

PIERRE du CALVET.

It may not be out of place to point out here two considerations as to the credibility of du Calvet's statement that he was sent to Acadia by the French Government, in the capacity of a Commissary. The first is the existence of a long established rule that no Huguenot was employed in such a position in the French forces in the Colonies, and to this rule I am not aware of any exception, although it might be hazardous to affirm positively that there were none. The other is the fact that among all the lists of officers and others in the French service in Acadia, carefully examined by Mr. Marmette when employed in the investigation of the Archives in Paris, the name of du Calvet does not occur either at the period during which he says he was a commissary, and when he possessed so great an influence as to enable him to become "the protector and father" of the British prisoners, who but for him would have been slaughtered, or at any other period. The name of du Calvet is so well known to every one who has even the slightest knowledge of Canadian history, that it is in the highest degree improbable, if not impossible, that Mr. Marmette could have overlooked the name had it occurred in the lists. In a memorial on the judiciary of the Province of Quebec du Calvet makes a somewhat different statement. After relating where he was born, &c., he says:—"Obligé pour cause de Religion de quitter le service (il) vint en Canada; il vit avec plaisir un peuple libre en tenter la conquête; il arracha à la cruauté des sauvages plusieurs officiers anglois prisonniers, il leur rendit avec la liberté d'autres services importants et sa satisfaction fut complète. Lorsque par la conquête de cette Province il partagea avec les conquerans la liberté de penser et d'agir suivant les mouvements de sa conscience; il s'attacha au commerce et le Seigneur bénit ses travaux. M. Murray, alors gouverneur ayant été informé que le S. Du Calvet s'étoit prêté avec distinction à ce qui pouvoit obliger la nation chercha à le connoître et à luy prouver qu'il y étoit sensible; il se chargea de vaincre la répugnance de quelques accadiens pour le Gouvernement anglois; le S. Ducalvet partit, les alla trouver, et les eut bientôt persuadé, alors la méfiance disparut et le gouverneur fut satisfait de la soumission de ces accadiens."*

In the case of a witness on whose evidence the conduct of every public man in Canada for nearly a quarter of a century after the conquest has been stigmatised as almost inconceivably wicked and unjust, it is necessary to test his credibility, not for the sake of attacking the man himself, but in order to ascertain the purity or otherwise of the sources from which Canadian history has hitherto been drawn,

There are here two statements by du Calvet, which even taken separately, give rise to a presumption of untruthfulness; taken together they appear to amount to proof of this. Du Calvet states in his petition to the King of 30th January, 1767:—

1. That he was sent by the French Government to Acadia as a commissary in 1758.

* "Obliged on account of his religion to leave the service; he came to Canada; he saw with pleasure a free people attempting its conquest; he rescued from the cruelty of the Indians some British officers, prisoners; he restored them to liberty and rendered them other important services and his satisfaction was complete. When, by the conquest of this Province, he shared with the conquerors the liberty of thinking and acting according to the dictates of his conscience, he entered on trade, and the Lord has blessed his labours. Mr. Murray, the Governor, having been informed that Sieur du Calvet had distinguished himself by doing what he could for the nation, desired to know him and to prove to him that he was sensible of these services. He entrusted him with the duty of overcoming the repugnance of some Acadians towards the British Government. Sieur du Calvet set out to find them and soon persuaded them; then distrust disappeared and the Governor was satisfied with the submission of these Acadians."

2. That in that capacity he was instrumental in saving the lives of a crowd of soldiers in Acadia, and his words, I think, admit of no other meaning. His own statement is:—

“Envoyé en 1758, dans l'accadie par le gouvernement français, en qualité de commissaire, j'ay garanti la liberté et la vie d'une foule de soldats anglois, que la fortune avoit rendus prisonniers de guerre” etc. (Archives, Series Q., vol. 7, p. 271.)

In another statement laid before the Governor and Council of Quebec, apparently in 1769:—

1. That on account of his religion he left the French service and came to Canada at the time of its attempted conquest.

2. That there (in Canada) he succeeded in rescuing some British officers from the cruelty of the Indians.

3. He shared with the conquerors the advantages secured by the conquest, and obtained the confidence of General Murray, &c.

The improbability of du Calvet having been employed as a commissary in Acadia by the French Government has already been shown. Laying aside that consideration, and admitting that he held that office, another question arises: How did he get to Quebec after the reduction of Louisbourg in 1758? By the capitulation of the 26th July, it was agreed,—“Article I. The garrison of Louisbourg shall be prisoners of war, and shall be transported to England in his Britannic Majesty's ships.”

As a commissary, therefore, he formed part of the garrison, and was sent on board one of His Britannic Majesty's ships accordingly.

If he had resigned before the capitulation (a most improbable supposition) he would then become subject to Article VI. “The merchants and their clerks, who have not borne arms, shall be transmitted to France in such manner as the Admiral shall judge proper.” (For capitulation see Knox (1769), Vol. 1, pp. 198, 199.)

By the second statement du Calvet says that he gave up the service on account of his religion and came direct to Canada, when or by what means he does not state. One thing he says, however, which is of a most remarkable nature, that during the siege, he, a French subject, extended all his sympathies to the enemies of his country, and was anxious for their success. Here also he was able to secure the safety of a number of officers, and to save them from the cruelty of the Indians, that is, a man without any official rank, or the influence even a subordinate position would have given him, had the ability to restrain the Indians (exasperated by defeat) from acts of cruelty towards the British prisoners they had taken.

According to Knox, no British prisoners were taken at Louisbourg; he gives the number of missing after the surrender of Quebec, as five, all privates. Ochterlony, wounded at Montmorency, was rescued by a French Grenadier on the 31st of July, 1759. In consequence of the rash attack of the Grenadiers on the heights at Montmorency on the same occasion, Knox states the total loss that day in killed, wounded and missing to have been 443, of all ranks (Historical Journal, Vol. 1, p. 358.) Sergeant Johnson, in his memoirs, gives the loss at nearly five hundred men (Memoirs, p. 23) and says, speaking as an eye witness: “They (the Grenadiers)

retreated as they had been ordered, leaving behind them a vast number of killed and wounded to the mercy of the merciless Indians and Canadians, who massacred and scalped them in our own sight, as not being in our power to help them, nor deliver them out of their cruel and barbarous hands." (p. 22). It seems clear, therefore, that even if du Calvet had the power, he had not the opportunity of saving prisoners from the Indians, either at Louisbourg or during the progress of the operations against Quebec, and the conclusion appears to be irresistible, that he is making statements which have no foundation in fact.

Du Calvet settled in Montreal, entered into trade and acquired the seigniorship of the River David, but whether by purchase or otherwise is not stated in the deeds produced in 1731. The seigniorship was sold for debt by the sheriff to Jonathan Eckart, and subsequently passed through various hands (*Archives, Actes de foy et hommage*, Vol. IV, p. 458. Vol. VI, p. 37.) It was in du Calvet's possession in 1774, as according to an entry in the minutes of the Council of Quebec, his petition for an addition to the seigniorship, described as the "River David at Yamaska," was read on the 9th of July on that year (*Archives, Series Q*, Vol. 11, p. 3.) For some time previous to his marriage he boarded with his future mother-in-law, Madame Jussome, and the fact is stated here as it seems to furnish a key to the secret of some of the virulence of his attacks on his fellow magistrates. The widow had a license, and du Calvet supplied her with the liquor necessary for her business. For some reason the magistrates refused to renew the license on the sole ground, du Calvet alleges, of the ill-will of one of them (Robertson) towards himself, and on the same account soldiers returning from Chambly were ordered to be billeted at Madame Jussome's, contrary, as du Calvet held, to law, as being the residence of a magistrate. The statement, whatever justice may be in the complaint itself, shows that personal feeling affected his desire for the public welfare (*Series Q*, vol. 7, p. 286 *et seq.*)

In 1771 du Calvet married, the entry in the Anglican Register of Montreal (printed in the report on *Archives* for 1885) being:—"October,—Mr. Peter du Calvet and Mary Jussome." On the 7th July, 1772 a son was born, baptized the following day and named John Peter, but the child lived only till the 31st of August. On the 8th of November, 1773, another son was born, named John, and on the 16th of October, 1774, another son named Guy, who died on the 11th of the following May. The surviving child is frequently referred to as his only child; the evidence shows that the statement is but partially correct, the other two having died in infancy.

It would be idle to trace step by step the proceedings of the man who for several years disputed with and attacked every person in the Province, from the successive Governors General downwards. It is to his imprisonment and subsequent proceedings against Haldimand that he owes his notoriety; the facts connected with these shall, therefore, be given in as succinct a form as possible.

The passing of the Quebec Act (1774) afforded a pretext to the discontented in Montreal, headed by Walker (of whom some account is given in this report) to lend encouragement to the Congress of the American Colonies, after it had met and agreed on certain resolutions. Montreal was evidently the focus of discontent, owing to the comparatively large number of Americans who had settled there and

the constant intercourse they maintained with New England. A deputation proceeded to Quebec, and in November, 1774, succeeded in inducing a number of the English speaking people of Quebec to sign a petition to the King, in which the Act was described as one disgraceful to them as British subjects and as ruinous to their interests.

Du Calvet in the introduction to his *Appel à la justice* (1784, p. 2) states that he inherited a competent fortune from his ancestors (il avoit hérité de ses ancêtres d'une assez riche fortune) that this fortune had largely increased in his hands; although he states in two memorials that he had lost it on account of his religion and was never able to recover it; that from the distinguished place he held from the Government, from gratitude, interest and inclination, he was bound to fidelity to his sovereign. No one, he continues, would think of becoming a traitor to his honour, his happiness, his existence and himself, unless a hope of improving his condition should justify his attempting this treason, and what could all the United States together give in return to Mr. du Calvet for his domestic prosperity? The fact appears to be that from the first, du Calvet was in communication with Montgomery, and acted as his agent in disseminating his proclamations through the French parishes, clearly proved by a letter from Montgomery to du Calvet, dated at La Prairie on the 9th November, 1775, which was intercepted, and forwarded by Carleton to Lord Dartmouth on the 20th November (Series Q, 11, p. 321.) He even went so far as to hold a commission in the regiment commanded by Moses Hazen, as is proved by a receipt thus endorsed:—

"Found amongst Lt.-Col. Antill's papers at Holland House, the rebels headquarters, after they fled, 6th May, 1776." The receipt is as follows:—"29th April, 1776. Received of Lt. Col. Edwd. Antill, three pounds, six shillings lawfull on account of my pay as ensign in the Canadian regiment commanded by Col. Moss Hazen.

PIERRE DU CALVET,
Ensigne."

(Series B, vol. 205, p. 1.) In the circumstances of the Province, du Calvet was safe for the time, but there can be no doubt he was watched after its recovery, although he was apparently too cautious to commit himself further.

In 1778 Carleton resigned and was succeeded by Haldimand, who was anxious to try the effects of conciliatory measures, but resolved, that should these fail, a sterner course would be adopted. It is evident that his task was not easy. The agents of d'Estaing had managed, unchecked and unreported, to affix proclamations on the church doors in the French-Canadian parishes; reports were assiduously spread that a French fleet was at hand, filled with troops; and so well had the secret friends of the Bostonians done their work that any considerable detachment of troops entering any part of the Province in French uniform would probably plunge the whole into the greatest misery and confusion. (B. vol. 54, pp. 110, 111). The turbulent and seditious behaviour of a cabal in Montreal compelled Haldimand to arrest two Frenchmen, one of whom was Mesplets, "a printer sent here by Congress in 1774, to publish and disperse their letters," the other Jautard, "who has been an Attorney and is an unprincipled adventurer" (B. 54, p. 91). "If this does not in some measure check the licentious spirit that is beginning to rise, I shall not hesitate to make

more examples" (p. 110). In September of the same year Haldimand writes again to Lord George Germaine respecting the effects of the French alliance, that he has been compelled to arrest three Frenchmen (Mesplets, Jautard and Laterrière). "The times," he says, "certainly justify the securing their persons, and preventing them from sowing that strife and discord they wished to propagate" (Q. 16, p. 345).

By degrees other steps followed. Cazeau, a native of France, who had remained after the conquest and engaged in the fur trade, was the next apprehended; orders being given in April, 1780, to apply to the Sheriff, E. W. Gray, to make a legal arrest, securing his papers, but only such as related to politics were to be retained, and "His Excellency desires you will be particularly careful to proceed with such moderation as will leave no room, or as little as possible, for censure" (B. 131, p. 44). Before the visit, Cazeau had gone to Quebec; no documents were found in the house but old useless papers. Two magistrates were present, and Madame Cazeau expressed herself satisfied with the treatment she had received from those conducting the investigation (B. vol. 129, p. 129).

Up to this time du Calvet had succeeded in keeping in the background, as, with the exceptions named, only the inferior instruments were discoverable; even the writing of letters appears to have been intrusted to them. A letter, however, written in a different style was attributed to du Calvet and the arrest of Pillon, "who practices physic or some branch of that profession in the Quebec suburbs of Montreal" (B. 131, p. 78) and the seizure of his papers, together with the confession of Hamel (B. 129, p. 167) clearly showed the part taken by du Calvet in the conspiracy. Pillon's papers showed that he himself was in close correspondence with Washington and La Fayette, to whom he wrote on the 7th September, 1780, that he was entirely devoted to the call of liberty; that provisions could be obtained in Canada were it invaded; that three-fourths of the province were in favour of the American Colonists, and only waited for the movement of their army to rise and second an attack; that he himself would set out to join Washington with 35 men; others who were ready, but not equal to the journey, would join on the march, and asks for blank commissions, for letters of marque, &c. (B. 205, pp. 70 to 74). The whole information had, however, been in possession of Haldimand for some time before the arrest. On the 18th July Major Carleton wrote that men were preparing to set off, that Pillon had engaged them; that the secret agent sent by him to Montreal had gained the confidence of Pillon, and was thus able to see the lists of those who had agreed to join the Americans. On the 30th it was learned that Pillon had only delayed departure until the arrival of du Calvet from Quebec, where he had gone to get letters and, if possible, a plan of the works. For the time, however, the movement was delayed, as the circumstances were not favourable to such a step. It seems apparent that du Calvet was uneasy. At the beginning of September he changed his lodging, and on a visit to Madame Cazeau spoke of lodging at a tavern, but she offered him a room which he accepted. In a letter from Hurtébise Gagné to Cazeau then at Quebec, the writer says he met du Calvet in Cazeau's house in Montreal, that he gave him all the news of the successes of the Americans; that the French were sending eight additional regiments; that the Americans were in force; that he (Cazeau) would soon be rid of his enemies; that Rouville who now swelled with pride would soon burst with shame, and that as the result of this du Calvet was triumphing (B. Vol. 205, pp. 105, 106). According to the evidence of Hamel, du Calvet was the

head of the movement, and had so managed that his mill at St. David was full of flour ready to be carried off by the Americans for whose use it was intended (B. Vol. 205, p. 92), and who had been informed of the fact.

On the 24th of September Major Carleton forwarded to Quebec the letters addressed to Washington, &c., with one ingeniously contrived to escape detection. The originals are in the Public Record Office, London, and this last letter shows that a slip with the signatures of du Calvet and Pillon had been so cut from it, that it would exactly fit the space left and thus when the letter and signature were brought together the letter would be authenticated as written by these two. The slip was to have been put in a lead bullet to be thrown away in case of danger (B, Vol. 205, p. 81). Pillon meditated the bold stroke of obtaining possession of the Commander-in-Chief's dispatches and escaping with them to the Americans. Major Carleton, so as to guard against a possible danger of the attempt being successful, advised that both he and du Calvet should at once be arrested. So urgent was Major Carleton that he went two days after to consult with Brigadier Maclean at Montreal, as to the propriety of making the arrest. The Brigadier had no scruples. He at once arrested Pillon, but du Calvet had fled. Captain Lawe was sent after him, and word was sent to Colonel St. Leger to look for him at Yamaska, at his signiory, for, the Brigadier adds, "as Mr. du Calvet is a most compleat rascal, I thought it proper to spare no trouble to get hold of him." (B, Vol. 205, pp. 83 to 85).

On the 27th September he was arrested by Captain Lawe, before any orders were issued from Head Quarters. It was only on the 28th that orders were given by Haldimand to arrest Pillon, as quietly as possible in presence of the Sheriff, who was to secure his papers (B. Vol. 131, p. 78). That Haldimand had nothing to do with the arrest of du Calvet in the first place, but that it was made on the responsibility of the commanding officers on what appeared to them the clearest proof of his guilt, is shown by the letter of the 30th September addressed by Haldimand's secretary to Brigadier Maclean. "His Excellency did not wish at present to take up Mr. du Calvet but as it is done he will be detained, tho' sufficient proof whereon to found a prosecution has not yet appeared." (B, Vol. 131, p. 80).

The proof was soon forthcoming, and du Calvet was put on board the "Canceaux," a prison ship, where he says he was compelled to sleep on the bare deck, all the furniture being removed from the cabin; his food was mouldy salt meat, he offered to furnish the cabin at his own expense, but was informed by the master of the vessel that it would be contrary to his orders to allow such a thing, adding, according to du Calvet's statement, with truly marine politeness, "the hard is even too soft for a prisoner of your sort." (Appel, pp. 3, 4).

The report made by Captain Schank, who was naval officer, dated 29th June 1784, states:—

"The direction I received from Your Excellency was to carry Mr. du Calvet on board the "Canceaux" as a prisoner, that he was at Mr. LeMoine's, to which place he had been carried, having been taken prisoner by order of General McLean and was with Capt. Law; that he was to be put on board the "Canceaux" in a place where he would be secure, and to have no communication with the shore, and at the same

time you told me he was a gentleman and to be treated accordingly. I directly sent for the boat and attended Mr. du Calvet on board, and showed him down to the cabin as I would a friend and ordered him the state room to sleep in (the very same Your Excellency occupied when on board the "Canceaux" going to Sorel); he ate and drank at the same table with me and my officers in the great cabin where you and family ate. I think the Canceaux cabin was the best I ever saw in any ship of her size, and the state room the largest. The officers with whom Mr. du Calvet dined lived as others do, and if he got salt meat, it must have been dressed on purpose for him, at his own desire, as the whole ship's company had fresh meat twice a week. I assure Your Excellency he had fresh and corned meat, poultry, fish, pudding, &c., drank wine, spruce beer, or grog. The bed Mr. du Calvet saw taken out of the state room was the Master's, whom I ordered to his own cabin and to put my bedding in for Mr. du Calvet, as I was seldom or ever on board, my duty on the Lakes requiring my being always near you when you were at Quebec. The sentinel over Mr. du Calvet stood outside the cabin door when Mr. du Calvet was in the cabin, and inside when he went into the state room. I do not think it was possible to treat him more like a gentleman prisoner." (B, Volume 205, pp. 269 *et seq.*)

Captain Schank as his opinion of du Calvet's published "Case," says, that where the ship's name or his are mentioned, "it appears that Mr. du Calvet just wrote what things came into his head to draw compassion from the world." (p. 271).

A striking corroboration of the truth of Captain Schank's report will be found at Note D of this report, "The reply of Father de Berrey." The tone of the reply might have been improved; it would probably have been more effective had it been written in a calmer and more judicial spirit, and had the facts been stated as was done by Captain Schank, whose strongest expression was that last quoted. But the provocation was great; the charges against Father de Berrey were heinous and to show the justification he had for his indignation and his denunciation of the conduct of du Calvet, I add in a foot note the full text of du Calvet's accusation.*

* "Enfin le 13 de Decembre, pour dernière transmigration, M. du Calvet fut transféré au couvent des Récollets, dont l'aile du bâtiment, destinée auparavant aux chaînes & aux fustigations des moines réfractaires, avoit été convertie en prison militaire d'état. La garde en étoit confiée à son premier geolier monachal, le Père Berrey, homme, qui, sous le froc & la cucule, cache, non-seulement le cœur brutal d'un dragon, mais l'ame féroce d'une bourreau. La peinture n'est pas outrée : ses amis mêmes & ses partisans reconnoîtront l'original au tableau.

"Voilà le digne Ministre, sur qui le Général Haldimand se reposa, pour décharger le fiel de ses vengeances sur M. du Calvet. Le Moine se chargea de grand cœur d'un office, qui quadroit si bien avec ses inclinations & son premier apprentissage; & il s'en acquitta en homme qui s'entendoit, de longue pratique, dans le cruel métier de tourmenter les humains. Le détail de ses ingénieuses cruautés est tracé sous ses couleurs naturelles, dans le Mémoire du Prisonnier, imprimé depuis peu, en un volume de 284 pages. L'échantillon suivant suffira pour donner ici une esquisse de l'ensemble.

"Le Père Berrey décréta d'abord que M. du Calvet seroit claquemuré dans l'infirmerie, c'est-à-dire dans le cloaque général, où les Moines périodiquement, & quelquefois par bandes, venoient, dans les jours fréquens de leurs infirmités & de leurs purgations, se décharger de l'amas de leurs ordures : mais, comme si ce n'étoit pas assez de l'infection de ces Récollets à la lessive, on plaça successivement dans l'appartement supérieur à celui de M. du Calvet, deux fous, qui, depuis les premiers jours d'Avril, jusqu'à le fin d'Août, dans les accès de leur phrénésie, ne lui laissoient, nuit & jour, pas un seul moment de tranquillité & de repos. Ce vacarme assommant & éternel étoit ce que le Père Berrey, dans ses humeurs outragusement enjouées, appelloit le Bal, dont le Gouvernement, par voie de passe-tems, régaloit par députés les oreilles du Prisonnier.

"C'est ainsi que ce Moine endurci se faisoit un jeu barbare des douleurs d'un malheureux; mais voici le comble de l'abomination : les excréments dont ces deux furieux inondoient leur plancher, se dissolvoient en une pluie empoisonnante, qui, par les crevasses, déconloit quelquefois à torrents dans la chambre de M. du Calvet, sans que le Père Berrey voulut jamais descendre, que, durant l'espace de plus de deux années révolues, elle fût lavée & écurée, une seule fois, aux frais mêmes du Prisonnier; tant ce Moine, jaloux de sa crasse & de ses ordures, avoit peur que la propreté ne vint à régner dans le plus petit retraits de son couvent. Il n'est qu'un homme de sa profession, qui pût ne pas rougir d'une si féroce indécence, & de tant d'audace d'incivilité sociale : qu'on pardonne ici à M. du Calvet, de rappeler la caricature, sous laquelle le fameux Voltaire peignoit, dans leur vrai coloris, tous ses torchons monachaux dans sa Pucelle,

"—— cochon de Saint Antoine,
"Ce sacré porc, emblème de tout Moine."

The chief object being to call attention to the necessity of critically examining the sources of Canadian history before accepting as facts statements which are of very doubtful value, little more need be said of du Calvet. Of his guilt there appears to be abundant evidence. He admitted, or rather boasted, that he was a traitor to his native country; the evidence is convincing that he was a traitor to the country of his adoption, notwithstanding his repeated asseverations of his innocence. In addition to what has been already said, it may be sufficient to refer to his correspondence with the Marquis de la Fayette. He had written to the Marquis in July¹⁷ 1784, who, in a letter dated 11th March, 1785, said in reply that the only drawback to his pleasure at the conclusion of peace was that he had not been able to free the Canadians, but the day might come in which all would be happier. (B. 205, p. 109). He continues that he had presented at Philadelphia a memorial respecting the claims of those Canadians who had made advances on account of Congress, "Such services," he says, "must not be forgotten; that would be to deprive them (Congress) for ever for the future, were these not recognised. A committee is already named to examine all these patriotic advances, which will not remain unrewarded. You and your friends may rely on all the gratitude, justice and humanity which have always characterised the American States," (B. Vol. 206, p. 110.)*

On the 22nd of the same month the Marquis again wrote, stating that the American Ambassador to France had forwarded du Calvet's papers to Congress, with an account of the nature of the claims and a recommendation that they should be settled in du Calvet's favour. The Marquis advised him to appoint an agent in Philadelphia to prosecute his demands before Congress, or still better to go himself (pp. 111, 112).

On the 1st of April du Calvet answered thanking the Marquis for his compassion for the misfortunes of oppressed innocence. He was looking out for a faithful agent, and would himself have gone to Philadelphia, but for the suit against Haldimand which was then in process. After enumerating his grievances which should be avenged, he asks that the evidence of M. Sigismond Dubuis, then in Paris, should be taken, he having been present and valued for the American officers the goods and effects so conveniently left for them to remove. Besides the profit derived by the United States from his goods, there is added the benefit received from the patriotism of his son (B. 206, pp. 141, 142) born on the 8th of November, 1773, and therefore about nine years old when the war closed. In April, 1786, du Calvet was paid half his claim by the United States, and boasted that he was the only creditor Congress had paid. (B. Vol. 206, p. 211). Copies of these letters were made by Roubaud, whilst acting as Secretary for du Calvet, and by him forwarded to the British Ministry.

In the report on Archives for 1887 (p. xvi) attention is called to the fact that prisoners of war were represented to be state prisoners arrested on suspicion of treason, and to the statement that the prisons were so gorged with political prisoners that the Recollet Convents had to be made use of for their detention. In Father

* De pareils services ne doivent pas être oubliés; ce serait s'en priver à jamais pour l'avenir que de ne pas les reconnaître. Un comité est déjà nommé pour examiner toutes ces patriotiques avancées qui ne resteront pas sans récompense. Vous et vos amis pourraient conter sur toute la reconnaissance, la justice et l'humanité qui ont caractérisé dans tous les temps des Etats de l'Amérique."

de Berey's reply (Note D) an incidental allusion shows the character of the prisoners. Father de Berey says that of four hundred American prisoners in the Recollet Convent who suffered from smallpox, only one died, &c. Du Calvet himself, although he describes the horrible condition of affairs, with dozens dragged from their homes every day, many hundreds shackled and rotting in prisons, can only give a list of 19, several of whom were his tools detained to give evidence and then set at liberty.

On the 28th of February, 1783, Mr. Townshend wrote to Haldimand that the King, whilst approving of the imprisonment of Hay, Cazeau, du Calvet and Pillon, as being highly expedient, yet desirous to perfect the union and cordiality between British subjects and the people of the United States, recommends the release of these and any other prisoners that might have been made on similar grounds, unless reasons existed to render their release improper (B. vol. 45, p. 66). Long before this letter reached, the political prisoners had been released. Du Calvet went to London to prosecute Haldimand for false imprisonment, quarrelled with every man who had from sympathy tried to help him, and, as stated in the Report on Archives for 1885, returned for a short time to Canada, but was lost at sea on his voyage from New York to London.

In the report on Archives for 1886, a short account is given of the origin of the North-West Company. The date of the formation of the company (1783), was supported by the account of the fur trade given by Sir Alexander Mackenzie in the introduction to his "Voyages from Montreal..... to the Frozen and Pacific Oceans in the years 1789 and 1793." (London, 1801, 4to ed., p. xvii.) The report at Note F by Mr. Grant, and petitions by the traders, give an account of the condition of the fur trade up to 1779, and show that at that period the copartnership had been formed, which was renewed in 1783-4, of which the letters of Mr. Frobisher, &c., afford evidence. It seems clear by Sir Alexander Mackenzie's account that this copartnership had by no means put an end to the jealousies and hostilities among the rival traders. Sir Alexander's sketch in the work referred to gives a short but clear account of the early fur trade and the difficulties met with in its prosecution.

The close of the American Revolutionary War left, as will be seen by the correspondence at Note E, the traders in a condition of doubt and uncertainty; what they proposed doing the letters will show, as well as Haldimand's desire to promote the interests of the trade, which is everywhere visible in much of the correspondence in the State papers. The Captain Robertson who made the survey of Sault Ste. Marie, Thessalon, &c., was a captain in the 84th Regiment, and in command at Michillimakinak. In the "Annals of Fort Mackinac," Captain Kelton, U. S. A., gives a romantic account of the death of Captain Robertson, but without date. I have not been able, so far, to find anything among the records to show at what time he died. There is a letter from a Colonel Daniel Robertson, dated at Montreal on the 22nd July, 1799, but whether the same who commanded at Michillimakinak or not, there is, at present, no way to determine.

The history of the abortive attempts to establish a military colony of French Royalist Emigrants on the frontiers of Upper Canada is so little known that the only writer so far as I can discover, who has taken notice of it is Dr. Scadding in his valuable local history, "Toronto of Old." As was inevitable from the plan of

that work, the references to the settlement, of which there are two, are brief; one in connection with a house in Toronto, built by Mr. Quetton St. George, one of the party which came here in 1798 (p. 188); the other occurring in a sketch of the settlements along Yonge Street from Toronto to Lake Simcoe. In this latter is a list of lots of land occupied by the Royalists (p. 469.) Mr. Smith, the Surveyor General, who was employed to lay out the lots, takes no notice of the attempt either in his "Topographical Description" of 1799, or of the revised edition of 1813. The truth appears to be, that the attempt was one of the many schemes at colonisation then at work, and being on a small scale it was unnoticed, the political importance attached to it being unknown, whilst its feeble execution was apparent.

In the report on Archives for 1884, a list of the names, ranks of, and amount of land granted to the French Royalists was given, but no detailed information. That can now be supplied from the official records of the Colonial Office, lately received, from which copious extracts will be found at Note F.

It would be out of place to enter at length into the causes which led to the expatriation of the French Royalists. These may be found in the various histories of the first French Revolution, which are easily accessible. But a sketch of the career of Count Joseph du Puisaye, the leader of the proposed settlement, seems to be required to complete the information in the documents in Note F, in the course of which those events in the Revolutionary War with which du Puisaye was more immediately connected must be referred to.

Count Joseph de Puisaye was a younger son of a noble family, and was intended for the Church. Having no taste for that vocation he entered the army at the age of eighteen, as a sub-lieutenant in the Conti Cavalry. On the death of his father, he purchased a commission in the Swiss Guard. On the convocation of the States General he was chosen by the nobles of La Perche to be their representative. In this position he took the popular side, and was one of the minority of his order who advocated reforms and supported the demands of the *tiers état*. Alarmed at the excesses of the ultra-revolutionary party, he in 1791, whilst in command of the National Guard of the district of Evreux was engaged in raising an army to be employed in securing the safety of the King, but the successful outbreak on the 10th of August when the palace of the Tuileries was stormed and the Swiss Guard massacred defeated his plans. In 1793, he was chief of the staff of the army of the department of the Eure. Here the most energetic efforts had been made by Wimpfen, who had gained the affection and confidence of the Normans and Bretons, to raise a sufficient force to defeat the Jacobins. They on their part were not idle and dispatched a force from Paris, which took possession of Vernon, whence M. du Puisaye was ordered to dislodge them. In the attack, according to contemporary accounts, he was badly seconded by his soldiers. "An alarm of an attack upon them being spread through the camp in the night, they ran away with the most scandalous precipitation and could never after be persuaded to approach the enemy. A whole department was, from this untoward circumstance, abandoned without the firing of a shot" (Annual Register, 1793, p. 405). Wimpfen still retained his courage, but the terror exercised by the Convention was such that his army rapidly dwindled away, and he was forced to provide for the safety of himself and his friends by flight.

In the meantime La Rouarie had been organizing Brittany for the defence of the King and had succeeded in securing the approval of the French Royal Family in May, 1792. Attacked by a putrid fever on the 16th January, 1793, he was obliged to escape from the castle near Lamballe in which he had sought refuge, was carried to a cottage and reconveyed to the castle after the dreaded domiciliary visit was over. The news of the execution of the King reached him whilst in this state, and destroyed all hope of his recovery. He died on the morning of the 13th of February, apparently leaving no one to take his place (Annual Register, 1794, Chapter 1).

DePuisaye, who had been obliged to fly, and was wandering in constant danger of arrest, a price having been set on his head, took the place left vacant by the death of LaRouarie. His qualities are thus described:—"Count Joseph de Puisaye was still less distinguished by high birth, than by those advantages which he derived from nature and education. His natural talents of no common order, had been cultivated with the greatest assiduity, and with a success proportioned to the care bestowed upon them. Well-informed, capable of laborious application, master of a ready and powerful eloquence, full of resources and never deserted by his presence of mind, he seemed destined to be the leader of a party. To these mental qualifications he added some corporeal ones which though inferior were highly useful. His manners were dignified, yet prepossessing, his person was graceful and his stature was tall and commanding" (Annual Register, 1796, p. 3). Allison and Thiers both agree in this estimate of his character; Lamartine belittles him; Carlyle sneers at him. He was the heart and soul of the rising in Brittany, and soon brought all the other Breton nobles to range themselves under his standard (Allison, Vol. 3, 1849, p. 477.) Before the end of the year the force had become formidable, and dePuisaye entered early in 1794 into communication with the British Government, and strongly urged the immediate landing of an expedition of 10,000 men with arms and ammunition, with which he answered for the re-establishment of the Royalist cause (Allison, Vol. 3, p. 477). The statement of the complete agreement of the other Breton nobles with de Puisaye is weakened by Allison's statement (p. 478), that had a council been formed by the Duke d'Enghien, directing alike Puisaye and the other chiefs to combine their energies for one common object, instead of acting, as they did, without any concert in detached quarters, it is impossible to calculate what the result might have been. The statement, that the part he had played in the Constituent Assembly and the assistance he had rendered to the Girondists, had made him an object of suspicion to the other leaders, a distrust which detracted from his authority and was a hindrance to success, seems to be more probable than Allison's account of the complete accord between de Puisaye and the other nobles.

In 1794 negotiations had been entered into between the Committee of Public Safety and the leaders of the Vendéans resulting in treaties of pacification (the text of which is to be found in the Annual Register for 1795, pp. 254, 255) which were entered into between the Royalists and the Commissioners of Convention on the 7th March, 1795. The one is entitled:—"Treaty of peace signed by Charette, on the part of the Royalist inhabitants of LaVendee and the Commissioners of the Convention, on the part of the French Republic;" the other:—"Treaty of peace between the chiefs of that part of the Royalists in Brittany, known by the name of Chouans, and the

French Convention." Instead of being a peace the cessation of arms turned out to be a hollow truce, and from the first the Convention only awaited the slightest pretext to attack the Royalists with whom they had concluded the treaty, for all the Royalists had not concurred in it.

On the 9th of March, two days after the treaty had been concluded with Charette, &c., articles of agreement were entered into in London for raising French corps for the service of Great Britain, signed by the Duke d'Harcourt, Lord Grenville and Mr. Windham (Annual Register, 1795, p. 250,*). In accordance with this a force of 6,000 emigrants in the pay of Great Britain was embarked with a regiment of artillery from London, with equipage, arms and clothing for 80,000 men. The force was divided into two corps, the first under de Puisaye, whose representations had caused the adoption of the plan, the second by Sombreuil. A third division of British troops was intended to support the first two when they should have made good their landing. The Count d'Artois was to command the whole and it was expected that the Chouans and Vendéans would place 80,000 men at his disposal (Allison (1849) Vol. 3, p. 551).

From the first, however, it was plain that there could be little hopes of success, where there was no concerted and harmonious action. On the 27th June two divisions of the emigrants arrived in Quiberon Bay, disembarked and took possession of Fort Penthièvre, without resistance, and landed the stores and artillery intended to equip the whole Royalist forces of the west of France. But de Puisaye and d'Hervey quarrelled as to which of them should have the chief command; a check given to a small expedition to the interior caused the withdrawal of the troops into the forts, and it was discovered that the Chouans, however well qualified for a guerilla war in their own fastnesses, were useless with regular troops. At the same time, the Royalist Committee in Paris, either in ignorance of, or hostile to the plans of de Puisaye, had sent orders to Charette and the Vendéans to attempt no movement till the fleet appeared on their shores. The result was not doubtful, and in spite of the heroic bravery of the emigrants, the royal cause sustained a crushing defeat. The capitulation of Quiberon and the massacre of the prisoners by orders of the Convention are matters of history, and need not be repeated here. The defeat was attributed entirely to de Puisaye, and it was reported, and the charge believed, that he had acted in complicity with the British Government and betrayed the cause of France. It is to this charge Mr. Windham refers in his letter of 30th July, 1798, in Note F, to this report. His influence was thus completely destroyed in Brittany, where he attempted to organize a force subsequent to the defeat at Quiberon, and in 1797 he made a proposal to the British Government to form a Royalist settlement in Upper Canada. Without speaking positively, but judging from the internal evidence, it seems probable that the "sketch political and financial of an establishment, &c.," is a translation of de Puisaye's proposal. There is neither signature nor date, nor have I been able to discover any reference to this document in the correspondence, although I have searched carefully.

In October, 1798, de Puisaye arrived at Montreal. In a letter from Mr. Isaac W. Clarke, Commissary General, dated the 15th of that month at Montreal, addressed to Major Green, Military Secretary, he expresses his satisfaction at the fine weather the travellers by land are meeting with, and states that he will send down bateaux

to bring up those coming by water, so soon as he hears the vessel is near at hand. (Archives, Series C, Vol. 619, p. 4.) From the whole tone of the letter, it is evident that orders had been given that every attention was to be paid to the emigrants on their arrival and from letters from de Puisaye and d'Allégre, addressed apparently to Major Green, written on the 18th on the eve of their departure for Kingston, it is clear that these orders had been carried out to their satisfaction. They left Lachine on the 20th October, with twelve bateaux loaded with furniture. "They were," says Commissary General Clarke, "as comfortably provided as possible, and they went off, to all appearance, in good spirits and well satisfied. I understand from the General that the people were tampered with on their way from Quebec, being told that they were going to a sickly bad country and that they would do better to stay here below; some of them show a reluctance to going on; had they had any time there would, I believe, have been difficulties with them." (Series C, Vol. 619, p. 12.)

From a letter in de Puisaye's own hand, of the 31st October, it appears that he landed at Kingston on the 29th, and that in consequence of the lateness of the season, he had determined to leave the party at Kingston for the winter, he himself attempting to proceed to York to arrange with Mr. Russell, the President of the Council, but owing to contrary winds, could not sail from Kingston till the 16th November (Series C, Vol. 619, p. 33.) The first instance of desertion was that of a man named Bagot, who got as far as St. Regis and was discovered to have obtained employment as a servant with the curé there.

On the 17th of January, 1799, some progress had been made in the settlement. The letter from de Puisaye containing this information is dated "Windham, near York," in English, the rest being in French. He says that the land is every day being cleared of the trees, and that in the course of a month a village had been built, which he hoped would become a considerable town, and asks the General's leave to name it "Hunter," in his honour. In a postscript he acknowledges receipt of a letter from Prince Edward (the Duke of Kent). (Series C, vol. 619, pp. 45, 46).

In spite of these cheerful prospects, the work of dissolution had begun, and on the 28th of the same month, the Marquis de Beauvoir, in a letter to General Prescott signed "Mrs. de Beauvoir St. Aulaire," asks permission to leave and come to Lower Canada. After acknowledging his obligations to Great Britain and the gratitude he felt for the favours bestowed, he says (I give it in the original, with a translation added):—

"Vous savez sûrement, Général, que dans ce pays, l'homme élevé, endurci dans les travaux de la terre, est assuré d'obtenir sa subsistance de ses sueurs, que le Riche qui apporte des capitaux peut encore, par des mains salariées, trouver des moyens de bien être dans l'agriculture; mais que celui qui n'a ni force, ni argent, s'il emprunte pour défricher, certain de ne s'acquitter jamais, n'a d'autre perspective que celle de perdre son tems, sa terre, sa liberté, sa famille et sa probité.

"Lorsque M. le comte de Puisaye me proposa de venir avec lui dans le Canada, il me dit qu'il y aurait un corps militaire dans lequel je commanderois les gentils-hommes Emigrés qui devoient y venir; que les Royalistes qui arriveroient pour le former, travailleroient en commun pour leurs officiers comme pour eux, et il exigea seulement, que je lui fisse une lettre de demande pour s'en autoriser auprès du Ministre. * * * * Mais le corps militaire ou j'eusse trouvé des appointemens, ces paysans de Bretagne dont les bras devoient me secourir, ne sont qu'une

espoir chimérique, j'en ai acquis icy seulement les preuves. Cette déception me place avec ma famille dans la plus déchirante situation que nous avons éprouvés depuis que nous sommes Emigrés." * (Series C, vol. 619, p. 47.)

He then asks leave to go to Berthier or Rivière du Loup until he could exchange the concession made him for a small piece of cleared land, or until he could receive from the kindness on his arrival in Canada of Mr. George Davison, sufficient means to take him to Europe. A letter from Coster St. Victor, of 12th May, 1799, contained similar statements of the inducements held out to him, and also asked leave to sail for Europe. These letters explain the allusion made by General Hunter to the misunderstanding between M. de Beauport and de Puisaye. At the same time, it is only justice to the latter to refer to the plan laid down for the settlement, which appeared to justify the representations made to Beauport and St. Victor of the position they were to occupy, and the method of clearing the land and preparing it for the occupation of the officers.

During the winter, the Emigrants had remained at Kingston, and de Chalus applied in March for boats to carry them to York. On the 12th of that month he writes to Major Green reporting the progress made by de Puisaye and the other officers who had gone to join him, the information being more specific than that contained in de Puisaye's own letters. On the 14th of February, 18 houses were built at Windham, but not finished inside and it was hoped that 25 would be ready by spring, and enough of land cleared to give a small crop of potatoes, wheat, &c. De Puisaye had undertaken another settlement "at the head of Lake Ontario at the mouth of a small river navigable for boats," called in de Puisaye's letters the "Rivière de Niagara." This was put in charge of the Viscount de Chalus, and thus the colony, small as it was, became still more divided. All the letters subsequent to this date from de Puisaye whilst he remained in Canada, are dated from the Rivière de Niagara. It is unnecessary to follow further the fortunes of this colony, which was, as must have been anticipated, a disastrous failure. De Puisaye returned to London after the Peace of Amiens. The last letter from him among the collection here of original letters, is one addressed to General Hunter, dated in London, 14th February, 1803. In it he informs the General that two volumes of his memoirs would be published at the end of the week, of which copies would be sent. He has, he says, calumniators even in Canada, M. de Chalus being of the number, but this does not prevent him from begging that government would continue its goodness to them. He adds that he proposes to return to Canada, but not for another year (Series C., Vol. 620, p. 122.) This intention was, so far as the documents here show, never

* "You are fully aware, General, that in this country, the man brought up and inured to the labours of the field, is assured of obtaining his subsistence by his labours; that the rich man who brings capital, may even by paid labour, find means of support in agriculture; but that he who has neither strength nor money, if he borrow to clear the land, certain of never repaying, has no other prospect than that of losing his time, his land, his liberty, his family and his probity.

"When the Count de Puisaye proposed to me to come with him to Canada, he told me that there would be a military corps in which I should command the Gentlemen Emigrants who were to come there; that the Royalists who would arrive to form it, would labour in common for their officers as for themselves, and he required from me only a letter of request to be his authority in applying to the Minister.

But the military corps in which I should have found a salary; those peasants of Brittany whose arms were to assist me, are but a chimerical hope, it is only here I have obtained proof of this. This deception places me with my family in the most heartrending situation that we have experienced since we have been emigrants."

carried out. During the short peace of 1814, so greatly were the minds of the Royalists prejudiced against him by the charge of his betraying the Royalist troops at Quiberon in concert with the British administration, that he was not allowed to return to France, but was compelled to remain in England, where he became naturalised, and died in 1827, poor and neglected, at Blythe House, near Hammersmith, in the neighbourhood of London.

The whole respectfully submitted.

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LIST OF BOOKS, &c., PRESENTED, WITH THE NAMES OF THE GIVERS.

Name.	Residence.	Works.
Baby, Mr. Justice.....	Montreal	Collection of Official Documents.
Bain, James, jun.	Toronto	Collection of Pamphlets.
Bell, C., N.....	Winnipeg.	Pamphlets.
Blanchet, Hon. J. B.	Quebec	Pamphlets.
Bryce, Rev. Dr.	Winnipeg.....	Holiday Rambles between Winnipeg and Vancouver.
Canadian Club	New York.....	Short History of the Canadian People.
Cayuga Historical Society...	Cayuga, N. Y.....	Canadian Leaves.
Charlton, John, M.P.....	Lynedoch, Ont.....	Set of Historical Documents.
Clarke, Robert	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Pamphlets.
		Manuscripts—Log Book of "Le Héros," 1712.
		Memoirs of the Siege of Quebec by Sergt. Johnson, 1759-60.
DePeyster, Gen. John Watts	New York.....	Historical works
Dexter, Franklin B.....	New Haven, Conn.....	Estimates of Population of the American Colonies.
Dorwin, Miss	Montreal	Manuscript journals of her father, the late J. H. Dorwin, Montreal.
Draper, Dr. Lyman C.	Madison, Wis	Forman's Narrative, 1789-90.
Durrett, R. T.....	Louisville, Ky	Historical works.
Gagnon, Hon. C. A. E.....	Quebec	Jugements, &c., du Conseil Supérieur.
Gibb, Charles	Abbotsford, Q.....	Nomenclature of our Russian Fruits.
Historical Manuscripts Commission	London	Reports of the Commission.
Hove, Jonas	St. John, N.B.....	Loyalist Centennial Souvenir.
Hurlbut, H. H.....	Chicago, Ill	Chicago Antiquities.
Kelton, Dwight H	Quincy, Mich	Fort Mackinac; Indian names.
		History of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal.
Lighthall, W. D.....	Montreal	Pamphlet.
Lincoln, L. J. B.....	Deerfield, Mass.	Catalogue of the Relics, &c., in the Memorial Hall, Deerfield.
Master of the Rolls.....	London.....	Letters and Papers foreign and domestic Henry VII. Vol. X.
		Calendar of State Papers (1641-1643) (1659-60).
		Historians of the Church of York II.
		Icelandic Sagas I, II.
		Chronicles of Robert of Brunne I, II.
		Chronicles of Robert of Gloucester I, II.
		Chronicles Stephen; Henry II.
		Richard I.
		Chronicles Roger de Wendover I.
Michigan Pioneer Historical Society.	Lansing, Mich.....	Literae Cantuariensis I.
Minnesota University	St. Paul, Minn.....	Historical Collections.
		The United States and the North Eastern Fisheries.
Mott, Henry.....	Montreal	Catalogue of the Exhibition of Canadian Portraits, 1887.
Murdoch, Gilbert.....	St. John, N.B.....	Reports on Water Supply, &c., 1885-6-7.
McDonell, W. J.....	Toronto	Reminiscences of Bishop Macdonell, &c.
Newcastle Public Library.....	Newcastle, Eng.....	Reports.
Post Office Department	Ottawa	Map of New Brunswick.
Prince Edward Island (Government of).....	Charlottetown.....	Official publications.
Royal Scottish Geographical Society.....	Edinburgh.....	Geographical Magazine.
Thwaites, Reuben G.....	Madison	The Boundaries of Wisconsin.
Tyrrell, J. B.....	Ottawa	A Brief Narrative of the Journey of David Thompson in North Eastern America.
U. S. Bureau of Education...	Washington, D.C.	Publications of the Department.
White, W., Deputy Postmaster General	Ottawa	Pamphlets.
Wicksteed, G. W., Q.O.	Ottawa	A collection of his works.
Wicksteed, R. J.....	Ottawa	Collection of pamphlets.
Wisconsin State Historical Society.....	Madison, Wis.	Proceedings of the 35th annual meeting.

NOTE A.

THE WALKER OUTRAGE, 1764.

MEMORIAL BY THE PRISONERS.

(Archives, series Q., vol. 4, p. 1.)

MY LORD,—As the assault committed on the Person of Mr. Thomas Walker of this Province in Decemr. 1764 has not only made great noise here, but Likewise in England, and has reach'd the King's Ear, I need not trouble yr. Lordship with an accot. of that affair, I'll only now beg leave to say that on Tuesday the 18th Instant Between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning Mr. St Luc La Corne, Capt. John Campbell of the 27th Regt. Capt. Disney of the 44, Lieut. Evans of the 28, Mr. Joseph Howard mercht. and my Self were apprehended by virtue of warrants agreeable to No 1 in the anexed Proceedings (*mutatis mutandis*) grounded on the information of one Magovock Soldier of 28th Regt. No 2 is the Letter of Instructions sent to the Deputy Provost Martial of Montreal, who repaid to Col. Massey's on Receipt of his Instructions and thought himself not at Liberty to proceed in any other manner than with an officer, and at least 30 men with Screwd Bayonets, not only our Houses, but our Beds were therewith surrounded, what room we have to complain of this Treatment as men, we give the world leave to Judge, but when known that 5 out of the 6 are married, we cannot Hesitate to think that it will be deem'd not only Indelicate but cruel and Inhuman that Time being pitch'd upon when we could be torn out of their arms, without the smallest consideration for them as women, nay women with child: we desir'd to be conducted to Quebec to be admitted to Bail, here we arrived the 21st, the news soon spread, some of our friends went immediately to waite on the Chief Justice to admit us to Bail, answered that it was not all the Law of England that could permit it, we then sent for our Council they likewise renew'd the demand but to no purpose and Saturday morning the 22d the Deputy Provost Martial of Quebec received letter No 3 where will appear why we cannot be admitted to Bail, we then same day wrote to the Chief Justice Letter No 4 and Received for answer No 5, then resolved upon memorializing the Lieut. Govr. as appears by No 6. No 7 will shew How our memorial was supported, it gives our additions and will shew what light we have the Honor to be in, even in this Town from our Respective homes from whence we will easily transmit in proper time what will be to us satisfactory, if we feel, and must feel for our injured & never sufficiently to be repair'd honour, we have the satisfaction to find that not only the Gentlemen of the first note here, but even every honest man feel for us, this will Likewise be proved by the Perusal of the names subscribed to No 7 unsolicited, unasked and the affair of a Quarter of an hour, we will ever acknowledge how much we are Bound to the Gentlemen for their Politeness and offer of kind services, with these the Lieut. Govr. has been waited upon, we dont know yet to what effect, its not only every Gentleman here, that have any Experience in Life or Knowledge of the Laws of their Country, But even these Gentlemen whose Profession it is, that are cleare there shall be no doubt about admitting us to Bail, they have (four in number) signed their opinion To the C. J. that the case is Bailable as appears by No 8 however the only result of all our Remonstrances hitherto, is that the Point is to be debated to morrow at the Judges Chamber, we cannot now waite the event, as the last ship sails early to morrow, now My Lord the annexed Papers leave me no Room to desire to say any thing on our own score, I'll only give a Sketch of the Character of the Informer, he is now in goal for a Rape, has been besides detected in Robbing Mr. McKenzies cellar in

whose house he has lived in this Town with Mr. Walker & we all know this very man to be these four months in Walkers House.

We are fully convinc'd My Lord, that you must have the truest sense of the character of a Gentleman, and therefore of what an injur'd, much Injur'd character must suffer we desire no fav. or affection, we long for that Period (now 3 months distant) when our country convinc'd to demonstration of our Innocence must proclaim it in the mean time My Lord, We beg you will please to lay the whole of this before his Majesty as not only we would be extremely unhappy if the arrest (circumstances being ill told) was to give the least bad Impression of us to our Royal Master, to his Ministers, but even to the meanest of our fellow Subjects.

We have the Honor to be My Lord

Your Lordships most Humble and Obedient Servants

JOHN FRASER
LACORNE ST LUC
DANIEL DISNEY
JOHN CAMPBELL
SIMON EVANS
JOSEPH HOWARD

No. 1.

QUEBEC.

To the Provost Marshall of the Province of Quebec, &c., &c. :—

Whereas George Magovock, late soldier in the 28th Regiment of foot, hath made oath before me William Hey Chief Justice in and for this province of Quebec, that John Fraser Esq. Deputy Pay Master General at Montreal together with several other persons, did on or about the 6th day of December one thousand seven hundred and sixty four feloniously and of malice forethought and by lying in wait assault wound and cutt of part of the ear of Thomas Walker E-q. of Montreal in this province with an intention in so doing to disfigure the said Thomas Walker.

These are therefore to command you forthwith to apprehend the said John Fraser and him so apprehended in safe custody to convey either to the civil or military gaol of His Majesty at Montreal or to His Majesty's gaol at Quebec as to you upon consideration of the premises shall seem expedient, there to remain till he shall by due course of law be delivered therefrom.

Given under my hand and seal at Quebec, this twelfth day of November, 1766.

W. HEY, C.J.

No. 2.

QUEBEC, Nov. 15th, 1766.

SIR,—The bearer of this letter has in his custody several warrants for the apprehension of persons concerned in the assassination of Mr. Walker in December 1764, which you will execute with Privacy, Dispatch and Resolution, and that you may the better do it you are required to go immediately upon the receipt of this letter to Col. Massey, who will give you by the Governors order the military assistance which he and you and the bearer of this shall think necessary and then and not till then the Pacquet will be unsealed and the several warrants delivered to you. It is expected and will not be doubted but that you will carry yourself in the Conduct of this business as your duty requires, it is necessary that it be done with secrecy till the moment of apprehension, least the persons, considering the heaviness of the charge, should, upon any alarm convey themselves out of the reach of justice, and with Resolution, least considering the power and number of their followers and ad-

herents they should make any attempts to obstruct the course of it. To prevent which Col. Massey will give you a sufficient force in which only I would have you depend, not taking to you any of your own followers.

I am, Sir,
Your humble servant,
WM. HEY, C.J.

No. 3.

Saturday Morning, QUEBEC.

SIR,—It is with pain and anguish of mind that I am constrained to tell I expect Mr. Walker every moment to demand that the gentlemen in your custody be removed to the goal, and that if he does I cannot refuse it.

I had him at my house yesterday for more than an hour and I supplicated more than if it had been my own case I believe I should have done, that he would give me leave to Bail them, but he most positively refused it, and repeated the substance of his affidavit that he was in Danger of his life and should not think it worth a Days purchase if they or any of them were at their liberty. Under such circumstances, and for that the Law where a felony of that kind is positively charged is most direct against it, I have and must continue to refuse to Bail them, at the same time this rigid observance of my Duty is a very severe affliction to me. I recommend to you to see that the goal is put in a condition as fit to receive them as it possibly can be and till that is done, let him be never so peremptory in his Demands, and tho' I am not perhaps quite justified even in that, I will readily consent that they shall continue where they are but it cannot be continued beyond tomorrow in the Evening.

I am, Sir,
Your humble servant,
W. HEY, J.

To JOSEPH GRIDLEY, Esq.,
Deputy Provost Marshall for the District of Quebec.

No. 4.

SIR, — Here we are Six Gentlemen in obedience to your Warrants, altho' neither unknown or unconnected yet have we been apprehended not as mere vagabonds would, but like so many malefactors from undeniable proofs in the most opprobrious and violent manner, all manner of Delicacy and Decency laid aside towards us as men, which must be inhuman and cruel when considered that five of the six are married men, and that time is pitched upon when we could be torn out of their arms and they frightened out of their senses, not only our houses being surrounded at two o'clock in the morning, but even our Beds with screwed bayonets. But upon what proof are we apprehended, upon the bare oath of a soldier. We have all experienced enough in the world to be convinced of the Depravity of human hearts, and we all know the soldiery well enough to be convinced that but too often the most Infamous Villains are to be found in that class, such to be the character of this fellow in a proper time we will easily make appear, in the meantime we will only say that he has already received a part of his reward in Opposition to his Majesty's Instructions as the reward or any part thereof is only to be given on Conviction, he is Discharged being called in the warrants *late soldier* and has been this four months in Walkers keeping, all these considerations induced us to desire to be conducted to Quebec (notwithstanding the disagreeable time of the year) to be admitted to Bail, this we easily took for granted considering our character, considering the proofs against us, we are told besides Murder can be bailed, that even high treason can be bailed, yet to our unspeakable surprise, we are told, Sir, you say it rests with Thomas Walker and now pronounce it impossible.

We are all men of Honour, have been and so will prove ourselves to be to the most partial, happy how soon the opportunity may offer, we are ready and our injured Honour longs for the period, and begs, Sir, you will commit the Informer that we may be sure of meeting him.

We are, Sir,
Your most obed. servants

22nd Nov. 1766.

JOHN FRAZER
ST LUC LACORNE
JNO. CAMPBELL
DANIEL DISNEY
SIMON EVANS
JOSEPH HOWARD

To the Honorable Wm. HEY Esq
Chief Justice for the Province of Quebec.

No. 5.

QUEBEC, Saturday Night.

GENTLEMEN,—I am the most unhappy person in the world if I should have mistaken my duty upon this occasion, for it has been against every wish, desire and feeling that the human heart can possess itself with that I have been forced to this seeming severity, upon the best attention and consideration that I can give anything, and I have revolved it in my mind long before I had occasion to express it I am convinced I should depart my duty and break a sacred and a very sacred oath, if I complied with your desires, yet I am not so tenacious of my own opinion as not to be open to conviction and therefore if it is the opinion of any Gentlemen of the profession as I am told it is that I ought to admit you to bail, I will be very ready to hear their reason, and submit to them if they are convincing, with the greatest pleasure imaginable. For the circumstances of severity and indelicacy attending your apprehension nothing in my warrants gave a countenance to it, and the letter accompanying them to Mr. Gray grounded upon apprehensions declared to me (perhaps are unreasonable ones) of escape or resistance meant no more than a caution to the Officer to be upon his Guard against either. The circumstance you mention of the Informer being described as late Soldier arose from no particular knowledge of his discharge, and I have since been informed he is still a soldier, but merely from my own observation that he was not in the dress of a soldier. With regard to his character my private sentiments may perhaps differ very little from yours but I cannot be at liberty to indulge them it will be a very material circumstance for you to avail yourselves of at the proper time and you shall have every opportunity of doing it, but in the meantime his being a soldier is no proof of his dishonesty nor can I determine him to be so upon common fame. I have detained him under my warrant in the goal that he may be forthcoming at the time.

Your trial shall be as speedy as possible. I will be ready at an hour's notice to go up to Montreal where by the King's positive Instructions it can only be held.

That you will acquit yourselves with Honour I do most sincerely wish, as a Gentleman I believe it but as a Magistrate I am compell'd to doubt it in the meantime, there being a positive absolute charge of a capital offence with an additional affidavit that the prosecutor's life would be in Danger if you were suffered to be at large I cannot permit it.

I am Gentlemen
Your very obed. humble sert.

W. HEY.

To JOHN FRAZER Esq.

No. 6.

To the Honble GUY CARLETON &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Memorial of John Frazer Esq., John Campbell Esq, now a captain of His Majesty's 27th Regiment, and Daniel Disney Esq., now a Captain in His Majesty's 44th Regiment, St. Luke LaCorne Esq. and Simon Evans, Lieut in His Majesty's 28th Regiment and Joseph Howard Merchant all of the City of Montreal of the province aforesaid

Sheweth,

That your memorialists to their great surprise were seized and taken out of their beds in the middle of the night of the 18th Instant, by Edward William Gray Esq Deputy Provost Marshall in and for the district of Montreal assisted by a party of soldiers with fixed bayonets, and by them hurried down to Quebec, where they are now in close custody of the Deputy Provost Marshall of the province aforesaid, by virtue of Special Warrants Issued and signed by the Honble William Hoy Esquire Chief Justice of the province aforesaid.

That your memorialists further shew that they have applied to His Honour the said Chief Justice, to admitt them to Bail, being advised that he had, and has an undoubted Power and Authority to take Bail in all cases, of what nature soever, and more especially in the case of your Memorialists. But the said Chief Justice has thought proper to refuse that Indulgence to your Memorialists. Tho' your Memorialists offered and still are ready and willing to give any Bail or Security that His Honour the Chief Justice might require.

That your Memorialists being thereupon greatly disappointed and distressed did apply to the Deputy Provost Marshall to assign and appoint them a private room as a Goal, and not to send them to the common publick Goal amongst the refuge of mankind (which Goal is so out of repair as your Memorialists are informed as to be insufficient to preserve your Memorialists from the Injuries and Inclemency of this Rigorous season by means whereof the life of your Memorialists must be in the most imminent danger) which he the said Provost Marshall consented to do by virtue of his said office and at his own risque but has since informed your Memorialists that he is obliged to send them to the Common Goal, there to remain till the day of Trial by virtue of an order from his superiors.

That your Memorialists conscious of their Innocence in regard to the crime they are charged with, wish for nothing so ardently as an opportunity of acquitting themselves from the Infamy and distress they at present labour under.

Your Memorialists therefore the premises considered and for as much as your Memorialists are without redress unless by the Humane and Generous Interposition of Your Honour, Humbly pray that Your Honour will be pleased to admit your Memorialists to be enlarged till the day of Trial upon their giving such Bail as to your Honour shall seem meet, not only for their appearances and standing their Tryal at Montreal for the crimes laid to their charge, But also for their peaceable Behaviour and Good Demeanour towards all His Majesty's Liege subjects, but more especially towards Thomas Walker Esq.

And your Orators shall ever pray as in duty bound.

JOHN FRASER
ST LUC LACORNE
JOHN CAMPBELL
DANIEL DISNEY
SIMON EVANS
JOSEPH HOWARD.

No. 7.

SIR,—We have the honour to present the petition of John Frazer Esq. Captain in the late 73th Regiment, Deputy Paymaster General and one of the Judges of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, John Campbell, Esq., Captain in the 27th Regiment, Daniel Disney Esq. Captain in the 44th Regiment, St. Luc Lucorne late Captain in the French service and Chevalier de St. Louis, Simon Evans Lieutenant in the 28th Regiment, and Mr. Joseph Howard Merchant

At the same time, that we express our abhorrence of the breach of Publick order in the outrage committed on the person of Mr. Walker; and our wishes for a discovery of the perpetrators of it, we cannot be unmoved when we consider the circumstances of those Gentlemen now torn from their families and imprisoned on suspicion thereof.

Untill we hear the crime proved against them, we cannot help interesting ourselves for men, who from their families, stations, services and established characters (untill this surprising stroke) stood in the highest degree of estimation and respect in this Province. We not only feel for them, but for their families. With what affliction do His Majesty's New Subjects, behold the grey hairs of their countryman thus so unexpectedly perhaps irretrievably affronted.

We therefore most earnestly treat you Sir, to interpose your Authority; To mitigate the rigour of the Law; a dispensation even from which, would be in this case (if in any) we humbly conceive justifiable.

We are so well convinced of these Gentlemens Honours: That all and every one of Us, Do hereby offer to become their bail to the utmost extent of our fortunes (nay even with our lives) as well for their appearance, to take their Trial, as for the safety of Mr. Walkers person from any hurt from them in consequence of their enlargement.

From your Honours known Clemency and Moderation we flatter ourselves with the strongest hopes that every possible management in favour of these gentlemen will be employed, There before untainted characters and the publick voice makes us confident that none ever was better applied, all which is with the greatest respect humbly submitted to your Honours judicious consideration.

Col. Irving
A. Mabane
Thomas Dunn
J. Goldfrap
F. Mounier
T. Mills

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Lieuts. Mitchell	
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Prevost	
Schloser	
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Rechat	
Ens. McKulloch	

Principal Merchants.

15th Regiment.

27th Regt.

52nd Regiment.

Royal Americans.

No. 8.

CASE.

I John Fraser Esq., John Campbell Esq. and others were arrested by special warrants, issued and signed by the Honble William Hey Esq., Chief Justice of the Province of Quebec, founded on a Deposition of George Magovock, late soldier in the 28th Regiment of foot, for that they did on or about the 6th day of December, 1764, feloniously and of malice afore thought, and by laying in wait, assault, wound and cutt of part of the ear of Thomas Walker Esq., with an intention in so doing to disfigure the said Thomas Walker.

QUEBE.—Are the prisoners in the above Case Bailable ?
We are clearly of the opinion they are.

WILLIAM GREGORY.
JOHN MORISON.
EDWARD ANTILL.
JOHNSON.

REPORT OF CHIEF JUSTICE HEY.

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QUEBEC, April ye 14th, 1767.

MY LORD.—I had the honour to transmit to your Lordship some time in the month of November last, *an account of the Proceedings as far as it became necessary for me to take a part in them with respect to the six gentlemen charged upon the oath of one Magovock a soldier & accomplice with having been concerned in the assassination of Mr. Walker on the 6th of Decr., 1764. I receive it now in command from the Lieut Governor to make your Lordship acquainted with what has since passed in the Court of assise at Montreal in relation to that affair.

It may be in your Lordship's Memory that I stated in my Letter the grounds of the charge, their apprehension under my warrants, their application to be bailed, & my refusal to bail them & having accompanied it with all the original papers, so as to lay before your Lordship the whole state of the business exactly as it was transacted here at the time, I have nothing to add to that but my earnest wishes that the Part I bore in that transaction may have the happiness to meet your Lordship's approbation.

When the Prisoners returned to Montreal after receiving my final opinion against admitting them to bail, they were confined by the indulgence of the Sheriff (in which I did not think it necessary for me to interpose) in the house of an eminent merchant of that Place; the common goal being a very mean one, and wholly unfit for the reception of any number of persons had they been of the lowest kind and degree. They carried with them a pretty general opinion of their innocence, & a persuasion in the minds of very many different persons, that Mr. Walker (in combination with a profligate soldier whose object was the reward) was only meditating to disgrace, by the ignominy of a charge which he did not hope to support all those towards whom he had been known to live, at the time when the dissensions between the civil & military ran very high, with any notorious degree of unkindness—unhappily what has since fallen out has given too much occasion to justify the opinion—and these favourable impressions of them & their cause they kept alive & encouraged by every insinuating method of address to all sorts of Persons whose resort to the Bastile (as they affected to call the house where they were confined) was made as inviting as Feasting & Jollity & the Practice of every art to please, in which they were both ingenious & industrious, could possibly present it, while on the other hand the unyielding & surly carriage of Mr. Walker every day drew from him & his cause some of the few who had before given them their countenance so that when I arrived at Montreal I found them both under a most notorious & all most universal Prejudice.

* This letter is not among the State Papers

Under all these disadvantages however Mr. Walker was determined to proceed to Tryal. He had applied to me to know if it might not be deferred till the September Sessions! The accused Persons at New York and the Jersey's from some of whom he hoped to draw confessions to confirm Magovock's evidence, not being arrived nor likely to arrive time enough (for) their trials at the assises then appointed for ye 28th of February at Montreal. I told him upon a proper affidavit I thought it might, but that in such a case I should certainly bail them, it not being reasonable to continue them in confinement in expectation of witnesses who might never be sent, or if they were, not give material evidence to affect them.

This answer determined him to proceed, & accordingly on the first day that the Grand Jury met to do business, he preferred a bill of Indictment against Lieut. Simon Evans upon the coventry act, with a second charge for a Burglary. The latter offence yr Lordship knows to be the breaking and entering a house in the night with an intent to commit a felony, whether the felony be actually committed or not; and the Attorney General thought that the circumstances of breaking & entering being proved, that of the intention to murder (the felony charged in the Indictment) might be collected from the nature of the assault, the many desperate wounds given by instruments adapted to that Purpose & some expressions said to have fallen from the Parties concerned, intimating both their design to murder & a full conviction that that design had been perfected, the ear being cut off & carried away in a sort of triumph, & after leaving him as they imagined dead on the floor—and this method of Proceeding was adopted by him in order to avoid the Questions of Law which would arise upon the Coventry act (supposing it to be in force in this Province) & other objections which, admitting the fact to be proved, they would have had a right to avail themselves of in a special Verdict or upon a motion in arrest of Judgement.

The evidence that was given to the G Jury in support of this bill, as I have been informed by the Attorney General, was that of Mr. Walker's as to the general account of the transaction with nothing in particular as to Mr. Evans, of Magovock, of one James Case, who saw Lieut. Evans come out with the other Ruffians from Mr. Walkers house armed and disguised, & that one Marts a German Recruit in ye Royal American Regiment, who said that he used to be employed by Mr. Evans in writing his french Letters to the Lady to whom he is now married, & she having reproached him in one of hers with being concerned in Mr. Walkers affair, he replied that it was a Coup de Jeunesse & ought not to prejudice him in her opinion.

They refused upon this evidence to find the bill, & it having been suggested to me that they had carried themselves in the course of the examination of the witnesses in a partial & unbecoming manner, admitted evidence on the part of the Prisoner such as no Court of Justice admits in cases of this nature, the depositions of sick & absent persons, & in short tried the whole cause before themselves, I spoke to them upon that subject, reminded them that they were to inquire for the Crown only, & to receive no Evidence of any kind on the part of the Prisoner, that they should carry in their minds the great & wide distinction between his probable Presumption of guilt which was sufficient to put the Prisoner upon his trial, & a sufficient ground to convict when he came upon his trial before the Petty Jury. They assured me they both understood the distinction perfectly, & had carefully attended to it, denied having heard or been offered any evidence but on the part of the Crown, & declared they were unanimous in the Persuasion that no Evidence had been laid before them to induce them to think Lieut. Evans ought to be put upon his trial for that offence.

The Attorney Genl expressed some surprise at their rejecting the bill, & Mr. Walker, whose unhappy temper is under no controul, could not be restrained from breaking out into passionate reflections upon the conduct of the G. Jury, he reproached them with partiality to the Prisoners, & with their manner of examining Magovock (as had been reported to him) & concluded by saying he expected no better from the moment he saw their names upon the Pannel. Upon this they desired to be discharged declaring they would do no more business under such imputations, in which

the Atty. Gen. acquiesced. I told them that if it came as a motion on the Part of the Crown I was very ready to declare that I saw no ground for it—That suggestions of the kind I then heard, unsupported by proof, would not weigh with me to believe that gentlemen of their Rank (& they were both French & English of the best the Province affords) could so far depart from their conscience & duty as to stop a public Enquiry into the foulest of all outrages, if there was the least reason to think the charge in that Indictment was true, that I thought they as little consulted the interest & honour of that gentleman, as of the Public, in denying him a fair opportunity of being heard before his country, and having been told that the duplicity of the charge had occasioned some doubts & prevailed with many of them to reject it, I offered it to their re-consideration upon 2 separate Indictments, which they refused,—I added that if they continued to make it *their* request to be discharged, I would dismiss ym immediately. They desired time to consider of it, & returned the next morning with a resolution to go through with the rest of the business, & brought the only bill then before them against Major Disney into Court, upon which they returned a True Bill.

This did not satisfy Mr. Walker who prevailed upon the Attorney G. to move that the 16 Grand Jurymen who were upon the Pannel, & who had been dismissed on account of their numbers (37 having been returned & 21 only sworn) might now be sworn & go with the rest to consider of the other bills intended to be sent up against the four remaining Prisoners. The motion inflamed them exceedingly & they applied to me to discountenance it with an earnestness that betrayed their apprehensions of having any added to their number to break the unanimity in which they seemed to rejoice, & value themselves upon—I said that having dismissed those Gentlemen I would not call upon them to take the office, but if they themselves desired it, I would not refuse them, upon which their names were called over, & those who were present having refused to be sworn the same G. Jury returned and soon after brought in the only bill they had before them agst St. Luc Le Corne, ignoramus—it is difficult to avoid remarking that the temper they expressed on this occasion & the hasty & eager manner in which they questioned every person as he was called, gave occasion to all Persons to conclude they had good reasons for desiring that no addition might be made to their numbers.

I know not whether I ought to trouble your Lordship with any account of the several applications which were made to me to dispose the Grand Jury to a temper more according to the mind & inclination of the Prosecutor, by reforming the Pannel upon a doubtful & odious St. of H. 8, to charge them with & punish them for concealments upon a still more odious St. of H. 7, which upon looking into I found to extend only to a Qr. Session's Jury, or of the last attempt which was made to prevail upon me to discharge the then G Jury as of course without any particular imputation, dissolve the court, & issue a new precept for holding another as soon as the return to the writ could legally be made; all which I peremptorily refused, as highly unreasonable, if not unconstitutional, firmly persuaded that if I had done either, I should have thrown the whole Province into a confusion which might never have been terminated, & disappointed even those who demanded it of the end they proposed, for I am assured that not a man of any credit would have served in that office after a Proceeding in any of the ways which they required of me.

The bill against Major Disney being returned on a Monday, I appointed Wednesday for his trial, his Jury, after some few challenges on both sides, was composed of very reputable English merchants residing at Montreal, of very fair characters & as unprejudiced as men could be who had heard so much of so interesting a story. It lasted 12 hours occasioned partly by delays in getting the witnesses to the bar thro' a very crowded court (they having been sent out at the Prisoners request) by the Jury's taking notes of the Evidence, & above all by repeated accounts of the transaction & the condition in which Mr. Walker was found, a circumstance he chose to dwell upon (& I would not interrupt him in it) because he said it had been laboured to have it thought to be a trifling affair, hardly above the degree of a common assault.

The only evidence that affected Major Disney was that of Mr. & Mrs. Walker, & Magovock, the substance of which I will take the liberty to state to y^r Lordship as shortly & as truly as my notes & my memory will enable me to do, all the other witnesses speaking to the fact as committed by somebody without any particular knowledge of Major Disney.

The narrative will perhaps be less perplexed by describing the situation of the rooms in which the business was perpetrated—The house opens with two doors, one a strong one next the street, (within that a sashed one), into the hall where the Family were at supper when the affair began, short on the right hand at the entrance from the street are folding doors which lead into a Parlour, at the further end of which Fronting the Folding doors is ye door of the bed chamber where Mr. Walker keeps his fire arms of which he has great numbers ready loaded. In the hall almost fronting the street doors, are 2 which lead into a kitchen & a back yard, through which Mrs. Walker & the rest of the family separately made their escape very soon after the entrance of the Ruffians.

The account which Mr. Walker gave to the Jury upon the trial was, that on the 6th of Decr. 1764 at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 in the evening Mrs. Walker looked at her watch and said it was time to go to supper—that the cloth was laid in the hall but that he not having been very well that day she was persuading him to stay & eat his supper in the Parlour—that they staid about 10 or 15 minutes in this and other conversation & then went into the hall to supper—that he sat with his back to, & very near the street door—that he had been but a very little time at supper when he heard a rattling of the latch of the door as of Persons wanting to come in in a hurry—that Mrs. Walker said Entré upon which the outward door was thrown open & thro' the sash of the inward one he saw a great number of People disguised in various ways, some with little round hats others with their faces blacked, and others with crapes over their faces—that he had time to take so much notice of them as to distinguish 2 Persons whose faces tho' blacked he was sure he should know again if he saw them—that they burst the inward door & several of them got round to the doors leading to the Parlour as designing to cut off his retreat into that room—that upon turning his head towards that room he received from behind a blow which he believes was given with a broad sword,—that he passed thro' them into the Parlour receiving many wounds in the passage got to the further end of the room near the chamber door before which stood 2 men who had got before him & prevented his entrance into it—that those 2 with others who had followed him striking and wounding all the way, sett upon him & forced him from the door into the window, the curtains of which entangled itself round him and he believes prevented their dashing his brains out against the wall. that he received in the whole no less than 52 contusions besides many cuts with sharp instruments—that he believes during the struggle in the window he was for some little time deprived of his senses, sunk in stupefaction or stunned by some blow, till he heard a voice from the opposite corner of the room say "Let me come at him I will dispatch the Villain with my sword" that this roused him and determined him to sell his life as dear as he could—that 'till this time tho' he had apprehended & experienced a great deal of violence, he did not think they intended to take away his life because he had seen Major Disney in the outer room & knowing he had done nothing to disoblize him, he did not believe that he would have been amongst them if they had intended to murder him—that he broke from the persons who held him in the window & advanced towards the Part of the room from whence the voice came where 2 persons were standing with their swords in a position ready for making a thrust at him, but does not know whether they actually made a Pass at him or not, that he put by one of their swords with his left hand upon which they both retreated into the corner—that his Eyes at this time being full of blood, he was not capable of distinguishing the features of a face with great accuracy, but from the size & figure & gesture of the person whose sword he parried & from whom he believes the words came, he thought it to be Major Disney—that several of them then seized him at once (one of them in particular taking him up under the right thigh) and carried him towards the fire place with the intention as

he believes to throw him upon the fire—that the marks of his bloody fingers were upon the jamb of the chimney—that he turned himself from the fire with great violence & in turning received a blow on his head which the surgeons say must have been given with a Tomahawk—which felled him to the ground & after that a blow upon his Loins which he feels to this day—that then one of them sat or kneeled by him (he lying at his length upon the floor) endeavouring as he imagined to cut his throat—that he resisted it by inclining his head upon his shoulders & putting his hand to the place, a finger of which was cut to the bone—that it was a fortnight before he knew that he had lost his ear, his opinion all along having been that in that operation they intended to cut his throat & believed they had done it—that one of them said the Villain is dead, another Damn him we have done for him, and a third uttered some words but his senses then failed him & he does not recollect what they were.

This was the whole of the Evidence given by him in Court in the cross-examination great stress was laid upon his positive manner of swearing to Major Disney in disguise upon the transient view which by his own account he had of him, and under the circumstances of terror and confusion which such an appearance must have occasioned; to which he answered that he had time in the hall before any blow was given to take a distinct view of him, and that he actually did do it, and tho' it was true he had a crape over his face, yet it was tied so close that he discerned the features and Lineaments of it very perfectly, and that he was positive it was Mr. Disney, of his dress other than the crape upon his face he could give no account, and then he was questioned if he had not often declared that he knew nobody but upon slight surprise he said that he remembered Mr. Disney perfectly the next morning, but that he mentioned him to nobody but Mrs. Walker, charging her at the same time to conceal it, because he thought he had suffered by her indiscretion in mentioning the name of another Person whose influence with People in Power had prejudiced the inquiry which was then making into the affair.

I am sorry to find myself under the necessity of remarking anything to the Prejudice of a Person whose injuries cry aloud for Justice and call for the compassion of all mankind, yet in justice to Major Disney (of whose innocence I am most perfectly persuaded) I cannot but remark that, considering the circumstances of the transaction, such a swearing was too much at a venture; especially when it is remembered that in an affidavit made by him at the time he expresses a slight suspicion only of the 2 persons in the corner, whom he thought to be Lieut. Scott and Qr-Master Graham, and that he had no knowledge of any other Person whatsoever.

Mrs. Walker confirmed all the circumstances of their manner of coming in & swore as directly to Major Disney, that Lieut. Hamilton (as she did for some time believe but has since had occasion to think she was mistaken) was the first that entered that she saw Major Disney among a Groupe of figures very distinctly with a crape over his face and dressed in a Canadian Cotton Night-Gown—that Miss Hurd took her immediately out of the room into a cow house in the yard where she remained about four minutes and then returned to Mr. Walker whom the Ruffians had left in a very deplorable situation—Mr. Walkers Clerk & his servant were then examined who gave the same account, but neither of them knew Major Disney at the time or saw anybody that they took to be him, it would be impertinent to trouble your Lordship with the particulars of their or any other Persons account but Magovocks, none of them giving any evidence that at all affected Mr. Disney.

Magovock went thro' his story as contained in his affidavit a copy of which has been transmitted to your Lordship, not without a manifest confusion in his countenance & a trembling in his voice common to those who have a consciousness that they are telling untruly, & a fear of being detected—his cross examination took a great deal of time in the course of which he contradicted all the other witnesses & himself in circumstances so material that I am persuaded he was not himself present at the transaction—it would be endless to enumerate them all, but admitting the whole of that monstrous & improbable account of the meeting at Lieut. Tottenham's, his relation of the Part he had in the business was impossible to be true—all who

were present swore they were all in disguise—he declares he was not—when that was objected as a matter of singularity, he was confounded & said 2 or 3 besides himself were not disguised—and in general I observed that whenever his answers seemed to be questioned as contradictory to what had been sworn by others, he constantly departed from his own by some subterfuge which he hoped would reconcile the contradiction—He contradicted Mrs. Walker as to the circumstance of the Canadian Gown, of which he knew nothing at first but collecting that such a thing had been mentioned he said there was one & that Philip Castles a common Soldier had it on but that Mr. Disney had a long blanket Coat with his face covered with Crape.

He said they were a full Quarter of an hour in the house (the longest time mentioned by any witness was 5 minutes) that his employment was to go to Serjt. Mee's house where Capt. Payne & Lieut. Tottenham were waiting to give them an account of their proceedings—Serjt. Mee's house is 300 yards from Mr. Walkers—that he went twice & made his report, once when they were calling at him in the Parlour & just after the Voice was heard from the corner (of which the account he gave was wholly different from Mr. Walkers) and once after the ear was cut off which he described to have been done by Rogers standing over Mr. Walker in the manner as near as I could collect as a Surgeon when he draws a tooth the other setting upon the ground between his knees, in this too he differed from Mr. Walker whose account is the most probable & I daresay the true one—and he swore that when he returned from Serjt. Mee's after the Ear was cut off he found them all there, & went away with them—a fact not only contradicted in some measure by Mr. Walker but by every presumption which must be that having finished their business they would go away as soon as possible—but to put this part of his evidence out of all doubt when he thought he was suspected & that the time could not serve for 2 Messages to Mee's, tho' I remember very well I twice asked him if Payne and Tottenham were at Mee's house, & he answered they were, he changed the scene of action & said they were with a Guard at one Bellair's door all the time, which is the house just opposite to Mr. Walkers' separated only by the breadth of the street—after mentioning these circumstances which are but a few which came out upon a long examination it is hardly necessary to inform your Lordship that I directed the Jury to lay his whole testimony aside & consider the case upon the Evidence of Mr. & Mrs. Walker only and all the circumstances with which they were accompanied & the Evidence given on the Part of the Prisoner.

Major Disney proved by several witnesses, Dr. Robertson, Madam Landrief, Madam Campbell & Mrs. Howard that he spent that afternoon from 5 till $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 when he was sent for by Genl. Burton (he being town Major, upon the uproar that this affair had occasioned) at the house of Dr. Robertson—it was a particular festival with the French of whom the company was mostly composed, that he danced 'till supper time with Madam Landrief in the midst of which Gen Burton's servant came & called him out—they spoke all very positively to his being present the whole time & the impossibility that he could be absent for 5 minutes without their knowing it.

Upon this evidence the Jury went out of Court and in 'about an hour returned with their Verdict Not Guilty—In justice to them and to Major Disney I must declare that I am perfectly satisfied with the Verdict—Mr. Walkers violence of temper and an inclination to find People of rank in the Army concerned in this affair, has made him a Dupe to the artifices of a Villian whose story could not have gained credit but in a mind that came too much prejudiced to receive it, the unhappy consequence of it I fear will be that by mistaking the real objects of his Resentments the public will be disappointed in the satisfaction of seeing them brought to justice I should inform Your Lordship that the G. Jury inflamed with Mr. Walker's charge against them are preparing to bring in several actions for words and have presented both him and Mrs. Walker for Perjury—I have endeavoured to put a stop to both and I hope I shall succeed.

I have the honour to be

My Lord

Yr. Lordship's most obedt

& most humble servt

W. HEY.

LIST of the Grand Jury for the district of Montreal before which bills were laid against the prisoners charged with the assault on Thomas Walker (Q. 4 p. 105).

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| 1. Samuel McKay Esq., foreman. | 11. Jacob Jordan |
| 2. M. St. Ours (K. of St. Ls.) | 12. Mons. Niverville de Trois Rivières |
| 3. Isaac Todd | 13. Mons. Normanville |
| 4. Fras. de Bellestre (K. of St. L.) | 14. Moses Hazen |
| 5. Louis Mattorell | 15. Dailbent de Caisy |
| 6. Mons. Contrecoeur (K. of S. L.) | 16. Jas. Porteous |
| 7. Mons. Niverville (K. of S. L.) | 17. Jno. Dumas |
| 8. Thomas Lynch | 18. Wm. Grant |
| 9. Mons. La Bruinière | 19. Saml. Mather |
| 10. Jno. Livingston | 20. Augustus Balie |
| | 21. John Jennison. |

In a P.S. from Sir Guy Carleton to Lord Shelburne, it is stated: "The Attorney General at the desire of Mr. Walker objected to the Knights of St. Lewis being of the Grand Jury, as not having taken the oaths of allegiance, which objection they immediately removed by cheerfully taking them." (Q. 4, p. 103)

NOTE B.

GENERAL MURRAY'S RECALL.

PETITION OF THE QUEBEC TRADERS

(*Archives, Series B., Vol. 8, p. 6.*)

To THE KING's most excellent Majesty.

The Humble Petition of Your Majesty's most faithful & Loyal subjects, British Merchants and Traders, in behalf of themselves & fellow subjects, Inhabitants of your Majesty's Province of Quebec.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY.

Confident of Your Majesty's Paternal care & Protection extended even to the meanest and most Distant of your subjects. WE HUMBLY crave your Majesty's Gracious attention to our present Grievances and disputes.

We presume to hope that your Majesty will be pleased to attribute our approaching your Royal Throne with disagreeable complaints, to the zeal & attachment we have to your Majesty's Person and Government, & for the Liberties & Privileges with which your Majesty has indulged all your dutifull subjects.

Our settlement in this country with respect to the greatest part of us, takes its date from the surrender of the Colony to your Majesty's arms. Since that time we have much contributed to the advantage of Our Mother Country by causing an additional increase to her manufactures & by a considerable Importation of them diligently applied ourselves to Investigate & promote the commercial Interests of this Province and render it flourishing.

To military Government however oppressive and severely felt, we submitted without murmurs hoping Time with a Civil Establishment would remedy the Evil.

With Peace we trusted to enjoy the Blessings of British Liberty and happily reap the fruits of our industry, but we should now despair of ever attaining those desirable ends, had we not Your Majesty's experienced Goodness to apply to.

The Ancient Inhabitants of the Country, impoverished by the War had little left wherewith to purchase their common necessities, but a Paper Currency of very doubtfull value. The Indian War has suspended our Inland Trade for two years past and both these causes united have greatly injured our commerce.

For the redress of which we repose wholly on Your Majesty, not doubting but the wisdom of Your Majesty's Councils will in due time put the Paper Currency into a course of certain and regular payment and the vigour of Your Majesty's arms terminate that war by a peace advantageous and durable.

We no less rely on Your Majesty for the Redress of those grievances we suffer from the measures of Government practised in this Your Majesty's Province, which are the Deprivation of the open Trade declared by Your Majesty's Most Gracious Proclamation, by the appropriation of some of the most commodious Ports of the Resort of the Savages under the Pretext of their being Your Majesty's private Domain.

The enacting Ordinances, vexatious, oppressive, unconstitutional, injurious to civil Liberty and the Protestant cause.

Suppressing Dutifull and becoming Remonstrances of Your Majesty's subjects against these Ordinances in Silence & contempt.

The Governor instead of acting agreeable to that confidence reposed in him by Your Majesty in giving a favourable reception to those of Your Majesty's subjects who Petition and apply to him on such important Occasion as require it, doth frequently treat them with a Rage and Rudness of Language & Demeanour as dishonourable to the Trust he holds of your Majesty as painful to those who suffer from it.

His further adding to this by most flagrant partialities, by fomenting parties and taking measures to keep Your Majesty's Old and New Subjects divided from one another by encouraging the latter to apply for judges of their own national Language.

His endeavoring to Quash the Indictment against Claude Panet (his agent in this attempt who laboured to inflame the minds of the People against Your Majesty's British Subjects) found by a very Worthy grand Inquest, and causing their other judicious & honest resentments to be answered from the Bench with a Contemptuous Ridicule.

His discountenancing the Protestant Religion by almost a Total neglect of attendance upon the service of the Church leaving the Protestants to this Day destitute of a place of Worship appropriated to themselves.

The Burthen of these Grievances from Government is so much the more severely felt because of the natural Poverty of the country, the Products of it been extremely unequal to support its Consumption of Imports.

Hence our Trade is miserably confined and distressed so that we lye under the utmost necessity of the aids and succours of Government, as well from Our Mother Country as that of the Province, in the place of having to contend against oppression and restraint.

We could enumerate many more sufferings which render the Lives of your Majesty's Subjects in the Province so very unhappy that we must be under the necessity of removing from it unless timely prevented by a Removal of the present Governor.

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray Your Majesty to take the Premises into your Gracious consideration, and to appoint a Governor over Us, acquainted with other maxims of Government than military only. And for the better security of your Majesty's Dutiful & Loyal Subjects in the Possession & continuance of their Rights and Liberties.

We beg leave also most humbly to Petition that it may Please Your Majesty to order a House of Representatives to be chosen in this as in other Your Majesty's

Provinces there being a number more than sufficient of Loyal and well affected Protestants, exclusive of military officers to form a competent and respectable House of Assembly; and Your Majesty's new Subjects, if Your Majesty shall think fit, may be allowed to elect Protestants without burthening them with such oaths, as in their present mode of thinking they cannot conscientiously take.

We doubt not but the good effects of these measures will soon appear by the Province becoming flourishing, and Your Majesty's People in it happy, and for Your Majesty & Your Royal House Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c&c&c.

Saml. Sills
Edwd. Harrison
Elezr. Levy
Jas. Shepherd
John Watmough
John Ord
Geo. Allsopp
Wm. McKenzie
B. Comte
Peter Fanieul

Geo Fulton
John Dancer
Jas. Jeffry
Jas. Johnston
Thos. Story
Danl. Bayne
John Pures
Alexr. McKenzie
Geo. Measam
Jn. A. Gustineau
Ph. Payn.

PETITION OF THE LONDON MERCHANTS.

To the Kings MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Humble Petition of your Majesty's most dutiful subjects, the Merchants and others now residing in London interested in and trading unto the Province of Quebec in North America on behalf of themselves and others trading to and interested in the said Colony by way of supplement to the Petition hereunto annexed intituled—The Humble Petition of Your Majesty's most faithful and Loyal subjects British Merchants and Traders in behalf of themselves and their fellow-subjects inhabiting your Majesty's Province of Quebec.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do most humbly certify to your Majesty that several of us have in our possession a variety of original Letters from divers of our Friends and correspondents now residing in Canada; and whose names are not subscribed to the address annexed, which confirm the Truth of the several allegations contained in the said address. We do verily believe the said allegations to be true and doubt not but in due time shall be enabled to prove the same when your Majesty in your great wisdom shall think proper to direct. And from the said Original Letters in our possession we do likewise believe, that the said Address would have been signed by almost all your Majesty's British as well as french subjects in Canada but for fear of incurring the displeasure and Resentment of such of your Majestys officers as may deem themselves reflected upon thereby. We therefore most humbly join with our fellow-subjects of Canada in their Petition to your Majesty & further most humbly pray

That the Government of these your Majesty's Dominions may be at least put upon the same footing with the rest of Your Majesty's American Colonies or upon any other footing that may be thought essential for the preservation of the Lives, Liberties and Properties of all your Majesty's most faithfull subjects as well as for

the increase and support of the Infant Commerce to and from that Part in the World. And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

(Signed)

Cassell & Osgood Hanbury
 Mildred & Roberts
 Jno. Jeotard & Giles Godin
 Wal. Jenkins & Co.
 James Bond
 John Buchanan
 Barnard & Harrison
 Gregory Olive
 Poley & Fletcher
 Neale & Pigon
 David Barclay & Sons
 Nash Eddowes & Petrie
 Bessons & Metcalfes

Wakefield Willett & Pratt
 Richd. Neave & Co.
 Anthony Merry
 Webb & Sampson
 Ja. Masfeu
 John Cartwright
 John Souillet
 Lane & Boothe
 Brindleys Wright & Co.
 Crafton & Colson
 Mandius Wright & Co.
 Isidore Lynch & Co.

LES SEIGNEURS DE QUÉBEC AU ROI.

*(Archives, série Q vol. 4 p. 23.)**(Original)*

AU ROY.

Les Seigneurs dans le District de Quebec tant en leurs noms que pour tous les habitants leurs Tenanciers, pénétré de douleur du départ de son Excellence l'honorable Jacques Murray, qu'ils ont depuis la Conquête de cette Province chéri et respecté plus encore à cause de ses qualités personnelles que comme leur Gouverneur, se croiroient indigne de vivre, s'ils ne s'efforcoient de faire connaître à votre Majesté leur Souverain Seigneur, et à toute l'Angleterre, les Obligations, qu'ils lui ont, qu'ils n'oublieront jamais, et les regrets sinceres qu'ils ont de son depart.

Ses ennemies ne peuvent aujourd'hui nous taxer de flatteurs, il est parti le digne Gouverneur, et tout nous assure, qu'il est parti sans que nous puissions nous flatter de le Revoir, la Cabale formé par un certain nombre des anciens sujets a triomphé ; du moins elle s'en flatte et s'en rejouit ; ses plaintes supposé ont été écouté ; refusera-t-on de nous écouter aussi ? Un très petit nombre l'emportera-t-il sur le plus grand ?

L'Honorable Jacques Murray en 1759 entourré des Canadiens qu'il devoit regarder comme ses ennemis, n'a eu pour eux que de l'Indulgence ; de ce Tems il s'acquit nos cœurs ; sa generosité, et celle de ses Officiers animés par son exemple, qui par les aumônes qu'ils ont repandu, ont tiré les Peuples de la misère dans laquelle les Malheurs de la Guerre les avoient plongé, nous ont forcé de l'admirer et de le respecter.

Après l'entière Conquête de cette Province il nous a par son affabilité contraint de l'aimer ; il établit dans son Gouvernement un Conseil Militaire, composé des Officiers Equitables qui sans prevention et sans Emolument ont jugé ou plutôt ont accommodé les parties processives ; point d'Exemple d'aucun appel de leur jugemens ! Combien de famille n'a-t-il pas aidé et soutenu ? Nous avons joui jusqu'à l'Epoque du Gouvernement Civil, d'une Tranquillité, qui nous faisoit presque oublier notre ancienne Patrie ; Soumis à ses sages jugemens et Ordonnances, nous étions heureux, les anciens sujets ne pensoient point alors à se plaindre ; nous regretterons longtems la douceur de ce Gouvernement. Nos Esperances ont été détruites par l'Etablissement du Gouvernement Civil, que l'on nous avoit si fort exalté ; nous vîmes naître avec lui la Cabale, le Trouble et la confusion, et nous fûmes étonné de voir paroître dans des libels infames, dont les auteurs ont été impunis, la plus basse et la plus insigne Calomnie. Nous, accoutumé à respecter nos supérieurs, et à obéir aux ordres émané de notre Souverain, à quoi nous sommes Portés par notre Education autant que par notre Religion, nous avons révééré les Nouveaux Officiers Civil, nous nous sommes tenus à leur jugemens, nous avons exécuté leurs ordres ; le haut prix des Salaires des ces Officiers nous a étonné à la vérité, mais sans nous revolter ; frappé de l'Irregularité dans plusieurs circonstances, nous avons gemis sans nous plaindre, nous garderions encore le silence si nous n'y étions forcé par un coup le plus sensible, qui vient de nous être porté ; Notre Père, Notre Protecteur, nous est enlevé ; comme Père il écoutoit nos Plaintes, comme Protecteur, il y remédioit, ou du moins les diminoit, avec promptitude, et il nous consolait avec Bonté, et sans lui que serions nous devenu ? Les anciens sujets, du moins la plus grande nombre depuis l'Epoque du Gouvernement Civil, n'ont cherché qu'à nous opprimer, à nous rendre leurs Esclaves et peut être à s'emparer de nos Biens. L'Emigration d'un nombre de nos Meilleurs Concitoyens que nous regrettons, a été les funestes suites de leur mauvais procédés, et de Bruits alarmantes, qu'ils n'ont cessé de répandre, il nous en reste des monumens authentiques.

La Protection dont Mons. Murray nous a honoré, a retenu plusieurs de nous déjà déterminé à laisser cette Province ; Les Politesse et les déférences de ce Gouverneur pour les personnes bien nés, les secours qu'il n'a cessé de leur procurer, lui ont attiré la Haine de la plus grande partie des anciens sujets.

THE SEIGNIORS OF QUEBEC TO THE KING.

*(Archives, Series Q, Vol. 4, p. 23.)**(Translation.)*

TO THE KING.

The Seigniors in the district of Quebec, as well in their own names as in those of all the inhabitants, their tenants, penetrated with grief at the departure of His Excellency the Hon. James Murray, whom they have since the conquest of this Province loved and respected even more on account of his personal qualities, than as their Governor, believe they would be unworthy to live, if they did not strive to make known to Your Majesty, their Sovereign and to the whole of England, the obligations they owe him, which they will never forget, and the sincere regret they feel at his departure.

His enemies cannot now charge us with being flatterers; he has gone, the upright Governor, and everything assures us that he has gone without leaving us any hope that we shall see him again. The Cabal formed by a certain number of the old subjects has triumphed, at least it flatters itself it has and is rejoicing at it; its false complaints have been listened to; shall ours be refused a hearing? Shall a very small number outweigh the greater?

The Honourable James Murray in 1759, surrounded by Canadians, whom he must have regarded as his enemies, has had only indulgence for them; from that time he gained our hearts; his generosity and that of his officers, animated by his example, who by the charity they distributed, drew the population from the misery into which the misfortunes of war had plunged it, forced us to admire and respect him.

After the complete conquest of this Province, he, by his affability, compelled us to love him; he established in his Government a Military Council, composed of upright officers, who without prejudice and without emolument have decided, or rather have reconciled litigants; there has been no instance of an appeal from their decisions! How many families has he not helped and supported? We enjoyed till the date of Civil Government a tranquillity which almost made us forget our mother country. Subject to his wise decisions and ordinances we were happy; the old subjects did not then think of complaining; we shall long regret the mildness of that Government. Our hopes have been destroyed by the establishment of the Civil Government that had been so highly extolled; we saw rise with it Cabal, trouble and confusion, and we were astonished to see in infamous libels, whose authors went unpunished, the basest and most flagrant calumny. We, accustomed to respect our superiors and to obey the orders issued by our Sovereign, to which we were led by our education as much as by our religion, respected the new civil officers, we were bound by their decisions, we executed their orders. The high salaries of these officers indeed astonished but without shocking us; struck with the irregularity on several occasions we lamented without complaining, we would still keep silence, had we not been struck by the most grievous stroke we have just felt. Our protector, our father is taken from us; like a father he listened to our complaints; like a protector he remedied or at least alleviated them promptly, and he comforted us by his kindness; without him what will become of us? The old subjects, at least the greater number of them since the date of civil government have only sought to oppress us, to render us their slaves and perhaps to seize our property. The emigration of a number of our best fellow citizens, which we regret, has been the fatal consequence of their evil proceedings, and the alarming rumours they continue to spread remain to us as authentic monuments of them.

The protection with which Mr. Murray has honoured us has retained several of us who had determined to leave the Province. The politeness and deference of this Governor for persons of good birth, the assistance he has not ceased to obtain for them, have drawn on him the hatred of the greatest part of the old subjects.

Une Cabale de gens venu tant à la suite de l'armée, que comme commis et chargé d'affaires des negocians de Londres ne meritent aucune preference, tant par leur conduite que par leur defaute d'Education et meprisable par eux mêmes, piqué de la justice que leur a à cet egard été rendue ont entraîné avec eux quelques uns de nos compatriots, dont plusieurs avoient avec eux la plus parfaite ressemblance, d'autres sans y faire reflexion, ont donné leur suffrages et signé les calomnies les plus noires dans une langue qu'ils n'entendoient pas, il en fut meme entre les derniers qui ont avoué, qu'ils avaient été surpris, et les Gens d'honneur n'ont cessé desavouer de tels procedés detestables, mais qui sont pour la plupart ceux d'entre les nouveaux sujets qui ont augmenté la Cabale, et dont on fait valoir les signatures—des Gens sans Naissance, sans Education, incapables des sentimens delicats, des soldats Congédiés de la Troupe François, des Barbiers, des domestiques, des Enfans meme, dont plusieurs pour être devenue Marchands, se sont rendu les Esclaves de leur créanciers, des juifs même qui accoutumés à respecter les citoyens dans les parties du monde, ou ils sont supportés n'ont pas hésité dans cette Province à s'élever au-dessus des nouveaux sujets du Roy, auxquels cette Espece des Hommes étoit jusqu'alors inconnue, et qui, ainsi que leur adhérens, ont ruiné et réduit à la dernière misère ceux qui se sont attachés à eux, Digne recompense de leur Orgueil et de leur faiblesse.

Nous ne connoissons pas les sujets de Plaintes, dont la Cabale fait usage contre M. Murray, ceux des nouveaux sujets, qui ont eu la folie de souscrire n'ont pu nous en instruire et comment le pourroient-ils faire ? ils ont signé sans savoir ce qu'ils faisoient, ils n'avoient point des motifs, ils étoient Esclaves de leur créanciers ; il nous seroit aisé de debattre les articles de ces plaintes, et d'en faire connoître le faux ; il nous a vexé, disent les Imposteurs ! quels vexations a-t-il commis ? Nous les ignorons ; s'il plaît à votre Majesté d'ordonner de nous communiquer les Chefs d'accusations, nous y repondrons en qualité de Fidels sujets, n'avons nous pas meme le droit de l'exiger pour éviter dans la suite un pareil scandal ; il est de notre honneur de soutenir la verité et de démasquer l'Imposture ; que gagneroit l'Etat à ne pas satisfaire les nouveaux sujets dans une cause aussi juste ? Nous n'aimons pas le changement—nous etions fait au Gouvernement de Mons. Murray, nous connoissons son caractère, nous etions pleinement satisfaites de sa probité et de ses sentimens d'humanité il étoit propre à faire goûter à vos sujets le joug de votre gracieuse Domination par son attention à le rendre léger ; peu d'hommes réunissent autant de Talens ; Personne n'est doué d'un meilleur cœur ; nous n'avons jamais pensé parlé ni écrit différemment ; pourquoi contraindre vingt cinq ou trente mille familles, qui composent cette Province à faire une nouvelle étude ?

Nous voulons bien être persuadé des bonnes intentions de l'Etat à notre égard, et que Mons. Carleton, qui est choisi pour remplacer Mons. Murray, est doué d'Excellentes qualités, qu'il suivra l'Exemple de son Predecesseur, et aura pour nous les memes égards, mais nous le Connoissons pas, nous connoissons au contraire parfaitement celui que nous pardons. Nous respectons Mons. Carleton sans le connoître et nous lui obeirons, puisqu'il est choisi par votre Majesté, mais s'il nous protege, s'il nous rend justice, et s'il nous conserve dans nos droits, bientôt nos Envieux cabaleront contre lui, et se plaindront encore, et pour satisfaire la caprice d'une poignée de gens qui trouvent à Londres des Personnes, qui les appuyent sans connoître le sujet de leur mecontentement, ce que par ce qu'ils leurs en disent, il faudra toutes les années un nouveau Gouverneur, et nous pauvres Canadiens serons sacrifié sans pouvoir représenter. Quelle Idée pouvions nous avoir des Loix de votre Royaume ? Nous les croyons sages, nous les recevons, mais que seroit ce si la liberté Britannique n'étoit accordé qu'aux anciens sujets ? Ils se plaindroient sans Raison pour contenter leur Inconscience et leur caprice, ils imploireroient les calomnies que l'Enfer seul peut inventer, et ils seroient favorablement écouté ; ne sera-t-il pas permis à vos nouveaux sujets de parler, et condamnera-t-on sans entendre un Gouverneur qui faisoit leur Bonheur à leur satisfaction. Notre Langage n'est pas celui d'un peuple qui gemit sous l'oppression, nous osons dire à votre Majesté qu'un homme qui seroit par vos ordres chargé de s'instruire ici de la vérité trouveroit dans toutes les villes et les Paroisses de cette Province tout le contraire de ce que la malice de nos Ennemies, et de ceux de Mons. Murray a inventé pour le noircir et nous contrister.

A cabal of people who have come in the train of the army, as well as clerks and agents for the London merchants deserve no preference, not only from their conduct but from their want of education, and, contemptible in themselves, piqued by the justice rendered to them in this respect, they have gained over a few of our fellow countrymen, several of whom had the most perfect similarity to them; others acting without reflection have supported them and signed the blackest calumnies in a language which they did not understand; there were even some among the latter who acknowledged that they had been taken unawares, and men of honour have not ceased to disclaim such detestable proceedings. But who are mostly those among the new subjects who have augmented the cabal which takes advantages of their signatures. People without birth, without education, without scruple, disbanded soldiers from the French army, barbers, servants, even children; several of them to become shopkeepers have made themselves the slaves of their creditors, even Jews, who, accustomed to respect the citizens in those parts of the world where they are tolerated, have not hesitated in this Province to exalt themselves above the King's new subjects, to whom this kind of men was previously unknown and who, as well as their adherents, have ruined and reduced to the last state of wretchedness those who made common cause with them; a fit reward for their arrogance and weakness.

We did not know the subject of the complaints the Cabal made use of against Mr. Murray. Those of the new subjects who had the folly to subscribe them could not inform us, and how could they do so? They signed without knowing what they were doing; they had no motive for doing so; they were slaves to their creditors. It would be easy for us to discuss the items of these complaints, and to show their falsehood. He has annoyed us, say these deceivers! What vexations has he committed? We are ignorant of them. If it please Your Majesty to give orders to have the heads of the accusations communicated to us, we will answer them as faithful subjects. Have we not even the right to demand them in order to avoid such a scandal? It belongs to our honour to maintain truth and to unmask imposture. What would the State gain by not satisfying the new subjects in so just a cause? We do not like change; we were suited in the government of Mr. Murray; we knew his character, we were fully satisfied with his probity and his feelings of humanity; he was fitted to bring your new subjects to a regard for the yoke of your kindly domination by his care to make it light. Few men have united so many talents; no one is endowed with a better heart; we have never thought, spoken, or written differently. Why compel twenty-five or thirty thousand families, who compose this Province, to enter on a new study?

We wish to be fully persuaded of the good intentions of the State respecting us, and that Mr. Carleton, who is selected to take the place of Mr. Murray, is endowed with excellent qualities, that he will follow the example of his predecessor and will have the same regard for us; but we do not know him, whilst on the contrary we are perfectly acquainted with him whom we are losing. We respect Mr. Carleton without knowing him, and we will obey him since he is chosen by Your Majesty; but if he protect us, if he render us justice and maintains us in our rights, soon those who are jealous of us will cabal against him and complain again, and to satisfy the caprice of a handful of people who find persons in London to support them, knowing nothing respecting the subject of their discontent, except what they are told, it will be necessary to appoint a new Governor every year, and we poor Canadians will be sacrificed without being able to represent our case, what idea could we have of the laws of your government? We believe them to be wise; we receive them, but what would this serve, if British liberty were granted only to the old subjects? They would complain without reason to satisfy their fickleness and caprice, and would employ calumnies which Hell alone can invent, and they would be favourably listened to. Would it not be allowed to your new subjects to speak and would a Governor be condemned without a hearing, who was making them happy to their satisfaction? Our language is not that of a people groaning under oppression, we dare to tell Your Majesty that a man entrusted by your orders to ascertain here the

Nous nous adressons a votre Majesté comme Pere d'un nouveau peuple, et comme Protecteur des Droits quelle a bien voulu nous accorder, nous lui faisons part de nos peines et des Regrets que nous ne pouvons refuser a Mons. Murray.

Nous la supplions si elle veut bien jeter les yeux sur nous, de le rendre a vos vœux, de le conserver Gouverneur en chef de cette Province, que sa Valeur lui a conservé, et dont sa generosité et sa Douceur lui ont attaché les peuples et de nous le renvoyer.

Nous osons esperer cette grace de votre Majesté qu'elle voudra bien faire attention à nos representations, les proteger et nous en faire parvenir une reponse favorable en faisant triompher la verité; nous ne cesserons d'offrir des vœux au ciel pour la santé de votre Majesté et de la famille Royale.

LaNaudiere

J. Duchesnay

F. J. Cugnet

Rigouville

DeVincelotte

Ja. Couillard

Louis Dupuis

Luc la Couat (?)

Michel Blois

Couillard

Couillard

J. Roy

L. Decharnay

Gaspé

Lachevrotiere

J. Couillard

Aubert

Augustin Chavigni

A. Hamelin

Gastineau

D. M. Deplaing.

truth, will find in all the towns and parishes the reverse of what the malice of our enemies and of those of Mr. Murray has invented to blacken him and to grieve us.

We address ourselves to Your Majesty as the father of a new people, and as the protector of the rights you have desired to grant us; we make you a sharer of the pains and regrets we cannot refuse to feel for Mr. Murray.

We supplicate you, if you will cast your looks on us, to accede to our wishes, to retain Mr. Murray as head of this Province, which his valour preserved, and who by his generosity and mildness has attached the people to him, and to send him back to us.

We venture to hope for this favour from Your Majesty, that you would pay regard to our representations, that you would protect them and us, by sending a favourable reply, rendering truth triumphant. We shall not cease to offer prayers to Heaven for the health of Your Majesty and of the Royal Family.

La Naudiere
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Louis Dupuis
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NOTE C.

THE FRENCH NOBLESSE IN CANADA AFTER 1760.

SIR GUY CARLETON TO LORD SHELBURNE.

(Archives, series Q, vol. 4, p. 273.)

QUEBEC, 24th Sept., 1767.

MY LORD,—The annexed Memorial of Monsieur De Lery is too long, and too much detailed to require any explanation from me; as it exhibits a sketch of the French Ministers sentiments concerning the Canadians, I send it to your Lordship unaltered. Mr. Neville and the Duke of Bedford can best inform you what these Services were, on which he grounds his Petition, and claims their promise of two hundred pounds a year Pension; but whether they were of more or less advantage to His Majesty's Service, it appears very clearly they have occasioned his being strongly marked by the French Ministers, and that the first Canadian gentleman, who attached himself to the Kings' Interests, as soon as he became his Subject, should be obliged to quit his native country, together with his Distress, must afford them matter of Triumph.

I must in justice to this Gentleman say, that I have great Reason to be satisfied with his conduct since my arrival in the Province, that I think him qualified to be useful in Different Capacities, and am convinced, whatever Prince he engages to serve, He will go through his Duty with that zeal and Fidelity, which always distinguishes a Man of Honour. Besides should His Majesty be graciously pleased to grant his Petition, it will serve as a Proof to the Gentlemen of Canada, that they are not forever to be excluded from the Service of their present Sovereign; this opinion I have endeavoured to remove, as I am thoroughly convinced, it is for the British Interests upon this Continent, they should be employed; From a Despair of this Sort, I imagine, it must have proceeded, that several young Gentlemen, whose Parents remain in this Country, and whose Fortunes they must inherit, have entered into the French Service, as your Lordship may see, by the inclosed Return, the three first are Heirs of three of the best and richest Families in the Province.

Should His Majesty think proper to raise a Canadian Regiment, no doubt but these Gentlemen would prepare to serve, where Both Duty and Interest require them; 'till that scheme shall be adopted, the placing a few of the young Gentlemen in the American Battalions would make them turn their eyes from France, which undoubtedly will endeavour to preserve an Interest here for future events.

I am with much Respect
and Esteem

Your Lordship's
Most Obedient

Humble Servant,

GUY CARLETON.

The Earl of Shelburne, one of }
His Majesty's Principal }
Secretaries of State.

MÉMOIRE DU CHEVALIER DE LÉRY.

(Archives, series Q., vol. 4, p. 276.)

MÉMOIRE DU CHEVALIER DE LÉRY.

(Archives, series Q, vol. 4, p. 276)

(Original)

Memoire du Chr. De Léry a Son Excellence le Général Guy Carletonne Brigadier des armées du Roy, Lieutenant gouverneur et commandant Les troupes de La province de quebec &c &c.

Votre Excellence a été Surprise d'apprendre a Son arrivé a québec que je cherchois a Retournér en france et parù desirer de seavoir les Raisons pour les quels j'avais fait des demarches aupres du Monsieur Le duc de choiseuil pour y parvenir ;

Je doit pour en Rendre Compte prendre les choses depuis mon départ de quebec avec toutes ma famille en 1761 que je me Rendit a versailles ou je sollicitay une place et des graces que mes services me semblaient avoir merité je prouvay pendant pres d'une année de la part de Monsieur, Accaron, chef du Bureau des Collonies ; toutes les Remises, toutes les Espérances et tous les Refus imaginables quil seroit trop long de Rapporter icy ;

J'appris que les préliminaires étoit signé et le Canada cédé a la couronne d'Angleterre, je Redoublé mes Instances dans les Bureaux pour continuer mes services, on ne m'offrit q'une plantation a defricher a Lisle Ste. Lucie ou a Cayenne jus Beau Représentér mes Services. Mr. Accaron convenoit quil avoit été distingué et finisoit toujours par ses mots. Le Canada n'est plus a nous et tous ses services ont été inutilles il disoit cependant que si je voullais attendres je serois placé tres avantageusement, mais quo quand au moment present il n'étoit pas favorable je Repondit toujours que je serois anchanté de pouvoir attendre et que je le priois de m'enfournirent les moyens ; que j'avois a paris mon Epouses et quatres Enfans, et que vingt cinq Loüis a quoy le Roy avoit Reduit nos appointment de Capitaine, n'étoit pas suffisant pour nous soutenir dans la province de france la plus fertilles et que s'il pouvoit me procurér une gratification ou une acompte sur des papiers Royaux dont j'étois Porteur venant de mes appointemens ; de fournitures faittes par mes fermiers a Lieutenant de L'armée, et d'une terre que j'avois vendû, j'attendrois Le moment destre placé, Monsr. Accaron me Repondit de la part de Monsieur, Le Duc de choiseuil que ce que je demandois n'étoit pas possible a faire au moment ou jecris jenay point En corre Recu un Sols de ces papiers qui en monte a 94000 livres tournois sur lesquels la cour de france a fait une Diminuturé onnereuse et sur le produit des quels j'ay été forcé de passer des obligations pour le soutiens de ma famille.

Je fit encore un autre demandant qui toute modique qu'il étoit me fit essûyer un nouveaux Refus et penser que je Repasserois en Canada.

Après d'autres tentatives plus vives et plus Reitéré et aussy infructueuses, je dit dans les Bureaux que je Retournois en Canada, on me Repondis que je n'abandonnois point aussi aisement L'Esperance que l'on m'avoit donné d'avoir une bonne place, enfin lassé d'estre Remis de jours En jours et craignant de me trouver avec ma famille dans la position la plus critique et Daillieurs peut au faite de La Lure des Bureaux je pris le partie Daller à l'hotelle de Son Excellence le duc de Bedford pour lors Embassadeur et ministre plenipotentier a la cour de france, Monsr. Nev. Neville ce presenta je luy fit part de toutes les demarches cy dessus et je le priay de demander au duc de Bedford ce que je pouvois esperer de la protection du gouvernement Britanique En Rotournant en canada.

Peut de jours apres Mr. Neville, me repondit de la part de son Excellence le duc de Bedford qu'il avoit eû des informations favorables sur mon caractère, et que si je voullais estre sujet anglais etant le premier gentil homme de Canada que Repasserois dans cette collonie je pourrois me croire assuré que je serois aussy celuy qui Recevrois les premieres graces de Sa majesté.

Je me Regardé des Lors comme Sujet Anglais Mr. Nev. Neville vint Le Londe-min a l'hotelle d'hollande ou je logeois, faire une visite a Madme De Lery et luy dit que Son Excellence le Duc de Bedford l'avait chargé de nous assurer L'un et L'autre,

MEMORIAL OF THE CHEVALIER DE LÉRY.

(Archives, Series Q, vol. 4, p. 276.)

(Translation.)

MEMORIAL of Chevalier de Léry, to His Excellency General Guy Carleton, Brigadier of the King's Armies, Lieutenant Governor and commanding the troops in the Province of Quebec.

Your Excellency was surprised to learn on your arrival at Quebec, that I was seeking to return to France, and appeared desirous to know the reasons which had led me to apply to the Duke de Choiseul to succeed in this object.

To render an account of this, I must state what took place since my departure from Quebec with my whole family in 1761, when I went to Versailles where I solicited a place and the indulgences which my services seemed to have deserved. I experienced for nearly a year from M. Accaron, head of the Colonial Office, all the delays, all the hopes, and all the refusals imaginable, which it would take too long to relate here.

I learned that the preliminaries were signed and Canada ceded to the British Crown; I redoubled my requests in the departments to have my services continued; I was only offered a plantation to clear in the island of St. Lucia, or at Cayenne. I in vain represented my services, M. Accaron agreed that they had been distinguished and always ended with these words: "Canada is no longer ours, and all these services have been useless." He said, however, if I would wait, I would be very advantageously placed, but that the present moment was not favourable. I always answered that I would be enchanted to wait, and that I begged of him to inform me of the means of doing so; that I had in Paris my wife and four children and that twenty Louis, to which the King had reduced the allowance as Captain, were not sufficient to maintain us in the most fertile Province of France and that if he could procure me a gift, or an advance on the royal papers of which I was the bearer; on account of my salary; of supplies by my farmers to the lieutenant of the army and for the price of a piece of land which I had sold, I would wait until I obtained a place. M. Accaron answered me, on behalf of the Duke de Choiseul, that what I asked was not possible (at the very moment I had not yet received one sou of these papers which amount to 94,000 livres tournois, on which the Court of France has made an oppressive diminution and on the proceeds of which I was forced to grant obligations for the support of my family).

I made still another demand, which modest as it was, entailed another refusal which led me to think of returning to Canada.

After other more earnest and reiterated and as fruitless attempts, I said in the departments that I would return to Canada. I was answered that I would not so easily abandon the hope given me of having a good place. At last tired of being put off from day to day, and fearing to find myself with my family in the most critical condition, and besides to come to the point with the schemes of the departments, I resolved to go to the hotel of His Excellency the Duke of Bedford, then Ambassador and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of France. Mr. Nev. Neville presented himself; I informed him of all the above proceedings and requested him to ask the Duke of Bedford what I might hope for from the protection of the British Government in returning to Canada.

A few days after, Mr. Neville answered me on behalf of His Excellency the Duke of Bedford, that he had received favourable information of my character, and that if I wished to be a British subject, being the first Canadian gentleman who would return to that Colony, I might feel assured that I would also be the one who would receive His Majesty's first favours.

I regarded myself from that time as a British subject. Mr. Nev. Neville came next day to the *Hotel d'Hollande*, where I was lodging, to pay a visit to Madame de Léry, and told her that His Excellency the Duke of Bedford had charged himself

du soutient et de la protection de sa Majesté Britanique et que nous ne devions Rien craindre désormais.

Sur les moyens de soutenir notre famille qui nous serois abondamment fournit, il ajouta que quant le Roy Son maître me donneroie une pension de 200 Livres sterling ce-la ne pourroit point porter préjudice aux autres graces dont les services que je luy Rendrois par la suites En Canada seroit suseptible;

Depuis ce jour j'ai souvent vû Mr. Neville il m'a même offert de L'argent pour faire le voyage de Paris a Londres que je Refusay par ce que j'avois vendû des pieces d'argenteries qui avoit fournit assés Despeces pour la Routte et Deux ou trois mois que je comptois Restés a Londres.

Les promesses des ministres plenipotentiers de Sa majesté Britanique joint a la Reputations dont jouissois la nation anglaises a paris ne nous Laissoit point Lieu de douter que des que nous euserions partie et agissant comme nous avons fait nous ny trouvassions les avantages promis et mérité;

J'ai été quinze mois a Londres sans avoir sù que Mr. Neville ait obtenû que 400 £ Sterling en forme de gratification il ma dit plusieurs fois pour lors qu'il ne tenoit point a luy que je nusse la pension annûelle qu'il m'avoit fait esperer a paris, qu'il en estoit penetré de douleur, quil fallais prendre patience et esperer que les affaires s'arrangerois de façon que j'aurois les 200 £ par la suite, il a même été un temps ou il a pensé l'avoir obtenû comme L'annonce Le Biliest No 2.

Mr. Nev. Neville, a Dit a milord thansend les mêmes choses que je viens d'exprimer et il m'a promis de L'affirmer Lorsque je L'exigerois, ce que je fais a presont si sa majesté Britanique L'aprouve, La Lettre No. 1 est une preuve au soutiens de ce que je dis.

Le Sejour que j'ai fait a Londres pendant 15 mois occasionnée par les Raisons que les Secretaire d'etat de Sa majesté scaves—La maladie de Madme de Lery et La mort d'un de mes enfans ma coutés plus Du Doubles que la gratifications que j'ai Reçu.

Milord comte Egremont qui m'avoit donné plusieurs audience pour affaires de services, me fit L'honneur de me faire presenter au Roy par Milord Eglintonne au mois de juillet 1763.

J'arrivay a quebec en Septembre 1764. je l'honneur d'Ecrire a Mr. Le Duc de Bedford, a Milord Shelburne, a Milord Thansend a Mr. Charles Thansend a Mr. Nev. Neville et a Mr. de Grenville je faisois part au dernier de mes Reflections sur une affaire dont j'avois eu l'honneur de conférer avec luy, et Disois a tous que j'avois été Extremens surpris d'apprendre que le général, Murray n'avois Reçu aucune Lettre de Recommandations a mon sujet et je faisois Resouvenir Milord Shelburne des Recommandations que Milord duc de Bedford luy avoit fait en ma faveur Lorsqu'il Etoit premier Seigneur des plantations j'ecrivit aussy a queques amis touchant ce que j'aprenoie en arrivant du local de la Collonie &c.

Le 4 Septembre 1765, je me trouvé chez le general Murray Lorsque Mr. de La Valterie, Canadien, arrivat de France a la demandent de Monsr. son pere Officier agé Quatre Vingt quatre ans qui L'avoit demandé pour le voir et Luy Laisé son horoditté ce general Reçu assés froidement ce jeune officier et dit que tous ceux qui venoit de france estoit autant despions que cette cour envoyais en Canada je dis au general que les officiers francois ne pouvois pas être Suspecter de faire ce metier que j'esperois qu'ils leurs Rendrois plus de justice par la suite que Mr. de La Valterie Setablirais sans doute sur une seigneurie qu'avoit Mr. son pere (depuis le pere est mort le fils a laissé le service de france et a Epousé une demoiselle canadienne et est tres bien etablis) Le gouverneur me dit que je faisois elever deux de mes Enfans en france que cela me Rendois suspecte et qu'il avoit des ordres a mon sujet je luy Repondit que ces Enfans estoit a paris Lors-que les Sirconstance en avoit Engagé a venir en Canada et que l'on ne m'avoit point parlé de même a Londres, que luy même m'avois fait l'honneur de me dirent qu'il m'avois Reçu aucune lettre a mon sujet, le general me dit qu'un gouverneur n'estoit point obligé a dirent les ordres qu'ils avoit et que si lon ne m'avoit point parlé de meme a Londres sous trois jours je Recevrois ordres de vider le Collonie, je luy Repondit que je serois prest et je me retiray chez moy dou j'ecrivit sur L'heure a Mons. Le duc de choiseuil pour le prier de me procurer

to assure us both of His Britannic Majesty's support and protection and that we need have no further fear.

As to the means of supporting our family, that would be abundantly supplied, and added, that the King, his master, would give me a pension of £200 sterling, but that that would not prejudice other favours, of which the services I might subsequently render in Canada would admit.

Since that day I have often seen Mr. Neville; he has even offered me money to make the journey from Paris to London, which I refused as I had sold some silver plate, which supplied enough of money for the road and for the two or three months which I intended to remain in London.

The promises of His Britannic Majesty's Ministers Plenipotentiary, joined to the reputation the British nation enjoyed at Paris, left us no room to doubt that from the time we should be part of it, and acting as we have done, we should find the advantages promised and deserved.

I was fifteen months in London without knowing if Mr. Neville had obtained the £400 as an allowance. He told me several times that it was not his fault that I had not the annual pension that he had given me hopes of in Paris; that he was penetrated with grief, that it was necessary to have patience and to hope that affairs would be settled, so that I would have £200 subsequently; there was even a time in which he thought he had obtained it, as intimated in note No. 2.

Mr. Nev. Neville told Lord Townshend the same things that I have just stated and promised me to confirm it when I should require it, which I do now, if his Britannic Majesty approves. The letter, No 1 is a proof of what I say.

The stay I made in London for fifteen months, occasioned by reasons known to His Majesty's Secretary of State; the illness of Madame de Léry and the death of one of my children, cost more than double the gift which I received.

The Earl of Egremont, who had given me several audiences relative to affairs of the service, did me the honour of having me presented to the King by Lord Eglinton in the month of July, 1763.

I arrived at Quebec in September, 1764. I had the honour of writing to the Duke of Bedford, to Lord Shelburne, to Lord Townshend, to Mr. Charles Townshend, to Mr. Neville and to Mr. Grenville. I communicated to the latter my reflections on an affair respecting which I had the honour of conferring with him and told them all that I had been extremely surprised to learn that General Murray had received no letter of recommendation on my account and I called to Lord Shelburne's recollection recommendations which the Duke of Bedford had made in my favour when he was first Lord of Trade.

I wrote also to some friends touching what I had learned on arriving of the situation of the colony, &c.

On the 4th of September, 1765, I was at General Murray's, when M. de la Valtrie, a Canadian, arrived from France, at the request of his father, an officer of eighty-four years of age, who had asked to see him and to leave him his property. The General received the young officer coldly, and said that all those who came from France were so many spies whom that court sent to Canada. I told the General that French officers could not be suspected of such a trade; that I hoped he would do them more justice; that M. de la Valtrie would, no doubt settle on the seigniori which his father had. (Since the death of his father, the son has left the French service, married a young Canadian lady and is well settled.) The Governor told me that I was having two of my children brought up in France; that that made me suspected, and that he had orders on my account. I answered him that these children were at Paris when circumstances led me to come to Canada, and that I had not been spoken to in that way in London; that he himself had done me the honour of telling me that he had received no letter respecting me. The General replied that a Governor was not obliged to tell what orders he had; that if I had not been spoken to in London in that way, I would within three days receive orders to leave the colony. I answered him that I would be ready and went to my own house, whence I wrote

en france le meme grade dans le service que j'avois Lorsque jen Etoit partie, et une pension pour mon Epouse,

Le general Murray me fit dirent par un de ses amis quil navoit aucune ordre a mon sujet que jetois le maitre de Rester en Canada ou jetois aimé que cenetoit que la vivassité qui lavoit fait parler differament, quil viendroît peulestres des arrangements de la cour de Londres qui ne me conviendrois point ny aux autres Canadiens que dans ce cas il me donnerois le temps nécessaire pour vendre ce que j'avois si cest arrangement netoit pas de mon gout Je me rendis quelques jours apres chez Mr. le general Murray a qui je Rendit compte de la lettre que j'avois ecrite a Monsieur Le duc de choiseuil et que je l'avois adressé a Mr. Le Comte de Guerchy a Londres avec prières de la faire passer. le general m'engagea a Rester je luy dit que ma lettre etant partie je devois en attendre la Reponce, et me preparée a Laisser la Collonie si tot que jo l'aurois Recu,

A L'arrivé de votre Excellence a quebec je luy demandé la permission de Rester en Canada jusquace que mes affaires fussent terminé, Votre Excellence parut surprise de ma demandent et et pour quoy j'attendois encore une année a partirent ce fut dans ce moment que jus l'honneur de luy d'Etaillé mes Liaisons avec Mr. Neville &c. ce que le general Murray m'avoit Dit le 4 Septembre 1765 &c Les lettres que j'avois ecrites a Mr. Le duc de choiseuil &c Les avis que j'avois Recu &c. Votre Excellence me repondit quil étoit fâché que jusse vendu ma seigneurie qui auroit été une Ressource pour mes Enfants que votre Excellence navoit aucune ordre Semblables a ce que Mr. Murray m'avoit dit le 4 Sepbre 1765 quil ne pouvoit meme point les Soupçonner et que vous m'assuriés et tous les Canadiens de la Bienveillance de Sa Majesté et que vous Espairiés que sil venois des arrangement il ne pourrois que nous encourager a nous attacher a votre gouvernement.

Votre Excellence ce souvent parfaitement que plusieurs gentilhommes Canadiens luy ont dit que Le general Murray leurs avoit dit la même chose que moy sur les arrangement qui pourrois venir de la cour et qui peulestres ne leurs conviendrois point ;

Sur ce qui m'etoit Revenu que le duc de nivernois etoit plain au duc de pralins que je navois point été chéluy a Londres comme avoit fait plusieurs canadiens et que même j'avois eû d'autre tors a son occassion jus l'honneur de luy ecrire le 25 dout 1766 pour le prevenir de ses Bruits et le prier de me Rendre la justice qui m'étois dû a Cette Derniere Occassion.

Je Reiteré mes demandent a monsieur Le duc de choiseuil en 1766, et sur ce que j'avois appris des dispositions defavorables de ce ministre a mon Egard parce que j'étois devenu Sujet anglais j'avois l'honneur de luy observer que je navois eû des liaisons avec les ministres plenipotentiers de Sa Majesté Britanique que longtemps apres la signatures des preliminaires et apres avoir Dit dans les Bureaux de versailles que puis que les services distingué que j'avois Rendus au Roy en Canada et ceux de mes Encestres ne pouvoit pas me procurer un Bien être pour ma famille qui etoit pour lors la seul canadienne qui fut en france je devenoit sujet de Sa Majesté Britanique, que je netois party de paris qu apres avoir eû les passeports des deux cours pour me Rendre en Canada, que si dans Les Liaisons que j'avois eû avec Son Excellence Le duc de Bedford et Mr. Nev. Neville jusse manqué a ce qu'un homme d'honneur ce doit je navrois point eû l'honneur destre présenté au Roy d'angleterre, et que, je n'aurois jamais pencé a Retourné En france sans les arrangement que lon faisois craindres aux canadiens de la part de La cour de Londres et Sans ce que m'avoit dit le general Murray le 4 Septembre 1765, enfin j'exprimais tous ce que peut penser un homme qui se voit Rebuté d'une nations avec qui il a choisi de vivre et a qui il a Rendu service, sans y etre forcé par d'autres obligations que Lenvie de meriter sa confiance, et par la suite y etablir un Etat fixé et honorable a sa famille j'ai eu lhonneur d'Escrires au Secrétaire dotat de Sa Majesté Britanique pour luy Rendre compte des Raisons qui mont fait demander mon Retour En france il est aisé de Se persuadé qu'un officiere qui nest pas Riche ne peut sans sabimer passer plusieurs fois d'amerique en Europe et d'Europe En amerieque et D'une Dominations a une autre il ne faut pas moins pour si determiné que les motifs qui m'y ont forcé.

to the Duke de Choiseul, to request him to obtain for me in France, the same rank in the service that I had when I left, and a pension for my wife.

General Murray had me informed by one of his friends that he had no order respecting me, that it was in my power to remain in Canada where I was loved; that it was only irritability that had made him speak differently; that arrangements might perhaps be sent from the Court of London that would not suit me or the other Canadians; that in that case, he would give me the necessary time to sell what I had, if the arrangement was not to my liking. Some days after, I went to General Murray's, and gave him an account of the letter I had written to the Duke de Choiseul; that I had addressed it to the Count deGuerchy, with a request to forward it. The General tried to induce me to remain. I said that my letter having gone, I must wait the reply, and be prepared to leave the colony so soon as it was received.

On the arrival of Your Excellency at Quebec, I asked permission to remain in Canada until my affairs were settled. Your Excellency seemed surprised at my request and why I was still waiting a year before leaving. It was then I had the honour of detailing my relations with Mr. Neville, &c.; what General Murray had told me on the 4th of September, 1765, &c.; the letters I had written to the Duke de Choiseul, &c; the advice I had received, &c. Your Excellency answered me that it was annoying that I should have sold my seigniory, which would have been a resource for my children; that Your Excellency had no such order as Mr. Murray had spoken about on the 4th of September, 1765, that you could not even imagine there would be; that you assured me and all Canadians of His Majesty's benevolence, and that you hoped if arrangements were received they could only be to encourage us to attach ourselves to your government.

Your Excellency perfectly remembers, that several Canadian gentlemen told you that General Murray had said the same things to them as to me concerning the arrangements which might come from the Court, and which might not perhaps suit them.

Concerning what was reported to me, that the Duke de Nivernois complained to the Duke de Praslin, that I had not called in London as several Canadians had done, and had committed other faults towards him, I had the honour of writing him on the 25th of August, 1766, and took the opportunity of stating these reports and of requesting him to render me the justice which was due to me on this latter occasion.

I reiterated my requests to the Duke de Choiseul in 1766, and upon what I had learned of the unfavourable disposition of that minister towards me, because I had become a British subject, I had the honour to observe to him that I had had no relations with the Ministers Plenipotentiary of His Britannic Majesty until long after the signature of the preliminaries, and after having said in the departments at Versailles, that since the distinguished services I had rendered to the King in Canada and those of my ancestors could not procure me a living for my family, which was at that time the only Canadian family in France, I would become a subject of His Britannic Majesty; that I had not left Paris until I had received passports from both Courts to return to Canada; that if in the relations I had had with His Excellency the Duke of Bedford and Mr. Nev. Neville, I had been wanting in what a man of honour owes to himself, I would not have had the honour of being presented to the King of England, and that I would never have thought of returning to France, but for the fear of the arrangements of the Court of London with respect to the Canadians, and but for what General Murray told me on the 4th of September, 1765. Finally, I expressed all that a man can think, who sees himself rejected by a nation with which he has chosen to live, and to which he has rendered service, without being forced by other considerations than the desire to deserve its confidence, and thus to establish in it a fixed and honourable condition for his family. I have had the honour to write to His Britannic Majesty's Secretary of State to give him an account of the reasons which have led me to ask for my return to France. He may easily understand, that an officer who is not rich cannot, without ruining himself, pass several times from America to Europe and from Europe to America;

Ce sont les conférences que j'ay eû avec les ministres plenipotentiers d'Angleterre et la confiance qu'ils m'ont inspiré pour Leurs nations qui m'ont my dans la position critique ou je suis, et dont elle seul peut me tirer en me faisant un sort convenable à mon Etat. Sans ses conférences et L'Effest quels on produit apres L'Epoque du 4 Septembre 1765 j'aurais pû Retourner en France et y jouir des graces du Roy comme plusieurs officiers canadiens ont fait.

J'ai eu l'honneur de communiquer à votre Excellence les Lettres que j'ay Recen de Paris en 1766 & 1767 elle y a vû le plus grand Danger pour moy si je m'expose à paroître en France, je joins icy une extrait de celles qui paroisse meriter le plus d'attentions ;

Extraits des Lettres d'avis ; donné De Paris au chev. de Lery.

Dans une Lettres de Paris du 7 decembre 1765, en reponse à celles escrites de Quebec au mois de Septembre de la même année.

On a parlé pour vous dans les Bureaux un des chefs a dit, Lon n'est pas disposé icy on sa faveur il a travaillé hautement à Londres contre L'administration française il sera difficile de Dissuader le ministre mais L'humanité peut estres viendras audevant de son Etat affligeant et fera oublier le Repréhensible ;

Dans une Lettre de la même personne du 29 janvier 1766.

Le ministre a Rejeté avec indignation L'article du travail qui vous conserne et apres vos demandes sur ce que le general Murray vous dit Le 4 Septembre dernier, et Mr. xxxxx saprochant de moy je vous Diray tous bas à L'oreille (me dit il) que M. Le duc de Choiseuil et dans les disposition de faire arreter le chev. De Lery sil ce presente en France, puisque vous etes son amy vous pourré luy marquer, en lui faisant mes excuses si je ne reponds point à sa Lettres il est plus fort que moy d'apprendre à quelqun quelques choses de desagreable, je suis bien faché que le ministre nay pût etre flechis parceque j'ay entendu dirent et je scay du Bien du Chr. de lery ; il faut Regarder sa patrie comme sa famille, et croire que nos meilleurs amis ce Rencontre toujours dans nos parens quelques tracasserie que nous ayons ensemble, il est facheux pour luy qu'il servé d'Exemples aux Canadiens ;

Une autre Lettre du 1er Mars 1766 par une dame.

Ne vous exposé pas à Revenir en France vous y seriez mal acuilly j'ai sù que le ministre avait dit que l'on vous arretat Mr. xxxxxxxxxxxx la appris aussy il doit vous en avertirent mais croyéz que j'en suis sur, ou vous a fait donnér lavis tous ce que la cour de Londres a désiré de vous pour le payement des papiers canadiens ; ne parlé pas dans vos lettres à M. de xxxxxx de la confiance que je vous fait il y auroit Du Risque pour luy si elle était ouverte ; j'ai Rompu Des L'ances pour vous, au Reste vous étiez Repassé au Canada pour n'en plus sortirent, La providence n'abandonne point ses enfans et nous esperons que vos affaires prendront à la fin une Bonne tournure sous le gouvernement ou vous etes, quand a celui d'icy Le Secretaire d'etat, qui ne veut pas que l'on luy parle de vous persuadé peustestres que votre Retraitte en Angleterre n'a été occasionné que par la misere ou vous seriez tombé icy ou vous dependiez de M. accaron Ex jesuitte et l'homme le plus dur que j'ay connût, a ordonné apres votre départ quen considérations des deux enfans que vous aviez laissé à Paris le traitement de 600 l que vous aviez comme capitaine Leurs seroit payé ce qui a Été executé depuis votre depart.

Probablement si vous ne pouvé point replacér vos enfans en Canada vos parens de France en prendront Soins je sais combien il serois dur pour vous de ne les jamais Revoir ils sont de la plus agreable figure Laine est un homme quil est temps de placé.

Dans un Billiest de Paris du 31 Mars 1767.

Les affaires de notre amy non point change de face et je ne prevois pas d'Evenement qui puissent operér de changement, tous les Esprits sont dans La même fermentation que le premier jour il faut y etre pour le croire, et Les Raisons que l'on

and from one government to another; nor can he the less understand the motives which have forced me to the step.

These are the conferences I have had with the Ministers Plenipotentiary of England, and the confidence in their nation with which they have inspired me; which have placed me in my present critical position and from which you alone can extricate me, by giving me a position suitable to my rank. But for these conferences, and the effect produced after the date of the 4th of September, 1765, I could have returned to France, there to enjoy the favours of the King, as several Canadian officers have done.

I have had the honour to communicate to Your Excellency the letters which I have received from Paris in 1766 and 1767. In these you have seen the greatest danger for me if I venture to appear in France. I add here extracts from those which seem to deserve most attention.

Extracts of letters of advice from Paris to Chevalier de Léry.

In a letter from Paris of the 7th December, 1765, in reply to those written from Quebec, in the month of September of the same year:

"In speaking for you in the departments, one of the chiefs said: "There is no disposition here in his favour; he has worked openly in London against the French administration; it will be difficult to dissuade the Minister, but humanity will perhaps take into consideration his afflicted condition and cause what is wrong to be forgotten."

In a letter from the same person of the 29th January, 1766:

"The Minister indignantly rejected the article concerning you, and after your requests respecting what General Murray told you on the 4th of September last, and Mr. xxxxx coming close to me, I will whisper to you (he told me) that the Duke de Choiseul 'is disposed to have the Chevalier de Léry arrested, if he presents himself in France; since you are his friend, you could inform him, making my excuses if I do not answer his letters; I cannot bear telling anything disagreeable; I am vexed that the Minister cannot be moved, because I have heard and I know good things of the Chevalier de Léry; he must regard his country as his family and believe that our best friends are to be met within our relations, whatever bickerings we may have together; it is unfortunate for him that he sets an example to the Canadians."

Another letter of the 1st of March, by a lady:

"Do not expose yourself by returning to France; you would be very ill received. I know that the Minister said you would be arrested. M. xxxxxxxxxxxx also learned it; he was to warn you of it; believe that I am sure of it. Information has been given of all that the Court of London desired from you for the payment of the Canadian papers. Do not speak in your letters to M. de xxxxxx of the confidence I have given you. It would be dangerous for him were it known. I have broken a lance in your defence. However, you have returned to Canada not to leave it again. Providence does not abandon its children, and we hope your affairs will take a good turn at the end under the Government in which you now are. As to those here, the Secretary of State does not wish you to be spoken of to him. Persuaded, perhaps, that your retreat to England was caused only by the misery into which you would have fallen here; where you would depend on M. Accaron, ex-Jesuit and the most hard-hearted man I have ever known, he has after your departure, in consideration for the two children you left in Paris, ordered the pay of 600 livres you had as captain to be paid them, which has been done since you left.

"Probably if you could not provide for your children in Canada, your relations in France would take care of them. I know how hard it would be for you never to see them again. They are of the most agreeable presence. The eldest is a man whom it is time to have settled."

pourroit donner ne sont d'aucun poix, je trouve Sa situation des plus critiques et je serois fort embarrassé de luy donner un conseil la dessus; et en pareille cas je ne pouvois prendre que le partié de la prudence;

Une Lettre de paris du 16 Mars 1767.

Les Impressions que lon a donnée au duc de choiseuil de tes Liaisons avec les ministres du Roy d Angleterre sont de nature a les avoir toujours presentes et que le general Murray ta dit le 4 Sepbre 1765 ne les a point effacé et il Repond toujours quil ne veut point que lon luy parle de toy, il a même dit quil te ferois arreter si tu paroissais en france tu en scay assé pour tirér les consequences sur lesquels tu dois devoir craindres ou esperer en venant en france, il vaut mieux attendre que le ministre change se que lon ne peut presumer Raisonablement, Jamais le duc de choiseuil n a été si puissant ny si absolûe, il a ainsy que le duc de pralins ton noms si present qu'il L Entend a demy mot,

Tu a icy deux Enfans de la plus agréable figure Lainé est grand et en age d entrer au Service, mais a l occasion du Resouvenir que les ministres ont de toy si tu le destine a service en france il faudra luy faire changer de noms tu marquera celuy que tu veux quil porte celuy d oleanson étoit un de tes parens qui a été Brulé par les Iroquois qui na point Laissez d'enfans et que tu peut luy donner;

Une Lettre de paris du 10 Avril 1767.

Le Cxxxxxx à parlé au premier commis, toujours même Reponce et point d apparence que les preventions contre vous puissent changer, Vous juger Bien que c'est avec paine que je vous le marque mais je suis trop dans vos interests pour ne vous pas dirent les chosses tel quil sont, et je vous exposerai Beaucoup si je vous flattais car les Esprits aussi mal disposé quil le sont vous courreiros tous les Risques imaginable en venant icy, cette affaire que je croyois navoir pris naissance qu a Londres étoit Lors de votre depart de france, ou lon veut que vous ayéz Eû des conferences avec lambassadeur d Angleterre avant la signature de la paix et que les connaissances quil en a tirér ont fait tor a la france; Vous voyez que lon ce croiroit Bien notorizé a vous maltraiter, il nest pas possible de si exposer il faut que vous Restiez ou vous etes il y aurois de la follie de ne point profiter des avantages que vous pouvé trouver chez la nation anglaise sur tous avec les parties que vous possédé pour les fortifications, vos connaissances en Canada ou vous etes né et aimé, et joigné a cela les Sauvages que vous connaissé et L obligation ou les anglois seront de vous proteger Sils apprenne que vos Liaisons avec leurs Embassadeurs Ruine votre fortune, et que le general Murray vous a dit le 4 Sepbre doit soublier, il en a parût fachez et même etre votre amy a votre sœurs femme du chevallier de Repantigny qui la vûe a Londres au mois de mars derniere a qui il dit devant temoins quil avoit pour vous une estime particuliere et quil ne vous voulais pas de malle de ce que vous cherchier a Retourner en france, que vous aviez mal pris ce quil vous avoit dit qui n étoit qu'un advertisement d'amy comme elle le conoit vif elle parût ce contenter de cette aveux dautant quil est a presumer que cela ne peut avoir de suites facheuses ny pour vous ny pour luy.

Dans un Billiest il est Dit.

Vous avé mal fait de partirent si vitte de france vous Etiez aimé dans les Bureaux ou vous naviez contre vous que Mr Accaron qui ny est plus on y a été fachés et surpris de vous scavoir en angleterre, vous avé mal fait aussy d'Estro présenté au Roy on a Regardé cela icy comme un serment trop autentique qui a Dit tout fait trop de Bruit et vous fait icy un tord ireparable puis que vous ny pouvé plus venir ce que lon vous a dit le 4 Sepbre 1765 ne pourra jamais effacer vos demarches et quelques DuReté que l'on ait Eû icy pour votre famille quelques Droits que vous eussiez a pretendres des graces il y a apparence que tout est dit icy pour vous Soyéz Sur que lon y sera charmée si vous scavéz que vous ayéz ce que vous merité, Ou vous etes

In a note from Paris, of the 31st March, 1767:

"The affairs of our friend do not change, and I foresee no event which can effect a change. All minds are in the same state of agitation as on the first day. One must be here to believe it, and reasons which might be given are of no weight. I find his situation most critical, and I would be much embarrassed to give him any advice thereon. In such a case I can only take the part of prudence."

A letter from Paris, of the 16th March, 1767:

"The impressions given to the Duke de Choiseul of your relations with the Ministers of the King of England, are of such a nature as to be always in his mind. What General Murray told you on the 4th of September, 1765, has not effaced them and he always answers that he does not wish any one to speak of you. He has even said that he would have you arrested if you appeared in France. You know enough to estimate the issues on which you might fear or hope in coming to France. It would be better to wait till the Ministry changes, which cannot reasonably be expected. The Duke de Choiseul was never so powerful, nor so absolute. He has thus like the Duke de Praslin your name so much before him that he hears it even in a whisper.

"You have here two children of the most agreeable appearance. The oldest is tall and of an age to enter the service, but from the resentment of the Ministers towards you, if you intend him to enter the service in France, he must change his name. You will indicate that you are willing he should bear that of d'Oleanson, one of your relations, who was burned by the Iroquois, and who left no children; you can give him that name."

A letter from Paris, of the 10th April, 1767:

"Le Cxxxxxx spoke to the first clerk; still the same answer, and no appearance that the prejudices against you can be removed. You are right, that it is painful for me that I should tell you, but I have your interests too much at heart not to tell you things as they are, and I would be endangering you greatly if I flattered you, for with minds so ill disposed you would run all risks imaginable by coming here.

"This affair I believe had arisen in London, but it was known at the time you left France that you had conferences with the British Ambassador before the Peace was signed, and that the information he extracted from you has done injury to France; you see that it is believed that you may be abused, to which it is not possible so to expose yourself. You should remain where you are; it would be folly not to profit by the advantages you may derive from the British nation; especially with the knowledge you possess of the fortifications; your acquaintance with Canada, where you were born and are loved; added to that of the Indians whom you know, and the obligations the British will have to protect you when they know that your relations with their ambassador have destroyed your future. What General Murray said to you on the 4th of September should be forgotten. He appears sorry for it and even to be your friend. To your sister, wife of Chevalier de Ropentigny, who saw him in London in March last, he said before witnesses that he had a particular esteem for you; that he wished you no harm for seeking to return to France; that you had not properly understood what he said, which was only a friendly warning. As she knows him to be hasty, she appears to be satisfied with this acknowledgment, so that it is to be presumed that that can have no bad results either for you or for him."

In a note it is said:

"You were wrong to leave France so suddenly; you were beloved in the departments, where you had only M. Accaron against you, who is no longer there. They were sorry and surprised to know of your being in England. You were also wrong to be presented to the King. That has been regarded here as too authentic an oath, which has made too much noise and has done you irreparable injury, so that you could never come here. What was said on the 4th of September, 1765, can

Voila tous les avis que j'ai Recu depuis Deux ans ; Votre Excellence Juge Bien que je ne peut pas me présenter En france et que je manquerois a la confiance qui est dû a votre gouvernement si je ne luy en Rendois pas un compte aussy d'Etaillez que je le fait ;

Quand au local présent Votre Excellence qui est à la tête de cette province depuis une année a pût scavoir et a vû par celle même La conduite que j'ai tenu tant avant qu'apres votre arrivé ié pour etre dans Laisance et ayant Servie avec Distinction une fatalité que je ne peut comprendre ma privér des avantages que j'attendais d'abord de La france et de ceux que Monsieur Nev. Neville ma fait espérer apres de Sa majesté Britanique ;

Votre Excellence scait a present dans le dEtaille possible L'état de mes affaires je la prie de porter au pied du trone de sa majesté Britanique L'état ou je suis Rduit et pour quel cause, Son Excellence Le Duc de Bedford et Mr. Neville peuvent dire s'ils ont eue des Liaisons avec moy pour quels sujet quel effect ils ont produit et pour quoy les promesses quels m'ont fait n'ont point été acomplis.

Je joint icy copie d'une Lettre et D'un Billiest que Mr. Neville ma écrit qui est tous ce qui me Reste de piece de ma correspondance avec luy, il est a Londres apporté de leurs donner la croyance qu'il merite et Les Raisons pour les quels il les a Escrites, c'est a un sujet que le Roy employe a luy Rendres comptes de ce qu'il a promis pour Son Service et point a un etranger nouveaux Sujest a Etre la victime de sa credulité ny de la legéreté d'un ministre qui pourrois setre un peût trop avancé, par zello pour le service de son maitre ;

Son Excellence Le Duc de Bedford ma promis de s'employer pour me faire avoir des graces du Roy et qu'il noublirois point le service que j'avois Rendû et ne semploiois pas pour d'autres gentilhommes de Canada qu'il nût obtenu pour moy et qu'il sestimeroit fort hereux de Rendre justice a un aussy galend homme que moy. Je nay parlé a personne En Canada qua Votre Excellence des promesses qui mont été faites.

Votre Excellence a vu de quel Oeil je suis Regardé Des Canadiens et Des Enciens Sujest,

Il paroist et il est prouvé par tous les avis que j'ay Recu de france que je ne peut pas y aller sans courir des Risques, parce que les connoissances que j'ay donné aux ministres d'angleterre ont fait tor a la france, et que lon y Est persuadé que mes Liaisons avec Les ministres n'ont point été L'Egales quoy que, je les croix de La plus grandes légitimité ne les ayant eu qu'apres la signature des preliminaires qui ce doit a la couronne d'angleterre ma personne et mes biens en Canada et même apres avoir avertie que je parais et obtenu un passe port en Consequence.

Dans lamertume de la Douleurs que je Ressend de L'Etat affligeant ou ma plongé ma liaison avec Mr. Nev. Neville je supplie tres Respectueusement Sa majesté Britanique de m'honorer des marques de sa Bien Veillance pour le soutiens de ma famille, et que si jetois encore asse malheureux pour ne Les pas obtenir de vouloir Bien ordonner quel partie elle souhaite que je prenne pour que je my conforme.

Je Sais combien ce mémoire est Long mais je nay pas pût me refuser d'Entrér dans tous Les d'Etailles quil quantient si ma fortune étoit encore au même etat ou je lay vû je me serois Restrain a Rétablir la confiance que mes amis peuvent avoir perdu En moy depuis que Monsieur Le duc de Choiseuil leurs persuade que j'ay manqué a ce que je me devoit ; a ne rien demander a Langleterre pour mon bien etre, et a Reflechir sur les desmarches que Mr. Neville Neville ma fait faire pour L'avantage de sa nations, qui ont été L'occasion de fait qui mont été si contraire que je suis a present dans L'Etat le plus critique ne pouvant point par la suite procurer le necessaire a ma famille qui est composé de sept personnes, etat que Votre Excellence seul scait et qui na point encore transpiré dans le publique par les Egards que j'ay Crû de voir a la nations avec laquel je me suis Liées, et je ne peut croire quil a Bandone un homme de mon caractere qui sest engagé dans Ses Interest aussi avant que je lay fait apres etre devenu sujet de sa couronne.

Comme les deux enfans que j'ay Laissé a paris dont un agé de 14 ans (ce nome francois Joseph) et L'autre de cinq (René Louis) pourrois d'apres ce que le generallo

never efface the steps you took, and whatever there may be here for your family; whatever rights you may allege for favours, apparently all is over here for you. Be assured that we will be delighted to know that you should have what you merit where you are."

These are all the advices I have received for two years. Your Excellency sees that I cannot present myself in France, and that I should be wanting in the confidence which is due to your government if I did not render as detailed a statement as I have done.

As to the present situation, Your Excellency who has been at the head of this Province for a year, has been in a position to know and has seen for himself the conduct I have observed both before and since his arrival. Born to a position of competence and having served with distinction, a fatality which I cannot understand first deprived me of the advantages I expected from France, and afterwards those which Mr. Nev. Neville led me to hope for from His Britannic Majesty.

Your Excellency now knows with all possible detail the condition of my affairs; I pray you to bear to the foot of His Britannic Majesty's throne the state to which I am reduced and its cause. His Excellency the Duke of Bedford and Mr. Neville can state if they have had relations with me; on what account and what effect they have produced, and why the promises made me have not been fulfilled.

I add here copy of a letter and note written me by Mr. Neville, all that remains of my correspondence with him. He is in London; can give the credit to which they are entitled and the reasons for which he wrote them; he is a person employed by the King to give an account of what he has promised for the good of the service, and not a stranger, a new subject to be the victim of his own credulity, or of the fickleness of a Minister who might be a little too eager through zeal for his master's service.

His Excellency the Duke of Bedford promised to endeavour to obtain favours from the King for me; that he would not forget the service I had rendered him and would not give employment to other Canadian gentlemen that he did not obtain for me, and that he esteemed himself happy to render justice to so gallant a man as I was.

I have spoken to no one in Canada but Your Excellency of the promises made me. Your Excellency has seen how I am regarded by the Canadians and by the old subjects.

It appears and is proved by all the advices I have received from France, that I cannot go there without running risks, because the information I have given to the British Ministry has done injury to France, and that it is believed my relations with the Ministry were not proper, although I believe them to be most fully legitimate, having entered on them only after the signature of the preliminaries, by which my person and my property in Canada became subject to the British Crown, and not till I had given notice that I was leaving and had obtained a passport in consequence.

In the bitterness of the grief I felt at the afflictive position into which I was plunged by my connection with Mr. Nev. Neville, I respectfully supplicated His Britannic Majesty to honour me with marks of his benevolence for the support of my family, and that if I were still so unhappy as not to obtain them, to order me what part he wished me to take, that I might conform to his orders.

I know how long this memorial is, but I could not refrain from entering into all the details it contains. Were my fortune still in the same condition as I have seen it, I would refrain from trying to restore the confidence which my friends may have lost in me, since the Duke de Choiseul has persuaded them that I have failed in the duty I owed myself; to ask nothing from England for my support and to reflect on the steps taken by Mr. Neville Neville for the benefit of his nation, which has been the unfortunate means of placing me in so disagreeable a situation as I am at present, in the most critical state, being unable, as a consequence, to procure what is necessary for my family, composed of seven persons; a state which Your Excellency alone knows, and which has not become public, through regard for the nation to which I am bound, and I cannot believe it will abandon a man of my character, who has engaged himself in its interests as much as I have done after having become a subject of its crown.

Murray m a dit occasionné des difficultés pour avoir les graces dont Sa majesté Britanique voudrois m honorer Soit En me donnant une place dans L armée ou une pension jassure que je suis disposée a les faire Revenir de france des quil sera necessaire, Votre Excellence connoit ma position qui ne me permèt pas de payer les frais de ce voyage je la prie de demandér qu'ils le soit par le Roy, et que mon fils ainé entre de suite au service En Calité d'officier,

Afin de ne rien Laisser d incertain sur mes Resolutions je joint icy trois Lettres a Cachet Vollant pour les personnes qui sont chargée de mes Enfans a paris qui sont Mr de St. Amand fermier-général Rue St. Marc Mesdames de Repantigny et Landrieres des Bordes Deux de mes sœurs Rue de la hachette, et une a mon fils ainé afin que si sa Majesté accorde ce que jay L honneur de demander Ses Lettre Soit mises a la poste pour que mes deux enfans Soit Remis a L Embassadeur d angleterre a paris pour les faire venir a Londres et que si au contraire jetois assé malheureux pour être Refusé je prie quil soit jettée au feux.

Après cette nouvelle demarche de ma part ce que votre Excellence sçait de ma conduite avant et après Son arrivé dans cette province, des services que je peut Rendre dont je la prie de Rendre compte au Roy il ne me Reste plus qu a faire des vœux pour la Reussite de mes dessins et d estres assée hereux par la suite pour que mes enfans, et moy Rendions a sa majesté des services qui luy soit agreable.

Je joint icy une Lettre pour mon fils que je supplie qui ne luy soit Remise que lors quil sera chez L Embassadeur d'angleterre jay Eut l honneur de Remettre a Milord Halifax un certificat de mes services en Canada signé des genereaux francais ; fait a Quebec Le 7 Septembre 1767.

LE CHR DE LÉRY.

No 1.

Extrait dune Lettre de Monsr Neville Neville Ministre plenipotentiere d angleterre.

Escrites de paris Le 8 Juin 1763.

MONSIEUR, — Je vous assure que je prend bien part a tous les De Sagremens que vous avée essuié depuis votre Sejour en Angleterre mais jespaires que lorsque les affaires du publique Scront arrangé L on pensera a celles des particulliers et je me flatte que vous ne seré point oublié,

J'ai Rendu Compte a milord Egrémont des Informations que vous m'aviez donnée icy et que je ne doutais Nüllement de tous ce que j'avois oüy dire de votre caractere, et de votre, Merite, comme officier que vous ne puissiez Rendre au Roy des Services Essenciellles En Canada S.E. ma Escouté avec Bonté, et m'avait promis même de penser a vous, mais il nest point surprenant vâ la multiplicité des grandes affaires dont il est chargée, que cette circonstance luy ait echappée, jen ay parlé aussy a Mr Wood mais par la meme Raison il aura pût loublier aussy vous ne féré pas mal de L nfaire souvenir en luy montrant ma lettre même vous pouré la communiquer a Milord Shelburne en luy-presentant mes très humbles Respects et j me flatte qu'un tel temoignage de ma part des services que vous avée Rendû peut contribuer a vous attirer sa protection.

Afin de ne rien negliger qui pût m'acquitter envers vous, j'ai encore parlé à Milord Duc de Bedford sur votre compte et j'ai tous Lieu de croire quil ne vous Refusera pas son temoignage et Son Soutiens.

Je nay que le temp d ajoutter mes complimens a Madame De Léry et de vous aasurer combien je suis mon cher monsieur

Votre tres humbles et tres
obeissant serviteur
RI. NEV. NEVILLE

Sur Le Dos est Escript

A monsieur

monsieur Lechr. De Léry at

Mrs Cent Livres in great

Bell-Allay opposite to

Token House yard

London

As the two children whom I left in Paris are one 14 years old (François Joseph) and the other five (René Louis) might, from what General Murray told me, occasion difficulties with respect to the favours with which His Britannic Majesty might honour me, either by giving me a place in the army or a pension, I assure you I am prepared to have them brought back from France when it shall be necessary. Your Excellency knows my position, which does not allow me to pay the expenses of that voyage, I pray you to ask that they may be borne by the King and that my eldest son be entered at once in the service as an officer.

In order to leave nothing uncertain as to my resolutions, I add here three unsealed letters for the persons in charge of my children in Paris, who are M. de St. Amand, Farmer-General, rue St. Marc, Mesdames de Repentigny and Landriers des Bordes, two of my sisters, rue de la Hachette, and one to my eldest son, in order that, if His Majesty grants what I have the honour to ask, these letters may be sent by mail, to have the two children put in charge of the British Ambassador in Paris to be sent to London, and that, on the contrary, should I be unfortunate enough to be refused, they may be thrown into the fire.

After this new step on my part what Your Excellency knows of my conduct both before and after your arrival in this Province; the services I can render, of which I request you to give an account to the King, it only remains for me to pray for the success of my desires, and I should be happy enough in consequence, that my children and I should render to His Majesty services that may be agreeable to him. I add a letter to my son, which I request may not be handed to him till he is with the British Ambassador.

I have had the honour of sending to Lord Halifax a certificate of my services in Canada, signed by French generals.

QUEBEC, 7th September, 1767.

LE CHR. DE LÉRY.

No. 1. Extract of a letter from Mr. Neville Neville, British Minister Plenipotentiary, written in Paris, 8th June, 1763.

SIR,—I assure you that I sympathise in the annoyances you have experienced since your stay in England, that I hope that when public affairs shall be settled, those of individuals shall be considered, and I flatter myself yours shall not be forgotten.

I have given an account to Lord Egremont of the information you have given me here, and I have not the least doubt, from all that I have heard of your character and merit as an officer, that you can render to the King essential services in Canada. His Excellency listened to me with goodness and even promised to think of you, but it is not surprising, in view of the multiplicity of the important affairs with which he is charged, that this circumstance may have escaped him. I have also spoken of it to Mr. Wood, but for the same reason he may also have forgotten. It would not be amiss were you to remind him by showing him my letter; you might even communicate it to Lord Shelburne, presenting to him my very humble respects, and I flatter myself that such testimony on my part to the services you have rendered may contribute to gain his protection.

In order to neglect nothing which could discharge my duty to you, I spoke again to the Duke of Bedford respecting you, and I have every reason to believe that he will not neglect his testimony and support.

I have only time to add my compliments to Madame de Léry and to assure you how much I am, My dear Sir,

Your very humble and
Very obedient servant
Rt. NEV. NEVILL.

Endorsed

A Monsieur
Monsieur Le Chevr. de Léry
at Mrs. Cent Livres in
Great Bell Alley opposite to
Token House yard
London.

No 2

Mr. Neville Neville est tres touchée de la perte que Monsieur et Madame De Lery ont fait d'un aussi charmante enfant et Leurs en fait des complimen de condoléance du fond de son cœur, il sera charmée de voir Mr de Lery en Burlington Street demain Matin a 9 heures et en attendant peut avec plaisirs assurer Mr. et Mme. de Lery que leur affaire Sont en Bon train.

Samedy matin a 10 h.

No. 2.

Mr. Neville Neville is greatly affected at the loss which Monsieur and Madame de Léry have sustained of so charming an infant, and condoles with them from his very heart. He will be charmed to see Mr. de Léry in Barlington Street to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, and in the meantime can with pleasure assure them that their affairs are in good train.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

SIR GUY CARLETON TO LORD SHELburnE.

(*Archives, Series Q, vol. 5—1, p. 260*).

QUEBEC, 25th Nov., 1767.

MY LORD!—As your Lordship informs me, that the Improvement of the Civil Constitution of Quebec is under the most serious and deliberate consideration of His Majesty's servants, and that any Light, which can be procured on that subject, will be material, I shall endeavour to represent the true situation of the Province, and add such observations, as have occurred to me, with that candor, which, I think, the King's service requires, in compliance with what your Lordship seems to desire, and least His Majesty's servants, employed in a work of so great Importance, tho' of profound knowledge and Judgment, for want of having truly represented, to them, objects at so great a Distance, and in themselves so different from what is to be found in any other of His Dominions, I say, least without a true Representation of Things, the King's service should not profit, as much as possible, of the great abilities of His servants.

I take for granted, that the natural Rights of men, the British Interests on this Continent, and the securing the King's Dominions over this Province, must ever be the principal points in view, in forming its Civil Constitution, and Body of Laws, and that the last, is the foundation of all without which, other schemes can be little better than meer castles in the Air; it will naturally follow, I should first show, How far this foundation is, or is not firmly laid.

The Town of Quebec is the only Post, in this Province, that has the least claim to be called a fortified Place; for the flimsy wall about Montreal, was it not falling to Ruins, could only turn Musketry, it will be sufficiently accurate for the present Purpose, if this Town be considered as a good camp for ten or twelve Battalions, whose Front is fortified by a Bastioned Rampart, faced with Masonry; built, for the most part, upon a Rock; without Ditch or outwork; its Profile slight for a Fortress, is substantial for an Encampment, its Parapet in very bad Order. The Flanks and Rear of this Encampment, in one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine, were closed partly by a thin wall, the rest by great stakes now carried away, or rotten, these ran along the Heights and Precipices at a little Distance from the River St. Lawrence, the Bason, and River St. Charles, so as to leave a Passage between this Line and these waters. With a number of Troops sufficient for this Post, those Flanks and rear might in a little time be secured, and guarded so, as to reduce an enemy to form his attack in Front, but in Proportion as the Numbers fall short, the Danger increases, of being surrounded and stormed with little ceremony; especially when this Line is open in many Places, as at present.

The King's Forces in this Province, supposing them compleat to the allowance, and all in perfect health, rank and file, would amount to sixteen hundred and twenty-seven men, the King's old subjects in this Province, supposing them all willing, might furnish about five hundred men, able to carry arms exclusive of his Troops, that is supposing all the King's Troops and old Subjects collected in Quebec; with two months hard labour, they might put the works in a tolerable State of Repair, and would amount to about one third of the Forces necessary for its Defence.

The new Subjects could send into the Field about eighteen thousand men, well able to carry arms; of which number, above one-half have already served, with as much valor, with more zeal, and more military knowledge for America than the Regular Troops of France, that were joined with them.

As the common People are greatly to be influenced by their Seigniors, I annex a Return of the Noblesse of Canada, showing with tolerable exactness, their age, Rank, and present Place of abode, together with such Natives of France, as served in the Colony Troops so early in Life, as to give them a knowledge of the Country, an Acquaintance and Influence over the People, equal to Natives of the same Rank; from whence it appears that there are in France, and in the French Service, about one hundred officers, all ready to be sent back, in case of a war, to a Country they are intimately acquainted with, and with the assistance of some Troops, to stir up a People accustomed to pay them implicit obedience. It further shows, there remain in Canada, not many more than seventy of those, who ever had been in the French Service, not one of them in the King's Service nor one who, from any motive whatever, is induced to support His Government and Dominion, Gentlemen, who have lost their employments, at least by becoming His Subjects, and as they are not Bound by any Offices of trust or Profit, we should only deceive ourselves by supposing, they would be active in the defence of a People, that has deprived them of their Honors, Privileges, Profits and Laws, and in their stead, have introduced much Expense, Chicannery, and confusion, with a Deluge of new Laws unknown and unpublished. Therefore all circumstances considered, while Matters continue in their present State, the most we may hope for from the Gentlemen who remain in the Province, is a passive neutrality on all occasions, with a respectful submission to Government, and Deference for the King's Commission in whatever Hand it may be lodged; this they almost to a Man have persevered in, since my arrival, notwithstanding much pains have been taken, to engage them in Parties, by a few, whose Duty, and whose office should have taught them better. This Disposition the French Minister seems to have foreseen as appears by orders calculated to draw them from Canada into France, well knowing that such as remained, were bound by Duty and Honor to do nothing against their Allegiance to the King, under whose Government they live, where as those, who go to France, are to all Intents and Purposes officers in the French Service, and liable to be sent on any Service.

For these Reasons, I imagine, an Edict was published in 1762 Declaring, that notwithstanding the low state of the King's Finances, the Salary of the Captains of the Colony Troops of Canada should be raised from four hundred and fifty Livres, the Establishment at which their pay was fixed at first, to six hundred Livres a year, to be paid quarterly, upon the Footing of Officers in full Pay, by the Treasurer of the Colonies, at the Quarters assigned them by His Majesty in Touraine, and that such of them, as did not repair thither, should be struck off, the King's Intentions being, that the said officers should remain in that Province, untill further Orders and not depart from thence without a written Leave from the Secretary of State for the Marine Department.

A few of these officers have been sent to the other Colonies, but the greater part still remain in Touraine, and the arrears due to those, who have remained any Time in this Country, are punctually discharged, upon their Emigration from hence, and Obedience to the above mentioned Injunction.

By the Secretary of State's Letter, a certain Quantity of wine, Duty free, is admitted to enter the Towns, where these Canadian Officers Quarter, for their use, according to their several Ranks.

Having arranged the strength of His Majesty's old and new Subjects, and shown the great superiority of the Latter, it may not be amiss to observe, that there is not the least Probability, this present superiority should ever diminish, on the contrary 'tis more than probable it will increase and strengthen daily; The Europeans who migrate never will prefer the long inhospitable winters of Canada, to the more cheerful climates, and more fruitful soil of His Majesty's Southern Provinces: The few old subjects, at present in this Province, have been mostly left here by Accident, and

are either disbanded officers, soldiers, or followers of the army, who, not knowing how to dispose of themselves elsewhere, settled where they were left at the Reduction; or else they are Adventurers in Trade, or such as could not remain at Home, who set out to mend their Fortune, at the opening of this new Channel for commerce, but experience has taught almost all of them that this Trade requires a strict Frugality, they are all strangers to, or to which they will not submit; so that some, from more advantageous Views elsewhere, others from necessity, have already left this Province, and I greatly fear many more, for the same Reasons, will follow their Example, in a few years; But while this severe climate, and the Poverty of the Country discourages all but the natives, its Healthfulness is such, that these multiply daily, so that, barring a catastrophe shocking to think of, this Country must to the end of Time, be peopled by the Canadian Race, who already have taken such firm Root, and got to so great a Height, that any new Stock transplanted will be totally hid, and imperceptible amongst them, except in the Towns of Quebec and Montreal.

'Twas partly from these Considerations, as well as those mentioned in my Letter of the 15th February last to the Commander in Chief, a copy of which I inclosed to your Lordship, that I recommended the building of a citadel within the Town of Quebec, that the Troops might have a Post capable of being defended by their numbers, till succour could be sent them from Home, or from the neighbouring Colonies; for should a French war surprise the Province in it's present condition, the Canadian officers sent from France with Troops, might assemble such a Body of People, as would render the King's Dominion over the Province very precarious, while it depends on a few Troops, in an extensive Post, open in many places. A proper citadel once erected, the situation of things will be greatly changed, the King's Enemies who would attempt to disturb this Province must hazard a larger stake, and the chances against them will be very considerably augmented; Greater Preparations must be made, which must give an alarm at Home, a greater number of Troops must be sent, with a Train of Artillery for a Siege, and a large Quantity of Ammunition, and Provisions, with a Fleet of Transports and Ships of War to protect and assist in the different Operations, whose success may be uncertain, but which, at all events, must give Time for a Superior Squadron to follow, and catch them in the River, as well as to the Troops and Militia from the neighbouring Provinces to pour into this; a work of this nature is not only necessary, as Matters now stand, but supposing the Canadians could be interested to take a Part in the defence of the King's Government, a change not impossible to bring about, yet Time must bring forth events that will render it essentially necessary for the British Interests on this Continent, to secure this Port of communication with the Mother Country; as might easily be proved, were they not too remote, for the present Purpose.

Inclosed is the Plan for such a Citadel as I think would answer all the present and future Purposes of Great Britain, tho', if I am not mistaken, Captain Gordon the Engineer has already transmitted Home one more detailed, with a calculation of the expence necessary for its construction.

I am with much respect and esteem,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient

Humble Servant,

GUY CARLETON.

The Earl of SHELBURNE one of
His Majesty's principal Secretaries. }

A GENERAL STATE OF THE CANADIAN NOBLESSE, ACTUALLY RESIDENT IN THE PROVINCE OF Quebec, or in the French Service, and where resident in November 1767.

(Archives, Series Q, Vol. 5—1, p. 269.)

Canadian Noblesse resident in the Dist. of Montreal.	Rank.	Age.	Residence.	No. of Children.
† Pecauly de Contrecoeur.....	Captain.....	61	Montreal.....	2
† De St. Ours.....	Capt.	57	do	3
† De Belestre.....	Capt.	50	do	5
† De Montesson.....	Capt.	52	Trois Rivières.....	M.
† Rouville the Elder.....	Capt.	58	Chambly.....	
† De Lotbinière.....	Capt.	41	Vaudreuil.....	2
† De Lorimier.....	Capt.	61	La Chine.....	4
† St. Luc.....	Capt.	53	Montreal.....	3
Dcuville.....	Capt. Rd.	65	do	1
Des Musseau.....	Capt. Rd.	60	Sault St. Louis.....	
† Niverville.....	Lieut.	47	Trois Rivières.....	3
D'Argenteuil.....	Lieut. Rd.	58	Montreal.....	
Celoron.....	Lieut.	36	do	
Joucaire Chabert.....	Lieut.	48	Detroit.....	4
Beaubassin.....	Lieut.	50	Montreal.....	M.
St. Blain.....	Lieut.	47	do	
Richarville.....	Lieut.	47	Sorel.....	2
Normanville.....	Lieut.	40	Trois Rivières.....	1
Montisambert.....	Lieut.	40	Chambly.....	2
Bleury.....	Lieut.	40	do	2
La Valterie.....	Lieut.	25	Terrebonne.....	1
La Plante.....	Lieut. Rd.	55	La Prairie.....	1
Du May.....	Lieut.	35	Boucherville.....	1
Lotbinière Son.....	Ens.....	19	Vaudreuil.....	
Catalogne.....	Ens.....	33	Montreal.....	1
La Veranderie.....	Ens.....	40	do	
Olignacourt.....	Ens.....	30	do	1
La Bruere.....	Ens.....	28	Boucherville.....	M.
La Ronde.....	Ens.....	43	Montreal.....	3
Lorimier Son.....	Ens.....	34	do	1
Quiszy.....	Ens.....	35	do	1
Raimbault Guistre.....	Ens.....	40	do	1
Hertel.....	Ens.....	34	do	M.
Verneuil.....	Ens.....	30	La Chine.....	
Linetot the elder.....	Ens.....	35	Vercheres.....	M.
Linetot the Younger.....	Ens.....	30	do	
La Morandiere.....	Ens.....	30	Varennnes.....	1
La Periere.....	Ens.....	30	Boucherville.....	
[Normanville].....	Ens.....	30	do	
Wutelas.....	Ens.....	30	Boucherville.....	M.
Le Langlaiserie.....	Ens.....	65	Isd. St Therese.....	
Grosbois Son.....	Cadet.....	28	Boucherville.....	
Counnoyer.....	Cadet.....	45	Trois Rivières.....	
Dumont.....	Cadet.....	45	do	1
Bailly.....	Cadet.....	50	Varennnes.....	9
Louviere.....	Cadet.....	50	do	
Des Musseau.....	Cadet.....	25	Montreal.....	
La Magleleine.....	Cadet.....	25	Longue Pointe.....	
Periguy.....	Cadet.....	20	Montreal.....	
Benoit.....	Cadet.....	25	do	
Dejordy de Villebon.....	Cadet.....	40	Isd. St Therese.....	M.
Derigee.....	Cadet.....	35	La Prairie.....	M.
Filis.....	Cadet.....	30	Trois Rivières.....	M.
Niverville the Elder.....	Cadet.....	48	Chambly.....	9
La Corne.....	Cadet.....	18	Terrebonne.....	
Du Sablé.....	Cadet.....	30	La Naurai.....	M.
De Richarville.....	N.....	65	Sorel.....	
De Richerville de la Colonnerie.....	N.....	60	Isle aux Castors.....	
De Tonnancourt was a Judge.....	N.....	55	Trois Rivières.....	10

† Have the Royal and Milly. Order of St. Louis.

A GENERAL STATE OF THE CANADIAN NOBLESSE—Continued.

Canadian Noblesse resident in the Dist. of Montreal.	Ratk.	Age.	Residence.	No. of Children.
(—nerie) (name illegible) (Coml. a mercht. vess.)	N	56	Montreal.	1
De Cui'ssy	N	71	Montreal.	2
Bleury	N	60	do	3
Deschambault was Agt. of the Ind. Coy.	N	57	do	6
La Bruere	N	53	Boucherville	7
Boucher	N	55	do	
Monbrun	N	50	do	
Gro-bois	N	60	do	
Wontelasse	N	60	do	
Rouville was a judge.	N	43	Boucherville	3
Cressé Father	N	60	Trois Rivières.	
Cressé Son	N	35	do	1
Gatinaux	N	48	St Anne	M.
Varennès three Brothers and one Sister, the eldest not above 12.			Varennès.	
Licards 5 or 6.			Machiche.	
Lamirande 5 or 6.			Riv. du Leup.	
St. Francois.	N	40	St Francois	1
Martelle		7	La Chenaye	
De Falaise		7	Makinongó.	
De La Mothe.	N	60	Detroit.	
De Langlade	N	35	Michillimakinac.	
De Perigny	N	50	do	
De Quindres three of them the eldest 18 the youngest 10 years of age.			Detroit.	
Canadian Noblesse resident in Dist. of Quebec.				
† De La Naudiere	Captain.	58	Quebec.	3
† De Lery	Capt.	45	do	4
De Gaspay named in 1760 for the order not invd.	Capt.	50	St Jean de L'Islette	5
De Chenay Father	Capt. Rd.	65	Beauport.	2
De Chenay Son	Lient.	27	Quebec.	1
De Riganville	Lient.	49	do	M.
De Fleurimond	Lient.	40	do	1
La Chevrottiere	Eos	35	La Chevrottiere.	
Langis	Lient.	50	Champlain.	1
Langis	Eos	45	do	
De Champlain	Cadet	38	do	
La Durantais.	Cadet	27	do	
Tachereau the Elder.	Cadet	25	Quebec.	
Tachereau the Younger.	Cadet	24	do	
Sallabery	Cadet	15	do	
La Cardaniere.	Cadet	36	Kamouraska	M.
Guillon Father native of France.	Cadet	55	Quebec.	
Guillon Son	Cadet of Arty.	24	do	
De Plaine.	Capt of Resve	65	do	
Boucherville.	Lient of Resve	64	do	
La Gorgendiere	N	61	Deschambault	2
De Beaumont.	N	36	Beaumont	6
Couillard		10	Point a La Caille.	
Vincelot	N	55	Cape St Ignace.	2
Damour 2 or 3.				
La Durantais 2 or 3.				
Couillard Duprey	N	25		M.
Guillemin was Judge of the Army	N	51	Quebec.	2
Cugnet was clerk in the Domaine Office.	N	48	do	4

† Have the Royal and Mily. Order of St. Louis.

A GENERAL STATE OF THE CANADIAN NOBLESSE—*Continued.*

Canadian Officers in France.	Rank.	Age.	Residence.	No. of Children.
† The Marquess de Vandrenil.....	Gov. Gen.....		Paris.....	M.
† Rigaud de Vandrenil.....	Govr. Montl.....		do.....	
† Chevr. de Longueuil.....	Gov T Rivieres.....		do.....	
De Ramsay.....	Lieut de Roy.....		do.....	
De Sabrevois.....	Major.....		do.....	
Le Verrier.....	Major.....		do.....	
De Sennonville.....	Aide Major.....		Tours.....	
Peau.....	Aide Major.....		Paris.....	
De Gannes.....	Aide Major.....		Loches.....	
† Charly.....	Aide Major.....		Goree.....	
Des Meloises.....	Aide Major.....		Paris.....	M.
Longueuil.....	Aide Major.....			
[Name lost from the original M S.].....				
† Repentigny.....	Captain.....	47	Paris.....	
† Courtemanche went over to France this year.....	Captain.....	51		
† La Colombiere.....	Captain.....	55	Loches.....	
Boishebert.....	Captain.....	39	Rouen.....	
† Montigny.....	Captain.....	47	Blois.....	
Falaises.....	Captain.....	50	Tours.....	
† Chevr. Repentigny.....	Captain.....	45	Paris.....	
† Marin.....	Captain.....	46	do.....	
† La Chauvignerie.....	Captain.....	55	Loche.....	
† Celoron.....	Captain.....	45	Tours.....	
† Chaussegros de Lery.....	Captain.....	37	Cayenne.....	
† Berranger.....	Captain.....	45	Guadeloupe.....	
Marquis D'Albergatti.....	Captain.....	42	Isle Bourbon.....	
† Beaujsau.....	Captain.....	50	Missisipi.....	
† Couterot.....	Captain.....	45	Versailles.....	
† Lusignan.....	Capt Arty.....	40	Brest.....	
† Jacaux Fredmont.....	Capt Arty.....	46	Cayenne.....	
Duplessis Fabert.....	Capt Rd.....	50	Tours.....	
Du Muy.....	Capt Rd.....	55	do.....	
Heibin.....	Lieut.....	26	Provl Regt.....	
Des Noyelles.....	Lieut.....	48	Cayenne.....	
D'Espervanche.....	Lieut.....	30		
Bayeuille.....	Lieut.....	47	Paris.....	
Canut.....	Lieut.....	46	do.....	
† Cournoyer.....	Lieut.....	40	Tours.....	
Lanouillé.....	Lieut.....	46	Tours.....	
Lanone.....	Lieut.....	50	Loches.....	
St Vincent.....	Lieut.....	30	Rochelle.....	
Sabrevois.....	Lieut.....	30	Loches.....	
Rousseaux.....	Lieut.....	31	do.....	
† Sac Epeé.....	Lieut.....	46	Tours.....	
De Cabanac.....	Ens.....	25	do.....	
Du Confrey.....	Ens.....	26	in Touraine.....	
St Simon.....	Ens.....	36	Isles Malouines.....	
Chambly.....	Ens.....	30	in Touraine.....	
Boucherville.....	Ens.....	25	do.....	
Cery.....	Ens.....	25	do.....	
Cery.....	Ens.....	23	do.....	
Villeray D'Artigny.....	Ens.....	25	do.....	
La Framboise.....	Ens.....	30	Guadeloupe.....	
Maniète.....	Ens.....	25	in Touraine.....	
Villeray.....	Ens.....	22	do.....	
D'Artigny.....	Ens.....	22	do.....	
Dusablé.....	Ens.....	21	do.....	
Du Buisson.....	Ens.....	20	do.....	
Du Buisson.....	Ens.....	19	do.....	
Celoron.....	Ens.....	20	do.....	
Grosbois.....	Ens.....	25	do.....	
Lignery.....	Ens.....	20	do.....	
Lignery.....	Ens.....	19	do.....	
† Chevr. De Repentigny.....	Lt de Vaisseau.....	39	do.....	

† Have the Royal and Milly. Order of St. Louis.

Canadian Officers in Actual Service in France whose Parents have remained in Canada.

Canadian Officers in France.	Rank.	Age.	Residence.	No. of Children.
De St Ours.....	Lieut.....	21	Regt. of Guienne...	
Bellestre.....	Lieut.....	28	Missisipi.....	
De Lanaudiere.....	Lieut.....	21	Regt. of La Sarre.	
La Corne.....	Lieut.....	15	.....
Du Chenay.....	Lieut.....	21	Royal Arty.....	
Rouville.....	Lieut.....	20	Royal Roussillon...	
Aubert.....	Lieut.....	25	Pondicherry.....	
Deschambault.....	Lieut.....	20	.....
Tachereau.....	Lieut.....	24	St Domingo.....	
Douville.....	Lieut.....	25	Martinico.....	
Bleury.....	Lieut.....	.....	.....
Blainville.....	Lieut.....	.....	.....
De Quindre.....	Lieut.....	21	Regt. Dauphin.....	
Dechambault.....	Ens.....	.....	.....
Guellemine.....	.....	.....	At Rochefort.....	

Officers natives of France who came over Cadets into the Colony Troops, wherein they were preferred, and went to France with them, where they are treated as Canadian Officers.

† De Raymond.....	Captain.....	55	Angoulême.....	
† De Vassan.....	Captain.....	47	Blois.....	
† Le Mercier.....	Capt. Arty.....	45	In Normandy.....	
* Maisiere.....	Capt.....	47	Goree.....	
† De Benoit.....	Capt.....	.....	.....
Le Borgne.....	Capt.....	46	Loches.....	
† St. Laurent.....	Capt.....	50	Paris.....	
† Monin at present Lt. Col. Resd. of a Regt. of Foot...	Capt.....	45	do.....	
Le Borgne.....	Lieut.....	44	Tours.....	
Rocheblaves.....	Lieut.....	40	Paris.....	
Barollon.....	Lieut.....	48	Goree.....	
De Clapier.....	Lieut.....	40	Tours.....	
De La Vallette.....	Lieut.....	30	do.....	
Chevr. Drouilli.....	Lieut.....	40	Loches.....	
Dronillon.....	Lieut.....	36	Orleans.....	

Native of France, Captain of the Troupes de Colonie at Missisipi, came to Canada in 1760, has got Rank of Col and a Regt. at Missisipi in the Spanish Service.

† Villemont	45		
Civil officers and Offrs. of the Port.	Employed heretofore.	Residence.	No. of Children.
Joseph Perthius	Of the Conseil Supr.	Paris	3
Thomas Cugnet	Of do	do	1
Ignace Perthius	Procureur de Roi	do	3
Landrieu Da Bordes	Commissaire	do	3
P. Du Linot	Grand Voyer		4
P. De Cery	Japt of the Port		4
P. Pellegriin	Lieut of the Port		6

* Thus marked have the Grand Croix of St. Louis.

† Have the Royal and Mil'y. Order of St. Louis.

M. are married and have no family that we know of.
 N. have never been in the service.
 P. are good Pilots for the River St. Lawrence.
 Noblesse in the Province of Quebec:—

Captains having the Order of St. Louis.....	9
Captain named in the Order but not invested.....	1
Captains who have not the Order.....	4
Lieuts. having the Order.....	1
Lieuts.....	16
Ens.....	20
Officiers de Reserve.....	2
Cadets.....	23
Have never been in the service	44
In the Upper Country who have never been in the Service.....	6
Total.....	<u>126</u>

Noblesse in France:—

Grand Croix.....	1
Governors, Lt. Govrs., Majors, Aide Majors, Captains and Lt. of Ships of War having the Order of St. Louis.....	26
Aide Major and Capts. not having the Order.....	6
Lieuts.....	12
Ensigns.....	19
Canadian Officers in actual Service whose Parents have re- mained in Canada.....	15
Total.....	<u>79</u>

Natives of France, who came over to Canada as Cadets, served and were preferred in the Colony Troops, and are treated in France as Canadian Officers:—

Captains not having the Croix of St. Louis.....	7
Had the Rank of Capt. in 1760, raised to that of Lt. Col. in France K. of St. Louis.....	1
Lieuts.....	7
Was Capt. in the Colonie Troops at Missisipi, came to Canada in 1760, and is raised to the Rank of Col. in the Spanish Service at Mississipi Kt. of St. Louis.....	1
Having had Civil Employments.....	5
Officers of the Port.....	2

SIR GUY CABLETON TO LORD HILLSBOROUGH,

(*Archives, Series Q, vol. 5—2, p. 890.*)

Secret Correspondence.

QUEBEC, Nov. 20th, 1768.

MY LORD,—Since my arrival in this province, I have not been able to make any discovery that induces me to give credit to the paper of intelligence inclosed in your Lordship's letter of the 14th of May last; nor do I think it probable the chiefs of their own free notion in time of peace, dare assemble in numbers, consult, and resolve on a revolt; or that an assembly of military men should be so ignorant, as to fancy they could defend themselves by a few fireships only, against any future attack from Great Britain, after their experience in fifty nine.

Notwithstanding this, and their decent and respectful obedience to the King's Government hitherto, I have not the least doubt of their secret attachments to France, and think this will continue as long as they are excluded from all employments under the British Government, and are certain of being reinstated, at least in their former Commissions under that of France, by which chiefly they supported themselves, and families.

When I reflect that France naturally, has the affections of all the people; that, to make no mention of fees of office & the vexations of the Law, we have done nothing to gain one man in the province, by making it his private interest to remain the King's Subject; and that the interests of many would be greatly promoted by a revolution; I own my not having discovered a treasonable correspondence, never was proof sufficient to convince me it did not exist in some degree, but I am inclined to think, if such a message has been sent, very few were entrusted with the secret: perhaps the Court of France, informed a year past by Mons. de Chatelet, that the King proposed raising a Regiment of his new subjects, caused this piece of intelligence to be communicated, to create a jealousy of the Canadians, and prevent a measure that might fix their attachments to the British Government, and probably, of those Savages who have always acted with them; however that be, on receiving this news from France last spring, most of the Gentlemen in the province applied to me, and begged to be admitted into the King's Service, assuring me they would take every opportunity to testify their zeal, and gratitude for so great a mark of favour & tenderness, extended, not only to them, but to their posterity.

When I consider further, that the King's dominion here is maintained but by a few troops, necessarily dispersed, without a place of security for their magazines, for their arms, or for themselves; amidst a numerous military people, the Gentlemen all officers of experience, poor, without hopes, that they or their descendants will be admitted into the service of their present Sovereign, I can have no doubt that France, as soon as determined to begin a war will attempt to regain Canada, should it be intended only to make a diversion, while it may reasonably be undertaken with little hazard, should it fail, and where so much may be gained, should it succeed. But should France begin a war in hopes the British Colonies will push matters to extremities, and she adopts the project of supporting them in their independent notions, Canada, probably, will then become the principal scene, where the fate of America, may be determined. Affairs in this situation, Canada in the hands of France would no longer present itself as an enemy to the British colonies, but as an ally, a friend, and a protector of their Independence.

Your Lordship must immediately perceive the many disadvantages Great Britain would labour under in a war of this nature: and on the other hand, how greatly Canada might forever support the British interests on this continent, for it is, not united in any common principle, interest or wish with the other Provinces, in opposition to the Supreme seat of Government, was the King's dominion over it only strengthened by a citadel, which a few national troops might secure, and the natives attached, by making it their interest, to remain His Subjects.

My letters to the Earl of Shelburne, Nos. 20, 23, 24, 25 and 26 contain more fully my humble opinion of the measures necessary to obtain this desirable end, convinced, that the affections of the Canadians, or a great force, is necessary to secure this province in time of war, or, at least till the marine of France is thoroughly subdued: to those letters I refer your Lordship for further particulars, and am, with great regard, and esteem.

Your Lordship's
most obedient
and most humble servant,
GUY CARLETON.

To the Earl of Hillsborough.

LORD HILSBOROUGH TO SIR GUY CARLTON:

*(Archives, Series Q, Vol. 6, p. 3.)**(Secret)*

GOVR. CARLTON

WHITEHALL Jany. 4, 1769.

SIR,—I have received and laid before the King your Secret Dispatch of the 21st of Novr.

The Remarks you make upon the state and temper of His Majesty's new subjects will be of great utility in the consideration of the Measures now under deliberation, and do evince both the propriety and necessity of extending to that brave and faithful people a reasonable participation in those establishments, which are to form the Basis of the future Government of the Colony of Quebec; but I fear that from the spirit of the Laws of this Kingdom as well as from the general Prejudices of Mankind, and the Dispositions that appear in all Parties and Factions to make every measure, however well considered & intended, the foundation of clamour and opposition it will hardly be practicable to extend such participation to the military Line; although, for my own part, I clearly see and agree in opinion with you, that great advantages might be deduced both to the Colony and to the Mother-Country, for an establishment of that sort, under proper regulations.

The King very much approves of the method, you have pursued in the present instance, of separating opinions upon and relations of delicate facts and circumstances from your general numerical correspondence.

I am &c.

HILSBOROUGH.

NOTE D.

PIERRE DU CALVET.

REPLIQUE PAR LE P. DE BEREY AUX CALOMNIES DE
PIERRE DU CALVET CONTRE LES RECOLETS DE QUEBEC.

(Archives Canadiennes, serie B. vol. 205 p. 274.)

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*(Archives Canadiennes serie B. vol. 205 p 274)**(Original.)*

Quel triste spectacle que l'homme que le supreme ayant crée à son image distingué de la tête par le privilege de la raison loin d'en faire usage pour bénir l'auteur de tout Bien, se procurer à soi meme le Bien etre, former son bonheur sur la terre et pour le ciel, en marchant haut par circonspection dans les droits sentiers de la justice et de l'équité, avec un cœur simple et droit et remplissant avec fidélité toutes devoirs de la société; ne se serve au contraire de calumnieux flambeaux que pour son malheur et sa perte en s'aveuglant sur la condition de son etre en decoupant son esprit que de prevention odieuse ne reglant son cœur que sur la duplicité et livrant son ame à la malice et à l'iniquité, de la des mouvemens furieux d'une ame altiere et de tous etudiés d'un cœur fourbe ces audacieuses critiques qui ne respectent rien; de la cette ame noirci par une detestable ingratitude et par ce poison amer que l'on s'etudie de repandre pour seduire les esprits foibles et dont la langue homicidéenne rouverte et abreuve les levres empoisonné d'une bouche sacrilege. Voilà l'homme livré à la frenesie de ses passions et que le malin esprit anime et dirige, voila le caractère distinctif de l'auteur des memoires faux et calomnieux exposés au public.

Si je n'envisageois que la merite et la qualité de cet auteur, le mépris le plus dedaigneux seroit le retour de ses impertinents discours ainsi qu'il le merite de la part de tous les honnetes gens mais ma naissance mon caractère et ma dignité jointe à l'honneur de l'ordre dont je suis membre m'oblige de suivre le conseil du plus sage et, du plus éclairé des hommes qui me dit reprimer l'insensé de ses egarements de peur qu'il s'applaudisse de sa conduite en detruisant ses accusations scandaleuses par une reponse sage et forte; pour le convaincre lui meme de l'injustice de ces impostures et de la fausseté de ses sentiments. Examinons donc les divers exposés et armés du glaive de la vérité attaquons et detruisons les impostures du sicaire du pere du mensonge.

1. Du Calvet dit que le treize decembre pour dernier transmigration il fut transféré au couvent des recolets dont l'aile du batiment destiné auparavant aux chaines et aux castigations des moines refractaires avoit été converti en un prison militaire—fausseté manifeste car il n'y a jamais eu de chambre de detention dans cette maison; et l'appartement qu'il a occupé formoit pièce dame à la prise du pays, une scavante riche et curieuse bibliotheque de plus de quatre mille volumes; et depuis le retablissement de la maison ce grande appartement a été converti en deux chambres belles vastes et bien éclairée, dont la vû est agreable et recreative; pour servir d'infirmierie pour les infirmes et valetudinaires.

2. il ajoute qu'il fut claquemuré dans l'infirmierie, qu'il appelle le cloaque general des moines et que la garde en fut donné au pere Berey, qui a le cœur brutal d'un dragon et l'ame féroce d'un boureau voyé la contrediction! c'étoit un lieu de chaines et de castigations et presentement c'est une infirmierie ou il est placé par l'ordre du general qu'elle contrariété dans le discours.

3. il y fut claquemuré cependant il recevoit sans gêne des visites de personnes de tout sexe et en tout tems le sentinelle qui avoit été mis étoit plus souvent occupé en commission de sa part qu'à le garder. Est-ce donc la etre claquemuré et comment peut il appeler ce lieu le cloaque general des moines, puisqu'il est de toute la maison le lieu le plus sain, le plus aéré, le plus chaud, le plus recreative et le plus éloigné du bruit pour un malade; ce fut donc dans ce lieu qu'avoient occupé avant lui des offi

PIERRE DU CALVET.

REPLY BY FATHER DE BEREY TO THE CALUMNIES OF PIERRE DU CALVET AGAINST THE
RECOLLETS OF QUEBEC.

(*Canadian Archives, Series B. Volume 205, p. 274.*)

(*Translation.*)

What a sad spectacle is the man who, created by the Supreme in his own image, distinguished from the brute by the gift of reason, instead of making use of it to bless the author of all good, to promote his own well being, to train himself for happiness on earth and in Heaven, to walk circumspectly in the right paths of justice and equity, with a single and upright heart performing faithfully all the social duties, on the contrary makes use of calumny only to his own disgrace and loss, shuts his eyes to the condition of his being, narrows his mind by hateful prejudice, rules his heart by duplicity and gives up his soul to malice and iniquity, to the furious emotions of an arrogant soul and studies with a deceitful heart those audacious criticisms which respect nothing. It is from this soul, blackened by detestable ingratitude proceeds the bitter poison which it studies to spread to seduce the weak minded; it is from his homicidal tongue that the lips of his sacrilegious mouth are poisoned. This is the man abandoned to the frenzy of his passions and whom the evil spirit animates and directs, and this is the distinctive character of the author of the false and calumnious statements laid before the public.

If I considered only the merit and quality of that author, the most disdainful contempt would be the return for his impertinent utterances, a treatment he deserves from all honest men. But my birth, character and dignity, added to the honour of the order of which I am a member, compel me to follow the advice of the wisest and most enlightened of the men who desired me to restrain the foolish man in his wanderings, lest he should congratulate himself on his conduct, by destroying his scandalous accusations by means of a wise and powerful answer, so as to convince even himself of the injustice of his misstatements and the falsehood of his judgments. Let us examine then the different statements and armed with the sword of truth let us attack and destroy the impostures of the assassin who serves the father of lies.

1. Du Calvet says on the 13th of December, as a last removal, he was transferred to the convent of the Recollets, where the wing of the building, formerly intended to be used for chaining and flogging refractory monks, had been converted into a military prison. A manifest falsehood, for there never was a prison room in that house, and the room he occupied formed a learned, rich and curious library of upwards of four thousand volumes. Since the reestablishment of the house, the large apartment has been converted into two beautiful, spacious and well lighted rooms, the view from which is agreeable and cheerful, so as to be used as an infirmary for the feeble and sickly.

2. He adds that he was imprisoned in the infirmary, which he calls the general necessary for the monks, and that the guardianship of it was given to Father Berey, who has the brutal heart of a dragoon and the ferocious soul of a hangman. Notice the contradiction! It was first a place for chains and flogging and presently it is an infirmary in which he is placed by order of the General. What an inconsistency in his statements:

3. He was imprisoned there, yet he received without restraint visits from persons of both sexes, and at all times, and the sentinel stationed there was oftener employed in executing his commissions than in guarding him. Is that being imprisoned? And can the place be called the general necessary for the monks, which is the healthiest, best ventilated, warmest and most cheerful room in the house, and being the most distant is the quietest for a patient. It is in this room, formerly occupied by officers of the King's troops, that he was lodged in consequence of the General's kind attention for his comfort. The conduct of Father Berey, which he

ciers des troupes du Roy qu'il logeât en consequence de la gratuite attention du general pour lui. la conduite du pere berey qu'il traite si mal et sans fondement; exposé aux yeux du public a toujours été à l'abri des ses expressions injurieuses son Excellence M. le general Carleton et Monsieur le Colonel son frere, ainsi que les autres officiers de ce tems peuvent rendre un temoignage certain de la conduite qu'il a tenue et de la maniere dont tous les recollets de quebec se sont conduit sous son regne avec quelle douceur nous avons traité les américains prisonniers dans notre maison, quoiqu'ils furent nos ennemis et des prisonniers d'Etat, l'attention que nous avons eu pour leurs procurer toutes les douceurs de la saison, et subvenir à leurs petits besoins soins que nous avons tous exercés avec un vrai zele et tant d'attention que de plus de quatre cents de ces prisonniers qui ont essuyé la picotte dans cette maison et sous nos yeux il n'en est peri qu'un seul encore par imprudence de sa part—Les personnes de tout Etat qui reside dans cette Colonie previennent en toute occasion ce pere, de politesse se font un merite de l'honorer de leurs bien aissance et de leur estime, or s'il possedait les mauvaises qualités que lui impute l'atrabilaire auteur des libelles injurieux, il ne seroit point aggrege dans leur société.

4. Ducalvet continue que le pere Berey fut constitué son geolier—cet homme ignore donc que la garde des prisonniers est nullement de rapport à l'Etat ecclésiastique; les américains prisonniers dans notre maison avoient leurs gardes et lui également la sienne qui étoit printiss geolier des prisonniers de la ville; c'étoit lui qui fournissoit à du calvet ce que le gouvernement accorde aux prisonniers c'étoit à Printiss qu'il s'adressoit pour ses besoins et representations du gouvernement, c'étoit par lui qu'il recevoit les ordres de son Excellence donc il étoit vraiment celui qui le gardoit et par consequent son geolier et pas d'autres.

Mais si le pere Berey étoit d'un aussi feroce caractere qui le depeint du calvet et qu'il s'efforce de le persuader auroit il permis et de meme recommander à ses religieux de visiter frequamment ce prisonnier afin de le conforter et adoucir ses fureurs pour le recréer et dissiper sa noire melancholie et le prevenir en tout ce qui pouvoit le flatter, auroit il permis que toute personne meme de different sexe lui rendiment visites frequentes et conferer seul avec lui un laps de temps considerable ce qui cependant ne doit pas avoir eu lieu pour des prisonniers d'Etat: auroit il permis la visite de son avocat et la communication des papiers reciproquement envoyés, auroit il permis et meme l'engager M. Soupiran le medecin de la maison de le visiter, le soigner, le medicamenter ce qu'il a fait en secret, ne voulant point se servir du docteur des hopitaux du Roy, dans la persuasion qu'il étoit proposé pour l'empoisonner, ainsi que du calvet nous a dit plusieurs fois; auroit il permis que dans nombre de circonstances les domestiques de la maison lui furent chercher ce qui lui étoit convenu pour son repas avec le traiteur, et nombre d'autres commissions que les religieux et domestiques lui ont fait chez l'imprimeur et tailleurs, laissant leurs travaux et occupations pour l'obliger et le servir; nombre de fois lui ont porté de bouillon de notre marmite, selon l'occurrence ou le soldat soit buveur, ou autrement on lui apportait pas que le juste contingent qu'il devoit recevoir du traiteur parce que nous ne nous etions nullement engagés à lui fournir ses besoins quoique nous l'ayons fait dans plusieurs occasions pour satisfaire notre bon cœur, car dans la disette de bois de chauffage ou par l'oubly ce printiss ou d'autres avoit fait de lui en apporter; il ne peut decouvrir que sur sa demande nous lui en avons fourni, et en quantité, ainsi que du beurre que le frere Bernadin lui envoyoit chaque jour, des articles qu'il avoit promis payer, et qu'il doit encore—ce que je direy quoique très vraie n'est pourtant pour la repetition des deniers dus que pour faire connaître le mauvais cœur de ce mechant homme à tous egards, car voyé jusqu'on va la noirceur d'ame de cet homme.

5 il dit qu'il pria les Recolets de lui envoyer tous les jours de leur table une bôle de Bouillon et il leur offrit une piastre d'Espagne ou quatre chellins six pence sterling pour chaque Bouillon qu'ils lui refuserent tandis qu'il en recevoit gratuitement chaque jour, qu'il le demandoit ainsi fausseté absurde calomnie pour prouver par la fourniture que nous ferons chaque jours tant aux pauvres à la porte qu'aux prisonniers à la caserne de soupe, de bouillon, de viande, de beurre, de legumes et de

treats so badly, and which he has so falsely exhibited to the public, has always been safe from his insulting expressions. His Excellency General Carleton and his brother, Colonel Carleton, as well as the other officers of that time can give positive evidence of his conduct, and of the manner in which all the Recollets of Quebec have conducted themselves under his rule. With what gentleness we have treated the American prisoners in our house, although they were our enemies and State prisoners; the attention we gave to procure for them the delicacies of the season and to contribute to their smallest requirements, cares which we have all exercised with a true zeal and with so much attention, that of upwards of four hundred of these prisoners who suffered from small pox in this house and under our eyes, only one died and that was from his own imprudence. Persons of every condition who reside in this Colony coming to this father, make a merit of honouring him with their good will and esteem. Now if he possessed the bad qualities which the atrabilious author of the insulting libels imputes to him, he would not be received into their society.

4. Du Calvet continues that Father Berey was constituted his gaoler. This man does not know that the custody of prisoners has no relation to the ecclesiastical condition. The American prisoners in our house had their guards, and in like manner he had his, who was Prentice, the gaoler for the town prisoners; it was he who furnished to du Calvet what the Government grants to prisoners; it was to Prentice he applied for what he needed, and when he wished to make representations to the Government, it was through him he received orders from His Excellency. He was then in reality the one who guarded him and consequently he, and no other, was his gaoler.

But if Father Berey was of so ferocious a character as du Calvet describes him, and that he tries to have believed, would he have allowed and even have recommended his monks to visit frequently the prisoner in order to comfort him and soften his accessions of fury, in order to amuse him, to dissipate his black melancholy and to do everything to soothe him; would he have allowed every person, even those of different sexes, to pay him frequent visits, and to confer alone with him for a considerable time, which should not have been the case with State prisoners; would he have allowed the visit of his advocate and the interchange of papers; would he have allowed M. Soupiran, the doctor of the house to visit him, to care for him, to administer medicine to him, which he did secretly, du Calvet not wishing to employ the doctor from the King's hospitals, in the belief that it was proposed to poison him, as du Calvet told us several times; would he have allowed on many occasions the servants of the house to seek at the cook's suitable food for his meals, besides a number of other commissions which the monks and servants did for him, with the printer and tailors, leaving their work and occupations to oblige and serve him; many times they have carried him soup from our own table, in cases where the soldier from being a sot or for any other reason did not bring him his proper supply from the eating house, for we were in no way bound to supply his wants, although we have done so on several occasions to satisfy our own good heart; for in the want of wood for heating, either from forgetfulness of Prentice or some one else in not bringing it (he can find out by inquiry) we supplied him plentifully, as also with butter; Brother Bernadin sent him every day articles which he promised to pay for and still owes. Although this is true, yet I do not say so to obtain payment, but to show the evil heart of this man, who is wicked in every respect, for see how far the blackness of his soul reaches.

5. He says that he begged the Recollets to send him every day a bowl of broth from their table, and that he offered them a Spanish dollar, or four shillings and six pence sterling for every bowl, and that they refused him, whereas he received it gratuitously every day that he asked it. The falsity of this absurd calumny can be proved by the supply given each day as well to the poor at the door as to the prisoners in the barracks, of soup, broth, meat, butter, vegetables and bread, distributed gratis as Providence enables us to do by the charity of the people.

6. He adds that Father Berey often forbade the other monks from giving du Calvet the smallest help of any kind, under penalty of being themselves shut up by

pain distribuant le tout *gratis* comme le providence nous procure de la charité des peuples.

6. il ajoute que le pere Berey defendoit très souvent aux autres moines de donner a du calvet le plus petit secours quelconque sous peine d'être renfermé eux memes de son autorité ce que j'ay dit cy-dessus pour la conduite tenue de notre part à son egard prouve suffisamment la fausseté de son avancé, quant au second Exposé : où a-t-il vu ou entendu dire que de tous les religieux qui se sont prêtés à l'obliger, un seul ait été molesté d'acte ou de parole après des ordres aussi strictes et menaçants de punition severe ; à qui conque lui procureroit quelque assistance ou doucissement dans ses peines ou besoins ; le pere Isidor doté de toutes les qualités qui rendent un homme estimable et vraiment religieux s'est-il plaint à luy d'avoir été reprimandé pour ses frequentes visites et d'avoir meme plusieurs fois dans sa chambre, M. Duchenay de lui y avoir laissé conférer ensemble autant de temps qu'ils voulaient.

7. c'étoit rependit dans l'absence du pere Berey, et parceque le pere Isidore étoit le confesseur de M. Duchenay, sotté raison par laquelle il vouloit rendre le directeur reprehensible d'une lache connivance avec son penitent et qui lui meritoit d'être mis en chambre de penitence pour l'infraction des ordres expresse du Pere Berey, et le pouvoir absolu qu'il attribue faussement au Supérieur du pouvoir par lui meme emprisonner un religieux—le frere Bernadin aurait dû subir le même chatiment qui lui donnoit du pain et autres choses qu'il demandoit selon ses idées, mais au contraire l'une et l'autre ont été loués approuvés et remerciés des bonnes œuvres qu'ils faisoient envers lui, nonobstant de bon service cet homme pour toute gratitude ne traite ses charitables hôtes que du langage des Halles, n'est-ce pas le comble d'ingratitude.

8. du calvet dit dans son premier mémoire page 248 et autres que le sieur Baby a eu une ample conference avec le pere Berey sur son sujet cette conversation est un supposé faux pour le pere Berey qui a eu nulle connoissance de ce qu'il expose de cet entretien tout ce qu'il sçait, c'est que M. Murray directeur des casernes vint le trouver pour, par l'ordre du General Carleton, faire transporter le poêle du premier appartement dans le second, dont du calvet par caprice n'avoit pas voulu se servir des le premier temps, et l'ordre pour la translation du poêle et prolongation du tuyaux exécuté, du calvet en prit possession pour y coucher à l'égard des deux locataires qui furent placés au-dessus de l'infirmerie, notre maison étant à la disposition du gouvernement sur le rapport qui fut fait par les personnes preposées, pour y trouver une chambre convenable pour M. Scriben celle dont il est question leur parut la seule en état et par consequence nonobstant representations faites de la part des religieux l'appartement fut prie accomodée et donnée à M. Scribe qui y fut enfermé sous la garde de son domestique.

9 du calvet dit que les excremens dont ces deux furieux inondoient leurs planches se dissolvoit en une pluie empoisonense qui par les crevasses decouloient à torrent dans sa chambre sans que le pere Berey voulait jamais descendre que durant l'espace de deux années revólues elle fut lavée au frais memo du prisonnier qui avoit proposé de l'argent pour faire faire cet ouvrage—en verité il faut être demon pour controuver une si noire calomnie car ces messieurs avoient chacun leur domestique qui chaque jour accompagnés du docteur et autres messieurs et d'une main forte se saisissoit d'eux dans le moment de leur frenesie, et les lavoit, les changeoit de linge netoyoit proprement leur chambre et meme les promenoit et les beignet suivant l'ordre du docteur—de plus après le depart de Sieur Scriben qui n'i a pas residé beaucoup plus d'un mois dans ce lieu et avant l'entrée de l'officier ingenieur qui peut y avoir residé a peu près le meme temps le domestique du premier a netoyé lavé aéré cette chambre qui après la sortie de l'officier ingenieur a été derechef netoyé lavé et aéré par les ouvertures de fenestres et de portes.

10 Si c'est de la chambre qu'il occupoit qu'il veut parler comment le pere Berey peut il lui avoir refusé le service après tant d'autres qu'il lui avoit rendu lui meme et fait rendre par les personnes de la maison. n'étoit il pas en outre maitre d'agir chez lui comme bon lui sembloit ; sans que qui que ce soit, excepté printiss, son geôlier y trouva à redire, et le domestique qui le servait journellement et arrangeoit sa chambre ne pouvoit il pas aussi bien la laver que l'arroser, et si le pere Berey s'y

his authority. What I have said above as to our conduct towards him sufficiently proves the falsity of his statement. As to the second statement—where has he seen or heard that of all the monks who have obliged him, a single one has been molested by word or deed, after such strict and threatening orders that severe punishment would be inflicted on any one who should procure him any assistance or alleviation of his troubles or requirements? Father Isidore, endowed with all the qualities which render a man estimable and truly religious, had he complained of being reprimanded for his frequent visits, and for having several times left M. Duchesnay in du Calvet's room to confer together as long as they wished?

7. That was, he answered, in the absence of Father Berey, and because Father Isidore was M. Duchesnay's confessor. Foolish reason, by which he would render a confessor guilty of a base connivance with his penitent, and for which he would deserve to do penance for the infraction of Father Berey's express orders, and the absolute power which he falsely attributes to Father Berey of being able himself to imprison a monk. Had Brother Bernadin to undergo the same punishment, who gave him bread and other things which he fancied? On the contrary, both were praised, approved and thanked for the good works they performed for him. Notwithstanding good services, this man, instead of gratitude, treats his charitable hosts with Billingsgate. Is not this the height of ingratitude?

8. Du Calvet says in his first memoir, page 248, &c., that the Sieur Baby had a long conference with Father Berey respecting him. This conversation is a false supposition, so far as respects Father Berey, who has no knowledge of what is stated of such a conversation. All that he knows, is that M. Murray, barrack master, came to find him to have, by order of General Carleton, the stove transferred from the first into the second apartment, which du Calvet through caprice would not make use of from the first, and after the order for the transfer of the stove and the prolongation of the pipes had been executed, du Calvet took possession of the room to sleep there. With respect to the two tenants who were placed above the infirmary, our house being at the disposal of Government, on the report made by the persons appointed as inspectors to find a suitable room in it for Mr. Scriben, the one in question appeared the only one in a proper state, and in consequence, and notwithstanding the representations of the monks, the apartment was taken, fitted up and given to Mr. Scriben, and he was confined there in charge of his servant.

9. Du Calvet says that the excrements of these two maniacs inundated their floors, and dissolved into a poisonous rain, which flowed in torrents through the crevices into his room, without Father Berey condescending to have it washed for two whole years, even at the prisoner's expense, although he proposed to pay for having the work done. Truly he must be a demon to invent so black a calumny, for the two gentlemen had each his servant, who every day accompanied by the doctor and other gentlemen, and with proper assistance secured them in the moment of frenzy, washed them, changed their linen, cleaned the room properly, and even walked them about and bathed them as the doctor might order. Further, after Mr. Scriben left, who did not reside much more than a month in that place, and before the entrance of the officer of engineers, who may have resided there nearly the same time, the servant of the first cleaned, washed and aired the room; after the officer of engineers left, the room was again cleaned, washed and aired by opening the windows and doors.

10. If it is of the room he occupied that he wishes to speak, how can Father Berey have refused him service after so many others which he had himself rendered and had rendered by persons in the house; was he not, besides, master in his own room to act as seemed good to him without anyone whatever, except Prentice his gaoler, finding fault with him; could not the servant who daily waited on him and arranged his room as well wash it as sprinkle it, and if Father Berey was so strongly opposed to this, and had so much command over him, why did he not use it? For he has himself, without consulting any one, had the place cleaned and washed by a soldier, without interference or complaint by any one. What he could do once or twice, he could do as often as he thought fit. It is, then, atrocious imposture, to say

opposoit si fort et avoit tant d'empire alors sur lui pourquoi l'a-t-il fait? car il a lui meme sans consulter fait nettoyer laver et sans contredire et murmure d'aucun par son soldat, et ce qu'il a fait une ou deux fois il le pouvoit faire tant qu'il le jugea apropos, c'est donc une imposture atroce que nonobstant l'argent qu'il offroit on n'a jamais permis que sa chambre fut lavé et netoyé.

Ainsi l'on voit par cette replique qui est l'indique que l'iniquité se dement elle-meme que la verité devoile le mensonge et que tout ce que pierre du calvet a écrit dans ses libelles injurieux contre les Recolets de quebec et le pere Beréy est un composé de lourdes satyriques de grosses mensonges d'impostures atroces et de noires calomnies qui ne sont appuyés que par des termes et des expressions naturelles a un élève de lavandière et de poissardes.

Je soussigné pere Reçoit superieure et Commissaire General de la Province de Quebec en Canada certifie, atteste et fait serment en presence de l'honorable magistrat de cette province que ce qui est inserit d'injurieux contre les Religieux de cette ville de quebec dans les libelles de Pierre du Calvet est absolument faux et que la replique à ses calomnies est absolument vraie.

fait a Quebec

ce 3^e 8bre 1784

FFELIX DE BERÉY Superieur
et Commissaire General des
Recolets de la Province

affirme par devant moi
aujourd'hui le 7 novr 1784.

G. TASCHEREAU.

that notwithstanding his offer of money, he was never allowed to have his room washed or cleaned.

It will then be seen by this reply who is the unworthy; that wickedness contradicts itself; that truth strips the veil from falsehood, and all that Pierre du Calvet has written in his insulting libels against the Recollets of Quebec and Father Berey is a compound of abusive lies; gross falsehoods, atrocious impostures and black calumnies, supported only by terms and expressions, natural to a pupil of washerwomen and fish-wives.

I, the undersigned, Father Recollet, Superior and Commissary General of the Province of Quebec in Canada, certify, attest and make oath in presence of the Hon. Magistrate of that Province, that what is inscribed of an insulting character against the monks of the City of Quebec in the libels of Pierre du Calvet, is absolutely false, and that the reply to his calumnies is absolutely true.

Done at Quebec, 3rd October, 1784.

FELIX DE BEREY,

Superior and Commissary General of the Recollets of the Province.

Affirmed before me, this day, the 7th November, 1784.

G. TASCHEREAU.

NOTE E.

THE NORTH WEST TRADE.

REPORT FROM CHARLES GRANT TO GENERAL HALDIMAND ON THE FUR TRADE,
24TH APRIL, 1780.

(*Archives, Series B., Vol. 99, p. 110.*)

SIR,— In Conformity to Your Excellency's request, I made every inquiry in my power concerning the trade carried on between the mercantile people of this Province and the Savages of the Upper Countries, but the time since you spoke to me on that head being short to collect all the intelligence I wanted, I am not yet furnished with information sufficient to lay every branch of that trade before Your Excellency so full and clear as I would wish. However, such knowledge as I have acquired of that business is as follows, and submitted to Your Excellency's consideration to grant passes for carrying on the current year's trade, as you may judge consistent with the welfare of commerce and the safety of the Province.

At all times the trade to the Upper Countries has been considered the staple trade of this Province, but of late years it has been greatly augmented, in so much that it may be reckoned one year with another to have produced an annual return to Great Britain in Furs to the amount of £200,000 Ster., which is an object deserving of all the encouragement and protection which Government can with propriety give to that trade.

The Indian Trade by every communication is carried on at great expense, labour and risk of both men and property; every year furnishes instances of the loss of men and goods by accident or otherwise. It is not therefore to be expected that the traders in general are men of substance; indeed few of them are able to purchase with ready money such goods as they want for their trade. They are consequently indebted from year to year, until a return is made in Furs, to the merchants of Quebec and Montreal who are importers of goods from England and furnish them on credit. In this manner the Upper Country Trade is chiefly carried on by men of low circumstances, destitute of every means to pay their debts when their trade fails; and if it should be under great restraints, or obstructed a few years, the consequences would prove ruinous to the commercial part of this Province and very hurtful to the

merchants of London, shippers of goods to this country, besides the loss of so valuable branch of trade in Great Britain.

In these troublesome times the least stop to the Indian Trade might be productive of very bad effects, even among the Savages who are at present our friends or neuter, who on seeing no supply of goods would immediately change sides and join the enemies of Government under pretence that the rebels had got the better of us, and that we had it not in our power to supply them any more. All the property in the upper Countries in such a case would become an easy prey to their resentment; and the lives of all His Majesty's Subjects, doing business in these Countries at the time of a rupture of this nature, might probably fall a sacrifice to the fury and rage of disappointed uncivilized barbarians.

I am informed that of late years from ninety to one hundred canoes have annually been employed in the Indian Trade from Montreal by the communication of the great river to Michillimakinak, Lakes Huron and Michigan, LaBay and the North West; but this particular may be better ascertained from the Registers Office, where I imagine not only the number of canoes but the names of the men employed in that trade and the places of their destination is recorded. Without access to that office it is impossible to be axact in these points. From the different posts above mentioned comes at least one half the Furs annually exported from Canada, one fourth is supposed to come from Niagara, Detroit and their environs and one fourth is said to be produced at the lower posts and inhabited parts of the Province.

I do not know how many canoes may be wanted this year for the Trade of Michillimakinak and its dependencies, but I imagine a greater number than usual is absolutely necessary, because they will have to carry from Montreal all the provisions requisite for that Trade which was mostly furnished in former years from Detroit, and carried from thence to Michilimakinak in vessels of burthen, by which means a great deal of expense was saved in carriage. As to the danger of goods sent by the Grand River to the North West, or LaBay falling into the hands of the Rebels, or being carried to them by disaffected persons, I am told it is hardly possible to be effected, the communication being so difficult of access and the distance so great, that the carriage of goods conveyed by that route would cost much more than they can by any means be worth. In this I shall insert the average value of a canoe load of goods, at the time of departure from Montreal, at Michilimackinac and at the Grand Portage. From that it may be judged how far it is practicable to carry on any commerce with the enemies to Great Britain by LaBay, even by disaffected persons from Lake Michigan goods may be carried to the Rebels, but at very great expense, labour and risk, the access through that channel being also difficult and a great way to go, though not so far as the former. For my part I am not at present perfectly acquainted with the routes or distances to give a distinct account of them, therefore I refer to the maps of these countries from which that particular will be better ascertained.

A canoe load of goods is reckoned at Montreal, worth in dry goods to the amount of £300 first sterling cost in England, with 50 per cent. charges thereon makes £450; besides that, every canoe carries about 200 gallons of rum and wine, which I suppose worth £50 more, so that every canoe on departure from that place may be said worth £500 currency of this Province. The charges of all sorts included together from Montreal to Michilimakinac £160, and from thence to the Grand Portage £90, so it appears that each canoe at Michilimackinac is worth £660 currency; every canoe is navigated by eight men for the purpose of transporting the goods only and when men go up to winter they commonly carry ten.

Considering the great number of people in this Province immediately interested in the Indian trade, it is hardly possible to suppose but there may be amongst them some disaffected men, but the major part of them I sincerely believe are sure friends to Government and it would be hard the whole community should suffer for the sake of a few bad men, since regulations and laws are, or may be made sufficiently severe to prevent in a great measure, or altogether every effort that may be made to convey goods to the enemy, and if any person whatever should attempt designedly

to violate such regulations, as are made for the welfare and safety of the whole the law ought to be put in execution against him with the utmost rigour, on conviction of guilt and the offender never should be forgiven offences committed against the Publick in general. This I know to be the wish of every honest man within the circle of my own acquaintance, and I daresay it is the same with every well meaning man throughout the Province, for it is evident that severe laws never were made for the Government of good men, but for the purpose of securing good conduct and behaviour among such as require it, and however rigorous the laws may be, in such times as the present they can neither affect nor offend any person, but such as may have some views to transgress them.

As to that part of the Trade carried on over Lake Ontario and Erie, I am not well versed in it, therefore shall say nothing more on that head than what I have heard from the best authority, that is, that improper preferences have been given in transporting goods to Niagara and Detroit, by which means it is represented that the Trade of these countries has fallen into a few hands, to the great detriment of many honest men, equally good subjects and to the additional expense of government being obliged to purchase what may be wanted for public service from a few individuals probably for enormous prices whereas if the Trade was more general every purchaser of goods would be less liable to imposition.

Last year the passes for the Indian goods were given out so late, that it was impossible to forward goods to the places of destination, especially in the North-West. For that reason those concerned in that quarter joined their stock together and made one common interest of the whole, as it continues at present in the hands of the different persons or companies as mentioned at foot of this. The canoes for the North West are commonly the first sent off and indeed the earlier all the canoes bound up the Grand River goes off the better, because most of the men that navigate them can be back in time to cut the harvest and do other needful services.

I have the honour to be with great respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient

and most humble servant,

CHAS. GRANT.

QUEBEC, 24th April, 1780.

Todd & McGill	2 shares	} The North West is divided into sixteen shares all which form but one Company at this time.
Ben & Jos. Frobisher	2 do	
McGill & Paterson	2 do	
McTavish & Co.	2 do	
Holmes & Grant	2 do	
Wadden & Co.	2 do	
McBeath & Co.	2 do	
Ross & Co.	1 do	
Oakes & Co.	1 do	

PETITION FROM THE NORTH-WEST TRADERS.

(*Archives, Series B., Vol. 99, p. 116.*)

To His Excellency Frederick Haldimand, &c. &c. &c.

The Memorial of the Merchants and Traders from Montreal to the Great Carrying Place in Lake Superior and the interior country, commonly nam'd the North or Mer do West.

That your memorialists have for a number of years past carried on an extensive and valuable trade into the parts from whence the annual returns have some years been esteem'd at Fifty thousand pounds sterling in Furrs, which have served to remit to Great Britain in payment of the manufactures imported from the Mother Country.

That there is usually and actually employed in that country near to three hundred men, who generally arrive from the interior parts of the Grand Carrying Place from the 10th June to the 19th July, but from the length of the voyage and barrenness of the country added to the smallness of the canoes and innumerable Carrying Places are reduced from want of provisions to very great misery and distress which has constantly laid your memorialists under the dutiful necessity of sending canoes with provisions very early from Michilimackinac, in order to meet the canoe men of the distant posts, without which precaution great part of their property after being converted into Furs must have been left and lost to them, and a more painful circumstance might have happened in the death of those employed in that adventurous business.

That they are well informed last Fall from their correspondents at Detroit and Michilimackinac that no provisions of any kind will be allowed to go from thence for supplying the Trade to the North-West, which heretofore was the case, and therefore your Memorialists have taken the precaution to Provide Indian Corn, Pease, Flour &c. to send from hence for that purpose.

That the length of the voyage to the Grand Carrying Place is at least Four Hundred and fifty leagues, and from thence to the distant posts above Six Hundred more, which cannot be performed in less time than six months, and sometimes it happens that Winter sets in before your Memorialists can arrive at the Factories where they intend to pass the Winter, and when that unfortunate circumstance takes place there are instances of several having starved and even so direful have the consequences been as to occasion the casting of Lots for an unhappy victim to serve as food for his more unhappy companions.

That your Memorialists have been encouraged to continue in this Trade, from constantly finding a facility to carry it on, in the ready zeal of Government in granting passes and licenses to that effect and they had reason to hope, from the notification which Your Excellency was pleased to give Your Memorialists some time ago, that no lett or hindrance to their departure would have taken place this Spring, but notwithstanding lists of the canoes, goods and number of men, were immediately given into Mr. Gray's office, to be forwarded to Your Excellency, Your Memorialists have heard nothing more on the subject since that time.

Your Memorialists from the causes set forth are under the most anxious apprehensions for the lives of their people employed in the Trade and fear greatly that they may also suffer very much in a loss of their property, unless Your Excellency is pleased to grant immediate permission for them to send off their canoes with the goods and provisions intended for the purpose of continuing that extensive and valuable branch of business and they beg leave to assure Your Excellency that with all the industry that can be exerted in collecting the men who are hired from the different parts of the country, supposing the passes to be here at this hour, it would still be the twentieth of this month before the canoes could be sent off, and it is against the interest, and of course the wish, of any North-West Traders to remain here so late.

Your Memorialists cannot have the smallest doubt of Your Excellency's good will and zeal to encourage the Commercial interest of the Province over which you preside and particularly of (that) which lies at a great distance from the frontiers of the unnatural Rebel States of America. Therefore submitting their case to Your Excellency's consideration, They humbly and most earnestly request speedy relief in the premises, and Your Memorialists as in duty bound shall ever pray.

MONTREAL, 11th May 1780.

J. Porteous
Holmes & Grant
Simon McTavish
Charles Grant

Todd & McGill
Benj & Jos. Frobisher
McGill & Paterson
Forrest Oakes
Geo. McBeath
Adam Lymburner.

BENJAMIN FROBISHER TO DR. MABANE.

(Archives, Series B, Vol. 75—2, p. 75.)

MONTREAL, 19th April, 1784.

SIR,—When you was at Montreal your time was so much employed in matters of Public Concern, that I had not the opportunity I wished for to enquire your sentiments on the ambiguous sense of the late Treaty of Peace, respecting the Line of Boundary between this Province and the United States, from Lake Superior to the Westward; with regard to which I must remark that there is no such thing as a Long Lake as expressed in the Treaty, the only communication from Lake Superior is by that tract of land known by the name of the Grand Portage, which leads to a very small river on the west side, that derives its source from an adjacent lake, and from thence to the extent of Lake la plue about one hundred leagues. It is not, as described a Long Lake, but is rather a Chain of Lakes, few of which have any visible inlet or communication with each other, which occasions in that short distance upwards of forty carrying places, so that we are at a loss to know from the Tenor of the Treaty where the line is intended to be drawn, and anxiously wish to be informed about it, that we may not without previous notice and sufficient time given to withdraw our property, be deprived of the only communication from this Province to the North West. Indeed for my own part I apprehend a survey of the Carrying Place and the Country adjacent will be highly necessary to ascertain and fix unalterably the Line in that Quarter, while on the other hand it will give us time to discover another passage if such a thing exists, whereby we may in all events leave that branch of the Fur Trade to this Province.

The Gentlemen who are engaged in it have ever since the year 1776, carried it on under all the disadvantages inseparable from a state of War, occasioned by the high advance on goods and heavy Insurance, notwithstanding which the natives have been every year amply supplied. Posts that the French were unacquainted with have been discovered, and neither industry nor expense have been spared to extend it and prepare for the return of peace, in hopes that it would enable them in some degree to recover the incredible losses they have sustained, but so far from that they have everything to fear from the line of Boundary to be fixed in that Quarter, unwilling however to relinquish a Business in which they have so long persevered, and animated with that spirit natural to men who can Boast of having brought it, to its present Value & Extent, I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Proprietors have formed themselves into a Company for the Term of Five years, of which my Brother Mr. Joseph & myself, from the great Interest we held in it, & our long Experience, are named the Directors. The supplies for the present year are accordingly prepared, and ready to be sent off early the next Month, a state of which so far as is required we have delivered to Mr. Davison the Deputy Secretary here, directing him to apply for the Pass the Company requires, which is for Twenty Eight Canoes, valued at £20,000 Currency, and hope there can be no objection on the part of His Excellency the Governor to Grant it.

This large supply, added to the property the Company have already in that Country demands their utmost attention; They do not know how soon they may be deprived of the immediate and at present the only Communication from Lake Superior, and on that account they intend at their own Expense unless Government prefer to undertake it, to discover if possible another passage, that will in all Events fall within the British line, in which they may avail themselves in case of need.—Such an undertaking must prove an arduous one, and be attended with great Expense, while their success will remain very uncertain, on which account the Company are induced to hope, that if it is discovered it will be granted to them in full right for a Certain term of years, not less than seven, as a reward for their Public Spirit, and the advantages that will result in this Province from the discovery; in the meantime should the Upper Posts be given up, we are Convinced His Excellency will give such orders as may appear to him necessary for the Company's

Protection, and effectually prevent any Persons from the United States penetrating into Lake Superior, untill the Line of Boundary in that Quarter is surveyed, and unalterably fixed, that their Property may not be exposed nor the present Communication in the least degree interrupted untill they are legally entitled to take possession and if by that Time no other Passage is discovered, they even hope in that case, it may be stipulated for the Carrying place, and the Communication to the Extent of their Territory on Lake Du Bois to remain equally free for both parties, which from the great Superiority we have over them in that Business will almost effectually Secure it to this Province; and this demand may be insisted on with great propriety from the Carrying Places to that Extent laying equally on both sides the Line, so that it would be impossible to penetrate into that Country without encroaching upon each other; besides there is no Furr trade within their limits in that Quarter, but what the Company, or any other from this Country would gladly relinquish, and of Course their Views if they are well informed of the Country cannot be to benefit themselves but to distress others who have better prospects.

If ever this Country see the fatal moment of giving up the Upper Posts, probably others may be Established in different places on the opposite side of the Line in which Case if Government thinks Lake Superior and the Countries with which it communicates worthy of notice, permit me to give you my opinion, which may be of some use, untill a Survey is made, especially at this Time when the Settlement of the Loyalists and others are under Consideration—That is to have a Post so as to Command the Entrance into Lake Superior, either below the Falls of St. Mary's or above them, with regard to the former I cannot point out any particular spot suitable for the purpose, but with respect to the latter I can speak with some certainty—I mean the Place called Point aux Pins where Mr. Baxter who was sent out from England some years ago in search of Copper Mines fixed his residence. It is situate on the East side about two leagues above the Falls on a narrow Channell that Commands in the most effectual manner the entrance into Lake Superior, it has the advantage of a fine Bason formed by the Point where vessels lay in Deep Water within a few yards of the shore equally secure in Winter as in Summer. The Land above the Point is Sandy, but backwards I have been informed it is very good, and Capable of raising Grain of different kinds, nor is there any risque of being disturbed by the Natives, they are too few in number and would be more inclined to Court the Friendship of those that may be settled there than to distress them. All the Indian Corn such a settlement could raise for many years, would be taken from them at a high price by those who frequent Lake Superior, in preference to that of getting it from Detroit, and on the other hand a very slender stock of Provisions added to the Fishing they would be possessed of at the Falls for seven months in the year would enable them to live Comfortably untill their Lands were stocked, and in a state of Cultivation.

Such a Settlement would prove of public utility, and in the Course of a few years give an oppty to continue those searches on the North Side that were begun by the French, and recently by Mr. Baxter, the former were obliged to relinquish their prospects from the only Vessel they had on the Lake being Lost about the Time this Country was Conquered, and the latter chiefly from the high price of labour & Provisions.

I beg leave to recommend the Contents of this Letter to your most serious Consideration, requesting you will communicate it to His Excellency when oppty. offers or if more agreeable I will write to Major Mathews on such matters as you may point out, to be laid before Him, in the mean Time I request you will favor me with your Sentiments and remain with great respect & Esteem

dear Sir
your most obed & very hble sert.

BENJN. FROBISHER.

Thô Honble. ADAM MABANE, Esq.

CAPTAIN MATHEWS TO BENJAMIN FROBISHER.

(Archives, Series B, Vol. 63, p. 245.)

HEAD QUARTERS QUEBEC 26 April, 1784.

SIR,—Mr. Mabane having communicated your favour of the 19th Inst to His Excellency General Haldimand, and being himself much occupied in business, His Excellency has directed me to acquaint you that he has considered your letters with attention and that as he has nothing more at heart than the prosperity of the Trade of this province, he will at all times receive with great pleasure any information that may tend to its improvement and security. In regard to the doubt you express respecting the Boundary Line, as described in the Treaty, His Excellency cannot give you the least information having his intelligence from the Treaty only and that not officially. He is however in daily expectation of Instructions concerning the Posts and Trade in the Upper Country, which when received he will lose no time in turning to the best advantage. In the mean time the pass for the canoes required for your Company will be granted when called for, and I am directed to give it to you. As His Excellency's opinion that at present it would be most prudent not to express any doubts respecting the Boundary Line, or to propose a survey of it, for whenever that happens it must be a mutual business and will give the Americans an opportunity of acquiring an equal knowledge with us of the advantage of the fur trade, of which they are at present but ill informed. By anticipation you might also lose the opportunity of withdrawing your property of which you express some apprehension in your letter. The Long Lake mentioned in the Treaty appears under that name in the best maps and is the chain of Lakes you mention thro' which it is intended the line shall run. His Excellency nevertheless approves your design of endeavouring to discover another passage which will fall within the British Line, and should necessity induce this measure, he will always cheerfully give every encouragement in his power to that and every undertaking that shall appear to be for the advantage and public welfare of the province, but he is of opinion that nothing should be undertaken on your part, as nothing can be promised upon his, until ultimate Instructions shall be received from Home upon a matter of such importance. Should the posts be evacuated agreeably to the Treaty and others established on the opposite side, His Excellency is sensible of the expediency of taking one somewhere at the entrance of Lake Superior, and Point aux Pins, as mentioned in your letter, seems to him by the map to be the best situation for it. As it is possible Mr. Barns (Baxter) left behind him some plan and remarks of a place where he was so particularly situated, or that you may procure such from others who are well acquainted with it, His Excellency begs you will take the trouble to give him what further information you can respecting it. Although His Excellency is averse from encouraging exclusive rights in Trade, yet as it appears that some decisive measure for the resumption of the fur Trade at this crisis is necessary to be taken; he has directed me to acquaint you that altho' the season is now too far advanced to benefit this year from any representation at home, if your company wish that it should be done, and will naturally weigh the subject of your letter and state the circumstances in a memorial to His Excellency he will give it every consideration and acquaint you with his sentiments upon the expediency of transmitting it to the King's Ministers or not.

I am with great regard, Sir, &c.

R. MATHEWS.

BENJAMIN FROBISHER Esq.

BENJAMIN FROBISHER TO MAJOR MATHEWS.

(*Archives, Series B, vol. 75-2, p. 122.*)

MONTREAL, 3rd May 1784.

SIR,—I have the Honour of your Letter dated the 26th ulto. in reply to one which I wrote to Mr. Mabane, and am exceedingly happy that His Excellency Considers the Furr Trade to the North West as an object worthy of Notice, and at the same time I return you my thanks for having Conveyed to me so fully His Excellency's Sentiments on that & other subjects tending to its Improvement & Security.

His Excellency may be assured the Company has been very attentive not to express any doubt about the Line of Boundary, and will Continue to act with the same Caution, the mention I made of it in my Letter to Mr. Mabane was merely Confidential from the Treaty not being explicit, and the desire I had to be better informed.

It must be allowed the knowledge we have of that Country even from the best Maps is very imperfect, and on that account I presumed His Excellency might think it expedient to have it surveyed previous to making it a mutual Business for the purpose of Runing the Line; that His Excellency might give on that occasion such orders as would tend in all Events to secure the Communication, or have it neuter and these were the reasons that induced me to mention it.

Tho' nothing can be promised by His Excellency at present as an Encouragement (if possible) to discover another passage, yet the Company have it so much at Heart, that every thing will be done in the Course of this Summer to procure the best Information from the Natives respecting its practicability, and if Time will admit of it, they propose to have Explored the Country to the Eastward, to the Extent of Thirty or Forty Leagues, on either side the Carrying place.

I cannot discover that Mr. Baxter left here any Plan, or Remarks he might have made during his residence at Point aux Pins, nor am I able at present to give His Excellency further information, but I will Certainly exert myself to procure it, and by the return of our Canoes or sooner I will Communicate to you for His perusal, every thing I can collect Concerning it.

The Company request you will make their thanks to His Excellency for His Condescension in offering to give a Memorial they may frame on the subject of my former Letter, every Consideration, and to acquaint them with His Sentiments upon the Expediency of Transmitting it to The King's Minister—They gratefully accept the offer, but wish to defer it until they know the result of their Enquiries during the Course of this summer.

I have the Honour to be with great regard

Sir,

your most obedient & most hble. Servant

BENJN. FROBISHER.

Major MATHEWS.

ORDERS TO CAPTAIN ROBERTSON TO REPORT ON LAKE SUPERIOR FOR A POST, &c.

(*Archives, Series B, Vol. 63, p. 272.*)

HEAD QUARTERS, QUEBEC, May 6th, 1784.

SIR,—Altho' I have not yet received any instructions or information respecting the fate of our posts in the upper country, it would appear from American publications, that they are to be evacuated agreeably to the definitive Treaty. When that happens, it is probable that posts will be established upon the opposite side for the security of the Fur Trade, and as there is no situation where one will be more necessary than at the entrance of Lake Superior, I wish to have early Information and to

take measures for that purpose, so as to have a small Garrison and settlement established there on the shortest notice. Point aux Pins, about two leagues above the falls of St. Mary's, appears by the map and from information I have received to be the fittest place to sit down upon. It was formerly occupied by a Mr. Baxter, a partner and agent of a company engaged in copper mines, and is capable of advantageous cultivation, the soil being good a little way back. I must therefore desire that as soon after you receive this letter as possible, you will set off from that place, taking with you a sufficient number of artificers and men, whom you will leave there to make preparations for stockading and necessary buildings to accommodate a garrison consisting of thirty or forty men. You will be particular in your remarks upon the situations with regard to defence and the advantages necessary for the protection of the Trade, comprehending the water communication, if vessels can lye there in safety and be conveniently put up in the winter and if there is timber at hand proper for ship building. As nothing will be more serviceable to the Traders than the establishment of farmers to supply them with corn, and in time with other provisions it may be a favourable situation for placing a few loyalists. You would therefore do well to take with you some person skilled in land, in order to obtain a knowledge of what is practicable in that way, and it might not be amiss if you can find any who will undertake it, to carry with you some corn of different kinds, potatoes and a few small seeds, to make a trial this very year. Should I receive Instructions that may make this measure unnecessary, I shall communicate them to you without loss of time, so that you may desist upon the shortest notice. I shall wait with impatience for your report, and I mention Point aux Pins as the place that appears to me to be the most proper, but by no means to confine your attention to that only, as I wish to have your opinion of any other that may strike you as more favourable for the intended purpose. I am just informed by Mr. St. Luc, who is well acquainted with that country, that a place called La Traverse, about fifteen leagues from Michilimackinac, is a very proper situation for the post I wish to take. Be particular in your observations of it; it is situated within our line and if equally advantageous for the Trade, its vicinity to Michilimackinac would facilitate the establishment of it. Tho' I have in the first part of this letter desired that you will take artificers with you, I rather wish you to defer beginning the work until you hear again from me, but do not lose time in making the tour and report of it.

I am, Sir, &c.,

FRED. HALDIMAND.

P. S.—You will hear that for the better security of the North West Trade to this Province, one company are formed at Montreal. They purpose exploring the country this summer in order to find a passage to the most distant posts, entirely within our line, being apprehensive that the Americans will materially interfere with the trade, by the Boundary Line running through the Long Lake, &c. Wishing to give every encouragement in my power to so useful a discovery you will please give the persons employed in it every assistance Your circumstances will afford.

F. HALDIMAND.

LETTER FROM CAPTAIN DANIEL ROBERTSON TO GENERAL HALDIMAND,

(*Archives, Series B., Vol. 98, p. 259.*)

MICHILIMAKINAC 10th June 1784.

SIR,—Your Excellency's letter of the 6th of May I had the honour to receive the 1st of June in the evening. I accordingly set out the next morning as commanded.

I examined with attention every place likely for a settlement and only found those mentioned in my journal, herewith annexed, likely to answer the purpose, to which I refer Your Excellency as I have given some description and my opinion.

As the River Tesselon appears to me to be the most eligible I would undertake to have the Barracks proposed built by October, 1785 there, with the same number of artificers now here and about thirty Canadians as labourers.

As there are two vessels come from Detroit half loaded with merchants effects only, I have detained one of them, the Wyndote, to transport from hence every material proper for a new settlement to Tesselon which will greatly facilitate the undertaking and save expenses. They consist of pine logs, planks, barrels, shingles, sashes, doors, cart wheels, &c. I hope this will meet with Your Excellency's approbation, as otherwise the Americans would have the advantage of these useful articles.

I have sent a non-commissioned officer with twelve men to take charge of the effects and clear a little ground by way of amusement. I have sent a list of tools wanting as likewise the artificers names now here. On taking possession the proprietors must be consulted, they are Chipeways and will expect a few presents.

Since my last letter to Major Mathews the Ottawas of Arbre Croche are come in and have acted as usual, I believe owing to their seeing me on my guard. They and others complain much of being neglected for their past services; however I had nothing to give them but fair words and some hopes of getting something for them, and I am of opinion they should be handsomely taken leave of, if we are to take post in this quarter.

The principal artificers here are of the 84th Regt., without them the work can not be carried on in case they be reduced.

Rum is very much wanted here for various purposes, particularly for Indians and I have had only seven barrels this twelve months.

If this plan takes place I beg Your Excellency will be pleased to cause Mr. Sutherland of Montreal to be acquainted of it that he may provide my little wants accordingly.

I have the honour to be with the greatest respect

Your Excellency's most obed. most

humble servant

DANIEL ROBERTSON

Cap. 84th Regt.

CAPTAIN ROBERTSON'S JOURNAL

(Archives, Series B, Vol. 98, p. 250.)

MICHILIMAKINAC June 2nd 1784.

I left the Post this day and proceeded towards Lake Superior accompanied by Mr McBeath, Mr. Barthe, Ensign Fry and a carpenter, wind fair as far as the detour, where it headed us, we then went ashore in order to let the men cook their victuals for the ensuing day, saw no canoes from any quarter. The Lake within a league of the shore after leaving the Goose Island is far from being safe for the navigation of vessels, they should therefore carefully avoid coming nearer than a league and a half from the shore, there are numbers of rocks to be met with along this part of the coast that do not all appear above the water, and yet are not more than from one to two feet from the surface.

At the detour (or entrance of the water communication leading to the Falls of St. Mary) it is absolutely necessary to keep a good look out, for here the latent rocks are found in five or six fathoms of water, but they do not reach further than about four hundred yards. After turning the point the kettles were boiled and we proceeded at 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY 3rd.

The fogs were so exceeding heavy this morning that it was with much difficulty that we could find the entrance of the Mascoutin Saukie Channel which is situate about one league from the bottom of Winiascou Bay. It is necessary to remark a

small island about a quarter of a mile in circumference, its eastern point bare and rocky, directly opposite to this and about one mile distant is the channel before mentioned, it is therefore a good land mark in bad weather when it cannot be distinguished from a small inlet. On this river are numberless small bays and islands, two rapids, of which the one near the Saint Mary is the strongest, along here many beautiful landscapes present themselves to the eye of the traveller. About two leagues from the Saut we saw a cluster of pines so regularly arranged, that at first sight, one might imagine them to be the production of art, but a knowledge of the pursuits in this country will immediately overbear that idea. At five o'clock in the afternoon we arrived at the Sault or falls. Mons. Cadott had arrived yesterday from a place commonly called La Point in Lake Superior but has no news. I would have proceeded this evening as far as Point aux Pines had not young Cadotte, from a misunderstanding desired a canoe which was sent up the Rapids to return instead of proceeding to the west end of the carrying place where I intended to embark. This Portage is half a league in length, I sent the canoe a second time to be ready early in the morning.

FRIDAY 4th June.

We embark at 4 o'clock for the point where we remained for two hours making observations on the situation of the place, its environs, harbour, soil, timber &c. &c. The bay above the Saut is about two leagues in breadth and one in length, along the northern shore is a chain of islands that extend nearly half way to Point aux Pins.

The point on which Fort Gloucester formerly stood is very low and sandy bearing scarce anything but Sand Cherry and Bilberry shrubs. The timber a little way in the land and along the shore eastward of the Point is almost all scraggy pitch pine, excepting a few young birch and willows interspersed. The pine being of the red kind is far from being fit for ship building. The Bason before the Fort is about one hundred yards in depth forming a dense lunc. The water fourteen or fifteen feet. Opinion. There would be many inconveniences attending the establishment of a post here. In the first place there is no stone for making lime, or building nor any clay nearer than the upper part of the Rapids. Fire wood cannot be got within three leagues of the place excepting Pitch Pine, which is but poor fuel for such severe winters as people have experienced in this climate. No settlers would remain here, as the barrenness of the soil would depress that cheerfulness which might attend their labours in a more fertile one. The garrison would therefore reap few advantages from a trial of this nature. Return from this and descend the Saut in a canoe, breakfast a quarter after nine and depart from the Forts at the Saut, pursue the road to Tessalon, are near five hundred small rocky islands, from three to one and a half miles in circumference, some are very high and perpendicular next the water on their southern sides, they form upon the whole a very romantic appearance and what is worthy of remark, there are trees from eight to ten inches in diameter growing on them and no soil to be seen but that under their roots. The water between these Islands is very deep, so that small craft may come next to any of the Islands, but the shipping could by no means venture to go through them, from their confused situation. It would require much time to lay down their true positions. As we left St. Mary's rather late we were obliged to encamp on one of these Islands distant five leagues from Tessalon.

SATURDAY 5th.

Embark early in the morning wind S. W., in our favour for a little while, arrive at the Point Tessalon between 10 and 11 o'clock.

This is a beautiful and capacious Bay and one of the best harbours on Lake Huron, its western side extends itself a good distance into the Lake, the road is totally void of rocks and the water from the point to the River's mouth from twenty to twelve feet in depth and six feet in depth at the Bar, so that vessels of a sufficient size for these Lakes may safely enter the river after which they are quite safe from

any winds that blow. The mouth of the river is fifty six yards wide, after which it carries an equal width of forty two yards. Its course is north easterly with a gentle current for about five miles and a half. The timber might be brought in rafts to the very place.

The soil on both sides is good for raising such grain as the shortness of the season will admit of. The chief of the Timber, White Pine, Maple, Elm, some red oak, Birch and Walnut &c. The encamping ground at the entrance of the river is low and there might immediately with little expense be cleared seven or eight acres for pasture or other use on the west side of the Bay.

About half a mile from this on the east side of the Bay is a meadow close to the water and several places fit for meadow up the river, Clay, Stone &c. are found in the vicinity of the Harbour. We have seen sufficient level ground for establishing one Hundred and Sixty Families, all which is excellent. The River abounds with fish of several kinds and on its banks is plenty of game.

Opinion. The Barracks on the West side of the river and a small Block house on each side of the river would answer every purpose for the defence of the Harbour, as well as light houses and land marks for the shipping.

There is no commanding ground but two rocks, one upon each side the River and if on these the two Block Houses are properly placed agreeable to the situation it will be difficult for an enemy of any denomination whatever to dispossess the Garrison if properly supply'd and the communication of the two Blockhouses can never be obstructed if properly built.

SUNDAY 6th.

I left Tessalon a little after four o'clock in search of the (supposed) Traverse, where we arrive at halfpast twelve, breakfast, and explore the South eastern point of the Island, where we found some remains of an old french building, supposed to be a store house, but the foundation is now quite covered with Shrubs and Bramble.

In approaching this Island there are huge rocks that come within a foot of the surface of the water, and so situated that they would be fatal to shipping and even small craft in any kind of windy weather. Besides these, a shoal extends itself near four hundred yards from the shore into the Lake on that end (of) the Island facing the Detour.

No Harbour could be made here in less than three or four years and then attended with an expense too great for the consequence of the post.

The land for two or three miles from the water very low and strong mixed with red sand. From this I visited the South west end which I found equally attended with disadvantages. In fine the whole of this end the Island affords no Timber that would answer for building, being entirely covered with Spruce and Basswood &c. and continues this way for nearly half its circuit.

Opinion. That this place (as is evident from the description) is by no means proper for a fortification and much less for settlers.

We leave this and arrive at the Island of Michilimakinac at one o'clock in the morning, our canoe men very much fatigued.

DAN. ROBERTSON

Captain 84th Regiment.

In a letter dated 27th June, Captain Robertson says: "I forgot to inform that there is a very advantageous fall for mills on the River Tessalon and a large Pinery adjacent.

"Two Familys and a single man have spoke to me to settle on that River."

(B, vol. 98, p. 266.)

CAPTAIN ROBERTSON TO GENERAL HALDIMAND.

(Archives, Series B, Vol. 98, p. 267.)

MICHILIMAKINAC 10th July, 1784.

SIR,—I humbly beg leave to lay the following Observations and Requisitions to your Excellency's Consideration:—

Messrs. Frobisher and McTavish of the North West Company are now here, with them I have had several Conferences with regard of the future Communication to this Country, so as to enable them or others to trade in those Parts on a footing with the Americans, and after every Inquiry, that between Lakes Ontario and Huron is the only one to be attempted and that very practicable by shortening the Road greatly and avoiding the Niagara carrying place and any Interference with our neighbours.

For these considerations and the more speedy opening that communication, I am induced to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to grant them, Messrs. Sntherland and Grant, myself with others agreeable to Your Excellency that would contribute to the undertaking the said Tract of Land between these two Lakes.

Mr. Benjamin Frobisher will have the Honor to wait on Your Excellency in Person on this subject, and in case it should take place he is to be acting person in Montreal. From my connection with Indians during the War I am well acquainted with some of the Principals of those in that Country.

I have the Honor to acquaint Your Excellency that not one Indian is come here from the Mississippi this year owing to my having sent them Paroles to that purpose last Fall, there have been several bands from Lake Superior, Salloche, Missisgay and Madjadash, which I was very sorry for as I had nothing for them, having received no Presents but a trifle in Spring 1780, since my coming here.

As there is some appearance of being near neighbours to these People, who are numerous, and for fear of some future discontent I was induced to borrow some Goods and Rum at a very great trouble owing to the scarcity of them and sent them off well pleased.

Your Excellency may be assured that this was not through any disregard to Your Instructions but a real opinion of the necessity of it.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect

Sir, Your Excellency's

Most obedt. and most humble Servt.,

DANL. ROBERTSON.

His Excellency GEN. HALDIMAND.

CAPTAIN MATHEWS TO CAPTAIN ROBERTSON.

(Archives, Series B, Vol. 64, p. 145.)

HEAD QUARTERS, QUEBEC, 12th Augt., 1784.

Capt. ROBERTSON.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to acquaint you that your Letters of the 26th May, 10th & 26th June & 10th July accompanied by your Journal to Thessalon and sketch of that place have all been received and perused by Him.

His Excellency having reason to think that the Posts in the Upper Country will not be given up as soon as was expected, until the Americans manifest a stronger Inclination (than they have hitherto done) to fulfil on their Part the Articles of the Definitive Treaty, and not having received any Instructions from Home authorizing Him to establish new Posts in consequence of the Expected Evacuation of the old, He does not think proper to do anything (until He shall be so instructed) at Thessalon, and therefore desires that you will desist making any further preparations there,

leaving if you think it necessary three or four men to take Charge of Timber, or other Materials that may have been collected, if these are of any Consequence (such as Tools or Iron Work) they must be removed to Michilimackinac. The Information you have obtained, and what is already done, cannot fail of facilitating the establishment of a Post should it be found expedient, upon the Evacuation of Michilimackinac.

Mr. Frobisher has not yet communicated anything to the General upon the subject of your last Letter, but I am directed by His Excellency to acquaint you that He by no means approves of converting the Vast Tract of Country you mention into private property, nor of making encroachments upon the Interests of the Indians in their Lands, so much the practice of the Americans and so alarming to the Indians, that it is with reluctance His Excellency has made some unavoidable purchases of Lands from them to settle the Loyalists and some of the Six Nation Indians who are driven from their Settlements in the American Territories.

I am, &c.,
R. MATHEWS.

CAPTAIN MATHEWS TO BENJAMIN FROBISHER.

(*Archives, Series B, vol. 64, p. 331.*)

QUEBEC, 11th October 1784.

BENJ. FROBISHER, Esq.

SIR,—I have laid your Letter of the 4th Octr. to me as likewise ye memorial from you in ye name of the North West Company before His Excellency General Haldimand. His Excellency does not think himself authorized to give a Grant either of the passage if discovered, or an exclusive Right to the Trade for a certain time, but will communicate to His Majesty's ministers the memorial.

Willing to give every encouragement in his power to ye Merchants trading to the North West His Excellency gives permission for them to Build at Detroit a small Vessel agreeable to the request in your Letter to be sent early next spring to St. Mary's for the purpose of getting her up the falls and to be employed on Lake Superior for the purpose of transporting merchandize or provisions over that Lake to the Grand Portage.

His Excellency does not think that the situation of things in ye upper Countries is such as will permit him to comply with the other parts of your Letter except that he will write to the Lieut. Governor & Commanding Officer at Detroit to give every assistance consistent with the Service in forwarding your provisions in ye King's Vessels to Michilimackinac.

I am, &c.,
R. MATHEWS.

GENERAL HALDIMAND TO LIEUT. GOVERNOR HAY.

(*Archives, Series B, vol. 64, p. 405.*)

QUEBEC, 10th November 1784.

Lieut. Govr. HAY.

SIR,—The Merchants engaged in the North West Trade having memoriated for Permission to build a small Vessel to be sent early in the spring to St. Mary's for the purpose of getting her up the Falls and to be employed upon Lake Superior I have signified my compliance therewith to Lieut. Colonel Depeyster, You will please therefore to permit the said Vessel to be built at Detroit, and also to afford every Aid and Assistance in your Power consistent with His Majesty's service, in forwarding Provisions in the King's Vessels, that navigate to Michilimackinac, for the Use of the North West Trade.

I am, Sir, &c.,
F. HALDIMAND.

NOTE F.

FRENCH ROYALISTS IN UPPER CANADA.

SKETCH (POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL) OF AN ESTABLISHMENT TO BE FORMED IN CANADA
for the settlement of the French Emigrants.

(Archives, Series Q, Vol. 286—2, p. 478.)

The extensive concerns of the present war, the expenses attending it, and the means of bringing it to an happy conclusion being, no doubt, fully sufficient to require and engross the whole attention of His Majesty's Ministers, it would be at least indiscreet to aim at drawing it off from those great objects to a particular enterprize foreign to them and which though even attended with a degree of utility should have the real inconveniences of encreasing the expenses of the state. Such at first view must appear to be the disadvantage annexed to the proposals which form the ground of this memorial. English generosity has already shewn itself in a conspicuous light by providing in a temporary manner for the relief of those unhappy victims of the French revolution, to whom the British Government has granted an asylum. It is not during the intricacies of the present times that the administration of this country can bestow any serious attention on the amelioration of their situation; and when a necessary increase of taxes or voluntary contributions press on every class of British subjects the French Emigrants who are become themselves one of the burthens of the state, are incapable of forming a wish the nature of which would be to add to the weight of exigencies.

These reflections have hitherto kept me silent, but convinced as I am, that the Emigrants would not benefit alone, by my present ideas, convinced that serious considerations might possibly decide the settlement I now propose, and that independent of every motive of generosity such settlement holds out great political views that it might be formed without increase of expenses, or in other words, without increasing that already attending on the Emigrants. I have presumed to hope, if not for the immediate adoption, at least for a serious scrutiny of a plan which to an enlightened administration cannot possibly be recommended by anything but its public utility.

I am ignorant of the precise number of Emigrants now leaning on the generosity of England. I only know the sum allotted for their existence, and I am inclined to think that more than one-half of them, taking in both sexes, are under forty years of age.

What is to be done with this unfortunate class of men? It is as impossible to hope for anything further from the French Government under its present form as it is impossible to apprehend their being abandoned by the country which has saved them. Independent of those who are now in England, it is natural to suppose that the restitution of the French Colonies (if it takes place) will increase the number of refugees. All those who have been in the service of England, those who have signed capitulations, abided by them, or those who have expressed too loud an abhorrence of the Republican system, will certainly not submit to it, and will crave protection and assistance from the English Government; but if granted is the assistance to be for a time indefinite? Will it not appear just and necessary to fix a term to it? Would it not be above all desirable to render such an expense useful to the nation?

It would appear that every objection would be removed if means could be found to employ the French Emigrants in productive labour; if they could be made labourers and manufacturers, or if failing of this and without great disbursements they could be employed in clearing and putting in value some uninhabited part of North America, mere grants of lands and slight advances of provisions and tools would not be sufficient assistance for men not used to hard labour; past experience seems to confirm the truth of this observation.

By merely pointing as an asylum for French Emigrants some vague (way) in which land would be granted to them, no real utility could be expected either for them or the nation on whom they lean. Their totality could not be carried thither and still less be settled. But after previous combinations and after the adoption of certain gradual measures, the details and execution of which ought to be maturely weighed, the first object is to know what Government might be willing to do; next what means can be depended on? What utility and what economy can ensue for the nation from the present plan and on what ground the proposed settlement may be allowed to claim a preference over any other kind of assistance.

Grounds proposed for a settlement in Canada.

It was undoubtedly from motives of humanity alone in the first instance and afterwards from sound political reasons that the English Nation showed itself in so high a degree generous towards the French Emigrant men, who remained faithful to their Sovereign, who preferred misery to guilt, were justified in hoping for protection from a just and powerful Government and that protection having upon that ground been once granted ought not to be withdrawn since it is neither in the national character nor the interest of Government to grant them shelter at one time and abandon them at another, but it is important to reduce their number, and, without ceasing to feel for those unfortunate men, to accelerate that reduction consequently also the reduction of expense concerning them.

The interest of the State requires that those who now live on its allowance should be converted into owners of land and such settlements would unite every desirable object without any of the inconveniences which a strict economy sometimes entails on generosity. If in creating it Government could, at the same time, place decided Royalists in a country where Republican principles and Republican customs are become leading features; if such a colony, for instance, should be settled on the frontiers of the United States and if it offered an asylum and an outlet to all planters driven from the French West India Islands.

Not only the expense of Government is not to be increased (as was observed before) but it is to be positively reduced, and even the means secured of reimbursing hereafter the advances necessary in the outset. This might not be intended as a charitable gift only, it ought to be both a great and good deed and a profitable enterprise for the State which grants protection. Even at this moment, and amidst all the intricacies of war it may serve as one of the means of peace; at least one of the difficulties towards peace will be thereby got over. For it is not to be doubted, that whenever England thinks fit to treat with the Directory, that Directory will try to inflict in regard to French Emigrants some of those humiliating conditions which it has exacted from several other Sovereigns. What must be then the astonishment of those fierce tyrants, nay of all Europe, if whilst England is supposed to give her whole attention to the measures necessary for repelling the threatened invasion and to the mode of providing for the expense attending her defence she was seen to create a new class of proprietors entirely composed of those whom the Directory has deprived of all property? If I am not much mistaken, a settlement thus formed would throw a great additional lustre on England, on its public credit and on the just and high opinion established in every Country of the great resources to be derived from the morality of the English Nation.

In what does the proposed settlement consist? How is it to be denominated; and when and by what means is it to be carried into execution?

It must be taken for granted that the British Government desirous of taking in favour of the French Emigrants a determination consistent with its own interest and its principles of humanity would decide on proclaiming its decision. The outline of the plan would be thus conceived:

"There shall be formed in the Southern part of Canada, a settlement susceptible of receiving French Emigrants; sufficient means of subsistence shall be granted

and secured to them until such a time, and a quantity of land sufficient to provide for their maintenance shall have been brought into value and distributed among them.

"All expenses attending the said settlement during the first three years shall be advanced by and at charge of Government. All expense after the expiration of the first three years towards the increase of the said settlement shall be chargeable on the totality of the new proprietors and reimbursed by them, they shall accordingly pay annually to the Governor of Canada (who shall account for it to the Treasury) one seventh of their crops until full payment of the advances."

But on what fund is the first expense to be found? How is the land to be cleared and brought into value? How are the requisite buildings to be erected? Where are the necessary workmen to be found? At what period and in what number are French Emigrants to be carried to Canada? Is this new Emigration to be voluntary or compulsive? I shall answer all these questions successively.

1. On what fund are the first advances to be taken?

On the very fund granted for the maintenance of French Emigrants. The only thing requisite to combine this plan properly and carry it into execution with great order and great economy will be to obtain from Parliament the grant for a number of years such as it shall be pleased to fix of the same sum which is now annually voted for the Emigrants.

To justify the decision to be adopted by Parliament a plain argument offers itself. Either France after so long a state of convulsion will obtain an equitable government whatever be its form, or else the present tyranny will perpetuate itself. In the first supposition the French Emigrants must be considered by that equitable government in the light of French prisoners whose maintenance having been advanced on the part of England must be reimbursed by France, and will in that case be certainly reimbursed since a debt of this nature could be on no other Sovereign so binding as on the present usurpers. In the second supposition (that of a prolonged tyranny) the Parliament of England will no doubt, the next and following years see the same motives for assisting the Emigrants which it has had for assisting them the year before; so that the grant now craved for a fixed number of years might not appear so burthensome, especially being justified by the prospect of a great national establishment.

But how can this supposed grant (which is to be continued by daily expenses and is even represented as insufficient for the purpose) be rendered adequate to the expense of so great an establishment? In the following manner:

As soon as the sum of that expense shall have been voted for a fixed number of years it will be easy to dispose by anticipation of the annual savings arising from the gradual extinction of the first number of Emigrants; that extinction by death must be computed at five per cent a year. The second year therefore will produce a saving equal to ten per cent the third fifteen. There shall also be retrenched from the general list all those whom the infant settlement shall be able to maintain as also those whose industry in England may prove adequate to their wants.

For as soon as the proposed establishment shall have been held out to them as a resource all those who being under fifty years of age should refuse to avail themselves of it, ought not in fact to be constrained but they can no longer have any plea for leaning on the generosity of government and in the number of its annuitants there are many (those from Corsica and from Toulon for instance) whose supplies are considerable enough to admit of a just and reasonable reduction. This reduction might be found in the offer of an equivalent in land in the new colony, should they refuse this offer they can have no right of complaining of the intended reduction.

I should therefore propose that the first sum to be voted towards the forming of the settlement should be of fifteen thousand pounds five thousand of which should be retained on and deducted from the sum allotted for this year to the Emigrants and the other ten thousand pounds to be advanced by way of anticipation.

How is the land to be cleared and brought into value? By what means are the requisite buildings to be constructed? Where are the workmen to be found for the said construction?

These questions which include many details can nevertheless be easily answered.

When once a plan of this importance shall have been adopted, the same measure must be employed as in founding the old colony of Canada with this difference and advantage that the colony now existing there and its resources will prove a powerful auxiliary.

It was the soldiery who cleared and prepared the land for our French settlements of Canada and Louisiana. Military discipline has the wonderful advantage of keeping the workmen in order and as their maintenance is already secured to them a double pay and the prospect of becoming themselves land owners is sufficient encouragement to make them undertake and execute extensive labour for a very moderate salary.

The creation of the new regiment must therefore make an essential and principal part of the present plan and as it will be proper to extend the new colony to the frontiers of the United States the establishment to be made of military posts along the line, the protecting the new connections which will be formed with the nations of the country and the extension of the fur trade must create sufficient employment for a new regiment not to rank that regiment among the advances and fruitless expenses of the settlement.

I should thus find my supply of workmen in a regiment of foot composed of two battalions its subaltern officers must be composed as the superior ones of Emigrants and the soldiers must be carefully chosen.

Its pay should be assigned on the military establishment of Canada and the extraordinary salary to be granted to the workmen should be taken from the funds of the new establishment.

In the two battalions two hundred men only should do military service and the remainder to be employed in clearing the land and constructing the buildings.

But these are not the only measures to be adopted nor the only means of execution and success. One common origin with the Canadians, a conformity of language and religion, relations of consanguinity with many emigrants leave no room to doubt their lending their assistance to an undertaking as advantageous to their colony as to their former and unfortunate countrymen. Their presumed benevolence must therefore be put in activity and directed to one common end. The Colonial Legislative body must be brought so to the interesting itself in the success of the undertaking, as to accelerate and begin without delay the conveying of the Emigrants and so as to prepare places of reception in the different parts of the colony, either by engaging such families as are in easy circumstances to take each their share of the incumbrances until the new farms be ready to take them off their hands, or by distributing the priests in the different parishes, convents or other domiciles.

To obtain this would form the object of mission to be entrusted to two or three intelligent French men who should be owned by Government, and authorised to treat with the Canadian Legislative body, the bishop, the clergy, and the principal inhabitants. These should be made acquainted by them with the plan of the new settlement with the means assigned and with these intended to be requested of the Colony. There would be no indiscretion to propose to those, who are in an easy situation, free gifts or advances in cattle, poultry &c. nor in requiring of the Colonial assembly the maintenance of some land-meters, Inspectors of works, carpenters, Bricklayers, sawers of timber, to begin the first dwellings.

Whilst these preliminary details were in treaty at Quebec and Montreal (and possibly with more success than one would venture to promise here) one battalion of the Regiment intended as workmen should be sent off the place of its destination marked and the necessary barracks erected before the end of the summer. At the same time the two or three commissioners above mentioned and sent in the spring

would send to London a statement of the resources, and of the provisional receptacle secured by them and on that statement should be determined here the number of priests and other emigrants to be sent off by the end of the summer.

At what period, in what number and in what manner are the Emigrants to be sent to the new settlement ?

The first part of the above question is already answered ; the time to be fixed for the first embarkation of Emigrants should be when positive knowledge is obtained of the disposition made for their provision and reception.

But the expense attending that embarkation cannot be assigned on the £15,000 Sterling which are to form the first fund of the establishment. That fund is to be exclusively appropriated to the clearing of the land and construction of the buildings at the rate of two hundred pounds for each farm because we must depend on a certain number of head workmen maintained by the Colony as such, so that there would only be to be paid the expense for constructing the buildings, the purchase of furniture, tools and clearing off twenty acres of land for each farm, seventy six of which on this scale would be in value by the end of the first year.

As to the priests under forty years of age those who on their arrival are not to be settled in parishes or convents and for whom no ecclesiastical employment should appear to be then vacant would be collected in seminaries of twenty or thirty in number on the very spot of the settlement and aided in all the hard works by the workmen who should be assigned to them. They might themselves assist in the construction of the buildings and in the labour least fatiguing of the husbandry.

At first sight it appears that the number of Emigrants to be embarked the first year ought not to exceed three or four hundred and the expenses of the embarkation not making part of the expense allotted for the settlement should be annexed to that, the reimbursement of which ought to be secured to Government by the taxes to be laid on the new erected property. These taxes owned will subsist and be in force until full liquidation of the debt under the express condition that it should not be subjected to any other taxes by the Colonial Assembly.

The progress of this settlement, the regulation of which it might be thought susceptible, the police to be kept up would form the second part of this plan. It is sufficient to say now that the Colonel of the Regiment would naturally be at the head of the Colony under the Governor ; the principal administration as well as the police might be entrusted to a man of experience in that line of service and if two men were found whose character, situation and former connection with the British Government would ensure zeal and fidelity, and those two men should happen to have had, and to have suggested the first idea of a settlement thus combined, if they should also know each other sufficiently to undertake with an entire reciprocal confidence the details of execution they presume to hope that His Majesty's Ministers, in case the plan should be adopted will condescend to employ them.

(This document has neither date nor signature).

THE DUKE OF PORTLAND TO PRESIDENT RUSSELL.

(Archives, *Puisaye Papers*, p. 4.)

WHITEHALL, 5th July, 1798.

SIR,—It being proposed to grant a settlement in Upper Canada to Mr. De Puisaye, who was commander of the French Loyalists employed in conjunction with His Majesty's forces on the coast of France in 1795, and to about forty of the said Loyalists who it is expected will embark with him from hence for that purpose in the course of the present season, I take this opportunity of signifying the same to you in order that you may take such previous measures as may be necessary for

making out for them allotments of lands in situations as favourable as circumstances will allow of, and in the proportion granted to the American Loyalists, considering Mr. De Puisaye as a field officer and such other officers as shall accompany him according to their rank, and the remainder as privates. They will be furnished here with the necessary funds and with such articles as are requisite to enable them to settle the lands which shall be allotted to them.

As it is probable that His Majesty's Government may think it advisable to make provision within your Province for a considerable portion of those French emigrants now here, whose character and behaviour shall appear to entitle them to such a mark of His Majesty's beneficence, I am to require you upon previous consultation and communication with Mr. De Puisaye to consider the best means of carrying such a measure into execution, should it be adopted. With this view it will be necessary to consider in what situation, in what manner, under what services and circumstances and for what numbers lands can be allotted, so as to admit of their being occupied by them in the course of the ensuing year and so that if a considerable number should be sent out in the course of next spring, such previous steps should be taken, &c., and such a degree of preparation made for settling them down upon the lands which shall be designed for them as would render their arrival the least embarrassing to the Province, or should such an event not take place as would put Government to the smallest expense possible.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

PORTLAND.

Mr. Pres. RUSSELL.

RIGHT HON. W. WINDHAM TO PRESIDENT RUSSELL.

(*Puisaye Papers*, p. 13.)

PARK STREET, WESTMINSTER, 30th July, 1793.

SIR,—You will learn by the official letters from the Duke of Portland, what the intentions of Government are respecting the establishment of a certain number of Royalist French in the Colony under your direction, and the wish that you should communicate upon that subject with the Gentleman who is the bearer of this, Comte Joseph de Puisaye.

My object in troubling you is partly to explain on some points more in detail than is done in the public letters, the views which Government entertain upon that subject, and partly to do away any unfavourable impression which the industry of M. de Puisaye's enemies may have contrived to convey respecting the conduct and character of that Gentleman.

The Comte de Puisaye has been by far more known to me than to any other of His Majesty's Ministers, the whole of his transactions with the Government having in fact been carried on through me. The suspicions attempted to be fixed upon him by his own countrymen, and by which they seem to have succeeded best in poisoning against him the mind of his sovereign, have been, that he was sold to the British Government and in favour of English interests, betrayed those of his own country.

To those therefore with whom I may flatter myself with obtaining credit, it will be sufficient to say that no such sacrifice of the interests of his country was ever made, for one plain reason, that none such was ever required.

But that moreover in all collateral and subordinate matters, nothing could be more direct, simple and open than the whole of M. de Puisaye's conduct, the while he adhered with perfect fidelity to all that his duty to his own Sovereign required, observed what was due to the wishes and interests of a Government on which he was to rely for assistance and of whose intentions he had not the smallest distrust.

On the whole of his conduct in these respects I can speak with a degree of knowledge that does not admit of the possibility of my being mistaken, and with this responsibility for the truth of my report, I venture not only to vindicate him from every shadow of imputation of the sort attempted to be fixed upon him, but in the strongest manner to assert his merits and request accordingly to recommend him to your good offices, not only as a man who I am persuaded will not fail to prove deserving of them, but as one whom we are bound in an especial manner to support, knowing as we do, both that the calumnies circulated against him are unfounded and incurred by conduct which we must feel to be highly meritorious.

Having stated this much respecting the character of the Gentleman with whom it has been recommended to communicate and whom it is wished to place in some sort at the head of the new establishment, there is only a word or two which I have to state respecting the establishment itself, the nature and object of which may of itself possibly be sufficiently apparent and sufficiently explained in the official letter to render any observation of mine unnecessary.

The general purpose is to provide an asylum for as many as possible of those whose adherence to the ancient laws, religion and constitution of their Country, has rendered them sacrifices to the French Revolution.

The more especial purpose in the present instance is to select by preference those who have served in the royalist armies and who having refused to be included in the Pacification, or having found that it afforded them no protection are exposed to almost certain destruction by remaining in France.

It is wished that these latter should be kept as much as possible separate from any other body of French, or of those persons speaking French, who may be at present in America, or whom Government may hereafter be disposed to settle there, considering themselves as of a purer description than the indiscriminate class of emigrants and being in some measure known to each other, they wish not to be mixed with those whose principles they are less sure of and whose future conduct might bring reproach upon the Colony, from which under them and their descendants they hope it would be exempt.

Whatever ground they may have for this confidence, their ambition is of an honourable sort and deserves to have a fair scope given to it. M. de Puisaye, who had a Commission under the French King of Lieut. General, and was at the head of those armies of Royalists which were lately most considerable, partakes of course of this ambition more largely than any other person, and is more proper than any other to be employed and consulted in the object to which it relates.

With this general purpose in view, you will be able to judge much better than can be done here, or that I at least will pretend to do even with such information and lights as I derived from much conversation with Gen. Simcoe of the most advisable means of carrying it into execution, so as to secure to this Country a safe and useful Colony; to prevent the misapplication of the bounties of Government to other objects than those which it has in view, and to extend them by management and economy to as large a number as possible of the respectable and unhappy persons whom it would wish to partake of them. It may be a question whether for all these purposes, and as the most effectual means of preserving to the Colony its original and proper character, that namely of a society founded on the principles of reverence for religion and attachment to monarchy, it may not be desirable to continue amongst them something of the same system of subordination under which they have hitherto acted, by throwing them into the form of regiments or of militia, and to give them as much of a feudal institution as the laws of the Colony admit of. One danger it will be necessary to guard against, that of the conversion into money of the grants which Government may make in Land, so as to render them a mere instrument of putting a present sum into the pockets of those who have no intention of finally becoming subjects of this country.

M. de Puisaye himself, besides that he is a man of too much honour to act in views different from those which he professes, he marked his own wishes in that respect by the earnestness with which he has requested me to procure him Letters of

Denization, which in compliance with his request and in consideration of his particular claims, I have taken care to do, though he is the only emigrant, I believe, as yet to whom that favour has been granted. They will follow him as soon as they can pass through the necessary form.

It does not occur to me that I can add more to this long letter than to beg your excuse for the length of it and to express my satisfaction that persons in whose success I so much interest myself should be consigned to a Gentleman from whom they are so sure to receive every attention their circumstances and character demand, and who is likely to enter so fully into the beneficent and liberal views that have guided Government on this occasion.

I have &c.

W. WINDHAM.

Mr. President RUSSELL.

REGULATIONS FOR THE COLONY.

(*Archives, Series Q., Vol. 285, p. 465.*)

The King having taken into consideration the forlorn situation of the French noblemen and officers who have borne arms in His Majesty's service, or distinguished themselves by their attachment to His late Most Christian Majesty's person and family, and by their exertions in the Royalist armies and in endeavouring to deliver their country from a cruel and oppressive tyranny, has been graciously pleased to direct that a corps of French Gentlemen should be raised under the command of Comte de Puisaye for the purpose of forming an establishment in Upper Canada on lands assigned by the King's commands to such French Gentlemen and their families as have claims arising from the above mentioned services, according to the following regulations.

The corps to be composed of:

- 1 Major Commandant
- 2 Captains
- 2 Lieutenants
- 4 Sub-lieutenants

all of them must have had the rank of Field Officer in His late Most Christian Majesty's service previous to the month of 1789.

- 1 Adjutant
- 1 Quarter Master
- 1 Chaplain
- 1 Surgeon
- 1 Surgeon's Mate
- 6 Serjeants

having had the rank of captain,

8 corporals.

having had the rank of lieutenant,

150 privates.

The pay of the officers to be two-thirds of British pay, that of serjeants and corporals the same as those of the same rank in the Chasseurs nobles of Castries and Mortemart. The privates 1s. per diem, exclusive of clothing.

The term of service to be for three years unless a portion of land equal to acres shall be cultivated by the person demanding his discharge, or that he shall have procured another person to serve in his place, or shall have reimbursed Government the expenses attending his equipment.

The conditions of service are:

Military obedience to the commandant and superior officers.

Military service in case of Invasion or War on the American Continent.

One day in the week to Religious and Military Duty.

Two days in the week personal labour for the establishment of the officers, and general purposes of the Colony.

Four days for the labour of the portion of land assigned to, each individual for the support of himself and family.

The grant of lands to be :

Acres for the Major.

do for a Captain.

do for a Lieutenant and Sub do.

do for Serjeants and Corporals.

do for Privates.

An addition of lands to be granted for relations who shall engage to join whenever the colony shall be in a state of forwardness to receive them.

Acres for a Father.

do for a Mother.

do for a Wife.

do for a Child.

do for a Sister.

do for a Niece or Nephew.

under the the age of years.

The lands of a person who shall die during his period of service (unless his family is on the spot) to be offered according to seniority in the corps; (giving a preference to family men) in exchange for their own portion of land (the principle to be followed being, that the last come shall take the least cultivated portion of land in the Colony). 'This rule to be observed where a person obtains his discharge by finding another in his place.

If the Family of the Deceased are on the spot, the Inheritance to belong to them, with a power of alienation, provided the persons they sell to shall be approved of by the Commander in Chief, and shall be a French Emigrant Loyalist.

No other person to have a right of alienation till after a possession of 10 years.

Government to furnish in the first instance, instruments of Husbandry for each individual.

Clothing.

Rations of provisions.

The purposes of the general stock to be:

For forming a Magazine for unexpected failures of the Colony.

For providing for Widows and Children and the infirm.

For preparing Timber and assisting in the Building of Habitations for persons entitled to their Discharge.

It is hoped that from the general stock, a sow may be given to each Individual, and a cow amongst three, or where there are Families, between two.

No person to be allowed to send for, or receive any part of his Family, without leave of the Commander of the Regiment, which leave shall not be granted till he has cultivated acres sufficient for their subsistence and built a Hut to cover them.

In the first instance the corps to be supplied with Barracks, and allowances, and an Hospital establishment, the same as a British Regiment.

The total expense to be that of a British Regiment of 300 men. The surplus and savings to be managed by a Council of administration to be composed of:—

The Major

1 Captain

1 Lieutenant

1 Sub-Lieutenant

1 Serjeant

1 Corporal

3 Privates.

} By rotation.

} By Election.

and an English paymaster, with power of suspending the expenditure voted by the Council, till he shall have reported the proposed expense to the Governor of the Province, and received his orders thereon.

The paymaster is also to correspond with the British Government on the wants and means of the Colonists, to state their annual savings and expense and if any diminution can be made in the sums and allowances given by the public for its support.

The Military Police to be in the Major.

The Civil Police, as the administration of the country shall determine.

(N. B.) It is recommended to be in a Council of officers.

The savings are to purchase cattle, to erect public Buildings, to afford assistance to Individuals on petition, to maintain the sick.

The Punishments of Military disobedience and neglect are to consist of:—

Fines.

Imprisonment.

Increase of labour for the general stock.

Labour for two days, and prison for three in the power of the Commandant: Beyond that, by a Court martial.

Succession of the corps.

As soon as acres of the Lands allotted to each officer shall be cultivated by the general labour, that officer shall be established thereon, and from that time, his Military pay and rank shall cease: and the oldest in the next rank (being a gentleman) shall succeed to his commission and such a portion of the general labour as was before allotted to the cultivation of the retiring officer's lands, shall be employed on the portion of land of his successor whose original allotment however is not to be increased.

In order to keep up a constant succession in the corps, there shall be ten supernumerary privates, who shall be constantly employed in general labour and shall be appointed to portions of land, as vacancies happen in the corps.

The resident child of each person serving in the corps, now born, or that shall be born during the service of its parents, to be entitled to a grant of acres of land free of expense, on their attaining years of age in addition to such portion of their parents land as they might inherit.

(There is no date; it is apparently a document sent in July 1798.)

PRESIDENT RUSSELL TO THE DUKE OF PORTLAND

(*Extract*).

(*Archives, Series Q, Vol. 268—1, p. 12.*)

UPPER CANADA

YORK 3rd November 1798.

MY LORD DUKE,—I had the Honor on the 26th ulto. of receiving your Graces Letter No. 10, and Duplicate of Mr. King's letter dated the 10th of March; the Original of which has not come to my hands, nor have I yet received your Graces letter No. 9.

Immediately after receiving your Grace's letter No. 10 I laid it before the Executive Council, and desired the members to form themselves into a Committee and report to me the situations which they may judge the most favorable for ordering allotments of Land to Mr. Puisaye and the French Loyalists with him agreeable to the Proportions directed by your Grace's letter; but the necessary previous arrangements may be made for their accommodation with as little delay as possible. And I shall not fail with the assistance of the Council to consider the situations Terms Circumstances properest for making a Provision for the other French Emigrants whom your Grace has signified to me it is probable His Majesty's Government may think it advisable to send out to this Province in the spring; and what numbers of them it may be possible to supply with allotments of land under the present diminished state of the waste lands of the Crown, and the previous Engagements which the Faith of this Government is pledged to fulfill. I shall have the Honor of transmitting to your Grace the Result of our Deliberations by the earliest opportunity.

Having this day received a Letter from Mr. Puisaye informing me that he arrived at Quebec on the 7th ultimo with some General, Field, and Subaltern Officers, a few Soldiers, and two Ladies, in all 40 Persons; and that he should proceed with them to join me at this place without delay. I have dispatched a letter by this opportunity to meet him at Kingston, in which I have represented to him the Impossibility at this late season of the year of providing proper Accommodations against the winter in this Town for so large a number of respectable Personages;—and I have in consequence requested that he will be pleased to stop the rest of his Company at Kingston or send part of them on to Newark, which being older Settlements may possibly be better able to furnish the means of lodging them—and that I shall be happy to see himself here, when upon Consultation we may probably determine upon some mode of disposing of the whole of his Company with suitable Convenience to themselves.

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I transmitted to your Grace in my letter No. 37 a Copy of the first Report made to me by a Committee of the Executive Council upon General Prescotts Plan for disposing of the Waste lands of the Crown by Sale, I have now the Honor of inclosing for your Graces Information a copy of its second Report on the same Subject with that of my answer, and the copy of a letter I have this day written thereon to General Prescott. As soon as we receive the Surveyor Generals Report of the Amount remaining of ungranted waste lands, and the Quantity thereof which may be wanted for fulfilling the unsatisfied Engagements of this Government, I shall transmit it to your Grace by the first early Opportunity, that His Majesty's Ministers may judge from it what number of French Emigrants it may be possible to accommodate with land in Upper Canada.

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PRESIDENT RUSSELL TO THE DUKE OF PORTLAND.

(*Archives, Series Q, Vol., 286—1, p. 39.*)

UPPER CANADA, YORK,

21st November, 1798.

MY LORD DUKE,—I have the Honor to inform your Grace that the Count de Circular 23rd April Puisaye arrived here on the 18th instant, and delivered to me your do 26th May Graces and Mr. King's letters as stated in the Margin to which I No. 9, 12 June From Mr. King 31st shall not fail to pay all due Obedience. July.

The very high Character given to me by Mr. Windham of Mr. de Puisayes Principles Integrity & Honor encourages me to place a Degree of Confidence in him which I should have been cautious of reposing at this important Crisis in any other Frenchman not so well recommended. Therefore, as the vacant land between this Town and Lake Simcoe offers a situation which is equally distant from the French Settlements in lower Canada, and on the Detroit River, I have chosen it, with Mr. de Puisayes approbation, for the Establishment of this Colony of French Royalists—because its Proximity to the Seat of Government will not only facilitate the conveyance to them of any assistance they may occasionally want, but subject all their movements to the immediate inspection & Comptrol of the Administration. And indeed their numbers may moreover contribute to fill up an uninhabited space, thro' which an Indian Enemy may at present advance to the Destruction of this Town before we can possibly receive sufficient warning of their approach. I have for this purpose directed the Surveyor General to lay off four Townships immediately to the northward of Markham, Pickering & Whitby, and Mr. de Puisaye proposes to accompany the Deputy Surveyor himself that he may have an opportunity of exploring the Country.

To preserve as nearly as possible their former Subordination, it is my intention to form these Royalists into a corps of Militia as soon as it can be done with Propriety, and by placing Mr. de Puisaye at their Head with permission to name the

officers, & putting him into the commission of the Peace, give him the Civil & Military Directions of the Colony. This Gentleman appears to be fully sensible how much I depend upon the Prudence and Fidelity of his conduct in this Situation; and he assures me in consequence that he shall not admit a Frenchman into the Establishment under his charge whose Principles he is not perfectly acquainted with.

I have the Honor to inclose for your Graces Information the copy of a List which Mr. de Puisaye has given me of the Persons who have accompanied him to this Province with a Specification of their respective Ranks; and I beg leave to solicit your Graces Pleasure respecting their being supplied with Provisions out of His Majesty's Stores. For not having received any intimation thereof from the Commander in Chief I am at a loss to know how far I am at liberty to sanction the delivery of Rations to them, which Mr. de Puisaye informs me they had been encouraged to expect; as was heretofore done to the Loyalists who brought orders from administration to be settled in this Province. I request My Lord, likewise to be instructed before Patents are issued for the lands to be granted to the persons composing this new Establishment, whether the half Fee (three pence per acre) is to be charged to the respective Grantees, as directed by the new Regulations; or whether they are to receive their land gratis, and the half Fees to the officers (two Pounds fifteen Shillings & Six pence on each thousand acres granted) to be paid by Warrant on the Receiver General as formerly.

The Acting Surveyor General not having been yet able to complete his Report of the Quantity of waste land which may remain to be disposed of after providing for the previous Engagements of Government, I must defer a little longer the transmitting to your Grace our joint opinions upon the numbers of French Royalists who can be provided with Lands in this Province, & upon the Situations most proper to place them in. But I shall take care to expedite the Report with my utmost diligence.

I have now only to assure Your Grace that I shall with pleasure pay every attention to Your Graces Commands, and do all in my power to promote the views of His Majesty's Ministers on this Occasion.

I have the Honor to be with
the greatest Respect,
My Lord,
Your Graces Most obedient &
Most Humble Servant
PETER RUSSELL.

His Grace The Duke of Portland
&c. &c. &c.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL HUNTER TO THE DUKE OF PORTLAND.

(Extract.)

(Archives, Series Q, Vol. 286—2, p. 383.)

QUEBEC, 11th October, 1799.

MY LORD,—I left Quebec on the 29th July, the day General Prescott sailed for England, and I arrived at York the 16th August, when I took upon myself the administration of the Government of Upper Canada.

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With respect to the terms on which lands are to be granted to Count de Puisaye and the French Emigrants that accompanied him to Canada, I shall strictly observe Your Grace's directions to consider them in the light of original American Loyalists, and allow them their Grants on the same terms. But the quantity to be granted to each individual, I am still at a loss to determine, because in the list sent by Your Grace to Mr. Russell*, no rank or condition is annexed to their names, but in a list

*This list is in Volume 285, p. 463, of series Q.

delivered in by Count de Puisaye, a copy of which I enclose, he takes the rank of a Lieut. General to himself and gives rank to twelve others. I am therefore to request Your Grace's directions on this point.

I beg leave also to mention to you that on conversing with Mr. Chief Justice Osgood respecting the lands proposed to be granted to Mons. LeComte de Puisaye and the other French Emigrants, he seemed to doubt how far a valid title to Lands could be made out to them before their disabilities as aliens were removed.

Count de Puisaye does not remain with the French Emigrants on the Lands allotted them, but has purchased a farm near Niagara, where he, his housekeeper, the Count de Chalus, John Thomson and Marchand, their servants, reside.

Some apprehensions were entertained in Upper Canada respecting the intimacy subsisting between Captain Brant and Count de Puisaye, but I could not find that they were well founded, nor do I see any evil likely to arise from that circumstance.

The Marquis de Beauport from having had some misunderstanding with the Count de Puisaye, or not finding the enterprise suitable to his expectations, has determined to return to England with Mons. St. Victor. They came to Lower Canada for that purpose with passports from Mr. Russell about the end of July. I endeavoured to procure a passage for them on board La Prevoyante Frigate, but was not successful and not considering myself authorized to incur any expense on that head, I understand they intend to procure a passage for themselves.

When at York, I made particular enquiry into the actual situation of the French Emigrants and from the enclosed statement furnished by Mr. Angus McDonnell their Friend and Agent at York, Your Grace will observe that of the original number sent out from England only twenty five now remain in Upper Canada, viz: Five residing at Niagara and twenty upon their Lands at Windham. Those at Windham have cleared between forty and fifty acres of Land, and if I can credit their own statement, they are totally destitute of pecuniary funds, on which account they earnestly requested that I would order some seed wheat and barley to be given to them, without which they could not have it in their power to sow the lands they had cleared. I granted their request. There are also twenty-one Canadian artificers, labourers &c. at Windham, employed by the French Emigrants, to whom Mr. Russell had granted rations.

Your Grace may rely that rations shall not be issued to the French Emigrants longer than absolute necessity may require, and I shall not fail keeping in view and taking for my guide the allowances that were made to the American Loyalists on their first arrival in the Province.

I have the honour to be &c. &c. &c.

P. HUNTER.

LIST OF THE ROYALISTS gone from London with Count Joseph de Puisaye for Canada.

(Archives, Series Q, Vol. 286—1, p. 43 and Q. 286—2 p. 407.)

Officers.

- 1 Lieutenant General Ct. Joseph Depuisaye
- 2 Count de Chalus Major General
- 3 D'Allegre Colonel
- 4 Marquis de Beauport Colonel
- 5 Viscount de Chalus Colonel
- 6 Coster de St. Victor Colonel
- 7 De Marsenil Lieutenant Colonel
- 8 Queton de St. Georges Lieut. Colonel
- 9 Boiton Captain
- 10 De farcy Captain
- 11 De Poret Captain
- 12 Gui de Beauport Lieutenant
- 13 Lambert de la Richerie Lieutenant

- 14 Hippolite De Beaupoil
 15 Champagne
 16 Nathaniel Thompson
 17 John Thompson
 18 John ficerel—lost at Montreal, not remplaced
 19 Thomas Jones—lost at Quebec, remplaced by Boyer
 20 Joseph Donavant—lost at Quebec, not remplaced
 21 Abraham Berne
 22 Padioux
 23 fauchard
 24 Renoux
 25 Segent
 26 Bugle
 27 Auguste. Dead in Quebec
 28 Polard
 29 Letourneux
 30 Langel
 31 Bagot
 32 Rene fouquet, dit laconille lost at Plymouth
 33 Deybach, dit Quiberon Dead in Quebec
 34 furon
 35 Brigade lost at Plymcuth
 36 Marchand
 37 William Smithers

} these are the four men taken at
 } Southampton, named but not
 } placed in the passport of the
 } Duke of Portland.

Women

- 38 Madame Marquiss De Beaupoil
 39 Madam Viscountess De Chalus
 40 Mrs. Smithers
 41 Mary Donavant } lost in Quebec } Saly Robinson
 42 Catherine Donavant } and remplaced by } Catherina
 43 Betsy, lost in Plymouth and remplaced by Barbe
 44 Françoise Letourneux
 total of this first List..... 44
 lost..... 10
 remains..... 34
 put in the place of the lost men..... 4
 Total of the actual number..... 38

This list was enclosed in President Russel's letter of 21st November, 1793; as well as in the immediately preceding letter of General Hunter, of 11th October, 1799.

STATEMENT OF THE ACTUAL SITUATION OF THE FRENCH EMIGRANTS UNDER COUNT JOSEPH DE PUISAYE.

(Archives, Series Q, Vol. 286—2, p. 409.)

Residing at Niagara 5, to wit.

- No. 1. The Count de Puisaye, Lieutenant General.
2. The Count de Chalus, Major General.
3. Marchand, a Private.
4. Mrs. Smithers, Housekeeper to Count de Puisaye.
5. John Thompson, servant to Count de Puisaye.

Settled at Windham 20, to wit.

6. Monsieur d'Allègre, Colonel.
7. The Viscount de Chalus, Colonel.
8. Monsieur de Marseuil, Lieutenant Colonel.
9. Monsieur Queton de St. George, Major.
10. Monsieur Boiton, Captain.
12. Monsieur de Farcy, Captain.
13. Monsieur de la Richerie, Lieutenant.
14. Madame Viscontesse de Chalus.
15. Renou, Private.
16. Fauchard do
17. Sejan (Segent?) Private.
18. Le Bugle do
19. Champagne do
20. Polard do
21. Furan do
22. Letourneux dit L'angevin, Private.
23. Fanny, his wife.
24. Langel Private.
25. Boyer do

Abandoned the enterprise 16, to wit.

26. Marquis de Beauvoir, Colonel
27. Monsieur de St. Victor, Colonel.
28. Monsieur St. Aulaire, second lieutenant.
29. Monsieur de Beauvoir junior.
30. Madame La Marquise de Beauvoir.
31. Betsey, a servant girl.
32. William Smithers, a servant.
33. Nathaniel Thompson do
34. Thomas Jones do
35. John Fitzgerald do
36. John Donavan do
37. Mary Donovan do
38. Catharine Donavan do
39. Lambert Private.
40. Bagot do
41. John Berm do

Lost their passage from England 2, to wit.

42. René Fouget Private.
43. Michel Breguiér do

Casualties 3, to wit

44. John Deybach, Private, drowned in Quebec.
45. Auguste do drowned in Quebec.
46. Padiou or Le Drama, died at Windham.

Canadian Servants in all 21, to wit.

Valière and his family, Blacksmith.
 Gareau do
 Mainville and his family, Labourer.
 Antoine Lafleche.
 Le Bonhomme.

YORK, UPPER CANADA, 3rd September 1799.

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LETTERS FROM GOVERNORS OF NOVA SCOTIA AND OFFICERS COMMANDING AT HALIFAX—1777-1784.

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1777.
September 21,
London.

Sir Charles Douglas to Haldimand. Recommending the family of Augustin l'Osier, captain of militia, living in the parish of St. Anne, opposite Isle aux Coudres.

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1778.
August 15,
Halifax.

Lieut. Governor Arbuthnot to Haldimand. The only way that communication can be kept up between them is by sending dispatches to Captain Studholme at Fort Howe, at the mouth of the St. John's River, opposite Annapolis. From there the journey would take about a month. Has heard nothing from the southward since he has been here. The Duke of Hamilton's, the Duke of Argyle's and the 70th Regiments, 2,200 effectives, arrived yesterday from Glasgow, commanded by Major General McLean, Colonel Bruce and Captain Campbell, which have relieved the place from apprehension of a visit from d'Estaing, who had anchored off the mouth of the Delaware, then proceeded after Lord Howe and his army, and subsequently sailed to the southward. Admiral Byron, with 13 sail of the line and a frigate, has sailed in search of him to this part of the world, but has not yet arrived. The most convenient place for sending letters is Tatmagauche (Tatamagouche) to Cobequid, thence up the Sheepenachadie (Shubenacadie). The priest sent by Mr. Cramahé to the Indians has never arrived; is afraid that the conduct of the French court has affected the conduct of the clergy. The Indians of St. John's River and the Bay of Chaleurs must be told that if they do not behave they shall be compelled to do so. 3

August 15,
Halifax.

John Hall to ———. General Howe has returned to England; Clinton has succeeded and evacuated Philadelphia; had encamped on Long Island. All overtures have been rejected by the Congress and treaty refused till they are considered as independent states. The abortive attempt of the French to shut up the fleet in the Delaware and destroy the transports. Encounter of the royal army on its route through the Jerseys with Washington's whole force. Death of Colonel Monckton and defeat of the enemy. Movements of the French fleet not definitely known; preparations for the worst at Halifax. Arrival of troops (see previous letter). 6

August 15,
Halifax.

General Eyre Massey to Haldimand. Will forward letters as requested. Reinforcements arrived; great works carried on towards the harbour; 100 guns mounted; it cannot be forced by the enemy. Has no news and has received no letters, except perhaps one in six months. 8

August 18,
Halifax.

Lieut. Governor Richard Hughes to the same. That he has been appointed Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia and has assumed the office. 10

September 7,
Halifax.

Same to the same. Has given David Wier, from Boston, a passage to Quebec. His conduct suspicious; not to be allowed to land till his (Haldimand's) permission is granted. 11

September 28,
Halifax.

Massey to the same. Sends dispatches received from Sir H. Clinton. Has no news. The French fleet in Boston Bay; 10 sail of the line, many of them dismasted. Has obtained leave and sails this week; has made this place very strong. A flag of truce has arrived, but the "sad dogs" will not give one word of news. Franklin, Indian superintendent, will gain over the Indians. 12

September 29,
Quebec.

Attorney-General Monk to the same. Enclosing a letter from Halifax. 13

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October 3,
Halifax.

Hughes to Haldimand. Has received letter from Quebec, and is pleased that so good a mode of communication to Halifax has been settled; complains that he does not hear from the southward. Lord Howe with his fleet was off Yorktown (New York) as reported from there on the 13th September. Part of the fleet under Vice Admiral Byron had joined him; the rest expected to do so in a few days. The army under Clinton also at York, Long Island and Staten. Report from Boston that a battle had taken place at White Plains, in which the rebels had been defeated. Reported disagreements between the Bostonians and d'Estaing's officers, three or four of the latter having been killed in an affray with the inhabitants. The French ships cannot be refitted or get provisions, and the French for their own protection are fortifying some of the islands at the mouth of Boston harbour. Sees light in the darkness of this troublesome American business for reasons stated. Page 14

October 3,
Fort
Lawrence.

Moses Delesdernier to Goreham. That he is going to Quebec; states his losses, and asks that General Haldimand be informed of his distressed situation. 21

October 5,
Fort
Cumberland.

Goreham to Haldimand. Introducing Moses Delesdernier and Captain Collet. Explains the position of the former and expresses regret at the resignation of the latter. Both are going to Quebec. 19

October 8,
Halifax.

Brigadier Francis McLean to the same. That he has succeeded General Massey in the command of the troops; will give every assistance possible to carry out the plan of communication. The rebels landed 22,000 men on Rhode Island, supported by d'Estaing's fleet, but on its sailing the rebels abandoned the island and had some skirmishing with the King's troops, with no material loss on either side. Two of the French ships, attacked by two British frigates escaped to Boston into which they got with difficulty. The British fleet expected to leave New York shortly in search of the French. Byron now in command as successor to Lord Howe. Clinton is sending two regiments to reinforce Halifax. The second battalion of marines has embarked with Massey. 23

October 19,
Halifax.

Return of British and Brunswick troops ordered to Lunenburg, under command of Lieut. Colonel v. Speth. 25

October 19,
Halifax.

Return of the names of Ensign Johnson's party going to Canada. A note says: The party, including officers and privates, consisting of twenty-two persons, are provided with arms, ammunition, clothing, kettles and other requisites for the march to Canada. 26

October 20,
Halifax.

Brigadier Francis McLean to Haldimand. The arrival of the "Nancy" with troops on board, driven in by contrary winds and stormy weather. A part under v. Speth (see return, p. 25) has been sent to Lunenburg; the others (return, p. 26) have gone to Quebec by land. Clothing and an advance of money given to the troops for Lunenburg. His (Haldimand's) nephew to winter at Lunenburg. 27

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February 10,
Halifax.

Same to the same. Reporting the arrival of the "Nancy." He will do his utmost to keep correspondence with Quebec. Clinton sent two regiments last December, so that he can now easily defend the Province. Reports are of an encouraging nature; those, however, have been fully detailed in a letter written by Major Holland. 30

March 2,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Hughes. Asks him, in co-operation with McLean, to get the troops driven by bad weather into Halifax last winter sent to Quebec as early as possible. The means to be taken to

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protect the vessels against privateers at the mouth of the St. Lawrence; suggests that a small post at the narrowest part of the Gut of Canso might deprive the privateers of that retreat. Canada is tranquil, but how long that may last depends on the news from the southward. Page 32

May 6,
Halifax.

McLean to Haldimand. Arrival of Fraser with letter from Quebec; is detained for dispatches. A vessel for the troops at Lunenburg, with the convoy to Bic, to sail as soon as the wind shall permit. Cannot tell when the King's ships may be ready to sail for the St. Lawrence to watch the rebel privateers. Lieutenant Governor Sinclair and Major Holland will go with Fraser by land. It is reported that all is quiet at New York, and that Clinton had landed a force at New London, Connecticut, and had done the enemy considerable damage. The "Romulus," ship of war, has brought four large transports, so that some of the troops at Halifax are probably to be employed. Reported successes in the West Indies and repeated defeats there of d'Estaing. 35

May 7,
Halifax.

Hughes to the same. Reports the forwarding of the troops and news from the West Indies as in McLean's letter. Reported reinforcement to New York of 16 battalions. Quarrelling among the members of the Congress; removal of members of good character replaced by men of a much lower class; general discontent. Thinks that this troublesome business must soon be over. Owing to the reduction of the naval force on the whole Continent of America, does not think assistance can soon be expected on the St. Lawrence. 40

May 7,
Halifax.

McLean to Peter Fraser. Instructions as to the rules he is to observe on his journey to Quebec. 44

May 27,
Halifax.

Account of money advanced to Colonel v. Speth and Colonel Guy Johnson. 45, 46

June 20,
Halifax.

Hughes to Haldimand. Letter brought by Foy is received. The troops for Quebec are only men embarked by the fortunate arrival of the "Eagle," transport, which called in on her way from the West Indies to Quebec, and will sail to-morrow if the wind permit. The present reduced state of the naval force is owing to the ships being sent off on a secret expedition to the westward under Brigadier McLean; hopes soon to hear that he has established a strong post in the eastern parts of New England. Discontent among the lower classes in the rebel Provinces, so that it is not unreasonable to expect that this campaign will make them abandon their idol Independence, especially from the fatal blow given to French trade; the capture of Pondicherry, &c. Does not believe in the report of an intended attack on Canada. Asks that the pilot be paid, &c. 47

June 20,
Halifax.

Colonel Bruce to the same. Refers him for particulars of McLean's expedition to letter from Hughes. Is sorry to hear of Hamilton's misfortune; cannot conceive how he could have gone on an expedition without his (Haldimand's) leave. Is glad to hear of the reinforcement at Detroit; hopes that he has received succour from Britain to enable him to make every attempt on Canada fruitless. There has been no news from New York. The troops for Quebec are to sail to-day in the "Eagle," which has clothing for the army in Quebec. Every exertion has been made by Hughes to expedite her departure and he (Bruce) has gone even greater lengths in ordering things from the magazine than he had a right to do. McLean took all the ships of war with him, except some small vessels, one of which is sent as a convoy with a provision vessel up

1779. the Bay of Fundy for the outposts. Report from Boston that Collier had taken 17 ships loaded with tobacco on the James River, and that Portsmouth and Hampton had been burned. Report of discontent in Boston. Capture and recapture of a ship from Glasgow. The capture of Pondicherry. The large amount of prize money made by Liverpool, Glasgow and other towns. Page 52
- June 27, Captain Studholme to Haldimand. Forwarding a dispatch from Fort Howe. Hughes, by Mitchell, on whom he places reliance. McLean has landed at Penobscot without opposition; many had come in and taken the oath and it was expected numbers would follow their example. 57
- July 7, Phil. Callbeck to the same. Enclosing a plan for conducting correspondence from and to Quebec, Halifax and the Island (P.E.I.). Charlotte-town. Captain Collet, who carries the letter, will give details. 58
- July 8, Plan for establishing a packet boat, &c., follows. 61
- Fort Howe. Captain Studholme to Haldimand. Introducing Captain Deschambault. The report of McLean's success has been confirmed. 67
- August 6, Hughes to the same. Had forwarded Foy with public dispatches, Halifax. to New York in the "Blonde," frigate. McLean has established a strong post on the Penobscot. Spain has joined with France against Britain. Would not be uneasy were these infamous associations in the old country broken up. 68
- August 6, Bruce to the same. McLean's landing at Penobscot; it is reported Halifax. that the rebels had collected all their force from Boston and other ports and invested the place. Has no doubt that McLean can defend himself till assistance is sent. Sailing of fleet from England under Sir Charles Hardy; Admiral Edwards for Newfoundland saw the French fleet off Ushant. Orders given to destroy Spanish ships. 71
- September 4, Hughes to the same. Details of the repulse of the rebel attack on Halifax. McLean at Penobscot and total destruction of the rebel fleet by Commodore Collier. 74
- September 11, Same to the same. That Hervey of the "Viper," is taking Indians of Miramichi as prisoners to Quebec, they having been guilty of outrages on the inhabitants. O'Brien, who was active in leading them, is also taken up as a prisoner. 77
- September 17, McLean to the same. Sending a dispatch from Sir Henry Clinton. Fort Magi- Account of his expedition to Penobscot; the arrival of the enemy's bignaduce. fleet; the attack; the arrival of Collier's fleet and destruction of the enemy's fleet and transports. 78
- September 26, Hughes to the same. Arrival of dispatch with news that Guy Halifax. Johnson and Speth had reached Quebec. Further details respecting the expedition to Penobscot. The fortunate arrival of the fleets from Europe; there is now a plentiful supply of provisions at Halifax. Respecting the Indian prisoners (p. 77). Will assist Launière to carry on the correspondence between Quebec and Halifax. Spanish ships have joined the Brest fleet; Sir Charles Hardy watching them. Another Spanish fleet sighted off Cadiz, supposed to be for the West Indies. Report that the Russians and Danes are disposed to assist Britain against the Bourbons. 82
- September 27, Studholme to the same. Has forwarded the courier who had Fort Howe. arrived from Quebec with dispatches. Sends a "Gazette" with account of McLean's success. 88
- September 29, Bruce to the same. Acknowledging receipt of a letter, &c. 89
- Halifax. copy
- September 30, Same to the same. A fleet has passed the harbour with 2,000 Halifax. men on board from New York to Quebec. 90

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September 30, Halifax. Bruce to Haldimand. Report by Captain Collins of the "Camilla," sloop of war, respecting the fleet which had passed the harbour of Halifax. Page 91
- October 17, Halifax. Hughes to the same. Has received letter by the hands of Launière; will have a route laid down from Halifax to Canada, which will enable Launière to keep up correspondence with Quebec. Has advanced him money; asks repayment, the treasury chest having difficulty in meeting unavoidable expenses. 93
- October 17, Halifax. Same to Captain Hervey of the "Viper." Is glad that his testimony was satisfactory; he had equally expressed his sentiments to the Lords of the Admiralty as to his (Hervey's) good services. Money laid out shall be reimbursed; arrival of flour is welcome. 95
- October 19, Halifax. M. Francklin to Haldimand. Two of the Miramichi Indians sent down from Quebec shall be detained as hostages; the others shall be released. The Micmacs from Baie Verte to Restigouche have entered into a treaty to behave well and to take arms against the King's enemies. Has given Launière every assistance for his journey. 96
- October 19, Halifax. Bruce to the same. Damage to the "Renown," intended as convoy for the troop ships for Quebec. Report of a French fleet being seen off the Great Bahama Bank. Everything in readiness for defence, but does not expect an attack. Movements of Cornwallis and of the French fleets. Another attempt on Penobscot reported as about to be made with the help of the French. 97
- October 20, Halifax. Hughes to the same. Preparations making to meet any attack that may be made by the French fleet (p. 97). Flying reports among the evil disposed that d'Estaing is at Boston; that many of his ships have been damaged in a gale, &c. The unfortunate return of the "Renown" to New York with the transports intended for Quebec. 99
- November 29, Halifax. Same to the same. Discovery of a treaty signed at Paris by France, Spain and Franklin on the part of the Congress, that by the 20th of June, 1781, the Congress engages to deliver the two Floridas to Spain and the Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia to France; that d'Estaing's fleet was intended for Nova Scotia and Canada, but that off the coast of Georgia his ships were disabled by a gale. It is probable the fleet has gone to the West Indies. Reports of insurrection amongst the mob, particularly at Philadelphia, against "their despotic rulers," the enormous taxes and distress tending towards this. It is not unlikely that the French fleet will visit Halifax early in spring; he will request McLean to prepare for its reception. 101
- December 2, London. Extract of a letter to Lieut. Governor Hughes reporting the death of Lord Littleton, and the wounding of Charles James Fox in a duel with Mr. Adam, M.P. (See *Annual Register*, 1779., p. 236.) These events, with the defeat of d'Estaing and other favourable circumstances, have discouraged the opposition and give reason to hope for the fall of the rebellion. 106
- December 3, Halifax. McLean to Haldimand. He left Penobscot on the 13th and arrived at Halifax on the 23rd November. A garrison of 500 men has been left at Penobscot and the post made secure for the winter. Is afraid that the letter sent on the 17th of September had not reached. Sends duplicate and dispatches from Clinton. The convoy under the "Renown" scattered; some returned to New York; one in St. John's Island, with part of Knyphausen's regiment; others still missing. Reinforcements from New York to Penobscot counter-

1779. manded ; Rhode Island evacuated and the troops have joined Carleton at New York. Page 108
- December 4, Extract of a letter to Lieut.-Governor Hughes. Fight for
London. place between Tories and Whigs ; the Bourbons deserve chastisement ; should be glad if the Whigs had to give it, as it would then be dog eat dog. The nation too opulent to be easily roused and bears with more patience than Job other men's sufferings ; nothing will rouse it till the French or Spanish strike some heavy blow on the island or its navy. If America only knew her own nothingness in the eyes of European powers, she would no longer be the cat's paw for the belligerents. 111
- December 15, Studholme to Haldimand. Will send all intelligence as ordered ;
Fort Howe. forwards a dispatch and tin box by Lieut.-Colonel Rogers. 113
1780.
March 7, McLean to the same. Is totally ignorant of what is passing at
Halifax. New York. By last accounts Cornwallis was preparing to move with 5,000 or 6,000 men, accompanied by Admiral Arbuthnot, but his destination was doubtful. In November the combined fleets were in Brest, watched by Sir Charles Hardy. Fletcher of the 1-84th arrived with some recruits from Newfoundland, who will be forwarded on the first opportunity. Arrival of provision ships at the Island of St. John's. Rogers has misstated the number of men he has raised for the corps here. There are not above 40 and it is not likely they will be much increased this winter. Allan's papers received ; the two prisoners still remain in confinement. 114
- March 8, Hughes to the same. Is not displeased that the Indians entertain
Halifax. an idea of retaliating on the rebels ; it is not always desirable to let loose these savages, but in this case it is justifiable. The stand made by the troops in Georgia will probably produce a favourable turn to His Majesty's cause. The quarrels between the French and Americans ; the contempt with which the latter were treated by d'Estaing ; the crippled state of his fleet and the success of His Majesty's ships in the West Indies, must occasion great distress to the enemy. It is reported that d'Estaing with the wreck of his fleet has retired to Hispaniola. News from headquarters are sent very sparingly, as if Nova Scotia were of as little importance as the fly on the wheel, although when sent to take charge its importance was dinned into his ears. In a postscript, with which the space at the beginning of the letter is filled up, reference is made to the expedition of Cornwallis and Arbuthnot. 116
- April 3, Lieut.-Colonel John Campbell to the same. Launière has arrived
Fort George, with letters ; has sent back New York newspapers by him. Last news
Penobscot. from Britain is that the combined fleet was blockaded in Brest harbour. Expects daily to hear of the submission of South Carolina. 120
- April 3, Same to the same. Secret letters received. Had the party
Fort George, with Launière been induced to come on, Machias could easily have
Penobscot. been taken. At present there are not 100 armed men between this and Boston, but troops are to be raised to guard the coast. Has vessels keeping up communication. The treaty made by McLean with the Penobscot Indians has not yet come to anything for want of presents and necessaries. When Machias is taken there will be an easy means of communication with Canada. 121
- April 18, Hughes to the same. Arrival of Mitchell with public and private
Halifax. dispatches. Has filled up the power of attorney with the name of Charles Dixon of Sackville, in Cumberland County. The rest of the business has been placed in the hands of Mr. Brenton, Attorney General. Will keep an eye on Captain Dabadie. 123

1780.
April 19,
Halifax. Hughes to Haldimand. Reports of the movements of Cornwallis in South Carolina, brought by the "Robust." The land force consisted of 12,000 troops; the sea force, under Arbuthnot, of one fifty and two forty gun ships and five frigates. There was no doubt Charleston would be carried. Will pay the courier's expenses, but there is no money left in his hands to meet future charges of this kind. Sends extracts of two letters from London (pp. 106, 111). They seem to be favourable to the King's interests. Page 126
- April 25,
Halifax. McLean to DeSpeth. Has not obtained any intelligence of the deserters written about. Repeats the report respecting the expedition by Cornwallis against Charleston. Report from London of reinforcement of French ships and troops at Martinico. The Spaniards already tired of the war. No part of the reinforcement from New York to Quebec touched at Halifax; about 180 men are at St. John's Island and shall be sent to Canada when a convoy offers. 129
- April 28,
Windsor,
N. S. Lieut. Governor Francklin to Haldimand. The Indians quiet; hopes, if the presents arrive by the time they meet at the River St. John, to have them distributed and so secure the adherence of the Indians of Nova Scotia. Report of Parker's operations in the West Indies. 131
- May 15,
Halifax. McLean to the same. Sends copy of letter from General Knyp-hausen; the expedition he speaks of is either for Canada or Nova Scotia, most probably the latter, as the enemy know how greatly the forces there have been diminished. Reports of Clinton's and Arbuthnot's movements are not recent; the latest give hopes of their success. Brunswick troops still at St. John's Island. Post at Penobscot quiet. Rodney's success against the Spaniards confirmed. Sends dispatches by Lieutenant Clinch, to go by land; the coast is so infested with privateers that a passage by sea would be impracticable. 133
- May 24,
Fort Howe. Studholme to the same. Had settled with Marceur (Mercure) for carrying dispatches to Quebec. Asks that the sum advanced be paid to Lieutenant Clinch. 139
- May 31,
Halifax. McLean to the same. The difficulty of sending up recruits and the troops at St. John's Island, owing to the want of transport. No reinforcements have yet arrived at this garrison. 140
- May 31,
Halifax. Hughes to the same. Sending duplicate of a dispatch from Lord George Germaine. To guard against an anticipated attack, the defences are being strengthened and he hopes they will soon be in a position to give the enemy a proper reception. Is glad that a reinforcement of 1,000 men has passed up for Quebec; it may enable the fleet to bring the French fleet to the same state as that at Penobscot should the enemy attack Quebec. 142
- June 1,
Fort Howe. Studholme to the same. Is sending dispatch by two trusty Frenchmen, to be engaged by Lieutenant Connor at Oremucto (Oromocto). It is reported that six French ships of the line and seven frigates are bound for the north coast of America, but are followed by ten British ships of the line under Admiral Digby. 144
- June 5,
Blockhouse,
Oromocto
River. Lieut. Connor to the same. Is sending a packet by Michel Mercure, who is to be paid \$90 on arrival. 146
- June 29,
Berthier. De Speth to the same. Asks leave to go to Quebec in consequence of the arrival of the men and baggage of his corps. Late letters announce the surrender of Charleston at the end of April. 147

1780.
 July 7. Report and accounts of the land of the proprietors (General Haldimand, Hugh Wallace and Peter Hassenleavey) in the township of Hopewell, N. S. Pages 148 to 153
- July 24, Halifax. McLean to Haldimand. Sends Ensign Cuff with a dispatch from Sir Henry Clinton, who reports that seven sail of the line and 5,200 land forces are sent by the French against Canada. British frigates saw the French fleet at the entrance of the Chesapeake; there were at least 10 sail of the line and about 40 large transports, apparently for Rhode Island. Every preparation making at Halifax in case of attack; Admiral Graves had sailed on the 19th of May with reinforcements for Admiral Arbuthnot. Part of the convoy for Quebec has fallen into the hands of the enemy. One, a large ship, name unknown, has been retaken by the "Surprise," frigate. 154
- August 13, Halifax. Same to the same. Halifax tranquil. The French fleet is no doubt off the coast, but it is not yet known where. 156
- August 13, Halifax. Hughes to the same. Contains substantially news already sent respecting the French fleet, &c. 157
- August 19, Fort Howe. Studholme to the same. Dispatches of the 20th of July received and delivered to the Indians, whose friendship will check the rebels from interrupting the communication with Quebec. The disagreeable news respecting the Quebec fleet will be made up by the account of Rodney's success in the West Indies. 160
- August 21, Halifax. Captain Hatfield to Mathews. Asks that his passage money and that of other officers of the King's Rangers from Quebec to Halifax be paid to the owner of the ship, General McLean having refused to do so. 162
- August 26, Halifax. McLean to Haldimand. Has allowed Captain Fletcher and his recruits to go by an armed vessel bound for Quebec. Has advanced him £250 sterling and provisions. Sends an account of money advanced to Colonels Johnson and v. Speth. Has reason to believe that the French troops were landed at Rhode Island. 164
- August 27, Halifax. Same to the same. Report that the French fleet has been blockaded at Rhode Island, and that the commander-in-chief had left New York with 9,000 men to co-operate in the destruction of the French fleet. It was also reported that the rebels were raising troops for secret service, offering high bounties for limited terms. Recommends Captain Fletcher. 166
- August 31, Halifax. Same to the same. Admiral Arbuthnot writes that he has blockaded the French fleet and troops at Rhode Island. The letter says nothing of Sir Henry Clinton, but there is good authority for saying that he has gone there with 9,000 men. 168
- September 1, Halifax. Hughes to the same. Dupré, his son and Nichols have had leave to go to Quebec by land; sends accounts by them similar to those in McLean's and Hartcup's (p. 170) letters. 172
- September 7, Windsor, N.S. Francklin to the same. Movements of the fleets in the West Indies. 175
- September 7, Windsor, N.S. Same to the same. Will account for the money advanced to Lewis Mitchell. March of Clinton with 12,000 men for Rhode Island. The good effect of the threats of the Canadian Indians on those in Nova Scotia, but the limited supply of presents, ammunition, &c., prevents the accomplishment of the service required. The contempt entertained for the Indians by McLean. The House of Assembly considers their affairs national, not provincial. No expense has been incurred without the approval of Sir Richard Hughes, yet he has not been reimbursed, and must withdraw his

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agent from St. John's River, and the other persons employed on the frontiers. Representations have been sent to Sir Henry Clinton, and if no relief is afforded, the Indians will, in all probability, adhere to the enemy. Page 176

September 13,
Fort Howe.

Studholme to Haldimand. Respecting the blockade at Rhode Island. The insurrection in the Spanish colonies has, it is reported, led Spain to make overtures for peace. That and the increasing disunion between the American and French armies must bring the rebellion to a speedy close. 179

September 29,
Halifax.

Hughes to the same. Has received express from Rear Admiral Edwards, Governor of Newfoundland, of the capture of an American packet and of Mr. Laurens, late president of the rebel congress, with the dispatches; sends copy of those parts relating to the proposed attack on Canada. Laurens has been sent to England; he may be worth purchasing to bring about a peace. There are also sent the appointment of Franklin to be minister at the court of France, and his letters of credence and instructions, together with the plan of attack on Quebec, the state of their finances, &c. Nothing additional from the southward. 181

September 30,
Halifax.

Same to the same. Asks that the bearer of the express be paid at Quebec. 185

October 13,
Fort Howe.

Studholme to the same. Has received instructions respecting the Indians, which he will observe. Has not employed them to carry dispatches, which he has sent by the officer at Oromocto to be forwarded by two faithful Acadians. Congratulations on the capture of Laurens and the defeat of Gates in South Carolina. 186

October 14,
Fort Howe.

Same to the same. Sends newspapers. The capture of Manilla; the loading of vessels at Bristol and Liverpool with arms for the revolted American Spaniards. 188

October 24,
Fort Howe.

Same to Richard Bulkeley. Has settled the dispute between Martin and Mitchell. 189

December 22,
Halifax.

Hughes to Haldimand. The first paragraphs formal. Arrival at Halifax of eight or nine of the provision ships for Quebec. Hopes that they will reach Quebec early in spring. 191

December 23,
Halifax.

Same to the same. Sending papers relative to Haldimand's private concerns in the Province. 194

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March 22,
Halifax.

Same to the same. In consequence of papers found amongst those taken last fall, war has been declared by Britain against the United States of Holland, Amsterdam having been engaged in a private treaty with the rebellious colonies. Rodney has taken possession of the Dutch West Indies and an amazing number of Dutch, French and American vessels. Other news from the West Indies, &c. He (Hughes) has been promoted and will probably leave Halifax early in summer. 196

March 22,
Halifax.

Same to the same. Has omitted to mention the capture at St. Eustache of 26 large ships, some of them armed with 20 guns, all belonging to Philadelphia, with all sorts of stores and supplies, &c. General McLean has been ill for some months. 200

April 10,
Fort Howe.

Studholme to the same. Sending a dispatch from Sir Richard Hughes, and some newspapers. 203

April 25,
Halifax.

Hughes to the same. Sending two papers from the Attorney General, Mr. Brenton, relative to his (Haldimand's) private affairs in the province (204). A. P. S. states that the French intend to push out a fleet and some troops to America from Brest, whilst the British fleet is conveying supplies to Gibraltar. 205

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May 28,
Quebec. Haldimand to Brigadier Francis McLean. Hopes that his health is improved; congratulates him on late successes at St. Eustache, &c. Is afraid that some misfortune has happened to the officer Sir Richard Hughes said was to be sent to Quebec, no one having arrived. Except the annual alarm on the Ohio and on the frontiers of Virginia, the Indian country is tranquil. Page 206
- June 12,
Quebec. Same to the same. Is sending this by the armed ship "Jack," intended to act as convoy to the provision ships from Halifax. Asks him to forward these ships as rapidly as possible, provisions being scarce in the upper province. 208
- June 27,
Fort Howe. Studholme to Haldimand. Has forwarded the dispatch to Sir Richard Hughes. Sends newspapers by the bearer, who is recommended to be paid a small gratuity. 209
- July 15,
Halifax. Ensign Prenties to the same. Account of his shipwreck on the north-east side of Cape Breton, and the loss of everything but the dispatches and letters. Sufferings of the crew and death of ten of the 19 before being relieved by an Indian, and death of one afterwards. Arrival at Spanish River and kindness of Captain Green. From that place he reached Halifax in thirty-two days. Believes that the schooner which sailed with them from Quebec has perished. Death of Brigadier Francis McLean, succeeded by Lieut. Colonel Bruce of the 70th Regiment and subsequently by Brigadier Campbell, neither of whom would furnish him with subsistence or any relief. 210
- July 17,
Halifax. Brigadier John Campbell to the same. Notifying his appointment to the military command in Nova Scotia, &c. The provision ships had been unloaded, but on the arrival of the "Jack" were reloaded and are ready to sail under convoy. 213
- September 1,
Fort George,
Penobscot. Captain Hartcup to the same. Has received the letter written on the 23rd August, 1780. The chief of the Penobscot tribe has explained the cause of the delay in delivery. Sends an answer by the chief. Learns that 2,980 German troops had arrived at New York. A letter from Clinton to General Campbell gives warning that the enemy is very desirous to attack Halifax and Penobscot, and that every care is to be taken. 170
- September 27,
Fort Howe. Studholme to Mathews. Is sending letter by a young gentleman going to Quebec. Cannot find any one in the district who can build whale boats; has sent to Penobscot and, if he can find men there, will make a contract for the boats. The French fleet had entirely left Rhode Island on the 27th of August; Admiral Graves sailed on the 29th. 214
- October 3,
Halifax. Abstract of accounts for the "Jack," signed by W. Handfield, D.Q.M.G. 216
- October 3,
Halifax. Certificate by Piers and Hill, of the sale of the prize schooner "Greyhound" to Major Handfield. 217
- October 5,
Halifax. Brigadier Campbell to Haldimand. Capture of the "Jack." Arrival of Captain Tonge from Boston in a cartel, with the ship's company. Has purchased a prize privateer, which Captain Tonge has fitted up to go to Quebec. 218
- October 8,
Fort Howe. Studholme to the same. Congratulations at the success of the fleet off Chesapeake Bay. 219
- October 14,
Fort Howe. Same to the same. Report of the defeat of Cornwallis by Washington. Sends copies of other intelligence received at the sametime. 220
- November 14,
Quebec. The details follow. 221
- Haldimand to Brigadier Campbell. Congratulates him on his promotion to the command in Nova Scotia. Has received receipts

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for the shipment of provisions; the vessels containing them arrived in safety. The previous difficulty of communicating with New York has been increased by various causes, so that he is anxious to obtain all the intelligence that reaches Halifax. Dispatches may be addressed to Felix O'Hara at Gaspé, who will forward them. Sir Andrew S. Hamond has been asked to do the same. Has co-operating detachments on the frontiers; the difficulty of sending expresses and the caution to be used. (The letter, a rough draught breaks off abruptly). Page 223

November 15,
Quebec.

Mathews to Studholme. Has informed General Haldimand of the steps taken respecting the whale boats. News from the Chesapeake awaited with awful suspense. 226

December 5,
Halifax.

Sir A. S. Hamond to Haldimand. Is sending the four soldiers of the 31st, who were left at Halifax. The four sailors of the "Jack" have been taken to New York. 228

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January 6,
Fort Hughes.

Lieut. Connor to the same. Reports the surrender of Cornwallis; respecting the exchange of prisoners. The fleet in pursuit of the French fleet under De Grasse. 229

February 4,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Studholme. The first report respecting Cornwallis was premature but was soon after verified. Asks him to send by express what intelligence reaches him, employing the Indians as guides only. 230

February 4,
Quebec.

Same to Connor. Has received letter and thanks him for the trouble taken. Asks him to forward as speedily as possible all letters, &c., and to send such intelligence as may reach him. 232

March 3,
Fort Howe.

Studholme to Mathews. Has been unable to get whale-boat builders. Sends newspapers. 233

March 17,
Fort George,
Penobscot.

Hartcup to Haldimand. The surrender of Cornwallis. Reports are that the King's speech, after the news of the capitulation was received, expressed the resolution to carry on the war with vigour. Shall forward the dispatches to Halifax by the armed brig "Howe." 234

March 31,
Fort Howe.

Studholme to the same. Arrival of Lieut. Rogers from Quebec and his departure by a vessel for Windsor. Has not succeeded in getting whale-boat builders. Sends newspapers. The people of New England are busy fitting out privateers and boats to plunder the coasts of Nova Scotia. 235

April 15,
Whitehall.

Lord Shelburne to Brigadier Campbell. (Secret). That 2,000 German recruits are ordered to proceed direct from Bremer Lake to Halifax, to be taken under his (Campbell's) command. A part of the recruits may be sent to Penobscot, should it not be in a proper state of defence. 237

April 25,
Halifax.

Sir A. S. Hamond to Haldimand. Lieut. Rogers arrived in 18 days from Quebec, and has been sent on to New York. None of the ships from Quebec wintered here. The "Pandora" has been cruising to the southward; will sail for the Gulph on the 1st of May. Had no occasion to send up messages during the winter, as the news at Quebec was as late as that received at Halifax. News from the West Indies; arrival there of Rodney's fleet. The French supplies for there intercepted by Kempenfelt. The political changes brought about by the disaster to Cornwallis. Germaine has gone to the House of Lords as Viscount Sackville; Wellbore Ellis succeeds him. Sir Guy Carleton supersedes Clinton in command. A motion by General Conway in the Commons, seconded by Fox, to cease the prosecution of the American war, was opposed by the Ministry, but carried by a majority of 19. (In the *Annual*

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- Register* for 1782, two motions are recorded; one by General Conway on the 22nd February, which was defeated by a majority of one, and another, slightly varied in expression, on the 27th. The motion of the Ministry for an adjournment of the debate was defeated by a majority of 19; the main motion and an address founded on it were then adopted without division pp. 167, 168, 171.) Reinforcements stopped for the present. Negotiations for a separate peace with Holland prove abortive. Movements in the East and West Indies detailed. He hears from Boston that something is intended against Canada this year, but that will depend on the ability of the French to send a fleet up the St. Lawrence. Page 238
- May 3,
Fort Howe. Studholme to Mathews (?) Encloses paragraph of a letter containing political news. Having had a junior officer lately put over his head, General Campbell has given him leave to go to England by way of New York. Offers to carry dispatches. 242
- May 3,
Fort Howe. Same to Haldimand. Sends public news by order of Hamond; it relates chiefly to the West Indies. Subsequent news reports the resignation of Lord George Germaine and that no reinforcements were coming out. Sends newspapers and offers to carry dispatches to New York and England. 244
- May 6,
Fort Howe. Same to the same. Forwarding letters. 247
- May 7,
Fort Hughes. Connor to the same. Has received and will forward dispatches. 248
- May 7,
Halifax. Campbell to the same. The proposed attack on Canada is new to him; the superiority of the British fleet over the French in the West Indies will prevent them from coming to this coast during the present campaign. Applies for the return of warrant for the purchase of a sloop. Sends letters of Germaine and Clinton with newspapers. 249
- May 12,
Halifax. Hamond to the same. Nothing material has occurred since the letter he sent about three weeks ago. The sailing of Lieut Rogers; states the money advanced him; how are these advances to be charged? Has hurried off Captain Inglis, who thinks he can be of more service between the Capes than by running up to Bic. 251
- May 25,
Fort George,
Penobscot. Major Skinner to the same. Sends by Lieut. Cameron news of the successes in the West Indies. 253
- June 10,
Halifax. Campbell to the same. Recapture of the "Jacque" (Jack); she is carried into Halifax; Lieut. Rogers, just arrived from New York, will give all the news on reaching Quebec. 255
- June 12,
Halifax. Hamond to the same. The Province tranquil; the events in the West Indies are fully given in the newspapers carried by Lieut. Rogers. But for his defeat by Rodney, de Grasse would certainly have come up the St. Lawrence to attack Canada; it is, however, supposed that he and the Spanish fleet were to attack Jamaica. Additional captures of French ships in the West Indies, &c. 256
- June 17,
Fort Howe. Studholme to Mathews. Will guard against ill conduct on the part of messengers he may in future send. Is disappointed that he is not to go to headquarters. 259
- June 17,
Fort Howe. Same to Haldimand. Having been disappointed in his hope of going to headquarters, cannot carry dispatches as he had offered to do. 261
- July 29,
Halifax. Campbell to the same. Will pay attention to Major Holland, who was an old comrade, being both together at the siege of Louisbourg. Sends letters which he believes to be of importance. 262

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August 12, Windsor, N.S. Francklin to Haldimand. Is sending for his son and a son of Mr. Hazen, commissary, as they have been long enough in school at Quebec. Hopes that, as the couriers for the boys carry dispatches, part of their charge will be paid. Arrival of a ship from England with 400 American prisoners for Boston, an agreement having been come to with America. Page 263
- August 15, Halifax. Hamond to the same. Successes over the Dutch in the East Indies, and the decisive victory by Rodney over de Grasse in the West Indies; by the latter the attempt against Canada and Nova Scotia is frustrated for this year. The force of 2,100 men from the Elbe, arrived at Halifax, is to be sent to New York. The Dutch fleet driven back into the Texel by Howe; Kempenfelt cruising off Brest. 265
- August 17, Halifax. Same to the same. Reports that a French fleet of 13 ships of the line and three frigates, with 3,000 troops, is off the coast, intended for Boston. The "Allegiance" sloop of war was taken near George's Bank; the fleet from the West Indies would soon follow the enemy. Arrival of 2,100 German troops. Sends newspapers. 267
- August 17, Halifax. Campbell to the same. Arrival of German troops. A French fleet on the coast. 269
- August 19, Windsor, N.S. Francklin to the same. Sends letters from Hamond by way of Annapolis, to be passed to Fort Howe for transmission. (The news in the letter is similar to that sent from Halifax.) 270
- August 19, Windsor, N.S. Same to the same. Arrival at Halifax of a convoy of victuallers and transports with a body of troops. 272
- August 21, Fort Hughes. Connor to Mathews. Has settled the dispute with the guides sent with Lieut. Rogers. 273
- September 2, Halifax. Hamond to Haldimand. Nothing material since he last wrote. The fleet from the West Indies is said to be on the coast, but he has no particulars. As the French fleet has been in these seas uninterrupted for a month, it cannot be said to have done much, and it is now too late. 275
- September 4, Windsor, N.S. Francklin to the same. Sends letters, &c. He understands that three separate convoys have arrived at Halifax within the last twenty days, consisting of nearly 100 sail of victuallers and about 4,000 troops. One of the French fleet has been lost in Boston Bay, two are cruising and eleven being repaired at Boston. 277
- September 11, Halifax. Hamond to the same. The shattered condition of the French fleet prevents it from doing anything this year. Details are given. No answer yet given by Congress to the proposals of the British commissioners, but Washington is to appoint a commissioner to treat for a general exchange of prisoners. 279
- September 11, Halifax. Campbell to the same. The state of the French fleet. Arrival of 26 line of battle ships from the West Indies, who should give a good account of the French ships. 281
- September 26, Halifax. Major-General Paterson to the same. Notifying his appointment to the command of the forces in Nova Scotia. 282
- September 29, Fort Hughes. Connor to Mathews. Shall send off letter at once. Has sent off Ensign Armstrong with dispatches under the charge of an Indian guide. 283
- October 13, Fort Howe. Studholme to the same. Reporting his arrival at the fort. No public news. Arrival of Governor Parr. Sends newspapers. 284
- October 18, Fort Hughes. Connor to the same. Has sent off messenger with dispatches from Carleton to Haldimand. 285

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November 3, Studholme to Haldimand. Sends newspapers with all the public
Fort Howe. news. Lord Howe with a powerful fleet has gone to reinforce
Gibraltar. Page 286
- November 11, Paterson to Haldimand. Sends letter in cypher from Carleton,
Halifax. who has given orders to send to New York the clothing for the
foreign troops. 287
- November 28, Studholme to Mathews. Forwards dispatches; sends news-
Fort Howe. papers. 288
- December 9, Connor to the same. Cannot reduce the cost of carrying ex-
Fort Hughes. presses; does the best he can: The bearers of the present dispatches
are to receive \$100. 289
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January 29, Same to the same. Sends newspapers with the report of the
Fort Hughes. defeat of the French and Spanish at Gibraltar. 290
- March 26, Campbell to Haldimand. Riedesel's letter delivered to Captain
Penobscot. Cleve. No late arrivals at Halifax from Britain or New York.
Charleston was evacuated in December, and the French fleet and army
left Boston for the West Indies. About 300 refugees have arrived
from New York to settle in Nova Scotia; many more will follow.
New York to be evacuated; it is reported that the preliminaries of
peace are signed. Has heard of no act of hostility by Carleton since
his arrival. Relief of Gibraltar. 291
- May 4, Studholme to Mathews. Sending dispatches and newspapers. 293
Fort Howe,
- May 8, Connor to the same. Sending dispatches. He is informed that
Fort Hughes. refugees who went into the rebel country to see their friends, on
the news of peace, were tied up to the common whipping posts and
flogged, and that the Convention troops were sold at public auction
to pay for their board. On these accounts Carleton has refused to
give up New York, where serious disputes have taken place between
the officers of the respective sides. It is reported that 3,000 refugees
are on their way to settle on the St. John River. 294
- May 20, Paterson to Haldimand. Has received and will forward letter
Halifax. to the Secretary of State. Preliminaries of peace signed on the
20th of January. Many thousands of loyalists have taken refuge in
the Province, to whom assistance has been given; many more
will follow. 296
- September 2, Parr to the same. Agrees as to the policy of opening a com-
Halifax. munication from Halifax to Quebec; the instructions given towards
it. The difficulties in the way until settlements are made on the
St. John River. 297
- September 28, Brigadier H. E. Fox to the same. Major General Campbell is named
Augh Pack. to take command of the troops for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland
(The composition of the staff is given and the names of the
regiments are stated in detail.) The whole of the Provincial regi-
ments, 3,000 men, are to embark for and settle on the River St.
John, extending from the townships of Manguerville and Burton, on
both sides of the river towards Canada. This will facilitate the
communication between Canada and Nova Scotia. It is the prevail-
ing opinion that the City and Province of New York will be evacu-
ated immediately. 299
- September 30, Parr to the same. Sends the first packet from England by this
Halifax. mode of conveyance; hopes the next can be sent by the River St.
John to the Camaraskas (Kamouraska). The evacuation of New
York still doubtful. About 18,000 refugees have already arrived in
the Province to be followed by several thousands more of these un-
fortunate loyalists. 301

1783.
October 10,
Halifax. Parr to Haldimand. In consequence of the delay from contrary winds and the danger at this season of the year, the mails for Quebec by the "Greyhound" are sent by way of the River St. John, in charge of Mr. Bliss. Page 302
- October 13,
Halifax. John Foote, surgeon, to the same. Has been appointed Surgeon to the Province of Quebec, but owing to the delays, first in England, and since in Halifax, has been detained and, owing to his health, cannot come by land. 303
- October 16,
Jamaica. Governor Campbell to the same. Calling attention to the regulation preventing ships belonging to the United States from landing cargoes in the West Indies, and the opportunity it affords for a remunerative trade between Canada, Nova Scotia, &c., and the West Indies. 305
- October 28,
Fort Howe. Lieut. Street to Mathews. Forwarding express by Mercure. Captain Evans of the 57th has arrived to take command, but had no orders about expreeses. 306
1784.
January 2,
Town on the
east side of
St. John's
Harbour. Same to the same. Thanks for His Excellency's acknowledgments as to forwarding dispatches. 308
- January 2,
Town on the
east side of
St. John's
Harbour. Studholme to the same. Thanks for General Haldimand's flattering sentiments on his conduct and offers of continued service. 309
- January 14,
Halifax. John Foote, surgeon, to Haldimand. That he will have a passage to Quebec in spring by the "Kitty," an ordnance store ship. 311
- January 14,
Halifax. Parr to the same. Laments the delay in sending the dispatches by the "Greyhound" overland. Is happy to find that he still perseveres in the idea of opening a road by Kamouraska. The establishment of the best places for post houses has been left to Major Studholme. Mercure has been made happy by the gift of the island he wished for. There are now about 30,000 loyalists arrived in this Province. 312
- January 15,
Halifax. Major General Campbell to the same. Announcing his arrival to take command on the eastern coast of the Atlantic Ocean. 314
- January 15,
Halifax. Lieut.-Colonel Small to the same. Has been ill from fever, but is recovering. (The letter is full of acknowledgments of Haldimand's kindness and offers of service in respect to his lands, &c., in Nova Scotia.) 315
- February 9,
Philadelphia. John Dickinson to Colonel Isaac Melchior. That he cannot enter into such a correspondence as is proposed. 318
- March 10,
Halifax. Parr to Haldimand. Dispatches have been received and forwarded. Sends five packets of dispatches received from the Secretary of State's office; also some newspapers. The delay in sending off the messenger. 319
- March 31,
Halifax. Same to the same. Will give every assistance towards opening up the road between Canada and Nova Scotia. Sends Halifax papers with the latest news from Great Britain and Ireland. 320
- April 1,
Halifax. Same to the same. Higginbotham, the courier, has arrived with dispatches for the Secretary of State, which shall be forwarded immediately. Dispatches from Lord North respecting the loyalists have not yet come to hand; about 30,000 souls have already arrived in this Province. Sends Halifax papers. The violence of party in England. 321

1784.
May 7, Halifax. Small to Haldimand. Introducing and strongly recommending Dr. Foote. Governor Parr and he (Small) will do everything possible for Haldimand's interests in the Shipody lands. Page 323
- June 11, "Assistance" Halifax. Sir Charles Douglas to the same. His arrival on the 29th May. Expects to be in Quebec with a ship or two by the end of July. Hopes that this will reach in due time by the road he (Haldimand) has with so much spirit opened. 325
- July 16, Halifax. Parr to the same. The provisions brought from Quebec are unloading, so that the ships may return without loss of time. Is having all the spare casks in the garrison collected to be sent to Quebec. 326
- July 16, Annapolis Royal. Campbell to the same. Arrival of provisions from Quebec has been opportune, as the magazines were nearly exhausted, and it was impossible to purchase for the unfortunate people who have yet no means of subsistence. Orders given to collect water casks. Is on a tour; will cross the Bay of Fundy and return to Halifax after visiting Cumberland. Is delighted with those parts of the country he has seen, and believes it will become very flourishing. 327
- July 19, Halifax. Parr to the same. Introduces Captains Bentinck and Foley, of the Royal Navy. 329
- July 19, Halifax. Douglas to the same. Cannot come to Quebec, but has sent Captain Stone to confer with His Excellency as to the operations of the ships. Introduces Captains Bentinck and Foley. Sends by Captain Stone five young gentlemen and their tutor to learn French, by being boarded in separate houses where only French is spoken, meeting only on Sunday for service according to the liturgy of the Church of England. Their names are: Lord Augustus Fitzroy, son of the Duke of Grafton; Mr. Forbes, brother to the Earl of Granard; Mr. Cathcart, whose father has a very good estate in Fyfe; Mr. Hugh Pigot, son of the Admiral; and Mr. Hugh Pigot, son of Sir Robert Pigot, the Admiral's brother. Two more follow with Captain Bentinck, namely, Mr. Eyre, a protégé of the Duke of Portland, and Mr. Finucane, nephew to the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia. The school master's name is Ross Allan, a man of singular worth and probity. Where is the boundary that separates Quebec from Labrador? 330
- July 21, Halifax. Parr to the same. Is sending dispatches from the Secretary of State's office. Asks him to send a good strong horse from Quebec for his (Parr's) own use; he rides better than seventeen stone. 333
- August 19, Halifax. Same to same. Has reason to hope that a regular packet is now established to Halifax; letters to be forwarded by land. Letters have already been forwarded to Major Studholme. That side of the Bay is formed into a separate government to be called New Brunswick, and Colonel Carleton is appointed governor. (Fort Howe, which Major Studholme commanded, is in Carleton, close to the city of St. John, N.B.) 335
- September 5, Halifax. Douglas to the same. That he has sent orders to Captain Foley to convey His Excellency and suite to England in the "Atalanta," and to postpone his departure to the 10th of October. P.S.—Refers to the Americans not being able to cure fish at Gaspé and the extent of their privileges. 336
- No date. State of the present law proceedings against the proprietors of the township of Hopewell. 338
- The present allowance of lodging money to officers in the garrison of Halifax. 340

A notification, without date or signature, of the fitting out of a large armament at Brest. (Must have been written in 1779.)

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LETTERS TO GOVERNORS OF NOVA SCOTIA AND OFFICERS COMMAND-
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1778.
November 10,
Quebec.

General Haldimand to Brigadier Maclean. Thanks for intelligence and newspapers. Preparations making to meet the restless neighbours who threaten to come into the Province. Will open communication through the woods when the snow allows of it. Trusts for news. Nothing but lies received over the lakes. Page 1

November 10,
Quebec.

Same to Lieut. Governor Hughes. Has received intelligence; hopes he will continue to send any of importance. Still threatened by restless neighbours. Trusts that communication may be established through the winter. The high price of flour consequent on demands from New York necessitated restrictions on exportation. Anxiety at the non-arrival of the "Nancy" from New York with officers and exchanged prisoners. 2

1779.
March 2,
Quebec.

Same to Brigadier Maclean. Thanks for accommodating the officers and troops on board the "Nancy," put into Halifax. Will reimburse the expenses. Is anxious for the arrival of the officers and men; requests he will join with the Lieut. General and naval officer to have them embarked and conveyed up the river. The annoyance caused by small privateers. Precautions to be taken. All quiet and likely to continue so. Shall communicate if any change take place. 4

May 26,
Quebec.

Same to the same. The disagreeable news of Hamilton's defeat; the movements of McIntosh towards Sandusky; he has fortified himself and is reported to intend taking post at Rivière au Bœuf, to cut off Detroit. The difficulty of sending provisions with a force to help in that quarter; preparations making at Albany and Stillwater to attack the province. The treaty of the rebellious colonies with France and the arrival of a French ship; d'Estaing's proclamation and LaFayette's letter have added to the difficulties. Hopes the officers by the "Nancy" and a convoy have been sent; also a force for the Gulph till ships arrive from Britain. 29th. News from Niagara, where all is well; uneasy at there being no news from Detroit. Michillimakinak will be the first point attacked by the party from Vincennes. 31st. All well at Michillimakinak, but every effort made to debauch the Indians. News from Detroit; a reinforcement had arrived. 6

May 29,
Quebec.

Same to Lieut. Governor Hughes. Is anxious for the arrival of Major Holland, his officers and troops. The only ship here a small old sloop, of little use; to try to get the naval officers to look into the Gulph to prevent the same annoyance as last year. The change wrought by the French alliance; the ignorant people do not see they would be the slaves of the Americans if they succeeded. Dispatches forwarded by Mr. Lewis Foy to Lord George Germaine and to Sir H. Clinton. Death of Edward Foy, his secretary. 10

August 29,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Acknowledges news. Arrival of Cols. Johnson and Speth. Is anxious for particulars of the successful expedition of Brigadier Maclean. The distressed state

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- of the Provinces might be expected to cause the murmurs mentioned. The difficulties of attacking Canada are too formidable at present, and little is to be apprehended during Clinton's operations. Arrival of the victuallers and fleet; capture of two of the former. Biscuits sent by the "Eagle." Page 12
- August 29, Quebec. General Haldimand to Lieut. Col. Bruce. Letters delivered by Johnson who, with Speth and the troops, had arrived. Arrival of the victuallers; the loss of two may cause distress owing to the enormous demands of the Indians at the upper posts. Arrival of the fleet; a new raised company of Jagers the only troops brought. Should the rebels find means to execute their plans against the Province and upper country, succours of every kind will be wanted, as little is to be expected from the Canadians. 14
- August 29, Quebec. Same to Captain Studholme. Confirmation of Brigadier Maclean's success. If an express sent with news, the gratuity to be given to the messenger to be stated. 16
- August 30, Quebec. Same to Lieut. Governor Hughes. Captain Hervey of the "Viper" has discovered disorders among the Micmac Indians, particularly at Miramichi; he has taken measures to restore order. His taking up 12 of them prisoners has caused embarrassment, as their imprisonment might endanger their lives. Six Nations have threatened them should they continue to take the part of the rebels. Is sending the prisoners to Nova Scotia. Rebels reported as having attacked Penobscot. 18
- August 30, Quebec. Same to the same. Has allowed James Grant, agent victualler, to ship 4,000 bags of biscuit for the navy, but cannot open the port as three victuallers are missing and this year's crop very indifferent. Rebels pushing measures against the upper country; must send reinforcements; the forwarding of provisions a most laborious operation. 21
- September 15, Quebec. Same to the same. Acknowledging letter and offers of service. Is anxious about the situation of Brigadier Maclean. Has sent after the "Guadalupe" on hearing that Maclean was blockaded by a rebel fleet, to instruct the captain to touch at Halifax and inform the other ships. Great Britain forced to do her utmost to meet accumulating distresses. 23
- September 15, Quebec. Same to Lieut. Col. Bruce. Is anxious about Brigadier Maclean; trusts he has been already relieved. The formidable fleet has, he hopes, prevented the junction of the French and Spanish fleets. A strong detachment ordered to march to the assistance of the Six Nations, under Sir John Johnson. 25
- September 16, Quebec. Same to Lieut. Governor Hughes. Mr. Lonière (Launière) in charge of the Micmacs for Halifax has received 10 guineas. To advance more if needed. 27
- September 18, Quebec. Same to the same. Acknowledging Gazette with news of Brigadier Maclean's complete victory. Exaggerated accounts of rebel successes in the Indian country; they have destroyed Indian villages and corn, and Butler has lost five or six men. Their retreat; Sir John Johnson would give them trouble. Communication through the woods of any important news will give pleasure. 28
- October 18, Quebec. Same to the same. He is already informed respecting the disposal of the Micmacs taken by Capt. Hervey. 30
- October 18, Quebec. Same to Capt. Studholme. Thanks for Gazette with account of the rebel fleet being destroyed at Penobscot, and plan of the same. Asks his help in the intercourse between Quebec and Halifax. 31

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October 18,
Quebec. General Haldimand to Brigadier Maclean. Congratulations on the defeat of the rebel armament at Penobscot; acknowledgment of his abilities and regret that reinforcements could not be sent, owing to the necessities of Niagara and Detroit. Scout sent by the Chaudiere and Kennebec River. Page 32
- November 1,
Quebec. Same to Lieut. Governor Hughes. Scout returned bringing Lieut.-Colonel Lowder and Capt. DeBadie seized on their way from Machias to Boston with letters from Col. Allen to Congress, together with private letters, most of which he sends him (Hughes) as they may trace the connections of people in his neighbourhood. Four Indians seized with Lowder and DeBadie returned to their villages on promises of fidelity. Sending prisoners to Halifax to relieve the pressure. 34
- November 1,
Quebec. Same to the same. D'Abadie (DeBadie in previous letters) sent to Halifax, as he would be mischievous in Quebec. Lowder, accused of tampering with the Indians, also sent to Halifax. 36
- November 1,
Quebec. Same to Brigadier Maclean. The capture of Lowder and DeBadie; letters, &c., transmitted to Governor Hughes. The weak state of the rebels at Machias; regrets that he cannot send a force against it; the good effect such an expedition would have. 37
- November 3,
Quebec. Same to Lieut. Governor Hughes. Acknowledging news of the success of Sir George Collier and Brigadier Maclean. Officers of Col. Rogers, going to Halifax, will return by land when wanted. The express prefers to return by land; the intercepted letters sent by sea. 38
- November 3,
Quebec. Same to Lieut.-Colonel Bruce. Thanks for news of reinforcements. Congratulations on successes, &c. 40
- November 6,
Quebec. Same to Lieut. Governor Hughes (Private). DeBadie's false account of himself; he complains he was robbed of five guineas by the Indians; although strongly doubted, he has been paid the amount. He is to be well treated but closely watched. Sends accounts by Lewis Mitchell for expenses of express; the charge is very high. He has been detained for news of reinforcements, but these not coming he is sent off. 41
- November 30,
Quebec. Same to Michael Francklin. Thanks for assistance to Launière. Is pleased that the principal Micmacs have entered into a treaty; if they do not take up arms against the King's enemies the hostages will at least keep them quiet. 43
- November 30,
Quebec. Same to Lieut. Col. Bruce. The Halifax express driven back by stress of weather. Transports supposed to have been driven back to York as none have arrived. D'Estaing's fleet driven into Boston by the same gale. This will prevent any attack this year. Victory of a scout over a rebel party on the Ohio with stores; Col. David Rogers and 40 men killed and Campbell and 5 men taken prisoners. 45
- November 30,
Quebec. Same to Lieut. Governor Hughes. Return of express from bad weather; reiterates the desire for frequent communication. Trusts Admiral Arbuthnot may give d'Estaing a warm reception should he attempt a descent on the coast. Hopes of reinforcements given up. "Camilla" with one transport off Gaspé, but supposed to be driven back by the gale. The "Hind" arrived for the protection of the river. The defeat of Rogers, &c. (See p. 45). Has declined to publish it in the Gazette as unless there is something decisive these publications only irritate. 46
1780.
January 29,
Quebec. Same to Major Studholme. Thanks for dispatches. The demand of Mr. Mercure for carrying the dispatches; has not paid him till he receives information. 49

1780.
January 30, Quebec. General Haldimand to Lieut. Governor Hughes. The fidelity of the Indians, who are preparing to revenge the losses of last campaign and have sent belts through the various nations. The desire of the merchants to have a regular express between Quebec and Halifax is improper at the present time. Page 50
- January 30, Quebec. Same to Brigadier Maclean. Congratulating him on the success of the operations at Penobscot and its security for the winter. Rogers has 700 men engaged for the rangers. 52
- January 31, Quebec. Same to the same. Respecting dispatches. Is afraid one from Clinton by Ellice has fallen into the enemy's hands, but trusts Ellice destroyed it. Is disappointed at the non-arrival of reinforcements. Trusts that those sent have all got back to Clinton. Waits impatiently for news from him and of d'Estaing. Rogers says he has 700 men enlisted, 400 being at Penobscot; has different accounts from others; desires to know the real state of affairs. 56
- February 27, Quebec. Same to Major Studholme. Sending duplicate concerning Mercure. Letter for Lieut. Governor Hughes to be forwarded, &c. 58
- February 28, Quebec. Same to Lieut. Governor Hughes. No news; hopes to hear of the movement to the southward; the miscarriage of d'Estaing should ensure its success. Rogers disappointed in raising men in the Province; is going to form several hundred men engaged in and near Penobscot. Mr. Jones, recommended for a commission by Rogers, should be watched. 59
- March 4, Quebec. Same to officer commanding at Penobscot. Owing to favourable news from Sir H. Clinton, he has sent out a large body of Indians, under Launière, to be dispersed along the frontiers of New England. Assistance to be given should Launière or any of his parties come to the post. Western and Five Nation Indians preparing for an early campaign. 60
- May 28, Quebec. Same to Brigadier Maclean. Acknowledging news of the expedition from New York. Express by way of Niagara from Generals Knyphausen and Robinson report Clinton on the 10th April in a fair way of taking Charleston. He (Haldimand) is daily looking for vessels from Europe. Sending officers and men of Rogers's corps. His disappointment at the want of success of a scout to Penobscot and the failure to reduce Machias. The disgraceful conduct of Lieut. Col. Rogers, his debauchery and extravagance and breach of faith in money matters. 61
- May 14, Halifax. Capt. Phil. Cosby to the Senior Naval Officer, Quebec. Capt. Mason has arrived to command the King's ships in Nova Scotia. He (Cosby) ordered to the southward. Rebel privateers all along the coast, knowing there was nothing to go after them. A force collecting; they will leave and cruise in the Gulph of the St. Lawrence. The force that should be sent to warn them. Letter enclosed from Capt. Drake of the "Russel," dated New York, 2nd May, 1780, that a squadron of French line of battle ships is escorting a land force of 8,000 men to leave Brest for America on the 25th March. The news to be communicated to the commander-in-chief. 64
- May 28, Quebec. General Haldimand to Sir Richard Hughes. (No date; for that in the margin see letter to Brigadier Maclean at page 61.) Communication re-opened with Halifax. Respecting an expedition referred to in letter from Hughes. Rodney's success over the Spaniards not mentioned in New York letters. Indian country tranquil, and the Indians faithful. Only two arrivals, both from.

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Surinam. Owing to the presence of the "Hind," rebel privateers, it is hoped, will be checked. Page 211

June 13, Quebec. General Haldimand to Sir Richard Hughes. Acknowledging the receipt of dispatches. 66

June 13, Quebec. Same to Brigadier Maclean. Acknowledging dispatches. Capt. Young, cruising in the Gulph, will forward this. 67

June 19, Quebec. Same to Sir Richard Hughes. By return of Lewis Michel, the receipt of dispatches is acknowledged. 68

June 19, Quebec. Same to Lieut. Connor. Acknowledging dispatches from him and Major Studholme, by the hands of Michel Mercure. 69

June 19, Quebec. Same to Major Studholme. Acknowledging receipt of dispatches by the hands of Michel Mercure and Lewis Michel. Requests him to continue to send news. 70

June 28, Quebec. Same to Sir Richard Hughes. The arrival of Captain Alpine with convoy; has brought letters. The preparations against the reported attempt of the enemy on some part of the coast. Trusts wherever they attack they will be properly received, particularly if the fleet is on the watch. Captain Young has a force sufficient for the Gulph against privateers. Purchase of a new ship to re-inforce him. He has captured a privateer of 18 guns and 100 men. Thanks for trouble taken about his private affairs. (1st July). News of the surrender of Charleston on the 12th May. 71

June 28, Quebec. Same to Brigadier Maclean. Dispatches received. If Capt. Young has not detached a vessel for the troops at St. John's, the vessel carrying this will proceed for them. Capt. Fletcher and his recruits not able to join the regiment, the transports not having called at Halifax; he and they are wanted and to be sent by first opportunity. Want of reinforcements; he hopes they will soon be supplied. The best preparations to be made for the storm. Has detained Mr. Clinch for dispatches. Arrival of Hessians. The surrender of Charleston. 73

July 20, Quebec. Same to Lieut.-Colonel Campbell. Letters sent by Micmacs, who have promised to be faithful. If so, they will be very useful as couriers, as the expense for Acadians is exorbitant. The present letters sent merely to try them. Fleet not yet arrived, but public affairs have a flattering aspect. 75

July 20, Quebec. Same to Major Studholme. Of the same tenour as the one preceding. In addition, the Oneidas have abandoned the rebel cause, and, with their families, come to Niagara. 76

August 16, Quebec. Same to Brigadier Maclean. His reason for detaining Lieut. Clinch explained. Intelligence brought by Mr. Man, an active loyalist. No news of the fleet which threatened the coast; believes that the ships put into Rhode Island and Chesapeake in distress were part of it; nothing to be apprehended from it, especially since the arrival of Admiral Graves. Part of the trade fleet arrived. Indian affairs prosperous; the Oneidas fitting out war parties against the enemy. A detachment from Detroit has destroyed some of their forts and taken 400 prisoners. Force of troops and Mosquito Indians has left Jamaica to attack Leon. Believes that this and another expedition will be successful against the Spaniards. Lieut. Clinch's expenses. 78

August 17, Quebec. Same to Sir Richard Hughes. Calling attention to the accounts of Michel, the courier; his attempts to defraud; the merchants cannot be allowed to employ couriers. In matters of importance an officer should be employed to carry dispatches. 81

1780.
August —
Quebec. General Haldimand to Sir Richard Hughes. (There is no date to this letter, which appears to be a draught of part of one at page 97, dated as in the margin). Page 209
- August —
Quebec. Same to the same. Sending by Michel duplicates of previous letters. Mr. Clinch's return enables him to send thanks for letters; sends also papers. The naval superiority secured by the arrival of Admiral Graves leaves little to apprehend. Arrival of part of the trade fleet; some of the merchantmen taken in the Gulph and some at sea by a French or Spanish ship. Capture of rebel privateers. Rebels encroaching on the Ohio have been checked. The alliance of the Oneidas. 97
- September 9,
Quebec. Same to the same. Acknowledging dispatches. Report from Clinton that DeTernay's fleet had sailed to attack Canada; later news that it was in Rhode Island, blockaded by Admiral Graves. Will not, however, relax preparations. Two-thirds of trade fleet missing. Despair of them, but can only hope they may be recaptured. 83
- September 9,
Quebec. Same to Brigadier Maclean. Of the same tenour as to the preceding. Important news to be sent by two expresses starting within a few days of each other. News from Clinton of the arrival of the French fleet and army at Rhode Island, but says nothing of Graves. 85
- September 9,
Quebec. Same to Major Studholme. Acknowledging dispatches. Is pleased that the Indians have faithfully discharged their promise, and may be useful. Their frequent perfidy; not to rely too much on them. To trust them only with dispatches of little importance, or with newspapers. 87
- November 3,
Quebec. Same to Governor Hughes. Receipt of dispatches with reported designs against Canada. The intercepted dispatches of Congress carried by Laurens will prove the propriety of many measures of defence. The failure of the enemy in the South will render the efforts of France and Congress more vigorous in the North. Must be prepared. Attempts to relieve Clinton by alarming the frontiers to keep the militia at home. Johnson's expedition against the Mohawk country and Major Carleton's over Lake Champlain, besides smaller parties, make the alarm general. Johnson's success. Carleton equally successful; block house at St. Anne's, Fort George, saw mills, &c., destroyed and many prisoners taken. Doubts if Clinton has profited by the effects of the alarm, as he had not proceeded against Rhode Island. Arnold's plot to deliver up West Point. André the victim. Arnold's escape; Clinton's threat of retaliation. Washington has seized Lord Stirling on suspicion. Doubts of the correctness of the latter reports. 89
- November 15,
Quebec. Same to the same. Congratulations on Admiral Parker's success. Delayed by loss of East India men and transports to the west. Missing rangers have reached Niagara. Loss of new vessel on Lake Ontario; all on board perished, including Lieut.-Col. Bolton, Lieut. Colleton, Royal Artillery, Lieut. Royce and 30 men of the 34th. Arrival of two small vessels separated from the Fall fleet, which has not yet arrived; is afraid it will not arrive this year. 93
- November 16,
Quebec. Same to the same. Sending dispatches by Capt. Jones, of the King's Rangers, from Penobscot. 95
- November 17,
Quebec. Same to Brigadier Maclean. With dispatches from Sir H. Clinton by Capt. Jones. Encloses unsealed letter to Col. Campbell to be read and forwarded. 96

1780.
November — General Haldimand to Brigadier Maclean. No date, but that on
Quebec. the margin is fixed by comparison with other letters. Lieut. Smith
and a sergeant sent to join Lieut.-Col. Rogers' Rangers. Arrival of
two small vessels separated from the fleet, which, it is apprehended,
cannot arrive this season. Allowance to the officers of the Ran-
gers. Page 216
- November — Same to Sir Richard Hughes. (No date; that in the margin is
Quebec. assigned from internal evidence, and from comparison of letter to
Hughes at page 93.) Fall fleet not yet arrived. Admiral Parker's
success against the Spaniards. The missing Rangers have arrived
at Niagara. 214
- 1780 (?)
November — Same to Major Studholme. Thanks for sending letters and a
Quebec. dispatch from Sir Richard Hughes. The report of the successes by
Sir Edward Hughes at the Manillas. (There is no date beyond
November to this letter. Sir Richard Hughes was succeeded in
1781 by Sir Andrew Hamond. The date of this letter is almost
certainly 1780.) 203
1781.
January 31, Same to Lieut.-Governor Hughes. Respecting expresses, pros-
Quebec. pects that the movements by d'Estaing in spring will be checked
by Arbuthnot. Reported defeat of d'Estaing by Byron and des-
truction of eight ships of the line not confirmed. The eyes of
the people getting at last opened to the distress pretended
patriots have brought on them. Has declined to authorize a mer-
chant's express but has allowed them to send letters by Mitchell.
His dispatches for Lord George Germaine and Clinton to be for-
warded. 53
- May 28,
Quebec. Capt. Mathews to the same. Requesting that steps be taken
to have a grant of 5,000 acres made by Capt. Burnet in favour
of his son registered and a plan sent to him (Lieut. Burnet, the son
referred to). 99
- May 28,
Quebec. General Haldimand to the same. Thanks for the trouble taken
about his private affairs; his ignorance of the business in question;
Mr. H. Wallace, New York, to be written to; who has all the books,
&c. 101
- May 28,
Quebec. Same to the same. Dispatches received; no word of the officer
mentioned by Brigadier Maclean as being sent with dispatches. Is
anxiously expecting to hear of the fleet that put into Halifax.
His pleasure at the safety in Halifax of eight or nine provision
ships. 103
- May 28,
Quebec. Same to the same. His pleasure at the successes in the Dutch
West Indies; their good effects. The welcome news of the safety
of the victuallers; only three yet arrived. The Cork fleet to sail
about 28th March. Congratulations on his promotion. 105
- May 28,
Quebec. Same to Major Studholme. Dispatches received. Thanks for
newspapers with their pleasing contents. Dispatch for Sir Richard
Hughes to be forwarded. Pay of couriers. 107
- May 28,
Quebec. Capt. Mathews to Lieut. Connor. Dispatches received. Packet
for Sir Richard Hughes to be forwarded to Major Studholme. 108
- June 12,
Quebec. General Haldimand to Sir Richard Hughes. The refusal of a
convoy for the victuallers obliges him to send off an armed vessel,
the "Jack," for the service. The high price of wheat, &c., owing
to the delay in arrival of the victuallers. The want of frigates;
the "Hind" being the only one serviceable; the "Cancoaux" used
only for a prison. Asks that a ship of force be sent with the ves-
sel to Bic. The want of provisions at Rhode Island for the French

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will probably lead to vessels being sent to intercept the victuallers from Halifax. His uneasiness at the non arrival of dispatches.

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August 11,
Quebec.

Capt. Mathews to Major Studholme. The thanks of General Haldimand for newspapers, &c. Approves of sending dispatches by passengers, and giving them a small gratuity. Desires him to engage men capable of building whale boats. Arrival of ship with flour leaving a fleet of 60 ships off St. John's.

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September 19,
Quebec.

General Haldimand to Capt. Hartcup, Penobscot. Arrival of provision and trade fleets. How dispatches are to be sealed. The pay of courier.

113

September 19,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Dispatches delivered by Squire Ossan (an Indian); he has been rewarded; he may be a useful messenger between Quebec and Penobscot or Halifax. How he is to be treated. The necessity of secrecy in sending couriers, and not taking letters from merchants.

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September 30,
Quebec.

Same to Sir Andrew S. Hamond. Requesting that intelligence be sent as was done by his predecessor, Sir Richard Hughes. The great expense of land expresses; water to be made use of as much as possible. No expense, however, to be spared for important dispatches, and officers to be sent.

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November 15,
Quebec.

Same to the same. With duplicate of preceding letter. Brigadier Campbell will facilitate all expresses.

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November 15,
Quebec.

Same to Brigadier Campbell. Acknowledging vouchers, &c., for purchase of a sloop to convey Capt. Tonge and his men to Quebec.

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November 16,
Quebec.

Same to Sir Andrew S. Hamond. Asking him to recover 4 seamen and 4 soldiers belonging to the armed sloop "Jack" from H. M. S. Chatham. They are wanted for lake service.

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1782.
January 30,
Quebec.

Same to the officer commanding at Penobscot. Has sent Lieut. Launière to obtain reports of the state of affairs on the coast and West Indies. All intelligence to be distinguished, what is authentic from what is merely current report. Important intelligence in spring to be sent by a trusty messenger. Indians not to be relied on, and private letters not to be sent.

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January 30,
Quebec.

Same to Sir Andrew S. Hamond. Of the same tenour as the one immediately preceding, sent by Lieut. Launière.

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January 30,
Quebec.

Same to Brigadier Campbell. Of the same tenour as the preceding, sent by Lieut. Launière.

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March 5,
Quebec.

Same to Major Studholme. Recommending that assistance be given to forward Lieut. Rogers with dispatches to Halifax.

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Quebec.

Same to Sir Andrew S. Hamond. Sending by Lieut. Rogers the intelligence picked up by scouts, to put him (Hamond) on his guard. Report of the misfortune to Cornwallis had only reached a few days ago. The consequent determination of the enemy to attack Canada and Nova Scotia. Asks for early information from the southward; he will, in the meantime, make preparations. His suspicion of a French fleet for the St. Lawrence grounded on observation. The "Pandora" to be forwarded with all dispatch, instructing Capt. Inglis to report if a French fleet is in the Gulph, that steps may be taken to meet it. Will only send a few pilots to Bic in case of a French fleet, the others will be kept at a safe and convenient distance. Sends a code of signals to be used by the King's ships for signalling the pilots.

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- March 5,
Quebec. Same to the same. With a dispatch for Lord George Germaine, to be forwarded and destroyed if the messenger falls into the hands of the enemy. Sends also letter to Sir Henry Clinton with duplicate to guard against accidents. Rogers had better go to New York and the man who accompanies him return with dispatches. 130
- March 5,
Quebec. Same to Brigadier Campbell. Sending the latest intelligence and reports of the enemy's designs. 132
- April 11,
Quebec. Capt. Mathews to Major Studholme. Thanks of the General for newspapers and for the trouble taken to procure boat builders. Men engaged from Halifax, but if he (Studholme) has engaged any at Penobscot they will be employed. Care to be taken in again employing du Parré in carrying dispatches. His propagation of alarming reports. 134
- May 6,
Montreal. Same to the same. Thanks for newspapers and for forwarding Rogers. All quiet; vessels expected, navigation having opened earlier than usual. 136
- May 6,
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- July 4,
Quebec. Same to Lieut. Connor. The imposition in the charge for canoes bringing Lieut. Rogers; the collusion with Mercure. If a bargain made, it must be kept, notwithstanding. 147
- July 27,
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- July 27,
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- July 27,
Quebec. Same to Sir Andrew S. Hamond. Thanks for communications; their importance to the service. Requests his assistance in forwarding dispatches to Sir Guy Carleton. Has paid the money advanced Rogers, and will discharge any expense incurred for the service of the Province. Rodney's victory. Movements of the navy. Lady Hamond's recommendation of Captain Green will be attended to. 150

1782.
July 27,
Quebec. General Haldimand to Brigadier Campbell. Letters received ; he is pleased at the re-capture of the "Jack," that vessel being much wanted. The frustration of the attempt of the fleet under de Grasse. Anxiety for news from the southward. Return of Lieut. Cameron to Penobscot. His expenses to be paid. Page 152
- July 28,
Quebec. Same to Major Studholme. Almost a duplicate of letter of 27th, at p. 148. 154
- August 10,
Quebec. Same to Major Skinner. Has sent Mr. Launière to obtain intelligence of the reported post at Casco Bay. The uncertainty and risk of messengers to New York make it necessary to send to Penobscot for news. The return of Lieut. Cameron. 156
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- September 7,
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- September 13,
Quebec. Same to Major Skinner. Report of having taken post at Casco Bay and that a French fleet is preparing to attack it. Mr. Launière sent for news. The difficulty of obtaining information from New York since the loyalists removed from their houses on the route. The French fleet probably a part of De Grasse's put into Boston to refit. 160
- September 15,
Quebec. Same to Sir Andrew S. Hamond. The bad state of the French fleet ; it will refit at Boston, probably, rather than attack Halifax or Quebec. The late reinforcement will strengthen Halifax. No news of peace by a ship from Bristol ; report of 18 Newfoundland vessels being captured by the combined fleet. Result of Grenville's visit to Paris must soon be known. General Riedesel afraid that the Brunswick recruits by going to Penobscot will detain the clothing of the Brunswick troops all winter. Has asked Lieut. Russell to touch at Halifax to try to get the clothing forwarded to save distress to the troops. 162
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- September 18,
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- January 12, Quebec. Same to Major Studholme. Dispatches and newspapers received. Relief of Gibraltar, &c., as in preceding letter. 176
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- April 15, Quebec. General Haldimand to Major Studholme. To assist a messenger to and from General Paterson. His impatience for intelligence: Willet's attempt on Oswego. 182
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- May 8, Quebec. Same to Major General Paterson. Lest Governor Parr be absent, requests that the Major General would procure a passage for the messenger with dispatches for the King's minister. 186
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January 7, Quebec.	Captain Foy to Brigadier Ehrencrook (in French). Papers sent with the justification of Captain Hambach have been laid before His Excellency. The circumstantial reply must be in English.	54
January 7, Quebec.	Haldimand to the same. Entering into minute details of the disagreement between the German and British troops; the complaint against A. Q. M. G. Barnes, who only reported on the state of the barracks at Yamaska as it was his duty to do. The terms made use of by Lieut. Col. Barner respecting Barnes are not allowable, and shall not be communicated to Lieut. Barnes. He (Haldimand) depends on Ehrencrook's prudence to suppress anything likely to disturb the harmony between the troops of the two nations; no real cause shall be given to doubt his impartiality towards both. The German officers and soldiers must also be made to understand that they are not in an enemy's country, but in a country participating in the laws of Great Britain, and that it is incumbent on all to ease the burdens of the inhabitants, and not to lay on them any that can be avoided. Should any dispute arise, it should be reported to the commander-in-chief, and his decision patiently awaited, as he alone has control over the inhabitants. Further rules shall be sent defining the powers of the captains of militia, &c., so as to prevent disputes. Rules laid down for contingent expenses that are to be allowed.	55
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February 8, Quebec.	The same to Ehrencrook (in French). Has much pleasure in learning that the complaints at Yamaska have been so amicably settled, so that the affair need not go further.	62
February 11, Quebec.	The same to Creuzbourg (in French). Has received the deposition of the Chasseurs against the Filions, which appear to show that Guery is the only culprit. Orders have been sent to Montreal to release the Filions but retain Guery in prison.	63
March 29, Dort.	Return of Hanau Chasseurs and recruits after their embarkation.	64
July 1, Quebec.	Haldimand to Creuzbourg (in French). Did not expect complaints concerning the detachment of the Hesse Hanau artillery	

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doing duty at Sorel with the British artillery, as they appeared well satisfied. Will have the matter closely investigated. The complaint against Barnes is in error; it was by his (Haldimand's) positive orders that a corporal and twelve of Creuzbourg's artillerymen were sent off as an escort for stores to Niagara. The men shall want for nothing, and be returned when the service shall permit; is persuaded that the Prince wishes his troops to be useful and to accommodate themselves to circumstances. Page 65

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Quebec.

Haldimand to Creuzbourg (in French). Answers at once, so that the sergeant, who is to go to Europe, may come to Quebec for a passage, there being no time to lose, if he would get the first ship. The circumstances of the country, &c., do not permit the same military rules as in Europe, but he is persuaded that the Prince of Hesse would not object to have the eight soldiers employed in such necessary work as that of building barracks, especially as they are paid at the same rate as the British troops on similar work. 66

September 27,
Quebec.

Same to de Speth (in French). Has written to Sir Henry Clinton to procure the exchange of officers of whom a list was sent. Respecting the mode of paying batt and forage money for 1778; when he receives word on this subject from Clinton he will communicate. The accounts of the different corps shall be examined without delay. 68

October 20,
Quebec.

Same to Colonel Rauschenplat (in French). Has ordered a passage for the officers for Europe. Has no direction to give as to filling up the vacancies, that right being reserved by His Serene Highness to himself. The Q. M. G. will examine as to the damage to the clothing of the regiment and report. Has sent a gratuity to the soldiers of his regiment on account of their good conduct. Is gratified at the promotions among the German troops, but is sorry he cannot take notice of it in public orders, as the original convention specified the number and grades of the officers, and he has no right to make any changes. 69

November 8,
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Same to de Speth. Has written to Brigadier McLean on the subject of a complaint of interference made by de Speth. 71

December 14,
Quebec.

Same to Rauschenplat (in French). Returns the memorial sent by Major Piquet. Is satisfied with the arrangement for the quarters of his regiment. Hopes he will pass a pleasant winter. 72

December 17,
Quebec.

Same to Creuzbourg (in French). Bouteillon, against whom there was a charge, had acknowledged his fault and asked pardon in writing; asks that from his previous good conduct Bouteillon should be pardoned. 73

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January 10,
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May 1,
Quebec.

Haldimand to de Speth (in French). Respecting pay to the regiment of Prince Frederick for the transport of provisions. Will take no notice at present of the conduct of the inhabitants of Lachine, &c., in assisting deserters. To arrest and send to Montreal an inhabitant of Lavaltrie for reset of theft by soldiers. 77

May 4,
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October 16, Quebec.	Same to de Speth (in French). Respecting a claim made by Prince Frederick's regiment for the loss of blankets in the fire at St. John's.	85
1781. March 14, Quebec.	Same to Rauschenplat (in French). Hoped to see him on his (Haldimand's) passage to Three Rivers, but a bad cold prevents him from going. Has sent back the officer, kept in anticipation of the journey. Will examine into the affair between de Tonnancour and his (Rauschenplat's) brother.	86
June 1, Quebec.	Same to Riedesel. Sends a manifesto by His Majesty against the States General of Holland, declaring war. Every precaution is to be taken for the safety of the province, letters of marque issued, &c. Captain Cleve, Riedesel's secretary being in the Dutch service, is to be suspended and put on parole.	87
July 15, St. Thomas.	Creuzbourg to Haldimand (in French). Sends minutes of a court martial on deserters.	88
July 16, Quebec.	Haldimand to Rauschenplat (in French). Will notify in general orders the names of the two officers appointed in room of those who left last autumn. Hopes he has received the bateaux, those required for the recruits can be got when wanted. Asks him to renew the orders to search in the parishes for spies from Boston, to arrest suspicious persons; and if there are good grounds for doing so to send them under a good guard to Quebec. The prisoner Primeau and the two Bostonians taken at Chambly to be sent to Quebec.	89
November 12, Quebec.	Same to Creuzbourg (in French). Has sent orders that only a sergeant and 18 chasseurs of Von der Velden's detachment are to remain for the winter at Carleton Island. The detachment of Crofts will be relieved by British troops.	90
November 15, Quebec.	Same to Rauschenplat. To search for and arrest a stranger from Nova Scotia who has come through the woods.	91
November 22, Quebec.	Mathews to Creuzbourg. Subsistence bills for the Chasseurs received; warrants for the amount transmitted. How other bills may be drawn.	92
1782. February 7, Quebec.	Same to the same. Sends warrants for subsistence for supernumeraries. Cannot understand how the former bills were not received.	93
February 28, Quebec.	Same to the same. How the subsistence bills of certain detachments may be paid.	94
June 20, Quebec.	Same to the same. Sending warrants for subsistence.	95
July 13, Quebec.	Haldimand to the same (in French). Asks for an explanation of the complaint made to the Prince of Hesse that the Hanau troops had not been treated like the others, so that if any abuse existed it might be remedied.	96
July 15, Quebec.	Same to the same (in French). How deserters from the Chasseurs were disposed of. It would be desirable that he	

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- (Crenzbouurg) should receive power, like Riedesel, to have the sentences of courts-martial executed. Page 97
- September 2, General Haldimand to Creuzbourg (in French). How the pay for
Quebec. Lieut. Schaffalisky is to be arranged for. The two deserters were not on board of the "Pandora." They must have been transferred or deserted again. 98
- September 6, Same to de Looz. Has received deposition in reference to
Quebec. the charge against the captain of militia. It is a pleasing testimony of the care taken to prevent disputes between the troops and the inhabitants. Until after the harvest he will take no notice of it, as the loss of a single day at that time might ruin a family. For the same reason no notice will be taken of another charge. 99
- September 14, Mathews to the same. A passage cannot be granted by the
Quebec. "Hussar" to Ensign Rosenberg; he will be provided for by the next opportunity. 100
- September 15, Same to Creuzbourg. Sends warrants. On Mr. Chaperon's
Quebec. return from St. Paul's Bay will try to rectify the matter between him and Mr. Cochrane. Has delayed making out the warrants for the first battalion of Hesse Hanau and the artillery, for reasons given. 101
- October 10, Haldimand to de Looz. Cannot, from the situation of affairs,
Quebec. comply with General Losberg's wish to send his regiment to New York. 102
- October 14, Same to Creuzbourg. The recruits for the Chasseurs to join
Quebec. immediately; to be followed by the detachment from St. Paul's Bay. 103
- October 29, Same to de Looz. Blankets ordered for the recruits of Los-
Quebec. berg's regiment. Shall order an inquiry into the complaint against the captain of militia at Berthier when the troops shall be settled in their quarters. The badness of the weather has prevented him (Haldimand) visiting the camp. 104
- November 27, Same to Creuzbourg (in French). Congratulates him on the
Quebec. promotions in the regiment. Hopes that Mr. Hugget has written and that the affair is settled. 105
- December 9, Mathews to the same. Accounts for subsistence irregularly
Quebec. drawn; sends previous accounts as forms. 106
- No date. General order (in French) by Major General Riedesel against
1783. desertion, to be notified to the Brunswick troops. 107
- January 2, Haldimand to Creuzbourg. Sends warrants for subsistence ac-
Quebec. counts, and asks that certain omissions may be supplied. 110
- January 20, Mathews to the same. The settlement of subsistence ac-
Quebec. counts. 111
- January 31, Haldimand to Colonel Leutz. The robberies by a sergeant of the
Quebec. 29th Regiment. Sergeant Henzell of the Hesse Hanau Regiment, who bought some of the articles, to be examined. 112
- February 2. Colonel Leutz to Haldimand. Has had Sergeant Henzell confined and examined; his deposition sent in German, and the sergeant has been taken to Quebec to confirm it. Asks that he be returned to St. Antoine. He is ready to give evidence in court when wanted, as are also the other two sergeants. 113
- February 27, Mathews to Creuzbourg. Subsistence accounts. 114
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- March 1, Haldimand to de Looz. Is gratified with the report of the good
Quebec. understanding between the Regiment of Anhalt Zerbst and the inhabitants of the district in which they are quartered. Mr. Dunn, judge of the common pleas, leaves for Kamouraska; he has been

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instructed to investigate the conduct of the captain of militia at Berthier. Asks him to be present, as although he (Haldimand) desires to give every support to the military, yet it is his duty to afford His Majesty's subjects the protection they are entitled to, and it is particularly necessary to support the influence of the captains of militia. Page 115

April 18, Quebec. Mathews to Leutz. Has received subsistence accounts; points out apparent errors. 116

June 6, New York. ——— to Leutz. All foreign troops ordered to be sent to Europe as soon as possible. Cannot send those of Hesse Hanau to Canada; they will be embarked as soon as transports are ready for the Downs, where they will receive further orders. 117

June 11, Quebec. Mathews to Creuzbourg. Sends dispatches received by the "Bull Dog." Sends warrant. His Excellency returns thanks for the offer of spare arms, &c., which, however, cannot be accepted. 118

June 30, Quebec. Haldimand to Riedesel. Approves of the arrangement made for the transport of baggage to Quebec. From the want of water casks it will be at least four weeks before the embarkation can take place. Troops, therefore, to be left as long as possible in their present quarters; due notice will be given. To lay in as large a sea stock as possible in the upper posts as it will be difficult to get supplies in Quebec. 119

July 2, Quebec. Same to de Looz. Has received the statement of the foreign officers as to their satisfaction with their treatment. The infinite pleasure it gives him, as it was his earnest wish to make their situation as happy as possible. His approbation of the zeal and attention of de Looz. 120

July 2, Quebec. Same to Riedesel. Asks him to communicate to the officers of the foreign troops his pleasure at the testimonies they have given of satisfaction. The representation of the omission to pay certain allowances has been very properly noticed; explains the action taken in each case. 121

July 2, Quebec. Same to de Speth. Acknowledging the receipt of his letter of thanks for endeavours to serve him and expressing his sense of de Speth's zeal. 122

July 7, Quebec. The same to Captain Schoell. That he can say nothing more than has been said already respecting his contingent account. 123

July 7, Quebec. Mathews to Creuzbourg. With subsistence warrant. 124

July 10, Quebec. Haldimand to the same (in French). Respecting a passage for Captain Hildebrand. 125

July 12, Quebec. Mathews to Captain Hugget. That he cannot have a passport to go to New York by land. 126

July 12, Quebec. Same to Schoell. Reporting the result of an examination of his transport account. 127

July 15, Quebec. Cramahé to Captain Hugget (in French). That a passport cannot be granted to pass into the Colonies by Lake Champlain. 129

July 29, Quebec. Haldimand to Leutz. Respecting a petition from a person not named, to whom an ample discharge has been given by Leutz. 130

A letter of the 30th July from Leutz gives the man's name as Grunewald, and particulars of his case. 133

July 29, Quebec. Haldimand to Leutz. Is satisfied with his determination to punish the men of his regiment concerned in the robbery (p. 113). Asks him to send the proceedings of the court martial. 131

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1783. July 29, Quebec.	Haldimand to Riedesel. The command of the German troops will fall to him (Riedesel); asks him to ascertain if the officers have any claims to make that can be settled here. Page 132	132
July 31, Quebec.	Mathews to Hugget. His Excellency cannot grant passports to the Colonies overland until a confirmation of the peace is received. 134	134
July 31, Quebec.	Haldimand to Lentz. Has received the proceedings at the court martial on Henzell, &c. Leaves it to his judgment to have the sentence executed. Returns the original, and asks for certified copy. 135	135
August 1, Quebec.	Mathews to Captain Piquet. Appointing him Brigade Major to Rauschenplat. 200	200
August 2, Quebec.	Haldimand to de Barner. Acknowledging letter of thanks for attention to him and his corps. 201	201
August 2, Quebec.	Mathews to Schoell. His Excellency cannot grant the extra forage money asked for. 202	202
August 2, Quebec.	Haldimand to Riedesel. Testifying the high sense he has of his (Riedesel's) merits, &c., whilst in Canada. 203	203
August 5, Quebec.	Same to Crenzbouurg (in French). Has received list of discharged soldiers. Regrets that he cannot see him before leaving. 204	204
August 21, Quebec.	Mathews to Hugget. It is uncertain when communication with New York will be opened overland. Will order a free passage on board of one of the transports for him and his family. 205	205
September 25, Quebec.	Same to the same. On account of Mrs. Hugget's health, a pass has been granted overland. Comments on the style of Hugget's letters. 206	206
October 27, Quebec.	Same to Creuzbourg. Sending warrant for subsistence account. 207	207
1781. June — Quebec.	Haldimand to the same. Declaration of war against Holland received. Captain Castendrick in his corps, actually belonging to the Dutch service, is to be discontinued from military service and placed on parole. There is no date to this, but the date is to be found at page 87). 208	208

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1777. June 17, Montreal.	Captain John Marr, R.E., to Sir Guy Carleton. Remarks on the buildings at St. John's and Isle aux Noix. Page 1	1
October 24, Albany.	Certificate by Major General Phillips that Lieut. Twiss is commanding engineer in Canada. 3	3
1778. July 1, Quebec.	Report of Captain Marr, R.E., to General Haldimand on the extent, nature of the several works and present condition of the fortifications of Quebec. 6	6
July 14, Quebec.	Same to the same. Transmitting report. Certain works ordered by Sir Guy Carleton, but postponed. European masons offer to work for three shillings a day and provisions. Canadian masons have become saucy and want a dollar. 18	18
July 27, Montreal.	Twiss to the same. Had, with Lieut. Rudyerd, marked out the interior line of a parapet at Isle aux Noix, with suitable barracks. 19	19

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This work with repairs at Pointe au Fer he had left in charge of Rudyerd. The entire charge of the works at St. John's is with Lieut. Hockings, so that each officer is responsible for his district. His proposals to remove the confusion at these posts from the insufficiency of their defences and want of firewood. Recommends an addition to the force to carry on the works, which, with the men required, are given in detail. Suggests that the hay left on the abandoned farms on both sides of Lake Champlain should be taken for the King's horses. Page 20

July 31,
Quebec.

Marr to General Haldimand. Complains that reports are not made to him as commanding engineer and that he is treated as a cypher, apparently by Carleton's orders. Asks leave to go to England to prevent the effects of such treatment, and appeals to the evidence of those who were cognizant of his services at St. John's in 1775. 23

August 3,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Reports that Wilcox, a trader in the lower town, is building a stone wall with mortar just under the works at St. Louis Gate. 25

August 4,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Thanks for leave of absence. Points out what he believes to be an injustice done to him by the appointment of a junior officer to the command of the Engineers. 27

August 8,
Oswegatchie.

Twiss to the same. He and Lieut. Glennie left Montreal on the 28th July with artificers and stores, but only arrived yesterday, owing to contrary winds. The indefensible state of the fort, besides being commanded by a long ridge, 500 yards distant. It is impossible to make any effectual repair or alteration on a fort like this. Another situation must be found and fortified next summer. The present works will stand during the winter. Capt. Aubrey with the different detachments proceeds to-morrow. The local knowledge of Captain Potts will be of advantage. It is proposed to land and examine Buck Island and proceed then to Cataragui to examine it minutely; if its advantages equal expectations work will begin at once, but if Buck Island or near it be more favourable all the soldiers and artificers will be employed to prepare material until the return of an express which will be sent off to His Excellency. 29

August 10,
Montreal.

Haldimand to Twiss. Approves of the steps he has taken at St. John's and Lake Champlain (p. 20). Will rely on his judgment as to the situation of the new fort to serve for a shelter for vessels, building craft, &c. Would be glad if he could spare time to go to Niagara to examine the place and see what repairs and improvements are necessary and that there is time for this season. Captain Mathews, who is to act there as engineer, is to call on his way up to receive directions on which he can proceed in the meantime. 132

August 12,
Montreal.

Same to the same. At Niagara he is to examine the place where the portage begins, to see if stores, &c., and a redoubt could not be erected there, and if that is not a better place for a fort than where it now is, and also to examine both sides. When the different works can go on without him asks that he come down to report. 34

August, 13,
Quebec.

Calculation of the cost of timber bought in the log and the market price of planks and boards. 36

August 17.

Report of the comparative advantages of Cataragui and Buck Island for military purposes, those of the latter being considered the greater. The report is signed by Captain John Schank and Lieut. Twiss. 37

August 17,
Buck Island.

Twiss to Haldimand. Details of the examinations made on which the report (p. 37) was founded. This is not the island which the

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French called Isle aux Chevreuils; to save confusion he suggests calling it Carleton Island, and the new post Haldimand Fort. Hopes to secure the post and lodge the garrison before winter. Recommends, as the work will be very heavy, to allow the men sixpence a day in place of rum. Hay can be got on Grande Isle, so have brought four horses to help in the work. It would not be prudent for vessels to winter here as the effect of the ice is not known. Before the following winter a stone pier may be completed. Proposes to take six guns out of the vessels to arm the fort, with ammunition from Niagara, &c. Page 40

August 20,
Quebec.

Marr to General Haldimand. Will carry out the direction sent him in Captain Foy's letter. Submits request from Lieutenant Wade not to be removed from his present post, and recommends that it be granted. 44

August 21,
Montreal.

Haldimand to Twiss. Approves of the situation he has selected for the new fort and works, and of his proposal to pay the working soldiers sixpence per day in place of rum (p. 40). Instead of going to Niagara, as previously ordered, he is to return to Montreal when the work is well begun, leaving Lieut. Glennie in charge. Is impatient to see him respecting works in other parts of the Province, but desires to have a plan of the island, if it will not detain him too long. He is to observe the ground near the principal falls on the river as he comes down so as to see if advantages could not be obtained for annoying the enemy should an invasion be made in force. 46

August 28,
Deer Island.

Twiss to Haldimand. Will be ready to leave for Niagara about September; Mathews sailed yesterday carrying instructions to Bolton at Niagara. The advantages of the island; vessels may winter here instead of at Niagara. The extent of ground necessary to be enclosed for defence; his plan for circumscribing it. More men are wanted, and fifty additional axemen of Sir John Johnson's corps to clear the ground in front of the proposed works. Recommends increased rations to the men whilst working. Hopes by October to explain matters personally and then have leave to go to England, which he is confident His Excellency will not refuse, when he reflects that after 18 years' service, he (Twiss) is still only a lieutenant. 48

August 30,
Montreal.

Haldimand to Twiss. Expressing the hope that he is now ready to start for Montreal. 53

August 31,
Quebec.

Marr to Haldimand. Submitting letters to the engineers at St. John's and Chambly to be forwarded if approved. Pringle has made applications for supplies, but not this season. Reporting the purchase of planks, &c. 5

August —
Quebec.

Same to the same (the letter is endorsed 13th August). Completion of the work on the Dauphin, and progress of that on the barracks at the Jesuit college. Remarks and suggestions as to the best mode of procuring timber. 56

September 2,
Carleton
Island.

Twiss to the same. Will return as soon as the state of the work shall permit. Laying out the works so as to suit the grounds, which he describes as easily defensible. Glennie is making a survey of the island; the plan of it and of the works will be ready to present to His Excellency about the 20th or 25th inst. Shall watch for defensive situations near the principal falls. 60

September 3,
Quebec.

Marr to the same. Mr. Slack not arrived; he shall be forwarded when he comes. Mr. Hunter carries with him axes, saws, &c.; they are consigned to the Q. M. G. for the engineer. Suggests

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- September 7, Quebec. laying platforms for the battery, cutting down brush on the heights before St. John's Gate, &c. Page 62
- September 7, Quebec. Marr to Haldimand. Hunter sent off with nails, &c. Slack arrived next morning and went to Sorel in a calèche. He has brought surveying instruments with him. The treatment attempted by Cameron, a hardware dealer, in respect to the supply of saws, &c. Nothing should be purchased from him hereafter. 64
- September 8, Carleton Island. Twiss to the same. The present state of the works (given in detail) does not enable him to leave, nor has Glennie completed his survey of the island. He will be able to leave after the 18th. 66
- September 9, Quebec. Marr to the same. Will at once proceed to make an accurate survey of the cape as ordered. Asks leave to purchase a quantity of steel which can now be had at ninepence instead of a shilling as formerly. 68
- September 14, Quebec. Same to the same. The timber supposed to be ready at Three Rivers has been cut up for a house and cannot be got. Some expected down the river at the end of this month. The repairs to the barracks nearly finished. Certain small changes proposed. 70
- September 20, Three Rivers. Captain Law to ——. Reporting the result of his inquiries respecting timber that can be got in the district. 72
- September 21, Quebec. Marr to Haldimand. The steel was bought as ordered and stored. The alteration to the barracks was nearly finished before it was forbidden; if not approved of by His Excellency he (Marr) will pay the cost. The list of tools shall be ready when a conveyance is found. 74
- September 25, Quebec. Same to Cramahé. Statement of timber wanted at Quebec. 76
- September 27, Sorel. Twiss to Haldimand. Calculation of the time necessary to construct shelter for the troops at Sorel. 77
- September 28, Quebec. Marr to the same. Has forwarded the articles marked on the list sent so far as they could be got. The repairs to the Jesuit and Dauphin barracks completed, except some small repairs; he has kept on the two masons. Is the survey of the Cape to be sent or to be kept at Quebec? Expects a raft of timber from Zachary Macaulay at Machiche, at sixpence a cubic foot. One Surnam offers to contract at the same price for delivery in May. Has furnished Captain Cramahé with estimate of timber wanted. 79
- September 28, Quebec. Same to the same. Applies for instructions as to whether he is to take advantage of the leave of absence granted, as the arrival of a French fleet on the coast may have made a change. 82
- October 1, St. John's. R. Hockings, engineer, to the same. Sends return of the artificers, &c., on the works at St. John's, and a detailed report of progress. 84
- October 1, Quebec. Marr to the same. Sends receipt for the packages shipped by the "Mary" (p. 79). Is he to certify the accounts for stoves, &c., to Sorel? 87
- October 3, St. John's. Twiss to the same. All the brass ordnance, except two eight-inch howitzers sent from this post. The kind of artillery needed. The 58 bateaux between here and Isle aux Noix could be ready for troops in four or five days, besides gun-boats and long-boats. All useful vessels are on the lake except the "Washington," which is ready but has no men. There are provisions for 1,000 men at St. John's for four months. The 58 bateaux would carry 928 men with 30 days provisions. 89
- October 6, Sorel. Haldimand to Twiss. Captain Schank sent to confer with him about the disposition of the ships for the winter. The officers to be

1778. in command at Isle aux Noix and St. John's to be instructed as to the design, defence, &c., of the works, and the measures to be taken to prevent confusion. Page 91
- October 8, Marr to Haldimand. Recommends purchasing snow shovels. He will finish the survey of the Cape, Heights of Abraham, &c., and the plan by Monday; asks leave to go then to Montreal. Timber to be brought by Lafleche not yet arrived. Wishes Captain Law would send 1,000 logs at the same price. 93
- October 28, Same to the same. Asks that payment be made for timber bought from Hansfield, of Three Rivers, and that a credit be given to Mr. Dunn to pay small bills in the Engineer's Department. 95
- November 1, Hockings to the same. Sends list of artificers employed and St. John's. statement of the progress of the works. 97
- November 1, Twiss to the same. Report on the proposal to build a citadel at Quebec, and how the work should be conducted. 99
- November 6, Same to the same. Proposed change in the buildings to serve as Sorel. an hospital at Sorel. 104
- November 9, Same to the same. The forges at Three Rivers stopped for the Sorel. season. By spring they can cast all the cannon balls wanted, if a pattern be sent. Mr. Gagy has twelve houses nearly finished; no more should be begun this season owing to the bad roads, &c. These will lodge 240 women and children, and barrack bedding must be sent. If more houses are wanted, the timber can be drawn during winter and the houses built in spring. Plan of officers and soldiers' barracks erected here is enclosed, and statement given of the progress of the work. Asks for a board to examine the accounts of public money expended by General Phillips and him in 1776, 1777 and 1778. 106
- November 15, Marr to the same. Asks for an orderly. 111
- November 16, Same to the same. Iron shovels wanted by the town major. Quebec. Asks for a general order to supply such stores. 113
- December 7, Same to Twiss. Genet refuses to issue stores to his order. Asks Quebec. if it is not the rule to supply such stores by the order of the chief engineer without applying to the commander-in-chief. 114
- December 9, Twiss to Haldimand. Has been engaged since leaving Sorel in St. John's. examining and completing the posts at Pointe au Fer, Isle aux Noix and St. John's, the mill at Lacolle, &c., so that he has not been able to set down the proper position for troops at Chambly, Ste. Thérèse, &c. Sends state of the works; asks that Lieut. Wade be sent to Isle aux Noix to push forward work there, the more so as Rudyerd has not begun the plan of Lake Champlain; proposes to send him to Quebec or Montreal till he has completed this plan. To obtain boards, &c., for next summer's work, proposes the erection of a saw mill at Lacolle, if it can be built on reasonable terms. By erecting a defensible log house to cover the mill, an intermediate post between Isle aux Noix and Pointe au Fer would be provided. 116
- Detailed report on the state of the works at Pointe au Fer, Isle aux Noix, St. John's and Sorel follows. 119
- December 14, Matthews to Twiss. How tables, forms, &c., are to be provided Quebec. for the barracks at the different posts. 124
- December 17, Haldimand to the same. Approves of the recommendations in his Quebec. letter of the 9th (p. 116). Has notified Brigadier Powell of the change of engineers at Isle aux Noix. 125
- December 17, Twiss to Marr. That the refusal by Mr. Genet to issue engineer St. John's. stores to his (Marr's) order must have arisen from not knowing the

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distinction between artillery and engineer stores and can be easily remedied when explained. The practice given in detail, and it is added: "From knowing that an engineer can never do his duty if his authority is lessened, I am determined never to see that done and continue in the corps." Page 126

December 24, Marr to Haldimand. Sends his letter to Twiss of the 7th, and
Quebec. answer of the 17th and asks that Mr. Genet be instructed to obey the orders of the engineer for the issue of stores. 129

December 26, Same to the same. Enclosing paragraph of the instructions to
Quebec. the commissary respecting the delivery of stores as proof of the justice of the position he had taken up in regard to his power of ordering the issue of these for engineer service. 130

December 31, Haldimand to Twiss. So soon as works at Isle aux Noix and St.
Quebec. John's are sufficiently advanced he is to return, taking notice on the way of the situation of affairs at Sorel, &c., to try to be at Mr. Gagy's by the 7th or 8th, to examine the houses there before Mr. Gagy comes to the council at Quebec. 131

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January 5, Twiss to Haldimand. Owing to the state of the works at St.
St. John's. John's and Isle aux Noix, he cannot be at Mr. Gagy's on the day mentioned. Has asked Mr. Gagy to leave instructions respecting barracks, &c. at Pointe du Lac, and he will call for them on the 15th. Gives details of his movements up till that time. Hopes to be in Quebec by the 17th. (The letter is dated 1778, endorsed 1779, the latter the correct date). 4

January 10, F. Le Maistre to Lieut. Wade. Enclosing a letter to be delivered
Quebec. to Twiss, who will instruct him where and how he is to be employed. 132

The letter to Twiss follows. 133

Letter to Marr, enclosing the two preceding letters. 134

February 1, Hockings to Haldimand. Enclosing return of foremen, artificers,
St. John's. &c., at St. John's, with report on the progress of the works there. 135

March 8, Twiss to the same. Reporting on the barracks and other build-
Montreal. ings at Three Rivers, Pointe du Lac, Sorel, Yamaska and St. Francis, with suggestions as to new buildings, changes, &c. Many fine masts could be cut on the St. Francis; recommends that the wood should be examined during the summer. The dimensions of the timber wanted at Lachesnaie have been left with Mr. Joly. List of allowances for services at Sorel. 138

March 11, Haldimand to Twiss (in French). Approves of his report. Part
Quebec. of the powder may be stored at Three Rivers. The arrangements already made with Gagy for building the post at Pointe du Lac, need not interfere with steps he (Twiss) may have taken. The report of the state of Yamaska had led him to believe the post would be useless. Powell had even orders not to send provisions there, but these had better be sent now, before the thaw. Hopes the saw mill and the getting of masts on the St. Francis may succeed. Capable persons may be employed to examine into the confusion on Carleton Island and complaints against Glennie; fears that he is not fit to command alone; he had better be recalled in spring; he might be employed in preparing a plan of the north side of Lake Ontario. Hoped to have received the map of Lake Champlain before this. Dunn will soon be up to arrange the accounts with him (Twiss). 143

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March 19,
St. John's.

Twiss to Haldimand. There is a building at Three Rivers suitable for His Excellency's purposes. Mr. Gagy the best man to get work done by the Canadians and Germans. Has reported on Yamaska to Brigadier Powell; the force necessary; its usefulness in dealing with the inhabitants who have not been friendly and who have been disobedient to the captain of militia. Asks that the captain of militia at St. Hyacinthe be employed to call on the militia to deposit their arms with the guard on an alarm being given, leaving it to their choice to remain on duty. Will exert himself with respect to the saw mill and masts on the St. Francis. Agrees that Glennie should be recalled from Carleton Island; he is the most capable officer to survey the north side of Lake Ontario. Slow progress made by Rudyerd in drawing the plan of Lake Champlain; the copy for Chambers is to be ready by the first of April, and another for His Excellency by the first of May. Stores for Carleton Island should be sent under care of Joseph Franklin, whom he recommends to be employed as a farmer besides his other work, and that a small house should be built for him and his family on the most fertile part of the island, as he proposes to plant potatoes, sow turnips, &c. Will get the accounts arranged. Those for 1778 will be in Québec before the navigation opens. Work in progress at St. John's reported on. Page 146

March 24,
Sorel.

Lieut. Slack, R.E., to the same. Reporting that applications have been made for building lots in the Village of Sorel, which may interfere with military works. 151

March 25,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Twiss (in French). From the report of Collins, the saw mills on the St. Francis should be built at once; orders to be sent to the Three Rivers Forges to prepare the irons for at least four saws. Jessup with loyalists to be sent to take an advanced post. Remarks on the letter from him (Twiss) of the 19th (p. 146). Glennie cannot be employed this year in surveying Lake Ontario; that must be put off till quieter times. 152

April 3,
Quebec.

Marr to Haldimand. Recommends the employment of six constant labourers and a few men for surveying. 155

April 10,
St. John's.

Twiss to the same. The seamen have been paid and are satisfied. Making every arrangement, so far as means will allow, for the defence of the post; goes to Isle aux Noix to arrange the works there and to La Colle, where Lieut. Wade's absence, owing to the gout, has distressed the service. Rudyerd is sick at Montreal, so that Captain Chambers has not received the plan of Lake Champlain, nor will the other copy be ready by the 4th of May, as expected. Captain Schank will leave on the 12th. His absence would have caused serious loss to the public service; is afraid that his various employments will prevent him laying minute regulations for the upper lakes before His Excellency. 157

April 18,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Twiss. Begs he will seize the first moment to come to Quebec, having matters to arrange respecting the service. 160

April 20,
Quebec.

Marr to Haldimand. Has stopped the work of building a shed at the King's Wharf for Mr. Farrier, a ship builder. The propriety of stopping works of this kind. 161

May 6,
Quebec.

Same to the same. The master carpenter expects his men to leave unless their wages are raised; asks for instructions. 163

May 12,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Calling attention to the question of the issue of engineer's stores and of his right to the seniority in the corps of engineers. 165

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May 17th,
Quebec. Haldimand to Marr. That although there is no question of his seniority in the corps of engineers, yet Lient. Twiss is to have the direction in Canada; for this reason he (Marr) was continued in command in the town of Quebec, and that he was employed to prepare plans for a citadel, &c. there. Owing to the great expense has given up the plan of building a citadel at Cape Diamond. Asks him to prepare these plans and estimates now to be laid before Lord Townshend. Page 175
- May 20,
Quebec. A letter of the 18th August is almost identical. 193
Marr to Haldimand. Reports that the line of fence built by Mr. Marcou up the face of the rock, above the Canotiere, is prejudicial to the defences of the town. 178
- May 30,
Quebec. Same to the same. The exorbitant demand for unloading timber; has threatened to buy horses and so frightened the carters, who think they can never ask enough. Believes the purchase of horses would be a great saving. It will be Wednesday before horses are wanted, as the spars can be landed without them. 180
- May 31,
Quebec. Same to the same. Lachlan Smith, proprietor of a Seminary at Kamouraska has promised to have six as good horses as can be got there, bought by a friend of his. Asks leave to send off Smith's letter to that effect. 182
- June 12,
Quebec. Twiss to the same. Proposal for forming a company of artificers, detailing numbers, pay, duties, &c. 183
- July 1,
Sorel. Same to the same. The orders for iron completed at the Three Rivers forges. Progress of the work at Pointe du Lac; Mr. Gagy has begun the timber for his new saw mill. Will send him millwrights in ten days. The works at Sorel well regulated and going on with spirit. Delay to brick making caused by rain. Mr. Dobie's little saw mill up the Sorel cuts only 30 or 40 boards a day, the water being low. Goes to Montreal; thence to St. John's and shall examine the rapid at Chambly for a spot to construct a saw mill. 186
- July 12,
Sorel. Same to the same. His report of his visit to St. John's, Isle aux Noix and Chambly, where he has seen a good site for an extensive saw mill; sends the estimated cost. Recommends the repair of the road between St. John's and Chambly, and the erection of a bridge near the latter. Report on damaged provisions. The necessity of determining what works are to be first executed. 189
- July 31,
Quebec. Marr to the same. Report of an experiment for finding the real price of Cap Rouge stone laid down at the little wood yard near the Palace, and thence to Cape Diamond. 196
- November 8,
Quebec. Lieutenant Glennie to the same. As he has received leave of absence, has no objection to be employed under Twiss until the affair with Captain Aubrey be settled. 200
- November 18,
Sorel. Twiss to the same. Reporting on the state of the posts of Three Rivers, Pointe du Lac and Machiche with details of condition and requirements of each. 201
- November 22,
Sorel. Same to the same. Sends lists of men selected from the Royal Regiment of New York and the different corps of loyalists to serve as artificers. How he proposes to employ them in the Engineers' Department; their pay, rations, &c. Some have been making extravagant wages by working for individuals, so that the order for them to be enrolled must be positive. 206
- November 22,
Sorel. Same to the same. Has arranged for the bakery here; the post might be increased by 300 men, there being that additional barrack

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room. Arrangements for making bricks next season. Glennie is arranging parties for getting timber. Recommends that a part of the loyalists at Yamaska be relieved, they having been there a long time. Page 210

November 29, Haldimand to Twiss. Remarks on the report in the letters from Quebec. Twiss. Comfortable barracks to be provided at Montreal. Hopes from the mildness of the weather that the work at Coteau du Lac is in forwardness. Approves of the steps for getting timber, and has ordered Powell to relieve a part of Fraser's men at Yamaska. 213

November 29, Same to the same. Approves of his plan for a corps of artificers Quebec. (p. 206). Cannot, however, withdraw the men entirely from their corps, as the best artificers are generally the best soldiers; a provisional order will be made to have them attached for the time being to the engineers, but these arrangements must not interfere with more essential services. 216

December 2, Twiss to Haldimand. Orders given to send artificers from Sorel Montreal. to complete the barracks at Pointe au Fer. Desires to know how many officers and men, who are prisoners of war, are to be kept there. Reports on the works at Lachesnaie, Montreal and Coteau du Lac, with remarks on the navigation at the latter and the obstructions in the rapids. 219

December 6, Haldimand to Twiss. Will not at present decide respecting Quebec. prison rooms, &c., at Pointe du Lac. When assembling the loyalists at Sorel, will not include those employed on public works. Is glad to hear so good an account of Coteau du Lac, &c. 223

December 14, Twiss to Haldimand. Acknowledging letter and referring to the Montreal. formation of the corps of artificers. 218

December 21, Same to the same. Is sending to Captain McAlpin lists of loyal- St. John's. ists employed on public works. No orders have yet been given to relieve Fraser's men at Yamaska. Asks for orders to employ loyalists, so as to meet McAlpin's objections. Detailed report on the progress and state of the works at St. John's and Lacolle. 224

December 30, Mathews to Twiss. Orders have been sent to relieve half of Quebec. Fraser's detachment. 229

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January 3, Twiss to Mathews. St. Leger and he agree that two shillings Sorel. currency a cord would be a fair allowance to the soldiers for the wood they had cut, previous to its issue by the barrack master. 230

January 3, Same to the same. Refers to report on an allowance for firewood. Sorel. Will attend Captain McAlpin at St. Ours, and then send the necessary particulars before issuing orders to establish a corps of artificers. The ration of fresh meat has been too greatly reduced; gives the past ration as a comparison. 231

January 6, Mathews to Twiss. Sends a representation as to the corvée for Quebec. the service of the post of Sorel; he is to make inquiry. Three Rivers might be employed. 233

January 6, Twiss to Haldimand. Sends list of the officers and men qualified Sorel. to form the two companies of artificers. The eighty men under Leake are omitted; any of his company named are such as were not qualified for his chosen company. Remarks on Sir John Johnson's men who are artificers. Captain Leake's chosen men could be employed cutting timber by the foot. Asks leave to employ them. 234

January 6, Captains McAlpin and Twiss. Terms on which they think two Sorel. companies of artificers might be formed from the loyalist corps. 236

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January 10,
Quebec. Mathews to Twiss. Orders have been sent to assemble the loyalists at Sorel. Part of Leake's corps may be employed in the neighbourhood of Sorel. Thinks that an addition to the rations would be judicious, but owing to the state of the provisions thinks the quantity proposed could be reduced. Leaves it to himself to arrange the terms for cutting timber. Page 238
- January 10,
Sorel. Twiss to Mathews. The price allowed for corvée for drawing wood admits of the following proportion for this service, namely: Nicolet, 6; LaBaie, 5; St. Francis, 2; Yamaska, 3; Maskinongé, 4; L'Ormière, 4; Rivière du Loup, 10. The small proportion of St. Francis and Yamaska, is because they have soldiers, and furnish men for scouting parties. Reasons why others are left out. 240
- January 13,
Sorel. Same to the same. Will immediately employ the artificers. Shall do his best to obtain a supply of timber. Remarks on the fresh meat ration. 242
- January 17,
Quebec. Mathews to Twiss. His Excellency is satisfied that every exertion will be used to get timber. In what form the proprietors should be indemnified. Respecting the oatmeal ration. 245
- January 17,
Sorel. Twiss to Mathews. Transmitting a notice forbidding the men cutting on the Yamaska to continue; the notice is signed "William Bowers." Suggests the steps to be taken thereupon. 246
- January 20,
Quebec. Mathews to Twiss. The title deeds of Mr. Bowers shall be minutely examined. In the meantime all the timber necessary is to be cut down, and Mr. Bowers shall be paid should he be entitled to it. 250
- May 24,
St. John's. Twiss to Haldimand. Guky's mill ready and cutting boards, which are rafted. Asks leave to cut a part of Mr. Duheme's dam to let the rafts through. Has communicated to Colonel St. Leger and Major Carleton the orders respecting scouts. They are both in accord and cannot fail to succeed. Reports on the fire at St. John's. The cause of the fire is attributed by the artificers to the Germans, and the charge retorted by the latter. The selfish conduct of the Germans during the fire; they gave no alarm, and only tried to save their own effects. Major Carleton and he will try to make the best possible regulations for the working parties; Major Carleton proposes to send to Colonel Pætorius for another company of Prince Frederick's regiment. 251
- May 27,
St. John's. Same to Mathews. The artificers of the 84th sent to Michillimakinak are not well qualified; sends a list of nine good men, the ablest artificers in the Province. These should be sent off as soon as possible. Suggests that a subaltern officer with them would be very useful. 255
- May 28,
Sorel. Glennie to the same. Has sent rafts to Three Rivers with wooden anchors. Asks if the men with them may go to Quebec, as he understood they were to go with Captain Leake to Coteau du Lac. The inhabitants of Berthier will, in a day or two, have the timber ready for the bridge. 257
- May 29,
Quebec. Haldimand to Twiss. Thinks of encamping Prince Frederick's regiment near St. John's to assist in repairing the damage caused by the fire, but will wait till he hears from him (Twiss). Supposing that he has arranged matters at St. John's, he is to proceed to Coteau du Lac to give directions for the work intended to accelerate transport. After that he is to return to Machiche, where he will find the final orders respecting Duheme's dam, and then come to Quebec to consult with Guky. 259

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May 31,
Montreal. Twiss to Haldimand. The saw mill at Lacolle will amply supply the service at St. John's and Isle aux Noix. Reports in detail the progress of the works at these two posts. The works can be completed this summer by the six companies of the 29th, assisted by two of Prince Frederick's companies. One of these companies has arrived at St. John's. Will proceed to Coteau du Lac and afterwards report. Page 260
- June 1,
Quebec. Mathews to Twiss. An order will be despatched to send to Michillimakinak the artificers of the 84th asked for. 264
- June 1,
Quebec. Same to Glennie. His Excellency had already decided that some of Captain Leake's company should come with the rafts to Quebec. There is, therefore, no objection to his request. 265
- June 5,
Montreal. Twiss to Haldimand. The works at the Coteau du Lac are going on industriously; hopes to have the locks finished by September. Has made modifications in the construction of the sides of the locks. The passage through the Buisson has only partly succeeded. Is detained drawing plans, &c. The iron work for the flood gates at the Coteau may be made as soon as wanted. 266
- June 6,
Quebec. Haldimand to Twiss. Respecting a complaint from Mr. Cuthbert in regard to the inconvenience that will be caused by a bridge of bateaux over the Berthier River; how the inconvenience may be prevented. He is to turn his attention to getting down the material for the works at Quebec, and he is authorized to remove any obstruction to the transport that may exist on the Machiche River, and in the manner least hurtful to Duheme's mill. An officer's party to be stationed at Pointe du Lac. 268
- June 8,
Berthier. Twiss to Haldimand. Recommends a standing bridge at Berthier instead of the floating bridge ordered; this would allow a free passage to bateaux, &c. Will prepare the timber, so that the bridge can be finished in three or four days, if approved of. 270
- June 10,
Quebec. Haldimand to Twiss. He is to go on with the building of a standing bridge. 272
- July 30,
Quebec. Glennie to Haldimand. Asking for copy of letter concerning his dispute with Captain Aubrey. 273
- November 7,
Quebec. Agreement to rent a plot of land and a large store at St. Mary's near Montreal, the property of Mr. Benjamin Frobisher. Signed by Haldimand and Frobisher. 274
- December 19,
Quebec. Haldimand to Twiss. That a lot of land belonging to George Pownall at the place on the fortifications known as Mount Carmel be purchased for the price of £400 currency. 276
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January 11,
Machiche. Twiss to Haldimand. Will examine situation for bridges over the Rivière du Loup and the Maskinongé. Proceeds to Sorel and to St. John's. Reports on the state of the barracks, bedding, &c., at Pointe du Lac; they will lodge 280 men. Captain Fraser of Yamaska, is still ill at Three Rivers, but has forwarded the orders to his brother. 278
- January 15,
Sorel. Same to the same. Reports on the General Hospital at Three Rivers; on the new road between there and Pointe du Lac, and on the preparation of the timber for bridges over the Rivière du Loup and the Maskinongé. Considering the means to be obtained in men and tools, no important work can be carried on at Sorel without interfering with others of more immediate necessity. Proposes temporary works for the security of the post. Has consulted with the curé on the new position of a church, and describes the situation, &c. Respecting a mill, &c. 280

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January 15,
Quebec.

Mathews to Twiss. The council is issuing a proclamation ordering the threshing out of grain, to prevent it from falling into the enemy's hands, should an invasion take place. It is intended to form magazines for its security. The storehouses at Sorel and Chambly to be examined and their fitness for this purpose reported on. Page 285

January 17,
Sorel.

Twiss to Mathews. Sends papers from Lieut. French, who has always behaved in a satisfactory manner. 287

January 18,
Quebec.

Mathews to Twiss. His Excellency is satisfied with his report (p. 280). He will discuss the matter afterwards, and desires to have the estimate of the grain the store houses will hold. 283

January 20,
St. John's.

Twiss to Haldimand. Cannot specify the exact time when the works will be finished. Roughly estimates that 20,000 bushels of grain could be stored at Chambly and 50,000 at Sorel. Sends return of provisions. There will be no difficulty in getting fresh meat till the 24th of March. The store house at Chambly should be destroyed and the provisions required taken into the fort, the rest being removed to St. John's. Firewood coming into St. John's; heavy repairs needed next summer. Captain Chambers has greatly improved the discipline of the marine department. Details given of the work done, &c. His movements after leaving St. John's. 289

January 24,
Isle aux Noix.

Same to Mathews. That his taking some of the loyalists will not interfere with the plans of St. Leger and Sherwood, the men having received their instructions so as to proceed on their scout with only a day's delay. 292

January 25,
Quebec.

Mathews to Twiss. The provisions will be removed as suggested (p. 289) so soon as the roads permit the prisoners to be conveyed to Quebec. His Excellency is pleased to hear of the progress of the works at St. John's, and of the state of the naval department. 294-296

January 31,
St. John's.

Twiss to Mathews. Has only time to report the places he has visited, &c. Mr. Church of Sir John Johnson's corps arrived at Pointe au Fer on the 27th, being in the woods ten days from Chateauguay. 297

February 1,
Sorel.

Account signed by Lieut. Colonel Macbean, of the room that may be made at Sorel for troops, besides the houses of the inhabitants there and in the environs. The total room is for 2,292 men; there are already 420 quartered there. 298

February 4,
St. John's.

Twiss to Haldimand. Report of the state of the works, &c., at Isle aux Noix, Pointe au Fer, LaColle, &c. 300

February 4,
St. John's.

Same to the same. Sends a description and plan of his march from Isle aux Noix, up the South River and through Missisquoi Bay to Pointe au Fer. The enemy cannot enter Canada in winter in any force, except by Lake Champlain and Hazen's Road into the River Blanche, the latter for reasons stated being the most advantageous for the enemy and should be the best guarded. Discusses the possible movements of an enemy, and how they could best be checked. 302

February 8,
Quebec.

The description of the march follows. 306
Haldimand to Twiss. Thanks for the plan and description sent; is pleased at the favourable report of the post at Isle aux Noix. Approves of the proposed repairs at Pointe au Fer; hopes he will have material prepared for the windmill at Sorel. Urges the settlement of the questions before the board of accounts. 312

February 12,
Montreal.

Twiss to Haldimand. Will attend to the matters mentioned, the windmill, &c. Will send sketch of the ground wanted at

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- Lachine. Goes with Captain Maurer to Coteau du Lac. His other movements. Page 314
- February 15, Twiss to Haldimand. Reports on the state of the canal, of the
Montreal. storehouses, &c., at Coteau du Lac; the post is in better order than he expected. The plan of Lachine not yet completed. Has received letters from Carleton Island, which show that the officers are carrying on work zealously; they press him to visit the post. 316
- February 19, Same to the same. Sends plan and *procès verbal* of the lot and
Montreal. building purchased at Lachine, the price of which he asks to be paid at once. The course of the road is pointed out in plan. The merchants have agreed to pay a toll for the use of the canal at Coteau du Lac, and arrangements made as to the mode of payment. The toll will produce from £120 to £160 currency a year. Will visit the wood cutters at St. John's. 318
- The report of the surveyor, Joseph Papineau, and of the plan referred to. 472-474
- February 19, Mathews to Twiss. His Excellency is pleased at the forwardness
Quebec. of the works at Coteau du Lac and Carleton Island. Arms and ammunition shall be sent to the bateauxmen at Coteau du Lac. 320
- February 22, Same to the same. Sends warrant for £1,500 currency to pay
Quebec. for the land and buildings at Lachine. The terms made with the merchants for tolls for the canal at Coteau du Lac are approved of. He is to visit the blockhouse at Yamaska to hurry work. 321
- February 26, Twiss to Haldimand. Has received the warrant for £1,500.
Sorel, Reports the progress made at St. John's in the investigation of accounts. The dam for the saw mill on Chambly Rapids has been begun. Has not much opportunity of discovering the principles of the inhabitants, but believes many dread the approach of the French and Americans and few wish it. His Excellency's late proclamation has had a good effect. 322
- March 1, Haldimand to Twiss. Thinks the principles adopted for the ex-
Quebec. amination of accounts to be equitable. The blockhouse at Yamaska is to be permanent. Is pleased that his proclamation has had a good effect. 325
- March 5, Twiss to Mathews. Does not think a pass should be granted to
Sorel. James Durward, to cut timber on the King's land on Maskinongé, for reasons stated, unless it is given on terms specified. 326
- March 5, Same to Haldimand. Reports the favourable situation of the new
Sorel. blockhouse at Yamaska. There are said to be favourable situations near it for a saw mill, with a supply of pine, and good grass for the horses to be employed drawing timber during the winter. If found on examination to be as represented, this will be the best place to supply Quebec with boards and planks. Will be ready to return to Quebec in five or six days. 328
- March 8, Haldimand to Twiss. In consequence of the favourable report
Quebec. on Yamaska, work to be pushed vigorously. To select a domain for the Crown that may be marked out without injury to the adjacent seigniories. The removal of the church at Sorel is also to be considered. The time he (Haldimand) may leave for Montreal is still uncertain. 331
- March 12, Twiss to Haldimand. Will leave Sorel to-day, but business on
Sorel. the road will delay for some days his arrival at Quebec. 333
- March 19. Memorandum by Captain Twiss as to orders to be given to the captains of militia at Maskinongé and Rivière du Loup in reference to the bridges in the respective places. 334

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June 29,
Quebec.

Twiss to Mathews. Remarks on a complaint by Mr. Medcalf respecting timber cut on unalienated lands. There is no objection to Mr. Medcalf cutting hay, if he employs proper persons under the same regulations as others working on the lake, and that all hay found on the ground in December should be burned. The indulgence that might be extended to him is stated. Page 336

August 15,
Quebec.

Memorandum by Captain Twiss on the shore between Simon Fraser's wharf and *l'Anse des Mères* for defensive purposes, with remarks on adjacent properties. 338

November 19,
Sorel.

Twiss to Haldimand. Reporting on the state of the works at Sorel; the earnestness of General Riedesel to have the work carried on according to His Excellency's wishes, &c. 341

November 22,
Sorel.

Same to the same. Proposed arrangement of loyalists to be sent into the woods to cut timber for next year's work. 345

November 22,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Twiss. Is gratified at the sentiments of General Riedesel. Hopes that no time will be lost in arranging artificers for the various services required by the engineer's department. 348

November 29,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Approves of the arrangement of the loyalists for winter work. The importance of pushing on provisions to the upper posts, in case of invasion; to facilitate transport, which is to begin so soon as the river becomes practicable, he is to hasten the works on the river. 350

December 3,
Montreal.

Twiss to Haldimand. He and Captain Brehm will visit St. John's together, and may strike out a better mode of defence there and at Isle aux Noix, than if they were separate. If Captain Schank met them at St. John's they could have his opinion on the naval service. States the names of the places visited. Coteau du Lac well arranged for the security of prisoners; the accommodation there and on the island. The revenue from canal tolls last season was £132 5s. The service of the bateaumen has not been of so much use as was expected; the complaints of the men regarding subsistence, which should be attended to. The progress of the work on the canals at the Cascades and Cedars; enlarging the locks at the Split Rock, &c. 351

December 6,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Twiss. Is pleased at the progress of the works on the island at Coteau du Lac; the swivels and flags for signals shall be sent. Is disappointed that the bateaumen have not been so useful as expected; to advise with Captain Maurer on the subject. How their subsistence is to be provided for. Captain Schank to meet them at St. John's. 356

December 10,
Sorel.

Twiss to Mathews. Riedesel has stated that Dr. Smyth at St. John's complained that St. Leger made difficulties about granting his requisition for scouts, unless the objects were stated. On this Dr. Smyth declares that he must resign. Riedesel believes that the only remedy is to issue a positive order forbidding any inquiry as to the object of these scouts. 358

December 17,
Quebec.

Mathews to Twiss. That Captain Leake is to deliver to him a negro, whose punishment had been remitted on condition that he joined the army. 360

December 20,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Suggestions as to how difficulties between Dr. Smyth and Colonel St. Leger may be avoided. Sherwood and Dr. Smyth know what to conceal and what to tell, and it would be better were there no affectation of secrecy on matters of little consequence, &c. 361

December 22,
St. John's.

Twiss to Haldimand. Will consult with Maurer as to the best regulations for the bateaumen. He and Brehm are awaiting the

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arrival of Schank before leaving for Isle aux Noix. Enters into details of the work he had done at Sorel, Verchères, St. Ours and other places, describing the timber, &c., on the road. Page 363

December 27,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Twiss. Will confer respecting his proposals when they meet at Quebec. On his return from St. John's to Sorel, he will find all that is necessary to go on with the inquiry ordered. The blockhouses at Yamaska to be furnished with the stores asked for. Mr. Genéway to be sent to Sorel to get the accounts for the rents, &c., adjusted. 367

December 28,
St. John's.

Twiss to Mathews. When he learns the capacity of the negro (p. 360) he shall apply for him. Since Schank's arrival at St. John's on the 25th they have been constantly engaged. They go to Isle aux Noix to-morrow; he and Brehm will probably be in Sorel by the 12th of January. 369

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January 12,
St. John's.

Same to Haldimand. The delay from the mild weather prevents him being at Sorel till the 15th. Report on the works at the different posts, except on those at Isle aux Noix, on which a full report shall be made. 371

January 16,
Quebec.

Mathews to Twiss. Captains Scott and Cullen are to meet him and Brehm at Sorel, so that they may investigate the complaints from Yamaska; Mr. Schmid will furnish the evidence. His Excellency has some thought of building barracks at Sorel for the same purpose as those at Machiche. He is to say nothing, but make observations as to the most convenient situation. 370

January 17,
Sorel.

Twiss to Mathews. All the complaints of the inhabitants of Yamaska against the 53rd have been heard. Owing to the great length to which the evidence for the defence must extend, suggests that it be taken at headquarters. 374

January 21,
Quebec.

Mathews to Twiss. As Captain Dunlop has gone to Yamaska with evidence in defence of the 53rd, His Excellency thinks it ought to be taken, otherwise the regiment might believe the refusal arose from partiality. His Excellency is anxious the matter should be settled with as little noise and jealousy as possible. 376

January 21,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Has received report on the new advanced posts; hopes that on his return such information may be brought as shall enable His Excellency to decide on the works essentially necessary. 378

January 26,
Sorel.

Twiss to Mathews. Has closed the examination of Captain Dunlop and proceeded to conciliate matters as much as possible. Remarks on the circumstances of the case. Delays in drawing out timber for Quebec, owing to want of forage. 379

April 8,
Quebec.

Same to Haldimand. The snow having greatly decreased, he has applied to Major General Clarke for carpenters and masons for the new works; has asked for 100 fatigue men for the 22nd, and by the 1st May about 300 more could be employed to advantage. One of the officers of engineers has gone out of his mind. 381

April 12,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Twiss. Is glad that he has received the artificers ordered. The fatigue men shall be ready when wanted. Much of the consequent immense consumption of firewood may be saved by the use of coal in furnaces; by this plan the messes could be thrown together. 383

April 29,
Montreal.

Same to the same (in French). Most private. Has received his letter respecting the best means of opposing an invasion by the rebels. They have abandoned that intention for this year. A considerable detachment has been ordered to the frontiers of Vermont, to encourage the inhabitants to declare in favour of Government

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- and to support them against Congress; is desirous to encourage the belief that the troops are intended to carry on extensive works at Isle aux Noix and has written him an official letter to that effect of which he is to make no secret, and should even have plans prepared for works at the Isle aux Noix. By this means all the troops, stores, &c, could be collected there without exciting suspicion. The arrangements that may be made for the supply of stores, &c. Page 384
- April 29. Mathews to Twiss. The enemy having laid aside the intention of invading this province, the favourable opportunity may be taken advantage of to strengthen the frontier posts, especially Isle aux Noix. 386
- May 2, Quebec. Twiss to Haldimand. That every attention shall be paid to the orders in the letter of the 29th April. Has been engaged since his return to Quebec in drawing plans for redoubts, &c., at Isle aux Noix, so that the quantity of tools need cause no suspicion. Would wish His Excellency to see the plans he proposes for making Isle aux Noix a strong post, and if he remains more than a fortnight in Montreal, would like him to determine the question on the spot. The progress made in Quebec enables a large number of men to be employed; asks that those men cutting timber be ordered on the works; they are chiefly from Jessup's corps. There are now 150 fatigue men; next month there will be room for 200 more. 387
- May 6, Quebec. Same to Mathews. The additional tools for St. John's have been sent off. Articles for Sorel should be sent in the gunboats. Instead of taking the heavy gunboats from Chambly to St. John's it would be cheaper to build new ones there. 389
- May 6, Montreal. Haldimand to Twiss (in French). Asks him to bring the plans with him. Work shall be begun when the ground is dry. Major Ross had arrived at Oswego, and hoped to have the post in a state of defence by the middle of this month. (The letter is dated at Quebec by mistake). 390
- May 29, Montreal. Mathews to the same. The extraordinary refusal of Lieutenant Hawkins to supply Captain Sherwood with tools. A supply is to be sent at once and Hawkins is not to interfere with these requisitions. 391
- July 9, Montreal. Petition of Town Major Hughes for the old guard house, or for repayment of the amount he had expended in rebuilding it. 392
- August 22, Sorel. Twiss to Haldimand. Reports the state of affairs at Pointe du Lac, his arrival at Sorel; state of the works there. Leaves for Isle aux Noix with Riedesel. 394
- August 29, Quebec. Mathews to Twiss. Sends Mr. Taplin, who, with his two sons, is to be employed, for reasons stated. 396
- September 2, Quebec. Same to the same. Approves of arrangements at Pointe du Lac, &c. 397
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Quebec.

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June 19,
Chambly.

General Carleton's commission to Sir John Johnson, to be Lieut.-Colonel of the King's Royal Regiment of New York. 2

July 11,
Chambly.

General Burgoyne to Sir John Johnson. The question of levy money for his corps is different from that for the corps raised by Lieut.-Colonel McLean, who received no advantage of rank, and his corps was to serve wherever ordered. In his (Johnson's) case the corps was raised by an opulent subject in a time of danger, to protect the rights of the crown and those of private property, and was to serve only in America, nor was it to serve except under special exigencies out of its own province. This plan was, therefore, simi-

1776. lar to that of the English noblemen who in 1745 raised regiments in their own counties, at their own expense, receiving military rank in return. Believes that the enlistments will be made with little expense; should it be otherwise, does not think the Commander-in-Chief would be "justifiable" in advancing money without express orders. Trusts that the arrangement as it stands will be acceptable. Page 3
- No date. General abstract of arms and necessities bought by Sir John Johnson for the troops under his command. 5
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1777. Major Gray to Sir Guy Carleton. That he has bought uniforms for the Messrs. Jessup and their followers, according to orders, red turned up with green. The men have not all arrived from Chateauguay, some having small-pox and some a fever, so that he cannot send a proper return. Arrangements for rations. Two men appointed to be officers have been rejected in the meantime till charges against them are cleared up. Recommends certain gentlemen volunteers in the regiment (King's Royal Regiment of New York). 9
- January 15, Lachine. Lient. Nathan Hillyer to Gray. Applies for pay for several of the rangers, who came through the woods with Sir John Johnson, they being in real want. 11
- January 26, Pointe Claire. Gray to Captain Foy. Will, as instructed, administer the oath of allegiance to the people coming from the Colonies. Arrival of Mohawk Indians, unable to get to their castles, they being in possession of the rebels. Has supplied them with provisions and clothing. Officers of the Five Nations are also in want, both of money and clothing. Asks for instructions. 12
- February 4, Pointe Claire. The same to the same. Sends list of inhabitants of York Province (New York) who have taken the oath of allegiance. What is he to do with certain men who have not joined his company and are neither clothed nor mustered. 14
- March 22, Pointe Claire. Baptiste Chenier, representing his losses, and asking for employment on account of his services. 15
- March 24, Major Gray to Carleton. Sending off Lieut. Hare of the Indian Department and other three persons with dispatches. The plan is to send runners to His Excellency every week. When the army moves to Crown Point they shall be sent every third day. Encloses letter from Chenier, Captain of militia, who is the best captain in the district. 16
- March 24, Montreal. Same to Foy. Sends pay bills and a list of the men and officers from the Province of New York under his command, as also the merchants' accounts for clothing; desires to know from what date certain officers are to be paid. Complains of certain of the loyalists who had volunteered, and from whom he had experienced much trouble. 17
- March — Montreal. Roll of men enlisted and sworn in by Thomas Garnett to serve in a battalion to form a brigade for Sir John Johnson. 18
- April 2, Pointe Claire. Gray to Foy. Respecting the regimental accounts, which are still unsettled, and the men have as yet received no pay. Has appointed Sergeant Street to be Commissary, but Mr. Day, Commissary General, declines to interfere about his pay. 19
- Return referred to in preceding letter. 20

1777.
April 6, Pointe Claire. Gray to Foy. Denies the charges made by Allerton and Smith that he has received and is keeping their pay. He has received no warrants yet for the amounts due. Page 21
- April 20, Pointe Claire. Same to the same. Sends pay bills with the Quartermaster's receipts and duplicates. Details respecting the provision account. Asks that the rations given to Canadian recruits who deserted be not charged against the regiment, as besides money advanced; they have stolen 16 blankets. Respecting the clothing of the men of Jessup's corps and of those who came with Adams. Some of the men refuse to join or be under any command, but intend to go with the army. The Devil knows what the scoundrels would be at; has been thirty years a soldier, but has never had so much trouble as with these fellows. 22
- April 23, List of men arrived from Johnstown (Mohawk River). 24
- April 25, Pointe Claire. Gray to Foy. Account by an Indian of his expedition with Hare; their pursuit by the enemy; supposed death of Hare. The Indian returned by Fort Stanwix and Oswego, on leaving which place he and his party met the Oneidas on their way home. Reports the arrival of a party (p. 24). Two of them had been very troublesome against Sir John Johnson. 25
- April 27, Pointe Claire. Same to the same. Acknowledging receipt of warrant. Is satisfied with determination concerning Canadian recruits. Respecting Messrs. Jessup's pay bills, and how he has arranged for the provision accounts, &c. The disappointment at not receiving letters from Sir John Johnson and others, they having been destroyed by the Indian when in danger of being taken. Repeats substantially the account given by the Indian (p. 25) respecting Hare, &c. 28
- May 4, Pointe Claire. Same to the same. Sends a list of nine men from the Mohawk, who at first refused, but afterwards seven agreed, to join. The two Dockstaders think as they speak Indian they could be of more service in the Southern Department than with the army, but will agree to the General's determination. 31
- May 12, Montreal. Same to Carleton. Arrival of men from the Mohawk under three gentlemen, named Macdonald, two brothers and a nephew, who served with Sir John Johnson till taken prisoners in January, 1776. The oldest of the two brothers served as a captain in the regiment, and the other as a lieutenant. The men are much attached to them. The Macdonalds are destitute of cash and every necessary, and should be relieved. 32
- No date. List of losses sustained by Terence McCoristine, of Tryon County, in the Province of New York, on account of his loyalty. 34
1778.
September 1, Montreal. List of men who came under the command of Mr. Thomas Garnett, for Sir John Johnson's corps and joined the King's troops at Aughquago, on the Susquehanna, on this date. 35
- October 29, Montreal. Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Is disappointed that the plan of joining the loyalists into a battalion has been laid aside; wishes they were formed in any manner that would make them serviceable. Campbell, of Captain McAlpin's party, has returned from Fort Edward with newspapers; he has something to communicate to His Excellency. Has sent three men to Albany to get information. Return of Garnett, who with 40 men had destroyed the German Flats. Sends returns of men enlisted; six have been detained by Butler and Joseph Brant. Garnett treated badly by Butler, who told him that no man had a right to recruit on that frontier but himself,

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- October 30,
Montreal. and took a negro from him. Hopes that the men kept will be ordered to join the corps and the negro be returned. Page 36
Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Sends letter by Campbell; he has something to communicate and desires to ask for more pay, as what he has will not support his wife. How is he to treat Garnett, who has come down with his party entirely destitute? Pay bills sent; should be glad of settlement. Is desirous to come to Quebec, 38
- November 15,
Sorel. Gray to Foy. Asking for an order to get firewood for his family. 41
- November 24,
Lachine. Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Return of a detachment from Johnson Hall with the ruins of his papers; their destruction involves a loss of £20,000. The Indians and their six prisoners have gone to Claus, who will no doubt send their news. Sends a memorial from loyalists. Has made inquiries on the subject of the memorial. Sherwood might be appointed to a company. This, with limiting the time the men are to serve, would remove jealousy. Asks that allowances be made to Mr. Garnett and Mr. Faulkner, who has a large family and was formerly a magistrate. 42
- November —
Lachine. Gray to the same. Royalists at Meshess (Machiche) and elsewhere wish to be inoculated by Captain Adams, who is accustomed to perform the operation. 40
- December 7,
Lachine. Sir John Johnson to the same. Sends newspapers and information brought by Ruiter from Albany, to which place he had been sent. Defau, who has been recommended, thinks he could get through to New York. St. Leger wishes some one to be appointed to act as adjutant for the several corps of loyalists at Sorel. Josiah Cass, with the families settled near Mr. Gury, has been recommended for schoolmaster. 44
- December 17,
Montreal. Same to the same. Sends subsistence returns for the King's Royal Regiment of New York and the loyalists attached to it. Is there to be an express to Halifax? He wishes to write to Colonel (Guy) Johnson and to three of his officers. Would engage a person to go with the guides. Asks for warrant for allowance. 45
- December 21,
Lachine. Same to the same. In consequence of the order received, shall send the scouts on their return to the commanding officer at Montreal. Suggests that the schoolmaster at Machiche be paid £30 a year. 46
1779.
January 4,
Montreal. Same to the same. Defau sent off as ordered. Reports that Hawley bears a good character; he was employed as a guide to Burgoyne; his father was much respected; recommends him, therefore, for an allowance. McComb recommends that Ruyter be paid fifty guineas for his three journeys to Albany. Has selected James McGregor to go to Halifax. 47
- January 18,
Montreal. Same to the same. Sends pay bills. John Grout and John Graves having, no doubt, been drowned between Machiche and Sorel, have been struck off the roll. Grout's family ask for his subsistence to be continued to them. 48
- March 8,
Lachine. Same to the same. Besides Defau and Green, two men were sent to Skenesborough, who have returned, and whose intelligence will be forwarded by Powell. Two white men and two Indians are sent as guides with Fraser to the Mohawk. Death of Lieutenant Walker; sends lists of those recommended for promotion. Lieutenant Crawford, attached to the Indian Department, has not been paid or employed as he expected, although there is a vacancy at the Lake of Two Mountains. Captain Sherwood has applied for extra pay on

1779. account of the expense attending his appointment. Sherwood can engage men to serve as rangers for six months. Page 49
- March 13, Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Sends a return and asks for commissions for the officers promoted. Asks for an order for firewood. 51
Montreal.
- May 4, Same to the same. Sends two notes from Colonel Beverly Robinson, brought by Defau and Green. Defau being closely pursued destroyed the letter to Sir Henry Clinton; being suspected he was confined till cleared by Governor Franklin's certificate. His and Green's intelligence sent; the report of an attack on the Six Nations, or Niagara, seems to be groundless. 52
Lachine.
- May 5, Same to the same. Sends this by Captain Tice of the Six Nation Department, who served at Oswego during the last war. Sends regimental returns and account of expenses incurred by Thomas Garnett for bringing 39 men to Niagara. Has enlisted four rebel deserters, but cannot get them released without an order. Asks for a general order to Powell to transfer such men to his (Johnson's) regiment. 53
Lachine.
- May 8, Returns respecting the King's Royal Regiment of New York. 54, 55
Montreal.
- May 10, Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Has received an order to enlist three rebel deserters; would be glad to have those at Quebec also. Sends returns (pp. 54, 55). Asks that blankets be furnished, as previously requested. Asks leave to send a return of everything wanted for the regiment, as it will soon be up to its full strength. 56
Lachine.
- May 17, Same to the same. Has ordered Defau to go down with the post; he has been put on the list of loyalists, and fitted out with clothes, &c. Orders relative to Green shall be observed. Shall send the returns asked for, containing nothing that is not absolutely necessary. Thanks for the late orders respecting loyalists and deserters. Recommends John Valentine for the adjutancy of the regiment. 57
Montreal.
- May 20, Same to the same. Shall leave nothing undone to prepare the regiment for service. Shall give Captain McAlpin all necessary instructions, and order the heads of the parties and individuals to put themselves under his command. Sends returns of arms, &c., to complete the regiment. Joseph Brant reports that the Indians will not be able to raise corn, from their country being partly laid waste; asks for support. 58
Lachine.
- May 20, Returns of arms, &c., for the King's Royal Regiment of New York. 60, 61
Montreal.
- May 25, Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Sutherland and Church have returned, the former with 13 recruits from Tryon County, the other from Otter Creek, with intelligence from Colonel Wells in New Hampshire and Colonel Jones in Connecticut, who expect intelligence from New York. Sends by Colonel Claus papers up to the 4th of May. Lieut. Singleton taken at Fort Stanwix in 1777 is anxious to be exchanged for a rebel lieutenant at Quebec. 62
Lachine.
- June 3, Same to the same. Instructions given to McAlpin. The arrangements for the company to be under Leake. Sutherland goes to St. John's, to be followed by Defau as soon as his health shall permit. 63
Sorel.
- June 7, Same to the same. Colonel Wells is to be trusted. Is happy that the upper posts are safe. Sends return of arms, &c., to complete Leake's company. Shall send certificate for ration money. 65
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June 7, Lachine.	The return of arms, &c.	Page 64
June 9, Lachine.	Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Recommending the employment of Richard Wilkinson, and stating the circumstances in which he is placed.	66
June 15, Lachine.	Same to the same. Arrangements respecting Leake's company; recommends that the men be taken off the works and sent to country quarters to refresh and prepare them for an expedition. The state of the arms and clothing. Calls attention to Garnett's account.	67
June 20, Ste. Genevieve.	Captain Leake to the same. His arrival delayed from bad roads. How his men are quartered, exercised, &c.	69
July 12, Montreal.	Sir John Johnson to the same. Sending contingent account, with remarks.	70
July 26, Montreal.	Same to the same. Sends intelligence by two of his corps, who received it from Mr. Savage, near Saratoga, and Mr. Lansing, living near Albany.	71
August 2, Montreal.	Same to the same. Asks for warrant for back pay of Captain Angus McDonell and Lieutenant Archibald McDonell. Asks leave to enlist men brought from Fort Stanwix.	72
August 9, Montreal.	Same to the same. Why he drew for the back pay of Captain Angus McDonell and Lieut. Archibald McDonell. Captain McDonell wishes to go to Quebec till the matter is settled. Thanks for permission to take into the regiment such of the prisoners as can be trusted.	73
September 6, Montreal.	Same to the same. Suggests that Lieutenants Horton, Johnson and Crawford be sent with the Indians on the proposed expedition. Has taken steps to forward the detachment from Sorel, and sent to St. Leger an extract from His Excellency's letter. Hopes to be in time to help in expelling the enemy from the Six Nation country. Asks for an order to the Quartermaster to supply the necessaries for the regiment, as from the want of clothing, &c., many good men will have to be left behind. Respecting the dispute between him and Butler about recruits. Will await further orders after his arrival in the Indian country.	75
September 9, Lachine.	Same to the same. Is afraid of delay, but should bateaux arrive he shall be able to leave by Saturday. Asks for further orders respecting the detachment, there being doubts as to the destination of the party from the 47th Regiment. Thinks that the new caronades might be of more service in the Indian country than any other artillery.	77
September 13, Lachine.	Same to the same. Colonel Campbell reports that the Indians are ready for the expedition. Is pleased to hear that Captain Fraser is to take command of the Indians from this country. Will suspend his claim for the restoration of the men taken by Butler till the end of the campaign. If any of the men have been taken from the works at Sorel he shall send them back. Nearly a third of his detachment is without arms; requests fifty-eight stand of arms, &c., to be sent after him. The Chasseurs set off yesterday; the 34th this morning; the artillery and 47th will go tomorrow, and his own men the day following. Has allowed the Jagers to take ten men in each boat and only 15 barrels to avoid delay. Will wait for Wednesday's post, by which time he hopes the first three detachments will be over the Cedars. The enemy having fortified themselves in	

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- the Indian country, it will be impossible to make any impression on them without proper artillery. Page 79
- September 16, Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Has received orders, which he
Lachine. will obey. Delays in the sending off of the expedition from unfore-
seen causes. Gives an account of the progress of the detachments,
&c., for the expedition. 81
- September 16, Same to the same. Shall do everything possible for the
Lachine. success of the expedition under his command. His mortification
that, after all his sacrifices and the assurances to the contrary, his
corps is only to be regarded as provincial and his own rank made
subordinate to that of other officers. He desires to go to England
to urge his claims. 83
- September 16, Same to the same. Will do all in his power for the success
Lachine. of the expedition and defends himself beforehand from any charge
that may be brought should it fail. 85
- September 23, Same to the same. In consequence of a report of the dis-
Below agreeable situation of Colonel Butler and the Six Nations, he has
Oswegatchie. pressed forward with all the haste possible, and hopes to effect the
purpose designed by His Excellency. 87
- September 26, Same to the same. Arrival of the detachments (except that
Carleton from the 47th) without accident, and in much less time than any
Island. body of men has done it before, but yet too late to meet the enemy.
The Indians are gone in pursuit; will try and get the Canadian
Indians to go to Irondequat or other convenient place, to co-operate
with the Six Nations and Rangers, and believes that the late insults
can be revenged. 88
- September 30, Same to the same. As the enemy mean to leave a post at Tioga,
Fort has decided to go to Ascerotus as the most central place and the
Haldimand. nearest to attack the enemy. Has sent off to Niagara for informa-
tion of the enemy's movements, &c., and to know what troops
Bolton can accommodate for the winter at Niagara. As many of
the Indians as possible should be induced to winter here (Carleton
Island) for reasons given. Is taking with him provisions for 1,500
men for six weeks, and not to detain the vessels has sent round 140
men of the 34th and his own regiment, together with Indians, by
way of Oswego. Will send a scout to Fort Stanwix to take a
prisoner and to see if the cattle there can be carried off or killed.
Asks leave to return to Canada from Carleton Island. 90
- October 15, Same to the same. The sailing of the expedition; driven into
Oswego. Niagara by a gale; determination to attempt the destruction of the
Oneidas and their village, the season being too late and the diffi-
culties of transporting artillery, &c., too great to allow of an attempt
to dislodge the enemy from Tioga. The arrival of detachments at
Ascerotus, and the progress of the Indians, &c. Bolton can quarter
the detachment of the 34th, the Chasseurs and Rangers; these will,
therefore, be sent to Niagara. With the remainder and as many
Indians as can be drawn off, he shall return to Carleton Island and
there wait further orders. Details given for the preparations for
going forward. Quarrel between Captain Duncan and Dr. Conner;
it has since been made up. 92
- October 22, Same to the same. Nothing has been done, owing to the lateness
Oswego. of the season; the non-arrival of Joseph Brant with the Six Nation
warriors; the wavering disposition of the Indians. Arrangements
for winter quarters, &c. 95
- November 4, Same to the same. The whole detachment sailed for Oswego on
Lachine. the 26th October; details of the destination of the different parties;

1779. capture of three Oneida spies; they report a battle between Sir Henry Clinton and Washington, in which the latter was defeated. Return of Crawford from Fort Stanwix with a white prisoner, the Indians having suffered the Oneidas to escape. The prisoner reports that no post is at Tioga, the troops being all withdrawn. Fort Stanwix sickly. Indians are pleased that their women and children should come to Canada for the winter. Regimental details, &c. Page 97
- November 15, Montreal. Sir John Johnson to Mathews. Has received warrant for £1,350 for twenty months off reckonings; the real balance is £1,473 13s. 11½d. 100
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- January 1, Montreal. Same to the same. That Mr. Howard has surrendered to the civil power, and given bail to appear at the next court. 101
- February 10, Montreal. Same to Haldimand. Respecting enlistments at Machiche, and disputes between him and Captain McAlpin. 102
- Affidavit follows. 104
- February 21, Montreal. Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Thanks for His Excellency's wishes for success in raising the second battalion, of which there is little prospect unless the loyalists are, as previously promised, formed into a second battalion. Shall send a list of the women and children attached to his regiment as soon as it can be certified. Sends a memorial of two captains for the relief of their families, and urges the exchange of Lieutenant Singleton, now a prisoner for two years. 105
- February 21, Montreal. Same to the same. Lady Johnson requests His Excellency to be sponsor for her little girl, born two days before. 107
- February 28, Montreal. Same to the same. Will acquaint the Captains McDonell of His Excellency's sentiments relative to the exchange of their families. Refers to the correspondence in 1778 respecting the formation of a second battalion. 108
- March 20, Montreal. Same to the same. Sending returns of clothing; of the women and children attached to the regiment, &c. The list of women, &c. is large, but they have received provisions as loyalists at Machiche. Calls attention to the wretched condition of some of the families of the men, and urges that steps be taken for their exchange. 110
- March 27, Montreal. Same to the same. How rations may be issued to the women and children. The disappointment of men of his regiment that their families cannot be exchanged; is afraid it may cause desertion. Proposes an expedition to Johnstown to favour the escape of loyalists and for other purposes. Is confident of its success, and that the whole could be back by May. Calls attention to the promise to give Langan the vacant ensigncy. 111
- April 3, Montreal. Same to the same. Is happy to find that his plan has been approved of. The success of the expedition depends on secrecy. Shall keep out trusty men to obtain information. The route proposed is by Lake Champlain to Gillisland or Split Rock, thence to his own estates. The design being to encourage loyalists to come off and to distress the enemy, he proposes a night march to Stone Araby, whence the force could proceed towards the Mohawk, laying waste all before it till it joins the main body employed in the destruction of Caughnawaga, a fine settlement about four miles from Johnstown. The alternative routes for the return. How the force is to be made up. Asks for a warrant for the balance due on the account transmitted to Captain Mathews. 113

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April 6,
Montreal. Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Is inclined to credit the intelligence received. Mr. Stevenson reports that Mr. Smith, employed in the rebel hospital, is from his situation and no suspicion being attached to him, the fittest person to be employed in gaining and forwarding intelligence. Arrival of young men. Mr. Smith's son is very active and should have some small allowance made to him and his companion. Men sent off to Tryon County to prepare the loyalists for what is to happen. Is afraid they may be delayed on account of the ice; but the place of destination may be reached by the 5th or 6th of next month. Scouts from Oswegatchie and Carleton Island might be very serviceable. Page 116
- April 13,
Montreal. Same to the same. Thinks that if Mr. Smith does not come off there can be little difficulty in settling a correspondence with him. Arrangements for the expedition given in detail. 118
Return of ammunition wanted. 120
- April 24,
Montreal. Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Further details of the expedition to leave St. John's about the 3rd of May. 121
- April 27,
Montreal. Same to the same. That everything is expected to be in readiness to leave St. John's on the 3rd of May. 123
- May 1,
Montreal. Same to the same. Cannot at present enter into the examination of his private contingent account. Cannot see any mistake in his account for off-reckonings. 124
- May 16,
Scaron Lake. Same to the same. Delay from various causes. Good behaviour of the troops and of the Indians, the latter behaving better than of late. The number in all amounts to 528. 126
- May — Return of negroes taken by Sir John Johnson's party in May, 1780, and sold by Indians to inhabitants of Montreal and others. There were 6 men and 2 women. 127
- June 3,
St. John's. Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Detailed account of the proceedings of the expedition under Sir John Johnson to Tryon County; the amount of destruction committed; the number of prisoners, of killed, and of loyalists who escaped, &c. 128
- June 12,
Montreal. Same to the same. Is gratified at His Excellency's favourable opinion. All the loyalists who came in and joined the regiment are in cantonments; those who did not join any corps are earning their own livelihood, and, except a few, cost the Government nothing. Sale of negroes by Indians. Has been detained by Lady Johnson's illness; hopes to leave by Thursday for Quebec. 132
- July 12,
St. John's. Certificate signed by loyalists of the character and misfortunes of Philip P. Lansing, who was sheriff of Charlotte County, New York. 134
Another certificate signed James Gray, 21st July. 136
- July 20,
Montreal. Sir John Johnson to Captain Mathews. Thanks for the appointment of Captain Ross, of the 34th Regiment. Several loyalists have been sent to the Colonies to collect men, in consequence of His Excellency's permission. Asks that Peter Hansen may be sent off in exchange for Butler's nephew. 135
- July 22,
Montreal. Same to Haldimand. Introducing and recommending Mr. Lansing, formerly sheriff of Charlotte County, N.Y. Asks for a vacant lieutenancy to McAlpin, which would ease his mother's anxiety. Mr. Robertson is to be lieutenant in the second battalion. The camp equipage will be at Lachine on Monday, and the regiment encamped next day. The number of detachments sent off

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prevents the regiment from being in a fit state for service. Asks leave to remove some of the families at Machiche to where the men are quartered. Page 137

July 24,
Montreal.

Captain Ross to Haldimand. Is gratified that Ensign Arden has accepted the adjutancy of the regiment on condition he is promoted to the rank of lieutenant. The services and good character of Arden. 139

July 27,
Montreal.

Sir John Johnson to the same. As ordered he has taken charge of the loyalists in consequence of the death of Major McAlpin, and will collect all the accounts and papers which were in his possession relative to the public concerns of the loyalists. Thanks for the confidence placed in him. 140

July 31,
Lachine.

Same to Lient. Hamilton. Will be gratified if His Excellency appoints him to the vacant company in the second battalion. 141

July 31,
Montreal.

Same to Haldimand. Explains the nature of Mr. Jessup's claim to three officers and a number of men in McAlpin's corps, and asks that a decision be deferred till proof is brought of the groundlessness of the claim. Mr. Arden is an acquisition to the second battalion. Respecting the vacancy in the medical staff of the second battalion. Mr. Smith has returned from Albany his father and all friends are in prison. Washington's demand at Albany for militia and provisions; the militia refuse to act; 300 or 400 men have declared for Government and beaten off the people sent to apprehend them. 142

July 31,
Montreal.

Major Ross to the same. Thanks for the appointment of Ensign Arden. 144

August 7,
Lachine.

Sir John Johnson to the same. Sending papers relative to the claim by Jessup for officers and men in McAlpin's corps. Requests that the widow of Lieutenant Crothers be furnished with lodgings and fuel at Montreal. 145

August 10,
Lachine.

Same to the same. Recruits cannot be expected from the Colonies unless a force be sent to encourage them to come off. Recommends Mr. Lansing to be appointed to the vacancy in his battalion. Shall obtain information respecting the pretensions of the gentlemen in the different corps of loyalists, and send it with his remarks. 147

August 21,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Sends rebel papers brought by a party returned from Connecticut River. Mr. Osgood, from Providence, reports seeing the French ships landing the guns; the French troops in the lines on Rhode Island and strengthening them; the British fleet in sight and superior to the French. A party has returned from the Mohawk with 15 recruits; more would have come but the party had to leave suddenly on the arrival of Oneida Indians. 148

August 28,
Lachine;

Same to the same. The treachery of the Oneidas and their hindrance to the work of the scouts make it necessary to cut them off and to destroy the vast crops of grain now housed in every part of the country. It is a risk, but he believes that he can at least destroy the supplies at Schoharie and the Mohawk River. Would have proposed a different route a fortnight ago; proposes now to rendezvous at Oswego, the troops from Niagara to join there and proceed by the shortest route through the Indian country to Schoharie, thence to Duaneborough or Schenectady, returning by the Mohawk River. The field pieces required, and British troops instead of Chasseurs. Respecting clothing, &c. Other arrangements as to leaving, &c. 149

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September 7,
Lachine. Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Arrival of Captain Baker, who has set off again. Arrangements with Colonel Bolton. The expedition under Major Gray has been sent off. The clothing and blankets are not yet received. Will arrange with Claus on his arrival about the Mohawks, and shall take ten or twelve Chasseurs. Clothing and arms wanted for the second battalion, part of the first battalion also want arms. Some prisoners at Pointe Claire want to be exchanged; they should be sent to a place of greater security, as they may go off when they please. 152
- September 11,
Lachine. Same to the same. Reports that the news of the intended expedition has been spread. The Mohawks should be sent by Crown Point to Saratoga, and afterwards join the expedition at the Mohawk River. This could be easily managed, but the Mohawks should keep concealed till the arrival of the rest of the expedition. Is setting off to Coteau du Lac and onwards. Believes that the expedition will be successful. 154
- September 11,
Coteau du
Lac. Major Ross to Sir John Johnson. His doubts about the allowance of provisions to the women and children with Hickman; he has more women than men, and the men are none of the best. Kirkman's increasing demands for provisions. Calls attention to the want of clothing and arms. A surgeon wanted for the sick. Cannot understand why Hickman's men are victualled as loyalists when employed on the King's works; his demands are extravagant. 156
- September 18,
Carleton
Island. Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. His wish to be at Oswego was only to be of service: would not wish to be at Carleton Island, and the first battalion will, he thinks, be of more use in Canada than here, where the second battalion is, which can be improved for service under Major Ross. The sickly state of Niagara confirms his apprehensions as to the detachments from there. The progress of the expedition. 158
- September 22,
Coteau du
Lac. Major Ross to Mathews. Complaints of recruits being taken away to Yamaska, where they are detained by Fraser, under pretence that they had been obtained by a sergeant sent out to recruit for him. Complaint is also made of Major Nairne detaining recruits. 160
- October 1,
Oswego. Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Has been waiting for the arrival of the troops and Indians from Niagara. The delay makes him fear that the detachment cannot co-operate as expected unless the others are also delayed, but nothing shall be left unattempted consistent with the safety of the troops. Leaves to-morrow, and will push forward the provisions, artillery &c., in the boats as far as Oswego Creek, the troops and Indians keeping pace with them on the shore. Expects to be at Schoharie in seven days. Further arrangements. 162
- October 1,
Oswego. Same to Captain Andrews. Ordering the "Mohawk" to join the "Caldwell" in the harbour, and one of the large vessels to cruise off the harbour from the 20th to the end of the month. 164
- Note from Col. Bolton, that if one of the large vessels is to cruise off Oswego the provisions cannot be got up this year. 164
- October 9,
Carleton
Island. Captain Leake to Haldimand. Has left Sir John Johnson with the troops at Onondago Creek on the 6th; he expected to reach Schoharie in eight days. Captain Nelles, after his unsuccessful attempt, had returned to make a second on the Mohawk River; 20 of his men were at Onondago to join Sir John Johnson. A large body of rebels at Sacondaga; 200 had been sent forward to Conojoharie.

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He (Leake) had been obliged to return from an every-day ague, of which he had believed he had been relieved, but it had again attacked him, and left him so weak that he had to return. Has brought with him ten invalids. Clothing due to sergeants, &c.

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October 17,
Carleton
Island.

Major Ross to Mathews. A letter forwarded by Captain Daly has been lost. Hears that his quarters are to be fixed at Carleton Island. Has sent to Montreal for clothing and arms. Has transmitted return of the men under his command to the Adjutant General.

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October 18,
Fort Bon
Soleur.

Jacob Boeker, Brigade Major, by order of Colonel Daboy, to Captain Brown, Stone Araby. Troops ordered over from his (Brown's) regiment. The rest will be marched at daybreak, leaving enough for the garrison.

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October 22,
Fort
Schuyler.

Major James M. Hughes to Captain Vroman. Orders to proceed against the enemy (Johnson's expedition) with special directions as to the steps he is to take.

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October 31,
Montreal.

Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Giving a detailed account of the proceedings of the expedition from the time of leaving Oswego till the return to Carleton Island. He came on to Montreal, and expects Major Gray with the detachment to-morrow or next day. Captain McDonell of the Rangers has been allowed to come down on account of his health; he hopes to be allowed to remain for the winter. Asks that he (Johnson) may be allowed to go to England.

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November 2,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Loyalists and others had been forced into the forts, so that men could not be got. A few trusty men have been left to pilot such as they could collect; one of them had gone off with 20 or 30 men from the back of Conojoharie. The destruction of grain at Schoharie, the Mohawk River, &c., cannot have been less than 600,000 bushels. The Colonel Brown who was killed in the action of the 19th was the person who commanded at the taking of the shipping at Sorel in 1775 and at Ticonderoga in 1777, when the four companies of the 53d were taken. Points out the hardship to his regiment of not being put in the rank of established regiments.

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November 6,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Complains of the hardship of being refused leave to go to England, after all the sacrifices he has made. Arrival of Major Gray with the detachment of the King's Royal Regiment and prisoners. Twenty of the latter have been enlisted; there are others here willing to enter, who had been forced into the rebel service. Asks for relief for the two old McDonells, and for the widow and children of Lieutenant Crothers.

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November 8,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Return of Captain Dame and 18 of the Rangers, who had been reported as missing; some others likely to come in. Calls attention again to the question of the rank of his regiment. Encloses letter from Mr. DeGrey in reference thereto. Recommends the employment of Mr. Picken with Captain Herkimer.

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Letter from DeGrey referred to.

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November 13,
Montreal.

Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Thanks for leave of absence; he shall be able to leave by Thursday. Major Ross is waiting orders to march for the relief of Carleton Island. The detachment for that island sailed from Oswego, and on arrival were left at the island agreeable to orders.

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November 14, Major Ross to Mathews. Asks for officers for the regiment. The men are divided into companies, but have no officers. Respecting promotions in the first battalion. Page 189
Coteau du Lac.
- November 16, Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Has determined to wait the arrival of an express from Quebec before taking advantage of the permission to sail this year. The want of officers in the first battalion. Asks that unserviceable could be exchanged for serviceable arms for the first battalion. 191
Montreal.
- November 17, Same to Brigadier Maclean. Making a demand for recruits. 184
- November 20, Same to Haldimand. Further respecting the disputes among the recruiting parties. 193
Montreal.
- November 30, Same to the same. Is disappointed that officers have not been appointed to the second battalion. Had he known he would have preferred to have the first battalion raised to twelve companies. He hopes he has not forfeited his pretensions to consideration by being among the foremost in opposition to rebellion. Complains of the license given to persons to enlist prisoners through the prison bars, who can thus be enlarged on easy terms without regard to their principles or character. As he has enlisted upwards of a thousand men, he asks for such part of the levy money as may be thought fit till an account can be given in. 195
Montreal.
- December 7, Same to the same. Is sorry that the remarks in his last letter respecting the second battalion and the countenance given to the unwarrantable means of recruiting should have been misunderstood; he would not presume to cast reflections on His Excellency. The countenance referred to was given at Montreal, and the promise spoken of was given by Sir Guy Carleton. Enters into further explanations as to recruiting and the state of his regiment. 197
Montreal.
- December 14, Same to the same. Thanks for permission to form the men of the second battalion into companies, so far as their numbers will admit, or to wait till two-thirds of the number have been enlisted, before the officers are appointed. Asks that the officers be appointed to the companies made up as far as the numbers will admit of, and gives explanations on the subject. 199
Montreal.
1781.
January 15, Same to Mathews. Shall send off men for intelligence of the enemy's movements, but the badness of the roads, &c., will make the journey tedious. Sends a letter from a person (not named) for whom His Excellency promised to make some provision. 201
Montreal.
- January 20, Lieut. Robertson to Captain Leake. Asks that permission be given for a proportion of the late Major McAlpin's corps being added to the second battalion, some of the men so desiring. His claim to rank in the battalion. 202
Montreal.
- March 15, Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Sending papers brought by a scout from Johnstown, sent by Mr. Stuart, missionary at Fort Hunter. A manuscript giving an account of the intended invasion of the Province, was sent by Mr. Dawson, an engineer, who, with his son, has been very serviceable. These services are urged as a reason for pardon for a brother condemned to be executed for theft. 203
Montreal.
- April 8, Captain John Munro to Mathews. States his claim for recruiting &c., against Brigadier General Maclean, which he has been recommended to sue for in a court of law; asks leave to enter a suit. 204
Montreal.
- April 16, Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Is sorry for the discovery made of Hudibras by the traitor Newton, more on account of his personal risk than for the loss of his services, as Mr. Stuart of Schenectady

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May 3,
Montreal.

and others can conduct that business, and there are many who can be employed. Proposes to have a place near Johnstown and another to the westward of Fort Edward for the deposit of letters. Page 205

Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Shall leave on the 15th as ordered, accompanied by Mr. Robertson with the papers needed. Scouts sent off. Another under Lansing, will go on the 10th to the Hudson to destroy mills, &c., at Saratoga, and to bring off Schuyler, if he is there. 207

May 17,
Pointe Claire.

Roll of men enlisted for the first battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York. 208

May 31,
Montreal.

Brigadier Maclean to Captain Munro. Reflecting on the course of proceeding respecting a court martial in his district not reported to him, although he is in command. 216

May 31,
Montreal.

Sir John Johnson's contingent account for various services between the 25th of June, 1778, and the 24th of December, 1780. Warrant sent on 31st of May. 217

June 3,
Montreal.

Brigade Major Dunbar to Captain Munro. Sends a brigade order respecting the course to be taken before a courtmartial can be held. 222

June 4,
Montreal.

Sir John Johnson to Haldimand. Return of the scout with documents from Johnstown; they brought in 12 men; 30 more are shortly expected. Sends copies of letter and order (pp 216, 222). Asks that the regiment be removed from under the command of Brigadier McLean. 224.

June 14,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Sends newspapers and a manuscript from Colonel Wells and Judge Knowlton. A son of Colonel Wells had arrived from New York a little before the 4th of June. 225

June 21,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Mr. Church was cognisant of the contents of the paper of intelligence he brought in and had a conversation with Mr. Knowlton respecting the negotiations with Vermont. He is the only fit person to be entrusted on the present occasion. 226

July 2,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Reports that Parke and his family who have been sheltering scouts and bringing intelligence are now closely confined, and are to be removed to Albany. The men, from this unlucky accident, have been unable to get intelligence. Reported capture of a ranger and a man of his (Johnson's) regiment by a party of Oneidas; they have been taken to Schenectady. The Oneidas were to return, so that parties would not be safe; suggests sending out 150 or 200 picked men to secure the roads. Some might be sent into Ballstown to bring off a few prisoners; how this could be done. 227

July 9,
Montreal.

Same to the same. The best route for the expedition suggested (p. 227) is from Crown Point; the arrangements proposed. 229

July 26,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Return of a scout from Tryon County, which brought in eight men. The troops at Saratoga, &c., had left for West Point or White Plains, where there had been an action in which the enemy lost the greater part of two brigades. Sends memorials from the Rev. Mr. Stuart and others, and suggests having them exchanged for prisoners with him, and that some of his men could also be exchanged. Asks leave to set the regiment to practice with powder and ball. 230

September 6,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Respecting promotions in the battalion. 232

September 17,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Return of a scout from Johnstown; the strict watch kept owing to the information of two of Leake's corps, who were taken prisoners, has prevented them from bringing news. 234

1781.
September 21, Montreal. Sir John Johnson to Mathews. Remarks on the accounts for the excursion to the Counties of Albany and Tryon. Encloses a letter from the regimental agents respecting their account, which he asks should be laid before His Excellency, so that the amount may be remitted. Page: 36
- September 24, Montreal. Same to Haldimand. Asks permission to take advantage of the leave granted last year to go to England. Recommends Major Hughes for the vacant company in the second battalion. 235
- October 1, Montreal. Same to the same. Thanks for leave of absence, and for the passage granted by one of the transports. Is sorry that the application on behalf of Major Hughes cannot be granted. Asks for a warrant on account of off reckonings, &c. 238
- November 5, Certificate of the illness of a private of the King's Royal Regiment of New York from the ill-treatment he received from some Canadians at Pointe Claire. 243
Deposition respecting the attack by Charlebois, a lieutenant of militia, and his son. 244
- November 11, Pointe Claire. William Morison to Major Gray. Defending himself against the charge of having acted improperly in arresting Charlebois for assault without first obtaining a warrant. 245
- November 12, Pointe Claire. Major Gray to Mathews. Sending documents relating to the attack on a soldier by Charlebois. The soldier is still dangerously ill. 248
- November 29, Montreal. Same to the same. Asks that the men belonging to Lieutenant French and Ensign James McAlpin be sent to the second battalion. Sends a roll of the men said to be enlisted by French. Asks that the decision be made known. 249
- November 29, Montreal. Captain Leake to the same. Sends pay list for the detachment. Asks for the dates of commissions in the second battalion, so that he can make up his accounts. Respecting his seniority to Captain Gumersall, and calls attention to the services of William Fraser which entitle him to seniority over certain other officers named. Calls attention to certain unsettled accounts, the amount of part of which had been sent to Major Nairne. 250
- December 6, Montreal. Same to the same. Acknowledges receipt of list of commissions. Is grateful for the rank bestowed on him, but would have liked it earlier, on account of the dispute raised by Captain Gumersall, whose letter is enclosed. Asks that William Fraser's commission be ante-dated, to give him seniority over Messrs. Spence and Church. Cannot make up the monthly return of the second battalion, not having received that from Major Ross at Carleton Island. 253
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- October 19, Quebec. Rev. John Doty to the same. That instead of leave to the 1st of July next, he wishes to remain permanently in England, retaining his position of chaplain in the army, having arranged with a deputy to perform his duties. 276
- October 24, Quebec. Same to the same. That he shall comply with His Excellency's conditions relative to an extended leave of absence. 278
- November 13, St. Vincent. Major Gray to the same. As it is evident the loyalists could not live in the Colonies even if their estates were restored, points out that there is a tract of land from Carillon up both sides of the Grand (Ottawa) River that has not been granted, which might be allotted to the officers and men of his regiment. Only himself and five or six others know of this application, which, if unsuccessful, he wishes not to be spoken of. 279

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January 25, Quebec.	Captain Foy to Major Gray. That His Excellency having confirmed and reported the regulations for the relief of refugee families cannot alter them, but will consider whether he can do anything further for Mr. Man. The women and children at Machiche being without their husbands and fathers had an increased allowance, but those with him, being with their husbands and fathers, who have opportunities of working, do not require the same allowance, and should be content, knowing that no allowance is made to the women and children of soldiers.	2
February 1, Quebec.	Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Referring the two Frasers to him for instructions for a scout. Hopes that as the roads are becoming practicable he will keep trusty people out for intelligence.	4
March 11, Quebec.	Same to the same. Hopes soon to receive news from the people sent. Colonel Campbell has already attached an officer to the village of the Lake of Two Mountains; would rather employ Crawford on other service than that. Additional allowances are made to officers in the Indian villages to pay for lodgings, fuel, &c. Is not aware that Sherwood was promised any extra pay. Will defer settling about the rangers till he receives further intelligence.	5
March 28, Quebec.	Same to the same. Captain Claus has been ordered to come down with Joseph Brant.	6
April 6, Quebec.	Same to the same. Has allowed three men, deserters from the rebels, to enlist, provided they are approved by him (Johnson).	7
May 12, Quebec.	Same to the same. Has received letter with intelligence brought by Defau, who is to be sent to Quebec. Green to be sent to St. John's to receive orders from Brigadier Powell.	8.
May 13, Quebec.	Same to the same. Letter sent by Tice has been received; he will be detained for a few days in hopes of hearing from Halifax. Delays in issuing warrants, &c., caused by the death of Captain Foy. Will arrange with Colonel Carleton respecting blankets, &c. Returns asked for of stores to complete the regiment. More deserters sent to be enlisted. All will be sent him to be enlisted or confined, leaving only persons at liberty that can be trusted.	9.

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May 17,
Quebec. Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. To prepare his regiment for active service. That nothing may interfere with this, McAlpin has been appointed to the command of the several corps of loyalists and is to receive from him all lists, papers, &c., which may be of use in arranging these irregular corps. Orders to this effect to be sent to the heads of all corps. Page 10
- May 23,
Quebec. Same to the same. Captain McAlpin with about forty men sails for Sorel; to meet him there and transfer to him the command of the loyalists. A company of about 70 or 80 men, with four or five good officers, to be taken from Captain Leake's corps to be placed under his command and to be ready to move at a moment's notice. 11
- May 23,
Montreal. Colonel St. Leger to the same. Respecting arms, accoutrements, clothing, &c. 12
- May 27,
Quebec. Haldimand to the same. Sutherland returned with thirteen loyalists who are to be embodied in his (Johnson's) regiment. The intelligence brought by Sutherland seems to be authentic; he is ordered to St. John's to be employed again. The care he is to take in comparing the information received. 13
- May 31,
Quebec. Same to the same. Thanks for intelligence. His doubts as to the truth of the reports brought by the two colonels, and care must be taken to avoid becoming dupes to cunning and duplicity; the caution to be used in speaking to them. Will exchange Singleton on receiving word from General Clinton. The efforts of the rebels to debauch the Indians at Michillimakinak. Approves of what has been done respecting Defau; as he has been ill he has been ordered not to come to Quebec, but to go to St. John's. John Valentine will be appointed adjutant to the Royal Regiment of New York. 14
- June 7,
Quebec. Same to the same. Is satisfied with the arrangements about Leake's company. Has no doubt that he (Johnson) will take steps to prepare his regiment for immediate service. 16
- June 10,
Quebec. Same to the same. He may employ Colonel Wells and the other gentleman. Overpaid charges for rations shall be examined and the amount refunded. Respecting arms for Captain Leake's company. 17
- June 17,
Quebec. Same to the same. The assistance of his regiment in the public works cannot be dispensed with. The arms for Leake's company must be repaired, as there are no new ones, and the clothing must be repaired to last the campaign. Some of the regiments are wearing the clothing of 1777. 18
- June 24,
Quebec. Same to Captain Leake. Approves of the arrangement of quarters for his company. 19
- July 19,
Quebec. Same to Sir John Johnson. Has signed warrants for contingent accounts. 20
- July 29,
Quebec. Same to the same. Acknowledging receipt of intelligence which he hopes is true. Arrangements to be made for the reception at Lachine of Miss Molly and her family. 21
- August 12,
Quebec. Same to the same. Transmitting warrant for the back pay of Captain and Lieutenant McDonell. 22
- September 1,
Quebec. Same to the same. In order to assist the Five Nations a force is to be collected to join the rangers and Indians now assembling to oppose the rebels at Tioga. To take up Captain Leake and his company at the Cedars. Arrangement for provisions and for transport from Carleton Island. Claus to push up the Mohawks and

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Campbell to procure a strong party of the Seven Nations of Canada. Page 23

September 6, Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Hopes that everything is in forwardness. Expects to hear from him and shall send final instructions in answer. 25

September 9, Same to the same. Hopes that the Indians are being collected; a number wanted for different scouts. The gentlemen proposed to conduct the Indians must remain till arrangements are made. Orders as to the expedition. Suggests that he should not press his claim at this moment for the men for his corps kept by Butler, as it would have a bad effect, &c. 26

September 9, Same to the same (private). Urging, in view of the importance of the expedition, that the most perfect harmony should prevail among all the parties composing his little army. The character of Butler, &c. 28

September 11, Same to the same. Further instructions regarding the expedition. 30

September 12, Same to the same. Pointing out, should he go to Niagara, that Lieut.-Colonel Bolton, who has long commanded there, would be the superior officer; his character, &c. 32

September 13, Same to the same. Formal letter of instructions respecting the expedition. 34

September 14, Same to the same. Intelligence from Niagara shows the necessity for expedition in his movements. Where the different parties are; he ought to push forward in small detachments as the men arrive. 37

September 16, Same to the same. Arms have been ordered to be forwarded. 38

September 20, Same to the same. Official order to take the chief command of the expedition into the Indian country. 39

September 20, Same to the same. Acknowledges that he has just claims for himself and his regiment, but until His Majesty's pleasure be known he (Haldimand) can follow no other course than the one he has pursued. Sends him, however, an order to take independent command (p. 39). Has no power to put the regiment on the army establishment or to give the officers rank, and has never promised what he had no power to fulfil. Would strongly recommend the position of Sir John and his corps to His Majesty's favourable consideration. 40

September 26, Same to the same. Is concerned that he did not meet the express from Bolton reporting that the rebels had taken Canadasago, and that the Indians were disheartened. Is sanguine that the expedition and reinforcement from Bolton will encourage the Indians to collect and act with vigour. Should the rebels be induced to come to Niagara few of them would escape famine or the sword. Will push forward provisions so long as the river and lake are navigable. 43

October 6, Same to the same. His satisfaction at his celerity and the prudence of his measures. From the force of the enemy and their caution is afraid that he will not be able to effect much against them. The purpose of the expedition will be answered if a foundation is laid for operations in spring. His idea of retiring to Carleton Island to save provisions, &c., is approved of; he is to go there with all his force, except the German Chasseurs, and the garrison which was there last winter is to be removed in case the men should have a relapse of scurvy. How the new garrison is to be composed; the

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October 10,
Quebec.

force will be in the way to undertake early operations in spring. He may return to Montreal from his station at Carleton Island, after leaving it in charge of Captain Harris. Order given to place a chosen body of Six Nations to overawe the other Indians at Carleton Island. How the Oneidas should be dealt with. From the bad consequences that would result were Butler to leave Niagara just now, he cannot obtain leave of absence. Page 44

October 17,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. The apprehension of scarcity of provisions at Niagara makes it necessary to repeat more strongly the orders to retire to Carleton Island. 47

October 18,
Quebec.

Same to the same. That he is to allow Daniel Swiney to obtain his discharge for the purpose of entering the lake marine. 49

November 8,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Directing him to consult with Colonel Bolton respecting the arrangements for saving provisions at Niagara. 50

Same to the same. The force at Carleton Island will be more than can be lodged, and will exhaust the stock of provisions necessary to be sent to Niagara in spring, before which time he is afraid there will be scarcity at Niagara. The detachment of the 84th has been ordered down, and his (Johnson's) men are to follow, except 50 of the best workmen, who, with three companies of the 34th, artificers and Indians, will form a good garrison and render any attempt on the island fruitless. 51

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February 13,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Respecting complaints of the loyalist corps enlisting men intended for Johnson's corps. Twiss has been ordered to form a corps of loyalists, and Captain McAlpin has orders to furnish men from the loyalists for various works. Those refusing to join a corps are to be struck off, as many are idling and committing irregularities about the country, and sends extract from McAlpin's letter on the subject. The good effect of enrolling them in corps. How relief may be given to distressed loyalist families. 52

February 24,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Will await the return of the flag lately sent, before determining what steps he shall take to obtain the exchange of Captain McDonell's family. As the exchange applies only to women and children, he cannot propose the exchange of Mr. Singleton. The proposal to form a second battalion of loyalists had been prevented by difficulties which had arisen. 55

February 24,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Will be happy to comply with Lady Johnson's desire that he should be sponsor for her infant. 56

March 23,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Orders have been given to make up the deficiencies in the clothing for his corps. Major McAlpin shall provide for the women and children specified in the return. Only those absolutely requiring help should be provided for. It is not worth while removing from Machiche the men of his corps and their families, as the ice will soon break up; the loyalists there are well treated, but discontented and troublesome. Respecting the exchange of women and children. Sunderland (Sutherland?) reports that the loyalists about Johnstown must either take up arms or be sent to Albany in irons, their houses destroyed, and their property confiscated by Congress. The inhabitants ask for a pilot to get them away. Early in May a vessel will be sent to the lake to receive them, and it is ordered that trusty men be sent to warn them of this. It might be a good opportunity for Mrs. McDonell to escape. 57

March 30,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Approves of his proposed expedition (B. 158, p. 112), with suggestions as to the best means of carrying

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it out. Approves also of the method proposed for supplying the women and children. Page 60

April 3,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. The accounts brought by O'Neill agree with the others received, and go to prove the writer a loyal subject. Does not like the young man (O'Neill?) returning, and it would be safer not to confide in him, but to employ two men of his own choosing to carry news to the friends of Government. The concurring accounts of discontent afford flattering hopes of success for the expedition. 62

April 6,
Quebec.

Same to the same. The expedition cannot start till Lake Champlain open, so that in the meantime everything must be kept secret. The detachment with Indians shall be ready. The artificers are to be left at work till the last moment and have no intimation of the expedition. Care to be taken in selecting the Indians. Prisoners brought in who can be trusted, are to join his (Johnson's) regiment; a return of their names to be sent. No change to be made just now respecting loyalists. 63

April 10,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Will attend to his recommendations respecting Mr. Smith's son and others. Would be happy if he could establish a correspondence with Mr. Smith (Dr. George Smyth?); if he sent early and authentic news he would be handsomely rewarded. Will give every assistance to the expedition; the difficulties. Major Carleton has been informed that a large detachment of Chasseurs is to be sent, when Lake Champlains opens, to cover and protect the wood cutters. Jessup has been allowed to send men above Albany to engage men for the King's service, but he has received no intimation of the plan of operation. Will arrange about scouts. Could Smith send newspapers? 65

April 17,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Sends this by Captain Scot, of the 53rd, who is to join the expedition as second in command. Has given Scot memoranda as to difficulties, &c. Sends letters, unsealed, to be forwarded to the commanding officers, to whom he was to send orders. The force (detailed) was 260 men besides officers, which with loyalists would amount to 300 men. Advises him to take only Mohawks with him, as the other Indians would be only an embarrassment. 67

April 17,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Directs him to arrange with Smith respecting correspondence from Albany. If he left, two loyal inhabitants might be engaged with different hiding places for their letters, so that if one was discovered the letters in the others might escape. Other loyalists might be found at Esopus or below. Captain Scot will leave Quebec in a day or two to join, and carry the necessary orders. Respecting enlistments. 69

April 19,
Quebec.

Mathews to the same. Respecting the settlement of regimental accounts. 71

April 19,
Quebec.

Instructions to Sir John Johnson respecting his expedition (pp. 60, 63). 72

April 27,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Has received letter; approves of his prudent arrangement; hopes that the detachment will be sufficiently strong without the loyalists, as he cannot spare Leake's company, which will be wanted for the purpose of taking post at Oswego. The necessary provisions for the detachment should be sent up in the ship to Lake Champlain, so as to lessen the loads for the bateaux. The claims of Mr. Smith and others are acknowledged, but the enormous amount of the subsistence account renders a new arrangement necessary, so as to have a more equitable distribution.

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Mr. Smith might be taken as a volunteer, and £10 advanced him till something better can be done. The others are to be put on the provision list in the meantime, till employment can be found for those bred to a trade or profession. "The true spirit of a refugee loyalist, driven from his country by persecution, is to carry arms, but there is no end to it if every man that comes in is to be considered and paid as an officer." Page 74

May 1,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Is apprehensive that the Mohawks, out of retaliation, may be guilty of cruelty. They are to be effectually prevented from destroying women and children. "All men in arms, and particularly those who are known to have been most instrumental and active in corrupting the minds of the unhappy people, must expect the consequences of their crimes, either to fall or to be made prisoners; the latter is certainly the most desirable." 76

May 1,
Quebec.

Mathews to the same. Transmitting commissions in the Royal Regiment of New York for Lieutenant Crawford and Ensigns McKenzie and Kreuzer. 77

May 1,
Quebec.

Haldimand to the same. Orders given for the additional ammunition asked for. To preserve it on irregular marches, loose powder should be put in dry canteens, well corked, with a piece of bladder or oiled linen tied over it. 78

June 6,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Is gratified at his success and at the manner in which he conducted the expedition. As soon as he has arranged for the reception of the loyalists on board of the ships, he is to come to Quebec to confer as to the means of disposing of them, &c. Neither Indians nor white people have any claim to negroes belonging to faithful subjects. Ensign Johnson, of the 29th, shall be appointed to the 47th. The armourer brought from the Mohawk is to be sent to Quebec. Colonel Claus to come to Quebec also. 79

July 17,
Quebec.

Mathews to the same. Captain Ross is to join the expedition. Permission has been given to loyalists to go into the Colonies to collect men. 81

July 20,
Quebec.

Haldimand to the same. Captain Ross sent off to assist in forming the second battalion; he has been appointed Major. 82

July 24,
Quebec.

Mathews to the same. Hanson is included in the list of those to be sent by the flag. All information relative to the negroes brought in by scouting parties is to be sent to Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell. 83

July 25,
Quebec.

Haldimand to the same (private). Has heard of the death of a faithful old servant, Major McAlpin. Intends to appoint a person in his room to take charge of the loyalists, but shall defer doing so till as many as possible can be got to join his (Johnson's) corps. Respecting the choice of officers. 84

July 27,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Sends letter from Jessup respecting men who should belong to his corps. Approves of Ensign Arden being made a lieutenant, and Mr. Kerr to be surgeon to the second battalion. Will do what he can for Mr. Lansing. From the age and boyish character of young McAlpin, an ensigncy is sufficient for him. If he turn out well he can be advanced. The necessity for taking detachments from his corps; all the troops are subject to the same inconveniences. The families of the men who are to compose part of the second battalion will have permission to leave Machiche when the service shall permit. 86

July 27,
Quebec.

Same to Major Ross. Has agreed to the appointment of Ensign Arden as Lieutenant. 88

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July 31,
Quebec. Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Sends memorial from Mr. Jessup, who persists in his right to 68 of the men who composed the late Mr. McAlpin's corps. Has recommended Mr. Lansing to remove to Montreal, owing to the expense of living at Quebec; he is desirous to serve in the second battalion, but has been referred to him (Johnson). He will mention a subject (not stated), to which he (Haldimand) is anxious to give a trial. Page 89
- August 3,
Quebec. Same to the same. Will wait for full explanations before deciding on the subject of his letter of 31st July. (The claim of Jessup to 68 men of the late Mr. McAlpin's corps—see B. 158, p. 142). Has not yet received Smyth's papers. If the intelligence is authentic, it will prove favourable to recruiting. 90
- August 7,
Quebec. Same to the same. Has received returns of officers for the second battalion and promotions in the first. There should be enough of officers in the meantime. Has no objection to Mr. McCumming's appointment, but the conditions on which he wishes to leave the 31st Regiment are irregular. Mr. Lansing was too late in his application. Major Nairne shall be appointed to the direction of the loyalists till they are thrown into some order. 91
- August 10,
Quebec. Same to the same. Has received returns, and shall investigate Jessup's claim. He may receive the men confined, but their conduct must be narrowly watched. Is distressed that he cannot grant relief in all cases. Mrs. Crothers may be included in the list of those receiving rations as loyalists. 92
- August 17,
Quebec. Mathews to the same. Sending memorials transmitted to McAlpin before his death, but unopened, that the subject of their contents may be investigated. A ration to be given to Mr. Bradshaw. 94
- August 24,
Quebec. Haldimand to the same. From the treachery of the Oneidas they must either be compelled to relinquish the rebel interest or be cut off. It seems a favourable opportunity to do this, and to destroy the crops on which the enemy depend for subsistence. Asks his idea as to the most eligible means for this, and states the arrangements that could be made; the effect of success or failure, &c. The caution to be observed. 95
- August 31,
Quebec. Same to the same. The measures to be taken to mask the preparations for the expedition against the Oneidas, &c. 98
- September 1,
Quebec. Same to the same. Further details of the arrangements for the expedition. 100
- September 4,
Quebec. Mathews to Ross. He is to see that the duties of the newly formed company of bateauxmen are performed. 102
- September 4,
Quebec. Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. From his confidence in Claus and the assistance he can secure from the Mohawks, the object of the movement has been disclosed to him, and he is going to Montreal to concert measures with him (Johnson). The caution to be observed in dealing with the Indians, in case the movement should be made known to the Caughnawagas, who would infallibly communicate it to the rebels. A few Chasseurs might be employed, but as the Indians are not partial to them they could be employed immediately about himself (Johnson) disguised in blanket coats. A light bateau to be kept at Coteau du Lac, to take him after the expedition and the longer he can wait after it has gone the better. 103
- September 7,
Quebec. Mathews to the same. His Excellency has no objection to him going to Carleton Island to see the detachment arranged for the

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- winter, but he must only stay a few days. This letter is to be shown to Brigadier Maclean. Page 105
- September 7, Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Will detain Captain Claus in
Quebec. expectation of having letters, to which he may carry back the answers. The concealment of the expedition is to be maintained even with Brigadier Maclean, and a letter has been written (p. 105) to account for the trip to Carleton Island. Maurer has just arrived, but without letters. 106
- September 9, Same to the same. Arrangements of the troops to take part in
Quebec. the expedition. 107
- September 9, Same to the same. How he is to obtain blankets for his detach-
Quebec. ment. The difficulty of concealing anything; should not be surprised if the enemy were informed of the march and prepared to meet him. His own caution. His regret for the loss of a store-ship. 109
- October 5, Mathews to Ross. Orders have been sent to send a hospital
Quebec. mate to Coteau du Lac to look after the sick. By sending a bateau down to Montreal, clothing and arms may be obtained. To do as well as he can about officers till Sir John Johnson's return. Claims to be examined. 110
- October 9, Same to Sir John Johnson. His Excellency consents to let the
Quebec. whole of Sir John's first battalion be together for the winter. The second battalion, Captain Leake's company and other troops (34th and Chasseurs) will take the place at Carleton Island of those withdrawn. Other changes. 111
- October 23, Same to Major Ross. Letter received. His situation in regard
Quebec. of officers, &c., will be made more easy on Sir John Johnson's return. 112
- November 3, Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Has received report of pro-
Quebec. ceedings. Is sorry for the danger and fatigue sustained, but had the enemy been unapprised of the expedition there would not have been the same opportunity of showing the conduct and spirit of himself and officers. Cannot give him leave to go to England. 113
- November 6, Same to the same. Respecting the position of his (Johnson's)
Quebec. corps; the rank to be assigned to himself and officers, &c. 114
- November 9, Same to the same. Has allowed him (Sir John) to go to Eng-
Quebec. land. Unless men taken in the Colonies are known as loyalists, it would be unsafe to trust arms in their hands. 117
- November 16, Same to Major Ross. He is to take 100 of the ablest men of his
Quebec. battalion and march to Carleton Island to take the place of Captain Fraser, who is obliged from illness to leave that post. To make up for the want of officers in the second battalion, he is to throw that and Captain Leake's corps together. Instructions respecting the management of the post, &c. 119
- November 20, Same to Sir John Johnson. Is pleased that he has decided not
Quebec. to take advantage of the leave of absence; the treatment he might expect if he fell into the hands of the rebels, besides the loss it would be to the King's service. Recapitulates the orders given to Major Ross. Cannot spare the carbines asked for. He must make the most of the Indian arms. 121
- November 23, Same to the same. Shall order a board of officers to examine the
Quebec. claims of all persons raising men for the different corps. Remarks on the practices of those recruiting. Is anxious to do everything in his power for Major McAlpin's son, but can give him no higher a commission than that of ensign; when he has learned a little of his duty, he will succeed to a lieutenancy. 123

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November 23, Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Respecting the distribution of
Quebec. the second battalion and the necessity of completing the first. A
memorial has been presented by the inhabitants of Montreal to ap-
point Mr. Doty, the chaplain, to the management of a public school
in Montreal. If he (Sir John) approve, there is no objection to the
appointment. Page 125
- November 27, Mathews to Captain Munro. Has received news of his expedition,
Quebec. and His Excellency approves of his conduct and of the behaviour
of his officers and men on that service. 127
- December 4, Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Remarks upon his complaints
Quebec. respecting the position of his regiment and the encouragement
which he (Sir John) says has been given to unwarrantable means
used in recruiting. 128
- December 11, Same to the same. Will throw the provincial corps into form and
Quebec. appoint the officers so soon as the board of officers makes a report.
Will leave it to him (Sir John) to decide as to the precise manner
in which the officers of his battalions shall be appointed; other
arrangements, &c., discussed. 131
- December 21, Same to the same. The officers shall be appointed to the second
Quebec. battalion as he desires, but the report of the board of officers must
first be received. Further respecting disputes; the appointment
of officers, &c. 133
- December 28, Mathews to the same. That Mr. Howard, who has resisted a
Quebec. warrant issued by Mr. Gagy, J.P., is to be immediately taken before
the magistrates to answer for his conduct. 135
1781.
January 11, Same to the same. That the enemy is planning a movement, of
Quebec. which Albany is the seat, to be directed for the reduction of Ver-
mont. Two or three trusty men are to be sent to obtain certain
intelligence of the movement. Claus is to send off separately two
or three trusty Mohawks on the same service. The expeditions to be
kept strictly secret. 136
- January 18, Same to the same. His Excellency is satisfied with the instruc-
Quebec. tions given to the scouts. Will, on his recommendation, place Mr.
Bradshaw on the subsistence list, but an investigation has been
ordered into this expenditure so as to make an equitable allow-
ance. 138
- January 22, Same to the same. Notes on the settlement of the regimental
Quebec. accounts. 139
- March 19, Haldimand to the same. Has received the newspapers, the most
Quebec. material parts of which shall be published. He (Sir John) is to
examine the newspapers received, and to suppress what is necessary.
Has consented to pardon a criminal (name not given). 140
- April 12, Same to the same (private). Mr. Smith, returned from near
Quebec. Albany, had received a message from Hudibras that a warrant
was out against him and that he was setting out for Vermont to
take refuge with Major Fay. That Hewson, a volunteer with
Brant, had been sent to Albany to give evidence against Hudibras,
and to communicate information he had collected. Asks him (Sir
John) to think of some good man who can take the place of Hudibras.
Suggests Mr. Stewart (Stuart?) if he has opportunities of obtaining
intelligence; he could at least collect newspapers, and have them
deposited in a hollow tree to be carried away. Two or three men
should also be obtained as messengers, whose fidelity can be depended
on, and who have the necessary secrecy. 141
- April 19, Same to the same. Is happy to find that there is a likelihood of
Quebec. establishing a correspondence; details are left to him (Sir John).

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Instructions have been sent to St. Leger respecting the scouts passing with a passport from him (Sir John). Mr. Stuart and others will be rewarded in proportion to their services. Has certain information that correspondence is carried on between Albany and Caughnawaga; the emissaries employed must be intercepted.

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April 19,
Quebec.

L. Genevay to Sir John Johnson. The gentleman recommended (not named) will be promoted and his name appear in orders in a few days. Can say nothing about Captain Picken till the pay list is received.

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April 30,
Quebec.

Haldimand to the same. In order to settle everything about the formation of the second battalion and with regard to the corps of loyalists, asks him to come to Quebec.

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June 7,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Is glad that the scout returned from Johnstown has brought in so many recruits. Will remove his regiment as requested, but cannot do so in the meantime. The manner in which Brigadier Maclean should have taken notice of the omission by Captain Munro to report.

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June 11,
Quebec.

Mathews to the same. Sending warrants.

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June 18,
Quebec.

Haldimand to the same. Acknowledges receipt of newspapers and intelligence; is Church to be on an executive post in the proposed communication to the southward?

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July 5,
Quebec.

The same to the same. Is sorry for the fate of Parker and his family and for the inconvenience it will cause to scouts. Cannot at present detach any considerable body of troops to cut off the large Oneida scout. A small party would not answer. The enemy fortifying. The safest route must be taken by scouts, and just now they do not need fires, by which they are in general discovered.

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July 9,
Quebec.

Mathews to the same. His Excellency is disposed to allow the Mohawks to attack the Oneidas as they propose, but waits for an answer to his last letter, and that he (Sir John) should give his ideas to Claus on the subject.

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July 16,
Quebec.

Haldimand to the same. To send a return of all negroes brought in by scouting parties, with details of names, former owners, &c. Colonels Campbell and Claus have orders to do the same, so as to redress grievances complained of.

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July 30,
Quebec.

The same to the same. Has received letter with intelligence from Tryon County, &c. Some advantage seems to have been gained over the enemy at White Plains. The exchange of Mr. Stuart and Col. Gordon is out of the question. The esteem in which the former is held will save him from injury, and he may be of service; there are few left in the Colonies that can be useful. The necessity of saving provisions prevents anything being done to bring in the families of the soldiers; the fear of scarcity has, in fact, induced him to propose sending to the Colonies all the women and children considered as prisoners by the rebels.

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August 9,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Orders have been given to Brigadier Maclean to prepare the women and children, prisoners, for being sent back to their homes, reserving those whose places of abode are so distant that it would distress them to make their way there. Some old and infirm men are also to be allowed to go, and lists of them are to be prepared.

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September 3,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Commissions to be issued for the officers of the second battalion. The son of Colonel Claus, who served as a volunteer since 1777, but who drew no pay, his father considering

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- him too young, is to have his name placed on the list from the time of service, as he ought not to suffer for the laudable conduct of his father, which is highly approved of. Recruiting parties shall have leave to go to the Colonies. Page 156
- September 12, Mathews to Sir John Johnson. Referring to him the application
Quebec. of George Kuhne for discharge. 158
- September 20, Haldimand to the same. Has received the account of the return
Quebec. of three men and the capture of two, who had been sent on a scout to Johnstown. The precautions to be observed by scouts. 159
- September 24, Mathews to the same. Respecting account for Captain Parke's
Quebec. expenses on a scout. 161
- September 27, Haldimand to the same. Respecting leave of absence and arrange-
Quebec. ment for his and Lady Johnson's passage. 162
- October 4, Mathews to the same. Sends warrant for £300. His Excellency
Quebec. recommends the "Weir," but a passage will be ordered on the "Britannia," if he prefer that ship. 163
- October 8, Same to the same. A warrant shall be sent for a year's off-reck-
Quebec. onings. The "Britannia" would not be a suitable vessel for him ; he had better take passage by the "Weir." 160
- October 22, Mathews to Rev. Mr. Doty. That he may have leave of absence,
Quebec. but must find a fit person to act as chaplain, and must return in twelve months, or another chaplain will be appointed in his room. 164
- November 3, Haldimand to Rev. Mr. Stuart. Approves of his proposal, in
Quebec. conjunction with Mr. Christie, to establish an academy at Montreal for the instruction of youth. The advertisement shall be published, but the words "principally intended for the children of Protestants" are struck out, as it is a distinction which would create jealousies. The benefits of such an institution should be general, and the children of the established religion of the country should be as readily received and their education as carefully attended to as that of Protestants. 165
- December 3, Mathews to Major Gray. The men enlisted by Mr. French are
Quebec. to accompany him to the second battalion. Ensign McAlpin has no claim to the men enlisted by his late father ; that belongs to the older officers of the corps. Some of French's men employed in secret service are to be continued in that, but to be considered as part of Sir John Johnson's second battalion. 166
- December 3, Same to Captain Leake. That his rank will be confirmed to him
Quebec. by commission. The sum short paid to the officers by Captain McKay shall be made up to them, but must be demanded of the executors of McKay, that the relinquishing of it may not be considered as a right. Commissions to officers forwarded, with remarks. 167
- December 10, Same to the same. Respecting the respective ranks of himself
Quebec. and Captain Gumersall. 169
- December 17, Same to the same. Directing him to receive a negro in the corps,
Quebec. whose punishment had been remitted on condition of his enlist- ing. 171
1782.
January 14, Same to the same. Major Ross is to receive the extra pay by
Quebec. warrant, so that his name will not be included in the subsistence account. Respecting regimental allowances. 172
- January 27, Same to the same. Remarks on Mr. Robertson's claim to men
Quebec. raised by himself. Warrants shall be transmitted. Returns sub- sistence bills for correction. 173

1782.
January 31, Quebec. Mathews to Major Gray. Has laid before His Excellency the decision of the court in the case of a Canadian charged with assaulting a soldier. Page 175
- February 27, Quebec. Same to the same. The first and second battalions of the Royal Regiment of New York are to be employed in transport service for the upper posts, for which the men will receive a gratuity. 176
- December 26, Quebec. Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Accedes to his request in favour of Captain Anderson. 177
1783.
January 2, Quebec. Same to the same. Cannot comply with the request in favour of Captain Gleissenberg, for reasons given at length. 178
- February 13, Quebec. Same to the same (most secret). Reported expedition of 1,000 continental troops against the posts of Pointe au Fer and Loyal Blockhouse; does not give credit to it, but, as a precaution, a detachment of light troops is to take a good post between Pointe au Fer and River LaColle; orders have been given to send immediate word of the enemy's approach; on receipt, all the Indians that can be collected are to be sent to cut off their retreat. Does not choose to alarm the province with needless preparations; he (Sir John) can always take a fine detachment of the flank companies. Should the alert be given, the letter is to be shown to St. Leger, otherwise it is to be kept secret. Five or six active Mohawks are to be sent across the country to Pointe au Fer and Crown Point to watch the enemy's movements, but not to discover themselves. Signals of the enemy's approach to be settled upon and other arrangements made. 180
- February 20, Quebec. Mathews to Captain Leake. Returning subsistence warrants for correction, &c. 183
- February 20, Quebec. Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. His opinion of the reported expedition is confirmed. The alert will do good, and the enemy will certainly hear of it and be discouraged from venturing on so wild an attempt. 184
- February 24, Quebec. Same to the same. The expedition is now reported to be against Oswego, which is still more improbable. It is to be under Col. Willett. The utmost expedition is necessary if he must march, as the enemy can only hope for success by rapid exertion. 185
- March 3, Quebec. Mathews to Captain Daly. Returns contingent accounts as containing charges that are inadmissible. 186
- March 27, Quebec. Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Orders respecting the distribution of provisions to loyalists. 187
- March 27, Quebec. Mathews to the same. His Excellency wishes for a report on the memorial of Isaac Man, jun. 188
- March 31, Quebec. Same to Captain Munro. That in the present state of unsettled affairs no applications for grants of land can be complied with. Any general policy as to settlements will be an object of mature and public consideration. 189
- April 18, Quebec. Same to Major Gray. Cannot express an opinion on the allowance of £20 a year in lieu of non-effective money. It is not regularly paid even to established regiments, and his own has not received any for five years. 190
- April 21, Quebec. Same to Isaac Man, jun. His memorials have been laid before His Excellency. An inquiry has been made of Captain Leake, to ascertain the cause of his (Man's) not receiving the appointment for which he was recommended. Payment shall be ordered of the amount due to him for the campaign of 1777. 191
- April 24, Quebec. Same to Captain Leake. Asks for information respecting the non-appointment of Isaac Man to the second battalion, in conse-

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- quence of some improper conduct in a money transaction with him (Leake). Page 192
- April 26, Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Transmitting packets for him Quebec. and Cuyler. Sir Guy Carleton has sent the King's proclamation for a cessation of arms, with all the powers at war, in consequence of preliminary articles of peace being signed at Paris on 30th November last. 193
- May 8, Mathews to the same. Sends copy of account. Will comply Quebec. with his wish respecting Van Alstine. Vessels hourly expected. Mr. Stevenson and others not to set out till the mail arrives, when passes shall be sent. Captain Duncan and Mr. Glen may also go over the lake. Reminds him of the fourteen guineas due Mr. Parke. 194
- May 12, Same to the same. Warrant for Mr. Allan McDonell's subsistence has been sent. 195
- No date. Report by Mathews upon Vandecar's claim, which cannot be granted. 196
- May 18, Mathews to Captain Daly. Desiring him to send Captain Leake's Quebec. power of attorney, empowering him (Daly) to draw the subsistence accounts of the second battalion of the Royal Regiment of New York. 198
- August 21, Same to Sir John Johnson. An engineer shall be sent to examine Quebec. the land. Approves of his sending off an officer on survey. 199
- September 15, Haldimand to Captain Maurer. That Lieut. French, of Jessup's Quebec. corps, has been ordered to survey the land on the Ottawa; to ascertain its quality; the distance from Cataraqi, &c. (For survey, see B. 169, p. 31.) The arrangements to be made for supplying him with men, necessaries, &c. Mr. Collins has gone to Cataraqi and will pursue the same plan. 200
- October 6, Mathews to Lieut. Sutherland. His Excellency has granted him Quebec. thirty guineas for extraordinary services on scouting parties. 202
- October 6, Same to Sir John Johnson. No letters have been found from the Quebec. Treasury relating to the off-reckonings. The necessary order will of course be transmitted. Negroes serving with bateauxmen to be restored to their owners, on sufficient proof being furnished. 203
- October 9, Same to the same. Men of his regiment may go to the Colonies Quebec. for their families; only those who will not abuse the indulgence are to receive passes. Will order payment of claim recommended by Sir John, under the exceptional circumstances. 204
- October 23, Haldimand to the same. Believes that the time mentioned Quebec. in the Act of Parliament for loyalists to send in their claims can only apply to those in England, and not to those in the remote part of this country. Has represented the matter to the King's Ministers. If he (Sir John) shall require to go to England, permission shall be granted. The claims of Mr. McKee and other officers shall be dealt with justly. 206
- October 27, Same to the same. Colonel (Guy) Johnson has sailed for England Quebec. on private affairs. The proceedings in his case were too voluminous to be sent by this mail, but shall be forwarded in November, to be settled by the Treasury. Has asked for commissioners to be sent out to examine all the public accounts, which can only be done properly on the spot. Peace being established, the reduction of the war establishment in his department must be seriously thought of. Applications for money have been referred to him (Sir John), as the whole business of the Indian Department must pass through his hands. The Indians of Canada have applied for clothing, &c.,

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- but they are not entitled to the same indulgence as the Six Nations who have bravely contended for the rights of government. Page 208
- October 30, Mathews to Sir John Johnson. A warrant has been granted for
Quebec. the off-reckonings for 1783. 210
- November 10, Same to Captain Munro. The mode of presenting claims for
Quebec. losses prevents His Excellency from giving a certificate of service in support of such applications, as requested by him (Munro). In reference to his application for a lot of land at Carillon, all the land shall be distributed fairly and none granted till the lands are laid out in lots. 211
- November 13, Same to Major Gray. That no allowance was paid to the 84th
Quebec. in lieu of the non-effective fund; in answer to the application for the allowance prayed for on this ground. 213
- November 17, Same to Sir John Johnson. Sending the application of Major
Quebec. Gray for non-effective allowance and the answer. 214
- November 20, Haldimand to the same. Orders respecting the reduction, &c.,
Quebec. will be transmitted. Has represented the situation in which the reduction of the staff, &c., will leave him. 216
- November 24, Mathews to Captain Leake. Has been granted leave of absence
Quebec. on his private affairs. 217
- November 24, Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Has received orders to disband
Quebec. the Provincials forthwith, but shall defer it until the 24th of December next. 218
- November 24, Same to the same. That his two battalions are to be disbanded
Quebec. on the 24th of December next. 219
- December 1, Same to the same. Sends copies of instructions for settling the
Quebec. provincial troops and refugee loyalists. 220
- December 4, Mathews to Captain Leake. His Excellency has nominated him
Quebec. Major of Sir John Johnson's regiment, so as to secure the half pay. 223
- December 7, Same to Captain Daly. Returning subsistence accounts for
Quebec. correction, &c. 224
- December 11, Same to Sir John Johnson. Has received Mr. Schieffelin's nar-
Quebec. rative; returns of officers, &c. Will send warrant for recruiting service. 221
- December 18, Same to Captain Daly. The pay of the officers of the first
Quebec. battalion of the Royal Regiment of New York is to be included in the subsistence account. 222
- December 22, Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. Cannot assent to certain pro-
Quebec. posed exchanges in his corps, with reasons given at length. 225
- December 22, Mathews to Lieut. Langan. Respecting his application for pro-
Quebec. motion. The mode in which the promotions are made, which cannot be altered. He must apply to Sir John Johnson for the payment of bounty money. 227
- December 31, Memorial from the Captains of the Royal Yorkers to Sir John
Montreal. Johnson, respecting the allowance of £20 a year for non-effective. 229

CORRESPONDENCE WITH LIEUT.-COLONEL ROGERS AND MAJOR ROGERS.
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- May 1, Commission by Sir Henry Clinton, authorising Lieut.-Colonel
New York. Robert Rogers to raise two battalions of able bodied rangers. Page 1

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May 4, Warrant by Lieut.-Colonel Robert Rogers to Daniel Bissonet. To raise men to form part of the two battalions of rangers. Page 3
- May 13, Conditions on which commissions are to be granted for the rang-
New York. ers. 5
- May 24, Lord Rawdon to Haldimand. Recommending (by order of Sir
New York. Henry Clinton) Lieut.-Colonel Robert Rogers, commissioned to raise two battalions of rangers. 7
- July 17, Rogers to the same. With memorial praying that passports may
New York. be granted to the officers he has sent to Quebec to receive recruits for the rangers he has been authorized to raise. 8
- Memorial follows. 9
- September 14, List of officers belonging to Lieut.-Colonel Rogers' rangers. 11
- September 18, Haldimand to Rogers. Is glad of his success in recruiting, but
Quebec. wishes that the officers employed had been kept on the frontiers of New England, for they are only losing time in Quebec, owing to the number of new levies not being yet completed, in spite of every exertion to get the loyalists to join; and those coming in prefer to join Sir John Johnson and Major Butler. Will advance the officers a certain amount to prevent them from suffering distress. 12
- September 24, Cornet Daniel Bissonet to Haldimand. Enclosing memorial from
Quebec. the officers of Lieut.-Colonel Rogers, stating the terms on which they were engaged; their want of subsistence, and asking for himself leave to return to New York. 14
- September 26, Rogers to the same. Sends letters from the Governor of Halifax
Fort Howe. and Governor Tryon. Came to Penobscot in the "Blonde," and was there when the rebel fleet was destroyed. Has had great success in recruiting. Asks that his brother be assisted. He himself proposes to go to Quebec this winter. Returns thanks for leave of absence. 17
- September 29, Same to the same. That Paul and Joseph Dusset are carrying
Fort Howe. letters to Quebec, for which they are to be paid on delivery; Major James Rogers will settle for the amount. 18
- October 20, James Rogers. Memorial to Haldimand asking that a place be
Quebec. appointed in which to receive recruits, where they can be supplied with provisions. One of the battalions is for service in this province and a warrant is asked for to embody the men as they come in. 20
- November 23, John Longstreet to Haldimand. Asking for subsistence for the
Lorette. recruits for Rogers' corps. 21
- December 13, Mathews to Major (James) Rogers. That he is only to receive
Quebec. men enlisted in the Colonies and forwarded to Canada; he is not to enlist men in the province. 22
- December 18, James Rogers to Mathews. That he had adhered to the orders
Montreal. given in the letter of 13th (p. 22), that several who had been sent in had been advised to join other corps and had been discharged in consequence of his (Mathews') letter. 23
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January 24, Same to Haldimand. Asks leave to send men into the Colonies
Montreal. on recruiting service. 25
- January 27, Mathews to Major James Rogers. His Excellency cannot give
Quebec. orders respecting recruiting for Rogers' corps as the men are to be raised outside of the limits of his command. 26
- February 10, Same to Robert Rogers. That His Excellency, although not em-
Quebec. powered to interfere with his raising men, recommends him to repair with his officers to join the 700 already raised, as they must want officers, and he is only losing time here. Has no objection to

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his leaving Major Rogers here, furnishing him with credit on the Paymaster General at Halifax. Major Rogers has had money already advanced to relieve the distress of himself and officers.

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February 22, Robert Rogers to Haldimand. Memorial for an advance of money to
Quebec. clear the officers of his corps of debt, the letter of credit not having
been received from Halifax. 29

February 25, Same to the same. Requisition for £469 3s. 3d. to settle the ac-
Quebec. counts of his corps. 31

March 7, Mathews to Rogers. He cannot be furnished with carriages by
Quebec. corvée. His Excellency is astonished he is still in town, having
been furnished with money, &c., ten days ago. Does Mr. Jones be-
long to the corps, and in what capacity? A pass shall be made out
when an answer is received. 32

March 10, Captain Longstreet to Mathews. Complains that Colonel Rogers
Quebec. has not paid him the money drawn on his account. 33

March 20, Rogers to Haldimand. Had arrived this day. Some of the
Lake on the officers on the plea of sickness had remained. Hopes that if he
Grand has offended it will be overlooked; has only the good of the service
Portage. at heart. 34

March 27, Major James Rogers to Mathews. Encloses orders he had given
St. John's. to Mr. Church and party; hopes they will be approved of. Church
has had leave to take a man named Wall with him, as he does not
know the country and Wall does. The party left on the 25th. Has
agreeable accounts of parties forming to come in. Wishes he had leave
to send a party to the County of Gloucester (in a P. S. he says it is
up the Connecticut River). Asks for leave to go on board of one
of the first vessels for Crown Point, as he expects parties coming in
to whom he has given signals and a watchword. 35

March 29, Lieutenant Michael Smith to the same. Representing that he has
St. John's. received no subsistence since receiving his commission from General
Howe in 1779; his pay was received at New York, and he has not
been on the pay list in Canada. Asks for an order for money. 37

April 6, Mathews to Major Rogers. His Excellency approves of the
Quebec. instructions to Mr. Church. Lient. Smith is to receive half pay
like other officers in the same predicament, till word is received
from the southward. 38

April 9, Major Rogers to Mathews. Is happy that what he has done is
St. John's. approved of. Flatters himself, as the lake will be clear of ice in a
few days, that it will not be disagreeable if he sends out another
party. Smith has drawn no pay since 24th July, 1779. Asks for
an order to supply the necessities of a party expected from the
Colonies. 39

April 10, Same to the same. Three recruits have been ordered to join Sir
St. John's. John Johnson. States the circumstances under which these men
were enlisted and complains that he loses both men and cash, hav-
ing left an estate worth £40,000 to £50,000. If given his own way
he could himself alone fill one regiment before the fall. Encloses
note sent with the men by Mr. Ferguson. 40

April 23, Same to the same. Ferguson arrived with thirteen recruits; he
St. John's. conducted Myers to Ballstown, and believes he got safe to York or
near it. Amboy, in New Jersey, reported to have been burned by
the King's troops. Ferguson took Solomon Squier prisoner and
brought him in. The country people in great distress for want of
necessaries. About 70 men at Fort George badly supplied. Skenes-

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borough and Fort Anne to be fortified. Asks an order for his half pay. Page 42

Mathews to Major Rogers. States the regulations issued to prevent disputes about recruiting. Two men, Miller and Snider, belong to Jessup's corps and were on their way to join when met by Ferguson. The enlistment is to be confined to the frontiers in respect to the corps to be raised by Rogers. Orders to be sent to Jordan to advance his (Rogers') half pay. His brother's (Colonel Rogers) extraordinary conduct will not prejudice him (James Rogers). Instead of 700 men raised as alleged, there are not 40; he has contracted debts and drawn bills the whole way to Kamouraska, and instead of advancing he has injured and disgraced the service. 44

April 29,
St. John's.

Major James Rogers to Mathews. Thanks for his Excellency's kindness; is sorry that his brother should have fallen a prey to intemperance. Ferguson reports that nearly 300 men are engaged and are only waiting for guides. Asks leave to send men for this purpose. The commodore cannot take men in the vessels without orders. Has given instructions to his officers to assist any person they meet, who is coming to the Province. Is sensible of the misrepresentation of his conduct; asks only for a fair hearing, as he is ready to do all the service in his power. 47

May 1,
Quebec.

Mathews to Major Rogers. His letter has been received and laid before his Excellency. A credit has been given with Mr. Jordan for his half pay. 53

May 10,
St. John's.

Major James Rogers to Mathews. Is determined to resign his pretensions to the King's Rangers, and to put himself under the King's protection; if his Excellency will appoint him to one of the corps he will be happy. Can give reasons if necessary. 49

May 18,
Quebec.

Mathews to Major Rogers. His Excellency cannot employ him in the Province, as he has been appointed to, and is now actually on duty in a corps in the command of Sir Henry Clinton. His Excellency recommends patience; he will afford him every protection that can reasonably be expected. 51

May 24,
Quebec.

Same to the same. After the news of Sir John Johnson's expedition has been received he (Rogers) may either go himself or send men that can be depended upon to collect the men raised in the Colonies for Lieut.-Colonel Rogers' corps. 54

June 8,
St. John's.

Major Rogers to Mathews. Was in hopes to have been allowed to send to the Colonies, but Major Carleton will not grant permission. Has lost all this spring; he wishes to send to New Hampshire and different parts in that quarter. Asks liberty for Naughton, Pritchard and Johns to go to Connecticut. 55

June 15,
Quebec.

Mathews to Major Rogers. It will be some days before matters can be arranged for the departure of scouts to collect men in the Colonies. 57

July 6,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Permission has been given to loyalists to go into the Colonies for recruits; he (Rogers) may also send men for the same purpose. Disputes to be settled by a board of officers. 58

July 31,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Sends an account from Kamouraska that has much displeased His Excellency. These affairs are very prejudicial to the service. 59

August 4,
St. John's.

Major Rogers to Mathews. Is unable to pay the account sent; (p. 59) he had paid others of a similar character. In a letter from Colonel Robert Rogers, dated at Halifax on the 26th of April, he says that he is sending orders by Mercure for the settlement of all accounts. If supplies are received he will take the first opportunity of

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having these settled. Has sent out three parties, one to Gloucester, one to the Counties of Charlotte and Cumberland and one to the Green Mountains. If there are no objections, he would send out another party when he hears of those who have gone out. Reminds him that Ferguson should be on pay, as he has had his full complement of men since the first of April. Has paid Lieut. Smith his half pay to 24th August and Sergeant Canady full pay to the same time. Page 60

September —
St. John's.

Major Rogers to Mathews. Arrival of Tyler with four recruits; all the parties out are well. Spencer has been taken at Otter Creek. Allen of Vermont declares that if "the Congress will not allow him to have an independent state, he will join them that will." Proposes that parties should be sent to Pawlet, to Clarendon, Newbery or Connecticut River. The number of each party is given. Numbers would join the King's troops. The rebels are building a block-house at Palmer's town, near Fort Edward, which, if completed, would interrupt the scouts. The farmers have all their grain in their barns. Wishes any method could be found for employing him to more advantage. 62

September 4,
Quebec.

Mathews to Major Rogers. His Excellency has given permission to him to engage loyalists who have not joined corps ordered to be raised in the province, and believes that he will observe the instructions laid down for recruiting. He is to complete two companies and afterwards a third for Lieut.-Colonel Rogers' corps to be employed here. Captain Breakenridge and his brother will be sent up to assist. He is to inform the General what number of men he can form to be sent upon service in about ten days to accompany regular troops and Indians on one of the proposed excursions. Ferguson's account ordered to be paid and his name is to be entered on the subsistence account. 64

September 8,
Ohambly.

Major Rogers to Mathews. Thanks for being allowed to recruit (p. 64). He will give no cause of complaint to any of the corps. Encloses list of the men he has here (p. 66). They have no arms except such as they brought with them. Will the men be allowed the eight dollars for their arms, same as at New York, and that they should be furnished with suitable weapons? Remarks on the list of men (p. 67). Muster roll of a detachment of the King's Rangers, commanded by Major James Rogers. 66

September 13,
Quebec.

Mathews to Major Rogers. Captain Breakenridge and his brother are sent to St. John's, where they are to be kept till further orders. 69

September 18,
St. John's.

Major Rogers to Mathews. Nine men have joined from the Colonies; hopes to have many more shortly, at least as many as will complete one company. Asks respecting the allowance of arms and clothing. The men who have come in are almost naked; he has supplied them with necessaries. Asks for liberty to draw provisions for the women and children. 70

September 18,
Quebec.

Mathews to Major Rogers. His return and letter received. Directions have been sent by Brigadier Powell. 72

September 21,
Quebec.

Same to the same. His Excellency allows him full pay as captain according to his request, as soon as he has completed one company, and has directed clothing to be issued to such men of his corps as are really in want of it, as well as arms, so far as they can be spared. The women and children shall be provisioned in the same manner as those attached to provincial corps. 73

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October 26,
St. John's. David Breakenridge to Mathews. A number of men taken prisoners at Fort Ann and Lake George wish to join the King's Rangers; asks leave to admit to the corps such as can be recommended. Page 74
- November 13,
Quebec. Mathews to Major Rogers. His Excellency allows men taken prisoners, who are loyalists, but were forced to take up arms by the rebels, to enlist into any of the corps; the officers engaging them are to be responsible for their character, &c. 75
- November 22,
St. John's. Major Rogers to Mathews. Had sent to Montreal officers best acquainted with the prisoners, who had brought back sixteen, to whom the oath of allegiance was administered and who were engaged. There are now 133 men engaged for the King's Rangers, but all naked and in great want; he has been obliged to furnish every man with necessaries. Asks for clothing and arms, and that a quartermaster and surgeon be allowed. There is no wood; the services of the rangers are required for getting wood, for scouting, &c., but they can do nothing without clothing. 76
- December 7,
Quebec. Mathews to Major Rogers. Acknowledges receipt of an unsigned letter, which has been laid before His Excellency. Orders have been given long ago to furnish the required clothing. Nothing can be done at present regarding arms. The new levies are to be mustered by Captain Campbell, Deputy Muster Master General. From the details in the rolls of the dates of enlistment, &c., warrants for bounty money will be made out. For reasons given, His Excellency declines to appoint a surgeon or quarter master. Orders as to the settlement of Sutherland's account. 78
- December 16,
St. John's. Major Rogers to Mathews. Remarks respecting the recruits from Montreal; two had been confined for using improper language and are to be tried. Clothing not yet delivered to him. Has done all in his power to prevent disputes about recruiting, though his corps has been often ill-used by officers recruiting for other corps, of which details are given. 80
- No date. Colonel Robert Rogers to Captain Brehm. Encloses warrant from Sir Henry Clinton, empowering him to raise two battalions of rangers. Gives an account of the officers and of the steps taken to do so. 83
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January 1,
Quebec. Mathews to Major Rogers. A board of officers will be appointed to settle the disputed claims as to recruits, after which they shall be regularly mustered. From intelligence brought by Capt. Jones from Halifax, it appears that none of the officers of the corps have yet received subsistence, so that the officers in Canada have no reason to complain. 85
- January 5,
St. John's. Major Rogers to Mathews. Remarks on and replies to a memorial from John Peters, Edward Jessup and William Fraser, complaining of him and of the officers employed by him in recruiting. The complaints are taken up and answered in detail. 86
- January 11,
Quebec. Mathews to Major Rogers. His Excellency will be pleased should he clear himself of the charges brought by the officers of the loyalists. The memorial will be laid before the board of officers soon to be assembled. 90
- June 16, Major Rogers to Haldimand. Asks leave to go to St. John's to settle the men's accounts, as he is afraid that otherwise they may become mutinous. Begs that if he is to be stopped from recruiting in the province, he may be allowed to send to Sir Henry Clinton for permission to remain in the province, to sever his connection with Colonel Rogers and to be wholly under His Excellency's

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- patronage. He has numbers of men now engaged waiting only for pilots to bring them in. Page 91
- August 11, Major Rogers to Mathews. Asks leave to alter the pay bills with respect to the officers who have their full complement, as they complain they cannot subsist themselves. Has delayed preparing the pay-bill till he hears. How is he to draw for the soldiers sent to Quebec? Asks for clothing for recruits. Respecting an error in the pay bill; the supply of arms and the payment of bounty. Should the Vermont Commissioners come to a settlement, he supposes that they will insist on the grants made since the rebellion began standing good. The damage this would be to loyal subjects. It would be but right should the Hampshire grants be confirmed. 93
- August 23, Mathews to Major Rogers. No alterations are to be made in the pay-bills of Colonel Rogers' corps of rangers till further orders. Directions will be given as to clothing. Officers who have distinguished themselves shall not be forgotten. 95
- October 6, Same to the same. From his recommendations Mr. Beties' late indiscretion will be overlooked and he will be appointed as proposed. He has been paid subsistence. The officers of the three companies shall soon be appointed, but it must be satisfactory to Mr. Beties to be placed in the meantime on the same footing with them in respect to subsistence. 96
- December 3, Major Rogers to Mathews. Sends abstract of orders from Messrs. St. John's. Gordon & Crowder, agents at New York for the Provincial corps. Is anxious for orders to make up another pay-bill. Major Jessup was as much surprised as he, that he (Jessup) was to take command on the late expedition, as he (Rogers) takes rank before Jessup. 97
- December 13, Same to the same. Has made up the pay list for the officers of the St. John's. King's Rangers on full pay. They return grateful thanks. Asks leave to draw bounty money for the men. Is concerned about two parties who lately left, on account of the badness of the season. 98
- December 13, Mathews to Major Rogers. Orders respecting the pay of officers St. John's. signed by the agents for the Southern Army can have no effect here. His corps will be on the same footing as other Provincial corps. How he is to draw pay bills. 99
- December 31, Same to the same. That he is under a mistake as to the date of St. John's. full pay and was never informed of any specific date by him (Mathews) when it was to begin. Returns the bills for correction in accordance with the letter of the 13th instant (p. 99). Is to apply to Major Nairne for levy money. 100
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- January 14, Major Rogers to Mathews. Explaining his course in respect to Montreal. pay bills and returning them corrected. 101
- January 17, Mathews to Major Rogers. Further respecting the mistake St. John's. about the date of full pay. In consequence Major Nairne had left the officers' names off the pension list; they will be included (as omitted) in the next. The officers have been allowed 165 days' batt and forage for the campaign of 1781. The name of Captain Breakenridge has been inserted on the bills for full pay. 103
- February 11, Same to the same. Ordering the return of Dods, an indented St. John's. servant, to his master, it being unlawful to enlist apprentices or indented servants. 104
- April 19, Major Rogers to Mathews. Hermanus Best wishes to recruit and St. John's. says he can get men in the Colonies to join his (Rogers') corps, sooner than any other. Will decide nothing till he knows His Excellency's pleasure. Asks leave to send to Connecticut for his son, who he is afraid may be pressed by the rebels. Mrs. Rogers will

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be sent in next summer, but the eldest boy will not be allowed to come with her, which makes him anxious to get him away before then. Asks leave to send guides to Connecticut River for some men. Page 105

April 28,
Montreal.

Haldimand to Major Rogers. He is to leave on receipt of this for the Loyal Blockhouse; he may take two men, but they must be such as he can place the last confidence in. Best has been promised and will receive an ensigncy. He is to mention his departure to no one but Colonel St. Leger. 107

April 28,
Montreal.

Mathews to the same. His Excellency does not think proper to allow men to be sent to Connecticut to recruit, the business he is now on being too serious. Whilst in the country there are no objections to his making such observations or connections as may hereafter be useful, but these must not lead him from present service. Respecting B. (Best's) offers to recruit. 108

What appear to be the secret instructions for this expedition which was to concert measures with Colonel Beadle, is given without date or signature (*see also* B. 177-1 p., 252, letter from Justus Sherwood to Colonel Porter). 166

May 2,
Loyal Block
House.

Major Rogers to Mathews. Had arrived yesterday; had sent before leaving for public orders from Colonel St. Leger to be used in case he were taken, as otherwise he would be treated as a spy. Will attend strictly to the object pointed out; proposes to go to Connecticut before starting at the appointed time on his mission. 109

June 11,
St. John's.

Same to the same. Sends list of the King's Rangers under his command in Canada. Has accounts of parties in the Colonies wanting to come in and join the King's troops; begs to know when His Excellency will allow him to send in men as guides. Asks that James Breakenridge may have leave to go to Halifax, where he would be more useful than here. 110

June 17,
Quebec.

Mathews to Major Rogers. His Excellency does not think fit at present to let men go to the Colonies to recruit. Captain Breakenridge is to remain in this Province. The widow of Ensign Batey is to receive her late husband's pay till the 24th and afterwards £20 a year. 111

June —

Benjamin Patterson to Breakenridge. If while he was at Cohos, he heard anything respecting him (Patterson) and Captain White, he would be obliged were it told to Mathews. 112

June 27,
St. John's.

Breakenridge to Mathews. Enclosing Patterson's note; he heard something that showed White not to be friendly to Patterson, but does not wish to interfere in matters which do not concern him. 113

July 3,
St. John's.

Major Rogers to Mathews. Sends pay bill. Explains certain differences between rations charged and the number of days for which pay was drawn. 114

August 10,

Parole of Captain John Stinson, in which he engages to send Captain Simeon Smyth in exchange or deliver himself up as a prisoner again. 115

August 21,
St. John's.

Major Rogers to Mathews. Enclosing Captain Stinson's parole (p. 115) and giving an account of the circumstances which led to his capture. 116

August 26,
Quebec.

Mathews to Major Rogers. Stinson acted unwarrantably in promising any person in exchange. Smith will, however, be allowed to go on parole. Stinson is to come to Quebec to take passage for Halifax or New York. His subsistence is to be advanced, and not to be settled. 117

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November 25, A. Cuyler to Mathews. Has examined the prisoners; had ordered
Montreal. them to be supplied with such clothing as they need to protect
them from the cold weather, and recommended a prudent behaviour.
St. Leger says that they will be sent to Coteau du Lac in a few days.
Will visit the women and children of these prisoners on returning
from inspecting the loyalists. Page 118
- November 27, Major Rogers to the same. Begins to think that the pay bills
St. John's. have been mislaid or never reached. Has nearly four companies
raised for the King's Rangers; asks leave to raise the fourth under
deserving officers. Thinks he is entitled to recommend; the last
appointment was laughed at and he wishes only men with whom
the officers of the army can associate. 119
- December 5, Mathews to Major Rogers. Remarks on his complaint as to the
Quebec. appointment of officers in his corps; he has not the right of appoint-
ing even were he the commandant of the corps. If he does not
bring officers misbehaving to trial he will be held responsible. 121
- December 16, Same to Abram Cuyler. The conversation with Mr. Cossit and
Quebec. Mr. Summers agrees with their declaration to His Excellency. The
communications they have promised in spring as to the progress of
discontent in Massachusetts and other Provinces may be ser-
viceable. 123
- December 25, Major Rogers to Mathews. Is sorry that he has given offence to
St. Johns. His Excellency. Sends pay bill. 124
1783.
January — Same to the same. Pritchard has brought word that he (Rog-
St. John's. ers) is to be under the command of Haldimand. Colonel Rogers has
no objection to this. Jessup and others have been proposing to
unite the Loyal and King's Rangers. He has no objection to this if
it facilitate the King's service. If agreed to, believes he could com-
plete a battalion in a reasonable time. 125
- February 3, Mathews to Major Rogers. It has been in contemplation to join
Quebec. his detachment to the Loyal Rangers, but that cannot at present be
arranged. So many imprudent things have been done by those re-
cruiting in the Colonies that His Excellency has almost determined
to confine recruiting to those men who come willingly; at the same
time till something certain be known of the state of public affairs,
no man will be allowed to go to the Colonies on that service. 127
- March 18, Breakenridge to Mathews. Asking leave to go with a flag so that
St. John's. he may see his father, who is believed to be dying. 128
- March 24, Mathews to Major Rogers. Sends back account for correction.
Quebec. No regiment allowed to charge for prisoners. Sends remarks for
his guidance. 129
- March 29, Major Rogers to Mathews. Explaining his reason for charging
St. John's. for prisoners; points out that he has given credit to the Govern-
ment from the time the sergeants were taken prisoners. Are they
not to be kept on the monthly returns? Sergeant Caldwell's wife
came into the Province in want and has drawn her husband's pay
since he became a prisoner; the regiment lose the pay of the other
men, as they cannot re-fund it. 130
- March 29, Roger Stevens to the same. States his service with Burgoyne;
St. John's. his capture and escape; the men he raised now serving in Rogers'
corps and asks for a commission in the fourth company, his subsist-
ence being too small to support himself and family. 132
- April 3, Mathews to Major Rogers. Sends corrected accounts for him to
Quebec. sign, so as to prevent delay in the settlement. Cannot advise him
as to putting men in the place of the sergeants made prisoners, but

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thinks should they return they would be surprised to find themselves privates and expect pay as sergeants. Respecting subsistence. Last war money was made by pay being drawn for absentees as well as effectives, but it is not done now. Page 134

May 7, Application by Major Rogers and other officers of the King's
St. John's. Rangers to Sir John Johnson, for their corps to be admitted to his second battalion which is not yet completed. 136

May 15, Mathews to Major Rogers. Sends back accounts for correction;
Quebec. he is always ready to give assistance to rectify mistakes, but those of his (Rogers') corps take up too much time and the allowance is sufficient to pay for expert persons to prepare accounts and returns. 137

June 14, Major Rogers to Mathews. Explains certain items in his
St. John's. accounts. 138

October 3, Same to the same. Calls attention to the delays in settling his
St. John's. accounts. Can he draw bounty for men who have come in almost naked and have not been paid? 139

November 24, Haldimand to Major Rogers. Orders have been given to dis-
Quebec. band the Provincial troops. Shall do his best to remedy the inconveniences caused by the late arrival of the order, and relieve them by furnishing lodging and provisions, until the season shall arrive for them to avail themselves of the provision made for them. 140

December 7, Mathews to the same and Jessup. To transmit the pay lists to the
Quebec. 24th inst., so that the accounts of the corps may be settled. 141

December 13, Major Rogers to Mathews. Sends accounts as ordered. Sends
St. John's. an account of the strength of the corps at different times, as he hopes to be allowed for off- reckonings, the same as Sir John Johnson. Remarks on other items of the account. 142

December 13, Same to the same. The recruits for whom bounty is charged
St. John's. were all enlisted before word was received of the preliminary articles of peace being signed, or any order given to stop recruiting. 144

December 18, Mathews to Major Rogers. Remarks on his accounts (which
Quebec. have been corrected and returned for signature) on claims for off- reckonings, &c. 145

December 21, Contingent bill for the King's Rangers from the raising of the
St. John's. corps to date. 147

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January 2, Major Rogers to Mathews. Explanation of alleged errors in his
Montreal. accounts. 148

January 2, Same to the same. What arrangements are to be made for
Montreal. serving out provisions to his corps? Asks a passport for himself and Captain Henry Ruiter to go to Vermont to settle their business in that quarter. 149

January 2, Same to the same. Sends contingent accounts with remarks. 150
Montreal.

January 23, Same to the same (private). Proposes a method by which
St. John's. young Mr. Ferguson and Terence Smyth may be entitled to the benefit of half pay; the promotions to be these, namely, Lieut. Israel Ferguson to be captain, Mr. Richard Ferguson to be lieutenant in his place; Terence Smyth to be lieutenant in the fourth company and James Rogers (son of the major) to be ensign. 151

January 27, List of the officers and men of Major Rogers' company of King's
St. John's. Rangers, with the number of their families. 153

Same of Azariah Pritchard's company. 154

1784. January 27, St. John's.	List of Henry Ruiter's company.	Page 155
January 28, St. John's.	Major Rogers to Mathews. Sends return of the King's Rangers does not know how many will settle, some being absent on duty, but believes few will settle elsewhere. A number are at Caldwell's Manor, sent there by Pritchard. Will go to Vermont and return as soon as possible. Pritchard has induced a number of men to go to Missisquoi Bay. But for him they would all have settled where he (Rogers) did. Pritchard has been telling that the plan was to take the men to Cataraqui to make slaves of them. Is told that Breakenridge has gone to the Colonies, but does not know. Some of the officers wish to rent the land the barracks stand on to lodge their families till they know where they are to get land. Some of the young men of the King's Rangers, who can be trusted, wish to go to the Colonies, some to see their families, others to settle business, so that they may be back in time to settle on the land with the others.	157
March 16, St. John's.	Same to the same. Had gone to Vermont on the assurance he should not be insulted, but had met gross insults in the face of the authorities who were as regardless of the proceedings as the assassins were of their authority. They have refused to conform to the resolves of Congress. Their daily confused proceedings are intolerable. Numbers have signified their wish to him to come to this Province to settle the King's lands, if His Excellency would give them any encouragement. The above people are mostly noted loyalists.	160
March 28, St. John's.	Same to the same. Numbers of loyalists have asked leave to set out to reconnoitre the lands about Cataraqui as soon as possible, there being various accounts of the country. Asks that Lieut. Ferguson and ten or eleven of the most confidential men should obtain leave so as to find at least a good landing place for the boats where huts could be built. If the plan is approved of, asks for a boat, moccasins, &c., for the men who are to go.	161
May 11, St. John's.	Same to the same. Cannot make out a complete return of the late corps of King's Rangers, the men being so dispersed. Many of the men who are absent will soon be here and wish to settle at Cataraqui. Recommends the application of the men for leave to retain their bedding. The widows and orphans beg that His Excellency would extend his benevolence to them.	163
May 14, St. John's.	Lieut. Johns. Memorial praying to have leave to remain at St. John's on account of his business and the illness in his family.	165
No date.	Return of officers from New York, under the command of Major James Rogers.	168

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Sworn statement of Gershom French, of his commission by Governor Montfort Brown; his services taking men to Burgoyne; his capture after Burgoyne's defeat; escape and arrival at Quebec.

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September 14,
Crown Point.

Bill of sundries lost by Mr. Wing.

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November 28,
Exeter, N. H.

Pass to Abraham Wing signed by Meshech Weare, President of the State of New Hampshire.

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1778.
December 2,
Sorel. Captains Leake, Jessup (2) and Adams represent to His Excellency the danger to the loyalists of wearing the clothing in store (blue faced with white) as it is the same as the uniform of some of the enemy's troops, and ask to be supplied with red. They have given the men blanket coats. Page 6
- December 31,
Quebec. Haldimand to Twiss. After making arrangements at St. John's and Isle aux Noix, he is to examine the ground, &c., at Sorel, where it is hoped that the great store may be finished as soon as possible; to try to reach Mr. Gugsy's by the 7th or 8th to examine the houses there before Mr. Gugsy leaves for the council, and also the ground at Pointe du Lac, where he (Haldimand) had some thoughts of building barracks. 8
1779.
April 3,
London. General Burgoyne to ——. (No address, apparently sent to Ebenezer Jessup and John Peters.) Returns of their corps as they appeared at the musters in August and October, 1777. 9 to 12
- May 4,
St. Mary's,
Nouvelle
Beauce. Captain Daniel McAlpin to Haldimand. Has sent Mr. Fraser, as requested, and has directed him to get one of the men from Sorel or St. John's to go with him. The roads are very bad. Has sent for the invalids who are at the St. Francis; on their arrival they shall be sent to the lower part of the parish of St. Henry till further orders. When the roads are passable he shall march the volunteers to Point Lévi. 13
- May 29,
Montreal. Major Nairne to the same. There are no captains who can be sent on detachment from the Royal Emigrants since Captains Macdougall and Robertson were sent to Carleton Island and Oswegatchie. Alexander Fraser is unfit for duty and wishes to resign; his long services. Only his ill-health would induce him to ask leave to retire at this time, and there is little hope, at his time of life, of his recovery. 14
- June 3,
Sorel. Captain McAlpin to the same. On the 1st of June, Sir John Johnson delivered to him the command of all the loyalists; has since been forming a company for Captain Robert Leake, with William MacKay, Henry Young, Isaac Man and William Fraser as lieutenants, Duncan Cameron as ensign, besides sergeants, &c. Cannot yet make a satisfactory return; asks that the straggling loyalists at Montreal be sent down, as he can make no satisfactory return without seeing them (the old men, the sick, the women and children excepted) and it would be necessary that he should get a certificate from Brigadier Powell, or the acting engineer, of those employed at St. John's, and from the officer commanding at Montreal of the sick, &c., at that place. Jessup left this two days ago with thirty men for St. Francis. 16
- June 6,
Montreal. Nairne to LeMaistre. Sends a letter respecting a prisoner from Niagara, who has been put with the other rebel prisoners at Chambly. A prisoner named Symons, from Carleton Island, reports that he was taken prisoner by Indians at Fort Stanwix, where there were 600 men and an army expected. 20
- June 9,
Montreal. Same to Haldimand. Had sent off Jautard and Mesplets according to orders; they made no resistance. They are sent to Sorel in charge of Lieut. Mackinnon, with a corporal and four men, there being no vessel bound for Quebec. Has ordered the printing types to be put up and shall have an inventory made and deposit them in a safe place. Can find no one to value them but Mesplets himself and it is difficult to assort them. Does not find that the prisoners have many friends or that the steps taken in regard to them have caused any great alarm. Shall, however, be attentive

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to what passes and report. All the papers belonging to the prisoners are put up in two bundles and sent down. Page 18

July 1,
Montreal.

John W. Myers to Mathews. Had arrived to await orders to go to New York. Asks for money for subsistence in Montreal and on his journey. 21

July 5,
Sorel.

McAlpin to Haldimand. Has made a tour as ordered and seen almost every individual mentioned in the return of loyalists, as also those annexed to corps. How Captain Leake's company was made up. Some of the loyalists formerly reported have joined Sir John Johnson's regiment and the emigrants. Has struck off all the men who do not appear to be effective and allowed the men with Sir John and the emigrants to remain till further orders. Richard Cartwright of Albany and Ralph Vanderbarrick have been strongly recommended. Knows Mr. Cartwright to be a faithful loyalist who has run many risks in forwarding dispatches. Mr. Vanderbarrick, on his way to join Burgoyne with 30 men, was overtaken and so wounded that he is unable to get his bread, except by a small support from Government. Respecting the form of returns. 22

July 8,
Quebec.

John Drummond to McAlpin. Encloses an account from Hugh Munro for subsistence of the loyalists, and asks if he will accept Munro's draught. 25

July 15,
Sorel.

McAlpin to Mathews. Sends returns for subsistence, &c, with remarks. 26

July 26,
Sorel.

Same to the same. The loyalists being all employed on the works, he had no opportunity of seeing them under arms, except Captain Leake's company, whose arms are very bad. The others examined were in much the same condition. Captain Leake has applied for good arms in exchange; the ones he has are old French muskets without bayonets. They were certainly neglected, but if good arms are issued, he will see that they are kept in order. His old withered face blushes at the thought of being at the head of a parcel of raw people with bad arms; hopes, therefore, that the General will be good enough to prevent him from appearing in this mortifying situation. Asks the favour of bringing the next month's returns himself. 28

August 7,
Montreal.

John W. Myers to the same. Repeats his request for money for his subsistence. 30

November 12,
Quebec.

John Hatfield, memorial for pay, stating his services in the New Jersey Volunteers. 31

December 8,
St. Ours.

McAlpin to Mathews. Thinks that the only way to remove the loyalists from Montreal to this place would be to cross them at Montreal and march them by land. Will send returns. 32

December 26,
St. Ours.

Same to Brigadier Powell. Sherwood states that the men enlisted by Pritchard were mustered and had received pay since 1777. Pritchard is a loyalist from New England; the men he enlisted were employed in the engineer department, but Pritchard told them that unless they were sworn before a justice of peace they could not be deemed soldiers, and would enlist them in spite of any of the officers of the loyalists. The affair had like to be serious as the loyalists employed at Sorel got drunk with the recruiting parties, neglected their work and talked improperly to their officers, having been promised commissions and large pay by Major Rogers. Other complaints about Major Rogers interfering with recruits, especially those brought in by Betties. 33

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January 3,
St. Ours. McAlpin to Mathews. Is unhappy to find that he could be thought capable of obstructing the execution of orders. Explains the course he took with respect to supplying Captain Twiss with men for the corps of artificers. Shall follow orders respecting Betties. The families from Montreal are not yet arrived. As soon as they come returns shall be sent. Page 36
- January 6,
Sorel. Same to the same. A proposal to form two corps of artificers shall be transmitted, signed by Twiss and himself. The fittest men have been chosen, but the quantity of timber wanted for Quebec would require part of Leake's command to be employed; as the men would be employed near Sorel they could be got together at short notice for actual service. Applies for allowance of batt and forage money. What is to be done with the men brought in by Betties? 39
- January 14,
St. Ours. Same to Jeremiah French. In consequence of disobedience of the orders of Mr. Gagy, he is to transfer his orders to McDonell and come to St. Ours. His disobedience is enough to have him dismissed in disgrace, and it would be a reflection on him (McAlpin) for sending a man who created disorders instead of quelling them. Respecting the quality of the beef. His power to punish for disobeying orders, &c. 41
- January 16,
St. Ours. Same to Mathews. Explaining his course with respect to men for the corps of artificers to be raised by Twiss. If he had confined his complaint to the men of Leake's company not being allowed to work except near Sorel, it would be seen that in this he had obeyed His Excellency's orders, &c. 44
- January 23,
St. Ours. Same to the same. Had ordered French and the two Holts back to St. Ours; would have done the same by Adams, but did not wish to deprive the children of his teaching; although not the best teacher, he was the only one to be found. The difficulty of dealing with malcontents who are not attached to any corps; has incorporated above 30 in the loyalists under his direction. Goes to Montreal where he hopes to convince these people of their error. Begg for His Excellency's patience for the returns till his return from Montreal. 46
- February 3,
Montreal. Same to the same. Has been busy arranging the loyalist provision list; has struck off all able-bodied men who refused to go to St. Ours and others receiving firewood and lodging who were able to support themselves. Some require a modified allowance. Those on the list earnestly beg to remain in Montreal till the 1st of May, when they promise to obey any orders, on pain of forfeiting every advantage from Government. Asks for the issue of clothing for men who have joined the loyalists. 48
- February 13,
Montreal. Same to the same. Was too ill to answer sooner. Sends return of loyalists receiving provisions, &c., at and near Montreal. Will pay attention to the loyalists recommended by Butler so soon as he receives a list. Sends copy of complaint made against him to Major Carleton by Samuel Adams; the character of Adams and his repeated acts of disobedience, &c. Is obliged to remain under the hands of Dr. Blake and others to see if they can patch him up to serve a few months longer. 50
- February 22,
Montreal. Same to Haldimand. His illness prevented him from writing. Thanks for kindness. Asks leave to remain a little longer at Montreal, till he is better fitted for the journey. 52
- February 22,
Montreal. Same to Mathews. Has been too ill to answer, but is now better. Thanks for His Excellency's desire for his recovery; Captain Leake.

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came up to assist, but is also dangerously ill with pleurisy. Sends subsistence returns with remarks. Wishes to be away from this place, but those serpents of doctors will not let him go; they are flaying him alive for his good, as they say. Page 53

March 1,
Malbaie.

Nairne to Mathews. Sends an account of the progress of the buildings for confining rebel prisoners. Four prisoners and one Canadian working at the timber, more cannot be employed, owing to the want of bread. The timber for three houses, each forty feet long and eighteen feet wide, will be ready by spring for finishing. Description of their situation; there is good fishing and the soil dry and good for gardens. It is a good place for making pitch and tar. If care is taken not to send prisoners of a bad character they will be secure and will enjoy a healthy situation. 57

March 2,
Montreal.

McAlpin to the same. Has written for returns of the different corps. Is unable, himself, owing to his bad health, to look over the returns, so that there have been errors. Asks that four boys be struck off the list of Adams' party, the parents not having consented to their being put on. Is getting better, but slowly; Captain Leake is mending. 59

March 8,
Quebec.

Samuel Perry to Captain Brehm. Respecting his services with Burgoyne, where he was treated as an officer and attached as such to Jessup's corps, but on his arrival in Canada struck off the list and returned as a camp follower. His distress; asks that his case be laid before the General. 61

March 19,

Order to Herkimer to take charge of the store houses at Coteau du Lac, placing guards on them from the company of bateaumen. The greatest vigilance, must be exercised as a quantity of rum will be sent for transport to the upper lakes. (An unsigned order.) 261

March 20,
Montreal.

McAlpin to Mathews. Remarks on the complaints made by Brigadier McLean of people being struck off the provision list. Is much the same as to health. Has not yet received all the returns of corps. 62

March 27,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Intends to settle near Montreal the families of those who are in the upper country. A great many are drawing provisions at St. John's, Montreal, Sorel and St. Ours; a convenient place might be selected for them, and those able for it should be set at the King's work or struck off. It is impossible to know their circumstances in their present straggling fashion; they should have some one over them to keep them within bounds and make them useful. The families of Sir John Johnson's corps cannot be removed from Machiche till the river opens. 64

No date.

Return of such part of the King's Royal Americans who served in 1777, as are now in Canada. The return is signed by Eben Jessup and addressed to Captain McAlpin. 66

April 7,
St. John's.

Samuel Adams to Mathews. Had raised men to serve with Burgoyne and came into Canada with 100 of these and some volunteers who had escaped through the woods. Had received since then only lieutenant's pay, and his men are scattered through the Province by Major McAlpin's orders. Asks leave for him and his men to join a corps where they can be under their own officers, or else to be allowed to go to New York where he is known and can be employed. If he were allowed to join Rogers he is entitled to a captain's commission, and his only desire is to distinguish himself and be of service. 70

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April 24,
Montreal. McAlpin to Mathews. Sends subsistence returns of the loyalists for February and April. Intercedes for French, who is in a miserable situation. Page 73
- April 28,
St. John's. Sherwood to Brigadier Powell. Men verbally engaged for him last fall have come in and joined Rogers' corps; he will lose these as well as others yet to come in unless he is allowed to enlist, for which he solicits permission. 74
- May 4,
Montreal. McAlpin to Mathews. Has received warrant for the loyalists, except those under Captain Leake. Sends pay bill for them. Sends thanks for the kindness to French and his family. Is doubtful of his own recovery. 76
- May 10,
St. John's. Henry Ruiter to the same. His wife, who is greatly oppressed by the rebels, wishes to come to Canada. Their two sons will be pressed into the rebel service if they are not brought to Canada. Asks leave to go to bring in his sons; the rest of the family will afterwards be at liberty to come. 77
- May 14,
Malbaie. Nairne to the same. Escape of eight prisoners with a descriptive list. 79
- May 15,
Montreal. McAlpin to the same. Dr. Blake has desired him to apply for leave of absence till his health is restored; asks that his application be laid before the General. 81
- May 18,
Montreal. Same to the same. Thanks for the indulgence granted. The good conduct, &c., of Ruiter. 82
- May 19,
St. Thomas. Nairne to the same. The search made for the escaped rebel prisoners; the bateau they took is safe at St. Rochs and the militia are on the lookout for them. 83
- June 3,
Pointe aux
Trembles. Leake to McAlpin. Had reported to His Excellency the march of the company from St. Ours to Lachine on the way to Carleton Island; the bad state of the clothing and incompleteness of their arms. Points out his disagreeable situation for want of rank to enable him to do duty with regular troops and asks that the matter be represented to His Excellency. 86
- June 8,
Montreal. McAlpin to Mathews. Sends Leake's letter and recommends that his request be granted. The loyalist corps ask for the same clothing as Sir John Johnson's regiment; the last clothing they got was very bad. 89
- June 22,
Montreal. Same to the same. Sends subsistence returns and the resignations of Grant and Holt who mean to begin business. Recommends striking off a lieutenant employed in the Indian department, as the allowance to him and others would relieve six persons. Death of Dr. James McDonald, leaving four small boys. 91
- June 25,
Montreal. Same to the same. Asks for a lieutenancy for his son in the second battalion to be formed by Sir John Johnson. Has given Sir John a list of the names of the officers of the loyalists who deserve consideration. 93
- July 6,
Montreal. Same to Brehm. That John McDonald of his company was taken prisoner by the rebels on the 7th of October, 1777; has heard nothing of him since. 95
- July 14,
Montreal. Same to Lieutenant French. Respecting disputes about recruits. Returns to be made of all loyalists drawing provisions at St. Ours; a regular monthly return to be made. The loyalist women receiving rations are to wash for the non-commissioned officers and men of the volunteers at four coppers a shirt and in proportion for other things. 96
- July 25,
Montreal. Mrs. McAlpin to Haldimand. Reporting the death of her husband and sending memorial. 99

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July 26,
Quebec.

Eben Jessup to Powell. Represents that a number of the men he brought with him had been sent to McAlpin's corps and asks that representation be made to the General, that these men, of whom a list is sent, should be sent back to his (Jessup's) corps. Page 101
List of names follows. 103

August 3,
St. John's.

Israel Ferguson to Mathews. Has returned from his expedition after sending to arrange about receiving news weekly from Albany. Sends an account of his expenses. 104

August 6,
Montreal.

Neil Robertson to Sir John Johnson. Encloses a list of 68 men claimed by Mr. Jessup as belonging to the corps of the late Major McAlpin. The ignorance of Jessup regarding these men, 25 of whom are among the rebels, 22 dead or deserted, the other 21 belong to Major McAlpin's corps. 106

August 12,
St. John's.

Sherwood to Brigadier Powell. Return of Samuel Sherwood from recruiting at Fort Edward, with little success. Hawkins, a loyalist, sends word that Ethan Allen had sent about three weeks ago to demand from Congress the admission of Vermont as an independent state or that he and the inhabitants would seek the protection of some other power, and had no reason to doubt obtaining that indulgence from the King. Herkimer states that Ethan Allen had been previously in correspondence with New York and had obtained advantageous offers from General Robertson, the Governor, but that this was a secret known only to five men, of whom Hawkins was one. Believes that since Congress refuses to protect the inhabitants in their land against the New York claimants, Vermont may be brought over, by giving promotion to their leading men, and confirming their land to the persons in possession. Believes from his knowledge of Allen and others that they will accept anything rather than give up their possessions to the New York claimants. Has told no one of this and should be happy to help in bringing these deluded people back to their allegiance, which he thought could be done by buying their leaders. 107

August 30,
St. John's.

Samuel Adams to Mathews. States his sacrifices, the men he had raised for Burgoyne's campaign, when he was obliged to come to this province, and asks to be joined to Rogers' Rangers or to be allowed to go to New York. Declares his desire to suppress the rebels and show his loyalty to Government. 111

August 30,
Montreal.

Herkimer to the same. Has now twenty-three men, but does not know what to do, as the instructions to Major McAlpin cannot be found; cannot get rations for his people, the engineer who was to sign for them, being absent. Major Ross refuses also to give the same provisions as those supplied at Machiche. Clothing wanted. Butler is sending thirty men, including negroes; asks for order to pay the half dollar a day promised to his men when at work. 114

No date.

Return of the names of the men and officers of the King's Loyal Americans that were taken prisoners in the year 1777. 116

September 5,
Quebec.

Eben. Jessup to Haldimand. As he intends to raise a regiment which he had not been at liberty to do before, asks that he may have as much time to do so as was allowed to Sir John Johnson, and to have the same rank as was at first intended, with Brigadier Powell as Colonel, unless His Excellency will take the command himself. Respecting clothing. Asks how many men must be raised before commissions can be issued. 119

September 7,
Quebec.

Jessup's return of the names of the officers, &c., of the King's Rangers. 122

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 September 7, List of the officers under Peters of the Queen's Rangers. Page 128
 September 8, Lieutenant Fraser to Brigadier Powell. Arrival of men from the
 Yamaska, Colonies and how disposed of. A Mr. Fraser nominated an officer
 Blockhouse. in McAlpin's corps by Burgoyne, but taken prisoner, has come in
 with recruits. He has gone off for more men. Complains of
 Robertson, who joined Sir John Johnson, inveigling men from the
 late Major McAlpin's corps. 134
 Names of men brought in by Fraser. 136
- September 9, Eben. Jessup to Mathews. Sends the names of officers who are
 Quebec. willing to join his regiment from other corps. The family of the
 late Major McAlpin cannot receive his subsistence without an
 order. 137
- September 12, Sherwood to Powell. Asks for instructions respecting the supply
 St. John's. of clothing for recruits coming in. 138
- September 14, Herkimer to Mathews. Major Ross has cut off from whole
 Coteau du rations to half rations the women and children brought here from
 Lac. Machiche; asks that the matter be referred to His Excellency. 139
- September 21, Nairne to Brehm. Applying for fuel for the loyalists who are to
 Montreal. winter in Montreal. 140
 List of families referred to follows. 141
- September 21, Nairne to Mathews. Sends return of Captain Leake's party for
 Montreal. subsistence to 24th August; the party being at Carleton Island, this
 return was not sent with the others. 142
- September 25, Sherwood to Gershom French. Is trying to raise a company;
 St. John's. Dulmage refuses to help, so he (French) had better join and pick
 up as many men as he can, giving a dollar extra above the King's
 bounty to try to get the men Adams is discharging. How the re-
 turns are to be made. 143
- September 25, Neil Robertson to Mathews. Has given every information to
 Montreal. Major Nairne since that gentleman was appointed to the command
 of the loyalists. Has also made out an account of the money due by
 the late Major McAlpin to the officers and men of the different corps,
 pensioners, &c., under his command, and has delivered this with the
 books, &c., to Mr. McTavish, his executor. Is going up the lakes
 and will report on his return. 145
- September 27, Thomas Man to the same. Asks for a small party, as he wishes
 St. John's. to go to the frontier to search for men he expected in. 147
- October 4, Azariah Pritchard to the same. Asks for sufficient to pay for
 Chambly. cost of the secret service on which he has been engaged, which has
 been conducted entirely at his own expense. Has been prevented
 from filling up his company owing to his absence on these expedi-
 tions, although many would join him. 148
- October 10, William Marsh to Haldimand. Seventy-three persons have
 St. John's. arrived, mostly women and children, whose husbands and fathers
 are mostly in the King's service. With them are Reverend John
 Bryan and Samuel Wright. The disputes between New York and
 Vermont *alias* the New Hampshire grants. The action of New
 York in Congress and the steps taken to restrain the new state.
 Believes that these people could be brought back to their allegiance
 and proposes a plan of correspondence with Ethan Allen and Chit-
 tenden. 150
- October 11, Rev. John Bryan to Mathews. Has escaped from the persecu-
 St. John's. tion he suffered for his loyalty; would gladly serve as chaplain in

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- Jessup's corps and at the same time do his utmost to serve the loyalists generally. Page 153
- October 11, St. John's. Eben Jessup to Mathews. Recommends the appointment of Mr. Bryan to the office of chaplain to his (Jessup's) corps. 154
- October 15, Montreal. Nairne to the same. Warrant for the subsistence of Leake's corps received. Asks whether pay of the late Mr. McLearn is to be continued to his widow. 156
- October 22, St. John's. John Platt to Haldimand. Had sent to Albany for news; James Quin has been sent with him by Dr. Smyth, as he had been lately at the Congress and had probably important news to give. Has received information respecting the manner in which expresses are conveyed. 160
- October 25, West Point. Captain John Munro to the same. Detailed account of his expedition to Ballstown with 100 of the King's Royal Regiment of New York, 34 Rangers and the Mohawk Indians under Langan. 162
- October 27, Quebec. An account of part of the sufferings of Colonel John Peters and his family, together with his unhappy situation at present (late of Gloucester County, Province of New York), since the present rebellion in America. The account begins with his ill-treatment by a mob in August, 1774. 169
- October 28, Chambly. Nairne to Mathews. Sends subsistence returns for the loyalists. Asks for an order to furnish subsistence to Peter Drummond, a captain in Major McAlpin's corps, who had been a prisoner since 1777. Remarks on certain items in the returns and on claims sent in. List of loyalists shall be sent as soon as returns can be procured. The numbers are increasing considerably. 177
- November 2, St. John's. Eben Jessup to the same. Thanks for letter. Has had a letter from his brother Edward, dated near Crown Point, with a list of prisoners taken at Fort Ann, and Fort George, who are inclined to enlist in his corps. Why the return of men in McAlpin's corps belonging to Jessup's has not yet been sent to Major Nairne. The list of prisoners is attached to the letter. 179
- November 9, St. John's. Israel Ferguson to the same. Applying for clothing for Rogers' corps. 181
- November 18, St. John's. Rev. John Bryan to Haldimand. Applying for relief during the winter, the prospect being that the completion of Jessup's corps, to which he has been appointed chaplain, will not be effected speedily. 182
- November 20, Lachine. Captain John Munro to Lernoult. Further respecting his expedition. The reason for not attacking Saratoga, &c. Sends accounts for provisions. Reports the services rendered by the friendly inhabitants before he reached Ballstown and their subsequent assistance. They reported 400 negroes at Schenectady and Albany, who wanted to join the king's troops. No confidence to be placed in those styled the Green Mountain Boys; their character and doings. The character of Gordon, one of the prisoners brought in; his conduct towards loyalists and his position on the council which made laws for executing his Majesty's subjects without the benefit of clergy. 185
- November 25, Montreal. Nairne to Mathews. Sends a return of the families of loyalists in the district. Will pay attention to the pay returns. The two McDonells are Allen and John, very old gentlemen; one of them has two sons and the other one, officers in Sir John Johnson's regiment. Samuel Adams has paid off all his men; he can maintain himself as a doctor. Reduction recommended. Urges the claim

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- of the widow of Lieutenant Crothers, who served at his own expense during the siege of Quebec. Page 157
- November 30, Munro to Mathews. Shall communicate to the officers and men
Montreal. His Excellency's approbation of their conduct on the expedition to Ballstown. Some of the women driven off from Johnstown report that one of his (Munro's) men was executed in Albany and that the men taken on the expedition to Schoharie are on half rations. The flag sent to Crown Point to bring the women and children from Saratoga has not yet returned. 191
- December 1, Eben Jessup to the same. Seven of the prisoners are enlisted;
Verchères. those enlisting them are to be responsible for their conduct. About 60 men have now been recruited for the corps. John Jones has enlisted about half a company; hopes that he may be approved of as a captain, and that his (Jessup's) son should be made lieutenant, but he does not wish to apply for the latter till the corps is complete. Nairne has promised clothing for 60 men at Yamaska. 193
- December 2, Simpson Lennie to the same. That Adams having discharged
Verchères. his men, who are to be attached to the late Major McAlpin's corps, he and others are to receive only half pay. The men were brought in by him and if they are to be kept in service and pay, he has the best right to them. Asks leave, with the men, to join Jessup's corps. 195
- December 3, Ruiter and Wilson to the same. That they are attached to Leake's
Verchères. corps, but ask to be attached to that which Jessup has been ordered to complete. 197
- December 7, Hugh Munro to the same. Stating his grievances and requesting
Berthier. that he may be reinstated in his rank as senior captain in McAlpin's corps, or that if it were divided he should have share of the men, which requests were refused by Major Nairne. 199
- December 10, Eben Jessup to the same. Explains the cause of the delay in
Verchères. clothing and paying Sergeant Peter Corrigan and Corporal James Wiltrey. Is grieved that discontent should be attributed to his irregularities, instead of to the want of regularity in being paid and clothed, and he believes that the men's complaints are just. 203
- December 13, Same to Haldimand. Thanks for being allowed to com-
Verchères. plete the regiment. Still hopes that it may be possible for Haldimand to take the colonelcy of the new regiment. He proposes that small parties should be sent out from Crown Point next spring to destroy the rebel frontiers. A second plan is to form a large party to destroy Albany, which would go far to reduce half of the Province of New York to obedience. Hopes to have the general command of these expeditions if they are approved of. Hopes that the order that Major Nairne is to have command of all the loyalist troops is not to interfere with his regiment. 206
- December 20, Reverend John Bryan to the same. With expressions of thanks
St. John's. for His Excellency's kindness and liberality. 211
- December 26, Nairne to Mathews. Has reviewed Rogers' corps and strictly
Verchères. examined all the prisoners who had been recruited; all of these had passed but three. Remarks on different recruits. The good opinion he has formed of Major Rogers and of his method of dealing with his men, but he has little assistance from his officers, so that he should have the assistance of a quartermaster and adjutant. Sends pay lists with remarks. 213.
- December — Captain Myers to the same. Has arrived in thirty-eight days
St. John's. from New York with five recruits for Major Rogers. Believing he would be of more service here than in New York, he had resigned

1780. from Colonel Ludlow's regiment to join Major Rogers. Has engaged the greater part of a company in the Colonies, and hopes to bring them in next spring. Had brought no dispatches from New York for reasons given. Page 218
- No date. Return of clothing wanting for 1780 by the different corps of loyalists, who afterwards composed the corps of Loyal Rangers. 220
1781. Nairne to Mathews. The diminution of subsistence to loyalists at present seems to them an infinite hardship; will, however, prepare them for this. Suggestions as to the means of reducing the expense by lessening the pay to officers not doing duty. The saving that would be made in provisions trifling, unless the ration to families of men drawing a certain sum be stopped. The women at Machiche are allowed full rations, and only half elsewhere; should they be reduced to the general rate? The reasons for granting an allowance to E-au Richardson, on account of his services, which are stated. Will not pay Samuel Adams for the last muster without an order; the pay of several of the men of his corps shall also be retained. Will shortly send return of loyalist families drawing provisions. 221
- January 5, Berthier. James Bradshaw to Sir John Johnson. Stating his sufferings for his loyalty, and asking for rations and some clothing. Were he young and healthy, instead of being an old man, he would ask nothing from Government. 225
- January 12, Three Rivers. William Fraser to Mathews. Has been taken ill and obliged to remain here by the doctor's orders. His brother is ready to carry out directions. 227
- January 15, Sorel. Edward Jessup to the same. Applying for leave to send men to the Colonies to recruit, who could also bring intelligence. Respecting the charge that Rogers' men were doing no garrison duty. 228
- January 15, Sorel. Gershom French to Twiss. Explaining his motives for copying a letter from Colonel Peters to Sherwood, for which the latter has brought a charge against him, and referring for evidences of his good character and conduct to officers under whom he served. 230
- January 21, St. John's. Reverend John Bryan to Haldimand. Asks for a ration for a servant. 232
- January 28, Verchères. Nairne to Mathews. The progress made by the two Frasers in collecting men for Yamaska; will complete the party from here. Want of arms; Fraser has been ordered to report the deficiency to Lieut.-Col. St. Leger and Major Harris. Orders sent to Machiche that some of the loyalists are to be allowed to remain there; they are to be sent to Verchères. Will assist Mr. Gagy; explains an apparent intentional contradiction of his orders with respect to Howard. Is trying to get a complete list of the royalists drawing provisions, but has not yet received the returns. 2
- January 29, Montreal. Captain John Munro to Lernoult. Calling attention to his unaccounted for expenses on the expedition to Ballstown. 236
- February 1, Chambly. Benjamin Patterson to Mathews. States that Abel Larned, brought in from Cohos by a party of Indians, is loyal and that he and his brothers have been serviceable to Government; if released has no doubt he would join a corps. 384
- February 4, Verchères. Eben. Jessup to the same. Respecting the disputes in regard to the corps to which various recruits belong. 237
- February 4, St. John's. James Breakenridge to the same. Is at a loss to know what he is to do to obtain the necessaries of life. 239

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February 19, St. John's. Edward Jessup to Haldimand. Giving his ideas of the method in which an expedition up Lake Champlain could be conducted, the number of men, route, &c. Page 240
- February 20, St. John's. John Ruiter to Mathews. The men enlisted by him have sworn to that effect. Asks that he be appointed to some corps and be allowed to take the men with him. 243
- February 21, St. John's. Edward Jessup to the same. Further respecting the expedition up Lake Champlain. 244
- February 25, St. John's. Eben. Jessup to the same. Asks for an official order for the companies of William Fraser and Captain Drummond to join his corps. The services of Captain Drummond. 245
- February 25, St. John's. Edward Jessup to the same. The proposed expedition being laid aside will not mention it to any one. Suggests that a good place for an expedition would be the Connecticut River. 248
- February 26, Montreal. Nairne to the same. Death of Thomas Garnet a pensioner. Promotion of two sergeants of McAlpin's corps. From the services of Gideon Adams, named lieutenant to go in command to Yamaska, he has been allowed to expect lieutenant's pay from 25th December. 249
- February 28, St. John's. Captain Jones to the same. Asks that orders be sent to the board of officers to examine his accounts. 250
- February 28, John Peters to the same. Although many of his witnesses were absent, he proved that Gershom French had opened a sealed letter written by him (Peters) to Sherwood and copied it. Remarks on other charges against French. Asks for liberty to send men to the Colonies on recruiting service. 251
- February 28, St. John's. Peter Drummond to the same. The board of officers decline to examine his accounts, having no orders to do so; asks that the case be represented to His Excellency and that permission be granted him to raise a company in Jessup's corps. 254
- March 5, St. John's. Edward Jessup to the same. The board of officers consider the charges against Rogers in respect to recruiting to be frivolous and decline to consider them, but after producing the instructions &c., for recruiting resolved to refer the matter to His Excellency. 256
- March 18, Verchères. Eben. Jessup to the same. Thanks for permission given to Fraser's company to be joined to Jessup's corps and also for the information regarding Drummond. The progress made by John Jones in enlisting for his company; asks leave to go with three or four of his best men to bring in his recruits. Asks that his (Jessup's) son or his brother's son be appointed in the company raised by Jones. 258
- March 20, Verchères. Nairne to Lernoult. Reason for delay in sending the monthly return of loyalists. Suggestions as to the management of these corps. 262
- March 27, Montreal. John Munro to Mathews. Calling attention to his account for expenditures on his expedition to Ballstown. 264
- April 5, Montreal. Nairne to Louis Genévoy. Sending loyalist pay bills. 265
- April 17, Yamaska. William Fraser to Mathews. Report of explorations in various directions, with description of the soil, timber, rivers, &c. 266
- April 21, Isle aux Noix. William Marsh to Haldimand. Suggests making some peaceable offer to the New Hampshire grants *alias* the State of Vermont. If they do not accept these, recommends that parties be sent out to harass their frontiers. Recommends that Major James Rogers be consulted. 269

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- May 5, St. John's. Benjamin Holt to the same. Applying for a license to keep a public house. 271
- May 6, Montreal. Nairne to the same. Encloses pay list of loyalists and shall collect as soon as possible the party for Yamaska blockhouse. Respecting two loyalists at service in Montreal, one of whom had been brought to Verchères. Shall go to Quebec shortly, should he not hear to the contrary. 272
- June 3, Montreal. Lieut. Colonel John Campbell. Certificate that Abraham Wing joined Burgoyne's army in 1777, and is reputed by the other loyalists to be a good subject. 274
- June 13, Montreal. Names of the people taken prisoners at Ballstown by Captain Myers on this day. 275
- June 15, Yamaska. William Fraser to Mathews. Asks that the caution necessary be observed in granting passes to go to the new blockhouse, there being many suspicious characters. Those whom he can trust receive passes to make sugar as far as the upper works. Has written because the priest had promised to get passes for the people independent of him. The new post is in a state of defence, the blockhouse will be up in a month. Artificers working briskly. How he is to get tobacco, rum, &c., for the party of Indians to be sent him. Has the prospect of forming another company by the 1st of August. A man has gone to the Colonies to pilot in recruits. 276
- June 15, Yamaska. Same to the same. Complaints by the people of St. Hyacinthe that they are obliged to make roads out of their parish. They are content to keep the roads in it perfectly good, and also an additional fifteen acres, but not those in Yamaska. An order from the captain of militia has been sent to the people of Yamaska to make the road halfway between the fifteen acres, which seems hard. 278
- June 18, Montreal. Lieutenant N. Robertson to the same. Calls attention to his work in keeping the accounts of the loyalists, &c. Prays His Excellency to be paid as adjutant of the loyalists in virtue of the recommendation of Major Nairne. Gives reasons in support of the request. 280
- July 5, Montreal. Nairne to the same. Sends subsistence returns, with remarks respecting Platt and Neil Robertson, the latter of whom had been promised the position of adjutant. Has received warrant for subsistence and for necessities furnished to Burgoyne's army in 1777. 282
- July 8, St. John's. John Myers to the same. Has arrived and Colonel St. Leger has put him and his men in orders, to be kept separate from Rogers' corps. Had been desired by His Excellency to build huts for the men, but St. Leger says there is barrack room; asks that a letter be sent to St. Leger with His Excellency's orders. Miller, a volunteer, just arrived from Ballstown, reports that 200 rebels were after him (Myers) and followed as far as the Socondoga river. 283
- July 11, Sorel. Stephen Tuttle to the same. Complains of the conduct of his wife, of her extravagance, the assistance she gives to rebels, &c. Trusts that she may get no encouragement in Quebec. 284
- July 16, St. John's. William Tyler to the same. States his services, and applies for an increase in his allowance. 286
- July 19, Verchères. John Peters to the same. Denies that he had anything to do with the enlistment of a negro, of which he is accused by Captain Jones. Reports the arrival of Major Joseph White from Cohos on the Connecticut, a good loyalist who has suffered much. Asks leave to send

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men to recruit; some are out for other corps; James Campbell wishes to go out to recruit for him (Peters) and for himself. Page 288

H. Munro to Mathews. That the sum allowed him by the board of officers for the campaign of 1777 is not to be paid him till he settled for the £200 received from General Carleton for pay and disbursements. Had had all his accounts and books ready to lay before the board of officers at St. John's, but was not called on. Now enters into a detailed account of the transaction and asks for a hearing in person. 290

July 29,
Verchères.

Nairne to the same. Has made an examination to be able to prepare a return of the young women of the loyalists accustomed to earn their bread by labour; has extended this to the young men also. Warrant for subsistence received. Describes the three named Campbell attached to the loyalists. Respecting the claim of Mr. Hinman of Peters' corps. 294

July 30,
Pointe Claire.

John Munro to the same. To meet the objection to paying his account for the expedition, which he had transmitted last fall, as the expense was incurred without authority, states in detail the circumstances and the necessity for the expenditure. 297

July 31,
St. John's.

John Green to the same. Contradicts the report that the bringing away of the wife of John Greaves from near Fort Edward was the occasion of distressing the loyalists. He had baffled the inquiry about the woman's elopement. Platt was to try to raise a mutiny among the rebels at Saratoga; but he was too late to take advantage of the mutiny among the men ordered to West Point, or he could have brought a hundred men to Canada. 301

August 1,
St. John's.

John Platt to the same. Represents that he has been deprived of his commission as captain-lieutenant and reduced to lieutenant; his absence on secret service by His Excellency's order had prevented him from further recruiting. How several have conducted the recruiting service. Asks for active employment. 303

August 8,
Verchères.

Edward Jessup to Haldimand. Allen and the Green Mountain boys are acting a double part to amuse the Government and secure themselves. Proposes to have Allen carried off. 306

August 13,
Yamachiche.

Stephen Tuttle to Mathews. Complains that his two sons (about 13 and 14 years of age) and an orphan girl of 13, have been deprived of provisions. He himself is ill and attending the hospital; prays for relief. His wife now declares that she never assisted rebels, but had only said so to provoke him. 308

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Report by Lieutenant Johns of his proceedings on a scout to Saratoga &c. 311

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St. John's.

John W. Myers to Mathews. His unsuccessful attempt at a capture near Albany; fight in a house and return with two prisoners. 316

August 19,
Verchères.

David Jones to the same. Denies that he was engaged in recruiting whilst sent on other duties to the Colonies; had sent a narrative of his proceedings to Colonel St. Leger. 318

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John W. Myers. Proposing to bring off certain of the ringleaders of the rebels who have been persecuting the loyalists. 319

August 21,
St. John's.

Same to Mathews. Complains of the treatment given to Sergeant Smith, bringing in recruits, by the pilots and by Lieutenant Bradt of Butler's Rangers, who tried to force the men to join that corps. 320

August 29,
St. John's.

Same to the same. Asks that the complaint respecting Sergeant Smith (p. 320) be represented to His Excellency. The eight men.

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- brought in by Smith have been ordered by Brigadier Powell to join his (Myers') company. Page 323
- August 30, Peter Drummond to Mathews That he has been prevented by
Verchères. Colonel St. Leger from sending for men who are waiting to come in from the Colonies, on the ground that His Excellency had stopped such parties at present. Asks leave to send a party when His Excellency shall think proper to allow recruiting. 324
- August 30, Nairne to the same. Sends subsistence return of the loyalists.
Verchères. Major Je-sup's application for additional sergeants to his corps should, he thinks, be granted. 325
- September 6, Same to the same. Has received returns from Myers for the
Verchères. men he has enlisted for an independent company; states the sums charged by Myers, and asks what rates are to be allowed him for subsistence, levy money, &c. P. S 327. Asks if he is to forward loyalists to Quebec to go to Spanish River. 326
- September 8, John W. Myers to the same. Asks leave to go or to send to the Col-
St. John's. onies to recruit for his company. What is he to do about the three men sent to Quebec? Major Jessup has withdrawn the charge that he (Myers) had improperly induced men to join his company. 328
- September 10, Edward Jessup to the same. Asks if he is to go to Quebec, as he
Verchères. learns was stated before his (Jessup's) arrival from St. John's? The Major had gone to Quebec without leaving orders. 330
- September 17, Memorial of Abraham Wing for relief for himself and his family,
Isle aux Noix. having lost everything by the rebellion. 331
- September 23, Azariah Pritchard to Mathews. Proposes to go with a party to
St. John's. the Connecticut River to destroy the large supply of forage, wheat, &c., stored there, as it would otherwise be used by the rebels in an expedition against Canada. 332
- September 29, Captain Andrew Bradt to Brigadier Powell. With his account of
Niagara. the affair with Sergeant Smith (p. 320); and explaining the circumstances. 333
- October 1, J. Breakenridge to Mathews. Apologises for improper expres-
Montreal. sions. His commission was dated 8th May, 1779, not 1780, as Colonel St. Leger supposed. 337
- October 21, Azariah Pritchard to the same. Met in the woods on the 17th
St. John's. a rebel scout of five men; two of the party ran off, one was mortally wounded and the other two taken prisoners. The wounded man gave Barnard as the name of the Frenchman who received and acted as their guide in the Province; two Lovells were coming in; the place they come to, which the wounded man described, is known to his (Pritchard's) guide, so that he believes he can catch them. The militia at Cohos are out, so that he cannot get to Mr. Baby. The prisoners reported that Cornwallis and 10,000 men had been taken prisoners. (Cornwallis capitulated on the 19th. The report mentioned here was given on the 17th, and must have been told the men some time previously.) Thomas Wooster, brought in by the Indians from Cohos, and now at Quebec, is a loyalist; asks that he be sent to St John's where he may be of service. 338
- October 25, Nairne to the same. Sends the subsistence returns for the corps
Montreal. of loyalists and asks for instructions respecting the pay of Myers. Has retained Zadock Wright's pay, as he refused to be exchanged and to join his corps. Comments on other items in the account. 340
- November 8, Same to the same. Explanations of certain apparent discrepan-
Verchères. cies in the subsistence return. 344

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November 18, Nairne to Mathews. Has received warrants. Colonel Jessup
Verchères. applies to be paymaster of the loyalists. Respecting applications of
officers for warrants to raise companies which he thinks should be
granted. Thomas Man is anxious to be appointed to the vacant en-
signy in Jessup's corps, caused by the death of Haverand. Page 345
- November 19, Edward Jessup to the same. Thanks for the arrangement of
Verchères. officers for loyalists. Major Nairne wishes to have his (Jessup's)
brother appointed to be paymaster to the loyalists. 347
- November 21, John W. Myers to the same. Explaining his course in sending
St. John's. a letter by the flag to New York, and sending a copy of the letter.
Has been delayed by a search for the plate. 348
- November 28, Edward Jessup to the same. The returns to be sent by Major
Verchères. Nairne will show that the companies of loyalists already formed are
more than complete. The Major thinks another company should be
formed which the officers not now provided for would try to raise.
The arrangement of officers he proposes. 350
- December 1, Eben Jessup to the same. Calling attention to the applications
Verchères. of the gentlemen of the royalists not yet appointed officers to have
leave to recruit. 352
- December 5, Nairne to the same. Is glad that Thomas Man is promoted to the
Verchères. ensigny. Great attention is paid to the new arrangement of the
royalists, to give them a true sense of their duty. Hopes that there
have been no complaints, there having been no cause for any. Can
Gerabom French be transferred from Colonel Peters' corps to another,
as they do not agree? The progress towards precision and order
in Jessup's corps; the need of a sedate military man as adjutant.
Distress of the widow and family of Loveless, lately taken and
hanged by the rebels whilst on secret service. Prays for a small
pension for her. From what period are the officers lately appointed
to be subsisted? A large account for levy money, &c., may soon
be expected. 354
- December 8, Rev. John Bryan to Haldimand. Calls attention to the promise
Verchères. that he was to be appointed chaplain to Jessup's corps, and trusting
"His Excellency will not forget poor Joseph, as is asserted the
chief butler did after he was restored to his office again." 357
- December 29, John McPherson to the same. States his losses and offers his
St. John's. services to procure intelligence, or to act in any way he may be
found useful. 359
- No date. Distribution of 165 days' forage for the corps of Loyal Rangers
1782. for 1781. 361
- January 2, Edward Jessup to Mathews. Application for clothing the corps
Verchères. of royalists. Sherwood's coat shall be taken as a pattern, but green
cloth is wanted for facings; also for bounty and forage money.
Recommends officers to be selected on account of the supernumerar-
ies now serving in the corps. 362
- January 6, Nairne to the same. Owing to changes the pay list sent is
Verchères. stated more fully than need be done afterwards. Remarks on cer-
tain items. The orders respecting the company of artificers have
been strictly observed and communicated to the officers of the com-
pany. Details respecting the pay list. Supposes a paymaster will
be appointed to Jessup's battalion. If the uniform clothing is issued
now it can be made up by spring. What should be done with the
money due to the late Captain S. Mackay. P.S.—Jeremiah
French's men shall join Sir John Johnson as ordered, 364
- January 7, Benjamin Patterson to the same. Should anything happen to
St. John's. him on the expedition, requests that Chisholm and Ross, of St.

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- John's, be paid £14, to be deducted from his pay; that justice should be done to them as well as to her, who is his nearest concern. Page 368
- January 10, Edward Jessup to Mathews. Sends return of the distribution of
Verchères. forage for the corps of royalists. 369
- January 14, Nairne to the same. The royalists being so dispersed is the cause
Verchères. of the delay in sending return to headquarters. The need of a good quartermaster; thinks that MacPherson would be a suitable man; he was not a merchant. Is glad that the royalists are to have land, as it will give them regular labour when not employed in service. Besides the Seigniorship of Sorel, the soil of a large tract of land about the upper blockhouse of Yamaska, is exceedingly fertile. Character of several officers who have claims to be put on the second battalion. The men demanded by Jeremiah French will, as ordered, go to Sir John Johnson's second battalion. Disputes in the different corps respecting men. 370
- January 24, Memorial by Isaac Man. States his sufferings and losses, and
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- Covering letter of the memorial dated the 25th, and addressed to Mathews. 376
- January 27, Return of gentlemen who wish to recruit men for His Majesty's
Verchères. service. 377
- January 27, Edward Jessup to Mathews. Recommends that as soon as re-
Verchères. cruiting parties can travel with secrecy, they should be sent out to complete the corps of royalists. Sends list (p. 377) of those wishing to recruit. Asks for instructions before giving them encouragement. 379
- January 27, Nairne to the same. The distressing situation of Isaac Man,
Verchères. whose case he recommends. Others may also probably apply. The name of Ensign James MacAlpin was omitted to be put on the list. 381
- January 28, Caleb Greene to the same. Asks leave to go to Niagara to apply
Montreal. for one of the vacancies in Butler's corps. Calls attention to an account for expenses incurred whilst he was under care for a wound received when on secret service. 383
- River La Memorial from William Robertson and others complaining of the
Olaire. treatment given to them by Captain Fraser. (The day of the month, 29th is given, but not the month.) 55
- February 4, Nairne to Mathews. Sends accounts for recruits and rangers.
Verchères. The claim is urged for levy money to be allowed for men struck off, dead or deserted, but it is safer to take those on the present strength. Remarks on the amount charged for broken time; recruits who arrived in time at St. John's, but who were not passed at Verchères are now put on. The correctness of the accounts may be depended on. The case of Mr. Man, senior. Expects to join the 53rd regiment in a few days. 385
- February 5, John W. Myers to the same. Requests that he may be allowed
St. John's. an ensign for his company, as his services will be required for recruiting, and recommends Richard Ferguson for the commission. 389
- February 6, Roger Stevens to the same. Reports his proceedings on secret
St. John's. service to Vermont, for which he left on the 10th December, 1781; captured along with Sutherland, who had joined him, seven rebels digging iron at Crown Point. Chased a rebel across the lake who alarmed the parties coming to Crown Point for carriage wheels and iron works. His further proceedings and return. 391

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No date.	Edward Jessup. Certified list of men engaged by Francis Hogle.	396	
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February 12, Verchères.	Edward Jessup to Mathews. Forwarding application from Sherwood for clothing for the men at his post.	399	
February 15, St. John's.	William Marsh to the same. Has been appointed to superintend the provision returns. This being an expensive place, asks for some addition to his pay.	400	
February 18, St. John's.	Captain Chambers to the same. That Mr. Frost has always done his duty, is as honest a man as is in the King's service and deserving of protection. As all the vessels at St. John's require more fitting out than before, asks that Mr. Frost be left till the vessels are fitted for service, which he may do and be at Quebec by the time the ships arrive. Asks that Joseph Merrit be sent to St. John's before Mr. Frost leaves, so as to examine all the stores left by the latter.	401	
February 21, Verchères.	Nairne to the same. Will leave for Quebec in four or five days and explain personally the circumstances connected with the bounty money, &c. of the rangers. Has received and sent \$20 for Philip Empey. Sends lists of men raised by Hogle and Ruiter; recommends that these two and Hermanus Best be allowed to continue recruiting. Major Jessup thinks that the men should go to the corps to which the officers who recruited them are sent. Plan for reducing the pension list. Recommends an increase to John Fraser for his services; he is now continually on duty at Yamaska. List of reductions and increases on the pension list is at the end.	403	
February 22, Montreal.	Caleb Green to the same. Repeating his request for leave to go to Niagara, and calling attention to his account of expenses whilst wounded.	407	
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March 14, Montreal.	Reverend John Stuart to Dr. George Smyth. Is disappointed that he was not allowed to see James Ellice at Pointeau Fer as it would have been advantageous to the service. The good opinion he has of Ellice. Wishes to send some money, &c., to John Brown, a good man at Schenectady.	410	
March 20, Verchères.	Eben Jessup to Haldimand. Reporting how the gentlemen pensioners can be most usefully employed in the King's service, giving general and particular information on the subject.	412	
March 30, Pointe aux Trembles.	Nairne to Mathews. Sends return of royalist families who draw King's provisions. Gives a strong recommendation to Mr. Decoigne, commissary for the royalists at Montreal.	415	
April 1, Verchères.	Francis Hogel to the same. Sends list of the men whom he enlisted, and a copy of oath by Lieutenant French.	416	
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May 10, Verchères. Edward Jessup to Mathews. Encloses lists (p. 422). About the same number are at different posts and on leave. Page 423
- May 12, Verchères. Same to the same. That including Waltermire's 19 men, the seven companies have more than 66 complete. Asks that leave be granted to form another company with John Waltermire, captain; John Ruiter, lieutenant and Hermanus Best, ensign. 424
- May 31, St. John's. Charles Wehr to the same. Reports that from information obtained at Allantown, there will be no invasion of Canada this summer. Washington's army has moved from winter quarters to Newbury, and that he has 1,500 French troops, all that are in the southern provinces. Congress is raising 7,000 troops for Washington; Vermont's quota was 1,500, but Allen and Fay refused; the dispute ran so high that they were obliged to leave Philadelphia during the night and that Congress had sent a sheriff to bring them back. The new State had raised 300 men and sent them to Castletown under Brownson, but all had left except 120 for want of provisions. Lansing will get all the news about rebel affairs that comes to the knowledge of the Allens and their Governor Chittenden, and he is also intimate with people at Albany, holding commissions from Congress. It is reported that 20,000 British troops and foreigners had arrived at New York, but Lansing asserts that the number is 10,000 and that the British had taken sixteen vessels of a French fleet off Rhode Island. Has engaged three men at Crown Point. 426
- June 5, St. John's. John W. Myers to the same. The arrangements he has made with Dr. Smyth for carrying on correspondence with the Colonies, with the names of the correspondents. In spite of the arrangement Dr. Smyth has sent off men not acquainted with the correspondents. Can only account for this being done because of a dispute about a negro, of which details are given. 429
- June 6, Verchères. Edward Jessup to (Lernoult?) Sends a list of officers proposed for the two new companies of Loyal Rangers. Suggests that the greater part of the recruiting should be done by Sherwood and Best and that one of them should be the greater part of the time in the Colonies. How the other recruiting parties should be divided. 432
- June 6, Verchères. Same to Mathews. Has sent to Lernoult list of those who should be named officers for the two new companies. Asks leave to send out men to act as guides to the recruits from the Colonies. 434
- June 24, Verchères. Account of bounty to repay stoppages of the King's Rangers from 25th December, 1781, to date, signed by P. Ferguson. 435
- June 27, Verchères. Hugh Munro to Mathews. Applies to be appointed Barrack Master at Montreal in room of Captain Laws. 436
- June 29, St. John's. Levi Silvestre to the same. His arrangements for getting intelligence frustrated by the capture of a man sent out by Sherwood, who informed the rebels of the plans arranged. The attempt to take Bailey defeated by his sleeping out the night it was made, and he never sleeps in his own house without a guard. Has settled another method of corresponding. 438
- June 29, St. John's. John Platt to the same. Offers to carry dispatches to New York. If sent alone he would be surer of success. 441
- July 18, Dutchman's Point. Edward Jessup to the same. Return of recruiting parties after a successful expedition. Will His Excellency allow other parties to set out? He (Jessup) expects to be with the foraging party on the side of the lake near the River Bouquet. The rebels near Saratoga are off their guard and employed harvesting. The men brought in by Myers are better satisfied. Dr. Smyth's son wishes to enter the service. 442

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St. John's. William Marsh to Mathews. Proposes, as a means of lessening the expense, that loyalist families should be settled on unappropriated land, where they could earn their own living. The plan to be under proper restrictions. Page 444
- August 26,
Rivière
Du Loup. S. Jones to Captain William Fraser. Informs him that there is a report that he (Fraser) has been defrauding his men. Sherwood advises him to take steps to prove the falsity of the charge. 446
- September 12,
Pointe au Fer. Edward Jessup to Mathews. Recommending the appointment of Samuel Sherwood to an ensigncy. 447
- September 15,
St. John's. Memorial of Claudius Bretell, praying to be allowed to return with his son to Otter Creek whence they had been taken prisoners in November, 1778, by Captain Fraser of the 31th Regiment. 448
- September 15,
St. John's. William Marsh to Mathews. Sends Julius Bretell's memorial, the prayer of which he believes may be granted without danger. 450
- September 15,
Pointe au Fer. Edward Jessup to the same. Hopes that men may be allowed now to go to the Colonies to recruit, His Excellency having deferred granting permission when previously asked for. 451
- September 26,
St. John's. Information by — Davis from Cohos that Bailey and Whitcomb have laid a plot to seize Pritchard, Benjamin Patterson, Levi Sylvester or John Cross. Bailey's son has been sent to General Washington for money. Whitcomb says if he has provisions to carry him to Canada he can get all he wants there from one Seguin at St. Charles, or from one Gobert. Ailsworth, a deserter, who is to pilot Whitcomb, says that one Mills of Sherwood's company, now at Dutchman's Point, intends to desert with others and has secret provisions for that purpose. 452
- October 6,
Verchères. Edward Jessup to Mathews. The corps of Royal Rangers is more than complete. His officers wish the corps mustered before the sailing of the British fleet. Asks that as favourable a report as possible may be made so that half pay may be granted in case of disbandment. 454
- October 14,
Quebec. Mathews to Major Jessup. His Excellency will order a muster of the rangers to be transmitted by the fall fleet. A few trusty men may be sent out on recruiting, but they must be cautious, as the imprudence of previous parties had caused suffering to friends of Government. 455
- October 15,
St. John's. Roger Stevens to Mathews. Report of his journey for intelligence, which he sends. Had given the papers to Dr. Smyth, who sent them to Quebec by another man, although he (Stevens) had risked his life to get them and had asked to be sent to Quebec with them. Although worn with so much scouting, is willing to go on an expedition to carry off the men who are so troublesome to him (Stevens) and the inhabitants of Vermont. 456
- November 7,
Montreal. Hugh Munro to the same. Asking for an appointment; there is a vacancy in Major Jessup's corps. 460
- November 28,
Montreal. Edward Jessup to the same. Has given Colonel Cuyler the returns and all information about the loyalists. 462
- November 29,
Loyal Block
House. Sherwood to Nairne. Reports the desertion of three men, one at Pollit and the other two at Crown Point. 463
- December 7,
Loyal Block
House. Proceedings of a court of inquiry on Corporal Welch, for taking into his boat at Crown Point, two men from Vermont with beef. 464
- December 8,
Loyal block
House. Sherwood to Nairne. The court of inquiry felt that Welch, tried for bringing two men with beef, believed he was doing Government service by doing so. Nichols, one of the men, has been allowed to go; Holmes, with the beef, has been detained till further orders. 466

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December 21, Yamaska. Description by Captain William Fraser, of the three men who lately deserted from Yamaska blockhouse. Page 467
- December 22, Loyal Block House. Sherwood. Descriptive report of the last three men who deserted from his post. 469
- December 24, Account of bounty to repay stoppages in the King's Rangers from 25th June to date, signed P. Ferguson. 472
- December 29, Loyal Block House. Sherwood to Nairne. Reports the arrival of Captain Butterfield with a flag of truce from Vermont. 473
- December 31, Loyal Block House. Same to the same. The men sent with Cossit and Summer have returned; they had to put them on the ice and break their own way back in the boat. Captain Miller broke his collar bone on the ice. Mr. Best, a volunteer, was drowned. Nathan Brown, a deserter, says that if pardoned he can give information against a number of men in Rogers' corps who have agreed to desert. Is very doubtful of the truth of Brown's story, owing to his including the names of men who have always been not only faithful but zealous. 474

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January 7, Montreal. Edward Jessup to Mathews. Death of John McDaniel, a pensioner; can his pension be allowed to his family for the whole period to the next muster after his death? Page 1
- January 12, Montreal. Jacob Glen to the same. Mrs. Cuyler asks for a continuance of the allowance of fuel till next spring. 2
- January 16, River du Chêne. Edward Jessup to the same. Respecting returns of the claims for clothing, &c., of the loyalist corps, and how they were prepared. Returns of those of Major McAlpin's corps who were made prisoners cannot be found further back than when Major Nairne took command (1780). How he proposes to get the returns prepared. Asks for instructions respecting the enforcement of claims for barrack damages. P.S.—Has now obtained returns respecting McAlpin's corps. 4
- January 22, St. John's. William Marsh to the same. Reports that a proposal has been made by the officers of the Loyal and King's Rangers to unite the two corps; the benefits of this union. Asks that the proposal be submitted to His Excellency. 7
- January 22, St. John's. Edward Jessup to Haldimand. Further respecting the union of the Loyal and King's Rangers; the good it will do the service, &c. 8
- No date. Return of non-commissioned officers and privates at the two block houses on the Yamaska. 10
- February 2, Isle aux Noix. List of men's names who arrived from the Colonies this day in company with Ensign Green and Mr. Hollowbert (Holliburt elsewhere), as also the corps which they have chosen to serve with. 12
- February 18, Five Mile Point, above La Colle. Major A. Campbell to Mathews. Has arrived with the light companies of the 29th, 31st and 53rd regiments, with a company of the Hesse Hanau Chasseurs. Expects that the whole detachment will assemble in the course of the day. To be nearer Pointe au Fer, ha-

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- proposes to move up to the boundary line of the Province. The river open from the Isle aux Noix; should the weather continue the same, supplies must be brought by bateaux. The snow is gone in the woods; the practice on rackets (snow shoes) must be deferred till more snow shall fall. Believes that a small supply of rum would be for the benefit of the health of the detachment. Page 13
- February 23,
Loyal Block
House. Sherwood to Major Nairne. Arrival of two men from Vermont, who report that the day Savage left Castletown the enemy had marched from Fort Edward, with 800 men, 100 sleighs and six field pieces, apparently to take the lake at Skenesborough. That friends in Vermont, afraid Savage would not be in time to give warning, sent these two men. Owing to the bad state of the ice they were detained but managed to cross the lake although the ice was bending under them. It is, they say, impossible for ships to pass and they would not return that way for all the world. Has sent back four Canadian trains; two are kept at Colchester Point for intelligence. Has kept the two messengers, who are perfectly loyal; will give them rations, &c. Men sent to join their regiment at River du Chêne by order of Major Jessup. 15
- March 1,
River du
Chêne. Edward Jessup to Mathews. Has received answer respecting the proposed junction of the two corps. Concerning the accounts of two men. 18
- March 12,
River du
Chêne. Same to the same. Has returned the subsistence returns with the necessary alterations. Remarks as to the supernumerary sergeants and the reason for their being placed on the subsistence list, with remarks on the list, &c. 20
- March 13,
Loyal Block
House. Sherwood to Nairne. Sends forward three loyalists from Vermont—Spencer, Patterson and Place—who wish to see Marsh and Lient. Johns before they determine what business to enter upon. They have some tobacco which they hope to dispose of. Their loyalty and sufferings. 22
- March 13,
River du
Chêne. Edward Jessup to Mathews. Has received the commissions. Asks that an examination be made, as some commissions have been sent for those not entitled to them, the names of others being omitted. Gives a list of errors in the commissions with remarks. 23
- March 29,
River du
Chêne. Same to the same. Respecting the date of certain commissions. 19
- April 7,
St. John's. John W. Myers to the same. Thanks His Excellency for favours done him. 25
- April 12,
River du
Chêne. Edward Jessup to the same. Calls attention to the reduction in the allowance to his brother Joseph. 26
- April 12,
River du
Chêne. Same to the same. Will observe the orders given respecting the subsistence of the loyalists. Gives details concerning five men laying claim to pensions. Sends also details respecting other claimants. 27
- April 13,
River du
Chêne. Same to the same. Sends account of bounty to repay stoppages, which the men of Sir John Johnson's corps receive, but not those of his (Jessup's) corps, which causes jealousy. 30
- April 13,
River du
Chêne. Same to the same. States the case of Ralph Vandercar struck off the pension list. 31
- April 19,
Oswego. Captain Robert Leake to the same. Remarks on errors in the subsistence returns sent back for correction. Has made the necessary changes, which he hopes will remove objections. Has appointed an attorney in Montreal to sign receipts for the warrants.

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- May 8,
St. John's. Calls attention to a sum he had expended for the relief of some of his men whilst prisoners, for which he has not been repaid. Page 33
Samuel Wright to Mathews. Asking for a passport to go to Vermont on urgent private business. 36
- May 15,
Montreal. John Stevenson to the same. Is disappointed that he has not been allowed to go to New England. Points out that a deduction has been made for provisions which he never drew. 38
- May 17,
Longueuil. Benjamin Patterson to the same. Is obliged to leave this part of the country on account of the involved state of his affairs; intends to settle at Memphremagog if not forbidden. 40
- May 17,
River du
Chêne. Edward Jessup to the same. Has corrected accounts and received warrants, &c. 42
- May 20,
St. John's. Rev. George Gilmore to the same. Calls attention to a memorial formerly sent and argues at some length that he is entitled to assistance. The people of St. John's have petitioned for his appointment to the office of schoolmaster; hopes that the prayer of the petition may be granted. 44
- May 25,
Isle aux Noix. Major Nairne to de Speth. Reports the arrival of five men from the Colonies; one with a family wishes to go to Montreal; the others want to go to St. John's. The surgeon recommends an issue of vinegar to the troops. Reports that it is absolutely necessary to have a survey on damaged provisions. 47
- May 28,
Sorel. De Speth to Nairne. How the five men (p. 47) are to be disposed of. Shall send to headquarters the request for vinegar and for a survey on provisions. 49
- June 12,
River du
Chêne. Edward Jessup to Mathews. Remarks on the practice followed in deducting the subsistence accounts for provisions, the stoppages being made on the full strength of the corps, although some, like Mr. Stevenson (p. 38), do not draw the rations. The difficulty of meeting the various cases, of which he gives an account, and asks for instructions. 50
- June 22,
River du
Chêne. Eben Jessup to the same. Asks leave to send certain men to Albany, &c, with letters and to get intelligence; wishes them to go by way of Bennington. Hopes that a pass may be sent. 53
- June 23,
Montreal. John Stevenson to the same. Reiterates his request for leave to go to New England for reasons given at length. 55
- June 24,
Account of bounty money to repay stoppages from the King's Rangers for paymaster and surgeon. 57
- June 27,
Shelburne. Ebenezer Allen to Azariah Pritchard. Is ready to give evidence concerning the transactions respecting the importation of beef. Is a stranger to what Clark wrote about counterfeit money, except that he (Clark) told him Nicols had invited him to take a share with him in sending it into Canada, being in partnership with him (Pritchard.) Nicols is known to be a slanderer, so that his stories can do no permanent harm. 58
- June — Joseph Jessup's account for recruiting. 60
- July 23,
River du
Chêne. Ebenezer Jessup. Certificate to James Robins, that he, with his lieutenant, ensign, and more than twenty men joined his regiment (King's Royal Americans) on the 21st of August, 1777, the others, upwards of 40 men joined the regiment at the time set opposite their names. (List by Robins, p. 61.) That there is no muster now in Canada, and that Robins was a captain and should be included, although his pay was not allowed whilst he was a prisoner; he had received no pay for the campaign of 1777, at least there is none charged against him in the accounts. 62

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July 25,	Statement of rations issued and list of poor refugee loyalists that are in need of clothing.	65
July 26, Montreal.	Thomas Oakes to Mathews. Asks leave to go to New York to look after his father's succession.	66
July 26, St. John's.	Pritchard to the same. Denies that he was concerned with Holmes in bringing in beef. Encloses a statement from Allen (p. 58.) Would not have written to Ira Allen but that Dr. Smyth refused to repay the ten guineas advanced to him (Allen) for expenses from Crowa Point to Long Island, whence he was to return with dispatches from Sir Guy Carleton. Explains the reference to counterfeit money, &c., in Allen's letter.	68
July 27, St. John's.	Same to the same. Sends certain enclosures (not with the letter) and repeats that he would not have written but for Dr. Smyth's refusal to pay the ten guineas advanced to Allen.	70
July 27, St. John's.	Holmes to the same. Prays for his release after eight months' imprisonment, and to know His Excellency's determination in regard to making any allowance for the beef brought in, &c.	71
July 28, River du Chêne.	Edward Jessup to the same. Transmitting petition from Lieut. Robins, with certificate, and certifying to his good character, &c.	73
August 2, St. John's.	Marsh to the same. Reports the character of the country about Lake Memphremagog, on which a part of the loyalists wish to settle. Gives the boundaries of the proposed settlement, which would form a strong frontier to the Province. Estimates the number of families and settlers at about 120.	74
August 3, Montreal.	Edward Jessup to the same. Has made an investigation in respect to the petition from Henry French and Abraham Scott for their discharge. Finds that the impression prevails that the war is over and the men all entitled to be relieved. Has been to Isle aux Noix and believes that the men are now satisfied; the discontent being chiefly among those who had joined in spring, fomented by people coming and going between the Colonies.	76
August 3, St. John's.	Marsh to the same. Would go to Vermont to visit his family when he receives notice of its being approved of; his pass, which is dated in May, might be re-dated. Is desirous to know if the proposal to form a settlement at Memphremagog is approved of; if so he would settle there himself.	79
August 4, River du Chêne.	Edward Jessup to the same. Transmits Fraser's letter; the statements made in it are facts.	80
August 11, River du Chêne.	Same to the same. Brings the case of his corps before His Excellency, praying that he would recommend that means should be adopted to secure half pay for the officers and lands and provisions to the soldiers when disbanded.	81
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August 21, River du Chêne.	Edward Jessup to Mathews. Asks leave for certain officers and men to go to the Colonies to settle their private affairs.	86

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August 25,
River du
Chêne. Edward Jessup to Mathews. Wishes to obtain maps of the lands between the Ottawa and St. Lawrence, and also of lands on the north side of the Ottawa, so as to ascertain the extent of the ungranted lands. Sir John Johnson was to write in regard to sending men on survey. Page 88
- August 28,
Yamaska
Blockhouse. John Fraser to Edward Jessup. Asks him to forward a petition to His Excellency. 91
- This petition is apparently inserted subsequently. 411
- September 1, Edward Jessup to Matthews. Has learned that His Excellency is sending out a party, with an engineer, to explore the lands. The subaltern officers of the corps wish before the disbandment to obtain their commissions, which by mistake were not sent them. The list of officers follows. 89
- September 1,
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- September 3,
Sorel. Alexander White to Haldimand. Sends a list of artificers in his company. 93
- There is an undated list of artificers in Sorel, apparently the one here referred to. 413
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- A plan of this kind was sent on the 11th September, and seems to be the one referred to in this letter, followed by a sketch of the system of laying out the settlements. 99
- September 9,
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- September 13,
Niagara. John Burton to Lieut. John Conyn. Is astonished that Herkimer has given his (Conyn's) commission to another. There is no doubt that he (Conyn) is entitled to his negro's wages, &c. 103
- September 15,
Montreal. Rudolphus Ritzema to Mathews. That he has been disappointed in his expectations when coming to Canada, and shall return to the West Indies for reasons given. 104
- September 15,
St. John's. Marsh to the same. Has returned from Vermont where he met with friendly treatment; the better class have got the upper hand, or nearly so. The party sent to Memphremagog has not yet returned; when it does, he shall send the report. Asks leave to import some fat cattle. 106
- September 26,
St. John's. Report of the surveying party sent to Memphremagog, giving the approximate distances, quality of the land, &c. 107
- September 26,
St. John's. Marsh to Matthews. A third collection of men's names wishing to be added to two former lists (of those desiring to settle at Memphremagog). 108
- The letter accompanying report, lists, &c, follows. 110
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- October 4,
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- October 5,
Montreal. Robert Smith to the same. Calls attention to a previous letter (p. 95) to which he has had no answer. He has begun

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tanning but cannot continue the work without money. Some bills are due to him at Schenectady, where he would go to collect them if he had His Excellency's leave. Page 114

Hugh Munro to Mathews. Asks for a certificate of his services. He has a number of certificates, but one from the Commander-in-chief would strengthen his position before the commissioner to investigate the claims for losses. Had sent a memorial by Captain Twiss for a grant of land at Carillon, but as he does not know if it was presented, asks again for such a grant as may be thought suitable. 117

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Isle aux Noix.

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November 1,
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Charles.

Lieut. Col. John Morris to Mathews. Requests an allowance of provisions may be granted him. States that he had joined when Howe first landed at Staten Island and had raised 600 men. 121

November 19,
Montreal.

John Conyn to Haldimand. Desires to know if he was appointed lieutenant by Haldimand. If so Herkimer has used him very ill. 123

December 11,
St. John's.

Lieut. Ferguson to Mathews. Stating his services and asking that pay may be ordered for him during the time he was employed. 125

December 11,
Machiche.

Stephen Tuttle to the same. That a number of loyalists in the province are anxious to settle on the Miramichi River in Nova Scotia. Asks him to submit the proposal to His Excellency, and, if he consent, to give instructions how they are to proceed. 127

December 11,
River du
Chêne.

Edward Jessup to the same. Had left Sorel with Lieut. French; a list of suitable men to settle there. Dr. Walker may have the use of the blockhouse at Sorel for his family. 129

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Same to the same. The corps satisfied with the allowance of provisions, &c. Some are afraid that if the lands are held like the seigniories a deduction of eight per cent. may be made from sales by one person to another. Is not clear on this matter and asks to be better informed. 130

December 11,
River du
Chêne.

Same to the same. Sends an account of bounty for stoppages, which had been mislaid; royalists sent off; will send an account of the extraordinary expenses of recruiting since 24th of June, 1782. Has heard that Sherwood has small-pox. 137

December 12,
River du
Chêne.

Hugh Munro to the same. Desires to be informed if he can expect half pay, or the grant of land where he asked for it, as it would suit him for trading. Remarks on the tenure of the land, as he understands it. 132

December 12,
Montreal.

Captain John McDonell to the same. Gives a detail of the manner in which the arms brought in by his company were disposed of, &c. Claims have been made for payment and as the receipts for their delivery into the general store at St. John's has been mislaid, asks that the sum to meet the demands of the owners of the arms may be remitted. 135

December 17,
Montreal.

Lieut. Ferguson to the same. Applies for an allowance as acting adjutant and quartermaster to the King's Rangers, with statement in support of his application. 139

Account of bounty for stoppages follows. 141

December 28,
River du
Chêne.

Edward Jessup to Mathews. Demand sent in by men from other corps who were admitted to his corps; except for clothing, does not know the merits of the demands. Believes since the men were under his command, there will be no trouble in settling with them. Some of the difficulties in dealing with their accounts are stated. 142

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January 5, St. John's.	Samuel Caswell to the same. With a statement of his sufferings and request for assistance.	1.0
January 5, Montreal.	Jacob Glen to the same. Asks leave to go to the Province of New York to see his father and family.	152
January 6, River du Chêne.	Edward Jessup to the same. Has been allowed some delay in making up the accounts, owing to the circumstances of the corps. States the complaints of some of the men respecting arrears; will try to make up a list of those who did not receive clothing for 1780, &c.	153
January 8, Montreal.	Major Gray to the same. That Maurer had no complaint to make against the men of his corps; they and the officers were in perfect harmony with the inhabitants at their cantonments. He and his officers would co-operate to preserve good order.	156
January 8, Montreal.	Captain Leake to the same. Although a longer delay than a week may defeat the object of his visit to the Colonies, he shall await orders. His proposed route, &c.	157
January 13, Montreal.	Angus McDonell to the same. States the reasons in support of the demand for the allowance of £20 per annum for non-efficients, the same as in the regular regiments. Acknowledges that the answer to the memorial on this subject must come from the War Office.	159
January 20,	Petition by loyalists, with signatures attached, for lands in the Province of Quebec.	161
January 20, River du Chêne.	Edward Jessup to Mathews. Has sent to the men of the late corps of Loyal Rangers instructions, respecting the provisions to be drawn in quarters. Asks for instruction relating to granting leave for men to go to the Colonies to settle their affairs.	164
January 20, River du Chêne.	Same to the same. Sends list of losses sustained by loyalists, with remarks.	165
January 22, Montreal.	John Dusenbery to the same. Stating that whilst in command at Loyal Block house he was obliged to incur great expense for entertaining people passing and repassing, and asking the General to take the case into consideration.	168
January 29, Montreal.	Edward Jessup to the same. Shall send the returns asked for relative to the warrant money, to victualling the men of his corps and to the number of Loyal Rangers who intend to settle in the province.	169
January 29, Montreal.	Same to the same. A number of the Loyal Rangers wish to settle above Longueuil Seigniory. Although most of the men will settle at Cataragui, yet he thinks it would be to the advantage of the general settlement to allow the others their choice, provided they settle in companies. Would like to take his own portion to make a beginning, &c.	171
February 2, Boucherville.	Francis Hegel to the same. Representing certain claims to be laid before His Excellency	172

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February 8, Montreal. Rev. John Stuart to Mathews. Had presented a memorial to be appointed Chaplain to the garrison of Cataragui, and asks that His Excellency be reminded of the application. Page 173
- February 16, Montreal. Same to the same. That he had always intended to make Cataragui his sole residence, officiating at the Mohawk villages occasionally, but until his appointment as chaplain was actually made, he could not be expected to give up his school which is a principal part of his present income. He will wait patiently for His Excellency's recommendation to the chaplaincy. He intends to take the first opportunity to visit Cataragui and secure lodgings for his family; presumes a convenient town lot will be granted that he may build a house on and a lot for a farm. 175
- February 19, Quebec. J. Myers to the same. Has consulted with the other petitioners for a township on Cape Breton who accept of His Excellency's offer of a recommendation to the Governor of Nova Scotia. 179
- February 23, Machiche. Josiah Cass to Sherwood. States the objections some of the loyalists at Machiche have to go to Cataragui. The want of stock has induced some of them to take farms in the Seigniories on shares, &c. If the losses they sustained by the war were made up they would be able to form a remote settlement, but it is doubtful if this will be done. 180
- February 26, L'Assomption. John Munro to Mathews. The scattered situation of his company prevented him from making the return ordered. The truest return is the number sent on the lands; however, he would go to the place where the absences are at work, get their answers and make the return. Some of the families have gone to Coteau du Lac to be in readiness to go to work. 182
- February 28, Allenton, Vt. Jacob Lansing to the same. Sends account for secret service (p. 186). Asks if he cannot obtain a grant of land after the loyalist refugees are settled. 184
- February 29, State of Vermont. Marsh to the same. The anxiety in Vermont for commercial intercourse with Canada. New York raising an army to subdue Vermont. Is disappointed that no settlement is to be allowed on the unconceded lands about Memphremagog; he can hardly think of moving with so large a family, stock, &c., to so distant a country as Cape Breton or Cataragui. Has still hopes that a settlement may be allowed on the Memphremagog; several hundreds of faithful families would remove there rather than remain under the oppression of their new masters, and would add to the strength and wealth of the province. 187
- March 1, St. John's. Sherwood to the same. Sends Massachusetts papers; supposes that the commanding officers at St. John's and Isle aux Noix, who receive papers every day send them to headquarters. Sends letters from Cass at Machiche (p. 180). Most of the people at St. John's inclined for Cataragui, except those who are dictated to by Myers and others, who have begun a settlement on the Missisquoi Bay, from which they say they will only be driven by force. 190
- March 2, St. John's. Christian Wehr to Haldimand. Explaining and defending the course of himself and his associates, in regard to the settlement of lands on the east of Missisquoi Bay. 192
- March 11, Machiche. Josiah Cass to Mathews. Stating his distressed circumstances, owing to the inadequacy of his allowances and of the pay for the school, of which he had been teacher since November, 1778. 195
- March 11, Sorel. Contingent bill due to P. Hulburt for recruiting. Certified by Edward Jessup on the 1st of June. 197

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March 12,
St. John's.

Sherwood to Mathews. Has received and circulated copies of the circular to the loyalists. Thinks that seed wheat should not be purchased in Vermont at present for reasons given. Offers have been received to deliver 300 head of cattle at Oswego in July at \$20 a head. Is grateful for His Excellency's confidence; will proceed on the business ordered, so soon as the lakes are passable. He sent Cass a copy of his (Mathews') letter in answer to his application. Reports the operations for settling on the Missisquoi Bay; is surprised that Dr. Smyth has not written on the subject. Shall send a confidential person to ascertain and report the condition of affairs there. Explains how the purchase of land was made by Pritchard; it was an Indian title, but most of the land under it was in Vermont; by a trick of measurement by the purchasers the lands in the title were extended to the north of Pike River. Ross and Mosely are in pursuit of the same land under an old French title. Page 200

March 13,
St. John's.

Same to the same. Asks for lots in this township; if he were sure of them he would take steps to have material for a mill, so that he could supply boards to the inhabitants. 205

March 15,
St. John's.

Roger Stevens to the same. That he has presented a petition drawn up and signed by a number of people in the Colonies, desirous of retaining their allegiance and of living in the King's Dominion, and asks what encouragement he can give to these people. 206

March 18,
Montreal.

Edward Jessup to the same. That he was obliged to advance Captain Myers money on account of the corps, which Captain Myers cannot repay except by selling his expectations of half pay. To secure a settlement, asks that, if applied for, a request to this effect may be granted. He (Jessup) and Dr. Walker have declined taking lots in the seignior of Sorel, but as the doctor has received a house there where he intends to practice his profession, each of them would take a small lot on the south side of the river. 208

March 18,
St. John's.

Return, signed by Caleb Closson and Oliver Sweet, of the names of the settlers on the east side of Missisquoi Bay, who say they have bought lands of Mr. Robertson of St. John's, who bought from the Indians, nine miles south of Missisquoi River and nine miles north, bounded by the lake (p. 200). The names have their lots attached with remarks. 210

March 18,
St. John's.

Sherwood to Mathews. Report by Closson and Sweet enclosed (p. 210). They say that the officers at Missisquoi swear they will have the lands. Sends Massachusetts newspapers and a letter from Mr. Summer. A number of people who wish to settle at Cataraqui have stock which they cannot drive through the woods so early as 24th April; they ask leave for their families to remain in charge of them till the weather shall admit of them being driven up. The cattle must be sent to Chateaugay and there crossed in boats. About 50 horses and cattle can be sent in the first drove. 212

March 19,
St. John's.

Dr. Smyth to the same. Had informed Sherwood of all he knew respecting the Missisquoi settlers, so thought it needless to write. Unless stopped they are determined to settle on these lands. Some were stopped yesterday going with furniture, &c. Ruyter is reported to be building. The pretended proprietors are Captains Pritchard, Myers and Ruyter; Lieuts. Wehr, Ruyter and Best; Ensign Best, Messrs. Martiu and Taylor and two others whose names are not known. (A note says these are Lieut. Taylor and Ensign Bird). Has paid out of his own pocket the expenses of the hospital at St.

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- John's for the Loyal Rangers ; would be glad to know if he may not be allowed them. Major Jessup could not settle with him for the past, as he had not his books with him at St. John's and cannot settle with anyone since the 25th of December. If the pensions are struck off may God relieve Sherwood and himself ; asks for a remittance to meet the demands of the people arriving. Page 214
- March 20,
Montreal. Edward Jessup to Mathews. Calls attention to demands for debts which he has contracted in New York, where there is a much larger amount owing to him which he is not allowed to collect, so that he and his brothers will soon be reduced to the most distressing situation, unless Government will allow for losses or point out some other mode of relief. 217
- March 24,
Montreal. James Gray to the same. Calls attention to the case of some old men who are not able to go on the lands appointed by Government or to work in any way for a living. 218
- March 26,
St. John's. Sherwood to the same. Respecting the purchase of seed wheat and cattle. Calls attention to the pifful case of Mrs. Buck, the widow of Dr. Buck. He (Sherwood) has sold his farm at Dutchman's Point to Dr. Washburn of Vermont, who is anxious to know when the garrison is to be removed, but no information can be given. 220
- March 31,
Sorel. Alexander White to the same. There being a number of able artificers, mechanics and tradesmen in his company who would be happy to form a settlement, sends a plan for one on the Sorel domain. 223
- April 3,
Machiche. James Johnson to the same. Makes a demand for pay for certain services. Certificates are attached. 225
- April 5,
Isle aux Noix. James Robins to the same. Prays that his family may be allowed to draw their provisions at Isle aux Noix, till he can build some sort of a house for them on his land. 229
- April 5,
Montreal. James Gray to the same. Owing to the pecuniary difficulties into which he was led from his position as commanding officer, asks, as a help, to obtain the post at Coteau du Lac for his family to live in until he can have some improvement made on his own land. 231
- April 6,
St. Charles. William Fraser to the same. Sends petition from distressed loyalists from the Colonies, who desire to move to Canada. 233
- The petition, with signatures, is dated from New Paisley, 11th March, 1784. 198
- April 8,
River du
Chêne. Edward Jessup to the same. As there will be two settlements, one at Cataraqi and the other at Oswegatchie, adjoining Sir John Johnson's settlement, thinks it would be best for Sherwood to settle at Cataraqi and for him (Jessup) to settle near Oswegatchie, and Sir John's settlement. Wishes to know His Excellency's determination, that he may know where to settle, as he would go with the first surveyor to lay out the town and the lands. Reports the steps taken to prevent men from settling on the lands. 235
- April 10,
Sorel. Van Alstine to the same. Calls attention to memorial and abstracts sent last March, and asks for a settlement of his accounts. 237
- April 12,
Montreal. Rev. John Stuart to the same. Asks if a pass is necessary to enable him to go to Cataraqi. Has engaged a capable man for the school. Thinks of going to Niagara to visit the Mohawks and 34th Regiment. Hopes to receive authority to fix on the town lot and farm promised him at Cataraqi, as he wishes to sow wheat next fall. Will he be allowed a house as garrison chaplain? Asks

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respecting the allotment of other lands. Is sorry to find that the Mohawks are divided in sentiment respecting their settlement, but thinks the lower village will prevail. Page 238

April 12,
Montreal.

William Morison to Mathews. Sends subsistence returns for his battalion and asks for a warrant. 241

April 12,
Montreal.

John McDonell to the same. Is anxious to know the determination respecting the arms (p. 135). If no consideration is to be allowed asks that the receipts sent be returned. 242

April 14,
Terrebonne.

Certificate by Captain Peter Drummond that Lieut. James Robins was taken prisoner in Burgoyne's campaign of 1777. 243.

April 14.
St. John's.

Sherwood to Mathews. Respecting the case of the widows Buck and Betys, who are applying for the grant of land on account of their grandchildren and children as heirs; other applications. 244

April 15,
River du
Chêne.

Edward Jessup to the same. Applies for two hundred acres of land for himself and the same for Sherwood, at Paspebiac, to be deducted from their allowance at Cataraqui as reduced officers. 246

April 15,
River du
Chêne.

Same to the same. Lieut. Sharp has applied on behalf of a number of loyalist families near Kinderhook and in the western part of Boston State who wish for land near the Loyal Rangers on which they can settle. 247.

April 17,
St. John's.

Myers to the same. The hardship it would be for him to have to go to Quebec. Asks for an increased allowance for his children. 249

April 19,
River du
Chêne.

Captain John Jones to the same. Applies for land at Carillon for the officers and men of the Loyal Rangers. If granted he would go and explore the land. The convenience of the situation. 250

April 20,
River du
Chêne.

Edward Jessup to the same. The fears of the loyalists that they are to be tenants and sent far from a market, have determined many to settle at Missisquoi and if not allowed, then to apply for a grant to England. Is afraid that these things originate with friends to Congress and are nursed by men ambitious to be at the head of a party. Suggests that a plan could be formed to supply the new settlement with cattle, as the settlers, from the distance, &c., are unable to get them. This would quiet the fears of some and frustrate the wicked designs of others. Should Government not be able to do this, thinks that an attempt should be made among the settlers themselves to raise a sum of money, but little can be done in this way unless the losses sustained be made good. 252

April 20,
St. John's.

Henry Reiter to the same. Is desirous to go to the States to collect outstanding debts and prays that his family be allowed provisions till his return. 254

April 21,
Sorel.

Alexander White to the same. Complains that French, Major Jessup and Walker are acting unjustly in respect to this place, trying to obtain possession to the exclusion of the artisans, &c., prepared to settle on it. Asks that the case be presented to His Excellency, so that an order may be given to have the lots drawn for. The settlers he is getting propose to work in common getting up houses and ask for the use of the saw mill. Asks that he may have charge of the settlement. 256

April 24,
Machiche.

Jeptha Hawley to the same. On behalf of loyalists at Machiche, calls attention to the report that the lands are only to be granted as leases on seigniories, which cannot be regarded as a free gift. If His Excellency cannot modify these terms, leave is asked to seek redress otherwise. 227

April 24,
Isle aux Noix.

James Robins to the same. States his services and asks for a court of inquiry to investigate his claim for pay. 259

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April 26,
Montreal. W. Morison to Mathews. Transmits subsistence returns. Remarks on various claims by officers and on the method of keeping the accounts. Page 261
- April 26,
Machiche. Stephen Tuttle to the same. Asks how arrangements are to be made for people going to Nova Scotia, and requests that part of the allowance of rations may be advanced. 264
- April 27,
St. John's. Christian Wehr to the same. Denies that Pritchard had told him and the others who had purchased lands from the Indians on Missisquoi Bay that the Indians had no lands there and refers to the others in support of this statement. Asks leave for them to proceed to settle the lands. 266
- April 29,
St. John's. Same to the same. Sends the names of 300 who wish to settle on the lands east of Missisquoi Bay. 268
- April 29,
St. John's. Pritchard to the same. Reports that notices are posted up at Machiche for settling Cataraqui, Bay of Shelor (Chaleurs) and Missisquoi Bay. The efforts made to dissuade people from going to the two former places. A petition is in circulation of which he will send a copy. 270
- May 1,
St. John's. Sherwood to Mathews. It will be difficult for Major Campbell to collect the sentiments of the loyalists, as they are divided by the intrigues of a few designing men. A subscription paper has been handed about privately at Sorel, Montreal and here, for people to settle at Missisquoi and that provisions have been promised to them and to those who settle on private lands, as long as loyalists get them from Government. The artful measures used to dissuade the people from settling at Cataraqui; has made every effort to counteract them. 3rd May. Has received letter with Pritchard's narrative; believes Pritchard heartily repents and will not oppose the measures recommended by Government. Is anxious about the removal of the loyalists and prays that His Excellency may be at Sorel so as to strike a damp on the turbulent. Wishes Mrs. Sherwood to visit the Colonies. Money due by Major Rogers. 272
- May 4,
St. John's. John Dusenbury to the same. Calls attention to his claim for extra pay whilst in command at Dutchman's Point. 274
- May 5,
River du
Chêne. Edward Jessup to the same. Respecting persons who do not wish to settle on the lands laid out for loyalists. 275
- May 9,
Sorel. Same to the same. Has communicated His Excellency's determination not to grant lands on Missisquoi Bay; the pains taken to prevent the settlement arranged for by Government. The two captains Jones and the Mans had been busy getting a paper signed by people to go to Missisquoi. Warns him of other designs. Respecting clothing and arms. 276
- May 10,
Sorel. Same to the same. Is happy to find that His Excellency is to assist the new settlers. Thanks for giving him and Sherwood lots at the Bay of Chaleurs. His (Jessup's) son would settle there if he had the right to salmon fishing; if not he will take his lands with the corps in the upper country, and wishes for employment as a commissary's clerk or a similar employment, as much for training as for the pay. Asks which part of the upper country His Excellency considers should be settled with most regard to the general good, as he would go there himself and promote the settlement, notwithstanding what he formerly mentioned as to settling near Oswegatchie (Oswegatchie, i.e., Prescott) 278
- May 10,
River du
Chêne. Hugh Munro to the same. Representing that he had never had his claims examined by the board and asks that his case be taken into consideration. 280

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May 10,
L'Assomp-
tion. Richard Cartwright to Mathews. Asks for a pass for his daughter,
Mrs. Robinson, whose husband has bought a place at Casco Bay,
and wishes her to join him there. Page 282
- May 13,
Montreal. Edward Jessup to the same. Reports the suspicions that pro-
visions are being obtained for settlers for the Bay of Chaleurs, whilst
their real intention is to go to Cape Breton. 284
- May 14,
St. John's. John Hoffnag to the same. Asks for a pass to go to a tract of
land on Lake Champlain bought by his father. 286
- May 17,
Sorel. Isaac Man to the same. Calls attention to his petition, and as he
is going to the Bay of Chaleurs, asks for employment in the civil
list. 287
- May 17,
Sorel. Peter Van Alstine to the same. Asks for the continuance of
rations till his wife and family, who are suffering from sickness,
can be removed. 288
- May 18,
River du
Chêne. Edward Jessup to the same. Respecting the dissensions among
the loyalists, with various details of the schemes carried on. 290
- May 22,
Lachine. Thomas Fraser to the same. Owing to the bad state of the
health of his children and the great age of his parents, asks that
rations be continued to them where they are, until he can have a
proper house built for them on the new land. 293
- May 23,
Sorel. Sherwood to the same. Had shown his (Mathews') letter to
Pritchard, who cannot, he thinks, give more information. Has
arrived with 76 souls of Jessup's corps on the way to Cataragui.
Requests that he may have a town lot and 60 acres at Sorel. 295
- May 25,
St. John's. Terence Smyth to the same. Has received the permission asked
for to remain at St. John's, but not the use of the barracks.
Explains that these are not the buildings inside of the garrison, and
shows what they are. 297
- May 28,
Montreal. Sherwood to the same. Has arrived and will proceed to
Cataragui. Reports the small quantity of seed brought by Ensign
Sherwood. Has expended \$9 for poor families; the necessity of
an allowance for these expenses. The loyalists for Cataragui have
cattle at Saratoga, which they wish to drive through the woods;
asks that two men be sent to make a road. 299
- May 31,
Montreal. Ebenezer Allen to the same. Asks to be brought to a trial, and
reminds him (Mathews) of the promises made when he (Allen)
was appointed lieutenant in Butler's corps; the treatment he has
received since peace was concluded. 301
- June 1,
Montreal. Edward Jessup to the same. Sends accounts for recruiting;
asks that they be laid before His Excellency. If payment is
ordered Mr. Dobie will receive the amount of the warrant and pay
it to the persons for whom it may be granted. Remarks on various
claims for this service. His (Jessup's) son goes to Cataragui before
going to the Bay of Chaleurs. Many of those who intended to go
to Missisquoi have changed their minds and are now going up the
country; some still persist in settling on Missisquoi. Samuel
Wright has been promised land as a subaltern; asks that an order
to this effect be issued. 303
- Wright's account for expenses in recruiting follows. 306
- June 2,
Sorel. Pat. Smith to Mathews. Applies to be put on the pension list;
his distressed situation; is unable to bring his family from Albany,
where they are suffering. 307
- June 4,
Quebec. Benjamin Hopson to the same. Is to embark on Sunday for the
Bay of Chaleurs and has not one shilling. The sum of one hundred

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- pounds is due him, and he had been promised his full pay for teaching in Machiche. Blames Major Jessup for his miserable situation. Page 309
- June 7,
Sorel. Peter Van Alstine to Mathews. Had gone as far as Montreal with the people whom he was to accompany to their place of destination, but was allowed to return on account of his family's health. On this account asks for part payment of the amount due him as money is needed to provide for the sick. 310
- June 15,
St. John's. Statement of the case of families brought from Ticonderoga, who wish to settle at Catarqui. 312
- June 15,
St. John's. Smyth to Mathews. Thanks for the town lot and farm at Sorel granted to him and Sherwood respectively. Will as soon as possible have the farm cultivated and a house put on the town lot. Has not abandoned the idea of going to Catarqui. Forwards letters from Summer, &c. What should Wright get for carrying letters to Albany? It is reported that Colonel Carleton is coming out as governor of the province. 314
- June 24,
Lachine. Edward Jessup to the same. Has received and communicated answer respecting the accounts for recruiting. Explains the case of Mr. Hogle, who complains of being unjustly dealt with. Is sorry that the men for the Bay of Chaleurs had been clamouring for arrears of pay; when his papers arrived they would prove the men had been fully paid since he had command. The men have been told to make a fair statement of their claims in former corps; but they were made to believe that as he was the last commanding officer, he was answerable for all. Explains the case of McNight. P.S. The settlement is not so far advanced as expected, owing to the want of bateaux. 325
- June 25,
St. John's. Pat. Smith to the same. Thanks for the assistance given by His Excellency. 316
- June 28,
St. John's. Marsh to the same. Calls attention to the violation of the treaty of peace by people in power who have taken possession of the property of the loyalists, giving warranty deeds of estates that have never been libelled; keeping the notes, bonds, &c., of loyalists on the plea that the clause in the treaty only applies to real British subjects and not to loyalists and they are beginning actions for obligation on the lands and estates confiscated. They are anxious for communication with Canada, being in distress for salt and other articles; he has told them that communication has been refused because they have not complied with the terms of the treaty. There is no reason to complain of Vermont. The people of New York are actually prosecuting persons for damage for provisions taken by order of Burgoyne, one instance being that of Ebenezer Allen against whom a judgment was obtained for £375 with costs for stores taken near Bennington at the time of Baum's expedition. 318
- June 28,
St. John's. Same to the same. Owing to the oppressive taxes and other impositions in the States, large settlements could be made within the province were land granted. 321
- June 30,
St. John's. Wehr to the same. Asks that orders be sent to Man, commissary for the loyalists, to issue provisions to them as instructed by Mr. Delancy, none having been issued since the 24th of May, except to a few particular families. Has been waiting here to bring in cattle and horses. A good deal has been planted and sowed. 323
- July 1,
Sorel. Reverend John Doty to Haldimand. Has arrived within the garrison. Asks for a house and provisions and a lot of land. 328

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July 2,
Newtown,
near
Oswagacha. Sherwood to Mathews. Has received draught in payment of the seeds, already paid for, but it is needed for expenses for conveying cattle, &c., from Sorel. Will also require money for men employed by Holland in chain bearing for surveying lands. Has been employed laying out the second concession, &c. Has given Holland a plan of the town of which he approves; upwards of 50 of the lots are settled and nearly cleared; the settlement of three townships 6, 7 and 8) goes on rapidly; the people are satisfied, and a number of huts built. The chief thought now is where to get seed wheat; if they cannot get oxen the men intend to hoe in an acre and a half of wheat each. He can get 300 bushels on Lake Champlain. Has taken his farm opposite this place. Has a claim for £745 for losses, which he asks Haldimand to assist him in securing. Page 329
- July 8,
Montreal. John Ferguson to the same. Calls attention to his claim for payment of his services in distributing rations to loyalists, &c., by request of Major Jessup and Stephen Delaney, inspector of loyalists. 332
- July 14,
Montreal. Rev. John Stuart to the same. Has visited Niagara, the Mohawk village, Butlersbury, the Bay of Quinté, Cataraqui and every encampment of loyalists down to Coteau du Lac, and baptized the children in each place, the whole number being 150. Was at Cataraqui in time to see the lots drawn and received one within a mile of the barracks; will remove his family there next spring. The society has reduced his salary for the Mohawks from £70 to £50; asks to be recommended for the chaplaincy of the garrison. 333
- July 15,
Newtown,
near
Oswagacha. Sherwood to the same. Has received his letter, but has not seen the persons recommended in it. Comments on Cosset's letter; is sorry the people who brought his (Mathews') letter did not come to see him; fears that they have gone back discouraged, and may prevent others from coming. Has been busy settling the loyalists, but has not yet finished the survey of the second and third concessions. 335
- July 23,
Oswagacha. Return of tools received and delivered at this place—Newtown, Oswagacha. 338
- July 23,
Oswagacha. Sherwood to Mathews. Reports on behalf of Jessup, who is ill, that the people have got on their farms, are universally pleased, are emulating each other so that every lot in the front of the three townships and many of those in the back townships are improved and the country bears a very promising appearance. The reduction of the rations is, however, disheartening the people; asks that the allowance be continued for a year, when they will probably obtain sufficient from their lands, and the settlers are even in hope that the allowance may be continued till autumn. Mr. Bothum, who carries this has been instructed to wait at St. John's for orders respecting seed wheat from Lake Champlain. If not allowed to be bought on Government account, he has been directed to purchase 100 bushels on the credit of the settlers. Ensign Best, going on his own business, could proceed to the Mohawk River and purchase seed for Cataraqui. Returns sent. 339
- July 28,
Montreal. Allan McDonell to the same. Requests that the pension ordered to be continued to him from the 24th December, 1783, at which date it has ceased, be paid as he has been living on credit. 342
- August 6,
Cataraqui. Thomas Gumersall to the same. Sends contingent accounts. There was no surgeon during the greater part of the time mentioned in the accounts, but the medicine, &c., for the sick had been laid in by the advice of Prendergast. It was found that proper nourish-

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 August 15, Ebenezer Allen to Haldimand. Complains of the treatment he
 Cataraqui. has received; states his services and asks to be released. 348
 August 16, Francis Hogel to Mathews. Asks for a settlement of his expen-
 Sorel. diture on the recruiting service, or at least a present supply for the
 support of his family. 349
 August 16, Alexander Campbell to the same. That Adam Fonda of Cangh-
 Montreal. nawaga, Tryon County, is willing to pay a debt due to him (Camp-
 bell) by the sale of a negro wench carried off by Captain Samuel
 Anderson of Sir John Johnson's company and now in Canada. Asks
 that an order be given for the sale. 351
 August 18, Baron de Reitzenstein (in French.) The disbanded troops, with
 Cataraqui. whom he had encamped, have drawn lots for the fifth township;
 the greatest part of his people have taken possession, but he cannot
 leave till all the lots are surveyed and the whole of the men settled.
 Prays that blankets be issued to these poor people, who are obliged
 to sleep on the ground, exposed to the rain and to the fogs,
 which are almost daily, causing great suffering to them, to their
 wives and children. 353
 August 30, Barnes to Mathews. Asks for instructions respecting loyalists
 Sorel. who wish to return to the Colonies. French has not quite finished
 the new map of the seignior; when done it shall be sent with
 the old one. Return of refugees and disbanded troops shall also be
 sent. Some have done very little; to stir them up, a threat has
 been made to turn them out of the barracks. 355
 September 6, Jacob Glen to the same. Sends thanks from Mrs. Cuyler, who is
 Montreal. sorry the General had not any intention of settling loyalists on
 Cape Breton. Asks that, owing to the season and to her state of
 health, a conveyance may be ordered for her (to take her to Cape
 Breton). In a letter from Mr. Cuyler he stated that he would prob-
 ably be in Cape Breton by August, and hoped to meet Mrs. Cuyler
 there (Cuyler was then in London). 357
 September 8, Edward Jessup to the same. Is on the way to Sorel. Could not
 Montreal. send a return of the new settlements, having been taken very ill
 at Oswegatchie. The settlement is going on much better than he
 expected from the lateness of the season and the reduction of pro-
 visions. The allowance made by His Excellency made a great
 change and the people act with resolution and spirit, but if the
 allowance is discontinued they will be much distressed. Will send
 acquittance rolls; letter not received. 359
 September 13, Jacob Glen to the same. Mrs. Cuyler, in accordance with his
 Montreal. (Mathews') letter, will be prepared to leave at the shortest notice.
 She asks for a passage for herself and family to Quebec. 361
 September 14, Smyth to the same. Arrival of the sons of Colonel Peters, and
 St. John's. examination of their papers, &c. 363
 September 15, Rev. John Doty to the same. Arrival of his mother with one of
 Montreal. her grandsons; asks for an allowance of provisions for them. Has
 purchased a negro boy for whom also he asks provisions. 365
 September 18, Sherwood to the same. The settlers exceedingly thankful for
 New the additional allowance. He will come down when the second
 Oswagacha. and third concessions are marked out, and the people settled on
 their lots. Asks leave to purchase seed potatoes; respecting tools;
 the houses must be very uncomfortable during winter unless tools

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- are sent to cut boards. Asks for some small assistance in blankets and clothing, the poor families being almost naked. Page 367
- September 20, A. Macdonell to Sir John Johnson. Reports that the British dis-
Montreal. banded troops on the west side of the Bay of Quinté will in cold weather be reduced to the greatest distress for want of clothing. "Some of them have not even a blanket to cover them from heavy rain and pinching frost, or to hold out the damp of the ground they lie upon." Want of a blacksmith to repair their axes, hoes, &c. 370
- September 27, Francis Hogel to Mathews. Requests that the order for payment
Sorel. to him for men he had enlisted be enforced. 371
- September 28, Roger Stevens to the same. That from his many, long and
St. John's. tedious services in scouting, &c., he has broken his health and lost his means. The stoppage of his allowance has left him without a shilling. States his services and the promise made to him. Asks leave to remain at St. John's for the winter, and for leave to go to Vermont for some cattle that are at his father's house. Requests that a note may be sent him of what Dr. Smyth has charged against him as pay for secret service. 372
- September 30, Stegman to the same. Was an officer in Losberg's regiment,
Montreal. and desires to have a grant of land to settle upon. 375
- October 5, Edward Jessup to the same. Asks that the lands between
Quebec. Oswatia and Cataraqi (Prescott and Kingston) containing iron ore be set apart for cutting "coal wood" and erecting iron works. If Government does not desire to do so, he would undertake to erect these works and to find persons to do so. 376
- October 5, Same to the same. The settlements of the Loyal Rangers are in
Quebec. want of saw mills, and next summer will require corn mills. The most convenient place for mills are at the Gallowes (Gallops) on the sixth seigniory and a brook on the eighth seigniory. There is also a good place in the second seigniory, near Cataraqi. Asks that favourable consideration be given to the subject. 377
- October 13, Stephen de Lancey to Haldimand. Part of the loyalists have
Lachine. huts ready, and others, by being very industrious, may have them built so as to shelter them from the severity of the weather. Others, from the late date at which their lands were surveyed, cannot possibly build in time. Those might be kept comfortably during winter in the barracks at the different garrisons. There is not a sufficient supply of provisions for the settlers in the vicinity of Cataraqi and Bay of Quinté, and they are much distressed from want of clothing. 379
- October 17, Sherwood to Holland. As directed, Shutts goes immediately on
New his land. Owing to the great number arriving, all the people are
Oswagacha. not yet settled; he himself cannot be so till next year, having been so much employed in the public service. The settlement has made rapid progress, but the people are disheartened on account of the want of seed wheat, although there is ground enough cleared. The savages are beginning to steal and kill the cattle, and are threatening the women and children. They sell all their provisions at Oswegatchie for rum, and are then induced from hunger to steal from the settlers. 381
- An undated letter from Major Holland forwarding Sherwood's letter and recommending Ephraim Jones and William Snider as suitable persons to receive licenses. 383
- No date. Hugh Finlay to Mathews. Asks that a piece of land at the Bay of Chaleurs, for which he applied, be surveyed, so that he may take possession. 384

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No date. Statement or declaration, by Azariah Pritchard, respecting proceedings to settle the lands on Missisquoi Bay. Page 392
- No date. Richard Cartwright to Mathews. That as his family are going to Casco Bay, and he and Mrs. Cartwright are left alone, he asks for a continuation of the subsistence on account of their age and infirmities. (On the 10th May, 1784, Mr. Cartwright wrote from L'Assomption that Mrs. Robinson, his daughter, was about to join her husband at Casco Bay.) 397
- No date. Petition of James Robins, of Jessup's corps, for back pay. 398
1785.
May 21,
London. Edward Jessup to Haldimand. Calls attention to the want of cattle in the new settlement; proposes to use the white oak for supplying staves to Britain and the West Indies; the cattle could be paid for by this means, and without cattle the settlements must for many years labour under great disadvantages. Asks for an advance of £6,000 to pay for horses, &c., which he binds himself to repay in two years from December next, and asks for a bounty on the export of staves, &c. 389
- The proposal which accompanies this letter shows that in September, 1784, there were settled near Cataraqui (Kingston) 138 men, 71 women, 116 boys, 93 girls and 3 servants, total, 426; and near Oswagatia (Prescott) 223 men, 101 women, 119 boys, 143 girls and 11 servants, total 597; at the latter settlement there were only 6 horses, 8 oxen, and 18 cows, the new settlements below Niagara being in nearly the same situation. 385
- There is a further memorandum on same subject showing his losses to have been £11,173 4s. 9d. exclusive of bonds, book debts, &c., and pointing out that Vermont with no greater advantages than the new settlements had in 21 years increased from 150 persons to 500 times that number, from the first settlers having been able to obtain cattle. 400
- No date. Edward Jessup to ————. Requesting to know when payment for his losses is to be made, as his creditors are pressing him. 402
- Return of artificers, &c., in Captain White's company of loyalists. 403
- Deposition of John Nicholl and Simon Stevens that Pritchard gave no encouragement to the people of Vermont to trade with Canada, and that he told Holmes if he brought in beef he would lose it. 408
- List of officers in the corps of loyalists under Major Edward Jessup. 409
- Petition of John Fraser for the restoration of his allowance to the amount given in 1782. 411
- Return of the men of Peters', Jessup's and the late Major McAlpin's corps, exclusive of those named to the General who are at Machiche, Sorel, Verchères and Yamaska and Sherwood's men at and about Isle aux Noix; Verchères 40, Yamaska 45, St. John's 20, total 105. 412
- List of men's names at Sorel, most of whom are in the engineer's works. 413
- List of men at Machiche indicating those required for the service of the engineer. 414
- Saving to be effected by a reduction in the pensions. 415
- Return of men enlisted by Francis Hogle, showing the corps in which they are now serving. 416

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No date.

G. French to Sherwood. Has sent to Major Nairne a return of Peters' party. His (Sherwood's) recommendation to put the men in two companies looks as if he and Peters wanted to engross them at the expense of the gentlemen who had brought them in. Declines to enlist men for his (Sherwood's) company, as he has suffered already by trusting to promises. Page 418

St. Leger, that he has allowed Benjamin Holt to keep a tavern at St. John's, a decent tavern being much wanted for the reception of officers coming on duty. Holt's good character. 420

Neil Robertson, that he belongs to McAlpin's corps; hopes that his coming to Canada with Jessup in 1777 (after Burgoyne's surrender?), will not be considered as obliging him to be under his command. 421

Remarks on a list of 68 men made out by Ebenezer Jessup and claimed by him from the corps of loyalists commanded by the late Major McAlpin, with a recapitulation. 422, 423

Certificate by James Quinn that John Platt paid a man for obtaining intelligence. 424

Report, without signature or date, concerning the State of Vermont. 425

B. Summer to Sherwood. The changes that have taken place since he last saw him will occasion many to remove out of these States if they can have a share of property in a Royal Government to which so many are attached. 427

LETTERS TO OFFICERS OF THE LOYALISTS.

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1779.
May 17,
Quebec.

Haldimand to McAlpin. As Sir John Johnson must give attention to forming his regiment has appointed him (McAlpin) to the command and care of the loyalists; Sir John is to deliver to him all papers and to write to the different corps announcing the change. Page 1

June 7,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Le Maistre has been ordered to detain Leake's company for a few days; they are to spend this time in exercising. The difficulty of getting, as soon as he expected, a correct list of loyalists. He is to visit the posts and arrange for getting monthly returns. The necessary orders for this shall be sent. 3

July 5,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Returns of the loyalists received, which were satisfactory. Approves of the measures to complete Leake's company, and of having struck off the non-effective. Would be glad to show attention to men who have shown their loyalty, but can add no more names to the list till he hears from England. 5

July 8,
Quebec.

Mathews to Myers. Has ordered Maurer to pay him ten guineas, five now and five when he is setting out. Fears that he is not a good economist. Unless he is at a friend's house, it is much more expensive to live at Montreal than at St. John's. 7

July 10,
Quebec.

L Genevay to McAlpin. If Simon J. Cole, late merchant in Albany, is found deserving, he is to be put on the list with the other loyalists. 8

July 12,
Quebec.

Mathews to the same. The accounts of Captain Leake's company are to be deducted from the general return. All pay bills are,

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July 19,
Quebec.

however, to come through him (McAlpin). How the returns are to be made. Page 9

Mathews to McAlpin. Pay bills received and warrants issued. 11

July 29,
Quebec.

Same to the same. That it is not possible to furnish the loyalists with any other arms than they have. 12

November 29,
Quebec.

Same to the same. That as officers of loyalists who are leaving their families at Montreal have made application for firewood and provisions, the families, with certain exceptions, the reasons for which must be stated fully, are to be removed to St. Ours. Arrangements will be made for giving them provisions, &c. His Excellency approves of his (McAlpin's) conduct in assisting Twiss to form the corps of loyalists. 13

December 27,
Quebec.

Same to the same. To examine the account for expenses incurred by Mr. Beties for bringing men from the Colonies and to reimburse him. Beties has been ordered to join him (McAlpin). 15

December 30,
Quebec.

Same to the same. That all the loyalists, except Leake's company, are to be employed wherever Twiss may desire. Men are to be taken from Leake's company for cutting wood. 16

1780.

January 10,
Quebec.

Same to the same. That orders shall be sent to collect men to join two companies of artificers. His Excellency approves of the proposal to employ part of Leake's men in the neighbourhood of Sorel, or wherever they can be collected at short notice. He is to go to Montreal to examine into the case of those loyalists who refuse to go to St. Ours as ordered, and to cut off all those who refuse to conform to arrangements, except such as are absolutely in want. An allowance has been made him equivalent to batt and forage, but he is not to mention it. To inquire into the Pritchard case and report. To give Brigadier McLean an account of the loyalists who may be allowed to remain in Montreal, so that they may be supplied. 18

January 20,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Certain men guilty of promoting discontent at Machiche, are to be punished by having salt beef served out to them and to be cautioned as to their behaviour. 21

January 20,
Quebec.

Same to the same. In consequence of the bad conduct of French, who had the direction of the loyalists at Machiche, he is to go to St. Ours together with other four, two of whom are to be struck off the subsistence list and the other two severely reprimanded. His Excellency approves of the letter to French and will support him (McAlpin) in the exercise of his authority. 22

February 7,
Quebec.

Same to the same. His Excellency approves of the arrangement of loyalists left at Montreal. He is to make an investigation into the cases of some distressed loyalists represented by Butler as in want of assistance. 23

February 17,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Adams is to remain at St. John's; inquiry will be made into the nature of his memorial and complaints. The arrangement of the loyalists in and about Montreal. His Excellency is fearful that too close application to business will retard his (McAlpin's) recovery; Leake's corps being dispersed, Leake could leave it to the care of his lieutenant and come to assist him (McAlpin). 24

February 24,
Quebec.

Same to the same. The subsistence list received and warrant issued. His Excellency is pleased to hear that he is recovering, and is sorry for Leake's indisposition. 25

1780.
February 24, Quebec. Mathews to McAlpin. A return to be sent of the officers and men now in Canada who served under Burgoyne in 1777, with accounts of all money paid to officers during that period. Page 26
- March 13, Quebec. Same to the same. To make further inquiry into circumstances of those to whom provisions have been refused. Anthony Bradt, who served with Joseph Brant, is to have provisions and be forwarded in spring to Joseph. 27
- March 23, Quebec. Same to the same. The arrangements to be made for the reception of loyalists from Albany, collecting those for Niagara together, but not to be permitted to go there till further orders. Those whose husbands are in private employ are to join them. To consult with Sir John Johnson about women of his corps who are necessitous, and to give relief to those in want on the footing of loyalists, as other corps might, although not in the same predicament as that of Sir John, send in similar claims. 28
- March 30, Quebec. Same to the same. His Excellency approves of the settlement respecting the families for the upper country and of his measures for the relief of the women of Sir John Johnson's corps. The scattered loyalists should be collected in some convenient situation, if there are men enough among them to build huts, otherwise it would not answer. A return of the number of men, women and children in this predicament to be sent, so that timely provision for them be made. 30
- April 24, Quebec. Same to the same. Only part of Leake's men to be sent to Quebec with the rafts, to see them properly delivered and that justice is done to the men. Canadian pilots must be procured. 31
- July 6, Quebec. Haldimand to the same. Of the loyalists who wish to be of service but not as soldiers, a company of bateaumen is to be formed. The proposal shows that the men will have a comfortable maintenance; to prevent imposition they are to be commanded by Herkimer, under the direction of Maurer. 32
- July 6, Montreal. McAlpin to Mathews. His satisfaction at the proposed company of bateaumen; the greatest difficulty will be to convince the people of its advantages. Herkimer goes to St. John's; shall write Sherwood to assist him. 33
- July 13, Montreal. Same to the same. Arrival of Philip Lansing, formerly sheriff of Charlotte County, N. Y; doubts his sincerity, believes him to be a fickle, unsettled fellow. The success in raising Sir John Johnson's second battalion. Thanks for good wishes for his health; is rather a paper man at present. 34
- July 14, Quebec. Haldimand to McAlpin. Owing to successes by Clinton to the southward and other favourable events, he has determined to try to re-establish the provincial corps formed in 1776, and shall begin with one battalion. Men to be sent out to recruit, with precautions given in respect to their mode of proceeding, &c. Officers shall not be appointed till the men are brought in. A board of officers shall be appointed to settle disputes as to the rights of particular gentlemen to the services of any of the men. 36
- July 17, Quebec. Mathews to the same. So many have vouched for Lansing, that he cannot be openly suspected, but a watchful eye shall be kept on him and there will be no hurry in putting him upon the list. 38
- July 17, Quebec. Same to the same. Presuming that recruiting parties are ready to set out, orders go by this mail to commanding officers to give leave to the men to depart without loss of time, their departure to be kept as secret as possible 39

1780.
July 21, Montreal. McAlpin to Mathews. Had given instructions to keep the departure of the recruiting parties secret, a precaution which self preservation dictated, but so many had orders that secrecy is difficult. Hopes that the men are nearly ready to set off from St. John's
Page 40
- July 27, Quebec. Mathews to Lieut. Neil Robertson. Sir John Johnson takes charge of the loyalists; all money, accounts, &c., to be transferred to him. 41
- August 10, Quebec. Haldimand to Mrs. McAlpin. Condoles with her on the loss of her husband. The difficulty of obtaining a pension for her, but will do everything in his power to be instrumental to the happiness of her and her family. 42
- September 4, Quebec. Mathews to Herkimer. Sends copy of the proposal to raise a company of bateaumen, containing particulars of pay and provisions. By showing it to the commanding officer all difficulties will be removed. Fifty suits of clothing have been ordered. To make out subsistence account for the pay of the company. 43
- September 6, Quebec. Haldimand to John Peters. He is to take steps to complete his corps; when that is done, he shall be appointed lieutenant colonel; no colonel can be appointed. Major Nairne will take charge of the several corps of loyalists, from which officers shall be appointed, whose commissions are to date from the completion of their companies; in the meantime they are to enjoy their present subsistence. 44
- September 21, Quebec. Mathews to Samuel Adams. Every justice shall be done him with regard to his rank, but His Excellency cannot consent to his men joining a corps not intended for this province. 45
- September 25, Quebec. Same to Nairne. Sends warrant for Captain Leake's subsistence account. 46
- October 16, Quebec. Same to (Eben) Jessup. That Bryan shall be appointed chaplain when his (Jessup's) corps is completed. 47
- October 16, Quebec. Haldimand to William Marsh. Will do nothing respecting the information brought by Mr. Bryan until the return of Captain Sherwood. To procure every information possible, and make such preparations for negotiating as his knowledge of the people and circumstances may suggest. 48
- October 16, Quebec. Mathews to Reverend Mr. Bryan. Will be appointed chaplain to Jessup's corps so soon as it is completed; will, in the meantime, be supplied with provisions for his family. 49
- October 28, Quebec. * Same to (John) Platt. That he will be rewarded for conducting Mrs. Quin to the Province and for other services. He is to return carrying a small dispatch for Sir Henry Clinton to be forwarded through Mr. Wing, or any other recommended by Hudibras. If a messenger is wanted before his return, is to recommend one to St. Leger, who will afford him assistance. 50
- October 30, Quebec. Same to Pritchard. On the return of Major Carleton his letter shall be attended to. 52
- October 30, Quebec. Same to Nairne. That Mrs. McLaren has been granted twenty pounds a year. 53
- November 2, Quebec. Lernout to the same. Till further inquiry, he is to pay the subsistence to Peter Drummond only from the day of his arrival. 54
- November 2, Quebec. Same to Breakenridge. Not to enlist prisoners for any particular corps till further arrangements. 55
- November 9, Quebec. Mathews to Nairne. Orders respecting certain of the loyalists, for subsistence. Form of pay lists ordered. Respecting loyalists recommended by Sir John Johnson for subsistence. 56

1780.
November 11, Nairne to Haldimand. Applies for the majority rendered vacant by the death of Major Hughes. Page 58
Chambly.
- November 13, Mathews to Ebenezer Jessup. His Excellency is unwilling to enlist men in the predicament of those mentioned in his letter, but being willing to believe that they carried arms by compulsion for the rebels, such men may be enlisted as the officers become responsible for, after the leave of the commanding officer has been obtained. 59
Quebec.
- November 23, Same to Reverend Mr. Bryan. That in consequence of his distress, Major Nairne has been directed to put him on the subsistence list. 60
Quebec.
- November 30, Mathews to Nairne. Returns received. The subsistence list of loyalists is swelling to such an amount that it must be curtailed. To get the necessary information to do justice to those entitled to its benefits. Certain men to be put on the list. Approves of Adams being struck off and taken no notice of, till his discharging men without being authorized to do so is considered. 61
Quebec.
- December 4, Haldimand to the same. To stop abuses, all recruits are to be passed by him (Nairne) before being considered as properly enlisted. All apprentices enlisted to be returned to their masters. Thirty-eight women and seventy-seven children arrived at St. John's, and reported to be in great misery, are to be relieved and to join their connections. The numbers are increasing so fast that it will be impossible to feed them from the provision store. 63
Quebec.
- December 6, Mathews to the same. Transmitting list and petition, the statements in which are to be investigated. 65
Quebec.
- December 18, Same to Munro. A board of officers is to examine all claims for men brought from the Colonies. 66
Quebec.
- December 24, Same to Lieutenant Fraser. He is to purchase moose skins from the Indians to be made into moccasins. 67
Quebec.
- December 25, Same to Ebenezer Jessup. Thanks for his proposal, which cannot now be determined upon. The arrangements regarding the loyalists are only temporary and cannot interfere with the completion of his (Jessup's) corps. 68
Quebec.
- No date. Haldimand to Nairne. Ordering that a building be erected at Malbaie for the purpose of confining rebel and other prisoners. Men will be sent to prepare timber, &c. 69
1781.
January 1, Mathews to the same. That Sherwood has been sent to St. John's to carry on the business of the loyalists. 70
Quebec.
- January 1, Same to the same. Official notice of Sherwood's appointment at St. John's, and to remit him money. Respecting other money transactions. 71
Quebec.
- January 8, Same to the same. His Excellency agrees in the opinion that no reduction of expenses can be made until after that matter shall be fully investigated by the board of officers soon to be appointed. His Excellency also concurs in his suggestion respecting the allowance of provisions at Machiche; he does not think it necessary to provide the officers of loyalists with clothing. 72
Quebec.
- January 14, Same to Major Jessup. Clothing ordered for his corps of rangers; green is to be the colour of the uniform. Batt and forage money is to be allowed to the corps. 75
Quebec.
- January 18, Same to Nairne. Mr. Bradshaw, senior, to be put on the list of pensioners. The men ordered for William Fraser for Yamaska, and on his illness transferred to his brother, are ordered to proceed with the latter to the work at Yamaska. 76
Quebec.

1781.
January 20, Haldimand Official order dispensing with the attendance of
Quebec. Major Nairne and Captain Malcolm Fraser at Quebec to render fealty
and homage, in consequence of the exigencies of service. Page 77
- January 22, Mathews to Edward Jessup. Permission given to send men to
Quebec. recruit in the Colonies. 73
- January 22, Same to Nairne. He is to recall from Machiche the men belong-
Quebec. ing to the several corps of loyalists, that place being only intended
for women and children. Sergeants William England and Henry
Close are to remain, they being careful in managing the disorderly
set. 79
- January 29, Same to the same. He is to prepare accounts to be laid before
Quebec. the board of officers appointed to examine the subsistence accounts
for the corps in the campaign of 1777, to decide on the different
classes of officers, &c. 80
- February 8, Same to the same. Has transmitted a complaint by Mr. Peters
Quebec. against Jeremiah and Gershom French to be laid before the board
of officers. 81
- February 8, Same to Colonel Jessup. That the men serving in any regiment
Quebec are to make affidavit as to the corps for which they were enlisted.
His Excellency is pleased that the claim on Sir John Johnson's
corps is to be settled privately. 82
- February 15, Same to Major Jessup. Desires to know what plan he would
Quebec. suggest for carrying out his views. There are but 30 men at Fort
Edward and they are ripe for revolt. How many men would be
wanted and how soon could they be got ready? The secrecy re-
quired. 83
- February 22, Same to Edward Jessup. His Excellency does not think the
Quebec. advantage would compensate for the disadvantages of his proposed
expedition. 84
- February 28, Same to Mr. Smith, at Sorel. Quin, who is to deliver this, is to
Quebec. consult with him respecting private instructions he has received
from His Excellency. He (Smith) is not to undertake the service if
he apprehends it to be attended with personal risk, or that he will
incur his father's displeasure. In that case Quin will go alone. A
decision must be come to at once. Who are to be of the party? 85
- March 5, Same to Jessup. Fraser's corps will be incorporated with his
Quebec. (Jessup's) but not till after the result of the inquiry by the board
of officers is known. Drummond may be appointed a captain in
the corps, if he raises the company, and that his appointment does
not injure anybody else. 86
- March 5, Same to Peters. Must wait the result of the inquiry by the
Quebec. board of officers into the complaint against the Messrs. French.
Can employ the same means to complete his corps as those allowed
to Mr. Jessup. 87
- March 5, Same to Peter Drummond. Whilst anxious to show every in-
Quebec. dulgence to loyalists, their claims must be properly supported.
Leave for him to be appointed to be a captain in Jessup's corps on
terms stated. 88
- March 5, Same to Nairne. Approves of his decisions in respect to McAlpin's
Quebec. corps. Gideon Adams will be appointed to a lieutenancy in Fraser's
company, but he must wait the result of the board of inquiry. 89
- March 19, Same to Herkimer. He is appointed to take charge of the stores
Quebec. at Coteau du Lac, and to place a guard on them from the company
of bateauxmen. 90

1781. March 22, Quebec.	Mathews to Ebenezer Jessup. His Excellency has no objection to Mr. Smith being sent into the Colonies for men. His and all other appointments must wait the report of the board of officers. Page 91	
April 9, Quebec.	L. Genevay to Nairne. Warrant has been sent for subsistence account.	92
April 30, Quebec.	Mathews to William Fraser. Small parties are to be got ready to scout from Cohos; minute instructions for their direction are given.	93
April 30, Quebec.	Same to Nairne. Subsistence account received. No person held prisoner by the rebels, and not actually in the province is to be included. He has leave to go to Malbaie, if the service do not prevent. Lieut. Robertson may come to Quebec with Sir John Johnson; he is to bring with him all papers respecting the several corps of loyalists. Twenty men to be sent to Yamaska to assist with the blockhouse. Calls his attention to the order respecting Gideon Jones.	95
May 3, Quebec.	Same to W. Marsh. His proposal cannot be carried out just now, although it is one His Excellency has at heart.	97
May 28, Quebec.	Same to Nairne. To supply the acting engineer at Sorel with men to make rafts, and to bring them with boards from Machiche to Quebec.	98
June 18, Quebec.	Same to the same. To send as many loyalists as can be spared, to Sherwood at St. John's.	99
June 25, Quebec.	Same to Lieut. Robertson. Notifying his appointment to the adjutancy of the loyalists.	100
June 28, Quebec.	Same to Nairne. Sends abstract of subsistence accounts for loyalists for the campaign of 1777, as His Excellency intends to settle them, by warrant to be sent by next post. The order to be promulgated before the amount is distributed, so that all just claims may be settled. Hugh Munro is to be called on for an account of £200 received under authority of a warrant dated 17th December, 1777, before he is paid. To include subsistence account for John W. Myers, authorized to enlist men.	101
July 2, Quebec.	Same to the same. Sends warrant (p. 101). All persons receiving subsistence, not fit to bear arms, are to be ready to march on the shortest notice.	103
July 12, Quebec.	Same to the same. Sends warrant for subsistence. Sends a memorial from Mr. Hyndman; asks for full information respecting it to be laid before His Excellency.	104
July 23, Quebec.	Same to Lieut. Tyler. When arrangements are made respecting Rogers' corps, his claims shall be considered.	105
August 6, Quebec.	Same to Munro. Sends warrant for his expenses to Ballstown, but in future he is to incur no such expenses without authority, the captains being bound to see that their men have what is necessary for expeditions.	106
August 6, Quebec.	Same to Platt. No individual applications can be considered till the general arrangement of Colonel Rogers' corps shall be made.	107
August 6, Quebec.	Same to Hugh Munro. His Excellency has directed payment of his accounts to be made.	108
August 6, Quebec.	Same to Nairne. Has been desired to signify His Excellency's satisfaction with the pains taken with the business entrusted to him.	109
August 20, Quebec.	Same to the same. To employ some loyalists who desire to earn a little money to go to Spanish River to help to load coals in a vessel sent there for that purpose.	110

1781.
August 23, Mathews to Myers. His Excellency is satisfied that he did his
Quebec. best in the late attempt. An investigation will be made respecting
the men carried off by Butler's sergeant. Page 111
- August 23, Same to Lieutenant Jones. His misconduct on the last scout
Quebec. arose, His Excellency is willing to believe, from inexperience. 112
- August 23, Same to Major Jessup. Thanks for information sent. 113
Quebec.
- September 17, Same to Myers. He may send out a sergeant to recruit in the
Quebec. Colonies, but not to go himself till further orders. All men going
out must be approved of by St. Leger. 114
- September 27, Same to John Peters. The question of going to Ticonderoga must
Quebec. be left to his own decision; he must be cautious. 115
- September 27, Same to Pritchard. His proposal cannot at present be enter-
Quebec. tained. 116
- October 25, Same to Nairne. Respecting the command of the loyalists in
Quebec. consequence of his late appointment. 117
- October 29, Same to Pritchard. His wish to take a party to intercept the
Quebec. L——s (Lovells) coming into the province is approved of. To
take every precaution and to get all the information possible out of
the L——s Wooster, who was to have been liberated and sent
to St. John's, refuses to go there. 118
- November 1, Same to Nairne. Returns the subsistence accounts for correction.
Quebec. How awards of the board of officers are to be paid. 119
- November 12, Same to the same. Warrants are sent for subsistence accounts,
Quebec. &c. 120
- November 22, Same to the same. Having other views, His Excellency cannot
Quebec. appoint Colonel Jessup to be paymaster of the loyalists. Thomas
Man shall have the ensigncy vacant by the death of Haver.
Credit will be given to the persons who raised them for the men
incorporated in Major Jessup's corps. 121
- November 22, Same to Major Jessup. His thanks for being named Major
Quebec. received, and His Excellency has no doubt of a continuance of his
zeal, &c. Two's will consult him and Nairne respecting the best
means of raising a corps of artificers. 122
- November 29, Haldimand to Nairne. Approves of the proposed plan of raising
Quebec. a corps of artificers; further instructions. 123
- December 6, Mathews to Colonel Peters. To send Captain Chambers a minute
Quebec. account of the causes of his suspicion against Redman. 124
- December 10, Same to Nairne. His Excellency is pleased to find that his wishes
Quebec. respecting the new corps are likely to be speedily executed. Changes
in the loyalist corps left to him and Jessup. How the removal of
French to another company could be arranged for most advantage-
ously. A military man will be chosen for adjutant of the loyalists.
One of the Mans may be appointed quartermaster, and Mr. Jones
retained as surgeon's mate. The subsistence of Loveless shall be
continued to his widow to the end of the muster; she will then be
put on the pension list. The changes will not affect the form of
the subsistence lists. Sherwood will furnish a list of men for secret
service, to form part of the garrison at the Loyal Blockhouse. 125
1781.
January 10, Same to the same. With list of loyalists whose allowances are to
Quebec. be reduced, and remarks on others who are receiving allow-
ances. 73
- January 10, Same to the same. That Mr. Wehr was appointed a lieutenant in
Quebec. Sir John Johnson's corps to serve him, as he preferred it to his
chance of raising a company; he may have his choice. 127

1782.
January 21, Quebec. Mathews to Nairne. Directions as to changes in the subsistence lists. Thanks to Major Rogers for his trouble. Trusts that Man will qualify himself for the office of quartermaster. That all officers requesting leave to come to Quebec are to be refused. Page 128
- January 28, Quebec. Same to the same. To make inquiry into the merits of the application of John Raiter for men enlisted. 130
- January 31, Quebec. Same to the same. The decision to reduce the pensions of Mr. Man and others has been considered, and His Excellency will abide by that decision. There are many others who are obliged, with their families, to subsist on the income Mr. Man has now. 131
- January 31, Quebec. Same to Major Jessup. In the present unsettled state of affairs to the southward, His Excellency does not choose to risk recruiting parties in the enemy's country. 132
- February 1, Quebec. Same to Isaac Man. The reason for the reduction in the subsistence allowance. He should compare his own allowance of £53 per muster, with that of others. 133
- February 11, Quebec. Same to Nairne. Directs him to give Philip Empey \$20 to help him to get through the winter. 135
- February 25, Quebec. Same to Marsh. The re arrangement respecting the loyalists will not be made till the arrival of Major Nairne. His Excellency expects that all gentlemen on the pension list will contribute to the service, as the allowance is not to be regarded as a sinecure. 136
- February 25, Quebec. Same to Caleb Green. That his journey to Niagara would be fatiguing and expensive and be of no benefit to him. Why he was not placed in the Loyal Rangers or with Major Rogers. His zeal and activity will lead to his being rewarded. The medical attendance, whilst he lay wounded, has been fully paid for. 137
- February 25, Quebec. Same to Major Jessup. All the clothing wanted by Sherwood for scouting parties will be supplied by Riedesel. 139
- March 26, Montreal. Same to Ebenezer Jessup. The arrangement of the pensioners according to their capabilities, to the engineer's department, to the battalion companies, &c. This, His Excellency is persuaded, will be more agreeable than an inactive life. Major Jessup will furnish him (Ebenezer Jessup) with the list of those fit for active service; and their proposed distribution. His Excellency is desirous of completing the corps, but will not risk parties in the Colonies. When that service shall be resumed it must be in a different manner from that hitherto practised, infinitely more harm having been sustained by the friends of Government than the services of the recruiting parties can ever atone for. 140
- March 30, Quebec. Same to Major Jessup. Steps are to be taken to reduce pensions so that the benefit of the allowance may be made more general. 142
- April 4, Montreal. Same to Nairne. Has received return of loyalists drawing provisions. Is afraid that business will suffer by his departure; it is not possible from the scattered state of the families to keep strict regularity. The accounts should be kept in army pay. 143
- April 8, Pointe aux Trembles. Nairne to Mathews. Sends account for bounty money altered in the calculation to army pay. Warrant to be sent to Mr. Fraser, Deputy Paymaster General. 144
- April 19, Montreal. Mathews to Nairne. Account received and warrant sent as requested. 145
- April 25, Montreal. Same to Major Jessup. Leave given to send out two persons to bring in recruits, under such precautions and with such orders as are pointed out. Every possible inquiry is to be made for intelligence. Sends an account from Man; asks that he examine the

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money he paid him, and return the accounts with remarks. Mr. Smith should have been included in the pension list from the 25th of December. Page 146

May 20,
Pointe aux
Trembles.

Nairne to Mathews. Recommends Hugh Munro for service and states his services. 148

May 25,
Montreal.

Mathews to Major Jessup. With lists and remarks on the reduction in the pension lists. The names and rates are given. 150

June 10,
Quebec.

Same to Myers. His Excellency does not think fit to permit more recruiting parties to go out just now. Dr. Smyth has the direction of the secret service and has, no doubt, had sufficient reasons for the course he has taken. 152

June 14,
Quebec.

Same to Nairne. Has received pay bill. Remarks on ration account of the 53rd; entering into the details of the method of keeping those relating to the sick in hospital, &c. 154

June 15,
Quebec.

Same to Major Jessup. His Excellency cannot let parties go into the Colonies at present. It may be possible on receipt of further intelligence to grant permission. 153

July 30,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Warrant for subsistence sent. Letter on recruiting and on the appointment of officers has been laid before His Excellency. The first must be deferred; in the appointment of officers regard must be had to the reduction of the pension list. Changes in the subsistence account. Tuttle's conduct in not accounting for money advanced. 155

September 23,
Quebec.

Same to Marsh. Has been granted a pass. 157

September 26,
Quebec.

Same to Major Jessup. Man's account enclosed. Hopkins, a teacher at Machiche, is to be continued on the pension list, and the reduction on his allowance to be paid him. To inquire respecting the statement of the widow Bates (Baties?) 158

October 14,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Orders will be sent to muster the corps of rangers under his command, but care must be taken not to remove men from the public works. A few very trusty men may be sent out recruiting; friends of Government have suffered by the imprudence of such parties. 159

November 25,
Quebec.

Same to Munro. No sale of a commission in a provincial corps has been made or can be permitted. Appointments in the Loyal Rangers have been made on the ground of the number of men recruited. To grant his requests would be an injustice to the other officers. His Excellency thinks highly of him, but cannot give cause for discontent. 160

1783.

March 24,
Quebec.

Same to Hobson (loyalist pensioner). That he has been restored to the pension list at the rate of £11 per muster, which Major Jessup has no power to exceed. 161

March 24,
Quebec.

Same to Major Jessup. Encloses letter respecting Hobson's pension. That commissions are now being made to rectify certain mistakes. 162

April 1,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Inquiry to be made respecting the former position of the persons on the pension list. They are to be divided into five classes as by list sent, with the sums each class is to receive. Officers on half pay will be appointed to vacancies as they occur. Changes noted. 163

April 23,
Quebec.

Same to Luke Knowlton. His Excellency expects orders consequent on the cessation of arms, with general directions respecting refugee loyalists. It is impossible for him to make any partial arrangement. 164

1783.
 May 15, Quebec. Mathews to Samuel Wright. Has permission to go to Vermont for a few weeks on his private affairs. Page 165
 May 19, Quebec. Same to John Stevenson. His provision accounts shall be settled by Major Jessup. 166
 June 18, Quebec. Same to Major Jessup. To pay Isaac Man, jun., his account for acting as Brigade Major. Warrant for poundage and stoppages is sent. 167
 June 28, Quebec. Same to John Stevenson. Sends a passport. He is to be supplied with a bateau, tent, &c. 168
 June 28, Quebec. Same to Ebenezer Jessup. Sends passport; His Excellency has no objection to Sharp going to Bennington. They can accompany Stevenson, who is going to cross the lake in a bateau. 169
 July 24, Quebec. Same to Major Jessup. If the statements in petition sent be correct, he is to discharge Henry French and Abraham Scott from his corps. 170
 August 25, Quebec. Same to the same. Although unwilling to permit intercourse with the Colonies till the definitive treaty is declared, he will yet allow loyalists to go there who have and can recover their property, trusting to him to see that the spirit of these intentions is fulfilled. 171
 September 8, Quebec. Same to the same. The Deputy Surveyor General, Captain Sherwood, and others are leaving for Cataraqui to survey land for the refugee loyalists. If there are in his corps skilled land surveyors he may send them to join Sherwood at Montreal. 172
 September 11, Quebec. Same to the same. Collins, Deputy Surveyor General, will be charged with the plans mentioned in his (Jessup's) letter; French will be sent to explore the lands. The other arrangements for surveying. 173
 September 18, Quebec. Same to Rudolphus. His Excellency acknowledges that his reasons for returning to the West Indies are well founded. 174
 September 22, Quebec. Same to Major Jessup. That permission may be given to Hulbert to go to the Colonies to collect his property, if it is certain that he will not abuse the privilege. 175
 September 22, Quebec. Same to William Marsh. He may bring into the Province the cattle he mentions. 176
 September 29, Quebec. Same to Captain Wright. Notwithstanding the great expense, His Excellency, in consideration of the lateness of the season at which the loyalists arrived from New York, will continue the same rate of provisions as they got there. The number of loyalists taken by Cuyler to Cataraqui is sufficient to assist in the surveys, it being too late to settle on the lands. 177
 October 15, Quebec. Same to Samuel Adams. Has received petition from loyalists for leave to go to Nova Scotia in quest of settlements. His Excellency has taken every necessary means to settle the loyalists in different parts of the country next spring. At this season the journey to Nova Scotia would be attended with numberless miseries. 179
 October 16, Quebec. Same to William Marsh. Acknowledges receipt of report on lands towards Lake Memphremagog. His Excellency is pleased to find the land in that quarter suitable for settlers, but will grant no lands till a general arrangement be made. 180
 November 15, Quebec. Same to Lieutenant-Colonel Morris. His Excellency has no instructions respecting the victualling of loyalists from New York, but he will give them such provisions as the necessary economy will admit until they are settled. 181
 November 24, Quebec. Haldimand to Major Jessup. Ordering the disbanding of his corps, but owing to the late date of receiving instructions, will con-

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 December 2, Quebec. Mathews to Herkimer. The Provincial troops are to be disbanded on the 24th. The accounts of the bateauxmen under his command are to be made up to that date. Quarters and provisions will be continued to them for the winter. 183
 December 19, Quebec. Same to Tuttle. His Excellency has no objection to loyalists desiring to settle in Nova Scotia going there, and when the season shall admit, will assist so far as possible in giving them passage. He cannot negotiate with the Governor for grants of land. 184
 December 19, Quebec. Same to Munro. Points out the impropriety of the request for information as to the probable answer of His Excellency to applications, and states the course he himself would follow with respect to the land regulations were he in his (Munro's) situation. 185

CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONRAD GUGY RELATING TO THE LOYALISTS.
 1778—1784.

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1778.
 September 14, Machiche. Conrad Guky to General Haldimand (in French). Arrival of loyalists; will lodge them in the neighbourhood. Number of workmen. Scarcity of pine for building, &c. The additional corvée; recommends lessening it in other respects. Schoolmaster wants to be employed. Page 1
 October 2, Machiche. Same to the same (in French) Complaints as to the situation of the settlement frivolous. Plans of houses for barracks; the delay in building. Proposes to build a saw mill. The rainy weather. Has secured a garden and pasturage. 3
 October 8, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). The progress of building. The load of corvée in this work gives ground for diminution in other demands. Number of people employed; names of parishes furnishing corvées. 6
 October 30, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). Progress of building. Loyalists reconciled to their lodging. Will try to stop frivolous complaints being sent. Respecting rations, beds, blankets, &c. The suspicious conduct of one Huffnagel. 8
 November 2, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). Death of Dielle, Notary; the fear of his papers being transferred to Montreal. Recommends Mr. Badeau as his successor. 11
 November 8, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). Completion of houses. Means to secure the logs cut. Has investigated the cases of desertion; four German deserters retaken. Rations; supply of beef, candles, &c. 13
 November 16, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). Schoolmaster's application. Six new houses to be built. Loss on using large timber. Proposed saw mill. Arrangement for lodging the loyalists and for getting supply of beef. 16
 November 23, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). Fresh beef for troops at Three Rivers. Permission asked to sell goods and retail spirits. The latter should be refused. Urges that on account of the heavy corvées the *habitans* should not have so many soldiers wintered on them. 20
 December 20, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). Arrangements for lodging the loyalists. Report of Van Arnheim, a rebel spy. 23

1779.
January 4,
Machiche. C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). Will look at site for barracks at Pointe du Lac. Report of the treasonable propositions of a man named Corriveau. Page 24
- January 7,
Quebec. General Haldimand to C. Gagy (in French). Is sending Captain Twiss. To investigate together the site for a saw mill. He (Gagy) is to be at the Legislative Council on the 11th. Loyalists remaining; their rooms will do for others. Method of dealing with treason to be considered. 26
- February 18,
Machiche. C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). Has sent for M. Laterrière. Is better in health. Has investigated the case of Basile Green. Respecting Augustine Le Blanc fils, a fellow rebel with Green. 27
- February 25,
Machiche. Same to the same (in French). Putting a stop to the scandal between M. Laterrière and Mlle. Polissier. Information of M. de Tonnancour regarding rebels and steps taken to arrest them. 29
- March 1,
Quebec. General Haldimand to C. Gagy (in French). Will make a solemn investigation in the Laterrière affair, so as to strike the ill-intentioned. Mr. Baby, M. de Tonnancour and he (Gagy) to form a commission. 31
- March 6,
Machiche. C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). The examination into the Laterrière affair. Bécancour a rebel asylum. The equivocal conduct of the Recollet Theodore. Cass, the school-master, desires his pay fixed. Several people will send their sons to take advantage of the school. Wants instructions as to building barracks at Pointe du Lac. 32
- March 7,
Quebec. General Haldimand to C. Gagy (in French). Respecting barracks and the presbytère at Pointe du Lac. Satisfaction of M. de St. Ange. The Laterrière affair has, he hopes, led to discoveries. Will be obliged to bring Laterrière under guard to Quebec. To employ Canadians in building. 36
- March 14,
Quebec. Same to the same (in French). Proposes barracks and a blockhouse on the Nicolet; also a barrack at Bécancour. Would wish to withdraw all the soldiers from the farmers' houses, but it will not be possible. Arrival of Laterrière; he protests his innocence. Arrangements for barracks and school. 38
- March 15,
Machiche. C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). The good effect of the commission of inquiry on the parishes. Expected arrival of Capt. Twiss. Zielberg to be employed in superintending buildings at Pointe du Lac has been sent to Batiscan. Nyvernocho employed to square timber for new houses. 40
- March 15,
Machiche. Same to the same (in French). Report as to sites for proposed barracks and blockhouse at Nicolet. 43
- March 18,
Quebec. General Haldimand to C. Gagy (in French). The satisfaction of the Canadians at arrangements for quartering soldiers. Provisions for Canadian workmen. Capt. Zielberg to superintend the work at Pointe du Lac. Pay for Canadians employed. 47
- March 22,
Quebec. Same to the same (in French). The site for barracks near Nicolet; the highway for deserters should be watched. How the barracks should be built to accommodate all the troops. The movements of Lieut.-Governor Hamilton; expected arrival of Claus and Joseph Brant. 49
- March 25,
Machiche. C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). Complaints of the captains of militia. How desertion may be stopped. 51
- March 29,
Quebec. General Haldimand to C. Gagy (in French). Respecting the complaints of captains of militia. Stopping vagabonds from going off approved of. Goltz honest but credulous. No important news from Halifax. 53

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April 1, Machiche. C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). Is taking steps to prevent trivial complaints being sent to the General. Progress of work for the barracks. Page 55
- April 8, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). Respecting the arrangement for squaring and preparing timber by Canadians. Is preparing to build houses for the royalists. 57
- April 15, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). Acknowledges receipt of papers. Progress of building. 59
- April 29, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). Hamilton's defeat; its bad effects. The good news from New York may counterbalance this. The news of successes in South Carolina. 60
- May 7, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). Will undertake the work at Pointe du Lac. Capt. Brehm hopes he will avoid the Indians at Oswegatchie. Preparations at Albany, &c., should be ascertained. 61
- May 10, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). Captain Zielberg to go with his company to work at Pointe du Lac. Mlle. Pelissier's claim for 10,000 livres against Laterrière. 63
- August 12, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). The conduct of François Duaine, with regard to roads. Progress of the mill; river freed from trees, &c. Asking that other impediments to navigation be removed. Increase of royalists. Barracks being built. 64
- October 24, Machiche. Same to the same (in French). The conduct of Judge Southouse on the bench; his relations with Walker (advocate) and Monk, in relation to the River St. Francis. 68
- October 25, Pointe du Lac. W. Lampadius (in German). Brigadier Speth encouraging the troops not to work too hard. Capt. Zielberg takes no notice of his complaint; asks instructions. 67
- November 5, Machiche. C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). The withdrawal of Capt. Zielberg from the works at Pointe du Lac; the aversion of the German soldiers to the employment, and the encouragement to them by Brigadier Speth, as shown in a letter from Sergeant Lampadius (67). 72
- November 7, Quebec. General Haldimand to C. Gagy (in French). The works at Pointe du Lac should be pushed forward. The improper conduct of Brigadier Speth. Zielberg to remain with the workmen. 74
- December 3, Machiche. C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). List of loyalists forwarded. Capt. French takes command in place of McAlpin. Want of clothing among Butler's party. Desires instructions as to clothing. Bad characters among the royalists; difficulty of restraining them. Widows requiring a little pecuniary help. 75
- December 6, Quebec. Captain Mathews to Mr. Jones. To provide £500 for Mr. Gagy for public service. 79
1780.
April 3, Machiche. C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). Respecting the proposition to Mr. Cramahé to give up his position in favour of Mr. Cochrane. The quality of logs at his saw mill. Desires Haldimand's intervention in the suit concerning the river. 80
- November 8, Machiche. Same to L. Genevay (in French). Planks and shingles ready; the latter sent. Clothing for loyalists. Prisoners sent amongst the loyalists; they should be separated. 82
- November 13, Quebec. L. Genevay to C. Gagy (in French). Clothing for the loyalists. Families of prisoners sent down to be lodged as well as possible; if they do not behave they are to be sent to Three Rivers. Apprehensive that the fleet may not arrive. 84

1780.			
December 24,	C. Gagy to General Haldimad (in French). The ill-treatment		
Machiche.	of a schoolmaster by Howard, said to be a lieutenant of loyalists,		
	and his subsequent violent conduct.	Page 86	
December 25,	Same to Captain Mathews (in French). Claim for powder		
Montreal.	supplied by the late Etienne Augé.	88	
December 28,	General Haldimand to C. Gagy (in French). To have Howard		
Quebec.	tried and punished.	89	
December 30,	John Howard. Certificate that he has been bound over to keep		
Montreal.	the peace. (No signature).	90	
1781.			
January 3,	C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). Concerning		
Machiche.	Howard's case.	91	
No date.	Same (?) to the same (in French). With remedy for head-		
	aches. Will comply with order for boards, laths and deals. M.		
	Maurer offers to take a share in the forges. How he proposes to		
	form a company. (The letter is not complete.)	93	
April 12,	General Haldimand to C. Gagy. Messrs. Giasson to be tried for		
Quebec.	illicit trading up the St. Maurice.	95	
April —	C. Gagy to General Haldimand. Messrs. Giasson have been		
Machiche.	summoned.	96	
May 7,	General Haldimand to C. Gagy (in French). The prosecution of		
Quebec.	Messrs. Giasson.	97	
June 7,	C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). The prosecution of		
Quebec.	the Giassons. The number of boards and shingles may be in-		
	creased, but it is not so easy to get wood for wheels.	98	
May 10,	Same to the same (in French). The result of the trial of the		
Machiche.	Giassons. Difficulties at Pointe du Lac.	100	
June 3,	Haldimand to Gagy (in French). The fine on the Giassons to		
Machiche.	be used for expenses, which he thinks very heavy.	102	
June 10,	C. Gagy to Haldimand (in French). The case of the Giassons. The		
Three Rivers.	outlet through Duaine's road. Brick chimneys at the bar-		
	racks.	103	
June 18,	Same to the same (in French). Sending dry boards; the wood		
Machiche.	sent by Dambourges. Sending samples of flour and meal.	105	
September 24,	Captain Mathews to C. Gagy. With instructions to Davis; they		
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October 2,	Same to the same. Major Jessup has orders to go to St. John's		
Quebec.	with certain men named. Davis has lost a good chance.	108	
December 12,	Depositions against Mary Seymour, as a suspected spy.	109	
Quebec.			
December 13,	C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). Mary Seymour, a		
Machiche.	suspected spy, has been sent to Three Rivers. Asks instructions		
	as to a Canadian and wife from the Colonies.	110	
No date.	C. Gagy. Memorandum respecting the wants of the loyalists.	129	
1782.			
January 9,	Deposition (in French) of Louise Hubert, or Norman, as to papers		
Machiche.	held by Mr. Panet, advocate, Quebec, concerning Pabos.	112	
January 10,	C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). Respecting the		
Machiche.	affairs of Pabos, and the conduct of Mr. Panet. The abuse of the		
	laws as to property, &c. Desires to introduce an ordinance regarding		
	retraits.	113	
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Machiche.	introduced in 1775. Purchasers before that should have titles con-		
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	Norman and his wife and of Mr. Panet. The titles of Pabos.		
	Merchants would gladly purchase for the fisheries.	116	

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July 15, Quebec.	Hugh Finlay to Daniel Forbes. Respecting the arrangements between him (Forbes) a maître de poste, and his aide.	Page 120
August 9, Machiche.	C. Gagy to General Haldimand (in French). Complains of the judgment of Judge Rouville respecting Norman and himself.	121
October 20, Machiche.	Same to Capt. Mathews. Forwarding a paper received from Mr. Jordan.	123
October 20, Machiche.	Same to L. Genevay (in French). Applying for the lease of the St. Maurice forges.	124
1783.		
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December 8, Quebec.	L. Genevay to the same. The captain of militia has full power to remove obstructions to the river put there by Duaine.	126
1784.		
April 30, Machiche.	C. Gagy to Captain Mathews (?). The ferment among the loyalists. Copy of a paper left in the barracks.	127
May 6, Machiche.	Same to the same (?). The difficulty of discovering the author of an anonymous paper to the loyalists.	128

CORRESPONDENCE WITH COLONEL CUYLER AND OTHERS.

1781—1784.

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1781.		
April 16, Quebec.	L. Genevay to Mr. DeCoigne (in French). That there will be no decision for a time as to leave to the loyalists to take gardens and farms.	Page 1
1782.		
January 1, Montreal.	DeCoigne. Return of loyalists entitled to house rent and firewood.	2
March 6, Montreal.	Loyalists. Regulations as to lodgings and allowances.	3
September 27, Detroit.	Alex. Macomb to R. Ellice. Respecting the affairs of Mr. Cuyler.	5
October 22, Montreal.	DeCoigne to General Haldimand (in French). Saving that might be effected in lodging loyalists. Applications for rations from men and boys able to earn a living.	6
October 22, Montreal.	DeCoigne to (Captain Mathews?) (in French). Enclosing return of loyalists entitled to lodging and firewood, with remarks.	8
October 28, Montreal.	A. Cuyler to the same. That he is ready to enter on his duty with respect to the loyalists. Asks for rations.	10
October 28, Montreal.	Same to General Haldimand. For list of names, &c., of loyalists to enable him to inspect them. Asks for rations.	12
October 31, Quebec.	Captain Mathews to A. Cuyler. Information will be sent him as to names, &c., of loyalists. Rations allowed.	13
October 31, Quebec.	Same to DeCoigne. To furnish Mr. Cuyler with list of loyalists.	14
November 11, Montreal.	A. Cuyler to Captain Mathews. Has inspected the loyalists in the district of Montreal. Proposed arrangement for lodgings.	15
November 18, Quebec.	Captain Mathews to DeCoigne. Authority given for providing lodging and clothing for loyalists.	17
November 18, Quebec.	Same to A. Cuyler. Respecting lodgings. The care necessary to prevent abuses in the distribution of rations to loyalists.	18
November 21, Quebec.	Same to the same. Certain prisoners of war to be provided with clothing.	21

1782.			
November 30, Quebec.	(Mathews?) to A. Cuyler. Is to ascertain the real feelings of Mr. Cossett and Mr. Summers, lately from Hampshire. They may be useful.	Page 22	
December 11, Montreal.	A. Cuyler to Captain Mathews. The reports of Cosset and Summers of the inclination of Vermont, part of New Hampshire and part of Massachusetts, to return to allegiance. Clothing for prisoners. Proposed tour to loyalists	24	
1783.			
January 8, Machiche.	Stephen Tuttle to A. Cuyler. His distress caused by his allowance being cut down after his wife and family joined him. His losses owing to his loyalty. Asks relief.	26	
January 11, Quebec.	A. Cuyler to General Haldimand. Asks to be forwarded to the upper posts to look after his interests. He might effect savings to the Crown if appointed agent at Detroit and Niagara.	28	
February 3, Quebec.	Captain Mathews to A. Cuyler. Sending Platt, a pensioner, to Montreal to be under surveillance.	31	
February 4, Montreal.	A. Cuyler to Captain Mathews. Copies of letters open and secret sent by John Wies, on secret service to Albany.	33	
February 6, Montreal.	Same to the same. Orders respecting Platt will be attended to. Concerning rations. Messenger on secret service.	35	
February 11, Montreal.	Same to the same. With copy of letter from W. Marsh respecting secret service, now detained by Captain Sherwood's orders, and reply.	36	
February 13, Montreal.	Same to the same. Will attend to Platt. The detention of his messenger sent on secret service.	39	
February 17, Quebec.	Captain Mathews to A. Cuyler. Has written respecting the detention of secret service messenger. Is writing with milk safe?	41	
February 26, Quebec.	Same to the same. Reduction of allowances to loyalists to admit of help being given to a larger number.	43	
March 6, Montreal.	A. Cuyler to Captain Mathews. The reduction of allowances. Remarks on individual cases.	44	
March 10, Quebec.	Captain Mathews to A. Cuyler. Approving of circular as to rations. The ration list amended as suggested. Secret service messenger had left the blockhouse.	47	
March 13, Montreal.	A. Cuyler to Captain Mathews. Is issuing approved circular respecting rations. Allowance to Mattice. When his secret service messenger may return.	49	
March 17, Montreal.	Same to the same. Return of messenger; his news Reported granting of independence.	51	
March 20, Machiche.	Jephth Hawley to A. Cuyler. Mr. Gagy refuses to sign returns but refers them to Mr. Cuyler.	53	
March 21, Machiche.	Same to the same. Reports of the victualling of loyalists.	55	
March 22, Montreal.	A. Cuyler to Adjutant Valentine. That DeCoigne is to attend to victualling unincorporated loyalists.	56	
March 24, Montreal.	Same to J. Hawley. That he is to attend to returns of loyalists, provisions, &c., as instructed.	54	
March 24, Montreal.	Same to Captain Mathews. The Q. M. G. 1st Battalion R R. of New York declines to victual the loyalists, causing additional expense.	57	
March 24, Montreal.	Same to the same. Expectation of confirmation of a shameful peace; the fate of the loyalists. The dissatisfaction at reduction of rations to officers; the refusal to victual the loyalists; temporary arrangement.	58	
March 24, Montreal.	Captain Mathews to A. Cuyler. Apprehensions of the conclusion of an unfavourable peace.	62	

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March 27, Montreal.	A. Cuyler to Captain Mathews. Account for expenses of loyalists; his journey to Detroit. The good character of DeCoigne left in charge. Dread of approaching peace. 63	
April 30, Montreal.	Same to the same. Thanks for services. Sends accounts for disbursements, &c. Mr. Platt reports himself almost daily. 71	
April 7, Quebec.	Captain Mathews to A. Cuyler. With warrant for payment of disbursements to loyalists. The other claims will probably be settled by Gen. Burgoyne. 74	
April 14, Montreal.	A. Cuyler to Captain Mathews. Asking leave for his nephew to go as flag officer to Vermont to meet his father. 81	
April 14, Quebec.	Captain Mathews to A. Cuyler. Facilities for his journey to Detroit. Affairs at Machiche. 83	
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April 16, Quebec.	A. Cuyler to Captain Mathews. Acknowledges receipt of warrants. Mr. Gagy's refusal to pass accounts, &c.; has instructed Hawley to attend to them. With returns; will investigate charges at Coteau du Lac. His journey to Detroit. List follows. 76	
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April 25, Montreal.	Elizabeth Brownlee. Receipt for money instead of rations. 91	
April 26, Montreal.	A. Cuyler to Captain Mathews. Starts next day; waiting for news of peace. Clothing for the loyalists. List follows. 92	
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July 17, Quebec.	Captain Mathews to A. Cuyler. Acknowledges letters. Still ignorant of prospects of peace, &c. 102	
July 21, Montreal.	A. Cuyler to Captain Mathews. Respecting Canadian prisoners and prisoners of war. 104	
July 21, Montreal.	Same to the same. Proposed settlement of loyalists in Cape Breton. 105	
July 24, Quebec.	Captain Mathews to A. Cuyler. No instructions yet as to settling Cape Breton. 106	
August 13, Quebec.	A. Cuyler to Captain Mathews. Arrival of ship with loyalists; small-pox and malignant fever among them. 110	
August 17, Quebec.	General Haldimand to A. Cuyler. To continue his inspection of the loyalists with economy. Barracks prepared for them at Sorel. Returns of numbers, &c., to be made. 112	

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August 18, Quebec.	A. Cuyler to General Haldimand. The anxieties of the loyalists as to their future. Prospects of settlement on vacant lands. The drawbacks to settlement on the frontier.	Page 114	
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September 1, Quebec.	Captain Mathews to A. Cuyler. List of evidence wanted in trial at Montreal. Mr. Gilmore, loyalist, to keep school at Sorel.	119	
September 4, Montreal.	A. Cuyler to Captain Mathews. Respecting trials at Montreal, and the release of prisoners of war. Orders respecting Mr. Gilmore at Sorel. Arrangement for issuing provisions at St. John's. Demands of loyalists for lodgings.	120	
September 8, Montreal.	Same to the same. Loyalists going to Cataraqui. Is preparing a general return of all loyalists. Threatened proceedings by Forsyth, Taylor & Co.	124	
September 8, Quebec.	Captain Mathews to A. Cuyler. Regarding distribution of provisions at St. John's. Exploration of Monfrémagog (Memphremagog) by Marsh and his pretensions. Suspected he is on a land-jobbing scheme which must be prevented. Relief to loyalists attached to Sir John Johnson's battalion. Regular provision receipts to be sent.	127	
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- No date. Included among the papers is a letter from Samuel Peters to Lord George Germaine, dated 16th February, 1779, with the paper respecting the claims of Colonel John Peters. Page 187
1779. Ebenezer Jessup to Haldimand. Thanks for being allowed to remain in Quebec with his family. Will start at once in obedience to directions from Twiss. Should orders be received to pay his corps for service under Burgoyne, asks that he be allowed to pay the men himself, so that he might stop the money advanced by him, with which he is charged. Trusts to be treated according to his services, but should Burgoyne forget him, that will not abate his zeal. 190
- June 3, Return of the corps of loyalists under the command of Captain Borel. Robert Leake. 192
- November 6, Return of the names of such men of the King's Loyal Americans as paid for provisions, but had not received them between the times set down against their respective names. The return is signed by Quebec. Eben. Jessup. 194
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- No date. Abstract of returns, accounts, &c., lodged at the military secretary's office by Ebenezer Jessup to be laid before a board of officers to assemble at St. John's. 197
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- February — Minutes respecting the claims of loyalists by a board held in Montreal. February, 1780. 202
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- March 9. List of the Queen's Loyal Rangers, commanded by Lieut.-Colonel John Peters, who served in the campaign of 1777 under Burgoyne. 206
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- April 6, Returns relating to the different companies of Jessup's corps of Quebec. King's Loyal Americans, who served in the campaign of 1777 under General Burgoyne. 212 to 218
- April 10. Four accounts of disbursements for the Queen's Rangers, by Lieut.-Colonel John Peters, during the campaign of 1777. 373, 374, 375, 376
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November 23, Quebec.	Haldimand to Sir John Johnson. That McAlpin's son is too young to be made a lieutenant; he may be placed high in the ensigncy.	232
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March 27, St. John's.	The board reduces the claim of Mrs. Sarah Jones from £47 10s. Od. to £12.	298
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September 18, Quebec.	The board of officers recommends that Rogers' corps should be kept distinct from the others, having been raised by order of Sir Henry Clinton and that the different corps of loyalists should be joined into one consisting of eight companies of 50 men each.	328
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	Broken times for Colonel Eben. Jessup's corps.	333
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1782.	Return of a detachment of the King's Rangers commanded by Major James Rogers, for which he is entitled to the King's bounty at \$5 per man.	Page 338
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April 26.	Return of distressed families in the District of Montreal who are in great need of clothing by their infirmity and have received none this year.	342
1783.	Memorial by Simeon Covill for pay due him as captain in the Queen's Rangers, with certificate (p. 344) by Lieut.-Colonel John Peters.	346
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December 25.	Return of men formerly belonging to Jes-up's corps who were made prisoners, with the amount of pay, &c., due them.	348
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	Recapitulation, showing the numbers at each post.	367
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April 26.	Return of the officers of the Canadian companies raised in the year 1776 by Sir Guy Carleton.	369
	List of officers belonging to the Indian department at Niagara.	371
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	List of the names of some that wish to go to the east of Missisquoi Bay.	384
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	List of loyalists supplied with "gift rations," from 5th to 24th October. No year.	390
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	Memorial and account, with certificate, by John Jones, for provisions, forage, &c., supplied to Burgoyne's army, in 1777.	395, 396, 397

1785.
No date.

Return of the officers of the corps of Loyal Rangers commanded by Major Edward Jessup. A short sketch is given of each of the officers, stating birthplace, previous occupation, &c. Page 398

Return of the officers of the corps of rangers commanded by Lieut. Colonel John Butler. The same information is given in this as in the preceding return. 401

A similar return of the first and second battalions of the King's Royal Regiment of New York (Sir John Johnson's). 403

Return of officers of the Indian Department recommended for half pay, with sketches of their previous lives. 406

Officers of the Indian Department commanded by the superintendent and inspector general. 407

RETURN OF LOYALISTS DESIRING TO SETTLE IN CANADA.

1784.

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1784.
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Sorel.

Return of incorporated loyalists desirous of settling in Canada, signed by G. French. Page 1

February 7,
Montreal.

Return of unincorporated loyalists, desirous of settling in Canada, signed by Stephen DeLancey. 9

March 1,
Quebec.

Return of axes and other tools, in charge of the different departments in Canada. 14

March 8,
Montreal.

Return of axes, &c., in the Indian store. 16

March 8,
Montreal.

Return by Maurer, of engineer stores remaining under his charge. 17

March 17,
Yamaska.

Return of various stores at Yamaska blockhouse. 18

Ordnance stores at the same place. 19

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Montreal.

Return of tools packed up in cases for the use of loyalists. 21

April 28,
Quebec.

List of artificers belonging to Major Edward Williams' company in the 4th battalion of artillery. 22

May 1,
Quebec.

Return of a detachment from various regiments (8th, 31st, 41th, 1st Battalion Royal Yorkers and discharged men) under the command of Major Holland. 23

May 1,
Quebec.

Return of artificers discharged from the Field Train of artillery, who wish to settle in Canada. 24

May 2,
Quebec.

Return of axes made by the ordnance smith. 25

Another return of felling axes made by the smith employed by the engineers. 26

Ordnance return of axes. 27

May 17,
Quebec.

Return of grindstones in the different departments. 28

May 19,
Quebec.

Return of tools sent to Montreal for the use of loyalists. 29

May 20,
Quebec.

June 9,
Quebec.

Nominal return of loyalists and discharged soldiers, embarked on board the Provincial vessels for the Bay of Chaleurs, with the names of the vessels in which each party embarked. These were : on the brig "St. Peter" 86; snow "Liberty" 80; brig "Polly" 118; hoy "St. John" 10; whale boats, 21. Total 315. 30

1784.			
June 18, Quebec.	Ordnance return of axes made for the loyalists.		Page 36
June 18, Quebec.	Return of hoes made by the blacksmiths belonging to the Department of Engineers.		37
July 20.	List of persons who have subscribed their names in order to settle and cultivate the Crown Lands opposite Niagara. There are seven lists, distinguishing those who receive no rations; those who are to receive rations after 24th December, next; young settlers who receive rations; disbanded corps with the names of their officers; loyalists who arrived on the 19th July "from Canada" that is from Montreal and other posts in the lower Provinces.		38
July — Montreal.	Abstract of men, women and children settled on the new townships on the River St. Lawrence. The names are not given. The 1st Battalion King's Royal Regiment of New York, settled on townships 1 to 5. Total 1,462. Part of Jessup's corps on 6, 7 and part of 8. Total 495. The 2nd Battalion King's Royal Regiment New York, on townships 3 and 4 Cataraqui, total 310; Captain Grass' party on 1, Cataraqui, 187; part of Jessup's corps on 2, Cataraqui, 434; Major Rogers' corps on 3, Cataraqui, 299; Major Van Alstine's party of loyalists on 4, Cataraqui, 258; different detachments of disbanded regular regiments on 5, Cataraqui, 259; detachment of Germans with Baron Reitzenstein, on 5, Cataraqui, 44; Rangers of the Six Nation Department and loyalists settled with the Mohawk Indians at the Bay of Quinté, 28. The whole numbered 3,776, namely, 1,568 men, 626 women, 1,492 children and 90 servants. The return is signed by Sir John Johnson.		42
September 11, Quebec.	List of loyalist families who wish to emigrate to the Island of Cape Breton this fall. The names of the heads of families (20 in number) are given, the total number being 74. Return signed by John Jones.		43
September 12.	Return of disbanded troops and loyalists settled on the Seigniory of Sorel, mustered this day. The list is nominal. There were 95 men; the whole, men, women and children, with 5 servants, numbered 316.		44
September 15.	Return of refugees and disbanded troops lodged and victualled at and about Chambly. The return is nominal.		47
September 15.	The same for those in and about St. John's.		48
September 17.	The same for those in and about Montreal.		51
September 19.	The same for those in and about Lachine.		55
No date.	List of the people who have applied by memorial for settling on Crown Lands. The list gives the names, condition (civil, military, loyalists, disbanded troops, &c.) and the localities of the lands asked for.		57
September 25.	Nominal return of disbanded troops and loyalists settled on township 3.		61
October 4.	The same of those settled on township 5, Bay of Quinté.		63
October 4.	The same of disbanded men of the German troops settled on township 5, Bay of Quinté.		67
October 5.	The same of disbanded troops and loyalists settled on township 4, Cataraqui.		68
October 6.	Same of disbanded troops and loyalists settled on township 3, Cataraqui.		71

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October 7.	Nominal return of disbanded troops and loyalists settled on township 2, Cataraqui.	Page 77
October 9.	Same of those settled on township 1, Cataraqui.	81
October 12.	Same of those settled on township 8.	84
October 12.	Same of those settled on township 7.	85
October 13.	Same of those settled on township 5.	88
October 13.	Same of those settled on township 6.	90
October 14.	Same of those settled on township 4.	92
October 16.	Same of those settled on township 1 (see also p. 105).	95
October 19.	Same of those settled at Point Mullie (Mouillée) Township.	99 and 102
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	Abstract of the disbanded troops and loyalists in the several quarters and settlements, showing those below and those at and above Cataraqui separately.	111
	List of military masons belonging to the 31st and 44th regiments, and men of the engineer department.	112
	Number of families for Cape Breton, giving the names of the leaders, the number of families to each, and the places where they now are. Total 630, computed to be 3,150 souls.	113

SURVEYS, &c., RELATIVE TO THE SETTLEMENTS FOR THE LOYALISTS.
1782—1784.

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August 25,	John Butler, survey of the settlement of Niagara.	Page 1
Niagara.		
August 25,	The same. Note of expenses necessary for erecting saw mills, &c.	2
Niagara.		
No date.	Etienne Campion. Observations on the different routes of the Grand River (the Ottawa) from the Lake of Two Mountains as far as Lake Huron, beginning 13th May, 1782.	56
No date.	John Munro to General Haldimand. Description of the River St. John and lands in Nova Scotia, as also of the new road from Kamouraska to Lake Temiscouata.	72
April 4 (1783),	Allan McDonell. Account for surveying, &c., at Niagara	135
Niagara.		
1783.		
May 3,	John Butler to Captain Mathews. With survey and note of expenses connected with the settlement at Niagara. The Indians soured at their lands being ceded to the Americans.	3
Niagara.		
August 23,	Justus Sherwood to General Haldimand. With journal of visit to Bay of Chaleurs and remarks on the country.	5
Quebec.		

1783.		
October 19, De Mulah House.	Lieut. John's journey through the woods from Bay of Quinté to Cataraqui.	Page 26
October 20.	Justus Sherwood. Journal from Montreal to Lake Ontario, noting the quality of the land from the west end of Lake St. Francis to the Bay of Quinté, from 19th September to date.	15
October 23.	The same to John Collins. Reports on the country of Cataraqui.	29
October 29, Quebec.	G. French to General Haldimand. Journal exploring the Ottawa from Carillon to the Rideau, and from the mouth of the Rideau to its source; thence down the Gananoque to the St. Lawrence near Cataraqui, from 29th September to 14th October, 1783.	31
October 29.	DuFerrière. Survey from the Seignior of Longueuil to Gallop Island.	46
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July 5, Cataraqui.	Loyalists to Sir John Johnson. Memorial urging that their allowances should not be diminished.	51
July 7, Cataraqui.	Thomas Gumersall to the same. The dissatisfaction of the loyalists at the proposed reduction of allowances.	54
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	Loyalists. Calculation of the number of loyalists to be settled, and the quantity of land required for them.	120
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	(No signature). Remarks concerning the River Madawaska; Lake Temiscouata; the new road to the latter.	123
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CORRESPONDENCE WITH COL. DE TONNANCOUR AND OTHERS AT THREE RIVERS.

1778—1784.

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B. M. 21,830.

1778.	
September 15, Three Rivers.	G. de Tonnancour to General Haldimand (in French). Has sent orders for men to take the bateaux to St. Anne. Page 1
September 22, Three Rivers.	Same to the same (in French). Reporting the news given by Depin of St. François of the movements of Traversy and Bostonians and of the intelligence they had brought. 2
September 25, Three Rivers.	Same to the same (in French). Denying that he had shown partiality in relation to the corvée. 4
October 3, Three Rivers.	Same to the same (in French). Remarks on the proportions of the men demanded for corvée. Accommodation for lodgings. 6
October 29, Three Rivers.	Same to the same (in French). Death of Paul Diel, notary; applies to have J. B. Cadeau (Badeau) named as his successor. 9
November 17, Three Rivers.	H. L. Veyssière to the same (in French). Captain Schank has desired bans of marriage to be published. 11

1778. December 31, Three Rivers.	G. de Tonnancour to Haldimand (in French). Death of Rigaud, notary, at Maskinongé. Proposed arrangement for safety of the papers, &c.	Page 12
1779. January 7.	General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). Written by his order, to secure the papers of Rigaud, notary, till arrangements for a successor be made.	13
February 12, Three Rivers.	G. de Tonnancour to Gen. Haldimand (in French). Information respecting a rebel lurking in Ste. Croix.	14
February 16, Three Rivers.	Same to the same (in French). Arrest of a deserter.	15
February 17, Quebec.	General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). Acknowledging receipt of militia rolls. Exemption of officers' widows from tax of billeting. Arrest of the promoter of false rumours; how such rumours are to be treated.	16
February 27, Three Rivers.	St. Onge to General Haldimand (in French). Thanks for favour.	18
March 1, Quebec.	General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). Arrival of imprisoned deserter. Examination to be made regarding Laterrière.	19
March 6, Three Rivers.	G. de Tonnancour to General Haldimand (in French). Prisoners sent to Quebec; Laterrière kept till further orders. Bad subjects in the parishes, especially disbanded French soldiers, &c.	20
March 7, Quebec.	General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). Corvée for conveying flour to Mr. Allsopp wanted.	21
(No date) March, Three Rivers.	Maillet to General Haldimand (in French). Thanks for assistance, but asks employment.	22
March 11, Quebec.	General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). The Laterrière affair; to watch for bad subjects, especially on the south side.	23
March 12, Three Rivers.	G. de Tonnancour to Gen. Haldimand (in French). Investigation as to the movements of Traversy and of the settlers in the <i>pays brûlé</i> .	24
March 15, Quebec.	General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). The Traversy inquiry to be kept quiet in the meantime. The rolls of militia to be forwarded to Mr. Baby.	27
March — Quebec.	Same to the same (in French). The complaint of Mr. Fraser concerning the lodging of Col. Barner. To make up any wrong to him in some other way.	28
April 6, Three Rivers.	G. de Tonnancour to Gen. Haldimand (in French). Sending militia rolls of Three Rivers. Arrival of Mr. Getch. Ice breaking up.	29
April 20, Three Rivers.	Same to the same (in French). Sending the levy required by the Lieutenant Governor. Is sending two men to the back of Three Rivers to look for money due from <i>Tête de Boule</i> . The fear of Three Rivers losing its Indian trade by the efforts of Montreal traders.	30
April 26, Quebec.	General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). Acknowledging letters, and has sent remittance and also a passport for two men to go to the Indians.	32
May 12, Batiscan.	Louis Marchand to the same (in French). Applying for exemption from corvée on account of the great loss he has sustained by fire, &c.	33
May 14, Three Rivers.	G. de Tonnancour to Gen. Haldimand (in French). Sending Marchand's letter for exemption (33). Has been obliged to arrest Dr. Abdell for drunkenness and attempted murder.	36

- May 17, Three Rivers. G. de Tonnancour to General Haldimand (in French). Has sent Abdell to Montreal under escort. Application from Madame Pelissier for her clothes that were at Laterrière's. He represents the large amount of work and small pay of his office. Page 38
- May 20, Quebec. General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). The conduct of Dr. Abdel. The corps at Three Rivers will be looked after by the officer of immigrants. Madame Pelissier's case referred to the judges. Mr. Marchand exempted on account of his losses. Fully sensible of his (Tonnancour's) services. 41
- May 21, Three Rivers. G. de Tonnancour to Gen. Haldimand (in French). Discovery made by a German deserter of New England spies; he returns to tell, hoping for pardon. The captain at Nicolet is ordered to choose men to watch the mill where the spies were sheltered. 42
- May 21, Three Rivers. Same to the same (in French). Giving notice of two men who have come from the rebels. 45
- May 24, Quebec. General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). To watch the two men from Connecticut, but to leave them alone at present. The deserter's story not to be altogether believed. The mill is, however, a suspected place. 46
- May 28, Three Rivers. G. de Tonnancour to Gen. Haldimand (in French). Has written to Lient. Crofts as to the little faith to be placed in the story of the deserter. 47
- May 31, Three Rivers. Same to the same (in French). Return of spies to the number of 15; tracked by Indians who were afraid to follow further with inferior numbers. 48
- June 1, Three Rivers. Same to the same (in French). Sending letter from Crofts, confirming news of the spies and of their means of obtaining intelligence. 50
- June 2, Three Rivers. Same to the same (in French). Letter forwarded to Crofts. Will look out for a trusty man to give information. 53
- June 3, Quebec. General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). To employ, if possible, a faithful man in the *bois brûlé* to give notice of the arrival of spies. Arrangements for *corvée*. 51
- June 7, Three Rivers. G. de Tonnancour to Gen. Haldimand (in French). Has forwarded letter. Will try to find straw for the troops to camp near Three Rivers, &c. 54
- June 10, Quebec. Gen. Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). For want of straw the troops will be lodged in barns. 57
- June 14, Three Rivers. G. de Tonnancour to Haldimand (in French). Rumoured proclamation by the French king to Canadians. Reports from St. Francis. 58
- June 15, Three Rivers. Same to the same (in French). Transmitting rebel declarations; his suspicion of the authors. 60
- June 15, Depositions (in French) of Herbert Desbois and Jean Sulte dit Vadebonceur, respecting papers attached to their doors. 61
- June 17, Three Rivers. G. de Tonnancour to General Haldimand (in French). Respecting ing canoes for the upper country. 62
- August 23, Quebec. Captain Mathews to Commissary Sills. The great expense of transporting provisions to the German troops. 65
- August 28, Three Rivers. Simon Belleisle to Gen. Haldimand (in French). For continuation in his office. 63
- August 31, Three Rivers. G. de Tonnancour to the same (in French). Respecting exemptions of militia from *corvée*. The disobedience of a militia man. 66
- September 13, Three Rivers. Same to the same (in French). Respecting conduct of Traversy and his wife and his claim for exemption for his men. 68

1779.
 September 17, T. Brown to Malcolm Fraser. That Fraser's servant has been
 Three Rivers. beaten, &c. Page 70
 September 29, G. de Tonnancour to Gen. Haldimand (in French). Regrets
 Three Rivers. that he will not dine at his (Tonnancour's) house; trusts he will
 sleep there. 71
 October — Same to the same (in French). Murders committed by traders.
 Three Rivers. The militia officers at Bécancour let three suspicious men pass.
 Arrest of two of the murderers, Germans; flight of the third,
 English. 72
 October 23, Same to the same (in French). The two murderers give the name
 Three Rivers. of the third; shameful neglect of the militia officers. Complaints of
 ill-treatment. Description of the three men subjoined. 75
 October 23, General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). Respect-
 Quebec. ing the capture of the murderers at Three Rivers. 78
 November 4, Brigade Major de Passet (in French). Warrant for holding two
 Three Rivers. Three Rivers murderers; issued by order of de Speth. 81
 November 5, Lieut. Col. Cressete to General Haldimand (in French). The
 Three Rivers. two murderers have been transferred to his custody. 80
 November 11, A. Maillet to the same (in French). Asking relief. 82
 Three Rivers.
 November 25, General Haldimand to M. St. Ours (in French). Will do what
 Quebec. he can to be serviceable, should opportunity arise. 83
 November 28, A. Maillet to General Haldimand (in French). Thanks for help. 84
 Three Rivers.
 November 30, Pierre Brunet to the same (in French). Complaining of ill-
 Champlain. treatment at the hands of those using the post horses, &c. 85
 December 6, Guinard (in French). Certificate of the imbecility of Guinard
 fils. 87
 December 14, A. Dumas to General Haldimand (in French). Has arrested de-
 St. Maurice. serters. Desires to be made a justice of the peace that he may have
 more power in such cases. 88
 December 14, G. de Tonnancour to the same (in French). The arrest of de-
 Three Rivers. serters. The eagerness of the Trifluvians to search for the others
 in the woods. 91
 December 16, Same to the same (in French). The complaint of Mad. Traversy
 Three Rivers. against the captain of militia. Requesting that muskets, &c., be
 sent for the use of detachments. The draughting of an imbecile at
 River du Loup. 89
 1780.
 January 7, Mdlles. Louvelle to the same (in French). The long illness and
 Three Rivers. death of father and mother compel them to ask for relief. 93
 January 20, G. de Tonnancour to the same (in French). Respecting a sergeant
 Three Rivers. of invalids gone to Montreal. 94
 January (no H. Arden to G. de Tonnancour (in French). Respecting a pris-
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 January (no (No signature) to General Haldimand. The orders as to the sup-
 date, 1780?) ply of carriages necessary for the use of detachments. 96
 January 31, Captain Mathews to Captain Dame. Orders to join his corps at
 Quebec. Niagara. 98
 February 10, General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). To send
 Quebec. Joseph Desjalais to Quebec respecting grain, &c. 99
 February 10, Same to the same (in French). Steps to be taken against traders
 Quebec. going among the St. Maurice Indians with liquors. 100
 February 11, G. de Tonnancour to Joseph Desjalais (?) (in French). That his
 Three Rivers. services have become known to the General; that he may get to
 Quebec free by carrying there an important letter (a second letter
 of the same import at 102). 101

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February 13,	G. de Tonnancour to General Haldimand (in French).	Sending	
Three Rivers.	Desjalais to Quebec.	Page	103
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March 22,	Same to the same (in French).	Capture of a royalist sergeant,	
Three Rivers.	a deserter, with letters for Washington and other rebel generals.		
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Three Rivers.	sertion of a royalist sergeant and others (p. 106). They were on secret		
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Three Rivers.	in the command of a company of militia.		111
April 4,	Same to the same (in French.)	Sending a bass for the Gen-	
Three Rivers.	eral.		112
April 7,	H. Arden to Captain LeMaistre.	Prisoner Kenny received and	
Three Rivers.	lodged in the guardhouse.		113
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May 11,	G. de Tonnancour to the same (in French.)	Militia rolls. Re-	
Three Rivers.	porting canoes preparing to leave without license.		115
May 14,	A. Maillet to the same (in French).	Asking relief.	116
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May 18,	General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French).	Sup-	
Quebec.	plementary militia roll wanted. The precautions to be taken		
	against unlicensed traders.		117
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Three Rivers.	of three rebels, their flight and capture, &c., other rebels report-		
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June 2,	G. de Tonnancour to General Haldimand (in French).	Send-	
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June 9,	Same to the same (in French).	Sending a fish.	126
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June 15,	Same to the same (in French).	Sending a fish.	129
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June 27,	Same to the same (in French).	Escape of rebel prisoners.	130
Three Rivers.			
July 3,	Same to the same (in French).	Respecting Tête de Boule	
Three Rivers.	Indians who wish to go to Quebec.		132
July 10,	General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French).	Will pay	
Quebec.	the expenses occasioned by the Indians; to send them back with		
	assurances that traders will be punished.		134
July 13,	G. de Tonnancour to General Haldimand (in French).	The	
Three Rivers.	gratitude of the Indians. Capture of a deserter, &c.		136
July 18,	Louis Chevalier (in French).	Declaration of his reasons for	
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July 18,	G. de Tonnancour to General Haldimand (in French).	The	
Three Rivers.	capture of a deserter.		140
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- August 7, Quebec. General Haldimand to G. de Tonnancour (in French). Ordering the arrest of traders on the St. Maurice. 152
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- August 13, Three Rivers. Same to the same (in French). Detachment left for St. Maurice. Abenakis have remained and are trying to breed a quarrel. They set out and nearly drown themselves, &c. 161
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1776-1784.

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1777.		State of the officers of the three Canadian companies, for the campaign of 1777.	3
1778.		Statement (in French) of the effects taken from the inhabitants of the Cedars by a detachment of troops going to LaGalette, supposed to be commanded by Captain Aubrey.	4
August 21,	Soulanges.	Circular (in French) by M. Deschambault, Inspector of Militia, to the captains and other officers of militia of his district.	6
August 21,	Montreal.	Enclosed in a letter (in French) addressed to Haldimand, dated 23rd August, 1778.	9
August 24,		Deschambault (in French). That he has sent six carts, paying for them at the rate of six livres a trip, to save the hay of the Baronness de'Longueuil, which was on fire.	10
		Memorandum (unsigned) respecting the division of militia districts and recommending certain officers to be appointed majors, with a salary.	11
October 1,	St. Outhberts.	Procès verbal (in French) by the Deputy Grand Voyer of the post road in the parish of St. Outhbert, &c.	14
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January 9,	Quebec.		

1779.

march, the officers in command shall be entitled to two carriages (carts) for himself; two for the staff and four for each company; if more are demanded the excess is to be paid for at one shilling the league instead of seven pence half penny, the regulated rate for the allowed number. The other instructions prescribe the rules for loading, &c. These are signed by Haldimand. Page 17

January 9,
Quebec.

The instructions are given in French also, signed Cramahé. 21

May 3,

Madame Pelissier to de Tonnancour (in French). Asking for the return of two trunks, which had nothing to do with the affair of Laterrière; there was nothing in them that affected any one and she had never seen any papers concerning the rebels. 25

August 15,
Lake of Two
Mountains.

M. de la Garde, missionary to the Indians at the Lake of Two Mountains, to Haldimand (in French). Apologizes for not having sent congratulations before this; the Indians are desirous of sending a representation of their case directly to the King, but wish to take no steps without his (Haldimand's) approbation, advice and help. Government has apparently regarded religion among the Indians as a matter of indifference, as it was regarded among the Canadians, until the civil consequences of the neglect were felt, for those who do not respect God will not long respect their Sovereign. The Indians are now asking eagerly for priests; is it improper to grant their request? States at length the propriety of the Indians being trained in Christian duties. Suggests that the Seminary of Montreal shall be allowed to bring young ecclesiastics from Europe to teach the Algonquins and Iroquois. The time is not favourable, but has the Seminary ever given the lie to its professions of fidelity to the King? Should the past not give favourable hope for the future? If priests come from France, they will come only from zeal for the salvation of souls; others are not tempted by Indian missions and a rough climate, and a good priest can only be a good subject, &c., &c. 26

August 20,
Quebec.

Haldimand to M. de la Garde (in French). That there is every reason to be satisfied with the Indians and that the first favourable moment will be taken advantage of to procure for them enlightened ecclesiastics, who will in time take the place of the missionaries who have so worthily conducted themselves. 33

September 22,

List (in French) of Canadian officers whom it is proposed to appoint. 34

September 27,

Order (in French) for timber to be brought from the neighbouring parishes to Point Lévi. 35

No date.

Report by Captain Breakenridge that the priest at Lotbinière, Gassion (Gatieu) was a friend to the rebels and had assisted deserters, &c. 37

1780.
March 28,

Price of provisions in Canada in 1749 and 1780. 38

April 5,

Roll of the militia men returned by Colonel Sevestre, as having received orders to hold themselves in readiness to march. 39

May 29,
Belmont.

Colonel Henry Caldwell to Haldimand (in French). Intercedes for a new trial for a man, not named, who is not so guilty as alleged. 43

September 27,

Declaration on oath (in French) by Athanase Boudreaux, a miller at La Baye St. Antoine, concerning spies coming there from the Colonies. 44

December 7,
Montreal.

Dumas St. Martin to Haldimand (in French). That having been sponsor for Du Calvet's son, he desires, at the request of a friend, a

1780.

man of established probity, to prevent the loss of Du Calvet's goods from deterioration, &c., but will do nothing without his (Haldimand's) approbation. Page 46

December 9, Bond (in French) by François Germain for good behaviour. 47

1781.

January 17, The Bishop of Quebec. Circular (in French) to the *curés* of the diocese explaining the reasons for the issue of a proclamation by the Governor ordering the grain to be threshed. It is not doubtful that there are rebel spies and even partisans in the Province; it would be to offer them the worst insult to suspect them (the *curés*) of being capable of violating their oath to a Government under which they have been happy. If there are traitors, so far from concealing they should make them known. 48

January 20, Henry Caldwell to Haldimand. The gratification of the British militia at the high sense entertained of their services in 1775 and 1776. These are only a pledge of their future conduct; and enjoying blessings which their fellow-subjects are deprived of by an unfeeling congress, they look upon the threatened attack upon the province with indignation, and shall be ready for its defence. 51

List of officers of 1778, now living in Quebec. 50

February 15, Sworn declaration by his father and brothers that Jean Parent is insane and dangerous. 52

February 21, Declaration (in French) by officers of militia that certain persons named are with the rebels. 53 to 55

May 24, Widow Delisle to Haldimand (in French). Asking for the same assistance as has been extended to others, for herself, her sister-in-law and daughter; there was a time when she had health and property and needed to make no demand on any one. Now she has lost both. Has written several letters without receiving a reply; hopes that this will be more fortunate. Apologises for the length of the letter; age is prolix. 56

1782.
February 7, Henry Caldwell to the same. Calling attention to the necessity of changing the militia laws. The longer vigorous measures are delayed, the less assistance can be expected from the Canadians, and the danger of delay was felt in 1775, when it caused the almost total loss of the Province. Who can say that the Province may not be invaded next summer? Should the state of public affairs continue in as bad a way, His Excellency should assume his military character only and the whole province become soldiers. 58

March 26, Neveu Sevestre to the same (in French). Points out that he has already received the rank of Colonel from Sir Guy Carleton, acknowledged by Cramahé and by Haldimand himself. He cannot, therefore, be now made colonel by brevet, and asks that in the new brevet his just claims shall be granted. 61

December 28, Louis Lorimier. Statement (in French) of his services from 1776. 62

1784.
April 1, London.

St. Germain to Haldimand (in French). Apologises for sending a letter to his son under care to him (Haldimand) as it is uncertain where the 8th Regiment may be when the letter arrives. 71

April 24, Journal of Durand, a courier, dispatched from the post-office at Quebec, on the 10th of January, with a mail for England by the way of Halifax; he returned to Quebec on the 24th of April. 72

1784. April 24,	The account, in minute detail, of expenses.	Page 84
September —	Madame Lanaudière to Haldimand (in French). Asks him to recommend her son to Commodore Douglas as being the first Canadian who has had the honour of entering the Royal Navy, having been appointed a midshipman by Captain Young of the "Hind" in 1780.	91
September 27, Vaudreuil.	Chartier de Lotbinière, fils, to the same (in French). Asks that, before leaving, His Excellency would sign the <i>Aveux et dénombrements</i> relative to his property which have been in Mr. Cugnet's office for three years.	92
September 30, Montreal.	Neveu Sevestre to the same (in French). Has finished the census and enumeration of the city and district of Montreal, and shall be happy to find that it is approved of. Expresses his sorrow that His Excellency is soon to leave for London.	94
September 30, Repentigny.	Madame DeCoigne Evans to the same (in French). Her sorrow at His Excellency's departure. In sending her son into the service, it was in hopes of His Excellency's protection; asks that before leaving he may give her son a commission.	95
October 4, Montreal.	A. Desautier Beaubien to the same (in French). Asks for his interest in London so that he (Beaubien) may have his salary paid.	96
October 4, Montreal.	Neveu Sevestre to the same (in French). Asks for the vacant office of councillor.	97
October 7, Quebec.	Petition (in French) in favour of the appointment of Joseph Cadet to be notary for the parishes of St. Antoine, St. Croix and Lotbinière, owing to the injury suffered by the inhabitants of these parishes from the want of a notary. Petition is dated 13th April, 1784. Certificate by Jean Baptiste Noël, dated 13th June; order by Haldimand to judges of the Common Pleas to report on Cadet's fitness, 3rd October; report by the judges in his favour, 7th October.	98
October 9, Montreal.	LeGuay to Haldimand (in French). Calls attention to his services and asks for such allowance as may be considered just.	101
October 14,	Claude Chauveau (in French). Prays for a pension on the ground of his services.	102
No date.	Proposal (unsigned) to raise a Canadian corps, with the method of embodying it; the officers should be all Canadian gentlemen and the men assured of limited service; the militia should be subjected to regular but moderate service, and a regimental well disciplined corps formed out of it for constant duty.	103
	Memorandum (in French). That M. Taché in 1755, 1756 or 1757 had obtained leave from the Governor and Intendant to build a wharf on the beach opposite the house of Mr. Morin, where there was a rock which was dangerous to vessels entering or leaving.	106
	Examination of Jean Baptiste Laporte, commonly called LaBonté, accused of having gone off with the rebels.	107
	M Berthiaume, prêtre, to ——— (in French). States the case of Joseph Samson, one of his parishioners, against whom a charge has been laid; vouches for his loyalty and asks that he be liberated.	111
	Account of the money collected for the relief of the inhabitants of Ste. Anne, to enable them to purchase seed wheat. The amount collected was £79 9s. 11d., of which Haldimand gave £20.	113
	Memorandum (in French) signed "Dechambault," on the organization of the militia.	114

No date.	List of the officers of the three Canadian companies.	Page 128
	A list of officers in the Indian Department follows.	129
	List of Canadian gentlemen officers of militia and in the Indian Department.	130
	Certificate (in French) by Captain André Guay, that none of the men of his company of militia has taken part with the rebels, but that four have been held prisoners by them since the defeat of Burgoyne. A note signed by Captain Antoine LeJeune, of Machiche, gives particulars of certain of the men of the militia of that parish.	133
	List of inhabitants with rebels (in French) with the date and in some cases the particulars of the amount of land which they possess.	134
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ACCOUNTS OF THOMAS DUNN, PAYMASTER GENERAL OF THE MARINE
DEPARTMENT IN CANADA.
1775—1784.

B. 172.

B. M., 21,832.

1784.
October 1,
Quebec.

Account current of Thomas Dunn, paymaster general of the Marine Department, showing the amount of warrants granted to him by Carleton and Haldimand, and the bills paid by order of their Excellencies. Page 22

October 6,
Quebec.

Thomas Dunn to Mathews. Owing to the number of open accounts in his books and the impossibility of having them settled before the close of navigation, submits to His Excellency that it would be for the good of His Majesty's service were his voyage to Europe postponed till May or June next. 2

No date.

Account of bills drawn from the posts in the upper country, paid by Thomas Dunn in 1775, by order of Major-General Carleton, the communication with New York being then cut off by the rebels. 4

Account of bills drawn for His Majesty's service by Henry Hamilton, Lieutenant Governor of Detroit. The first is dated 20th May, 1776; the last 16th June, 1781. The total amount £151,015 17s. 9½d. 5

Account of bills drawn for His Majesty's service by Richard Lernoult, captain of the King's, or 8th, Regiment, commanding at Niagara. The first date is 1st October, 1775; the last 29th December, 1779. The total amount £170,665 13s. 11¾d. 7

Account of bills drawn for His Majesty's service by Arent Schuyler dePeyster, captain of the King's, or 8th Regiment, commanding at Michillimakinak. The first date is 6th June, 1776; the last 28th May, 1784; the total amount £392,717 9s. 10½d. 8

Account of bills drawn for His Majesty's service by Lieutenant-Colonel Bolton of the King's, or 8th Regiment, at Niagara. The first date is 11th July, 1777, the last 3rd September, 1780; the total amount £99,520 14s. 11¾d. 12

Account of bills drawn for His Majesty's service by Colonel Guy Johnson, superintendent of Indian affairs. The first date is 5th October, 1778; the last 10th February, 1783; the total amount £113,316. 13

No date.

Account of bills drawn by Patrick St. Clair (Sinclair) Lieutenant-Governor, Michillimakinak. The first date is 23rd August, 1780, the last 18th September, 1782; total amount £268,979 18s. 3d.

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Account of bills drawn for His Majesty's service by Brigadier Powell, commanding at Niagara. The first date is 7th April, 1781, the last 21st April, 1783; the total amount £10,217 12s. 8d. 16

Account (in one statement) of bills drawn by Lieutenant-Colonel Caldwell, of the King's, or 8th Regiment, commanding at Niagara, from January to September, 1776; by Captain G. Foster, of the 8th, at Oswego, in November, 1776; by Edward Abbott, Lieutenant-Governor of Vincennes, from 1st April, 1777, to 20th July, 1778; by P. Rocheblave at Fort George on the Mississippi, from 10th April, 1777, to 5th August, 1778; by Major John Butler, at Niagara, from 28th October, 1778, to 14th November, 1782; by Captain Robertson at Michillimakinak, from 31st December, 1782 to 31st March, 1784; by Brigadier Allan McLean, at Niagara, from 6th April to 18th October, 1783; by Major Robert Hayes, at Niagara, from 9th January to 21st May, 1784; and bill for interest drawn by Haldimand in favour of Robert Ellice & Co., dated 2nd April, 1784. The total amount on this statement is £92,803 17s. 10½d. 17

General abstract of the preceding accounts, showing by whom drawn and the amounts, all being for the upper posts. The amount is £1,300,277 16s. 5½d. New York currency, equal to £758,495 8s., sterling. 20

MILITARY RETURNS AND PAPERS.

1775-1784.

B. 173.

B.M., 21,833.

1775.
June 12,
Boston.

Instructions from General Gage to Lient.-Colonel Allan Maclean for levying the regiment of Royal Highland Emigrants. (Copy made at Whitehall on 15th September, 1778, and certified.) Page 1

August 23,
Québec.

Charter party (in French) of the schooner "Bécancour," between Joseph Heon, the owner, and Colonel Allan Maclean and William Grant, merchant. 4

The policy of insurance on the schooner follows. 9

1777
February 20,
Québec.

Contingent account for the recruiting service of the Royal Highland Emigrants from 29th June, 1775, to date. 12

1778.
May 1,
Québec.

Monthly return of the garrison of Niagara and its dependencies (Fort Erie and Fort Schlosser). 14

May 1,
Québec.

Monthly return of the different posts on the lakes garrisoned by the King's or 8th Regiment. 16

June 26,
Québec.

Present state of the garrison of Quebec. 18

June 26,
Québec.

List of the general and staff officers serving in Canada. 20

June 26,
Québec.

State of the troops in the different cantonments, showing the British troops, artillery and German troops. 22

June 27,
Québec.

Present state of the detachmant of artillery under Captain William Borthwick (two returns and list of officers). 23 to 25

1778. October 5, London.	Colonel G. Christie to Lieut. Grant, of the 1-60th Regiment. That he and all other officers of the regiment are to be ready to embark at Deptford on the 20th.	Page 26
December 24, London.	Subsistence money to the Royal Highland Emigrants paid to Captain Malcolm Fraser from 28th June, 1778, to date.	27
December 24, London.	General account of the 1st Battalion Royal Highland Emigrants, from 13th June, 1775, to date.	31
1779. January 7, Whitehall.	Lord Amherst to Captain David Alexander Grant. That a commission having been signed for him in the Royal Highland Emigrants in June, 1775, he cannot be considered as belonging to the Royal American Regiment.	28
March 9, War Office.	Establishment of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Highland Emigrants, showing the number of officers of each grade, staff, non-commissioned officers, with the daily rate of pay of each, &c.	29
March 22, War Office.	C. Jenkinson to John Robinson (Treasury). That the Royal Highland Emigrants were not put on the establishment till 25th December last, but there can be no objection to giving authority to General Haldimand to settle the accounts of the corps from the time it was raised till that date.	33
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- Oswego to be vigilantly attended to by sending a proper garrison on the first intimation that the Americans are moving that way, and should force be used, it is to be defended to the last. Ross has also received orders to reinforce Oswego and to go there himself. Tinsling carries that despatch and will immediately join him (DePeyster) to be of any service in his power, to assist in settling the loyalists and to render services as an engineer should the posts be evacuated. Sends back the queries answered. Page 195
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LETTERS FROM GENERALS BURGOYNE, RIEDESEL, PHILLIPS, &C.

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March 25, Cambridge, near Boston. Riedesel to Sir Guy Carleton. His troops still remain here, it not being yet determined when they shall be sent to Europe. The men are in great distress for clothing and other necessaries. Asks that the clothing left at Quebec be sent to Boston, where the ships will be allowed to enter and leave without molestation. Has ordered Ehrencrook to have one officer and a non-commissioned officer from each corps to take charge of the baggage, and asks that they be granted a free passage in the transports, and one for Mr. Goedeke, the Paymaster General. Page 1
- April 1, Cambridge. Return of the casualties in the army under the command of Lieutenant General Burgoyne from the convention of Saratoga till date. 39
- April 1, Cambridge. Return (in French) of the corps of German troops commanded by Major General de Riedesel. 40
- April 4, Cambridge. Burgoyne to Haldimand. Recommending Captain Willoc. Congratulates him (Haldimand) on his appointment. 3
- April 4, Cambridge. Same to Carleton. The embarkation of the troops being suspended, asks that clothing and necessaries be sent to Boston. Pass-

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- port for the ship's safe conduct enclosed. Recommends Willoc, the bearer of the letter. Page 4
- April 6, Riedesel to Carleton (in French). A strong recommendation of Willoc, and requests that he be continued as assistant to the officer commanding the Brunswick troops in Canada. 5
- April 9, Major General Phillips to the same. Demand for clothing Cambridge. similar to that in previous letters. Any officer coming in charge will be allowed to return; asks that Shaw, paymaster of artillery, be allowed to come to settle the accounts of the corps, and that Lieutenant Collier, of the artillery, may have the same liberty. 7
- April 11, Same to the same. Sends the paragraph of a letter from General Cambridge. Gates, of the American army, containing this statement: "My intelligence from Canada assures me that Sir Guy Carleton has ordered all those who under the convention returned there, to take up arms. and such as refused to be whipped until they obeyed that order. You must allow this to be a flagrant breach of the convention." Would not comment on the report, but looked on it as his duty to send it. 9
- April 11, Same to the same. Prospect of a cartel for the exchange of Cambridge. prisoners; suggests that American prisoners in Canada might be sent with the clothing ships to Boston, where an exchange could be effected. Asks for a return of all persons now in Canada, who served under Burgoyne, who are included in the treaty of convention, and he will try to get them exchanged. Sends a return of the British troops now here. 10
- April 11, Same to the same. All probability of his return to Canada seem- Cambridge. ing to be over, asks that a board of officers may investigate the accounts for public works. Is anxious to have a strict investigation, but there is no necessity that he should be present. Is more anxious about this on account of the officers who were employed on his recommendation to carry on the works, especially Twiss, and believes the accounts will stand the closest scrutiny. 11
- April 11, Major General Heath. Pass to allow ships with clothing from Boston. Quebec for the army of Convention to come to Boston, where they shall have safe protection. 13
- April 12, Phillips to Haldimand. Congratulations on his appointment to Cambridge. the government of Canada; recommends the bearer, Captain Willoc. 14
- April 12, Same to Collier. Had applied for leave for him (Collier) to Cambridge. join him; will expect him with the clothing ships. Had written to Twiss about his effects and letters; the latter must be sent to Rhode Island or New York. 15.
- April 12, Same to Carleton. Thanks conveyed by Willoc for his kindness Cambridge. and his sense of his (Carleton's) character and conduct, both in his public and private capacity. Sends kind messages to Lady Anne and others, and to Lady Maria (Carleton's wife) and family. 16
- April 14, Reverend Edward Brudenell to the same. Sends thanks for kind- Cambridge. ness; would have come to Canada when the convention of Saratoga took place, but having attended Lady Acland to Albany, he was detained till after the departure of those on the Canadian establishment. Is with Phillips, waiting for an exchange, 18
- April 16, Lieutenant-Colonel Skene to the same. Had come this way on Cambridge. the assurance of being exchanged and of getting to Europe as early as Burgoyne. Is waiting in the hope of rejoining his family in Canada. Sends copy of Burgoyne's testimonial to his son's conduct, in which he recommends him for promotion. Calls attention to his

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August 26,
Cambridge.

son's situation, who, being in Canada, may be overlooked in the promotions to the southward. Page 19

Phillips to Haldimand. Has received an offer from two persons to carry a packet to Canada. The troops are waiting the determination of Congress; had sent for the clothing by Willoc, who sailed from Halifax on the 28th of April. The clothing not having arrived, has applied for leave to send an officer by land with duplicate returns. Hopes that the clothing, if not already on the way, will be sent as soon as possible. Should the officer, for whom leave has been asked, arrive in September, the clothing is to be sent to Rhode Island or New York. Is anxious for the arrival of Lieutenant Collier, who is his secretary. 21

October 8,
Cambridge.

Same to Collier. Captain Willoc certainly arrived in Canada, but the result of his expedition is unknown. Letters had been written to Carleton and Haldimand asking that he (Collier) should be allowed to join him. Has repeated the request. A new and late resolve of Congress makes it impossible for the troops to leave here for months; the post of secretary has been kept open, and he hopes Haldimand will let him come by the lakes. Is anxious for letters, but cannot bear to have his correspondence opened, as it would be by the American officers; desires especially to hear from his (Collier's) sister. The rest of the letter is a repetition of the desire to see Willoc, &c. 24

October 8,
Cambridge.

Same to Haldimand. His painful anxiety about the non-arrival of clothing, and the want of intelligence respecting the results of Willoc's mission, although letters would certainly have reached him if sent to the care of American officers. Has been obliged to send to New York for clothing, the troops being almost naked. Asks that the clothing be sent to Rhode Island or New York. Urges that Lieutenant Collier be allowed to join him. Respecting promotions. This letter is sent by Mr. Watts, who had been captured at sea. 27

October 8,
Cambridge.

George Vallancy to Lieutenant England, 47th Regiment. A private letter with family news. 32

October 8,
Cambridge.

Henry Harnage to Captain Henry Harrington. Informs him of his promotion to a company in the 62nd Regiment. George Vallancy has succeeded to the captain lieutenantancy, the other commissions not yet disposed of. Asks him to inquire about Mrs. Reynell's child left in a convent at Quebec. 34

October 8,
Cambridge.

George Vallancy to the same. Congratulates him on his promotion. General Phillips is gratified that his recommendation has been successful, &c. The poor 62nd Regiment is reduced to 165 privates, 60 of whom are disabled and must get Chelsea, so that if exchanged the few left will be draughted. The regiment is in daily expectation of marching to Rutland. The Congress has resolved to keep the troops till the treaty is ratified by the court of Great Britain, so here they must stay. The rest of the letter contains merely private messages, &c. 35

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS AND TO VERMONT.

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1778.
August 19.

Warrant signed by J. van Ronselaer, Isaac de Fonda, and M. Visscher, commissioners appointed for detecting and defeating all

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conspiracies in this state (New York) against the liberties of America. All persons described as of "neutral and equivocal character" are ordered to come before the commissioners to take the oath of allegiance to the state of New York; should they refuse, they are to be removed within the enemy's lines. John Stevenson, Richard Cartwright, John Van Allen and Isaac Man are, in accordance with the act, to be arrested for refusal and to be sent into the enemy's lines. Page 291

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February 13,
St. John's.

Brigadier Powell to Colonel van Schaick. His letter of the 27th September received by a flag with women and children sent to the Province, was transmitted to the commander in chief, who has authorized him (Powell) to negotiate the business mentioned in Schuyler's letter. The women and children could not have been received in exchange for prisoners, they not having been in that predicament. His Excellency does not intend to enter into an exchange of prisoners, but he will not add to the distresses attending the present war, by detaining helpless women and children from their families. A former application was made on behalf of Colonel Campbell to procure the exchange of his family for that of Colonel Butler and the families of Mr. Campbell and Mr. Moore were secured from the Indians with great trouble. They are at Niagara, well treated, and ready, along with other women and children that may be specified, to be safely conducted to Fort Schuyler, or any other convenient place, provided Mrs. Butler and family shall be sent to Lake Champlain so as to cross before the ice takes. The prisoners here shall be sent at once; if the exchange is long delayed the Indians already displeased, will demand the return of the prisoners to them. 1

February 23,
Albany.

Van Schaick to Powell. Asserts that the motive for delivering up women and children was one of humanity, and trusts that from the sentiments expressed by Haldimand, he will not countenance the carrying of such persons into captivity. Sends copy of correspondence between Guy Johnson and Schuyler, in relation to the demand of the former to return a number of women and children, equal to those left at Cherry Valley. This request although unreasonable has been complied with. Mrs. Butler, Lottridge, Hillier and their children will be notified that they have permission to proceed to Canada; the two Mrs. McDonalds and Mrs. Fraser may go there or to New York at their option. They will have safe conduct. Is not aware of the families at Niagara. If more are returned than are sent, the surplus must count as part of those at Cherry Valley and any deficiency will be made up. In future no letters must be sent by Tuttle, Muffet or Marsh, who are not entitled to the benefit of the law of nations as bearers of dispatches. Requests that information may be obtained from Captain Wood, a prisoner at Chambly, as to which of Thurston's party were captured at Minisink, where they are, and who fell in action, and advise by return of the officer. 4

March 4,
Albany.

Same to the same. Colonel Christopher Yates proceeds with a flag of truce to give safe conduct to women and children going to Canada. Thomas and Andrew Butler go with their mother and may remain if Captain Wood and the son of Colonel Campbell are sent in exchange. Mrs. Shehan's son may be exchanged for Peter Hansen, now in Montreal. If these exchanges are not made, the two Butler's and Shehan should be sent back with the flag. 8

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March 15,
St. John's.

Powell to van Schaick. As the present intercourse has only to do with the business before them, he passes over without answer the illiberal accusations of cruelty, so uniformly made against the officers on account of the very few cruelties committed by the Indians; whilst the unremitting attention of the officers has called forth grateful acknowledgments from the candid of their enemies. The agreement respecting Mrs. Campbell and other women and children taken by the Indians shall be complied with in the fullest manner. Captain Wood's answer respecting Thurston's expedition is enclosed.

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March 15,
St. John's.

Same to the same. Letter by Colonel Yates received. The women and children so far exceed the number that could be conceived, that after those are received to whom no objection can be made, the rest shall be returned by the flag. Neither of the Butlers was under arms, so that it is unreasonable to expect Capt. Wood in return; and it is not His Excellency's intention to enter into an exchange of prisoners, except in the case of women and children, for the sake of humanity. It is not in his power, therefore, to deliver up Captain Wood. If Colonel Campbell's son was not taken in arms, he shall certainly have safe conveyance to the American advanced post, as shall also Peter Hansen, if not taken in arms against his sovereign; or if there are any male children among the Indians, care shall be taken to have three obtained and sent for the three young gentlemen. The fear of the ice breaking up compels dispatch to be used in dismissing the flag and prevents the possibility of making the necessary inquiries respecting Colonel Campbell's son and Hansen.

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March 19,
Williams-
burg.

Thomas Jefferson to Colonel Todd (intercepted letter). In answer to complaint in his (Todd's) letter from the Falls of Ohio, 22nd December, that he has not received letters for twelve months, says that he had written several since the 1st of June. The expense attending the support of troops on the Illinois has compelled them to be called to the south side of the Ohio, where paper money is current; hard money is not to be had. The difficulties of sending commodities to New Orleans are very great; the demand for hard money from different quarters has made them bankrupt. Beuregard's bill for \$30,000 will be on the same footing as others; it will be accepted and payment promised, but Congress has no bank in France or any other foreign place. The Board of Trade must supply commodities to meet bills and provisions, &c., purchased on the south side of the Ohio. To send a list of all bills drawn, stating in what description of dollars, if paper, the depreciation, &c. Just debts must be paid, but means should be taken to prevent imposition, for which depreciation affords an opportunity. Is sorry that he speaks of resigning on the Illinois; a person of established character is much wanted. His complaints shall be laid before the Assembly in May, which will, no doubt, remove them.

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March 19,
Williams-
burg.

Same to Colonel Clark (an intercepted letter). The bills drawn by him and Colonel Todd, presented by Colonel LeGras and Captain Lintot, and those presented by Mr. Nathan, from the Havana, taken up in New Orleans, the whole amounting to \$50,000, added to those presented before by Mr. Pollock, all demanded in hard cash, had completely demolished their credit at New Orleans. To restore this, a correspondence has been ordered to be opened by the Board of Trade with some person there to remit proper funds. He is to notify what military stores and clothing are wanted, so that the

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Board of Trade may provide them, either by remitting bills on New Orleans or by sending the supplies. Provisions, or whatever the country can furnish, are put out of the question, as they will be purchased on the south side of the Ohio, where paper money is current. To send list (with details) of all bills drawn; if in paper dollars, the rate of depreciation; the known price of commodities in hard money or peltry will serve as a guide to the latter, and not to confide too much in Shannon, a confidence which would be misplaced. The expedition against Detroit to be declined; want of men, want of money and scarcity of provisions are sufficient reasons, but there are others more urgent which cannot be trusted to letter. Taking post on the Ohio and chastising the hostile Indians to be considered the business of this summer. Insurrection is apprehended among some discontented inhabitants (Tories) on the south-western frontier. To be ready to assist on application from the militia officer. The danger of such a diversion if not crushed in its infancy. The withdrawal of the whole of his men from the Illinois seems expedient and necessary, unless there be powerful reasons to the contrary. Hopes that Colonel Todd will get the militia in such training as to be in no danger from the Indians.

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March 30,
New York.

Colonel Beverly Robinson to Ethan Allen. Has been informed that he and most of the inhabitants of Vermont are opposed to the wild and chimerical scheme of the Americans to separate from Great Britain and set up an independent state, and that he would willingly assist in uniting America to Great Britain. If he is rightly informed he begs that he (Allen) would communicate the proposal he would wish to make to the commander-in-chief. He can make no proposals till he knows Allen's sentiments, but thinks that by taking an active part and embodying the inhabitants of Vermont in favour of the Crown, to act as the commander-in-chief shall direct, that he might obtain a separate government, and men raised would be formed into regiments, with such officers as he (Allen) would recommend, to be placed on the same footing as other provincial corps. Being an American himself, and feeling for the distressed condition of his poor country, has ventured to write and hopes that he (Allen) will be as candid. The reason for the long continuance of the war is that those who wish for an equitable connection with Great Britain do not communicate their sentiments to each other. Should these hints be disapproved of, hopes that no insult will be offered to the bearer of the letter. If proposals are made and not accepted by the commander-in-chief, the matter shall rest in oblivion. If a friend is sent with proposals, he shall be protected and allowed to return when he pleases.

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April 4,
Albany.

Van Schaick to Colonel Fred. Fisher. Has received account of the defeat of the enemy's scout at Sacondago. Thanks are due to the volunteers who pursued, as well as to Solomon Woodworth. Rum and ammunition to be sent from Schenectady, but to be used sparingly. The men for the frontier service are not yet embodied; the defence of the frontier settlement must for the present depend on the militia.

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June 9,
In Congress.

Resolution of the Congress, postponing the consideration of the questions affecting the claims to jurisdiction on the part of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay and New York on the one side and the people of the district known by the name of the New Hamp-

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July 25,
Bennington.

shire grants, who claim to be a separate jurisdiction, on the other, till the second Tuesday of September next. Page 24

Thomas Chittenden to Samuel Huntington, President of Congress. Denies the right of the Congress to determine the claims of jurisdiction set up by the inhabitants of Vermont; and warning Congress that the state will resist by force of arms, and hold itself at liberty to offer or accept terms for the cessation of hostilities with Great Britain, without the approbation of any other man or body of men "for on proviso that neither Congress, nor the legislatures of those states which they represent will support Vermont in their independence, but devote her to the usurped Government of any other power, she has not the most distant motives to continue hostilities with Great Britain, and maintain an important frontier for the benefit of the United States, and for no other reward than the ungrateful one of being enslaved by them." The letter sets out the services of Vermont, and argues at some length on the invalidity of the claims of the three states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York to the territory occupied by Vermont. 26

August 30,
Near Hudson
River.

Washington to Haldimand. It has been reported to him, but not in such a way as is satisfactory, that American officers, prisoners in Quebec, are confined in gaol without any good reason. Calls attention to the report, and is sure the complaint, if true, will be remedied. Suggests sending a number of the prisoners to Sir Henry Clinton at New York, where they could be exchanged. 37

September 21,
St. John's.

Powell to van Schaick. Besides the families promised in letter of the 15th of last March to be returned, His Excellency has granted permission to others (named) to return to their families. His Excellency is sorry that the breach of faith on the part of the colonists to the cartel at the Cedars, has put it out of his power to enter upon an exchange of prisoners. In spite of repeated attempts to escape, many are on parole; they have all a plentiful allowance of wholesome provisions; those who are obliged to be confined are accommodated in the most comfortable manner circumstances will permit, and have had money advanced them as per account. If this last indulgence is to be continued, it is reasonable the money should be remitted in coin, as very heavy bills are every day presented from the troops, who are prisoners in the Colonies. The kind treatment of prisoners here is referred to for comparison to those by whose order or permission His Majesty's subjects have experienced execution, the horrors of a dungeon, loaded with irons and the miseries of want. Asks that the families mentioned in list enclosed be returned. 39

September 27,
Arlington.

Chittenden to Haldimand. Proposes an exchange of prisoners. 41

September—
Quebec.

Haldimand to Washington. The infraction of the capitulation of the Cedars must prevent a negotiation with the Congress for an exchange of prisoners, unless it first recede from its resolution. Notwithstanding, Sir Guy Carleton, from humanity, sent a number of officers and men whom he supplied with money and clothing, an example followed by him (Haldimand), but no result of this kindness was communicated, nor the expenditure reimbursed. His Majesty's Government here acted with so much humanity that though the Congress infringed the capitulation of the Cedars, the hostages for its performance were allowed to go. Has great reason to complain of the unworthy treatment of Hamilton in Virginia, but although the law of nations justifies, even requires, retaliation,

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he has not listened to its dictates, nor made innocent people suffer for the guilty. Does not renew the application for Hamilton, being well aware that had it been in his (Washington's) power, an end would long ago have been put to the unworthy treatment to which he has been exposed. Hopes next summer to be able to send the prisoners to New York (except those belonging to Virginia); it has been out of his power this year. He may be assured that the prisoners shall be treated with humanity and have every reasonable indulgence. Page 43

October 29,
Castleton.

Ethan Allen to Major Carleton. Has received his letter, with one from Haldimand for Chittenden. Every respect will be shown to the flag, and no hostilities permitted; a similar cessation expected on the British side. Has no doubt that a proper person will be sent by Chittenden to settle a cartel. 46

October —
St. John's.

Major Carleton (?) to van Schaick. Unavoidable delay in forwarding Powell's letter, and the families to be sent. On this account they could not have been forwarded without risk from the Indians, there being no flag. Is afraid that it may be too late for the loyalist families to cross, but if the weather prove favourable they may be allowed to come. 47

November 1,
Bennington.

To the General Assembly of Vermont. Report of a committee that no provisions be supplied to Colonel Hay, appointed by the Continental Commissary General to purchase in the New Hampshire grants; that a large supply has already been given; that if the Legislature assisted Hay in purchasing it must pledge the faith of the State for payment, which would amount to paying a continental tax, "a contradiction to the grand American principle, which is that taxation without representation is inadmissible, and that the Legislature of the State ought not to undertake to supply Colonel Hay with the beef required. Your committee would remind the House that there is no law that prevents Col. Hay's purchasing what provisions he pleases in this State for the use of the continent, and transporting the same where he thinks proper for that purpose." 48

November 2,
Saratoga.

Peter Gansevoort to Powell. Respecting the families to be sent back; bateaus have been asked for. Is glad that the British have at last followed the generous example of the Americans in the treatment of prisoners. It is true a few spies were executed; amongst them Major André, a necessary death lamented with a generosity that does honour to human nature; only a few have been kept in dungeons and loaded with irons to make up for the many kept in dungeon ships. If ignorant of these facts his observations on the treatment of prisoners by the Americans may be excused; if not they are unworthy of a gentleman. Denies the statement about the breach of faith at the Cedars. 50

November 4,
Bennington.

Ethan Allen to Major Carleton. Is informed that it has been agreed to cease hostilities on the northern frontiers of New York. Would have waited on him in person, but other gentlemen have been appointed with whom, he has no doubt, a cartel will be concluded. 53

November 6,
Bennington.

Chittenden to Haldimand. Has laid the letters relating to a cartel before the Legislature; Ira Allen and Major Joseph Fay have been sent with ample powers to settle such cartel with Major Carleton as they may judge to be of mutual advantage. 54

November 10,
Saratoga.

P. Schuyler to Major Carleton. Thanks for the care he has given to letters sent. Is happy to find by his (Carleton's) letters to Gan-

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sevoort that Van Du-en's infamous tale was without foundation. He went even farther than Gansevoort wrote. Sends papers respecting André; in one there are letters from André to Sir Henry Clinton and Washington. Another containing a narrative of the whole transaction he cannot find, but he writes it from memory, and concludes that André was an ornament to his profession; of most strict honour; that when it was intimated that if Arnold was given up, his life would probably be saved, he declined hinting it to Sir Henry Clinton. If he had, he (Schuyler) would have ceased to esteem him for although his life was worth a thousand of Arnold's, it would have been bought at too high a price. His low opinion of Arnold. Page 55

November 22,
Arlington.

Chittenden to General Clinton. Transmits a copy of his letter to Congress, dated 25th July (see p. 26) and makes a positive demand on the legislature of the state over which he (Clinton) presides (New York), to relinquish the claim of jurisdiction over the State of Vermont; and also proposes a solid union for mutual defence against the British forces. Colonel Ira Allen, who delivers this, will wait for an answer. 60

November 24,
Sunderland.

Ethan Allen to Major Carleton. Thinks that the intelligence received by Sherwood will amount to an answer to his (Carleton's) last letter. Vermont will conduct the cartel honourably; commissioners will be sent about the first of January either to St. John's or Montreal, with a list of prisoners for cartel. The cartel is to be only with Vermont, which has been carrying on a spirited controversy with New York, and although he had sent Major Clarke to propose the extension of the truce to the frontiers of New York, it is the last of the kind he would propose to any British officer. 61

December 12,
Arlington.

Chittenden to Governor Turnbull and Governor Hancock. Transmits copy of letter to Congress dated 25th July to be laid with this letter before the legislatures of their states, "as it is the only method that Vermont has at present in her power of soliciting a union with the United States, to propose it to their several legislatures separately." The letter to Governor Turnbull is at p. 62, that to Governor Hancock at 66. 62-66

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January 1,
Arlington.

Same to Haldimand. Had acknowledged on the 6th November, the receipt of His Excellency's letter. Colonel Ira Allen and Joseph Fay appointed commissioners to negotiate a cartel for the exchange of prisoners, could not then come on account of the ice. Has now appointed the Honourable Jonas Fay and Major Isaac Clarke to proceed on the same business, so soon as the road is safe. 69

February 2,
New York.

Beverly Robinson to Ethan Allen. Had sent two copies of enclosed letter (p. 19) but is afraid he received none of them, having had no answer. Believing from what he hears that he (Allen) is still inclined to join the King's cause, he makes another trial, especially as he can now state with authority that Vermont can get the terms mentioned, provided the people take a decided and active part. Hopes for an answer and that a method of correspondence be pointed out, and how Vermont can be most useful, either by joining the northern army or to meet and join an army from New York. 22

March 9,
Sunderland.

Ethan Allen to Samuel Huntington, President of Congress. Encloses two letters to be laid before Congress (from Beverly Robinson, see pp. 19 and 22). They are the only letters received from him; to these no answer had been sent. They were laid before Governor Chittenden and other principal men of the state. It was thought best to take no notice of the proposal. Congress

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had claimed the right of arbitrating on the existence of Vermont as a separate Government, New York, New Hampshire and Massachusetts Bay claiming the territory. States the services rendered by Vermont in defending the northern frontier; believes that Congress will not dispute his sincere attachment to the cause of his country, though he does not hesitate to say that Vermont had a right to agree on a cessation of hostilities with Great Britain, if the United States persist in rejecting her application for a union, for which he gives further reason. Page 71

March 10,
Sunderland.

Ira Allen to Huntington. Transmits, in his private capacity, an act of the State of Vermont, laying a jurisdictional claim to certain specified lands, and an act of union between the State and a convention held at Cornish in February last. The State, however, declines further application (to Congress). Extract of a letter from a New York member of Congress to a friend, on the subject of disputed boundaries with Virginia, &c., follows. 75

March 27,
Albany.

George Clinton to Haldimand. From motives of humanity he had sent upwards of 100 women and children last fall to Major Carleton, then in the vicinity of Crown Point. Sends list of women and children, who have been taken prisoners by rangers; asks that they be liberated and returned to their families. Unless the practice of capturing women and children cease, he shall be obliged to keep the families of those within the British lines to be used for exchanges. 76

April 12,
Windsor.

The proceedings of the General Council, and of General Allen, in respect to two letters signed "Bev. Robinson" addressed to Colonel Ethan Allen, and a letter addressed by the latter to the President of Congress, were approved by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont. 78

April 26,
Arlington.

Chittenden to Haldimand. That the two commissioners named had been unable to cross the lake in February. Colonel Ira Allen and Major Isaac Clarke are now sent with full powers to negotiate for a cartel. 70

May 8,
Isle aux Noix.

Ira Allen to the same. Sends papers to show the peculiar situation of Vermont. Has seen the instructions to Major Dundas and Captain Sherwood; is embarrassed by their not both being on one footing. He (Haldimand) need not be surprised at the form of his (Allen's) instructions, considering the evils attending large and popular bodies. Has conversed freely with Captain Sherwood; hopes that it will lead to further procedure; suggests that for mutual benefit the contending powers stay their troops within their respective lines. The legislature of Vermont is adjourned to June; it is expected that the people to the eastward of Hudson River will be then represented. Another flag will be sent after that to exchange prisoners and transact other business. 79

Isle aux Noix.

Same to Dundas and Sherwood. Wishes, after examining the powers given them, that they extended to making the cartel permanent. Is shocked at the treatment of Hamilton and others taken by Colonel Clark. Vermont, a free and independent State, unconnected with any power whatever, is disposed to treat prisoners humanely and to observe public faith. Knows nothing of prisoners sent to New York on parole. The prisoners taken at Fort Ann do not expect now to be included, but as Vermont has laid jurisdictional claim to the Hudson, the question as to these people might be left to a future cartel. Shall deliver a list of prisoners belonging to Vermont, and exhibits proposals for settling a cartel. Has not had time to ex-

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amine the accounts for money paid out for the prisoners, but presumes the money will be reimbursed. Page 81

May 14,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Chittenden. Is sorry for the disagreeable and ineffectual journey of the Vermont commissioners last fall. The terms now offered by Colonel (Ira) Allen are inadmissible. All prisoners belonging to Vermont, even those serving in the United States corps, are demanded, yet it is admitted that all prisoners taken by Vermont have been given up to the United States. Is sorry that the overtures after six months of deliberation are so little calculated to bring about the event hoped for. The door is still open. At any time when proposals shall be made by the State of Vermont that can with honour be accepted, a flag of truce shall be received. 83

May 20,
Isle aux Noix.

Ira Allen to Major Dundas and Captain Sherwood. Cannot imagine where the idea that he was proposing a truce originated. Is at a loss to know how far the British commissioners would proceed at this time and would be happy to receive a proposal from them. 85

May 21,
Isle aux Noix.

Dundas to Ira Allen. That the word *truce* did not originate from his (Allen's) letter or proposal. That the commissioners are furnished with a list of prisoners taken from Vermont with their accounts, &c., and are prepared to enter on the business of exchange at large, so that they have no proposals to make; but no exchange can take place till commissioners are sent with full powers, at which time British prisoners can be sent down to the shipping on Lake Champlain, when they will be exchanged. No women or children can be accepted as prisoners nor any men but such as have been taken in the British service, and no prisoners will be delivered that belong to the Continental Army or to any of the thirteen States. 86

May 25,
Walpole.

Petition from the inhabitants of Walpole to the Legislature of New Hampshire, against the union to Vermont of certain territory of the New Hampshire grants and praying that they be continued as a part of New Hampshire. 128

June 20,
Exeter.

M. Weare, clerk to the Assembly of New Hampshire, to Congress. Protesting against the delay in settling the claims of New Hampshire, and pointing out the evil effects to the State and to the United States owing to plots of the disaffected, and to the difficulty of raising men or money as demanded by Congress. 88

July 10,
Sunderland.

Ira Allen to Haldimand. Reports the proceedings of the Legislature of Vermont, in which he gave so plausible an account of the negotiations as to be satisfactory to the spies from other States and to the great Whigs. Jonas Fay, Ira Allen and Betsy Woodward were elected to go to Congress to offer terms of union. His (Allen's) scheme to make such proposals as could not be accepted and represent that Congress would settle nothing till the end of the war and then divide the State among the different claimants. Things are ripening as fast as the nature of the case will admit, as it is difficult and somewhat dangerous to try to change the opinions of large and popular bodies, nor can any advantage arise by any of those in power publishing their sentiments till the proper crisis comes, as the officers are annually elected by the people; things must be kept under the rose until after the new election, when in all probability a large majority of the officers of Government will be well disposed, "and then the advantage of another denial by Congress and having the reins of Government in their hands, they will make a resolution so long wished for by many." A considerable part of the citizens of the State are emigrants from Connecticut and would ex-

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pect to remain a reasonable time neutral. General Allen has resigned and taken to his old studies—philosophy. General Bellows declined serving. Colonels Safford and Fletcher are elected in their stead. General Enos commands the State troops. These three are acquainted with the proceedings at Isle aux Noix. The result at Congress shall be reported to him (Haldimand). Hopes that Sherwood will continue the signal agreed on. Page 90

July 10,
Bennington.

Commission signed by Governor Chittenden to Jonas Fay, Ira Allen and Beyabel Woodward to attend Congress and to present terms of union, &c. 55

July 15,
Arlington.

Chittenden to Haldimand. Acknowledges letters and is happy to find him (Haldimand) humarely disposed to alleviate the miseries of so unnatural a war. Has been informed of Ira Allen's proceedings; nothing would have given him more pleasure than to have effected a settlement as Allen proposed, which would have been a prelude to a full settlement. Thirty British prisoners shall be sent by Fay for exchange. Has repeatedly written to General Washington for prisoners belonging to Vermont to be returned, but has received no answer. Shall appeal to Congress; it may prove equally ineffectual. Will concert measures to collect British prisoners for the redemption of all Vermont prisoners in Canada. Asks that Capt. Brownson be exchanged for Capt. Zadock Wright. Expects that the territories lately annexed to Vermont shall be included in the same privileges. 97

August 3,
Philadelphia.

Representation from the delegates for the State of New York, of the case of that State against the claims set up by the people of the State of Vermont. 120

August 7,
Philadelphia.

Resolution of Congress to appoint a committee to confer with commissioners from Vermont regarding the admission of that state, called in the resolution: "the people residing in the New Hampshire grants on the west side of Connecticut River," and the settlement of the claims of New Hampshire and New York to jurisdiction. 99

August —
On board the
"Royal
George,"
Lake Cham-
plain.

Joseph Fay to Haldimand. His arrival and generous reception by the commissioners. Sends list of prisoners delivered and list of those to be given in exchange, who are to be sent to East Bay. Calls attention to mistakes in the lists, &c. Demurs to the charge for maintenance of prisoners; those in Vermont were left at large and provided for themselves, being now fit for service, whilst those to be received will not be able for service for some time. Money advanced to officers ought to be punctually paid, so that what has been paid for Captain Brownson will be at once settled. Is anxious to have a permanent cartel established. Is unhappy to find that prisoners belonging to territories lately acquired by Vermont are not to be included. Is of opinion that the liberation of all the prisoners would have a good effect. 101

August 9,
On board the
"Royal
George,"
Lake Cham-
plain.

Same to the same (private). Having written on the subject of the exchange of prisoners, wishes to speak on one of more importance after seeing his (Haldimand's) letters to Sherwood and Smyth and conversing with them. Is pained that there is an apprehension that the gentlemen in Vermont are wanting in sincerity, and is sorry to mention the jealousies that arise from the distance he keeps the proposals, leading to the conclusion that the design is to involve Vermont in war with the other States, when she would become an easy prey. Is himself convinced upon his (Haldimand's) good intentions and wishes that steps were taken to remove all jealousies. Colonel Allen's letter of the 16th ultimo expresses

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nearly all he could say; it expresses the sense of the Governor and council, as he was present when it was read. (The letter was dated the 10th, see p. 90.) Besides the three general officers mentioned, other principal gentlemen are interested, whose influence will be very serviceable in bringing about the change of government hoped for. As security for fidelity they had signed a paper which would be communicated at any time to him (Haldimand). Wishes it was in his power to remove every suspicion and protests his own sincerity. Page 104

August 14,
Philadelphia.

Jonas Fay, Ira Allen and Beya Woodward to the President of Congress. Sending a duplicate of their commission to attend Congress. 109

August 16,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Chittenden. Has received letter of the 15th ulto., brought by Major Fay. The exchange has been made as easy as possible. Has allowed Colonel Johnson to return to his home on parole. Cannot detain the flag for all the prisoners, owing to reasons given to Fay. Prisoners near Montreal should go with him, the rest will follow under care of Brownson and a flag. There are now few prisoners on either side. Cannot think of a permanent cartel. 110

August 18,
Philadelphia.

Questions proposed by the committee of Congress to the agents for Vermont, with the answers. 111

August 18,
Philadelphia.

Propositions made to Congress by Fay, Allen and Woodward, with terms of union, setting out the boundaries of the territories claimed by Vermont, &c. 115

August 20,
Philadelphia.

Resolution of Congress setting out the territory that will be recognized as under the jurisdiction of Vermont. The resolution appointing the committee to confer with the commissioners from Vermont, dated the 17th is appended. 118

September 11,
Ticonderoga.

Smyth and Sherwood to Fay. Have arrived with prisoners; are ordered to get the business settled and to return without delay. They should like Fay himself to come to take delivery, as they would be happy to meet him, for even a short time. 133

September 13,
Bennington.

Fay to Smyth and Sherwood. Has received advice that they have arrived with prisoners. Is afraid that Marsh had not reached when the flag was sent off, as he had a letter from Ira Allen and him (Fay) that they were at Skenesborough. Is at a loss to know why Smyth and Sherwood are not allowed to come beyond Ticonderoga. Had they been punctual, as he was, the business would have been concluded in twenty-four hours, and he finds it necessary that they proceed to the place mutually agreed on to settle, not only the accounts, but the exchange of a number of other prisoners as agreed to in August last. Assures them of complete protection. 134

September 16,
Skenes-
borough.

Ira Allen and Fay to Smyth and Sherwood (private). Are waiting here with instructions from the Governor to negotiate business relative to a change of Government and are possessed of papers respecting the proceedings of Congress with the agents of Vermont, &c. Every preparation has been made for their reception. The interview will be of more consequence than can be expressed in this paper. 136

September 20,
Skenes-
borough.

Ira Allen and Fay, commissioners on the part of Vermont, propose for consideration the plan for having the report of their agents to Congress and the proposals from Congress, which they have reason to expect will be rejected. As the members are in great part strangers to each other, it would be better to leave them a few

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days before a public debate on a change of Government, and suggests that a proclamation from Haldimand to the legislature would be of advantage, such proclamation to contain the terms the court of Great Britain has authorized His Excellency to grant Vermont. That no undue advantage be taken of the proclamation, they propose that it be lodged with the general commissioners on the lake; that as soon as the legislature has rejected the offers of Congress that a confidential person be forwarded to the commissioners, who are to forward the proclamation to Castleton, where General Enos will forward them unopened to the legislature. Page 137

September 20, Skenesborough. Queries from Captain Sherwood to the commissioners of Vermont respecting their proposals for proclamation, &c., and their answers, signed by Ira Allen and J. Fay. 139

September 30, Skenesborough. Sherwood to Mathews. Transmits information respecting proceedings with Vermont. The papers marked from 1 to 11 contain the essential part of the negotiation. He believes that Chittenden, Allen, Fay, and a number of the leading men of Vermont are making every exertion to bring about a reunion with Government, and that at least one-third of the populace sincerely wish for such a change. Congress is alarmed and has at great expense employed emissaries, the soul of which is General Bailey, to set the populace against their present leaders, by asserting that they are Tories and intend to sell Vermont. He believes that Congress intends to bring the populace of Vermont to a general vote to see whether they will relinquish their present claims or not, when they hope by the influence of Bailey, to turn out the present leaders and put in their own creatures, whom they will support by a force on the frontier. Allen and Fay both showed the embarrassing situation, and the dangers whilst the rebellious part of the populace, though few, could expect more help from the southward than the friends of Government could expect from the northward at the present moment, the effect being to give, so long as this lasted, but little hope of success. The suggestion respecting the proclamation and the terms, stating privileges, extent of territory, security of the title of their lands, &c., &c., advantages of trade, &c. 141

October 1, Charleston. Resolution of the Committee of the Whole of the Legislature of Vermont on the report of the delegates sent by the State to Congress declining to accept the resolutions of Congress in respect to the State. 147

October 4, St. John's. Thomas Johnson to Haldimand. The security taken against imposition in the receipt of news. 144

October 12, Quebec. Haldimand to Governor Clinton. The number not only of women and children, but of men sent back to the Colonies justifies, he hopes, the good opinion held of him by Clinton. Many more would have been sent had their homes not been so distant, and contrary to the false reports spread, they have been made as comfortable as possible. Women and children specified will be collected and sent. The numbers liberated by Indian parties of which he (Clinton) cannot affect ignorance, is a proof that these captures only take place when from inferiority it was impossible to restrain Indians from their unnatural system of war. These misfortunes of an Indian alliance cannot be more lamented by the sufferers than by himself, and he has never lost an opportunity to alleviate the distresses of the captives in spite of the shameful falsehoods propagated. Until the cartel of the Cedars be honourably fulfilled, he

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must decline an exchange of prisoners, as proposed by Brigadier Starke. Page 144

October 20,
Charleston.

Ira Allen to Sherwood. Things have not gone as expected. Reports have been received of the defeat of the British fleet by De Grasse; that Cornwallis cannot retreat; that Washington had arrived to join the French army and that Cornwallis, with his army, had been made prisoner. These reports, true or false, have had their effect. Changes by the new election; has not sounded all the new officials yet, and there are spies from the other States watching. Sends extract of proceedings to show how the legislature has dispensed with the resolutions of Congress. The proposals to the neighbouring States will tend to strengthen internal connections. The proclamation should not be sent at present on account of reports from the southward. Too much depends on the news from the south, to make a move and any premature step would be dangerous. The people do not look to Congress as they did; patience and refraining from invasion which would rouse the spirit which it has taken such pains to allay "and matters may yet crown our most sanguine expectations." 152

October 22,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Chittenden. To send a person to treat for an exchange of prisoners, which the violation of the cartel of the Cedars and of the convention forbid to be general. 156

October 23,
Tyconderoga.

Sherwood and Smyth to Governor Chittenden and Council. The remainder of the prisoners, including those of the new unions, shall be sent forward. Would the issue of a proclamation intimating Haldimand's humane intentions to Vermont and her new unions be acceptable and tend to alleviate the calamities of war? Cannot account for the delay in arrival of the prisoner Ira Allen and Fay promised to send. 157

November 1,
Albany.

P. Schuyler to St. Leger. Interceding for the return of two prisoners, taken whilst defending him (Schuyler) against an attack made by a party on his house in August last. Asks it as a personal favour. Lord Stirling, who now commands, has promised to send two British prisoners in return. States the critical situation of Cornwallis, as he (St. Leger) may be anxious to know, being incapable of those insulting topics which disgrace humanity. Cornwallis, after a fruitless attempt by Hood and Admiral Graves to relieve him, surrendered on the 18th. (The capitulation was on the 19th October). 158

November 1,
Saratoga.

Lord Stirling to the same. Is induced by the long imprisonment of American prisoners in Canada to propose an exchange, and will send at once the British prisoners to Skenesborough, if assured that the American prisoners will be forwarded to the same place, so that there need be no delay in the exchange. Will try to arrange for the release of Dr. Smyth's son. Reports the capitulation of Cornwallis. 160

November 4,

Sherwood reports his interview with Col. Wallbridge respecting the issue of a proclamation which Wallbridge said could not be issued in the present situation of affairs. Ira Allen had desired him to say that the ruling men in Vermont were mostly friends to a reunion to Britain, and that the idea had become familiar to many of the populace, and everything going on well till news was circulated of the bad success of Britain by sea and land. This had overturned everything that had been done and would finally prevent a reunion. He would do his endeavour and hoped the General would have patience till spring, as he was certain there was still a very con-

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siderable number who dreaded the arbitrary measures of Congress, which had lately threatened to divide Vermont among the three claiming States, unless she immediately complied with the terms offered last spring. He (Sherwood) was informed that after the capitulation of Cornwallis, De Grasse had sent eleven ships of the line with a body of land forces to the West Indies and still had 24 left to attack the British fleet of 22. That Washington and Lafayette were to attack New York before winter; if it fell so would Charleston, and the reduction of Canada would be the work for next spring. The modest behaviour of Wallbridge; the haughty tone of many of his officers and their stories of what would be done to Great Britain. Page 162

December 30,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Chittenden. Sherwood is to be employed in carrying out the conditions of the cartel for the exchange of prisoners in conjunction with Major Dundas. Wishes to have a cartel established of a more permanent character, but on this occasion the prisoners are to be returned in equal numbers, rank for rank. 165

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August 10,
On board the
"Royal
George,"
Lake Cham-
plain.

Fay to Mathews. Is glad to hear that Captain Brownson's character stands on a favourable footing. Doubt as to Major Wright being accepted in exchange for Brownson; proposes Mr. Fall and Dr. Smyth's son for him and a lieutenant taken at Fort St. Ann. 108

October 16,

From A to——. A minutely detailed statement of the situation, plans and feelings of Vermont; of the dealings with Congress; the change created by the capitulation of Cornwallis; their dread of Washington, who is "under the curtain their avowed enemy." The statement is very minute, covers eight pages, and the writer says: "I am now in the State of Vermont, and have publicly assumed the character of an American officer; in private I have let my name, &c., be known, by which means I have possessed myself of the political situation of this republic." 166

October 20,

Extract of a letter which the contents show to be from A. Asking for official papers under British seals, specifying the boundaries, &c., of the Western Union (of Vermont). Will find means to free loyal friends and others from paying continental taxes. Expects a more spirited division than ever in Congress, unless some great event in Europe should change the face of affairs. Agents appointed; they will not attend Congress unless called for; their appointment was a necessary precaution. 174

November 8,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Chittenden. Is pleased that he has been instrumental in the relief of so many sufferers. Sends lists of prisoners remaining in the province. No. 1. Those who remain from choice. 2. Those who have been detained from motives of humanity and policy. Some have been allowed to return who have made violent declarations against men of different principles in their neighborhood. 175

November 8,
Quebec.

Same to Schuyler. Respecting the exchange of prisoners; all but a few have been sent. The two men for whom he specially asked were by mistake shipped to Salem. 177

A letter of same date without address, beginning "My Lord," appears to be addressed to Lord Stirling, expressing regret at the breaking up of social intercourse by the war. All prisoners with a few exceptions have been sent back to the Colonies. 178

November 8,
Quebec

Haldimand to Governor Clinton. Is pleased that Congress has at length resolved to relieve the distresses of the prisoners of war by removing the obstacles caused by the infraction of the capitulation

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of the Cedars. The delay has not arisen from backwardness on his (Haldimand's) part, and he had never lost an opportunity to exercise humanity towards individuals, when in the least justified, and although on public grounds, he had always contended for an acknowledgment of the prisoners taken at the Cedars, that had not stood in the way of private indulgence. Even now his (Clinton's) proposal had been anticipated by permitting almost every prisoner to leave for his home, or to be sent to New York for exchange. Relies on the promises made by him (Clinton) and Washington, and that all prisoners, including those of the Cedars, will be punctually accounted for, and sends lists. The wants of the few remaining prisoners shall be carefully supplied, the amount expended on them is now £6,800. Many escaped prisoners have made violent declarations against men of different principles in the Colonies; trusts that this may be stopped. Page 179

November 30,
Loyal Block
House.

Smyth and Sherwood to Colonel Clarke. That His Excellency thanks him for his hints and will take particular notice of his intimations. 181

November 30,
Loyal Block
House.

Same to Ira Allen. That they never knew he had apple trees on Onion River; instructions have been given to the soldiers not to injure any fruit trees about that place. They are surprised at his charge of plundering, knowing His Excellency's forbearance in this respect towards Vermont. 182

November 30,
Loyal Block
House.

Same to Fay. Referring him to His Excellency's letter to Chittenden respecting prisoners. 183

November 30,
Quebec.

Ranna Cossit to Haldimand. That, on behalf of Brigadier Roger Enos, he informs His Excellency that Enos will raise a regiment for service during the war, lead them within the British lines into Canada to serve where directed, provided he can have the rank of colonel. 185

A statement to the same effect from Benjamin Summer, late of New Hampshire, follows. 185

December 16,
Arlington.

Chittenden to Haldimand. Has received list of prisoners still in Canada. With respect to those who incline to remain in the Province, he has nothing further to say. He calls attention to the case of Henry and John Lovell and Winthrop Hoit and points out the unfavourable effect of their detention on the people of Vermont. He has always discouraged the ingratitude complained of. 183

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April 4,
New York.

Sir Guy Carleton to General Hancock. Acknowledging receipt of letter of introduction by Mr. Livingston. He will give such orders as he thinks most likely to seize the fugitives and to have the property restored. Is pleased to have an opportunity of manifesting his regard, and shall give ample credit to Mr. Livingston and Mr. Todd as recommended by him (Hancock). 186

April 10,
Newburgh.

H. E. Lutterloh to Fay. That the British Deputy Adjutant General had been sent with news from Carleton to the Commander-in-Chief and been shown the camp. New York is to be evacuated by the 4th of next month, &c. Lord Surrey (eldest son of the Duke of Norfolk), is to be sent as ambassador to Congress. 187

April 10,
Arlington.

— to Haldimand. The reports of peace are gaining currency; is dubious about it. The legislature here (Vermont) is determined to be annexed to Canada and to become a royal government. Increase of population; growing aversion to war. The miscarriage of Willet's expedition against Oswego; consequent failure of his ulterior designs. Asks for an account of Governor Skene's charter. 188

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April 11,
Newbury. H. E. Lutterloh to Fay. Is sending the officers carrying the terms of peace through Vermont, as the nearest route to Canada. Advises a purchase of the fleet on the lake, as being no longer necessary to Great Britain. Believes it could be purchased cheap and on long credit. Page 190
- April 17,
Saratoga. P. Schuyler to Haldimand. The duty of those who wish the political separation to be as little prejudicial as possible to seek occasion to make the reconciliation cordial and complete. Has no need to appeal to his (Haldimand's) humanity, which has already been proved, but to policy, to allow prisoners who had entered British corps to return to their families if they desired to do so, and specifies two—William Newark and David Ogden—whose parents are distressed about them and implore His Excellency's clemency. 191
- May 6 to 10, Memorandum from Vermont, with a note from Sherwood of 10th May to Cossit, who appears to have written the memorandum, which reports a growing hostility in Vermont to Congress, and that if peace has been made with the other States, Vermont will set up an independent State.)
- May 12,
Boston. Sherwood's note in answer assures Cossit of the security for the settlement of the loyalists in Canada. 19
- May 29,
Bennington. General John Hancock to Haldimand. Asks for his assistance in securing two men, named Campbell and Huntington, who had fled from Boston with a large amount of effects belonging to merchants there. 197
- May 29,
Bennington. Ira Allen and Fay to the same. Propose, peace being now concluded, to enter into a contract to supply the troops in Canada with fresh and other provisions. 199
- May 29,
Bennington. Same to Sherwood Respecting the proposed contract for provisions. 200
- May 30,
Sunderland. Ethan Allen to Haldimand. Recommending Ira Allen and Joseph Fay as proper persons to procure and deliver beef for the troops. 202
- About May or
early in June. Sherwood and Smyth to Ethan Allen. Respecting his application to send in beef through Ira Allen and Fay. The perfect confidence His Excellency has in him, and he shall strongly recommend him to the Crown. Expects as frequent and explicit communications as prudence shall permit. His Excellency will not admit of trade which can militate against his (Allen's) interests, although applications had been made from New York with that object. They desire information on certain points, which may determine the answer to the applications from New York. 300
- June 16,
Quebec. Mathews to Ira Allen and Fay. His Excellency has written to General (Ethan) Allen on the proposal for supplying beef. Should a general peace produce free intercourse, General Allen's recommendation shall be attended to. 203
- June 13,
Saratoga. P. Schuyler to Haldimand. Asks that François Casseau (Gazeau) of Montreal, who escaped from prison at Quebec, where he was confined on a charge of treasonable correspondence, may be allowed to return to reside in Canada; if not, that he may have leave to come for a short time to settle his private affairs. Has been informed that the definitive treaty has arrived in New York, and that Major Kemble was to leave on Sunday last with dispatches from General Carleton to His Excellency. 204
- June 21,
Loyal Block
House. George Smyth to General Allen (private). Has sent by David Fay His Excellency's answer to the proposal for supplying provisions; the reason for not immediately accepting is the plentiful supply of provisions in the King's stores, besides a large supply just

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arrived. No mark of favour to Vermont is mentioned in His Excellency's letter, but it is his intention to give his friends there every indulgence in his power, which their inclination, though unhappily not executed, merits. Remarks on the prospects of intercourse.

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June 30,
Quebec.

Haldimand to P. Schuyler. By Brigade Major Skene, who takes the remaining prisoners to the advanced posts, he sends this letter. His earnest desire to bury all animosities and to make the political separation as little injurious as possible to a mutual return of friendship. He has had immediate inquiry made for the son of Major Newkirk and David Ryder (page 191, called Newark and Ogden), and not finding them in any of the corps here, had written to the upper country. If found they will be immediately sent home. Is not authorized to discharge at large merely on the declaration of a cessation of arms. Waits with impatience for the time when he can allow all those who are anxious to rejoin their relations to do so. The delay may have the effect of allowing animosities to subside, as he sees with concern inflammatory appeals circulated from Saratoga and elsewhere, tending to counteract the fifth and sixth articles of the provisional treaty in favour of the loyalists and denouncing relentless resentment against them. If the blessings of returning peace and the happy consequences of a friendly intercourse are desired by the United States, it is surely high time to prevent the publication of these incendiary productions. Cazeau shall be permitted at his (Schuyler's) request to come to his family, although he has been deceiving him as to the cause of the arrest.

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July 1,
Quebec.

Same to Hancock. That Campbell and Huntington (p. 197) had arrived, and, after being a few days in Quebec, had gone to Montreal. Wait had permission to go there to search for them. If he applies to the civil law, as he will naturally do, every assistance shall be given him.

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July 7,
Loyal Block
House.

Ira Allen to ——. In consequence of His Excellency's approbation, Major Fay has purchased a drove of fat cattle and sheep, which will shortly be at Crown Point on their way to the Province. It is proposed to take the chance of the market, and the supply will no doubt lower the price to the benefit of purchasers. Supposes that approbation will not be given to others to bring beef, &c., into the Province until a free trade is opened.

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July 12,
Hudson
River.

Washington to Haldimand. The Congress of the United States has instructed him to arrange with the Commander-in-Chief of the British forces for receiving possession of the posts of the United States occupied by the British troops. Has instructed Baron de Steuben to proceed for that purpose to Canada, with full powers to arrange. He is to visit the posts on the St. Lawrence and lakes. Recommends him for attention.

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July 16,
Saratoga.

P. Schuyler to Haldimand. Thanks for his humane treatment of prisoners, and for attention to his recommendation. He shall urge this on his fellow citizens as an example to be followed, so that all animosity may subside. Disrespect to the laws has been caused by the late contest, which no doubt led to the resolutions complained of. Has no doubt that the legislature, when it meets, will take steps to prevent infractions of the treaty. Does not believe the report that the definitive treaty has arrived.

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July 19,
Pittsburg.

John Campbell to ——. In consequence of his memorial to the Governor of Virginia, he understood that the delegates from

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that State were to move Congress to make application for the return of all papers of American citizens, which fell into British hands during the war, and if Congress did not move, then the delegates from Virginia were to apply for their own. Had been too hurried to prepare the schedule asked for by the Governor and now sends it direct to Congress. The damage that has been and will be caused by the loss of these papers. Page 216

August 3,
Chambly.

De Steuben to Haldimand. Is on his way to Quebec to make arrangements for receiving the posts now occupied by British troops within the limits of the United States. 217

August 3,
Chambly.

Same to Col. Macbean. Is so far on his route to Quebec for an interview with General Haldimand on public business. 218

August 3,
Sorel.

Colonel Macbean to Haldimand. Sends copy of the letter received from De Steuben. 218

August 6,
Quebec.

Haldimand to De Steuben. Shall meet him at Sorel. 219

August 11,
Sorel.

De Steuben to Haldimand. The answer to the requisitions in the name of the United States being so decisive, it is needless to renew the subject, but asks that the final answer be given in writing. States the articles of the preliminary treaty, which are by the United States considered to be definitive, in which the delivery of the posts within the United States is included; this he is not instructed to insist on, but to visit them so as to make such arrangements as may be necessary when they are delivered up. 220

August 11,
Sorel.

Haldimand to Washington. Has received requisition, through De Steuben, for the delivery of the posts, &c. Whilst anxious to do all in his power to comply with his (Washington's) wishes, points out that the only instructions he has received are for a cessation of arms, so that according to the rules of war, he must defer compliance with the request till the receipt of instructions. Regrets the disappointment to De Steuben, but is gratified at making the acquaintance of an officer of so much repute, &c. Has made every effort, and successfully, to reconcile the Indians to the peace. 222

August 12,
St. John's.

Same to De Steuben. Giving him in writing substantially the same answer as that given verbally, and as contained in the letter to Washington. 225

August 17,
Crown Point.

De Steuben to Haldimand (in French). Thanks in the warmest terms Haldimand and all the officers with whom he was brought in contact. Hopes he may have an opportunity of returning the services rendered, which he would never forget. 227

October 8,
New Jersey.

Washington to Haldimand. Transmits a letter and schedule of papers from Mr. Campbell. (See p. 216.) The papers were delivered to dePeyster at Detroit when Campbell was taken prisoner and never returned. Has no doubt that steps will be taken immediately to have these papers found and returned. 228

The schedule will be found at 229

October 16,
Jamaica.

Governor Campbell to Haldimand. All ships of the United States being prohibited from landing their cargoes in the West India Islands, ships from Quebec loaded with staves, boards, lumber, flour, corn, fish, horses, &c., would meet with good markets on this island, where every attention would be paid to those trading. 229

November 10,
Saratoga.

P. Schuyler to Haldimand. Forwarding a letter from Washington. 230

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December 4,
Quebec. Haldimand to Washington. Returns Campbell's papers as requested. Is happy to testify his ready compliance with every act that can tend to obliterate the unhappy discord that has made them distinct people, and to persevere in the exercise of the humanity he had uniformly observed, even in the case of Campbell, whose conduct was as ungrateful, indecent and ill-suited to his situation and the public character he at first denied, but afterwards assumed, as it is possible to conceive. Page 231
- December 4,
Quebec. Same to P. Schuyler. Has received letter from Washington, and returns answer with parcel to be forwarded. 233
1784.
January 21, Extract from the speech of Governor Clinton to the Senate and Assembly of New York, and from the answer of the Senate respecting the western posts of New York. 234
- January 22,
Philadelphia. Proclamation by the President of the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that definitive articles of peace have been signed. The proclamation contains the articles, which are ordered to be observed. 236
- February 22,
Philadelphia. Luzerne to Haldimand (in French). Is anxious to visit Niagara and the lakes and asks leave to go through Canada as easier than by the Mohawk Valley. If leave were granted it would also afford an opportunity of making a personal acquaintance with His Excellency. 247
- A duplicate, dated the 26th, at page 249
- March 4,
Claremont,
N. H. Petition, signed Ebenezer Rice and Benjamin Tyler of Claremont, New Hampshire, on behalf of themselves and other 46 families who are anxious to escape from tyranny and oppression and to settle in the King's dominions. They ask for a tract of land for this purpose. The number of souls represented was 230, the number in each family being given. The land preferred would be on Lake Memphremagog as being nearest. 251
- March 6,
Claremont. Benjamin Summer to Samuel Holland. Forwards the petition from Claremont which he states is from the clerk, warden and vestrymen of the Church of England there and supports the prayer of the petition. 253
- March 19,
New York. George Clinton to Haldimand. Sends proclamation announcing the ratification of the treaty of peace and asks that arrangements be made for transferring Niagara and the other posts. 256
- April 12,
Quebec. Haldimand to Luzerne (in French). Cannot grant the leave to pass through Canada asked for; reasons for which refusal are given. 258
- April 15,
Arlington. Chittenden to Haldimand. Asking that he be notified when Loyal Blockhouse is evacuated, so that an officer from Vermont may take possession. 268
- May 27,
Niagara. Meeting with the Mississaugas accompanied by chiefs, &c., of the Six Nations, Delawares, &c., the officers in command, the Indian officers, &c. At this council the sale was made by the Mississaugas of the lands for the use of the Six Nations from the head of Lake Ontario or the creek Wagequata to the River LaTranche, then down that river until a south course will strike the mouth of Catfish Creek on Lake Erie. 269
- May 28,
Albany. P. Schuyler to Haldimand. Had received letters on his return from New York. Luzerne has been ordered at once to return to France. British Parliament dissolved on the 25th of March, writs for the new election returnable in May. 272

1784.
June 6,
Loyal
Village. Proceedings of a meeting of the Six Nations, and Peter Ryckman with a message from the governor and commissioners of the State of New York, dated 12th April, 1784, for the establishment of peace. Pages 260 to 267
- June 13,
New York. Major General Knox to Haldimand. Asking, by order of Congress, the precise time when the posts within the United States shall be delivered up. Lieutenant Colonel Hull has been sent to Canada to make arrangements. 273
- July 13,
Quebec. Hull to the same. Has been appointed to make arrangements for receiving the posts in United States territory, and asks when each post can be delivered up. Proposes to take over the cannon, stores, &c., after a survey to establish their value. 274
- July 12,
Arlington. Chittenden to the same. Proposes that a free trade may be carried on between Vermont and Canada and Colonel (Ira) Allen is sent to arrange. 276
- July 13,
Quebec. Haldimand to Hull. Has communicated to Major General Knox the reasons which put it out of his power to enter into the consideration of the matter mentioned in his letter (the transfer of posts). 277
- September 10,
Montreal. Ira Allen to Haldimand. Sends Chittenden's letter (p. 276). The people of Vermont are waiting for a free trade with Canada. They consider themselves unconnected with any power, and by natural situation inclined to this province (Canada) for commerce. 278
- September 17,
Quebec. Haldimand to Ira Allen. Cannot open a free trade with Vermont before he knows the measures adopted by Great Britain, and receives instructions. But desirous of harmony and good neighbourhood, he shall permit Vermont to send in cattle and grain and to receive clothing or necessities of life they may have immediate occasion for, subject to proper restrictions and in the confidence that Governor Chittenden shall take steps to prevent illicit trade. Desires him to send in the proposals entrusted to him by Chittenden for a free trade should the time come for carrying it into execution. In the meantime he (Allen) and his brother may send in cattle for the chance of the market, as no contract can be entered into by Government. 279
- September 20,
St. John's. Ira Allen to Haldimand. Does not see why mercantile business might not be carried on between Canada and Vermont. Sends list of articles he wishes to take from this place to supply his workmen, &c. P. S.—That he expects to have some cattle at Onion River this fall, which he would drive to the Province if he could get a permit. 282
- September—
St. John's. Same to the same. States the dispute between him and Mr. Metcalf for lands at Swanton bought by Ethan Allen ten years ago, but regranted by the State of New York. Threats made by the St. Francis (St. Francis) Indians to drive Allen's settlers off these lands. Asks that they may be prevented, but has no objection that their claims should be settled at law. 283
- Two depositions follow. 286, 287
- September 27,
Onion River. Same to the same. The excitement caused in Swanton by the conduct of the Indians; has advised them not to repel force by force, but to await His Excellency's interposition. Sends depositions. 288 to 290

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1777.
April 7. "Hudibras" to General Carleton. A description of the situation of Ticonderoga, with an exact account of its fortifications and the number of forces therein, &c. Page 1
1778.
September 10. Account of the defeat of the rebels at Rhode Island. Reconnoitre by Washington at Kingsbridge; he is surprised and defeated by a party detached by Clinton. Inhabitants moved away; stores collecting at Bennington. The information was furnished by Alexander Campbell, Dr. Johnson and Sheriff Lansing but struck out when the account was circulated. 5.
- September 12.
Fort Slack. Lieut.-Col. Samuel Safford to Col. Warner. Hopes he will see a settlement made for the regiment. Bounty granted by Gen. Gates. A number sick of fever and ague. Supposes from the provisions sent that the regiment is to remain till winter. Applications for leave to resign. 3
- October 29. Capt. Clement Gosselin to his wife (in French). Sending messages to his mother, &c. His father is well but coming on slowly with the army for Canada, his age not allowing him to hurry. The names of friends with rebel troops. The English here have all fled from New England like thieves. D'Estaing has 12,000 troops and has taken the British fleet and transports loaded with provisions, &c. D'Estaing and the Duc de Chartres are at Boston, the French fleet ready to attack Canada in spring. Lafayette, &c., with Washington are preparing to attack Canada; Washington drives everything before him. Hopes to see his family this winter. 7
1780.
August 24,
Fort Edward. John Chipman to Capt. Sherwood. Officers sent to join the levies; his proposed arrangement of them. Suggests that he (Sherwood) go with Capt. Doty to Skeneborough to fix on a place for fortification. Desires him to return with Doty to the post to report and for consultation. 10
- October 2,
Poughkeepsie. George Clinton to Cornet Sherwood of the rebel army. The Legislature of New York has passed a law for raising men; wishes him to bring as many as possible of those at Fort Ann; they will get a bounty, but if they return home they may be called out without one. 11
- October 8,
Johnson's Bush. "Yours till Death" to Sir John Johnson. Reports the movements of spies; the weakness of the rebels. If he (the writer) had as many women under arms as Johnson has men he would cut the rebels off from Fort Stanwix to Albany. Will not send men as he expects Parker and Helmer every day. Lord reports that many desertions may be expected. Arnold has run into New York and Gates' army cut to ribbons by Cornwallis. 12
- October 26 to
November 30,
Johnson's Bush. Justus Sherwood, journal of his proceedings in negotiating with Allen for reunion of Vermont with the Crown, giving details of conversations with Allen, &c. 14
1781.
January 5,
St. John's. Same to Capt. Mathews. His arrival and interview with St. Leger. His return to Isle aux Noix delayed by the bad state of the ice. Will not be able to furnish his report for some days. Thinks he can get three good men to go to Albany. 26
- January 6,
St. John's. Same to the same. Men ready and arrangements for proceeding on a scout. The secrecy of their movements, &c. 27

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January 10,
St. John's. Justus Sherwood to Capt Mathews. Will attend to the General's instructions; his kind reception by Major Dundas. The scout only set off in the morning. From the state of the lake the rebels need not be expected this month. Difficulties in paying the loyalists. How he had been in the habit of paying these men, with the rates, &c. Page 28
- January 17,
St. John's. Azariah Pritchard to Major Carleton. His plans for obtaining intelligence. His account of Barlow, on whom he can depend, and of rebel spies and those who receive them. Proposal to take Davis the chief rebel pilot or guide. He and Jones have enlisted 53 men mustered by Major Nairne, and received no allowance yet for their food and clothing. Asks that money be sent to W. Marsh. 30
- January 18,
Isle aux Noix. Justus Sherwood to Capt. Mathews. Every exertion made to get intelligence. Parties sent to Albany and Saratoga and to Connecticut River. The difficulty of sending out parties owing to the interference of Col. St. Leger. The understanding that the business was to be managed by Dundas and himself. His opinion that intelligence can best be obtained if the matter is left to Major Dundas. 33
- January 19,
St. John's. Col. St. Leger to Capt. Sherwood. No socks in store; condemned blankets to be taken. Six men to be ready on Monday to attend Capt. Twiss. 36
- January 23,
Isle aux Noix. Justus Sherwood to Col. St. Leger. Only six loyalists at the port, who are already ordered for scouts. 37
- January 23,
Isle aux Noix. Same to Capt. Mathews. Defending himself against the charges of insulting Col. St. Leger in his letter. The men will be ready to accompany Capt. Twiss, but these are all he has and they will be too much fatigued to go on secret service. 38
- January 23,
Isle aux Noix. Same to Colonel St. Leger. That he had orders to send constant secret scouts into the Colonies; did not mean to evade his orders but to inform him of the few men he had; they will be ready and not be sent anywhere without his (St. Leger's) instructions. 40
- February 6,
Isle aux Noix. Same to Capt. Mathews. Two men sent by Major Jessup will with other three proceed to the Scotch patent under Samuel Sherwood; George Camels, the man best fitted for the scout has excused himself; Jackson has returned sick. His journal to Schuyler's Island enclosed. His anxiety for the return of the first scout and for the arrival of commissioners. 41
- February 19,
Isle aux Noix. Same to the same. The number of scouts out whilst His Excellency was in doubt as to the intentions of the enemy. Since more favourable news is in doubts as to sending out more till he receives instructions. Suggests that the next scout should go to White Creek, to communicate with friends to the government at Albany, Vermont and Williamstown. 43
- February 19,
Isle aux Noix. Same to the same. Is jealous of Allen and his party and will be on his guard when the commissioners arrive. Reports by Pritchard of Allen's sincerity and of his demands on Congress. The major part of the authority and inhabitants of Vermont have declared for neutrality. The minority in confusion. 45
- February 27,
Isle aux Noix. Same to the same. Crowfoot has returned alone from Arlington with written and verbal messages; had delivered a few lines to Brigadier Allen, stating that General Haldimand had appointed Major Dundas and him (Sherwood) to negotiate the exchange of prisoners. Allen returned a verbal answer that he desires the exchange but the letter must be kept secret. Crowfoot can enlist 5 or 6 young men at Arlington. Respecting money for the scouts. 47

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March 1,
St. John's. Colonel St. Leger to Major General de Riedesel. (The letter is dated 1782; it should be 1781.) The trifling damage by fire, as reported by Captain Churchill and Lieut. DuVernet. Page 49
- March 5,
St. John's. Justus Sherwood to Captain Mathews. Arrival of Samuel Sherwood; has reported in writing to Colonel St. Leger. Governor Chittenden and General Allen have sent requisitions to Albany demanding an immediate answer. Frontier inhabitants of New York moving into Vermont in the expectation that Vermont will come to a settlement with Government. A long detail as to the conduct of Rogers in recruiting and Sherwood's claim for men, &c. 50
- March 11,
Isle aux Noix. Same to the same. That he shall not send Crowfoot to recruit in Arlington whist he (Mathews) considers it detrimental to the service. Asks leave to send Botham, Crowfoot and Russell to White Creek for recruits, and another small party to Connecticut River for recruits. 54
- March 11,
Isle aux Noix. Same to the same. Thomas Johnson, from the eastern part of Vermont, brought in prisoner by Pritchard; his protestations of loyalty and offers of service to bring all Eastern Vermont to neutrality; he reports that Allen has resigned his commission and New York relinquished its claims on Vermont. Hopes that His Excellency will see and converse with Johnson. 55
- March 21,
St. John's. Information of John Gibson and Abner Barlow, with list of names of those who wished to act as rangers under Rogers. 56
- March 23,
St. John's. Justus Sherwood to Captain Mathews. Respecting Thomas Johnson and the mode he has adopted to test him. 58
- March 24,
St. John's. Same to the same. Has been with Johnson, at his own house where he is now detained on account of his wife's illness; Marsh has gone to the Island with Johnson. Johnson's account of Davis. Caleb Green offers to go to New York. 61
- April 9,
Isle aux Noix. Same to the same. Forwarding a letter from Colonel Johnson to General Haldimand. 64
- April 9,
Isle aux Noix. Thomas Johnson to General Haldimand. The people of Cohos have been prejudiced against Government; asks to be allowed to return on parole, as he is anxious for peace between Great Britain and the Colonies. He will return to Canada unless exchanged, and transmit authentic accounts of the situation of affairs in Vermont. 65
- April 13,
Isle aux Noix. Justus Sherwood to Captain Mathews. Sending intelligence from Johnson, on promise of secrecy. If allowed to return home he (Johnson) will send all the intelligence he can obtain, but his actions must not be known to Colonel Peters. 67
- April 28,
Montreal. Joseph Parent to Gen. Haldimand (in French). Statement of his trading on the Illinois, his imprisonment and transfer to Montreal. Asks leave to go to Michillimakinak or Detroit. 69
- May 7,
Montreal. Justus Sherwood to Capt. Mathews. Arrival of Ira Allen, with full power to negotiate. Matters appear favourable; will be very cautious. To avoid jealousies asks that Major Dundas act with him. Will communicate His Excellency's proposition and get Allen's in return. Has parties ready to set out, but waits orders. Johnson anxious to get home; his only fixed principle is self interest. Marsh's high opinion of him is not shared by him (Sherwood). 71
- May 7,
Montreal. Questions as to the state of affairs in Vermont, &c, for the guidance of the scouts. 72
- May 8,
Isle aux Noix. Justus Sherwood to Capt. Mathews. Enclosing letters from Col. (Ira) Allen. Is disappointed at Allen's not having authority to make definite propositions. The leading men anxious for neutrality

1781. but dare not move just now, the populace not being ripe. Jurisdiction of Vermont extended. Letter to Marsh; his attempt to deceive. Page 73
- May 9, Justus Sherwood to Capt. Mathews. Cannot prevail on Allen to
Isle aux Noix. make overtures to the General; has reason to believe that his journey is only to alarm Congress. 75
- May 11, Same to the same, Transmitting Ira Allen's reasons and sentiments. Sketch of proceedings of Vermont, New Hampshire and
Isle aux Noix. New York respecting disputed grants. Why Vermont applied to Congress and the delay in proposing neutrality. The fanatical belief of the populace in the power of Congress. The plan proposed for bringing in Vermont. 76
- May 11, Same to the same. Still entertains the same opinion of Col.
Isle aux Noix. Allen. Has told him that he must make proposals or give reasons. He gives reasons which he refuses to sign and then writes them himself, but still refuses to sign. He asks for a copy of General Haldimand's private instructions. Is he to get it? Every exertion has been used to carry out the instructions respecting Vermont. Allen's conduct sometimes induces contempt and always suspicion; the whole circumstances suspicious; the schemes of Vermont to play off Congress, New York and Britain against each other. His own perplexities; his desire to have Major Dundas or some other gentleman with him in this shuffling business. 80
- May 11, Same to the same. Unsatisfactory negotiations with Allen. He
Isle aux Noix. is told that General Haldimand had too much reason to suspect he was sent to frighten Congress and to negotiate away the proper season for a campaign. The disastrous result to Vermont from the confirmation of these views. Allen's reply of a defiant character. Major Dundas shares the opinion that Allen's errand is a sham. The uncouth character of the officer commanding Allen's escort. 84
- May 11, Col. Ira Allen. Articles of agreement (drawn up by him) for
Isle aux Noix. settling a cartel between Major Dundas and Capt. Sherwood on behalf of the King of Great Britain and Colonel Ira Allen on behalf of Vermont. 87
- May 15, Justus Sherwood to Capt. Mathews. Conferences with Ira Allen;
Isle aux Noix. his hints as to the prospects of accommodation, the extension of Vermont and the number of men that can be raised. Has some small hopes of reconciliation, but has reason to fear that they wish to prolong time and strengthen themselves. 89
- May 16, Same to the same. Enclosing rough journal of his principal conferences with Allen, and some remarks thereon. 91
- May 18, Same to the same. Allen trying to persuade him of Vermont's
Isle aux Noix. sincerity; does not believe in it till they despair of success in every other quarter. Reported hostility of Washington to Vermont. Allen's consequential behaviour changed. Is thankful that Major Lernout has arrived. Instructions given to scouts to ascertain the feeling in Connecticut as to Allen's journey, &c. Breakenridge to obtain information at Bennington. 93
- May 18, Journal of conferences with Ira Allen, kept by Justus Sherwood,
Isle aux Noix. from the 7th May to date on margin. 96
- May 20, Justus Sherwood to Capt. Mathews. Has made his last effort to
Isle aux Noix. bring Allen to terms, but to no purpose. His proposals for delay; the terms of General Haldimand would take better with a good army to enforce them. The populace to the eastward better inclined than their leaders. 106

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May 21,
Isle aux Noix.

Ira Allen to Major Lernoult. The Legislature of Vermont will have another session on the 20th July; if there is not a certainty of prisoners being exchanged, it may be very prejudicial to more important interests. Page 108

May 22,
Isle aux Noix.

Justus Sherwood to the same. Sends message from Ira Allen as to the disheartening effect caused by the want of a decision respecting the exchange of prisoners. He (Allen) pledges himself to represent to the Vermont Assembly the candour of General Haldimand's views. He is anxious for a copy of Haldimand's letter to Sherwood if he cannot get a copy of instructions. Will do all in his power to have commissioners sent, but that cannot be before the time mentioned, if even then, and hopes that impossibilities will not be expected from him. 109

May 22,
Isle aux Noix.

Same to Captain Mathews. That he has studied to dive into Allen's designs and faithfully reported all his suspicions, not suspecting that he was looked on as a cypher, as was proved by an extract of a letter from Allen to General Haldimand. Is touched sensibly at seeing himself the contempt of the rebel commissioner although he tried, before he declared against their proceedings, to cultivate his (Sherwood's) friendship; Dundas and Lernoult will not consent that he should let Allen know he saw his letter. The polite treatment given him by Major Dundas. He vindicates his course and denies, in answer to hints from Allen, having had any secret understanding with him, as might be alleged. 111

May 22,
Isle aux Noix.

Same to Major Lernoult. Allen desires to give Major Lernoult a clear idea of the present situation of affairs in Vermont. The impossibility of fixing a time for the commissioners to come or defining the extent of their powers to negotiate for reunion. The prejudices of the populace, the ignorance of many of the Assembly of the designs of the leaders; these may be communicated next session. General Haldimand will hear from them about the middle of July or sooner, when prisoners may be exchanged. How messengers are to signal and to be received. Sherwood adds that these are Allen's views and he is of opinion that he is sincere. 114

May 23,
Isle aux Noix.

Same to Captain Mathews. Major Lernoult having shown to Major Dundas Allen's private letter addressed to Haldimand; has obliged him (Sherwood) to write concerning the letter, with which Dundas appears satisfied although still jealous of him. Has been forced into telling palpable lies about letters received. Asks that in writing the public letter it may confirm his statements. The good effect of Haldimand's letter on Allen. The difficulty of communicating privately with Lernoult. Allen's change of tone since receipt of Haldimand's letter; is inclined to believe that he will try to get commissioners sent, but that he can make no proposals till after his return to Vermont. Vigorous measures necessary with these people. 117

May 25,
Isle aux Noix.

Same to the same. Last part of his journal given to Major Lernoult. Has given Allen the heads of his (Mathews') last letter, as it might be of advantage to Allen to have them for the Vermont council. Has been particular in sending minutes of Allen's observations. Believes Ira and Ethan Allen, Governor Chittenden and a few others, will do their utmost for reunion from interest not from loyalty. Allen doubts of success, and Sherwood doubts of their fortitude, there being a strong party in favour of Congress, who would do anything to ruin Chittenden and the Allens. Still believes in vigorous measures. 120

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Isle aux Noix. Justus Sherwood to Major Lernoult. Enclosing his journal relating to proceedings with Allen. His uncertainty as to the designs of Vermont in spite of unwearied efforts to discover. Change of conduct in Allen from haughtiness to apparent candour. The benefit a reunion would be to his (Allen's) landed property. Page 122
- May 29,
Isle aux Noix. Thomas Sherwood's information of his scout. Convention of people west to Hudson's river signed articles of union with Vermont on 20th inst. People moving in from New York, chiefly friends to Government. Saratoga to be the northern frontier. Governor Chittenden promises to defend people west of Hudson's river against New York. Party of 250 of van Schaick's regiment at Saratoga building a blockhouse and levying on the inhabitants for provisions. Successful resistance of farmers to a foraging party. Arrangements at Kingsbury for correspondence with New York. 123
- June 5,
Isle aux Noix. Justus Sherwood to Captain Mathews. Platt reports that General Schuyler has petitioned Chittenden to extend the line of Vermont west of the Mohawk; and that all boats on the Hudson are destroyed to prevent the people moving from New York to Vermont. Rose taken a prisoner by the rebels; has been employed carrying letters between Allen and New York. Platt has brought union articles between Cambridge and Vermont. Suspicion of Allen's designs to entrap Haldimand on pretence of joining his troops to the British force. Loyalists ruined by Chipman. Williams, of White Creek, believed by Carseallion to be the best man to unfold Allen's designs. 125
- June 5,
Isle aux Noix. Same to the same. Acknowledging permission to come to St. John's and return to the island on arrival of the flag. Has sent his accounts to Major Dundas and Lernoult. Impossible to keep scouting affairs quiet from Jo—— (Johnson) while he continues at the post. 127
- June 5,
Isle aux Noix. Same to the same. Acknowledgment of General Haldimand's approbation. Postage account given to Major Lernoult. Johnson's papers to be sent off consist of notes, deeds and bonds. Johnson's desire to go on board to see his friend is not safe, as he may send messages. Johnson's alleged zeal; has proposed to him to take oath of allegiance, which he declined. Reasons for suspicion which Marsh now shares respecting Johnson. Arrival of Quin; another recruiting party sent towards Albany. Jo—— (Johnson) has too much knowledge of these expeditions. 128
- June 15,
St. John's. George Smyth to General Haldimand. His fatigue prevents him waiting on His Excellency to tell him the cause of his flight. Arrival of his son and Shepherd, who should have been in fifteen days before his son. The state of feeling in Vermont; Ira Allen's negotiations satisfactory to the Governor (Chittenden). His information to Sir Henry Clinton been probably betrayed to Washington by Sir Henry's domestics, as word was sent down to have him (Smyth) arrested and put in irons. Joseph Bettis, now at headquarters, should be examined. Has made arrangements for intelligence before leaving Albany. 131
- June 16,
St. John's. Same to the same. Dispatches for Mr. McFarson, Ballstown, to be first sent to him (Smyth) to be marked. 134
- June 21,
St. John's. Same to the same. That dispatches from Colonel Beverly Robinson at New York to Ethan Allen have been laid before the Vermont Assembly and then forwarded to Philadelphia. 135

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June 24,
St. John's. Justus Sherwood to Captain Mathews. His arrival from Quebec. Dispatch of scouts under Pritchard, &c. Dr. Smyth furnished with guides. The scarcity of men; wishes to get some from Yamaska of Peters' corps. None can be spared from Rogers' corps. Mr. Johnson low spirited at the expense he incurs. Page 137
- June 25,
St. John's. Same to the same. Mrs. Sherwood better; dispatches forwarded by Dr. Smyth; his zeal; his sanguine hopes about Vermont. He may be useful. His distress at the imprisonment of his wife and sons at Albany. The illicit and ungenerous system of recruiting continued. 138
- June 29,
Albany. Mrs. Smyth to Dr. Smyth. Giving an account of the situation of herself and son, and exertions for his release, &c. 140
- July 1,
Dutchman's Farm. Justus Sherwood to Capt. Mathews. Arrival with loyalists. Building oven, hutting the men and preparing to build blockhouse. Situation and description of Dutchman's Point; its suitability for a post. Unsuitable season for cutting oak, &c. Mr. Saunders proposes getting hay at Missisquoi. The men may help him and also watch for scouts from Vermont. Levi Warner reports that Joseph Taylor, a rebel spy, is at Belle Isle (Be'œil?) secreted by Canadians. Allen reported to a convention at New Windsor where Haldimand's offer was accepted. Jones made Chief Justice, Wells and Alcot, royalists, assistant judges. People on the east favour Government, but those on the west rebels, and threaten Chittenden and the Allens. 142
- July 9,
Loyal block House. Same to the same. He and Smyth employed with Major Fay on the subject of a union (of Vermont). He has no written instructions, owing to there not being a majority, but the Governor's council and leading men are bringing about a revolution. A written combination is signed by every one let into the secret. All papers to Congress, &c., which he desires to see will be sent to Gen. Haldimand. Belief in his sincerity. Good effect would be produced by the release of Brownson. 145
- July 9,
Loyal Block House. George Smyth to the same. He supposes Wing has arrived at Quebec without performing the business he was sure of. Wing full of importance at being the bearer of dispatches; his and Platt's behaviour to messengers will discourage them from bringing dispatches. He defends himself against attacks on his honour made by the rebels. Dispatches will be forwarded. 148
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- July 17,
St. John's. George Smyth to Captain Mathews. Delay in writing. Sherwood set off at the head of the different parties. Return of a trusty messenger with letter from Albany and newspapers. The necessity of secrecy as to correspondence. The rebels to send troops to Fort Edward. Parties for intelligence will be sent in a few days. 158
- July 19,
St. John's. George Smyth, sending report brought by Caleb Clawson and of his and Wing's proceedings; of the steps taken by Schuyler to build boats at Albany and Schenectady; Thomas Smith, a Vermonter, introduced to Clawson; his account of the feeling in Vermont; of the desire to irritate the Yorkers, &c. 160
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St. John's. George Smyth to Captain Mathews. Sending reports; scout under Breakenridge sent to discover Vermont; magazine to be destroyed if their flag proved unsatisfactory. Proposed exchange of Captain Wood for his (Smyth's) family. 169
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- ions to the people of Mount Independence, if the vessel is protected. No hostilities against Vermont without notice. Hopes to see him in a day or two and to make his stay agreeable. Page 176
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- July 28, Justus Sherwood to Major Fay. No orders yet come as to his (Fay's) reception, as his arrival is not yet known to the General. Will endeavour to make up to him for delays. 182
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- July 29, Same to Capt. Mathews. Has communicated to Dr. Smyth the General's instructions relating to Vermont. Parties to be sent to Connecticut and Albany. Jillet and Ball wanted as guides to Connecticut. Major Fay has come alone; had Vermont intended to act sincerely Dr. Fay, Colonel Allen and Colonel Alcot would have come. He sends letters from Fay and Johnson. Thomas Sherwood, with dispatches, has been forwarded to Dr. Smyth. Has built a good blockhouse; it is the best place on the frontier for secret scouts, and easily defended. 183
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Loyal Block House.
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- August 18, C. Answers to questions as to the proceedings of the legislature of Vermont in relation to the admission of that State into the confederation, and also as to the steps taken to join Great Britain. The correspondents state that what takes place between Canada and Vermont seems to be divulged. 233
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- August 19, Dutchman's Point. Benjamin Patterson's report of his proceedings; Beadle's account of the desire of the leading men of Vermont to join Great Britain; the proposals to be made to Congress for admission on terms thought to be such as to be refused. General Bailey, a Vicar of Bray; a flag should be sent him. How communications are to be sent. Johnson has a party of New Hampshire men at Cohos believed to be for a secret expedition under Whitecomb against Canada. 242
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- August 22, Information by John Cross, respecting Beadle's statement of affairs in Vermont; being discovered, he had to fly from Beadle's house. Stores, &c., at Moretown; buildings at Haverill guarded by Johnson and New Hampshire troops, and large stores at No. 4. 244
- August 24, St. John's. Justus Sherwood and George Smyth to Capt. Mathews. Fay before leaving is shown Haldimand's letters and given copies after repeated urging and signing an obligation (p. 241). Arrangements for receiving private messages. No hostilities to be committed within certain limits. Fay left apparently satisfied, leaving them in the dark. Bothum sent off with scouting parties. 245
- August 25, St. John's. George Smyth to Capt. Mathews. Beatis has returned without result. The cause of his failure is his own bad conduct; has carried off a girl and brought her in; the reason so many scouts fail is the behaviour of parties sent out, committing robberies, &c. 247

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- August 26, St. John's.
- George Smyth to the same. Patterson best qualified to deal with Beadle and Porter; he will be sent with a flag. Has no doubt of the fidelity of Loveless; has sent for him to go to van Vactin. Arrival of women and children from Schenectady and Johnstown. Their report from Vermont of the taking of Howard and party by the mob and the rage of the Governor who says he will exchange them. Is obliged for the General's precautions, but is not afraid of the rebels. 253
- August 30, St. John's.
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- Justus Sherwood and George Smyth to B. Mountain and P. Mountain. (These were the names assumed by Beadle and Porter, see p. 243). That they have been recommended to Haldimand to be employed in obtaining intelligence from Vermont. The most inviolable secrecy to be observed as to the part they take, and they are to be rewarded. Enclosing seals and queries. 259
- September 1, St. John's.
- George Smyth to Captain Mathews. Enclosing intelligence from Nolton, Jones and Wells, with Boston and other papers. People on east side inclining to Government; those on the north as stubborn as ever. A large body of troops sent to Crown Point would answer a good purpose. Bailey and Bellis are notoriously against negotiation and should be carried off. Mrs. Hannah Brown reports that Captain Allen told his men at Skenesborough that guns were fired at Bennington on account of Congress admitting Vermont as a fourteenth State. Montreal, 2nd Sept. P.S.—Thinks his friends to the eastward might have some hints of the negotiations. 261
- September 2,
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- September 3, St. John's.
- Justus Sherwood to Captain Mathews. Sending accounts received, which he cannot vouch for. If prisoners do not arrive by Thursday, he and Dr. Smyth will set off for Skenesborough. 269
- September 4, St. John's.
- George Smyth to the same. Thanks for the General's anxiety about his (Smyth's) safety. Why should not he risk his life as well as Major André? Will accompany Sherwood as far as East Bay. Bettis confined for refusing to give up his Desdemona (see p. 247). If she is sent back he would go after her, and be the ruin of many loyal subjects. Will send particulars as to Schuyler's plate. News for Sir Henry (Clinton) may be sent, as two men are to go to Albany shortly. 270
- September 4, St. John's.
- Justus Sherwood to the same. Asks that a remittance be sent Colonel Peters for money advanced by him to pay scouts. Peters has had letters from Beadle, Porter and Simpson. 272

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- September 12, Mount Independence. Justus Sherwood to Capt. Mathews. Delay in reaching Crown Point; Marsh passed during the night with 30 families. The Vermont flag on the way back overtaken. The information given by the officers in command of the admission of Vermont into the union. The preparations for his (Sherwood's) reception excite suspicion. Ensign Smith with a flag sent off carrying a letter to Fay; precautions against surprise. 278
- September 14, Skenesborough. Colonel Walbridge (U.S.) to Smyth and Sherwood. Letter forwarded to Major Fay; his return expected next day. Provisions sent. 282
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- September 17, Ticonderoga. George Smyth to the same. In consequence of letters from Allen and Fay he and Sherwood will proceed to Skenesborough. Mrs. Smyth has sent dispatch from Sir Henry Clinton. Odious behaviour of the people of Albany to his (Smyth's) correspondents; his son still in gaol. 283
- September 19, Skenesborough. Return of British prisoners for exchange, with engagements of Ira Allen and Joseph Fay on one side and Justus Sherwood and George Smyth on the other, with respect to other exchanges and also receipt for prisoners handed over to Vermont. 284
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- September 25, St. John's. Same to the same. Is a stranger to the handwriting, but believes statement No. 1 to be true. The ragged paper partly true, but there was no news in Albany of Washington losing a regiment (see p. 267). The policy of a proclamation to the Vermonters to be issued by Haldimand and followed about the 11th or 12th Octo-

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- September 29,
St. John's. ber by a body of troops. The able conduct of Sherwood. The dissatisfaction of the scouting parties at the want of pay, &c. Page 291
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St. John's. Same to the same. Proclamation received; movements of scouts. Will himself set off with proclamation; bad effect of Cornwallis' defeat. Mrs. Patterson arrived with intelligence. Pritchard will receive orders to lay hold of Bailey. Meeting of the Legislature of Vermont. 307
- October 11,
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St. John's. Same to the same. Will use every means to find out persons assisting deserters, &c. Mrs. Cheshire not to know so that she may be trapped. Dispatches for Clinton sent forward. Has consulted Myers about Schuyler's plate; more cannot be recovered than has been already got. Return of Kent who had discovered and spiked guns at Skenesborough Landing. No attempt will be made to catch Bailey till it is known whether he has gone to Congress or not. 311
- October 11, Instructions to Patterson, setting off on a scout. 313
- October 18,
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- Grande Isle.
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January 8,
St. John's.

Smyth to Mathews. Hopes that he (Mathews) is now better informed as to the beef trade. Has given every information in his power to General de Riedesel respecting Watts. 14

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Ensign Thomas Smyth to the same. The Governor of Vermont and General Allen request that more caution will be observed respecting scouts, as there is danger from their being suffered to enter so far into the State. Several have been at public dances at Arlington, next door to the Governor, and there is one, Halliburt, recruiting there now, who may be mischievous as he is given to drink. They request that Pritchard be not allowed to go in again as he has been the cause of trouble about beef. The Governor and General Allen ask for the release of the two Lovells and one Hart. 15

January 8,

Apparently signed Frs. in a monogram. Reports that about 500 refugees were to sail from New York for Nova Scotia, and that peace would undoubtedly take place. 367

January 9,
St. John's.

George Smyth to Mathews. If the mode of obtaining public papers from the Colonies be not agreeable to the Commander-in-Chief, they may be obtained by the means now mentioned. Respecting scouts now on the road. His colleague (Sherwood) nearly well, &c. 17

January 10,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to the same. Remarks on scouting parties. Judge Knowlton's arrival, who has made a declaration which will explain the visit. Feels for friends in Vermont; is apprehensive that Crowfoot may fall into the hands of the Continentals now in Castletown, no doubt to intercept dispatches and to try to carry off some of the principal leaders in Vermont. Hopes that Green will apprise Crowfoot of his danger in time. Respecting Knowlton; he desires to see Montreal. Weatherby has not returned home. Mr. Knowlton, being obliged to throw himself on His Excellency's protection, is anxious to know how he is to be disposed of. 19

January 15,
St. John's.

Smyth to Mathews (?). Has forwarded letter to Sherwood. Is alarmed at the movements of Continentals on Vermont, as he fears that Washington or Clinton intends to annoy that State, and to find out the secret and political springs. Has arranged for correspondence with Summer. If Hawley does not do the work, recommends a person named Wright as a faithful man, who has done everything entrusted to him with prudence. Friends in Vermont wish him to be employed as a messenger to them. 33

January 16,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to Mathews. Has stated to Riedesel why he wished Holmes to be sent home, but cannot be accountable for his conduct. Spares no pains to examine all arrivals. For reasons given does not believe that Chittenden and Allen are deceitful; believes that Congress is trying to find proof against them, but dare not openly attack them for fear of the New England States. His efforts with Vermont not to make settlements north or west of the falls on Otter

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- Creek, &c. Arrangements for scouting. His suspicions of
Brayhen. Page 35
- January 17, Smyth to Mathews. Will proceed to Dutchman's Point as ordered,
St. John's. to consult with Sherwood. Will answer A. (Allen) and C. (Chit-
tenden) in the strain desired by His Excellency. 38
- January 20, Lans —n (Lansing?) to ——. Is pleased that men of veracity
and prudence are in future to be employed, as names had been
divulged of those well affected, who were in danger of detection. 39
- January 21, Receipt for exchanged prisoners. 40
Castleton.
- January 24, Sherwood to Mathews. Will send off Weatherby, and with him
Loyal Block Joseph White to carry letters to Cossit and Summer, unknown to
House. Weatherby; copies of these he shall send when ready. Has pre-
pared an answer to A. (Allen's) letter. Would be glad that Butter-
field should be allowed to return; will not be sorry to be rid of him.
To make restitution to Holmes for the beef, except through
Pritchard, would be to acknowledge that the General was wrong,
whilst everyone admits he was right. Although the other prisoners
are of the most dangerous kind, has every confidence that C. and
A. (Chittenden and Allen) will prevent any ill consequences attend-
ing their liberation. Had resolved before this to send for Hurlibat
to join his regiment on account of his imprudence (see p. 15, where
the name is spelt "Halliburt.") 41
- January 25, Roger Stovens to Sherwood. Was prisoner at Bennington
Pointeau Fer. when Howard was taken out of the guardhouse to be hanged. It
was done by General Stark, under the direction of Colonel Herrick
and Mr. Ticknor. Holmes was always very civil to the prisoners,
and was never complained of. 43
- January 26, No signature, apparently written by Mathews. That proposals
(not specified) will be considered, if no accommodation take place
during the winter, and that other proposals referred to cannot be
entered into until fuller information is given. No pension or
gratuity of land has been or will be given to anyone during the
present unsettled state of affairs. Rewards shall be given when it
is expedient to do so. No settlements will be permitted on the
frontiers of Lake Champlain, for if the Virginians persist in their
incursions to the westward, he must renew hostilities, when these
frontier settlements would again suffer. To obtain and send report
on the designs for and against Vermont. 363
- January 27, Sherwood to Mathews. Has read Knowlton the letter, who is
Loyal Block satisfied to remain at the post, but despairs of getting home till the
House. rebellion is at an end. What arrangement is to be made to supply
him with money. Sends copy of letters to Cossit. Weatherby's
sense of His Excellency's goodness, and his determination to do all
he can for the Government. White has sold him beaver skins to
show as the result of hunting. Is anxious about Green and Crowfoot.
Respecting Pritchard's trading. 44
- January 30, Luke Knowlton to Haldimand. Measures adopted to establish a
Loyal Block press. The means taken to influence the populace. People dare
House. not bid on cattle sold for taxes, the highest price in Walpole being
nineteen pence for the best yoke of oxen, and five pence for cows.
General Bellows bid a dollar for a cow, which so enraged the populace
that he had to abandon it. After the sale the populace cut down
the liberty pole, and cheered for King George and his laws. Reports
of an invasion of Vermont to be made for the capture of Allen and
others, and that a reward has been offered for his (Knowlton's)

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capture. Detailed account of the information given by spies ; the project to send Continental troops into Vermont to take certain men, in the belief that the arrests being opposed, the pretext to make a Continental cause against Vermont would be secured, &c., &c. The letter is minute in detail. Page 22.

January 31,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to Mathews. Arrival of Green and Crowfoot with letters, which are sent to Smyth to be forwarded. Hurliburt has arrived with eight recruits; his conduct has not been so imprudent as reported. Robberies by men pretending to recruit in the Colonies; two have been arrested for these crimes. Friends in Vermont ask that no recruiting parties be allowed to go in. Continental troops had searched Knowlton's house and tried to capture Judge Wells, who escaped and has got to New York. Pritchard has enlisted a deserter from Rogers' corps under a false name. Sends Green's report; he has behaved well, but has been overreached by Colonel Clarke in giving a receipt for prisoners of war. One Sawyer, a pretended loyalist, is to come in this winter, but he is to be well watched as he is a rascal. 46.

January —
Poughkinsie.

G., with crosses, to Sherwood and Smyth. Sends a handbill containing the last proceedings of Congress. Is informed that the people of Vermont are under apprehension of an invasion by the Continentals, which is highly probable, but hopes that the visit will be put off. Friends to Government are afraid of General Allen's influence in favour of Congress, but hope that its late resolution will fix him against it. (The letter is endorsed "From Gen. A.") 50

February 1,
Loyal Block
House.

Ensign Green's report of his visit under a flag to Castleton and return. 52

February 2,
St. John's.

Smyth to Mathews. Has his answer and information as to the notice to be taken of those who try to impede the service. Denies the statements made by Platt, and sends copy of a libel (p. 55). If Platt is allowed to go on, it will encourage others to follow. 53

February 4,
St. John's.

Same to Riedesel. Sends Gilmore's petition and a packet to be forwarded to Haldimand. 56.

February 4,
St. John's.

Same to Mathews. Respecting letters, &c., he has sent, received by messenger. 57

February 8,
St. John's.

Same to the same. Sends a letter from Lansing which had been forgotten. It is reported that no Continentals are in Vermont, but that the Yorkers are there in disguise. Report confirmed of the death of Lord Stirling. Except for a plundering party sent out from Canada, by whom he does not know, all would be quiet. One of these men has returned wounded; others are still in the Colonies. 59

February 9,
Loyal Block
House.

Knowlton to the same. Thanks for His Excellency's kindness in paying his necessary expenses. Suggests opening a correspondence with Mr. Williams of Deerfield. Sherwood appends a note, that it is by his request that Knowlton has mentioned the idea of corresponding with Williams. 61

February 9,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to the same. In consequence of the report of a projected attack on Pointe au Fer and Vermont, he is keeping out scouts constantly. Has all prepared for an attack; Butterfield goes off to-morrow, who is to send one spy to the new city and the other to Saratoga; he is to keep a horse and sleigh ready to start with word if the enemy is making any extraordinary movement, and in any event he will be back before the middle of next month, with all the news he can obtain of Vermont affairs. Has written Mr. A. and Colonel Clarke. Holmes shall be sent away on the first convenient

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opportunity after he arrives. Has detained a prisoner. Had applied for a search for spruce beer; sends Nairne's answer. The men do not get much rum so that they are tenacious of their beer. Butterfield's statements as to illicit trade. Page 63

February 9,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to Colonel Clarke. That the prisoners will be sent before the ice breaks up. 66

February 9,

Sherwood and Smyth to G. No trade can be opened at present, as would be seen by the affair of the beef. His Excellency desires to have information with his own reflections; too much caution cannot be used till it is discovered what turn affairs are to take in spring. Any step that would incense the enemy at this season would be ruin, and would frustrate all the exertions made. Persons of note should not come in, unless the service require it, and then in the most secret manner. 67

February 11,
Arlington.

Pass to David Brady to go to Canada to secure some effects. Signed by Chittenden. 69

Other two passes, one signed by Colonel Isaac Clarke, Vermont, the other by Sherwood, at 70

February 12,
St. John's.

George Smyth to Mathews. Stating the services of Miller and Sergeant Smith, the amounts they have received, &c. After conferring with Sherwood and Knowlton, recommends employing Mr. Williams. Butterfield promises the earliest intelligence of the enemy's movements. His reasons for believing the last news brought by Mr. Starr to be groundless. Continental horses are at Williamstown. He and Sherwood have detained Holmes till His Excellency should know that it was he who had three times hanged up Howard at Bennington, and has been an active persecutor of His Majesty's subjects. He (Holmes) says that Pritchard was selling tea up the lake at \$1 a pound, and had employed one Baldwin to retail it for him; he lives now at Longueuil and has been sent for. Major Nairne wishes that Holmes, if detained, should be sent to Chambly. 71

February 13,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to the same. The worthless character of Davis, whom Pritchard represented as worth sending a scout after. Major White has always been loyal; was persecuted and escaped loaded with heavy handcuffs; his house surrounded by a rebel gang, of whom Davis was always one. Got refuge and food with Chamberlain. The loyalty of McLearn and of White and his son. Believes that Bailey, Beadle, Johnson and old Patterson have friends in Canada, and form a dangerous combination. Proofs of Johnson's treachery, whom Bailey accuses of trying to keep friendly with both sides. Does not know, but thinks it probable that Johnson and Pritchard have laid plans together for trade. Arrival of Sergeant Kilburn with Colonel Clark's passport to bring in two prisoners of war. Clark and the sergeant have managed to take all the poor fellows had, on pretext of helping them to escape. It is another indication of Clark's character. The two men report the taxes to be so high, that the people groan under their burdens, and proselytize to Government very fast. Sends copy of the pass and statement of what Clark and Kilburn exacted from them. Has refused to give a receipt for them as prisoners of war, as he believes the two men paid for their liberty at a dear rate. 76

February 15,
St. John's.

Smyth to the same. Is happy to find that His Excellency is pleased with Z. L.'s reports. Thinks that he is going to England, and that the last lines of his letter are to give notice, so that some

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one may be appointed in his room. Those he wishes to reward are Hutton, Kinneer and Bell. Doubts Sherwood's statement of Johnson being a traitor, for reasons given; does not know him personally, but knows that he corresponded with St. Leger. The doubtful character of Davis; Star is a worthless fellow. Page 82

February 16,

Sherwood gives a sketch of what he understands by the cypher message of Cossit and Summer. 84

February 17,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to Mathews. Will observe Riedesel's orders in case the post shall be attacked, but does not believe 500 or 1,000 men could force it before relief arrived. By order of Riedesel Crowfoot was sent to Vermont to ascertain the movements of the Continentals. Has brought back an answer, which is sent to Riedesel. Clark, with a number of families, is expected shortly; how are they to be disposed of? Cannot conceive what brings Clark here. Can Savage and Brewster be allowed to go to Montreal for clothing, should they ask? Has received a letter from Cuyler holding him (Sherwood) answerable for detaining a prisoner having Cuyler's pass. His reason for doing so. 86

February 19,
Loyal Block
House.

Same to the same. Savage reports that the rebels secretly pressed 100 sleighs at night and took them to Saratoga; on the 11th they marched 200 men to Schenectady and boasted that they were going to take Oswego, but on the 13th they turned their course, being reinforced by 1,000 men. Savage says that Mr. A. was surprised at the expedition and secrecy of this affair. A friend arrived with news from Saratoga, on which A. immediately ordered the mustering of the militia, told Savage to get a good pilot and come through the woods to him (Sherwood). A. was fearful for Vermont, but was more so for the Loyal Blockhouse, and expected that Washington aimed a blow at the frontiers whilst they felt in security. A. seemed uncertain what to do should the troops come to Vermont, but believed he should give up Castleton quickly, and avoid hostilities as long as possible. The Governor and Council are at the assembly on Connecticut River. Savage has gone off again, to return. Wright and Crowfoot go to get intelligence from A., who forbade Clarke to come. The families are detained on account of the alarm. Savage says that A. and Brown (Brownson?) are as firmly attached to Government as men can be. The Governor (Chittenden) is not so firmly fixed, but will be governed by A. and his own interest. Colonel Clark (Clark?) will be where he finds the strongest force, and, it is believed, would kill his father for money. One-third, Savage says, of the ruling men are for Government, from sound principles, another third from their attachment to Vermont and aversion to New York; the other third will be guided by the fortunes of war. The common people will accept any Government rather than that of New York. Lindsey wounded in Vermont, has been taken to Albany and will be hanged for robbery. Details respecting men at St John's. 88

February 19,
St. John's.

Smyth to the same. Shall secure an honest man to take the place in Albany, of Z. L., who has resigned. On Caleb Clossen's arrival, shall request Z. L. to assist him and to continue to act till his departure. Sends advertisement with the name of the plunderers. Cameron says that he and his party were sent out by Major Rogers to recruit. 91

February 22,
St. John's.

Same to the same. Hawley sent off as ordered. Baldwin's affidavit respecting the tea enclosed. Arrival of a corporal of Jessup's corps with recruits. The rebels do not appear to have

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- any design on the Province, but it appears that they mean to annoy Vermont. Page 92
- February 25,
Loyal Block
House. Sherwood to Mathews. The character of McGregor and Grant, who brought intelligence which turns out to be true, but whether the rebel movement was against the frontiers or Vermont remains doubtful. Two men, James Spooner and Silas Bingham, have arrived, sent by Colonel Clark to give warning as he was afraid that Savage might not arrive in time; they have brought presents from old Mr. Johnson to his son, which he requests permission to give him. The loyalty of Spooner and Bingham. Report of their journey, &c., sent off. Cuyler's prisoner has been sent off as ordered, Respecting Holmes, his grief at being sent back in consequence of reports made against him; Knowlton's high opinion of his character. and the high opinion of him held by others. 93
- February 26, B. Chamberlain to Joseph White. Gives an account of Johnson's treacherous acts. The letters given him by St. Leger, Rogers, &c., were sent direct to Washington. 97
- February 27, Resolution of the House of Representatives of New Hampshire to continue temporarily the present Government, so as to guard against the anarchy that may arise by the expected general pacification in Europe. 99
- March 1,
St. John's. Depositions by Howard and Blakely respecting the part taken by Holmes when Howard was threatened to be hanged at Bennington. 102
- March 2, Plain Truth to Sherwood. Nothing new except Willet's expedition to Oswego; the sufferings of the men, who have returned. The uneasiness in the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut, where the common cry even of the Whigs is that they have fought till they have lost all and will fight no more. One Continental officer said that the King and Parliament had laid a fine plan to enslave America, but that Congress had been too quick for them. 104
- March 2,
Loyal Block
House. Sherwood to Mathews. Joseph White has arrived with letters from Summer and Cossit. Sends sketch of what he believes is meant (p. 84), but the cypher is written in a blundering manner. There can be no doubt of Johnson's treachery. 105
- March 2,
Loyal Block
House. The same to Riedesel. Sends letters brought by Joseph White, jun. Report of a large expedition for Oswego, but it was suspected that it was for the reduction of the new State (Vermont). Is under no apprehension here, the ice being very bad. 107
- March 3, No place, signature or address. It is reported that a large tower has been built at Penobscot, where 700 or 800 families are settled under the British Government, and a large trade done. The neighbouring inhabitants are friendly and supply the garrison, &c. A large reinforcement, it is reported, has arrived; that the troops will take possession of Casco Bay in the spring. The French fleet at Piscataqua was in a shattered state and not fit for defence against an equal number of British. The ships had been repaired at great expense and had sailed. The Admiral had had his foremast and spars entirely destroyed by lightning, with the loss of a number of men. 108
- March 3, F. B. to Sherwood. Respecting Willet's expedition to Oswego. 109
- March 4,
Loyal Block
House. Sherwood to Mathews. The unsatisfactory report of Willet's expedition brought by Clossen. Fowler and one of Taplin's sons.

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have brought letters from Connecticut River, which are forwarded. It is the same Fowler who came in last summer and fall with intelligence, and asks leave to buy some articles and to sell skins, which he has not been allowed to do till His Excellency's pleasure is known. Page 110

March 4,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to Mathews (private). Does not know if he has done right in sending letters of intelligence to Dr. Smyth, but it was done to save him uneasiness. Knowlton thinks he can open a correspondence through Judge Alcott with Livermore, a good loyalist and a great friend to Vermont. Hopes that the reports of Hurliburt may not do him harm; he is a very brave, loyal fellow. 112

March 5,
St. John's.

Smyth to the same. Will do all in his power to assist Riedesel in the investigation. Is anxious for the return of Clossen, &c. 113

March 5,
St. John's.

Same to the same. Arrival of Clossen, who failed in his errand on account of the roads. Comment on Willet's expedition, &c. The unfounded reports brought by Kilburn, &c. How he can secure an intelligent correspondent. 114

March 8,
St. John's.

Same to the same. Sends deposition by Howard, respecting his treatment by Holmes, whom he (Smyth) believes to be now a real convert, and agrees with Sherwood that it might answer a good purpose to let him return. Has received report from Sherwood of Thomas Johnson's treachery. Four or five young men, prisoners at Chambly, have applied to join one of the corps. Has been investigating the affair of Cameron and McArthur; will report. Money wanted to fit out parties. 116

March 9,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to the same. Cross, a loyal man from Connecticut, and five others arrived to purchase tea, &c., with tobacco, butter and cheese; they have been sent back with a reprimand. Cross reports a cessation of arms for eight months. Arrival of two men from Manchester, who shall be sent back. Brady reports that the militia of Vermont have been under arms to resist attack. Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire have protested against paying taxes; military were sent to enforce the collection, but the mobs proved too powerful, and in many places assaulted, abused and imprisoned the military officers. Hopes that his conduct to these people coming in is approved of; if he kept these starved fortune hunters till orders came from Quebec, they would consume too much of the King's provisions, for they always come very hungry. Is ill at present. 118

March 10,
Loyal Block
House.

Same to the same. Sends reports brought by Wright, Savage, and Brewster, with copy of the so-called King's speech, which he hopes is not genuine. If independence is granted, nothing is left to him and others but the consciousness of having done their duty. No loyalist of principle or spirit could endure to live under the imperious laws of a Washington and his minions. Wishes that a word of comfort could be given to Knowlton and his friends in Vermont, but doubts it. A. is determined to do nothing in future respecting political matters, but from General Haldimand's directions, to whom he looks up as the guardian of that people. Sends letters from Butterfield and "Plain Truth" respecting Willet's expedition. Ice precarious. Savage and Brewster go off at once, but will return. Wright goes to be in Arlington at the time appointed by A. 10

Wright's report of same date follows. 122

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March 12,
St. John's.

Smyth to Mathews. Money received; remarks on accounts. Is inclined to write to Z. L. for an explanation of his reason for not reporting the expedition to Oswego. Will try to get a fresh intelligence in Albany. Proposes to take the Fishkill mail. Reports the mission of Sawyer to discover who are the friends in Vermont; hopes that he will be secured and examined. Sherwood and Knowlton wish the prisoners at Chambly to be allowed to return on parole; Knowlton believes it would be serviceable to Government were they released. Riedesel has left. The investigations into the robbery, the tea trade, &c., are nearly completed. Page 124

March 13,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to the same. Spooner and Bingham have sold their horses to Twiss, and are going home to bring their families, cattle, &c., through the woods, and to get out timber for the King's service, using their own teams, for which they ask leave to build huts and they will ask no kind of support from Government. Twiss is willing to supply them. Savage and Brewster not yet gone; he has allowed them to get certain articles, which he enumerates. The characters of Brewster and Savage. Not to doubt A.'s sincerity; he and his friends are more closely watched than we are. Sends the report of Phineas Smith to this effect (p. 126). Has agreed to pay Savage six guineas for his past services; he has moved his family to Castleton. Blanket coats have been given to Spooner, Bingham and Fowler. 128

March 13,
Loyal Block
House.

Same to the same. His earnest prayer that Haldimand may be continued here till the troubles are finally closed. Hundreds of loyalists in Canada and Vermont fear that if His Excellency should leave, they would lose their only benefactor. Myers is a good man to collect intelligence, but there is no need of his services. Colonel Taplin's uneasiness respecting T. Johnson and old Davis, whom he knows to be treacherous. Reports sent by his (Taplin's) son of the motives of Davis, &c., and his schemes to get money, &c. 131

March, 14,
Loyal Block
House.

Same to the same. Arrival of French with a pass from Chittenden to settle accounts with William Marsh, accompanied by Ebenezer Allen, who treated him (Sherwood) so badly that he cannot bear to be commonly civil to him. He now pretends to be much attached to the King's Government; says that the Vermonters are the same, and that they expect General Allen shortly to be their Governor, under the King. Believes that their object is trade, and will send them back to-morrow morning, on pretext that the ice will soon be impassable. 133

March 15,
Claremont.

Cossit to Sherwood. Enoch Bean, bearer of this letter, comes to take steps for the relief of his two sons and a neighbour, who are in Canada. Has suffered greatly for his loyalty; is a man of truth and worthy of respect; he has business in Montreal, which he asks leave to visit. He brings papers and can give information of the alteration for the better in the minds of the people, not only on the river but throughout the Boston Government and New Hampshire. Not to send his (Sherwood's) son to Dartmouth till the return of Mr. Whelock, the president, next summer from Europe. Has been visited by the principal men on the river, who desire peace and connection with Great Britain. Has been well received at Cohos, his old station, to which he was asked to come again and preach. Colonel Peters might come home there without offending any but Bailey, Thomas Johnson and a few others, who have got his estate, and even if he came without a flag his friends could protect him. His coming would do good, &c., &c. 135

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 St. John's. Smyth to Mathews. Is surprised at the neglect of Z. L., but places confidence in him and in the friends in Albany. Will open a fresh correspondence with a gentleman there. If the Fishkill mail were taken and brought in safe, it would give some certainty of the much talked of peace. Page 139
- March 17,
 Sorel. Report of the expedition under Willet to Oswego, brought by Starr from Albany, and confirmed by Benjamin Buffington, who had been in the expedition. 141
- March 18,
 Loyal Block House. Sherwood to Mathews. Shall deliver the letters as ordered. Thinks that J. Mountain is Beadle, but does not understand some, and cannot give any information in answer to other questions. Enters into details of transactions of Johnson, and says that neither he, Beadle, old Patterson or Davis could be trusted. Chamberlain and Fowler are loyal from principle, but they are weak, illiterate men, and, he is afraid, made the tools of Bailey and his junto. Has, therefore, acted cautiously with them. Is not surprised that the Vermonters were ignorant of Willet's expedition, being perplexed by other movements, but cannot account for the silence of friends at Albany. Will send out young White to recruit for his father, and give him dispatches. 144
- March 18,
 Loyal Block House. Same to Cossit. Asks for further intelligence. 365
- March 23,
 Loyal Block House. Same to Mathews. Arrival of old Mr. Bean, with papers, &c. He is a Quaker, a sensible, loyal man; his declaration of the state of the country is enclosed. He is father and father-in-law to Bean and Brown, brought in prisoners. To make some amends to them and Wells for their imprisonment, clothing, &c., has been given them for their return journey. Old Mr. Bean has a claim against Benjamin Patterson for \$700, and asks leave to go to Canada to see about it, and insists on remaining until he can hear whether he can go or not. People coming in to trade sent back. 147
- March 23,
 Loyal Block House. Same to Riedesel. Reports the steps he has taken respecting recruiting; prisoners sent home; arrival of old Mr. Bean, with papers, &c. 150
- March 24,
 Sunderland. Ira Allen to Sherwood and Luke Knowlton. That the proprietors of land which he wishes to get will sell, and applies for the loan of money to purchase it, for which he is willing to give six per cent., with good security, and present each of them, when times get good, with a comfortable farm. 363
- March 25, Sherwood to A. Has transmitted the verbal message sent by Wr. (Wright). His Excellency's sincere desire for their benefit and for reconciliation defeated by delay and procrastination; but in the present unsettled state of affairs he will not give any advice that may influence him (A.) to the prejudice of his interests, or that might interfere with the views of Government. A very short time will determine the fate of Vt. (Vermont), and in the interval His Excellency does not see anything that can be done to serve its unfortunate inhabitants. He (Sherwood) urges that confidential correspondence be still maintained, the fortune of war being uncertain. 151
- March 29,
 St. John's. Smyth to Mathews. Sends secret service accounts. No word of Hawley's return. It is reported that Carleton has issued a proclamation that all loyalists are to return to their homes. Sherwood says he can procure no further evidence against Pritchard. 153
- April 2,
 St. John's. Same to the same. No news yet of Hawley. If there was a peace word would, no doubt, have been sent from New York. 154

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April 4,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to Mathews. Sent Wright with a letter to A. (p 151) of which a copy is enclosed. Has read Johnson's and Davis' letters, marked by Johnson's and Bailey's cunning. The necessity of guarding against these men, though it may not be amiss to play at their own game. Has taken every pains to assure the Vermonters of His Excellency's determination to prevent settlements on the frontiers, and has been so particular as to mention boundaries beyond which they must not presume to improve, namely, Middlebury Falls, North and East, for the west side, and the chain of Green Mountains for the eastern boundary of the Connecticut River people. They knew all this before, and Chittenden had refused leave to settle ten miles up the River Lemie (Leroile), on the ground that Haldimand would not at present permit any settlement east of the Mountains nor north of Otter Creek. Page 155

April 4.
Loyal Block
House.

Same to ————. That Pritchard's possession of a parole from Whipple cannot be true. His story of having killed one man and wounded two when Whipple resisted capture, has been denied by Bean, who says that no one was killed when Whipple was taken; he gave Pritchard and his party as much spirits, punch, grog, &c, as they would drink, and then jumped out of a back window and escaped, the only parole he gave Pritchard. Sends copy of letter from Sir John Johnson respecting McGregor. 153

Johnson's letter, dated 4th March, is a recommendation of Donald McGregor. 159

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R. C. (Cossit) to Sherwood. Can send no newspapers, the post having brought none since the middle of March. There is no preparation for war in New England, the wish for peace with Great Britain being the great talk, and it is reported that there is peace between that power and the Colonies, but not with France. Great fall in the price of goods. Constant trade from the Colonies to New York and Long Island. Arrival of a British fleet at New York, other fleets in the West Indies. The people determined not to pay taxes. His (Cossit's) parishioners have stood firm for the Crown, in spite of persecution, but terrified by the storms likely to arise they wish to know if there is not room for them in His Majesty's dominions; though made poor by the war, they ask only the protection of the laws. Preached at Haverhill, baptized several children and married Colonel Beadle's daughter to Dr. Butler. 160

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House.

Sherwood to Mathews. Has cautioned Bean, who proceeds to Montreal. The green tea, &c., will have a better effect than four times the money. The States are actuated solely by fear in their treatment of Vermont, so long as there remains an open door for that State to look to Great Britain or any other power for protection, but when that is shut by independence, Vermont will be the first of which will engross the attention of Congress. Has a faint hope that Haldimand's representations in favour of Vermont may induce the King's ministers to lay claim to that district. Has no news, but hopes that Wright will soon be in, but the state of the lake prevents travel; a south wind to day gives hopes that the lake may be clear for boats. Starr has delivered a packet to Sir John Johnson. Has tried to send Colonel Peters away as ignorant as he came, but Fowler had shown him a paper with the King's speech. Was enraged with Fowler, but it was too late to remedy the evil. Arrival of Samuel Sherwood with four men, one of whom (Joy) brought papers. Encloses them and a singular letter from Ira

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Allen; how is he to answer it? Another of the men is a Mr. Johnson, a broken merchant from Connecticut, who has come away to pay his debts. Page 162

April 12,
St. John's.

Declaration of Comfort Joy of Vermont. It is generally believed that peace will speedily take place, but not complete independence. Few in Vermont wish to confederate with the States, preferring to make peace with Great Britain. 165

April 13,
St. John's.

Smyth to Mathews Has received a remittance. Remarks on Vandecar's unreasonable account and on the little service he rendered. Is uneasy about Hawley: Wright expected at Dutchman's Point. 166

Same to the same. Arrival of Lighthall from Schenectady, sent by Z. L. The letters he brought are forwarded to Riedesel. Is keeping Lighthall secret till His Excellency sends orders He desires to go to Montreal, and reports that peace is definitely concluded; that salt fell in price from eight dollars a bushel to one dollar, and other commodities in proportion. Preparations were making at Schenectady for fireworks and bonfires, and vessels getting ready to go to New York for goods. "If all be true, Lord have mercy on the poor loyalists!" 169

April 13,
St. John's.

Same to (Riedesel). Sends letters brought by Lighthall, with remarks. 172

April 13,
Isle aux Noix.

Major Nairne to the same. Reports the arrival of Abraham Lighthall, who is now forwarded to Sorel. Sends the letters he brought; he wishes to get to Montreal to see Mr. Ellice. 172

April 19,
Manchester.

Marked with crosses to Sherwood. Peace and independence established. How Vermont will fare time will show, but Vermont is determined not to unite with Congress. At all events the people keep an eye on the accumulating debt, and good people are flocking into the State. Both enemies and friends are busy, which will produce something by-and-bye. 173

April 19,
Loyal Block
House.

Luke Knowlton to Haldimand. States his services during the last eight years, and asks leave to go further into the province. 175

April 19,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to Mathews (private). Is it probable he shall remain here this summer? He has been at expense for preparing ground for a garden, &c. Everything looks gloomy for the loyalists; is anxious to look out for a settlement for himself and loyal friends. Asks his opinion of the country about Gaspé and the Bay of Chaleurs, as he has been invited there by Major Cox. 177

April 19,
Loyal Block
House.

Same to Riedesel. Hawley has returned with letters. He has brought Sergeant Heath, formerly one of the most violent rebels, who wishes now to join Jessup's corps, but so many here have suffered by his treachery that it is doubtful if his life would be safe. 179

April 19,
Loyal Block
House.

Same to Mathews. Arrival of Hawley. Wright has remained at Arlington by desire of A., in the hope of getting more authentic news. 180

April 20,
Loy 1 Block
House.

Same to the same. Young White has arrived with letters, &c. Pearce, of number four, has come with him, on pretext of seeing friends, but as it is in reality to trade in furs he will be sent back. 182

April 21,
St. John's.

Smyth to the same. Arrival of Hawley, &c. 184

April 27,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to the same (private). Besides the letter, enclosed, General A., has sent a verbal message by Savage, earnestly request-

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ing that the loyalists in Canada might be settled near Vermont, as the private cabinet of Vermont had resolved to give every possible encouragement to loyal subjects in Canada to remove into the northern part of that State. By this policy A. thinks that there would soon be a party formed in opposition to Congress, sufficient to bring about a revolution to unite with Canada and become a British Government, which could not touch the faith of the British Government, as neither the King nor Parliament need be concerned. Asks His Excellency's opinion. Asks that the property in the buildings at this post be vested in him when it is given up, owing to the expense he has incurred for them and for the land. Page 185

Sherwood to Mathews. Wright has returned with two brothers Savage, who have come to look for an asylum for a great number of loyalists, who are determined to leave a country wholly under the direction of their cruel oppressors. Squire Savage has gone to consult Dr. Smyth at St. John's. Sherwood's embarrassing position since the peace. Many coming in for advice, others to insult, who are so provoking that they would be cut to pieces by the soldiers, but for the greatest caution used. They say this is their ground, and that by and bye no Tory shall have the liberty to trade, &c., &c. Thought that these were the mad sallies of vulgar fools, until he received a copy of the Act against the loyalists. Daring disregard of orders against trading. Messrs. Campbell and Huntington have arrived, having been ruined by the sudden fall in the value of goods. Mr. Wait, who came after them, has demanded that they be sent back to Boston, but is refused his demand and told to take legal steps in Canada, &c. Huntington remains in Canada, but Campbell proposes to go to Vermont to form with Savage and A, a settlement of distressed loyal subjects. 187

April 30,
St. John's.

Smyth to the same. Sends Sherwood's letter respecting General A.'s plan for settling Vermont with loyalists in opposition to Congress, so as to bring about the desired reunion. 191

May 3,
St. John's.

Same to the same. Acknowledges receipt of dispatches. Respecting the payments made to Hawley. 192

May 5,
Quebec.

Mathews to Sherwood (private). His Excellency thinks that it would be better for him (Sherwood) to withdraw as far as possible from the scenes of discord; he is to go to the Bay of Chaleurs and ascertain for himself the advantages and disadvantages of the situation, the number and kind of persons fitted for settling, &c., so that he may be able to make a proposal to His Excellency on the subject. The greatest prudence and moderation are to be observed with persons coming from the Colonies. He is not to breathe a word to any person about the scheme of settlement. 194

May 6,
Loyal Block
House.

Sherwood to Mathews. Shall continue to collect papers from the Colonies as ordered. The rebels are making great progress in settling the frontiers as far as Onion River and River LeMile (Lemile); does not know whether to prevent them. 197

May 7,
St. John's.

Smyth to the same. That he and Sherwood, after consultation, pray for a tract of land for the settlement of the loyalists. 199

May 20,
Loyal Block
House.

Same to the same. Further respecting lands; his own desire is to see his native country once more and to obtain leave to go to Europe. A new correspondent has been established in Albany. Savage and his brother leave for the Colonies, but will soon return. Loyalists cast down; many will not stay among their exulting enemies. 201

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May 21,
Loyal Block
House. Smyth to Mathews. No notice shall be taken of the settlers on Onion River. Sends letter from Hancock brought by West (Wait?), respecting Campbell and Huntington. Arrival of Breakenridge from Vermont; his brother has a message at Crown Point from General A. who, with the Vermonters, is prepared for the Yorkers and determined to oppose them. Page 203
- May 23,
Loyal Block
House. Same to Sherwood. Breakenridge has a verbal message from General A., that there is nothing of moment; he does not believe in peace. Butterfield comes only to trade and will be sent back immediately. Ira Allen is expected in a few days. 205
- May 28,
Loyal Block
House. Same to Mathews. Explaining his reasons for granting passes to loyalists, &c. 206
- May 29,
Castleton. John Savage to Dr. Smyth. Complains of the treatment of loyalists on their return home. 209
- June 3,
Loyal Block
House. Smyth to Mathews. Arrival of women and children to join their husbands in Canada. Recommends John Cobham for his loyalty; he has brought papers and a letter from Savage (p. 129) enclosed. Clark and Ebenezer Allen were here to trade, but were sent back. 211
- June 3,
Dutchman's
Point. Report by John Cobham of a conference between Carleton and Washington respecting the evacuation of Long and Staten Islands, which Washington declined till New York was evacuated. The people through the country are determined not to allow the return of the loyalists; several who returned have been severely beaten and sent back. New York still being fortified. Numbers are emigrating to Vermont. New York determined Vermont shall not be a state, and the people determined to maintain it, should the thirteen Colonies oppose them. 213
- June 7,
Loyal Block
House. Smyth to Mathews. Arrival of the brother of Major Fay with letters; that of Sherwood is sent, as it relates to trade. Fay wishes to remain till His Excellency's answer is received. Fay says that Vermont means to fight the thirteen Colonies if they oppose it. Answer to Hancock's letter expected. The proceedings of Campbell and Huntington are represented as atrocious. 214
- June 11,
Loyal Block
House. Same to the same. Pass for West received; he will set out to-morrow for Montreal or Quebec. People arriving to purchase goods, but sent back; they are dissatisfied, as they thought the post had been evacuated. 216
- June 13,
Loyal Block
House. Same to the same. In answer to Miller's letter represents that he is entitled to no more than he has got. Stevens' account is not settled, as it was an imposition. His conduct deserves rebuke rather than pay. Will settle the whole matter with him and Miller before witnesses. Is informed that traders from Albany and Schenectady are coming in; will send them back as instructed. 217
- June 20,
Loyal Block
House. Same to the same. Arrival of two brothers Glen from Schenectady, brothers-in-law to Abraham C. Cuyler; others mentioned who will go to Montreal and one with a letter from Schuyler to His Excellency. They will wait till an answer is received. The Glens are good men. Not much credit given to the reports of peace. Governor Clinton's demand for the evacuation of New York answered by Carleton that it would not be given up till the fifth and sixth articles of the preliminaries were ratified. Delancy severely whipped and a gentleman with him had his arm nearly cut off; they had left New York on a visit. Carleton has demanded the surrender of the culprits which Governor Clinton has promised when they can be found. 219

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June 14,
Loyal Block
House.

Smyth to Mathews. Has forwarded by Fay the letters received. Sends copy of private letter to General Allen, nearly word for word that received from him (Mathews). Sends copy of a handbill. James Ellice expected; how are he and others to be disposed of?

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July 2,
Loyal Block
House.

Same to the same. Has received permission for Glen, &c., to proceed to Montreal. Movements of other arrivals. Allen and Butterfield are on their way to Masisque (Missisquoi) to survey it for settlement. Grande Isle and Isle à la Motte are also to be settled. On Allen's return he will communicate something to be sent to headquarters.

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July 4,
Loyal Block
House.

Same to the same. Has allowed Ira Allen to go to headquarters.

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Deposition of Josiah Allen that he had been fired upon by two men dressed as Indians, on the road between Pittsford and Rutland.

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July 8,
Loyal Block
House.

Smyth to Mathews. Arrival of Ellice and others from Schenectady, who have gone to St. John's. Resolutions in sundry districts prohibiting the return of loyalists are disapproved of, and it is expected the Legislature of New York will stop the clandestine committees. The taxes have become a grievance and may lead to intestine war.

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July 15,
Loyal Block
House.

Same to the same. Sends newspapers, showing that the districts are inclined to take the advice of "Brutus," whose handbills were sent. Attack by a mob at Fort Edward on Sergeant Campbell and his two men. Sends statements of demands by Ellice and others for services.

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July 26,
Shelburne.

Ira Allen to Smyth. Has received a message from the Commander-in-Chief of the State that in June Whipple was taken prisoner and (Josiah) Allen fired at by two persons supposed to be, or to have been, in the British service. It is not known who they are, nor what has been done with the prisoner, but he has no doubt that every means will be taken to detect these persons and to liberate Whipple if in the Province of Quebec.

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August 1,
Loyal Block
House.

Smyth to Mathews. Has not seen Baron de Steuben who has not yet passed the post. Would it not be well to discover the business of this visit? When Glen went back to the Colonies a correspondence was settled, and he is to send all intelligence. He is a good man. The caution he wishes to be observed in sending to him. It is reported that Washington visited Ticonderoga and Crown Point to arrange about their being fortified.

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August 2,
St. John's.

Same to the same. Has arrived here, having come as far as Isle aux Noix with de Steuben. It was proposed that the Baron should remain on board the "Inflexible," till His Excellency's pleasure could be known, but he refused and is to be sent to headquarters, attended from post to post by a British officer. His suite: preparations made for his reception at St. John's. Savage has brought in 40 sheep for sale, which are stopped till orders are received.

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August 9,
St. John's.

Same to the same. Sends letter from Allen respecting an affair which could not have been the work of any party from this Province. (The capture of Whipple and shooting at Josiah Allen, see p. 225 and p. 231). Has been called to St. John's to a court of inquiry respecting a fray between his son and Captain Breakenridge. Gives a statement of Breakenridge's conduct to himself, and asks that investigation be ordered.

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August 20, Smyth to Mathews. Thinks that people who wish to remove to the
St. John's. Colonies should be allowed to go. Tobacco brought in for sale;
what is he to do about it? Is detained here to answer charges made
by Breakenridge. Appeals to his honesty in all transactions, and
impossibility of entering into questions relating to the secret service
before an open court and asks that means be taken to adjourn the
court. Page 240
- August 20, Same to the same. Reporting the case of Wood, a man with
St. John's. a wife and seven children, who wishes to go to the Colonies. 243
- August 21, Same to the same. Desires instructions respecting a certifi-
St. John's. cate of service, &c., asked for Z. L. by Elice, and asks for informa-
tion of the sums to be allowed to persons employed getting intelli-
gence, whose names have been sent. Recommends provision being
granted to a poor man with a helpless family. 244
- August 21, Same to the same. Introduces Mr. Shepherd, of Albany, with a
St. John's. strong recommendation. 246
- August 22, Same to the same. Shall answer Ira Allen's letter as
St. John's. ordered. The people of Vermont, Fay says, are satisfied that the
death or absence of Whipple was not the work of any one from
this Province, and that no more *resolves* would pass in Vermont,
those passed being the work of a violent and ignorant leader in
Rutland. Respecting a claim for bringing dispatches. Neither
Gibson nor Brisbin has received provisions, though their children
are in the greatest want. 247
- August 28, Same to the same. Has drawn in favour of Chisholm. Asks
St. John's. that his (Smyth's) brother may be assisted should he require it.
Breakenridge is trying to collect every person who petitioned
against him (Smyth) and Sherwood. 249
- September 5, Same to the same. The court of inquiry has proved him inno-
St. John's. cent of the charges brought by Breakenridge. Arrival of Enos
from Vermont, with letters of recommendation. Thanks His Excel-
lency for the confidence reposed in him (Smyth). Asks leave for
his son to go to Vermont to settle some business. 251
- September 5, Joseph Fay to the same. That he has disposed of the cattle, the
St. John's. property of Colonel Allen and himself, and returns thanks for His
Excellency's special favour. Intercedes for Holmes, who is held in
suspense regarding his transactions with Pritchard and kept as a
prisoner. 253
- September 10, Smyth to the same. Remarks on demands from Shepherd and
St. John's. others for gratuities, which he cannot honestly comply with. The
abusive language of McFarlane from Schenectady. If he should be
allowed to go into the Province it would be at the risk of his life, as
several in Montreal have threatened to kill him. Caution should
be observed towards General Enos; many schemes are on foot. 255
- September 16, Same to the same. Shepherd left yesterday. Mode of obtaining
St. John's. intelligence settled. Has expended all the money in his hands for
services stated. When the rest of the bulls and cows arrive he can-
not pay for them. Morrison reports that New York is to be evacu-
ated shortly, and that nothing but confusion reigns in the Colonies.
Judge Hay's (Hey) attempt to get Shepherd to send all newspapers
and information from the Colonies. 258
- September 18, Sherwood to the same. Has been waiting for five days for the
Montreal. arrival of Collins (the Deputy Surveyor-General). Has arrived, and
the parties are getting ready to set out. The arrangements (de-
tailed) for rapid and accurate exploration of the country, so that
Collins may give His Excellency a more accurate account of the

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- country than he has yet had. Respecting the settlement of Sutherland's account for scouting. The moderation of his charge. States what is known of Simon Connell, lately from New York. Page 260
- September 23, Smyth to Mathews. Wood has disposed of everything he had. 263
St. John's. One of the best of the General's cows found shot in the woods and a hind quarter carried off. The bulls and the rest of the cows are near Onion River.
- September 30, Same to the same. Order for money received. Shall attend to the instructions received respecting the cattle. The court martial is over; what documents he was obliged to show in his defence. 264
St. John's. Remarks on part of the evidence adduced against him.
- October 14, Sherwood to the same. A tract of the best land he ever saw is at Cataraqui. The west end of Lake St. Francis, and extending nearly 20 miles above Oswegatchie, then broken land to Cataraqui. A township extending six miles west of Cataraqui will be tolerably good land; the next six miles bad, then good. From Cataraqui to the Bay of Quinté there is good land enough for six townships. Has sent Lieut. Johns and Bothum to explore the country 30 miles back from the lake near Cataraqui. Will send to His Excellency a proper report from his journal. The climate is good, and the loyalists may be the happiest people in America by settling from Longsaw (Long Sault) to Cataraqui. 311
- November 11, Nathaniel Wait to Breckenridge. Charges Dr. Smyth with accepting Campbell's mare to let him and Huntington go. Business brisk; it is reported that the definitive treaty has been signed. 313
Boston. Wait to Pritchard. Respecting Campbell and Huntington &c.
- November 11, Same to Smyth. Charges him with receiving Campbell's mare to protect him. 315
Boston.
- November 23, Sherwood to Mathews. Has arrived with his party, except two men left at Cataraqui; goes to St John's to-morrow. Collins has his (Sherwood's) description of the country. Johns and Bothum have exerted themselves in exploring the country above Cataraqui and north of the Bay of Quinté. 316
Montreal.
- November 25, Smyth to the same. Sends account for the cattle, &c. Definitive treaty reported to be signed. What steps should he take to retrieve his losses? His services and those of his brother, his son, &c., and the imprisonment and losses they have sustained, should recommend him. 317
St. John's.
- December 6, Sherwood to the same. Has been attacked with fever; has recommended twelve men to continue at the blockhouse. As soon as he is able to ride, he shall start for Quebec. 320
St. John's.
- December 9, Smyth to the same. Sends account as requested. Thanks for bringing his losses before His Excellency, whom he desires to thank for past kindness. Sherwood has been dangerously ill with chicken-pox and has been delirious, but there are now favourable symptoms. 321
St. John's.
- December 19, Same to the same. Arrangements made for receiving news from the Colonies. 323
St. John's.
- December 20, Same to the same. Proposes that his youngest son shall remain in Vermont, where the Governor, the Allens and Fays will procure him papers and news from other States, which Bothum can bring in every three or four weeks. Any one going to the State of New York is sure to be stripped and ill-used, which the present plan will avoid. 324
St. John's.
- No date. Lists of loyalists, &c. 30, 31

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- January 6, Smyth to Mathews. Remarks on Wait's charge that he (Smyth) received from Campbell a mare as a bribe, &c. Page 326
St. John's.
- January 6, Same to the same. Cannot tell the routes or the means by which letters find their way into the Province; is informed that a smuggling trade is carried on between Caldwell's Manor, the Grande Isle and the gentry in the rookery. How a communication could be opened to Europe by way of New York. Return of a messenger; letters enclosed. 328
St. John's.
- January 12, "Plato" to Smyth. Reports the proceedings of the Legislature of New Hampshire, which opposed the measure of Congress respecting granting five years' full pay to officers of the Continental troops. More is said now of taxes, the loss of trade, &c., than of independence. 266
- January 20, Smyth to Mathews. The Frenchman reports that the gaol at Albany was full of Tories; the rebels were persecuting and whipping the loyalists wherever they found them, and that he was obliged to fly to escape the same treatment. On Lake George he saw hanging in the house of one Seely the clothes and scalp of an Indian from the Province, from whom Seely took three deer and a fat bear, and said that all Indians and loyalists hunting there would meet the same fate. He (Smyth) does not believe the Frenchman's story, &c., &c. 268
St. John's.
- January 26, Same to the same. Sends letters received, with report that Carleton has been appointed ambassador to the United States, but the account is not believed. Sir Guy and British officers dined with the American Governor the day New York was given up. 270
St. John's.
- January 28, Same to Wait. A sharp letter respecting the statements made by Wait concerning Smyth's conduct in the affair of Campbell and Huntington. 271
St. John's.
- February 24, Sherwood to Mathews. His daughter and son are recovering, but Mrs. Sherwood is so ill that he cannot leave her. So soon as he can, he will ascertain the views of the loyalists regarding an early settlement in spring; they chiefly desire to settle at the Long Sault, above Sir John Johnson and Jessup's settlements. The Missisquoi party have given that project up, except a few headed by Pritchard and Rayter, who have purchased what they call an old Indian title, from which they are selling lots, and have actually begun a settlement. Connecticut has passed an Act inviting loyalists to settle there. Congress had decided the dispute respecting the lands on Susquehanna and Wyoming in favour of Pennsylvania, but Connecticut settlers resisted, some were killed on both sides, but the Connecticut people held possession. In a late skirmish between Vermont and New York one man of the former was killed, and seven of the latter wounded and forty of them made prisoners, some of whom are now in Bennington. 274
Quebec.
- February 24, Colonel Peters to Major Brunson (Brownson?) of Vermont. Gossip about the different officers in Canada, &c., and of the losses sustained by some of them. 276
Quebec.
- March 22, John Peters to John Jackson. Proposals to enter on the fishing business with Keating. 279
Quebec.
- April 2, Smyth to Mathews. Wait is too insignificant to be noticed. Thanks for advice as to his future movements, respecting which he is very uncertain. Knows nothing of farming, but would not object to go to Cataraqui, which he prefers to Bay of Chaleurs, if he could devise some means of supporting himself. Suggests that he might be appointed to be surgeon to the garrison of Cataraqui. 282
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April 22,
St. John's. Sherwood to Mathews. Has ordered Wright to deliver letter to Schuyler, and to inquire at the post office in Albany for letters for this Province. Ensign Sherwood is setting out for seed grain; the price, limited to 3s. 4d., has had to be extended to 4s. His health prevented him from going himself, although it is mending. States the money he has advanced for different services. Wehl, (Wehr ?) has returned from Quebec; he is urging the Missi-quoi settlement; Mosely and Ross are trying to draw the loyalists to their seigniory at Yamaska. "In short, if we are not soon removed from this cursed place, every intention for the good and union of the loyalists, will be counteracted by underhand designing fellows." Page 284
- April 24,
Quebec. Form of a petition written by Mr. Peters and circulated by his directions throughout the different cantonments of the loyalists in Canada. (A rough draught, p. 286, of this petition has no title). 289
- April 26,
Albany. William Shepherd to Mathews. Complains that Dr. Smyth has not treated him properly in regard to money advanced and for services rendered, and encloses an account for money and rent of a house due by Dr. Smyth. 301
- April 30,
St. John's. Sherwood to Jessup. Sends letter from Jackson, who is enlisted in the 29th Regiment, but Major Campbell will send him if wanted. 306
- May 3,
St. John's. Smyth to Mathews. Asks liberty for his son to fit up a room at the barracks for use as a store, which he proposes to open at St. John's. 307
- May 13,
St. John's. Sherwood and Smyth to Mathews. Have tried to discover those associated with Peters. Pritchard's declaration, confirmed by Mosely, is enclosed. Sends original paper (p. 286) the appearance of which shows how it was obtained. The means used to poison the minds of the loyalists. 292
- May 13,
St. John's. Sherwood to the same. Further respecting the scheme to draw the loyalists from the Crown lands and get them on the seigniories. The false statements made by Mosely and others, &c. 293
- May 14. Pritchard to Smyth. Respecting the plans of Peters, Mosely, &c. Reports, affidavits, &c. 295 to . 00
- May 20,
St. John's. Smyth and Sherwood to Mathews. Respecting the settlement of their account. 309
- July 19,
St. John's. Smyth to the same. Sends copy of a letter which will afford amusement, &c. 310
- September 3,
St. John's. Same to the same. Cannot make up the general account till Sherwood is here. Calls attention again to his services and to the condition to which his affairs are reduced. 330
- September 3,
St. John's. Same to the same. If young Peters is possessed of suspicious papers the fact can soon be known. 333
- No date. Synopsis of a cash account with Mathews. 335
- Another cash account on which is a note: "The French fleet is gone. Lord Stirling is dead." 336
- A note in French without signature or address, respecting some one who had behaved rudely to de Rouville, who had punished him justly. 337
- Lists of questions with answers by Benjamin Brewster, being his report of the state of affairs in the Colonies. 341 to 344
- Report by Cossit of the favourable state of feeling in Cohos. The treachery of Thomas Johnson. 348
- Nairne to Sherwood. Respecting the conduct of Holmes and the charge against him by Smyth. 349

No date.

Sherwood to Mathews. That Thomas Johnson can do no harm to Government. Page 350

Same to the same. How scouts are arranged. Has sent dispatches to Dr Smyth to be forwarded to Sorel. His own bad state of health. His anxiety to see him (Mathews). Cannot understand the last clause of the Vermont remonstrance which he does not relish. 351

Sherwood. Sending report from Weatherby of certain steps taken by Bailey for Vermont to lay claim before Congress for a certain part of the territory in the Green Mountain range, whilst New York does the same in the western part; asking that on pretext of wintering them, 500 French troops and as many from Washington's army be sent to overawe Vermont, as the only means of preventing it from becoming British and drawing in New Hampshire as far as the Mason line. Wells reports that Congress had sent to New Hampshire to send in the claim of that state to Vermont, so that the different claims to that part of the country might be settled. Repeating reports already given, &c. At the end is given a list of the taxes imposed in the Colonies. 338

Cypher messages brought in by Summer 345 to 347

Letter in French, without date, address or signature, written in a confused, unintelligible manner. 359

"Intelligencer." That Shepherd reports a number of loyalists waiting a pilot to bring them into the Province to join Rogers' corps. Proposes that a scout be sent from Onion River to Connecticut River; five of the men could remain concealed to watch the spies sent by Congress. The number of friends to Government at Cohos, where 30 men could be raised, of whose leading men the names are furnished. Proposes to reduce Upper Cohos, where New Hampshire is building blockhouses; a sudden attack should be made to check the operations of Whitcomb, who has been offered the command of Cohos. 360

Receipt by Smyth and Sherwood for money on account of secret service. 362

Sherwood to Mathews. A. is crowded by Clinton and cannot procure a sufficiency of powder from Connecticut. Batterfield informed that no warlike stores would be supplied by His Excellency till they (Vermont?) had publicly declared for His Majesty's Government. 366

The same to Cossit and Summer. Respecting measures to be taken for obtaining information. 370

Sherwood. A short memorandum that soldiers with the rebel flag knew of movements of scouts, &c., although kept on board ship. An express from Sir Henry Clinton to Ethan Allen had lately passed through. (Probably 1779 or 1780). 374

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Quebec. the exchange of prisoners gives an opportunity for the discussion
of questions relating to the reunion of Vermont. Page 1
- December 20, Vermont. Instructions to Captain Sherwood for treating with
Quebec. Vermont relative to its return to allegiance. 2
1781.
January 11, Captain Mathews to Justus Sherwood. Urging him to get news
Quebec. from Albany. 6
- January 11, Same to the same. With two men who are to proceed to Albany
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- January 22, Same to the same. Major Jessup allowed to send men into the
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- January 29, Same to the same. Suggestions for providing and dispatching
Quebec. scouts. The co-operation of Major Dundas and Colonel St. Leger. 10
- February 1, Same to the same. The misunderstanding between him (Sher-
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hension and has not been from design. 12
- February 28, Same to the same. Instructions for sending off a scouting party
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- March 5, Same to the same. The attempt of the flag of truce to cross
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- March 19, Same to the same. No objection to send out recruiting parties.
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- April 9, General Haldimand to the same. Respecting Mr. Johnson.
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- April 23, Captain Mathews to the same. To evade granting parole to
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- April 24, Same to the same. General Haldimand cannot in the meantime
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May 18, Isle aux Noix.	Same to the same. The conduct of Allen. Quin's loyalty. Thanks for sending Major Lernoult. Scouting parties sent off.	33
May 20, Isle aux Noix.	Same to the same. Allen alarmed. Thinks by the 20th July the people of Vermont may be so prepared that Commissioners can be sent to treat. A good army would soon bring them to terms.	32
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St. John's. George Smyth to Mathews. Sending Boston and other papers. The differing inclinations of the Vermonters on the east and north sides of the State. The good effect of a body of troops at Crown Point. Bailey and Billiz should be carried off. Report by Mrs. Brown that Captain Allen said guns had been fired at Bennington rejoicing at the admission of Vermont as a fourteenth State. Page 122
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- October 27,
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- November 2,
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- November 17,
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- No date. Same to Captain Mathews. Capture of Johnson. His report concerning Vermont. His own course, and reasons for changing his views; his desire for reunion. Desire for neutrality. 4
- General Haldimand to Justus Sherwood. With powers to negotiate with Vermont for a return to allegiance. 16
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1775.
April 22,
Arlington. State of Vermont in Council. That so soon as the inhabitants of Otter Creek can move within the lines, they shall be protected, as the Council cannot guard further north than Pittsford. Orders have been given to the officers in the north to assist in moving their effects, so as to give the people an opportunity of moving in, which if they do not improve, they shall be treated as enemies. Page 5
- April 29. Proclamation to the inhabitants of New Haven, &c., to remove by the 20th of May to the head of Middleborough Fall. Boats, men, &c., shall be sent to assist in removing their effects. Enjoins them to sow, plant, &c., as there is a probability they may get back to their lands before winter. 4
- June 5. W. Gilliland to Donald Macintosh, Otter Creek. Complains that the soldiers have stopped his wheat and wool at St. John's, as if they meant to starve the people into the necessity of unsheathing the sword against them. Asks for the return of the rye lent, or if there is no rye to send wheat, pease or corn. 1

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June 5,
Quebec. Petition dated from the Seminary by rebel prisoners asking to be released on parole. Page 7
- July 6,
Pittsburg. Permit (in French) addressed to the inhabitants of the Illinois, of Post Vincent, &c., to send to Fort du Quesne to get news, and to come and go at pleasure, so long as they behave as friends. 9
- July 11,
Plattsburg. ——— to Sir Guy Carleton. States the ill-treatment he received, the robbery of his cattle, servants, &c., his removal to Crown Point, and the accusation against him of rousing the Abenakis. Not being able to prove this, he was released and landed at Grande Isle, from which he made his way home. His servants and effects were not, however, returned. Sends plan of the camp at Crown Point; describes the position of the force, of the sick, &c.; such disorder was never seen in a military camp; they are not only afraid of the royalists, whom they are disarming, but of each other; they do not trust even their officers. The little attempt at defence; in fact they have no entrenching tools. The reluctance of men to turn out. The people at Onion River have driven off their cattle, as will most of the New Hampshire settlers. The ulterior designs of the agitators and their plans to build forts and solicit aid from European powers, whom they conceive to be interested in dismembering the British Empire. A route into Canada surveyed by order of Washington, and orders given to make a waggon road to St. John's, of which part of the work is already done. By this road an army might be brought from Canada, and a carrying place of about three miles after crossing the River du Sud could be made in two days by a hundred Canadians. Does not think vessels would be brought to oppose the crossing, the navigation being unknown to the rebels and dangerous. Boats could be built expeditiously here (Plattsburg), where the timber stands close to the mill. He has the surveys of the Colonies, from which he has formed an exact map on which all the roads can be laid down, as well as the small and large streams. Having been bred to the sea, he knows nothing of military operations, but has studied engineering, which may be of service. 10
- July 27,
Seminary,
Quebec. Petition from prisoners from the Colonies, confined in the Seminary, praying for an advance of money to relieve their necessities. The petition is signed by Christopher Green "on behalf of the whole." 17
- August 10,
Albany. Warrant signed by John Barclay, Chairman of the Convention of the State of New York, held on the 23rd of July, appointing Alexander Bladwine (Baldwine) to be a captain, to raise a company of 63 men, to act as scouting parties to range the woods in the county of Albany. 19
- The instructions follow. 20
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- August 13,
Crown Point. Pass to Thomas Thomson and Anthony Gorchard to visit Moisque (Missisquoi ?) Bay, signed by Thomas Hartly, Lt.-Col. 22
- August 14,
Montreal. Ebenezer Sullivan (one of the hostages) to his brother, General Sullivan. He and the other hostages are well. Is surprised that Congress instead of redeeming them (the hostages) according to the cartel, has refused to do so, and demand Forster for what they call the massacre of the Cedars. Can solemnly testify that not a man living could have used more humanity than he did after the surrender, and whoever says to the contrary, whatever his station, is an enemy to peace and a disturber to mankind. Reflections on the

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conduct of Congress in refusing to carry out the agreement. Appeals to his brother's influence to prevent America being branded with injustice. Page 32

August 19,
Ticonderoga.

Henry Hay to Donald Mackintosh. Has sent an officer and twenty men to bring away the hay to be sold at Otter Creek. How the loading, price, &c., are to be arranged. Has received the butter; wishes to get more, besides eggs, fowls, &c. (The name in this letter is "McIntosh," and he is addressed as "Major General.") 2

September 6,

Letter from a clergyman. (The endorsement is to a clergyman.) Account of the taking of Long Island, where the troops landed on the 24th of August, defeated the rebels on the 27th, whose loss was 3,400 in killed and prisoners, among the latter being Sullivan and Stirling, besides two other generals and other officers in greater proportion. The New York volunteers behaved beyond expectation. Flight of the rebels to New York; on the 1st of the month they evacuated Governor's Island, where they had a strong battery, which the troops were destroying a few days ago. The army had gone towards Hellgate, and it is reported had landed on the Island of New York. He will be there within a week, but does not think it prudent to live there on account of a contagious disorder which has been carrying off 40 and 50 of the people in a day. 23

September 20,

"Cald" to Sir John Johnson. Sends intelligence as is his duty. Only five pieces of cannon left on the battery, the rest having been carried to King's Bridge. Distribution of American troops, of whom there are 120,000, the greater part draughted men and many not well affected to the cause. Reports the engagement at Long Island. It is reported that there are 5,000 or 6,000 men fit for duty at Ticonderoga, and 1,000 at Skenesborough. He knows there are only 100 men in good health at Fort George, and that from ten to thirty men a day have died at these three places from disease. No posts will be built this year between Lake George and the Highlands; a general panic has struck the country. The oppression exercised; he prays for some Divine power to shield them from this unrelenting power of pride and vanity. Believes that there is still a majority of honest hearted people in the State of New York. A small army has gone up the Mohawk, but not many will fight. There should be some sign to distinguish friends, so that they may not be attacked as enemies. Lady Johnson well; the plans of the ladies. 25

October 3,
Albany.

Instructions to Captain Baldwin to proceed with his rangers to King's district to arrest persons pointed out to him. 29

October 13,

Copy of parole signed by the rebel prisoners taken with Mr. Waterbury. 30

November 18,

Order to Captain Baldwin to search for deserters. 36

December 20,
Fishkill.

Resolution of the Committee of Public Safety of New York to allow the companies of rangers under Baldwin and John A. Bradt the same rations as the Continentals. 31

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January 12,
Peekskill.

Order to the two companies of Albany rangers to take post at Fort Constitution to do garrison duty. 37

January 21,

Commission of the Convention of New York to Baldwin to raise a corps of rangers. 38

February 18,
Peekskill.

List of prisoners brought to Quebec, with an account of each of them. 40

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Intelligence brought in by John Grant and John Davis, who left Albany on the 6th of February, and were sent by Major Edmonstone

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- of the 48th Regiment, to deliver verbal messages to the commander-in-chief. Giving account of Howe's operations; the seizure of Lady Johnson at Fishkill; occupation of fort above New York by Rogers and provincial loyalists, with details of movements in various quarters. Page 42
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- March 31, Report by Captain Mackay of a scout with Indians from St. Regis
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- March — Examination of Ecabod Tupper and John Pierce, belonging to
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Boston and came to Mount Independence on the 1st of March and
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- April 5, Henry Hay to Donald McIntosh, Otter Creek. Asks an explana-
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doubt; 3, Old French lines; 4 and 5, Redoubts by the lowlands by
the lake. *Mount Independence* opposite Ticonderoga. Details of
this work are given in three paragraphs, numbered 1, 2, 3. Under
the title "Particulars," is a statement of the number of troops in
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Montreal. by Alexander, John and Hugh McDonnell, arrived at Montreal on
this date. 67
- Lists of Captain Brown's and Captain Daly's companies of Royal
Yorkers arrived on the 18th May. 68
- Certificate that they have all taken the oath of allegiance. 69
- May 13, Letter from Samuel McKay, enclosing a list of prisoners under
Montreal. charge of Mr. Graves, on board the *Antwaine* (St. Antoine?). 70
- A letter from Colonel Carleton to Captain Foy of same date, re-
commending Mr. Graves to be paid his travelling expenses. He
(Foy) is to get the story of all the prisoners who wish to remain in
the Province. 71
- June 3, Major James Gray to the same. Sends lists (pp. 67 to 69) of men
Montreal. who have come from the Colonies and have taken the oath of alle-
giance. Has received orders to pay the officers put under his com-
mand and also those of Jessup's corps, but has had to borrow money
to do so. 72
- July 3, Memorandum of letters received from the 24th January, 1776, to
date, with a short synopsis of their contents. 74
- "Publicola." Paper with the title "An answer to a most curious
address to the people in general, particularly the inhabitants of

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No date.

Pennsylvania and the adjacent States, published by the Congress previous to their precipitate flight from Philadelphia." Page 80

At the end are these notes: "This paper confirms what Baldwin and the men of his company have advanced in relation to the rebels having possession of the Highlands in January, 1777:—

"B. General McDougall commanded at Peek's Kill, 12th January, 1777, at which place where the rebels' headquarters, Fort Constitution, as they describe, is situated 12 miles from Fishkill on the east side of the Hudson's River." 83

Intelligence to Jonathan Jones (no signature). Information received from a gentleman on his way from Congress to Ticonderoga, which is given in full. 84

Report "state of the rebel vessels from the information of LaBonté and his companions." The report gives details of the sizes, armament, &c., of the ships, with their names, the names of the commanders, &c., and where they are lying, with the number of vessels ordered to be built and where. The document is endorsed: "Philadelphia Yankee Privateers." 86

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March 31.

Peter Gort to Sir John Johnson at Montreal. Account of the operations of Howe; the defeat of Washington at Brandywine and the entrance of Howe into Philadelphia. The attack at Germantown, retreat of Howe, but subsequent return and recapture of his guns, which had been left on the retreat. In February when he (Gort) left, Howe was at Philadelphia and Washington at Valley Forge with 18,000 or 20,000 men and every fourth man was to be draughted to join him to drive out Howe. Congress was at Little York. A regiment was ordered to Albany to join in an expedition against Canada, but stopped. The number of troops in Albany was trifling as they depend on calling out the militia. 90

April 20,
Montreal.

Sir John Johnson to Carleton. Sends accounts brought by Crawford, sent on a scout from St. Regis, which he is sorry are not more favourable. 93

May 25,
Montreal.

Intelligence brought in by both the Lieutenants Frances of McAlpin's corps that the rebels under Washington had been defeated in March at Chestnut Hill and that on the 1st of April Livingston the rebel governor had been taken prisoner in an engagement near Brunswick in the Jerseys, and that after the latter engagement every second man of the militia was ordered to join Washington. Clinton on the Hudson expected to reach Albany; a fort building at Fishkill to oppose his advance. The people of Albany hurriedly carrying their effects to New England. Change of opinion amongst the most violent rebels on account of the heavy tax levied by the Congress. Their spirits only kept up by the report of French assistance. Clinton's army had for four days been surrounded by that of Gates, which had been attacked and defeated. That an attempt had been made by the rebels to plunder the loyal inhabitants of Long Island, which had been frustrated, and few of the invaders escaped. Burgoyne reported to have gone to Britain on parole. Report of Washington's death. Arnold has died of his wounds and Putnam commands his army. The troops, &c., at various places. 94

July 2.

Captain W. Potts to Powell. Sends a prisoner, a Dutchman, named John Kartell, with his deposition (p. 97). Sent out on the 1st a party of Indians to surprise the scout, but it had returned unsuccessful, the scout having apparently retired in a violent hurry. The conduct of the Missisaugas, who promised to go after the rebel scout, but this morning (2nd July) had disappeared early. Report.

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brought by other Indians of boats filled with armed men proceeding towards Oswego; of the Onondagas having left Butler, and of their having promised the Oneidas and rebels to remain neutral; that the Cayugas and Senecas were the only Indians remaining with Butler, &c., &c. Does not give the stories much belief, but thinks it best to transmit the report. Page 101

July 17,
St. John's.

Sherwood to Powell. Women and children arrived from New York county report that Clinton had totally routed a large party of rebel militia, going to reinforce Washington near the Highlands; that the British troops have burned some towns to the southward and that Washington's family and baggage are removed to Connecticut. A P. S. (given at page 105) says that Major Wright was taken prisoner and in irons at Springfield gaol. 106

August 15,
St. Francis.

Lieut. W. Crofts to officers commanding posts between St. Francis and Montreal. To forward to Colonel Campbell four rebel prisoners who had escaped from the "Maria" off Quebec. 107

August 15,
St. Francis.

The same to Lieut. Colonel Campbell. Sends four rebel prisoners escaped from the "Maria;" not being able to find their way home have given themselves up. From a journal kept by Holmes, one of the prisoners, it will be seen that they mistook the St. Francis for the Connecticut; search made for Traversy, but unsuccessfully; His interview in the woods with B.'s sister. The suspicious absence of Joseph Louis. 108

August 25.

Extract of a letter "from an officer of distinction on Rhode Island," respecting the movements of the French fleet, &c. 111

September 21,
Crown Point.

John Defoe to John Macome, Montreal. There was great disturbance at Claverack near Albany, at the calling out of the militia who refused to serve. The cruel treatment of women there to see if they were Tories or Whigs. 125

September 30.

Account of the engagements at Rhode Island and King's Bridge. 127

September —

Extracts from the "Pennsylvania Packet," with copy of a handbill alleged to have been circulated by direction of Lord North; and items of news from the different Colonies. 113

September —

Report of affairs at Rhode Island by Alexander Campbell, who left Schenectady on the 10th September. 123

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Report endorsed "Halbert van der Werkan" states that British troops landed at Hackensack; are raising fortifications. A party of horse defeated by the British in the Jerseys, the whole militia of which was put to flight. The British troops on their way to attack West Point, assisted by the fleet. Other divisions gone to Philadelphia and White Plains and marching towards Frederickburgh and one towards Danbury, but it is known that Albany is the place aimed at. The troops went through the country unmolested, Washington's force being too small to send detachments to the Jerseys, his whole army not amounting to more than 8,000 men. The militia of the County of Albany has been called out, but can't be raised. A diversion to the north and west would facilitate the advance to Albany. 243

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Jehu Hay to Captain Brehm. Conjectures that the rebels would evacuate Kaskaskias, &c., he does not agree with, as they had bills on the Spanish Governor, had received cloth for regimentals, and were well received by the inhabitants. The effect on the Indians in the Wabash country. The attachment to Government of the four nations on the lakes, stimulated by the cruelties of the Virginians. The Indians have shewn little of their wanton cruelty and paid

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- attention to the orders to spare life. Report by a Delaware of the rebels preparing to build forts at the falls and other places on the Ohio, to secure communication down the Mississippi. John Campbell of Fort Pitt received a commission from the Congress to raise men for that purpose. Three forts at Kentucky are a great eyesore to the Indians. A body of Indians is now there with DeQuindre and volunteers from the Indian Department. The importance of the post from which he is now writing; Hamilton's movements, &c. Page 129
- October 14, Frederick Auberry apparently to his wife (dated from the Grand Quebec. Provost Gaol, Quebec).. That he has been ordered to embark for London. States the money, bills; &c., he has left at Salem, which she is to use for her support during his absence. There are besides shares in vessels, which he enumerates. The letter contains loving messages. It is sent by John Monvil, a Canadian and a good friend to the cause. 133
- October 18, Jottings of intelligence from 23rd July to date. 136
- October 21, James O'Neal to St. Leger. The conduct of a man, Righter, Sorel. sent on a scout, leads to the belief that he wishes to be taken by the rebels; warning is, therefore, given that he should be watched. 138
- October 27, DePeyster to Haldimand. Arrival of Langlade and Gautier; has Michillima- sent them off to assist Hamilton. Their presence among the kinak. Indians will do more good than merely sending belts. Langlade is to undertake the Grand River, where the Ottawas and Chippawas winter; Gautier is to proceed to St. Joseph's, where he will assemble the Indians to try to join Hamilton in his expedition. Should Hamilton have returned to Detroit, they have orders to return to their old stations to keep the Labaie and Mississippi Indians in temper. The short arrival of rum. By the late dispatch of goods from Montreal, he has been obliged to purchase. The report that there is little water in the French River makes him fear that the goods will not arrive at all. A P. S. of the 1st November reports the arrival of the canoes much shattered, but the goods safe. 140
- November 4, Report by James Campbell, arrived from Albany, of the movements of Washington, Whitcomb, &c. It is endorsed Charles Quebec. Campbell. 143
- November 7, Report brought by a loyalist of rebel preparations at Stillwater, Bennington, &c. 145
- November 7, Powell to Haldimand. Reports the arrival of loyalists and sends St. John's. intelligence (pp. 143-145). A party of seamen cutting wood has brought in deserters from Riedesel's Dragoons, &c. A report of deserters should at once be sent by the officer of the post from which the desertions take place. 147
- Return of the loyalists follows. 148
- November 28, Report by D. Claus of the "examination of six rebel prisoners Montreal. taken by a party of Mohawks on a scout to the Mohawk River, two being taken within six miles of Johnson Hall and four between Fort Edward and Lake George." 149
- December 8, Examination of Captain John Ruiter of the loyalists, who on the Montreal. 29th of October was, by Sir John Johnson, ordered to proceed towards Half Moon, or the new city above Albany, and if practicable to the City of Albany. Reports, among minor details, the attack on Cherry Valley, where a large body of Continentals was posted, who were defeated and the settlement destroyed. That Washington had sent

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a force to attack Brant at the head of the Delaware River. The rest of Washington's force was at Quaker Hill; Gates gone towards Boston, to watch Sir Henry Clinton and the fleet under Howe; rumours of other movements. Page 153
- February 7, Captain Lawe. Reports the dealings of the people of the parish with the rebels, and that the whole parish is in favour of the rebellion. Must write cautiously, but will try to get to Montreal and write more fully from there. 157
- April 12, N. Mann to Captain Mann. Reports chiefly the scarcity and distress in and about New London; family news and gossip. 159
- April 18, Leonard Helm to the commanding officer at Cahokias. Sends copy of letter from Col. G. R. Clark at Kaskaskias, that on the 30th of March in a drunken row, three Delawares had been killed. No pains were to be spared to get the matter settled. 162
- Fort Patrick. Other letters follow on the same subject. 165 to 169
- April 18, Moses Henry to Colonel Gibson. That he had captured boats with stores and merchandise, together with the Chief Judge of Detroit, who has been sent to Williamsbūry with Governor Hamilton. 170
- Post Vincent.
- May 8, Colonel John Snyder to Captain Jeremiah Snyder. The enemy are near Woodstock; he is to muster his company to oppose the enemy wherever he hears they are attempting to fall on the frontier inhabitants. 245
- Kingston.
- May 25, Intelligence brought from Connecticut River by Mr. Church. 174
- Montreal.
- May 26, McKee to Lernoult. Sends a message from the Six Nations and Shawanese that the Ottawas, Chippawas, &c., had resolved to sit still and not to interfere further, and had advised their brethren to do the same. The detriment this has caused to the King's interest; the Six Nations say that they and their fathers, the English, have been deceived by the Lake Indians, who are entirely governed by the French, but that they (the Six Nations) will depend upon their father at Detroit. In spite of the reports spread, a body of Indians are preparing to make an incursion towards Tuscarawas. Letters intercepted from Post Vincent contained nothing but accounts of the murder. Report of a meeting of Indians and rebels after Hamilton's captivity, in which they are urged not to meddle with the quarrel between the white people. After the meeting the Delawares sent belts and messages to the western nations. 170
- May 30, Mrs. Baldwine to Baldwine (her husband). That she and the children are well; hopes that he may soon return home; sends news of friends. 175
- Strafford.
- June 10, Lieutenant Houghton to Captain Fraser, Oswegatchie. Vanchiek (van Schaick) at Fort Stanwix with his regiment, having a detachment at Fort Oneida. The daily allowance, state of clothing, arms, &c., given. How provisions are taken up; condition of Fort Herkimer, &c. The composition of the party from which the prisoners (p. 181) were taken. 183
- Carleton Island.
- June 12, Brigadier Powell to Haldimand. Sends Pritchard with intelligence. Return of Sergeant Duburgh. 181
- St. John's.
- June 12, Houghton to Lieut.-Col. Campbell. Report of his scout to the Mohawk; his attack on two parties; state of the posts, &c. 189
- June 15, Crofts to ——. Has a party ready to start. Arrival of Gamelin and a son of Joseph Louis; Gamelin shall be sent to Montreal tomorrow. Gamelin was accused at Cohos of being a spy, sent to
- St. Francis.

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Boston, and kept there for 42 days, but released by the influence of Joseph Louis and Traversy. When an opportunity offers Joseph Louis will try to escape. Only 400 men at Cohos; reports of a movement on Missisquoi. The distrust of the rebels for each other. Reported successes of d'Estaing. Gamelin does not believe the rebels will attack Canada till the French are stronger at sea than the British, in which case they have promised to send a fleet up the St. Lawrence. A good many of the officers of Burgoyne's army are exchanged, but the greater part of the Germans were engaged in the rebel service. Page 186

June 17,
Yamaska.

Lient. W. Fraser to ————. Arrival of an Indian from St. Francis, whom he knows to be a good man. Another Indian reports 600 rebels to be on the way to this Province, who, he thinks, will follow the line from Cohos to Missisquoi Bay. Asks for a few more men to make an investigation into the truth of the report. 195

June 20,
St. John's.

Report of two deserters from Hazen's corps. 197

June 22,

Report by Samuel Brunston and his son, Thomas Sherwood and Israel Lake, from Kingsbury, that heavy firing was heard on the Hudson; that 6,000 men of the King's troops were marching up the east side, and that Washington, with 7,000 men from the Jerseys, had crossed at King's Ferry. 200

June 25,
Fort
Schnyler.

Adiel Sherwood to Mr. Seth Sherwood. Thinks that James Hickson's account is to be depended on, as the same account is brought by a prisoner from Oswegatchie, Buck's Island, &c. The army (U. S.) marched in three divisions, the first from Fort Pitt, under Hand, is of 3,000 men; the second, under Sulavan (Sullivan); the third, under Clinton, of 2,000. The whole are to be joined under Sullivan. A party of Oneidas is to join this army. It is thought from the heavy guns going, that after reducing the Six Nations, the force will proceed to attack Niagara, from thence to Buck Island, Oswegatchie, and down the St. Lawrence. (An intercepted letter.) 201

June 28,
St. John's.

Report by W. Fairfield and David Williams from a scout in the rebel frontier. It is reported from Bennington that a large body of British troops had advanced up the Hudson under Murray and taken the lower fort, the whole garrison of which was killed or taken, and the ships were lying below the chain drawn across the passage of the river; that Murray had fortified on each side of the river, and sent out parties, who brought in great numbers of cattle. The rebels have sent about 2,000 men by way of Fort Stanwix, and 500 are at Cohos. Washington at the Highlands. No provincial currency allowed to pass, but money issued by Congress plenty and so cheap that thousands of pounds may be purchased at the rate of six coppers for a dollar in paper. 203

June —
St. John's.

Information given by three prisoners, James Campbell, James Britton, and Michael Carrol, giving a general report of operations. 177

July 1,
St. John's.

Intelligence. Names of scouts and of people who came in with them. They report the movements of the rebel Generals, Clinton and Schnyler. A number of bateaux still left at Schenectady. Women and the prisoners at Johnstown removed to Albany. The British fleet off New London; took a number of cattle and sailed to the eastward. Other reports and rumours. 204

July 3,
Quebec.

Declaration made by Josiah and Newcomb Blodget, of Upper Cohos, in New Hampshire, taken before Mr. Cramahé, gives re—

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 port of Hazen's movements, and flying rumours for which they cannot vouch. Scarcity of bread; cattle plenty, but nearly all young, &c. Page 207
- July 8,
 Montreal. E. W. Gray to Haldimand. Four men sent down by Powell for harbouring a deserter. Asks for instructions respecting the steps to be taken against them, and encloses deposition. 209
 Deposition of Corporal Gibbons follows. 211
- July 13,
 St. John's. Statements by Mrs. Fairfield and Mr. Castle, lately from Bennington, that 6,000 men were reported to be at Oneida Lake for the invasion of Canada; Hazen, with 600 men cutting a road from Cohos to Chambly; that 3,000 Canadians are to join them at Chambly, whom Hazen has supplied with 2,000 stand of arms. Whitcomb has been to Canada and back, and reports that the Canadians have a large supply of provisions secreted in the woods behind the village he was secreted in, for the use of the rebel army. 215
- July 20,
 St. John's. Intelligence brought by a party of Mohawk Indians, with list of a party of Colonel Warner's regiment from Fort George, who were killed, wounded or taken prisoners on Fourteen Mile Island. 216
 A more detailed account of the affair is at 225
- July 25,
 St. John's. Intelligence brought from the Indian country by two soldiers of the 31st and one of the 33rd regiment, respecting the movements of Butler and Brant. 219
- July 25,
 Intelligence received by Sir John Johnson from James Savage, living in Spencertown, thirty miles below Albany, east side of the Hudson River. 220
- July 30,
 St. John's. Account brought by two escaped prisoners taken by a party of the 29th regiment. The account shows that they had been well received at Bécancour and other parishes. 223
- August 2,
 New Milford. Paper signed by two justices of the peace and three selectmen, recommending the removal of three women with their children to Canada to join their husbands. 227
- August 8,
 Halifax. Intelligence brought from Halifax. Gives an account of the expedition to Penobscot; McLean is blockaded there, but ships sent for to New York to relieve him, &c. 229
- August 19,
 Arlington. Pass granted by Chittenden to Seeley and others to accompany women and children to Lake Champlain (pp. 235, 239). 246
- August 22,
 St. John's. Report by John Jones of Concord of his sailing for Rhode Island with naval stores, loaded at Boston. His unsuccessful attempt to get two more cargoes; was imprisoned, but escaped, and succeeded in reaching Lake Champlain and getting on board one of the British ships. Reports the sailing of a fleet from Boston for Penobscot; the burning of the towns of Norfolk and Fairfield in Connecticut; the inhabitants of New Haven have taken the oath of allegiance. Sir Henry Clinton had been up the Hudson, but returned, and it was expected that he would be joined by Tryon at New London. A garrison of 500 men at Stony Point left by Clinton had been made prisoners. Washington on the west side of the Hudson. Prevost had taken Charleston. Hazen had retired on hearing that Indians were coming against him. Had lost by desertion, but was reinforced and on his way to Cohos to complete the road he had begun. Arrival of arms for the rebels. 231
- September 1,
 St. John's. Justice (Justus?) Seeley and Gideon Hawley, sent by Chittenden to bring in women and children, report the movements of Sir Henry Clinton and Washington on the Hudson. The capture of Stony Point and attempt on Hornet's Nest, which was defeated by

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Clinton, who also compelled the rebels to abandon Stony Point after they had destroyed part of the works and carried off the greater part of the artillery. The King's troops had carried off about 5,000 cattle, besides sheep, and cut and taken to New York a vast quantity of hay. Clinton and Washington had each about 10,000 men. Deserters from the rebels were in the fort at Stony Point; three were hanged. The rebel general McDougall is on the east side of the river, near Fort Defiance, with about 2 500 men. Page 235

September 13,
St. John's.

Report of two prisoners of Warren's Regiment brought in by Captain John and his party of Indians near Fort George. The report gives rumours of movements by scouts, &c. Congress has forbidden giving more than eight paper dollars for one in hard money under penalty of \$300 of a fine. 337

September 13,
St. John's.

The case of Justus Seeley sent in with women and children (p. 235). He never served with the rebels, but Chittenden made him take the title of lieutenant so that he might be the bearer of a flag of truce, and he thought it a good opportunity to make his escape with the intention of bearing arms in His Majesty's service. 239

September 18,
St. John's.

Intelligence brought by a scout. Clinton and Washington near each other, but nothing of consequence done. Maclean has defeated the rebel forces that besieged Penobscot; 30 or 40 of their shipping taken. Tryon with Sir George Collier had plundered New Haven; had destroyed Fairfield and Norwalk and were harassing the coast of that Colony. Hazen is cutting a road from Cohos towards the Missisquoi, and has built blockhouses at five miles from each other. Whitcomb with one Taylor and a number of Canadians was in Canada twice; his correspondent is a captain of militia in the parish of St. Charles, living on the east side of the Sorel, who with twelve other men from different parishes informed Whitcomb that if Canada were invaded they would give all the assistance in their power except to take up arms, as that would not be safe, but if the French sent a fleet up the river they would take up arms. 241

No date.

A note without signature or address signed "Your loving brother." 247

The papers which follow are stated to be "Papers taken out of the general's new desk in the inner room unsorted."

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No date.

Report of vessels fitting out at Skenesborough, Crown Point, Ticonderoga, &c. Three thousand reported to be sick at Fort George. A large work building near Crown Point on the east side of Lake Champlain; also on the old French lines between Ticonderoga and Lake George. The number of troops is about 9,600. The Connecticut militia is called out to the number of 2,500. Howe with troops from Halifax was repulsed at Long Island, but landed at Staten Island and silenced the battery at the Narrows, so that the ships could pass; they now occupy the Hudson River for 40 miles. The supply of provisions may be cut off by the ships of war taking possession of the Sounds. 334

Fortifications in progress at Newberry on the Connecticut. Sickness and mortality at Albany, Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Arrival of Lord Howe at York. The other details agree generally with previous reports. 351

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February — Reports of Nathaniel Reed and James Duncan, taken prisoners near Fort George. Page 321
- March 21. Information given by Samuel Adams concerning the different posts, fortifications, &c., in and about Ticonderoga. His examination was preceded by an oath that he would answer truly all questions put to him. 296
- March 30. Information of Patrick Langan respecting the condition of Ticonderoga; the unwillingness of men to enlist in New England; the state of the garrisons at Fort Ann, Fort Edward, &c. Fort Stanwix is to be razed and a new fort built in its place, &c. 322
- June 7. Report brought by Mr. Jones, Elijah Grout and John Brooks from Connecticut and vicinity. 300
- No date. Report of La Bonté of the state of affairs at Albany, where he was kept prisoner at Fort George, Carillon, and at No. 4. Gates was in command. Managed to escape by consenting to pilot a rebel force to attack the frontier posts of Canada. The number of vessels, bateaux, &c. 324
- Parole signed by rebel prisoners. 328
- Another parole signed by prisoners taken on Lake Champlain on the 14th and 15th October, 1776. 329
- List of rebel prisoners taken by Mackay at Sabbath Day Point on Lake George. 332
- Examination of Baldwin, captain of a company of Albany Rangers, and three of his men, taken prisoners by Mackay at Sabbath Day Point on the 19th March, 1777. 343
- 1777 (?).
No date. Intelligence from Albany respecting the movements of Sir Henry Clinton, Burgoyne, &c. 350
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February 27,
Paris. Benjamin Franklin to Thomas Cushing. Has concluded two treaties with France, one of amity and commerce, the other for mutual defence, in which the King agrees to make common cause with the United States, and to guarantee them their liberties, sovereignty and independence; the States in return guaranteeing to him his possessions in the West Indies. The generous and magnanimous conduct of the King in this treaty. Several American ships with stores are sailing under the protection of a French squadron. The British Minister has proposed two bills for quieting America, but they are full of artifice, and he is confident will be rejected by the States. 303
- June 1. John Allan. With papers to be circulated among the French inhabitants of Canada, that two treaties have been concluded between France and the United States. 305
- July 29. Intelligence without signature or address. The difficulty of getting anything but flying reports. Sends newspapers. The reports are very vague. Washington's army partly at White Plains, partly at King's Bridge. The King's army at Fort Washington, from which dragoons had deserted and joined the rebels. Cruelties of Indians, &c. The affair in the Jerseys; the British army at York is blocked up by water and can only be relieved by a superior fleet. 286
- August 13. Form of oath of allegiance to the State of New York. 306
- August 13,
Kamouraska. Captain Malcolm Fraser to LeMaistre. Has secured from Joseph Louis three copies of a letter from Franklin to Cushing, brought from Nova Scotia by an Indian. 307
- September 10,
Saratoga. P. Lansing to John Stevenson, at Colonel Christie's, Montreal. Reports that Congress has ordered provisions for 4,000 men for

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- three months, to be stored at Bennington. Provisions already sent and on the way to Fort Edward. There is nothing more certain than that the expedition is for Canada. Hopes that the troops will be so well prepared that none of the rebels may be able to return. They are in security, believing that there will be no expedition from the north this season. It would be good policy to send 200 men to take Fort Edward and the provisions stored there. How this could be effected. It is believed that the British troops are coming up the North River; their gallant behaviour at Rhode Island, whence they drove the rebels; the French fleet is repairing in Boston. Sends messages respecting the health of friends. Page 249
- September 10, Report of the engagement at Rhode Island and defeat of Hancock and Sullivan, and defeat of Gates at the White Plains. 358
- October 14, Phillips, an Indian from Sault St. Louis, reports a rebel encampment on Otter Creek. On meeting six Iroquois on their way to St. John's. Albany, Phillips was sent back to report. 253
- October 28, Declaration (in French) addressed by d'Estaing, to all Frenchmen of North America. Boston. 254
- December 18, Lafayette (in French) to the Indians of Canada. Boston. 260
- No date. Report by Philip Williams of his journey from Bridgeport, opposite Crown Point, to Isle aux Noix, with other four men. 312
- Statement of Freeman Robinson (probably Robichau) who had been taken prisoner on board of a vessel from Annapolis Royal, and enlisted so as to get to Ticonderoga. He and other three escaped at Mount Independence and met Philip Williams, with whom they came to Isle aux Noix. 315
- The statements of Joseph White, Jacques La Foy and Thomas Mann follow. 317
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- February 1, Extracts of intelligence concerning an intended expedition of the and April 2. rebels to the westward, &c., from Sir Henry Clinton. 264
- April 2. Secret intelligence from the neighbourhood of Philadelphia relates to the same expedition. 268
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- June 27, La Balme to Luzerne, Minister of France at Philadelphia. Fort Pitt. Reports that Godefroi de Lintot, who was with the Indians, having refused to serve under the British flag, had, with about 30 Indians, left this place on the 7th of May, to visit the nations which threatened to attack the frontiers of the United States. His belts and speeches were accepted by the Loups, the Shawanese, Hurons, &c. Several of the tribes came with Lintot to make return speeches, and on this occasion he (La Balme) figured as a French chief who had come to learn the real inclinations of the children of the King of France, their benefactor. After holding a council, the Indian deputies came to assure him of their affection and obedience, and that they were ready to follow the French warriors, to take up the hatchet and mortally strike the enemies of their generous protector, but their urgent necessities forced them to accept help from the English; their wants are stated at great length. They had been promised last year at Philadelphia help of all kinds, but are now abandoned and forgotten, whilst the English solicit and often threaten them till they cannot tell what to do. His (La Balme's) arguments, setting out that the English have been attacked everywhere, and that the Indians expose themselves to the attacks of the French, Americans and Spaniards if they assist the English. The Indians promise to march against the enemy when required, but he does not trust their promises. The bad conduct of the people about

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Fort Pitt to the Indians. He is leaving to go down the Ohio on the way to the Illinois. Godefroi de Lintot sets out for the same point by land; he visits the different nations, as he speaks three of their languages, so as to secure them for the United States, to which the French unanimously adhere. The zeal of Lintot, &c. Page 271

June 27,
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A requisition from LaBalme to de la Luzerne to claim Pierre Tibau as a French deserter. 275

August 30,
Newport, R.I.

Reply (in French) of Rochembeau to the Indians of Canada. 276

September 23.

Jerry Winsen reports that the army (Washington's) has moved from White Plains; a part gone to Danbury, one to Fredericksburg and another to Fishkill. 294

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A. Hughes, by order of Congress, countersigned by Charles Thomson, secretary to Benjamin Franklin, with a plan of an attack upon Quebec. The letter is in these words: "The above plan referred to in your instructions you shall lay substantially before the French Ministers; you shall consult the Marquis d' la Fayette on any difficulties which may arise; and refer the Ministry to him, as he hath made it his particular study to gain information on those important points." 285

The plan covers seven closely written pages of foolscap. 278

No date.

J. O'Neil. Sends newspapers. Washington at a loss which way the British army will go. The position of his forces. Conjectures as to the movements of the British army in New York, &c., &c. 289

Rough map of the neighbourhood of Lake Champlain. 291

Form of oath of allegiance to the State of New York. 292

Intelligence that the fortification of Fort Edward is Squire Smith's house picketted; no stores there, but fresh beef brought in small droves. Nothing done at Skenesborough. Whitecomb at Rutland, with about 400 men; he is said to be repairing a picket fort there. People generally well affected in the neighbourhood and the rebels peaceable. 295

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- Sweden, it is reported, will take part with Great Britain. Friends to Government in Vermont joined the Allens and Grants to bring about a reunion. Vote for neutrality dependent on those east of the Connecticut. The common people would gladly accept terms. Titles held from New York should be respected and settled by Commissioners. Page 352
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cases; the depression caused by their circumstances frequently
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Deposition (in French) by Jean Baptiste Bruyeres *dit* Belair, captain of militia, that two officers of the Bostonians had come to the village in company with Thomas Walker of Montreal, who asked the people to go to Montreal to be present when it was taken. That about 80 or 90 men assembled, unarmed, with the exception of three who had muskets and that when he (Belair) checked them for having arms, Walker said they would go to Montreal to save his house from being plundered; and that he would ask the General of the Bostonians not to allow the town to be pillaged. This was on the 25th and 26th of September last. 1

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Deposition (in French) by Michel Guillette, of Vercherès, an ensign of militia. That the cause of the militia not assembling was the report brought by Joseph Casavant *dit* La Debauche, that one Testreau, a rebel partisan, had brought an order from the rebel

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commander to raise 150 men and to take prisoners. Joseph Amiot told him so. The militia then decided to remain at home, &c. Page 4

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Deposition (in French) of Joseph Deschamp, of Repentigny. That Thomas Walker had spoken to him in June last about the Bostonians coming, and had said they would harm no one, except those who took up arms against them, and that Walker's wife had urged him to be more cautious in speaking so. Reports the arrival in September of two men representing themselves to be officers of the Bostonians, who held a consultation with Walker; the latter called a number of the inhabitants and asked if it was not true that he had three or four hundred men at his disposal, to which a number, some of whose names are given, answered yes, and that an Acadian, who acted as guide to the Bostonians, sent a message to the Acadians in L'Assomption to collect above Longue Pointe. Further intercourse between Walker and the Bostonians, &c. 6

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Deposition (in French) of Germaine Le Roux, dealer at L'Assomption. That he was warned about three weeks ago that Thomas Walker was trying to get his place robbed and plundered. That he taxed Walker with the design, who asked why then did he admit that rascal Rouville to his house, and with five or six others of the notables sign a petition against him (Walker). He should turn him (Rouville) out, instead of receiving him, adding that as soon as he should have taken Montreal, he would have that beggar Rouville led through Montreal by the hangman with a rope round his neck. 13

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The first is a translation (in French) of the instructions sent by the Congress to General Schuyler, to try to form in Canada a provincial Congress to bring about a union with the Colonies, to be composed of members to be elected by the people of the different parishes and districts; that Congress is to send deputies to the Continental Congress and as in the present state of affairs, a regular election cannot be expected, they must be contented with the choice made in the parishes which are disposed to unite. They are to be promised every advantage and protection; that they would enjoy the free exercise of their religion. He is to consult with his staff concerning the number of troops, of posts, &c., necessary for the defence of Canada from Fort Frederick. If he finds the Canadians disposed, he is to raise a regiment at the expense of the Continent and to select such officers as shall be agreeable to them and fit for service. The difficulty of settling a civil government must be well considered. He is to consult with Canadians and with English settled among them and to report to Congress. It is determined at any cost to maintain supremacy on Lake Champlain and the most suitable means for this are to be adopted. Should the enemy be compelled to evacuate Montreal nothing must be neglected to secure the St. Lawrence. 15

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- January 6,
Montreal. Proclamation (in French) by General Wooster, commander in chief of the auxiliary Continental army in Canada, to officers of militia commanding the parishes and districts in this colony. That Congress has sent an army to deliver Canada from the general servitude in which it is held, and that another will enter by Lake Champlain when the road is practicable; declares that every one treating with Quebec, suspected of supplying it with food or corresponding with it, &c., shall be declared an enemy of liberty and closely imprisoned or even transported from the Province if necessary. 21
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as can be spared may be sent by Rogers. Would it be possible for the Governor to lend the State a sum of money to carry on the war. Offers in return gratitude and trade in the productions of the State. Rogers will give full information. The State can give a variety of valuable products in return for the money. Refers to a previous letter for details of these. Page 105

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T. Pickering, Jun., to Major David Rogers, at Old Town on the Potomac. Empowering him to ask and receive from General Hand, at Fort Pitt, two of the new boats building there for the voyage to New Orleans. Arms can be ill spared, if at all, so that he must try to supply his men with arms and ammunition; the latter may probably be spared at Fort Pitt, if it cannot be got elsewhere. The garrison at Fort Pitt is so small that no men can be spared, but McElroy states that he (Rogers) is raising a competent number. 110

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To Governor Henry. Copy of a letter supposed to be written by Colonel David Rogers. His gratifying reception by Governor Galvez, who offers assistance, but as he knows nothing of the different states, he had sent off to the Illinois the goods wanted for Virginia, that they might be sent to Congress. There being no opportunity of sending them from there, he will go for them, which will greatly delay him on this trip, by having to go so far above the mouth of the Ohio. Has left the boats at the Arkansas, where there is a Spanish garrison about 500 or 600 miles above this. Although he had taken only half a dozen hands in a canoe, and used every precaution, he narrowly escaped being killed whilst passing Manchack at night. From here he will go by water about 90 miles, the rest of the way by land through uninhabited woods, except one settlement, called Appaloussa, on the Spanish side of the river. The rigorous search made by the British at Natchez and Manchack, and imprisonment and confiscation imposed on suspicion of being friendly to the Americans. The Governor has written to the Court of Spain for instructions regarding the insult to the flag. Congress recommended to send a force to retake these places for reasons given. The conduct of Captain James Willing. Governor Galvez has promised to transmit the application for a loan to the Court of Spain. Asks for instructions respecting the disposal of the goods he brings up. 112

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- September 15, Fort Duquesne. John (signed Jean) Dodge to M. Le Bron (in French). Had escaped from Quebec and to-day had the pleasure of seeing the Governor (Hamilton) Dejean, Linote and the great Mr. Hay, ironed, who shall remain in prison till peace shall be made. Spain is making war on England, and France has joined the Americans. Sends the French proclamation issued at Boston. Asks him to give a letter enclosed to Graverat and to get the order to purchase all the provisions he can. 128
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both rivers. Remarks on the arrangement for supplying the troops with provisions. His disappointment in his intended expedition up the Wabash. Has engaged a force to attack a British post at St. Joseph's, near Lake Michigan, where stores are deposited to be used in employing Indians; the party is to be commanded by James Selby, and the enemy can get no news till it is too late. He has been ordered to destroy the fortification and return with the stores. A note by DePeyster, says: "Sergeant Chapman reports that when M. Selby endeavoured to raise his volunteers they said they had no shoes and therefore would not go to St. Joseph's." Page 131

September 24,
Falls of Ohio.

Clark to Broadhead, commanding at Pittsburg. Is happy to find that he has liberty and a sufficient body of troops to march against the savages. Captain George has taken a commission under the State of Virginia. There are few troops in this department belonging to the Continentals. Many people have passed down to the enemy in Florida; to stop this he will station a floating battery at the mouth of the Ohio, when it can be built. 135

September 25,
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Indians had to be kept together, involving him in much trouble. Their credulity and self-importance. LaMotte declines to serve with Dabadie and distrusts the promises of Congress. Dabadie to be dismissed and assurance given of the faith of Congress which seemed to satisfy LaMotte, but his subsequent conduct has lost him all respect and destroyed his influence over the Indians. His conduct excited suspicion against all the French in America, &c. La Motte must be removed, but with delicacy, to prevent scandal. The trouble caused by Dabadie's conduct in respect to La Motte, but believes he would be a suitable man were the latter removed. The character of the priest who should be sent for the Indians. Has just heard (28th September) of the arrival at Penobscot of the enemy, so expects a visit; without reinforcements his situation is dismal.

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September 22,
Machias.

Stephen Smith to James Avery. The scandalous conduct of the French, of whom the priest has been the worst; their dealings with the Indians have added to the troubles of the Colonel (Allan) who, but for the conduct of the Indians, might have been able to save Penobscot. Disputes among the militia called out to assist in fortifying Machias, which have delayed the work. Respecting a petition, &c.

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September 24,
Machias.

John Allan to George Powell. The failure to have the defences erected in consequence of the dissensions among the militia who were called out and refused to obey. The confusion caused by the late successes of the enemy. His doubts as to his legal powers on a case stated and in others of a similar kind. There is now some improvement in the people's conduct. The progress on the fort. Report from Frenchman's Bay that the people will not join the British. The danger from the constant intercourse with Passamaquoddy, and the secrecy maintained on the subject of trade, of which the Indians are resolved to share the profits directly or by robbing those who have gained by trading. The case of Captain Littlefield who is cunningly trading profitably with Nova Scotia. Has sent Littlefield to Boston on suspicion, the ground of which is stated. Sends returns of Indians; the treachery of two who after being paid 40 milled dollars to carry a dispatch to General Maclean, brought it to him (Allan). The expenditure by Indians for rum. The prize brig "Alice." The number of officers compared with that of men; the advantage of this in some respects. September 28th. Schooner seized and delivered to the naval officer. The defensive works prosecuted; the fort shall be defended to the last. Powder wanted; fresh supply of bread required. October 3rd. Arrival of expresses from Passamaquoddy. The Indians send a message that they are anxious for war and only wait orders. Seizure of a schooner will make trouble with the Indians and is probably intended to get a vessel for Littlefield to enable him to trade with Nova Scotia. New Hampshire should not tolerate the latitude of trading with Passamaquoddy.

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September 27,
Machias.

Stephen Jones to Benjamin Hitchborne, stating that Foster, commanding the eastern militia, had ordered out men for garrison duty, some of whom had refused to continue at Machias. Asks his opinion respecting the legal powers of Foster and Allan to compel men to serve.

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September 28,
Machias.

Colonel John Allan to Major General Gates (extracts). Cannot get the hard money promised. Has been disappointed of Indian help; after the arrival of the enemy at Penobscot, not an Indian

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could be got. Sent Vincent to Penobscot on the arrival of the American fleet and army there, with an officer to command the Indians. The result of the affair at Penobscot may convince the general court of the State of the necessity of executing his plan of last spring, and of raising rangers and artillery. Had known of the plan of attack on Penobscot before leaving Boston and of the diffidence of Britain to carry it out, as he had information from Nova Scotia. The result of the expedition by Maclean; the object being to secure the present possessions and others connected with them, especially Maine, for reasons given. Had he been furnished with even a hundred men he could have successfully defended Penobscot. Had obtained help from the St. John Indians, but nothing can be accomplished in the state of anarchy against so experienced a soldier as Maclean. His disgust at the conduct of the American fleet, of which details are given. Is fortifying Machias. His attempt to rouse the people met by opposition which is detailed. The refusal of the militia to serve; the dealings of La Motte with the Indians, and his reasons for not arresting him; the perpetual strife among the French, &c. All these make his situation very critical. The whole of the inhabitants are looking to him for protection, but he has no instructions, is driven to every shift and the place is liable to be taken by surprise as he has only four or five men to watch when the Indians are away. Hopes for re-inforcements, as he has provisions brought in by a prize brig from Cork whose cargo he has kept. His regret that Vincent could not be sent to Canada. 231

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	Information (in French) respecting the goods on the Miamis; the inhabitants, the posts at Rocher de Bout, Sandusky, &c.; the names of the traders on the north and south side; the militia and Indians.	512
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	Rough sketch of the course of the Ohio and of a part of the Mississippi.	518
	Invoice of goods belonging to Louis Clermont (in French).	519
	The following papers to page 545 are marked: "No. 35. Instructions to Captain Breakenridge, sent to find out the people that harboured the rebel spies, with the report of his proceedings in 1780. Depositions of L'Anglois, Germain, Sans Chagrin and La Meule, with Mr. Flood's examinations, &c.	520
March 3, Quebec.	Examination of William Flood, a native of Virginia, who came with Arnold in November, 1775. He and other escaped prisoners were harboured and assisted by Breton, of Lorette, and then sent to L'Anglois at Ecureuils, who told them of Gosselin's proceedings; that he had been there with Tobin Wineat, a Lorette Indian, and brought proclamations from the French general at Boston to the French in Canada. He had also received assistance from Sans Chagrin, a captain of militia. The priest, Gatien, at Lotbinière, receives every two or three months a packet brought by Gosselin or Whitcomb. That there are two deserters in Lotbinière, working with the <i>habitants</i> .	521
March 10, Quebec.	Additional statement by Flood implicating François Germain of Cap Santé, Antoine La Meule, a one-eyed man at the Platon, Jacob Rousseau, blacksmith at St. Antoine and one Bernard at Verchères. That the packets are brought to the priest Gatien at Lotbinière, who distributes them to those to whom they are addressed, by means of La Meule, Rousseau and Germain; the papers are kept in the church. L'Anglois said that d'Estaing would certainly come up the river this spring, and that the Americans would invade the province at the same time. The priest at Bécancour also receives packets, and supplies provisions to escaped prisoners.	523

1780.
March 15,
Quebec. Further examination of Flood. Joseph Pagé in Cap Santé and François Marcot of the same parish, sheltered him, as did Antoine Germain. Bernard, the miller at Pointe aux Trembles, gave him money and provisions. Where the house of L'Anglois is and the signals made use of. Page 525
- March 18,
Quebec. Flood's examination continued. The prisoner Maltouf's real name is Pierre Berthiaume; he has land at Verchères and came into the province by way of Chambly Mountain with six more; five of them stayed at priest Gatien's and are either there or at Rousseau's; the other is at Bernard's. They brought letters from Generals Macdonald, Marcot and Wayne, who intend to invade the province by way of Cohos, and from Albany, at both of which places provisions are stored. L'Anglois had letters on him when arrested which he destroyed; he had been at Gatien's, was to go as far as Kamouraska and had been one of Whitcomb's rangers for some time. 526
- March 24,
Quebec. Journal of Captain Breakenridge of the King's Rangers. Sergeant Moore and David Higginbottom of the 31st Regiment sent in the character of deserters to discover the inhabitants who receive and protect deserters, rebel emissaries and disaffected subjects in the Province of Quebec. The journal, sworn to as a deposition, agrees with Flood's deposition in respect to the inhabitants implicated. 528
- The instructions to Breakenridge. 545
- April 2,
Quebec. Flood's further information against Maltouf, whose father harbours Whitcomb; he and Bernard, of Chambly Mountain, intended to go off to the rebels at Cohos. A man called La Chaume went down the north shore with letters for Germain, Pagé, L'Anglois and Breton; Antoine Michel, of Lotbinière, has been helping deserters, as has also La Meule, captain of militia at St. Croix. 535
- April 14,
Quebec. Flood states that Maltouf expected two scouts about the 20th of this month, one by Chambly Mountain, the other by St. François; the one is led by Gosselin, but the name of the leader of the other he cannot find out. Scouts coming in are fed at Nicolet and at St. Nicolas by the miller; and that a captain of militia at Verchères, called Rowley by the Canadians, receives and entertains them, he has harboured deserters from the regiments now in town. 536
- August 18,
St. Nicolas. Thomas Dunn to Cramahé, Becker, Caldwell's miller, and the curé were stopped in the woods by eight or ten armed men for half an hour. They may be deserters. They fired at the curé's servant last night. It was with difficulty they released Becker and the curé. Becker believes them to be a scout from the Colonies, and the leader said he had more men at hand. 537
- August 18,
St. Nicolas. Same to the same. Further about the armed men; the priest says there were nine, all decently dressed and some with powder in their hair. Launière has arrived with 18 men and an officer of the Anhalt Zerbst, who have gone in pursuit. When recalled from the pursuit of deserters in Nouvelle Beauce, Launière left a party to go after them. 539
- September 19,
Quebec. Extract of declaration by William Flood. A summary of Flood's previous depositions against the different men whose names are included October 23, Quebec, in these, sworn to on this date. 541
- October 23,
Quebec. Flood reports that this morning he met a man from Lotbinière, named, he believes, Ambroise Ignace, who said that if he (Flood) could get to the house of Ignace's father he could escape with some

1780.

people lately came into the Province, but who were leaving shortly. Page 544

The following papers to page 589 are marked "No. 6. Letters, memorials and accounts of Metcalf, a suspected person in 1779 and 1781." 546

1778.
August 29,
Quebec.

Petition of Simon Metcalf, that his house and other property were destroyed at Plattsburg, on Lake Champlain, when he was brought to Canada; that by this loss he is unable to settle with his creditors; that timber he has cut would more than pay them if allowed to be cut into boards; prays for payment of what was destroyed and permission to return to Plattsburg or for protection whilst he is kept in Canada. 547

1779.
July 26,

The account of damages to his property destroyed follows. 549
The petition of Catherine Metcalf and her children, setting out the situation of the husband and father which has reduced them to want, and praying for a settlement of his claims that he may be able to satisfy his creditors and so obtain his release from prison. 552

1780.
November 13,
Montreal.

A sworn statement of the value of the articles destroyed made by Simon Metcalf before Judge Southouse on the 13th of February, 1779, follows. 555

December 17,
Quebec.

Simon Metcalf to Mathews. Asks that the allowance of firewood granted to his family by Sir Guy Carleton should be continued. His sacrifices and sufferings are referred to. 563

December 25,
Montreal.

Mathews to Simon Metcalf. That His Excellency has been pleased to grant his request for firewood, and this will be signified to Captain Law. The difference between his complaints and the humanity of government has led him (Mathews) to inquire into the facts on which he does not wish to comment. 565

Simon Metcalf to Mathews. Thanks for a grant of firewood to his family. His desire for an examination into his conduct; the calumnies against him were spread by men in high positions near His Excellency, so that a personal interview was prevented, which would have been necessary for his vindication. He had observed General Carleton's condition to remain on his own lands, till he was carried off to Crown Point by the Americans in 1776, but released on the belief of his neutrality, which has been made the basis of the charges against him, brought not for the public service, but from private interest, as was shown by the meanness of Southouse. Is astonished at His Excellency allowing his confidence to be so grossly abused by those who are trying to come at his estate. Asks permission to cut the timber on his own lands, for which he has been offered a trifle by those who have obtained license from Colonel St. Leger to cut the same, but whom he trusts His Excellency will restrain. 559

1781.
June 25,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Presuming that his request for leave to cut timber on his own land could not be granted, he had not renewed his request, but he now finds that two parties were cutting wood there during the winter, one for Government, to which he did not object, although the timber on the unalienated lands was fully as convenient and has been allowed to be cut by persons of the worst description. Requests that he may be allowed to cut hay on his own land and as much timber as would be a support to his family, the want of which has been a reflection on the moderation and

1781.

July 2,
Quebec.

justice of Government. The party under Alexander Fraser, which got leave from Colonel St. Leger, has cut about 500 white oak trees, worth at least £1,700. Considering this a private robbery, he had given instructions to a lawyer to have the timber seized. Believes that His Excellency will approve of the step. There are other landowners injured by these freebooters this year. Page 570

July 9,
Montreal.

Mathews to Metcalf. That he has permission to cut hay under certain restrictions. Remarks on his charges against Twiss, St. Leger, &c, of acting in a spirit of hostility to him. Recourse may be had to law if Fraser is acting as stated. 581

Simon Metcalf to Mathews. Is obliged for His Excellency's permission and will try to cut hay for four horses and timber under the conditions prescribed. He points out the losses he has sustained in consequence of the suspicions against him, a loss of £2,500 a year, and calls attention to the loss caused to Government from the manufacture of pine timber at La Colle, which will not be remedied by the erection of the mill at Chambly. If allowed to build a small mill at Plattsburg he would demolish it every winter and send off the boards every week, or every three or four days. Offers to bring off all the logs he had at Plattsburg for the use of the service and will furnish other logs at as low a price or at lower prices than any other person. Comments on the conduct of Twiss, more particularly respecting the map of Missisquoi Bay, &c., which he was permitted to copy, and it should, therefore, not have been used against his private property. Sends accounts of effects taken from him or brought into the province, with remarks. 573

August 8,
Montreal.

Same to the same. The inundation of insects which have destroyed the hay had led him to arrange for cutting for the market, but he found that men from the Royal Engineers were cutting for the Isle aux Noix. As he has been promised payment, he proposes to cut what remains. But as His Excellency's permission has never been granted and that Alexander Fraser is still making waste on the land by cutting and bringing off hay, asks that the notification may be made and that Fraser and other private persons be restrained. Asks leave to make pitch and tar on his lands if he can get the necessary pecuniary means. 577

August 13,
Quebec.

Mathews to Metcalf. His Excellency cannot consent to the erection of a saw mill as proposed but will take all the timber he can furnish at the same price as that paid to others. The remarks by Twiss on the iron account and respecting the plan (see p. 567) have been lodged in the office to be used when the accounts are settled. Cannot discuss the subject and hopes that in future he may be spared the pain of reading illiberal personal reflections. No timber or hay has been cut on his (Metcalf's) land by Saunders or any other officers of the Engineer's Department, nor is Twiss aware of Fraser's depredations. Although neither St. Leger nor any other commanding officer can watch private persons, except so far as regards the King's service, yet orders shall be sent to prevent Fraser or any others from cutting hay or timber on his lands. Permission cannot be granted to make tar or pitch for reasons given. 584

August 13,
Quebec.

Twiss to Mathews. Respecting plan of Metcalf's settlement copied and in the drawing room, but has never been of any use. The valuation and proposal to settle with Metcalf for the iron taken were refused by him. The iron was taken before he (Twiss) was in charge at St. John's. 567

1781.
September 1,
near Lake
Champlain. Simon Metcalf to his wife. That he and his men were taken prisoners by a party of Americans; his men are to be released, by whom he sends this letter; trusts to her prudence, but does not know how he is to be disposed of; what part of his stores remains; there is some timber cut worth about £100. Page 566
- September 16,
Montreal. Mrs. Metcalf to Mathews. The capture of Mr. Metcalf by Americans, and the severe reflections cast on him by Colonel St. Leger. Her own distressed situation; asks for payment of an account previously sent, for the support of her family. 587
- September 20,
Quebec. Mathews to Mrs. Metcalf. His inclination to save Mr. Metcalf had led His Excellency to go beyond the limits which Mr. Metcalf's conduct would justify. If the suspicions are ill-founded every attention shall be paid to her in His Excellency's power; if, on the other hand, Mr. Metcalf's departure was premeditated, he must have made arrangements for his family. 589
- September 27,
Montreal. Mrs. Metcalf to Mathews. Is sorry to find that Mr. Metcalf has been so misrepresented; begs, till his conduct is cleared up, that the rations to her family be continued. Has heard, through Colonel Peters, that Mr. Metcalf is trying to get parole to go to headquarters for exchange, or to be allowed to leave for Canada. 580

The following papers to page 603 are marked: "No 32—Memorials from François Breton, a state prisoner in 1780 and 1781." 590

1778.
April 14,
Rivière Par-
adis. Clement Gosselin to his wife (in French). It has been arranged that he is to go to New England with Pierre Paul, the Indian. To give him and Marie Claire, a squaw, certain articles of clothing. How she is to dispose of the stock on the farm. She is to go to St. Roch, to the house of Jean Petit, to look for a paper left there which he requires; it is the roll, written on half a sheet of paper, folded lengthwise, containing the names of those engaged, what they have received, and their ages; the names of some of them are given. The whole of the papers are to be given to Louison, who will be at Jean's house. The rest of the letter has reference to the settlement of accounts, messages, &c. 591
- June 5, Same to Jean Langlois (in French.) Asks him to repay flour to Joseph Marie Napiarue, who had supplied provisions for the three days necessary to reach the first settlement. Louison is well. Reported arrival of 40 French vessels at Boston. 594
- October 19. Same to his wife (in French). Sends messages that he, his father and others are well. The father did not come with him, the journey being too fatiguing for him at his age. Sends messages from other Canadians serving with the Americans, whose names and families are given. There are no British troops now in New England; they fled like thieves. D'Estaing is with them with 12,000 troops; he has taken 26 British ships of war, 12 of 64 guns, 14 of 56 guns and 13 frigates, loaded with provisions and ammunition. D'Estaing and the Duc de Chartres are at Boston with their fleets to invade Canada early in the spring. Gives a list of French generals, who with their troops are to invade Canada. The great General Washington will drive all the beggars out, and just now he sees nothing to disturb himself with. He cannot tell exactly when Canada will be entered, but he has hopes of coming in this winter. Messages sent to friends. 595
1779.
March 13,
St. Anne du
Sud. L. Caziers (in French). Representing the circumstances under which he copied a letter for the Dionnes, of Kamouraska, and pledging himself to Government. 598

- No date. Petition (in French) from François Girard *dit* Breton to be pardoned and released from confinement on board the "Can-
ceaux." Pages 599, 600, 601, 602
1781. Petition (in French) from Etienne Auclair praying for the re-
lease of his father-in-law, Breton. 603
- April 28, William Williams to Genevay. That he has been confined for
Main guard. five months on suspicion, and asks that he may obtain a hearing.
Is much in want of clothes. 604
- May 8, Same to the same. Repeats his request for a hearing. Asks for
Main guard. bedding, &c. 605
- Various documents respecting his situation as searcher of Customs
at Montreal follow, dated from 1765 to 1778, the first being a certi-
ficate by General Murray. 606 to 615
- The following papers to page 635 are marked: "No. 17, various
papers relative to Duème of Machiche and his mills, &c." 616
1779. Official order by Haldimand (in French) to Duaine, to clear the
August 2, river Yamachiche, and certificate of the notification of the order. 617
Quebec.
1780. Joint obligation by Duaine and others (in French) to have a
July 22, passage made on the Machiche River to admit of lumber, &c., pass-
Quebec. ing without interruption, free passage being given to private in-
dividuals equally with that for the King's service. 619
- October 29, Report (in French) by Dambourgès, of the bad construction of
Quebec. the sluice at Duaine's mill and that the river, except at this point,
is navigable for cribs of boards as far as Lake St. Peter. Signed
before F. Baby, whose office is certified to by Haldimand of date
November, 1784. 624, 625
- November 4, Order by Haldimand to Lieutenant Dambourgès. To survey the
Quebec. mill dam or sluice at Machiche, on the report that boards for the
King's service cannot pass Duaine's mill without great delay and
damage. 622
- Letter by Dambourgès to Captain Twiss, dated Three Rivers, 7th
November, 1780, speaks in strong terms of the unsuitable situation
and construction of the sluice. 626
- November 8, St. Clair to C. Gagy (in French). Detailed statement of the im-
Trois proper construction of the sluice at Duaine's mill. 627
Rivières.
1781. Memorial (in French) by Alexis Desautier, that his wife has been
July 27, deprived of her property by the artifices of Duaine and that he
Machiche. has not been given a proper trial before the court at Three Rivers.
The memorial referred to the judges of the court. 629
- August 20, Answer (in French) by Hertel de Rouville to Desautier's
Montreal. memorial. 633
1779. Joseph Howard to Genevay. That he proposes to set out for
April 4, Michillimakinak about the 16th and would take letters. Asks that
Montreal. any forms of leave might be passed over, and he would answer for
his people's behaviour. (A note by Genevay says that Howard was
told no passes had yet been issued. When they were his applica-
tion would be attended to.) 636
- April 20, Memorial by Joseph Howard. Stating that having sent forward
Montreal. most of his goods and collected his men to be sent to Michillimakinak,
he is obliged to go forward without a pass, and prays that it be sent
after him. 638

1779.
April 26, Montreal. E. W. Gray to Lieut. Governor Cramahé. Reports that Howard has gone off without a pass and that the merchants in the same trade are greatly alarmed at his conduct. Page 640
- April 30, Quebec. Cramahé to Gray. His Excellency is concerned at the step taken by Howard so contrary to decency and detrimental to his own interests and those of others in the upper country trade. 641
- April 30, Quebec. Same to Howard. Warning him that if he has acted contrary to the advice given him by Genevay and Gray and has gone without a permit he must abide the consequences, as the law shall be enforced. 642
- July 5, Quebec. Same to Gray That he is to obtain sufficient security for the canoes sent up by Howard without a pass, and that Paterson obtain a pass which had been omitted to be given to him. 643
- July 5, Quebec. Pierre Panet's memorial (in French). Representing that the goods taken up by Howard are the property of Watson and Rashleigh, who would suffer serious loss were the law enforced against Howard. 644
- July 8, Montreal. Petition of Margaret, wife of Joseph Howard, praying that the law be not enforced but that the security of John Stenhouse and Richard McNeil be taken for the amount of the goods and for the penalty incurred, and that his effects may be delivered to him so as to be disposed of. 646
- July 8, Montreal. Gray to Cramahé. That Stenhouse and McNeil declined to give security for the goods taken up by Howard, but only for the penalty and for the goods seized. When they are prepared to give sufficient security it shall be taken. Explains the case of Mr. Paterson. 649
- July 12, Quebec. Haldimand to Gray. Authorizing him to take the best security he can for Howard's goods, and to forward to Major DePeyster the letter enclosed, directing him to return Howard the goods seized. 651
Official order to the same effect follows. 652
- July 15, Montreal. Gray to Haldimand. That security having been given at Michillimakinak for Howard's goods, none has been taken here. Order for their release sent to DePeyster. 653
1780.
February 27, Quebec. (Cramahé) to Gray. He is to look out for two men named Giasson, Antoine Marchand and a person named Campeau, who have taken goods without license, up the St. Maurice; two of their men came down the river for spirituous liquors and returned; they are to be prosecuted. 654
- March 16, Montreal. Gray to Cramahé. Will take steps to have Howard prosecuted, but apprehends he can only be condemned for the £50 penalty, as the prosecution for the forfeiture of the goods can only be brought within six months. 655
- March 20, Montreal. Same to the same. That he will look out sharp for the Giassons and others who had gone to the St. Maurice and have them prosecuted. 656
- March 23, Montreal. Same to the same. Howard has been prosecuted and condemned to pay the penalty of £50. 657
- March 27, Montreal. Memorial by Joseph Howard, stating his services to Government, and praying to be released from the penalty for going off without a license, and to grant him a pass to go to the upper country this spring. 658
- April 13, Quebec. Haldimand to Howard. His petition received. His conduct in going off without a license in direct violation of law and in the alarming situation of the country was inexcusable. Compassion for his family has induced him not to push matters so far as such con-

- 1780.
- April 20,
Montreal. duct deserves. Brigadier Maclean has been ordered to give back the bond, but he can have no license this spring, as there must be a difference made between those who observe and those who violate the law. Page 663
- April 20,
Montreal. Howard to Haldimand. Returns thanks for his compassion towards himself and family, and gives reasons for his renewed application for a pass. 665
- April 24,
Quebec. Mathews to Howard. His application has been received, but for reasons given the pass applied for cannot be granted. 667
- May 29,
Quebec. Same to Gray. That Monsieur Leroux is represented as a deserving subject. If he is not concerned with Howard he is to have a pass for two canoes, but if he is the pass is not to be granted on any account. 668
- June 26,
Montreal. (Cramahé?) to the same. That he is to take steps towards prosecuting the Giassons and the others who were trading on the St. Maurice without license. 669
- July 6,
Montreal. Memorial by Joseph Howard, stating that the canoe for which he had a permit had been wrecked and praying for another pass to enable him to send a canoe to replace it, with goods sufficient to supply the place of those lost. 670
- October 16,
Montreal. Joseph Howard to Haldimand. Sends a letter received from Mr. Bentley which he asks may be returned. 671
- The letter returned on the 19th. 671a
- 1781.
- April 9,
Montreal. Memorial of Joseph Howard, stating the losses sustained by his being refused permission to go to the upper country and prays that he may have a permit for one canoe and leave to go himself to collect his debts. 672
- April 12,
Quebec. Haldimand to Howard. Has learned by his memorial for the first time that another person had been guilty of the same offence as himself. Had information been given that person would have been prosecuted and a pass refused. 676
- September 24,
Montreal. Joseph Howard to Haldimand. Encloses a bill drawn by Lieutenant Governor Sinclair of Michillimakinak. 677
- September 27,
Quebec. Mathews to Howard. That the bill drawn by Sinclair is returned accepted. 678
- October 29,
Montreal. Joseph Howard to Mathews (?). Asking him to apply to His Excellency for a license to enable him to go to Michillimakinak next spring to trade and collect his debts. States the losses he has suffered by previous refusals. 679
- November 1,
Quebec. Mathews to Howard. A pass shall be granted and he may prepare accordingly. 680

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The following papers to page 64 are marked "1777—1780. No. 42, memorials, letters, declarations and various other papers, relating to Mr. Bentley who was suspected of being in the rebel interests, sent prisoner Detroit to Quebec in 1777. Also letters from Mr. Desjean."

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1777.
April 10,
Kaskaskias. Petition of Daniel Murray, agent for the contractors, Patrick Kennedy and Thomas Bentley, of the Village of Kaskaskias, complaining bitterly of the conduct of de Rocheblave who had been vested with the Government of the country since Captain Lord's departure and praying for protection. The charges are of unfair dealing as a judge; tyrannical conduct; trading and taking advantage of his position. He is also charged with having fled to the Spaniards when the French were driven out, of having taken the oath of allegiance to Spain, of not having qualified by taking the oath of allegiance to the King, necessary before holding his present office. Page 2
- May 25,
Kaskaskias. Daniel Murray to Thomas Bentley. The proceedings of Carly and others after he (Bentley) had left. He (Murray) has refused to attend the arbitration. Arrival of Charleville's bateau with little merchandise; Louis is dead at Orleans; his mulatto woman has been sent up. Goods ordered. Hopes that Winston is not going to play the rogue. Does not think a complaint against him (Bentley) will be sent to Sir Guy Carleton, as the inhabitants had refused to sign the statement drawn up by Rocheblave. The hunters have brought no news. Great mortality from small pox at Orleans is reported. 7
- August 1,
Michillimakinak. Thomas Bentley to Daniel Murray. Hopes that he has complained of Rocheblave to Governor Abbott; was ignorant of the mischief such a man would do, evidently to discredit the report against him. A man like Rocheblave, who would take the oath of allegiance to France, Spain and Great Britain would not hesitate to join the Americans. He (Bentley) has been arrested on Rocheblave's accusation and is now a prisoner here, but does not know the exact charge. Asks him (Murray) to write a letter to the Governor at Port Vincent, to be forwarded to the Governor at Detroit, detailing all that had taken place; recalls to his recollection their conversations and his anxiety for the arrival of King's troops, &c.; the conduct of Rocheblave on several occasions; Bonner's villainy, countenanced by Rocheblave, &c. His invoices and sales will show the quantity of gunpowder and number of guns and how they were disposed of as proof of his not selling to the Americans. His wish is to be allowed to return to Kaskaskias to obtain evidence, &c. 10
- August 15,
Detroit. Report by Lieut. Governor Hamilton of the arrest of Thomas Bentley, on a charge by Rocheblave, that he had sent provisions to the rebels at the mouth of the Ohio. 17
- August 15,
Detroit. Sworn statement of Thomas Bentley containing his answer in detail to the accusation brought against him by Rocheblave of assisting the Americans with provisions, gunpowder, &c. 19
- October 6,
Montreal. Petition of Thomas Bentley to Carleton, to be allowed to return to his wife and family asserting his innocence and giving an account of the proceedings against him, &c. 27
1778.
August 10,
Montreal. Memorial of Thomas Bentley to Haldimand. Protesting his innocence and asking leave to return to his wife and family. 31
1779.
January 21,
Montreal. Another memorial by the same, that he has been detained since the 21st of July, 1777, with no allowance for his support, so that he has been obliged to incur debts; asks for an allowance and for leave to return to his wife and family. 33
- April 8,
London. Mrs. Blizard to Thomas Bentley (her brother), giving an account of her domestic affairs and her struggles to maintain herself and her family. 35

1779.
May 5,
London. John Bradley to Bentley. Notifying him that Chief Justice Livius, who is leaving for Canada, has laid his (Bentley's) case before the Lords of Trade. On the arrival of Livius, he is to obtain his intervention. Page 39
- May 8,
London. Isaac Walker to the same. Encloses Bradley's letter; hopes he will soon get his liberty. Asks him to ascertain the condition of Bradley's estate. 40
- August 9,
Michillimakinak. DePeyster to Bentley. Is sorry he cannot write to the General and send him copy of letters to Lieut. Governor Hamilton unasked for. Understands that Hamilton had sent copies to Carleton of his (DePeyster's) letters. Never could understand why he (Bentley) was arrested; had warned Hamilton of the bad character of Beauner (Bonner in other letters) the accuser. 41
- October 14,
Montreal. Bentley to Haldimand. Pointing out that the misfortune to Hamilton makes it impossible to apply to him for consent to his (Bentley's) return to his family. Implores to be released to save him from complete ruin. 42
- November 22,
Quebec. Mathews to Brigadier Maclean. Has received his letter enclosing one from Bentley. He has made every inquiry to ascertain if any one but St. Martin was privy to Bentley's escape, and to get particulars respecting St. Martin. The inconveniences attending the dispersal through the country of people indiscriminately called loyalist are obvious, but the difficulty of providing quarters for them is equally so. 44
- November 29,
Quebec. Same to the same. He is to make further inquiries respecting Bentley's connections. The families of loyalists are to be removed to St. Ours and its neighbourhood, except some who must be left at Montreal, whose names, allowances, &c., will be communicated. He may, in the meantime, relieve their necessities, but with economy. 45
- November —
Montreal. Bentley to Haldimand. That owing to the failure of his many applications for leave to join his family, and the want of support, which compelled him to be a burden on his friends, he had been obliged to abscond. He goes with no hostile intentions and will do all he can to serve the friends of Great Britain in distress, but will pursue to the utmost those who have been the cause of his misfortunes. 47
- December 23,
Montreal. Lieut. Colonel Campbell to the same. The Indian who assisted Bentley to escape, though a bad man was in this case the tool of others. The flight of the Frère Recollet from Caughnawaga has made a great noise in the village. 49
- December 25,
Montreal. Brigadier Maclean to Mathews. Joseph Howard, of Montreal, was not only privy to the escape of Bentley, but furnished the means. The discovery is due to Lieut. Houghton, who is engaged in tracing the plot concerning the going off of the Recollet from Caughnawaga. He believes the Jesuits at Sault St. Louis knew of the Recollet going off. Has made Howard find bail for his appearance to answer charges against him; he asserts his innocence. The two men employed by Howard are in custody. Believes that Pierre Amelote, the militia officer, engaged in the affair to please Howard, to whom he owes 2,600 livres. What is to be done towards paying Captain Betty for money advanced, &c. The man he brought is in want of clothes and otherwise in distress. 50
- December 27,
Quebec. Mathews to Brigadier Maclean. His letter respecting Father Berey and Captain John Macdonald's memorial received. His Excellency approves of his (Maclean's) and Colonel Campbell's assi-

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duity respecting Bentley and of the steps hitherto taken. After Houghton's arrival what further is to be done shall be determined. The men with Captain Bettie may join McAlpin, who has directions to pay all expenses of bringing them. Page 53

July 28,
Post Vincennes.

T. Bentley to DePeyster. That he had been obliged to effect his escape to regain his liberty. His first feeling of revenge against Haldimand had given way to that against Rocheblave and others who had through malice misled him, so as to effect his (Bentley's) ruin, which he fears they have accomplished. Had seen Hamilton in prison at Williamsburg and offered his services. Hamilton declared he was betrayed by the French people at Vincennes. He (Bentley) had obtained leave for Dejean to come to Vincennes, who has since been allowed to send for Mrs. Dejean. Although out of the reach of prosecution, he desires to reiterate his assertions of his innocence, the charges against him being made out of malice. 54

August 12,
Oniah.

Same to the same. Is desirous to send cargoes as remittance to pay debts in Canada, and asks that the Indians might be ordered not to molest his boats on the way to Detroit. Rocheblave's malice has ruined him, and though he does not blame him (DePeyster), yet asks him if he cannot put him in the way of recovering himself at Detroit. Will winter at Kaskaskias. 56

August 12,
Oniah.

Same to Haldimand. Has come 160 miles from Illinois, through a country exposed to Indian war parties, to clear his character from the charges brought by Rocheblave out of malice, and to get him out of the way. He protests his innocence, and expresses his wish to return to Detroit to repair his shattered fortunes. Points out that the Illinois and Post Vincennes could easily be taken by three hundred regular soldiers, the people being discontented with the Americans; they would, however, resist the Indians, whom they feared. The trade of the Missouri thus gained would be a great acquisition. A hundred regulars would easily take Vincennes, Abbott being greatly esteemed; an expedition could easily be carried out to the lower parts of the Mississippi, and with addition of 1,000 men New Orleans could be added to the Empire. The Illinois settlement could easily victual a garrison of 300 men throughout the year. 58

August 17,
Post Vincennes.

Same to DePeyster. Has learned since his return that the French colonel has sent belts to the Indian nations to get them to keep quiet and that French emissaries have been sent among them. Asks that Messrs. Macomb might be allowed to send him a few bales of goods that he might dispose of them to the Indians and inhabitants who are so discontented that regular troops would be received with open arms. It is reported that the Spaniards have taken Mobile and that Don Galvez had had a disagreement with the Admiral, who had returned to the Havana. Were 3,000 men sent by way of Presqu'Isle they could take Fort Pitt and the Ohio communication and easily secure New Orleans. Repeats earnestly his request for goods and the information of the weakness of the Americans on the Illinois. 62

The following papers to page 136 are marked: "1775-1782, No. 7. Various papers relating to Fleury Mesplet, the rebel printer, and Valentine Jautard, both State prisoners." 65

1775.
March 29,
Philadelphia.

Bergé to Mesplet (in French). That an attempt had been made to seize his effects which he and Madame Mesplet carried off and concealed in different places, as well as his type, which was at

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Miller's. He (Bergé) had settled with Miller and others, of which a statement is given and for which he can settle as soon as convenient. His printing material is packed up and details are given of the packages, &c. Has had good news from a correspondent at St. Domingo, who wishes to know the reply of the Canadians to the letter from Congress which he (Mesplet) had printed respecting the affairs of New England. As he has penetration enough to know what the Canadians think, would like to get a report unsigned as soon as possible. Page 66

December 20,
Montreal.

Brigadier Wooster (U. S. A.) to Captain Bourdon at St. Sulpice (in French). Order to send 15 men from his company to join Montgomery at Quebec. The object of Congress is only to restore liberty to this afflicted country. (The order in the handwriting of Jautard.) 69

1776.
January 31,
Montreal.

Commission (in French) by Brigadier Wooster to Valentine Jautard to be notary public for the district of Montreal. 70

1778.
February 24,
Montreal.

Anonymous letter (in French) apparently to Mesplet. Sends wishes that he may still be preserved from the attacks of enemies; warns him to be prudent at a time when malice threatens him, as sharing in the opinion of the United Colonies. Carleton has been urged to punish him but has done nothing, the storm from the south may be felt and he is enjoined to be constantly on his guard. 71

August (?),
Montreal.

Petition (in French) by Fleury Mesplet requesting permission to publish a weekly paper. 73

August (?),
Montreal.

Prospectus (in French) of a weekly paper proposed by Fleury Mesplet. 75

August —
Montreal.

Memorial (in French) of French gentlemen of Montreal in favour of F. Mesplet, the printer. 77

1779.
January 4,
Montreal.

Mesplet (in French) to — . Owing to the persecutions he has received has tried to take precautions, but failed. Father Well has contributed several articles and sends one of them which he did not think fit to publish. Montgolfier has taken the part of Well and threatens to have the paper stopped. Copies are before His Excellency and it will be seen that he has touched nothing respecting government. Asks for protection against the malice of his enemies. Encloses Father Well's song in French on the game of chess. 79

April 15,
Montreal.

Pleading (in French) before the Court of Common Pleas of Montreal in Jautard's handwriting and signed with the initials of DuCalvet's name. The suit was at the instance of Francois Ribal de Gonora against Pierre DuCalvet. 82

June 1,
Quebec.

Warrant to Major John Nairne to arrest Valentine Jautard and Fleury Mesplet. 87

June 1,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Major Nairne. Instructions for the arrest of Mesplet and Jautard. 92

June 1,
Quebec.

Additional instructions to Nairne that the two delinquents (Jautard and Mesplet) are to be sent down by the "Mercury," which goes for the purpose of receiving them. 89

June 1,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Rouville (in French). That he had received the newspapers sent. There had been reasons for temporising but it was now time to act against those who had been defaming all the King's officers and trying to throw the colony into confusion. He will support the King's officers, especially those who have acted with such moderation and in so laudable a manner as he (Rouville) and Southouse have done. Trusts the example he is about to make will have a proper effect. 90

1779.
June 1,
Quebec. Instructions to William Halcro, master of the "Mercury" to proceed with his vessel to Montreal, where he will receive orders. Page 94
- July 15,
Quebec. Petition of Madame Mesplet (in French). For the examination of her husband, a state prisoner. 95
1780.
September 26,
Quebec. Petition (in French) of Fleury Mesplet, praying for his liberation under such conditions as may be imposed. 97
- October 20. Copy of a song (in French), which has two entirely different meanings by reading or omitting to read certain parts; also of a paper written in milk which exposure to fire brought out. The latter reports that there are here at most 5,900 men; that Quebec is fortified, but that owing to the feeling of the people, 3,000 men landed under the French flag would be worth 10,000. Suggests having commissions printed and distributed from Chambly to the Gulph urging an attack on the royalists. Wheat is scarce, as well as beef. St. John's cannot be defended; there is not at present a gun there and only volunteers who are in favour of the Americans. Will give further information by another opportunity. 99
1781.
February 27,
Quebec. Jautard to Berthelot, advocate, Quebec (in French). Praying for assistance. 102
- March 8,
Quebec. Same to the French advocates of Quebec (in French). Asking for assistance. 104
- April 30,
Quebec. Petition (in French) from Mesplet, for liberty to take exercise in the prison yard. 105
1782.
August 7,
Quebec. Petition (in French) of Jautard and Mesplet, to be brought to trial. 106
- September 19,
Quebec. Jautard to Mathews (in French). Appeals to the declaration of the King and Parliament that humanity would be observed towards prisoners and not only the comfort but the rights of individuals be regarded and asks for a trial. (The petition is endorsed as dated on the 11th and received on 21st July, but its tenor shows this to be an error). 108
- November 2,
Quebec. Same to the same. Recapitulates the contents of his petition, points out the hardships to which he has been exposed and if he is not granted his liberty that at least he shall be informed of the cause of his detention. 110
- November 18,
Quebec. Same to the same (in French). Renews his petition now that the ships have all sailed. 113
- No date. Two petitions (in French) from Jautard stating the circumstances of his arrest, &c., and praying for his release or trial. (On the first is endorsed; "The petitioner was zealous in ye cause of ye rebels in ye year 1775, and the Lt. Governor has orders written by him to ye captains of militia for ye rebels.") 114, 117
- Petition (in French) from the wife of Mesplet for his liberation. 119
- Declaration (in French) of the King of France addressed to all Canadians in North America. Apparently sent to Clement Gosselin. 120
- Anonymous paper (in French) in very obscure language. 126
- Terms proposed to Brigadier Montgomery (in French) by the inhabitants of Montreal that they should be maintained in the free possession and enjoyment of their rights and religion; that trade should not be interfered with, that they shall not be obliged to take up arms against the mother country; that all taken in arms shall be

set at liberty ; that courts shall be established ; that soldiers shall not be quartered on the inhabitants and that people from the country shall not be allowed to come to Montreal till its safety has been provided for. Page 127

No date.

Anonymous address (in French) against the terms proposed, the framers of this address, expressing their desire to form a union with the other Colonies. 129

Copy of verses in French. 131

Unsigned letter (in French). That the writer has read the letter addressed to DuCalvet, whose style he recognises and is surprised he did not himself recognise it. He is so full of his own worth, that he blinds himself and thinks to blind others. He is afraid of the storm he has raised and is trying to get under shelter, in concert with Cazsau. The vile character of Cazsau. These two men do not deserve the name of friends of liberty, &c. 133

Song (in French) endorsed; "Song upon the Bishop, found among Jautard's papers, and thought to be his own writing." 135

The following papers to page 161 are marked: "No. 14 Secret Service. Intercepted letters and various other papers taken by Joseph Brant when he defeated the rebel Colonel Lochry upon the Ohio, in August, 1781." 137

1776.
September 16.

Commission by the Congress of the United States to Benjamin Hopkins, to be adjutant to Seth Warner's Regiment of foot. 138

1779.
August 31,
and November 30.

Two receipts to Captain Benjamin Hopkins for stores supplied the first dated at Bennington and the second at Fort George. 140

November 12,
Philadelphia.
December 1,
Fort George.
December 30,
Bennington.

Commission by Congress appointing Benjamin Hopkins lieutenant in Seth Warner's regiment. 141

Adjutant's commission to Benjamin Hopkins, signed by Seth Warner. 143

Resignation (unsigned) of his commission in the Continental army by Hopkins, owing to his inability to support his family from the depreciation of currency. 144

1780.
March 31,
Bennington.

Acknowledgment by Joseph Beaman that he has enlisted for the war in Warner's Regiment, followed by a receipt for the \$100 which he is to get, only if he behave properly. 145

June 13,
Bennington.

Account of Moses Crosby for a part of three years' pay and clothing as fife major of Colonel Seth Warner's Regiment. 146

September 3,
Fort George.

Johannis Young. Order to Thomas Tolman, paymaster to Warner's Regiment, to draw his wages. 147

1781.
July 23,
Philadelphia.

Joseph Reed, President of the Council, to Colonel Archibald Lochry. The difficulty of obtaining an account of money sent to the frontiers. He is vested with sufficient authority to compel the sub-lieutenant to account. Remarks on the accounts of Colonels Percy and Broadhead. Satisfaction at Clark's proceedings on the frontier, and at the conduct of the people of the country. The members of the council are concerned at the dissensions in the country which will weaken its credit. The failure in duty on the part of officers serving on the frontiers has had a bad effect. The testimonials given by inhabitants are so easily got up that they are of little value as compared with the faithful discharge of duty. Every care must be taken to observe frugality. 148

1781.
August 7,
Fort Pitt. L. Brady to Lochry. Is disappointed that he could not go with Clark. Hopes the country will turn out to go against Sandusky, and that he will meet him there, &c. Page 152
- August 8,
Wheeling. Colonel Lochry to Geo. Rogers Clark. Has found neither boats, provisions nor ammunition left here. Has sent a canoe to have these sent and directions where he is to follow. His force is upwards of 100 strong including light horse. 153
- August 9,
Middle Island. Clark to Lochry. Is sorry after waiting so long, to have left the day before his (Lochry's) arrival. Supposed that he also had shared his disappointment from the populace. The militia continue to desert, so that he cannot remain long in one place or would have been happy to have made a junction here. Has augmented Wallace's command to eight alert men, who take fifteen days' provisions for his (Lochry's) whole force. A large horse boat, and a sufficiency of small boats, camp kettles, &c., will be left on Third Island in charge of a few men. Will move on slowly, and he (Lochry) is to push on to join. 154
- August 14,
Three Islands. Lochry to Clark. Has arrived at Three Islands; all in great spirits; there is no desertion. An officer and fifteen deserters apprehended, who will be delivered up. Will proceed as quickly as possible. 156
- August 29,
near the Ohio. Alexander McKee to DePeyster. Word was sent that Brant and George Girty, with the Indians, had advanced to the Ohio and taken one of Clark's boats after he passed, not being strong enough to attack him. They lay in wait for Lochry and took the whole of his force, 37 being killed, including Lochry and some of his officers. This, with desertions, will reduce Clark's army, and had the Indians come as desired, he would now have been taken with his cannon. The prisoners are ignorant of his intentions, and the loss may make him change his mind. Will try to keep the Indians together and watch his motions. His first intention was to penetrate to Sandusky, the troops from Fort Pitt were to return home and he to Kentucky. The Indians have not determined what to do with the prisoners, but seem determined to adopt a good many. 157
- The list of killed and wounded follows. Among the first are Lochry, one captain, three ensigns, six sergeants, one corporal and 25 rank and file; there are 64 prisoners. 159
- No date. An account against Captain Brownson's company for necessities supplied. 161

The following papers to page 257 are marked: "1778-1782. Letters, memorials, depositions and various other papers relating to Mr. Laterrière, a state prisoner. No. 14." 162

1778.
No date. Laterrière to Haldimand (in French). The Acadians from the Colonies report the defeat of a French fleet whilst trying to land a force at Long Point, with the loss of about a thousand men. The fleet had been obliged to return to Boston. A plan had been formed to invade Canada last winter, but abandoned, as Noailles, who was to command, could not complete the 15,000 men he asked for. That Congress approved of the plan, but did not think it possible before spring. 163
1779.
January (?). An adulatory address (in French) on the advent of a new year, by Laterrière to Haldimand. Praying that he may have complete success in the next campaign, &c. (There is no date but that on

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the endorsation, 1779. Its contents indicate that it was written by Laterrière at the beginning of that year, before his arrest in February.)

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February 23,
Three Rivers.

Laterrière to Gagy (in French). Sends particulars of Delzenne's son and of an Englishman. The latter had been employed, at his own request, in chopping and then sent to the forges, with a note to M. Dumas. He and Delzenne's son left at three o'clock in the afternoon, to the knowledge of all about the house. Twelve days after, having learned at Petit Lac the road they had taken, he returned home and turned them out of the house at nine o'clock at night. Would be obliged if he would inform the General, as Delzenne and his other enemies are doing their best to ruin him with the General.

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February 24,
Three Rivers.

Deposition (in French) of François La Charité concerning Delzenne and a Bostonian. That two men, one a son of Delzenne, and the other an Englishman, who said he came from Bécancour, where he had lived a long time, came to his house on the 14th. They said they had come out on a four days' hunt, but having wandered had been out a fortnight and had suffered greatly from hunger. In the morning he guided them down the Nicolet; owing to the cold they went into the house of Pierre Foucault, where Baptiste Foucault, an officer of militia, arrested them.

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February 24,
Three Rivers.

Deposition (in French) of John Oakes, a native of Boston. That he had been living for eight years on land at Lake Champlain, where he was taken prisoner by Major Carleton and sent to Quebec. He was there four or five weeks when he escaped alone, and went to Bécancour, where he applied for work to Laterrière. Nobody had given him Laterrière's address; he came by chance and said he came from Machiche, as he had seen people from his country in that parish. That he was about a month there chopping and then left with young Delzenne to go to New England. Delzenne could speak a little English; he told him he knew his brother who was with the rebel army at Carillon, and if he went there he could see him. He did not know the road and had no plan or guide. They ascended the Bécancour River and touched the Nicolet. Not knowing where they were they came down the river and were arrested. After stating the questions put to them when arrested, Oakes said further, that Laterrière knew nothing of their plans, that when they returned he told them they were fools to go so far hunting. He only remained till sunset the day they returned to Laterrière's, when he left for the forges with a note to Dumas who employed him in chopping.

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February 24,
Three Rivers.

Examination (in French) of Michel Delzenne, arrested on the deposition of Pierre Brassard, captain of militia of the parish of Nicolet. Delzenne stated that Laterrière advised him to go and find his brother, who is in the rebel service, to get him to come to Canada; also to tell the rebel general to come with 3,000 by Carillon, to surround Haldimand who would be at Sorel. He was also to get his brother to obtain an order on the rebel general to employ a minister to marry Madame Pelissier to Laterrière. At the same time he was to assure the rebel general that he (Laterrière) had Father Théodore, a Recollet, acting with the Indian village, 500 Germans, and several parishes, which would furnish 3,000 men to join the rebel army; to tell the Bostonians that they only required to bring a supply of powder and ammunition, as provisions would be procured for them in sufficient quantity. It was Laterrière who

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furnished him (Delzenne) and his companion with provisions for the journey, but they lost their way and were glad to get back. He recognized a plan, handed over by his brother as given him by Laterrière, to guide him to Boston, he had also given the Bostonian a pocket compass and desired them to recommend that a fleet be sent to Quebec. Page 172

February 25, George Tonnancour to Haldimand (in French.) Sends an account of the capture of two men with the three depositions. On that of Delzenne, Laterrière has also been arrested, and his effects and papers sealed up and placed in charge of the clerk of the district. 175

February 25. Memorial (in French) of Laterrière. Similar in terms to that of 23rd (p.164) and stating in addition that he had handed all the papers relating to the case to Guly. Prays for a speedy decision. 178

March 4, Declaration (in French) of Pierre Bergerant, farmer to Laterrière. Three Rivers. States that he knew nothing of Delzenne and Oaks going to Boston; that he only knew that Laterrière scolded Delzenne and sent him home to his father's. Oaks went off, as he supposed to the forges. On being asked for, Delzenne's mother prevaricated and afterwards admitted he had gone to Boston to join his brother. Delzenne shortly before leaving told deponent's wife he would be making money in a few days. 180

March 4, Declaration (in French) by Nicolas St. Martin, that he knew Three Rivers. nothing of the charges against Laterrière. He took a valise out of Laterrière's house in case anything should be stolen out of it, being a great friend to Laterrière. 182

March 5, Inquiry (in French) by Messrs. Guly, Tonnancour and Baby, Three Rivers. Commissioners of the Peace, concerning Laterrière. The depositions are substantially the same as those given at the preliminary investigation. Some of the depositions are repeated. The report of the proceedings extends from 184 to 207

March 7, Tonnancour to Haldimand (in French). Sends two letters from Three Rivers. the guardhouse, one from Michel Delzenne and the other sent by the officer of the guard, which he received from the sergeant; asks that they be added to the papers connected with the inquiry. 208

April 8, Two letters from Michel Delzenne (in French). The first pro- Three Rivers. fesses to give the reason for the deposition he made against Laterrière, and that the statement he had made about the messages sent by Laterrière to the rebel general were only answers in the affirmative to questions put by Tonnancour. The second addressed to Haldimand gives a rambling account of Laterrière's wish to marry Madame Pelissier, (Delzenne's sister) and of message sent to her by her father. 209—211

April 16, Laterrière to Cugnet, sen. (in French). Asks his advice and help Quebec. to have his case disposed of; asserts his innocence and that the accusation is a plot between Delzenne and Oaks to inculpate him. Declares that his health is affected by his confinement, his constitution being weak and his small fortune is impaired. Complains of the hardships to which he is exposed, &c. 213

No date. Petition (in French) from Laterrière that he be admitted to defend himself. 216

April — Petition (in French) from Laterrière, asking for a speedy trial as Quebec. his health was suffering. 217

(April), Two other petitions to the same effect, received in the same Quebec. month, but without date, follow. 219

1779.
June 3,
Quebec. Power (in French) by Laterrière to Jean Baptiste Le Brun to receive and pay accounts due to and by him, and obtain possession of all his goods and effects wherever they may be; to sell his house at Three Rivers, &c. (p. 230). List of effects, clothes, &c. Pages 224 to 229
- June 3,
Quebec. Petition (in French) from Laterrière to be released and allowed to live in the town under such conditions as may be prescribed. 231
- July 13,
Three Rivers. Madame Pelissier (Marguerite Delzenne) petition (in French) for the return of her clothing which was taken possession of with the effects of Laterrière. 233
- August 21,
Quebec. Petition (in French) of Laterrière. Prays for his trial or liberation. If after trial there should still be doubts of his innocence he has friends, who are truly friends of Government also, who would answer for his conduct. 235
1780.
January 22,
Quebec. Declaration (in English) of Louis Guillon, that it was Laterrière who furnished Oakes with snowshoes, powder, &c., and a map of the communication by the St. Francis. That Laterrière told Oakes that the inhabitants at Bécancour, Gentilly, St. Pierre and the Acadians about the lake were ready to take arms on the arrival of the Bostonians; had prevailed on Delzenne to go also, and gave him directions what to say about the country, as he did not wish to write it. Guillon added that he lived for five months with Laterrière for whom he was building a house, that both he and Père Théodore were in favour of the rebels, and that the latter furnished the pocket compass (to Oakes). The bread was made by Madame Lincot. It was Breton of Lorette who furnished Flood with moccasins, socks, knives and steel; that he and the men who escaped with him lodged for two days at Breton's and three days at Marcot's and Germain's at Cape Santé and that Langlois had given him snuff. Guillon further says that Flood told him if he had got away three days earlier he could have joined Gosselin who had been in from the Colonies with an Indian and packets. At the end is a certificate by Prentice, Provost Marshal, that Guillon had asked leave to make the statement. 237
- August 22. Cramahé to Haldimand (in French). Sends a note received yesterday. Sent for Laterrière, whose pretended revelations ended in a proposal that he should be sent to Montreal, where a person not named (probably Père Théodore) would give information inculping persons not suspected. He spoke of his inclination towards the British Government and his desire to serve it—and that he had a secret to communicate respecting a portable field piece which would do great execution. 239
1781.
December 20,
Quebec. Laterrière to Mathews (in French). As the lease of the forges at St. Maurice has expired, asks if they are to be worked on the King's account, and offers his services as having the necessary qualifications, which he is willing to submit to examination. 240
1782.
July 13,
Quebec. Petition (in French) from Laterrière for release from imprisonment. 242
- August 3,
Quebec. Mathews to Laterrière. As from various circumstances he (Laterrière) can never expect to be received into the society of his fellow citizens; he has liberty to leave the Province. 244
- August 5,
Quebec. Laterrière to Mathews (in French). Returns thanks for being allowed to leave the Province. Asks leave to lodge with Mr. Prentice (provost marshal) to settle his affairs, as no one would purchase goods in a strictly guarded prison. Binds himself to say or do nothing except with the sanction of the authorities. 245

1782.
September 8,
on board ship
off Isle Verte. Memorial (in French) by Laterrière to Haldimand. Thanks for his release; hopes by his discreet conduct to gain the General's confidence. Page 246

Two undated depositions follow, evidently taken at the date of Laterrière's arrest, one by himself, the other by Guillon. 246, 249

An undated note, probably the one referred to by Cramahé in his letter to Haldimand of 22nd August, 1780. 251

A note signed Baron de Grotheil, undated and unaddressed. 252

No date.

Unsigned letter (in French) beginning "A Louis." It was not the writer who had caused the arrest of Louis, but his own bad conduct in the town; it would have been better for both had it been done sooner. Refers to the day he was so foolish when he was arrested; the man with whom he was drinking and the girl whom he insulted. Suggests a threat of what may happen when they regain their liberty. He (the writer) has many enemies, but not as many as Louis, who would be in the prison at St. John's if all were known respecting him. It was sufficient that he (Louis) had been in the writer's service to account for treating him well, but did not warrant the folly he committed of asking to speak to him on the day of his (Louis') arrest. Had he gone to Cramahé as ordered, both would have been free, but the bad consequences followed, as Cramahé saw that an attempt was made to deceive him. Louis is exhorted to be patient, the writer having more to lose than Louis, who is urged to be patient and cheerful. Two hours of liberty will efface all present suffering. (Apparently written by Laterrière to Louis Guillon, his servant, who had been called as a witness before the magistrates.) 253

Michel Delzenne to his father (in French). Stating that what he had said at his examination about Laterrière was said because he was afraid. In a postscript he says that no one told him to go to the rebels; he had gone from the wish to see his brother. 256

Rough plan, probably the one referred to in the depositions. 257

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1778.
August 4,
Quebec.

Declaration of Samuel Weatherhead that he had been sent as one of the prize crew of the "Betsy" taken near Boston Bay, but retaken by a privateer near Isle Percée, when he and the other men were put on board of a schooner belonging to Mr. Ross, in which they got to St. Anne's, whence they walked to Point Lévi. The privateer burned the "Betsy," which had not been out of Salem above nine days. 259

1779.
December 23,
St. Pierre.

Statement by a corporal of the Anhalt Zerbst troops of the arrest of James Patten (called James Dapen in the statement) as a suspicious person. 260

1780.
January 7,
Quebec.

Examination of James Patten, the man arrested by the Anhalt Zerbst corporal, and his account of himself. 261

March 5,
Quebec.

Examination of Julien Mercier, of St. Vallier, who was taken prisoner in 1777, when serving with Burgoyne, taken to Boston, where he was imprisoned; was exchanged and sent to Long Island. He, with 27 other Canadians and one Scotchman, sent to Quebec in a snow, was taken by two privateers, he being wounded during the attack. At Boston they got a pass for Canada and an

order for provisions on Hazen, who took their pass and sent them to prison, and afterwards to Fishkill. Hazen was then making a road into Canada, but was sent to New Georgia. That the Canadians and Scotchman were kept in prison at Fishkill on starvation allowance. He and Ignace Ouellet, of Kamouraska, managed to escape, and fell in with a scout. The money given them at New York enabled them to buy roots at Fishkill, for they got no bread, and it took fifty or sixty paper dollars to get one in silver. Saw, with Hazen, the two Gosselins, Germaine, Dionne, one Oliver, of L'Assomption, Poulain, of St. Denis, and Pellan, of Berthier, who tried to get them to enlist in the rebel service, but unsuccessfully. Page 202

March 10,
Quebec.

Examination (in French) of A. Emond, sailor. Had sailed for the West Indies in the autumn of 1778, and returned to Charleston, into which the vessel he had taken passage was driven. His efforts to get to Canada, and arrival at St. John's on the 28th of February. On his passage through the country he found more people for the King than for Congress; that there was no water to grind the grain which was, besides, of poor quality; that the country people round Albany refused to sell their produce for paper money, thirty-five paper dollars being given at Albany for a silver dollar. 266

March 12,
Quebec.

Examination (in English) of Ignace Ouellet, of Kamouraska, which agrees substantially with that of Emond. 269

March 15,
Quebec.

Examination (in English) of Pierre Guillon *dit* St. Eloi. Had met the prisoner, Pierre Noël *dit* Malbœuf, who said he came from the Illinois and was a spy. Mr. Launière's son's deposition is that Sanssouci admitted that the prisoner said he had been there three times, twice undiscovered. 271

March 16,
Quebec.

Pierre Noël *dit* Malbœuf. Declares that he was employed in the King's bateaux and came to see his relations and to buy a piece of land. 272

April 11,
Quebec.

Examination of Augustin Lachance, of St. John's, Island of Orleans, who, after stating the facts of his capture with Burgoyne, imprisonment, &c., says that at Albany the crop had failed and the people were much distressed. Out of a hundred, not ten can be found who wish well to the cause. He saw Merlet, Poulain and other Canadians in the rebel service, but did not associate with them. 274

August 18,
Three Rivers.

Declaration (in French) of Claude Duprat. That at the house of Panneton, the postmaster at Pointe du Lac he met Giasson, from Montreal; relates the conversation he had with him about the means to save his (Giasson's) brother. 276

September 4,
Quebec.

Depositions of Breton's father, son and servant. 278-279

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Quebec.

Declaration of Eleazer Davis, that he, with others, had escaped from prison, but returned of his own accord, being innocent of any offence. The escaped prisoners had no assistance from people outside. 280

September 4,
Quebec.

Declaration of William Flood, chiefly respecting the places called at by the escaped prisoners. 281

September 5,
Quebec.

Examination of François Breton, in which he acknowledges he gave food to several men whom he did not know, but refused to let them lodge in his house. Allowed Davis to lodge, although unwillingly; promises not to lodge any stranger again. 282

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Quebec.

Declaration of François Grosseau, that he is married to a niece of Sanschagrin. When the guard sent him for the latter he went and

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February 8,
Bécancour.June 27,
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met him. On his telling Sanschagrin, he was told to go back to the house, but where Sanschagrin went he cannot say. Page 283

Examination of Louis Bernard and François Germain; both deny that they have harboured any deserters or strangers. 283, 284 Joseph Commeau to Tonnancour (in French). That six men had passed down, and were to return, but he cannot say when. It was reported that General Quintoin (Clinton) had been taken prisoner. That in a terrible battle Comte des Sains (d'Estaing) had taken *tou le siles* (toutes les isles ?) and 30 ships. 285

Deposition (in French) of Joseph Commeau, miller at Pointe du Lac. That six men from New England had crossed the Nicolet to the house of Charles Orillon *dit* Champagne, and given him news of his son and nephew who were serving with the rebels. They brought letters from the nephew to his wife, who lived in His Excellency's house last summer and is probably still there. That a battle had lately been fought between the rebels and royal troops, that the Hessians were cut up and Clinton taken prisoner. That d'Estaing had taken three islands, one he would not attack on account of a pestilence in it. That d'Estaing had taken 30 merchantmen, richly loaded and sent them to France. That in the last battle there were 6,000 dead and wounded of the royal army. That an army was marching by the upper country and would appear in the Colonies in about a month. Joseph Gaudet being sworn declares the above to be correct. 286

Joseph St. Louis, a German, settled at Bécancour, lives by hunting. Knows nothing against André, servant to the late Père Germain. Has never met any Bostonians in the woods, nor anything suspicious since he was stopped by an Indian, who took away his beaver skins. 289

Rauschenplat to Haldimand (in French). With report of the subaltern sent in search of Gosselin and others. 290

Bail bond (in French) for the appearance and good behaviour of François Girard *dit* Breton. 292

Declaration (in French) of Pierre Roberge and Joseph le Bitre, who had been with the rebels since 1776. The first had taken up arms, the other had not, but both had been anxious to return, hoping to be pardoned. 293

Account given by Daniel Foster of his escape from prison, his wandering and his giving himself up. 295

Apparently the report referred to in Rauschenplat's letter of the 8th February, 1781 (p. 290). Corporal George reports (in French) that at the house of Joseph Lisote, of St. Anne *en bas*, he represented himself to Lisote's wife as a Bostonian, and was told not to be afraid, that he was in a good house; and with good Bostonians. Lisote himself, on being sent for, concealed him in the barn and treated him hospitably. Lisote asked for the Gosselins and others who were in Boston, and then brought Clement Gosselin's wife, who asked for letters, but was told that being taken prisoner, he (George) had burned all the letters. When she asked for some proof such as he was in the habit of sending, such as clothes or something of that kind, Lisote gave the following names of friends of the Bostonians: Joseph Lagassa, of St. Anne; Julien Chuman, of St. John's; the wife of Louis Gosselin, and the wife of Firmin Jobin, and of Clement Gosselin, of St. Anne's. 297

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1780.
February 12,
Three Rivers. Tonnancour to Haldimand (in French). That the report is true of the Messrs. Giasson having gone up the St. Maurice and wintered there, returning in the spring with upwards of thirty packets of fine furs; that Antoine Marchand went up at the same time and wintered at the Rivière aux Rats; he came down in the spring with several packets and went back in September, as well as a man named Campo and the two Giassons, one party being now at the height of land and the other at the Rivière aux Rats. Two men, Boulanger and Cloutier, came down from the latter place with an Indian, and went back secretly with two Indians. To reach their posts two Indian guides for each post would be necessary. Ten Indian trains would be necessary to bring down the furs and goods, and ten Canadians to drag the trains. The Indians want four francs a day each and provisions for themselves and families. Asks orders respecting the militia and who is to command them, and an order must be sent authorising the militia to act, the traders having twelve Canadians with them. The time necessary to reach the posts. 300
- February 14,
Three Rivers. Same to the same (in French). Suggestions as to the best method of apprehending the traders Giasson, &c. 303
- February 27. Cramahé to Tonnancour (in French). His Excellency desires him to send two men to warn the traders on the St. Maurice that if they trade they will be rigorously prosecuted on their return. The baptismal names of the traders and their usual place of residence to be ascertained. 306
- March 13,
Quebec. Same to the same (in French). The season being well advanced, His Excellency does not wish to incur expense in sending after the traders. They are to be secured on their return. 307
- June 18,
Three Rivers. List (in French) of the names of the traders from Montreal who have gone to winter in the upper part of the river of Three Rivers as far as the limits of Chi Cotimy (Chicoutimi). 310
- June 18,
Three Rivers. Tonnancour to Haldimand (in French). That he had no trouble in getting the traders, Charles Giasson having come to deliver himself up, as he was not aware that he had done anything wrong, having a license to trade signed by Carleton and another signed by Haldimand in 1778. Had he thought it necessary to have the license renewed annually he would have done so, and states what he had done for the King's service, &c. Asks that his parole be taken. Had allowed him to go to Montreal. 311
- June 29,
Montreal. Edward W. Gray to Cramahé. Before prosecuting Messrs. Montigny and Beaubien des Rivières for employing the Giassons to trade with the Indians, it would be necessary to ascertain whether they sold the goods to the Giassons or employed them as agents, as the failure of a prosecution would be worse than if there were none. 313
- August 8,
Three Rivers. Tonnancour to Haldimand (in French). Reports the result of the expedition to take the traders, and the hardships the detachment experienced. Men must be sent back for furs, &c., saved from the wreck of two canoes and left behind in charge of two men. There

- 1780.
- are now in prison the younger Giasson and his cousin and four *engagés*, one the father of a family in town which depends on his labour. This man is not guilty, having been assured by Giasson that he had a license. Page 315
- August 20. Tonnanccour to Haldimand. (in French). Defends himself against
Three Rivers. the charge of laxity, being left alone to manage everything; besides he cannot order a seizure of goods with no one to execute it; states the services on which the militia are employed, &c. 318
- September 3. Recognizance (in French) of Giasson's *engagés* for their appear-
Three Rivers. ance. 331
- September 15. Recognizance (in French) of Giasson and others for their appear-
Three Rivers. ance. 308
- 1781.
- April 7. Giasson Frères. Appeal (in French) for a speedy decision on their
Montreal. case, as they are suffering greatly by the delay. 321
- April 23. Charles and Jacques Giasson. Another application (in French)
Montreal. for a speedy decision. 322
- May 2. Same. Again urging a consideration of their case. 323
Montreal.
- May 7. Haldimand to Giasson Frères (in French). Is sorry he has had
Quebec. to enforce the law respecting trade with the Indians. Their case will be examined on the 28th before three commissioners of the peace at Three Rivers, whose report he hopes may be favourable to them. 324
- June 4. Memorial (in French) from Charles and Jacques Giasson repre-
Montreal. senting that the two permits, one granted by his predecessor (Carleton) the other by himself had led them into very large expenses and excessive credits to the Indians, which could be recovered neither in the first nor second year, and other expenditures, &c., led them to go to the Indian country, believing they would receive a permit. When the letter was received from Mr. St. Ours they were already on their wintering ground. They point out that others who had been more guilty had been allowed to escape. Their sudden imprisonment was what they did not expect, as they were worthy citizens and defenders of their country, so they hoped to participate in the same rights, privileges, and advantages as others. They pray that the fine and costs be remitted, as if they must sell their goods to pay these their situation will be as wretched as before. They urge their youth, good conduct and loyalty as reasons for this favour being granted. 325
- June 30. Charles Giasson to Haldimand (in French). Prays for some suit-
Quebec. able employment, having no other resource now that his trade has been destroyed for want of means to carry it on. 329
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- 1780.
- July 29. Commission by J. Brown, Lt. Col., to Charles Grenier, to raise a
Pickersgill. company of men to serve in a battalion of rangers for the United States. 334
- August 17. Warrant by George Washington to William Osborne to issue two
White Plains. warrants in Canada to such gentlemen as have been faithful to the United States. 335
- September 14, Apparently the rough draught of a recommendation in favour of
Chamblly. John Trotter, for his assiduity in finding out persons disaffected to the Crown. 349

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September 13,
Chambly, Neither signature nor address. That the plan communicated by Pritchard seems "nigh a period," but he cannot yet tell. Is afraid there will be loss of lives on both sides unless conducted by persons more skilled than Pritchard or himself. Every one in the secret will be obliged to disappear, especially himself, who has little regard for the Canadians, and they will soon have ten times less for him. The plan will soon be found to be a humbug, but does not think the loss of life will be so great as he feared, only one person having got a warrant a few days ago, who has seventy men, with arms, &c., and provisions, at the mill on the other side. Other warrants are out, but it cannot be exactly mentioned how many will be ready to depart in a few days. (This paper appears to be the one referred to in St. Leger's letter of the 10th of May, page 343, respecting Ryley.) Page 336.
1782.
April 11,
Quebec. Examination of John Trotter, the result being that it appeared he had been employed on secret service under Pritchard. 338
- May 8,
Montreal. Examination of Archibald M. Gowen. Gives the history of his knowledge of Philip Ryley, which consisted of Ryley ordering a suit of clothes and not paying for it. 339
- May 8,
Montreal. Lernoult to Colonel St. Leger. That he had put Gowen on oath respecting Ryley, who had been taken up for treasonable transactions. 341
- May 9,
St. John's. St. Leger to Philip Ryley. Not having the gift of divination cannot tell how it is possible to give evidence about a new arrival whom he has seen only once. So far as negative testimony goes, he can say he has heard of nothing disloyal about his conduct. 342
- May 10,
St. John's. Same to de Loos. Encloses a paper concerning Philip Ryley, which though void of treason, throws light on the character of the man and shows that his conduct ought to be watched, as it is natural for him to prepare for a good reception when he can find a fair opportunity to give the slip, &c. 343
- June 3,
Quebec. Memorial of Philip Ryley for a hearing of his case. Protests that he is loyal. This is followed by a statement of his father's loyalty, of his brother's escape to the Province, of his own success in raising men for Rogers' corps previous to crossing into the Province with Joseph Beatty and the recruits in 1781. 344
- June 11,
Quebec. Examination of Philip Ryley, in which he states that he came in from the Colonies in 1781; was employed as a clerk at St. John's; went to Montreal, but denies passing himself off as a clerk to Mr. Ellis, who knew his father and recommended him to a merchant at L'Assomption, whence he came to Quebec. Denies he had intercourse with the rebel prisoners; acknowledged that he had acted foolishly, but not to the injury of Government, to which his whole family had always been loyal. 347
- No date. Azariah Pritchard, Major 3 N. Y., to—. Appeals by the brotherhood of Masonry to his honour to keep secret. He will be paid for the loss of the vessel he sent and receive an income for life, Washington's honour being pledged to this. He is to receive scouts; give information respecting those who send intelligence from the Colonies; to send plans of the different posts, the number of troops, &c. 350
- Endorsed "Copy of a letter which Captain Azariah Pritchard promised to send to Major Christopher Carleton." It certifies to Trotter's loyalty and good services, and states his desire to be removed to St. John's, as he is in danger of his life where he is. He is a good carpenter, &c. 352

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1780. December 5, Montreal.	Memorial from John Edgar, a prisoner from Detroit, stating that he had been falsely accused by an escaped rebel prisoner, who had been recaptured, and praying for his release.	359
December 5, Quebec.	Petition (in French) from François Germain, of Cap Santé, praying to be released.	362
1781. May 15, Quebec.	Petition (in French) from François Suzor de Bièvre, a surgeon representing that he had been sent to attend to patients at St. Paul's Bay, and asking leave to settle in Canada. Lernoult, Adjutant General, has endorsed on the petition that de Bièvre was stirring up sedition among the Canadian sailors at Niagara, so that he had to be sent from there to Quebec by Colonel Bolton.	364
July 16,	Petition (in French) from Rey, A. D. C. to LaBalme, to be sent to England by the first vessel leaving.	366
July 10, Quebec.	Petition from Thomas Wiggins, William Bostwick, James Casety, Gerard Cochran and Bonaventure Foucher, for a relaxation in the closeness of their confinement.	367
August 3, Montreal.	Petition (in French) of François Prevenau. Acknowledges his guilt, but prays for forgiveness, and to be allowed to go to his family for his health.	368
September 10, Montreal.	Memorial (in French) by Henry Edge, J. G. Pillet, Leguaye, A. Pillet, and Louis Carignan on behalf of Michel Pillet, a native of Illinois, who was handed over to his family but is to be again imprisoned. The family will become security for his good behaviour.	370
September 17, Quebec.	Petition of James Casety, William Bostwick, Thomas Wiggins, Gerard Cochran and Bonaventure Foucher, praying for their removal to Montreal, where they can find security for their good behaviour.	372
October 9, Quebec.	Louis Dillon (Guillon) dit Caron, petition (in French). Prays for his liberation, having been accused by Laterrière, and nothing found criminal in his conduct. Has been employed in work on the fortifications under Twiss, and refers to those by whom he was guarded and to those who employed him for a report of his conduct, &c.	374
No date.	Petition (in French) of Louise Forton, for the release of her brother-in-law, Michel Forton, taken prisoner at Detroit on the charge of being in arms in the rebel cause.	376
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January 10, Montreal.	Petition (in French) from Madame Carignan for the release of her husband, Louis Carignan, with certificate of his loyalty by various officials, including Jacob Jordan, D. Claus, Major Carleton, &c.	379
March 19, Montreal.	Petition (in French) of François Prevenau, Michel Pillet and Pierre Mercier, inhabitants of Illinois, praying for their liberation,	

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as they were ordered out against the Indians, and could not be responsible for the intentions of those who ordered them to take arms. They refer to Rocheblave for a certificate of their conduct. Page 381
Petition (in French) of Pierre Lecomte praying that he be allowed to go to the Illinois to his family, and that his securities be relieved. 383

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St. Charles.

List (in French) of securities for the good behaviour of Pierre Chicoine. 384

June 20,
Quebec.

Petition (in French) of Marie Leduc, wife of Pierre Chicoine, for the release of her husband on bail. 385

No date.

Petition of Gerard Cochran for clothing. 387

Memorial from James Casety, William Bostwick, and Thomas Wiggins praying to be sent to Montreal. 388

Memorial of James Casety, William Bostwick, Gerard Cochran, Bonaventure Foucher and Thomas Wiggins, prisoners taken at Detroit, praying for relief. 390

Memorial (in French) from Bonaventure Foucher, asking to know the crime for which he is confined. 392

Memorial (in French) from Amable Foucher, lieutenant of militia at Chateauguay, praying for a pardon for his brother, Bonaventure, taken prisoner at Detroit. 393

Memorial (in French) from Joseph Le Vitre, a state prisoner, to be released, stating the nature of his dealings with the Bostonians, &c. 395

Petition (in French) from inhabitants of St. Ours for the release of Jean Baptiste La Porte, *dit* La Bonté, for whom they offer to become security. 397

Copy of a love song (in French) signed Fein and endorsed:—"Mr. Jean Jones, merchant, at Montreal, Esq." 399

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August 22,
Montreal.

Montgolfier to Haldimand (in French). Hopes to have a share of his favour with respect to the help he needs, as his work has greatly increased and he is himself becoming enfeebled. Has no doubt that the bishop will enter with pleasure into His Excellency's views, &c. 404

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February 15,
Montreal.

Same to the same (in French). Sends a sketch to explain the nature of the favour he asks. About ten years ago a young sub-deacon of Neves fled to England with a young woman and took service with the King's troops. They came to Canada, resolved to separate, and asked his (Montgolfier's) help towards finding employment. Their child is being brought up in Montreal; the mother was sent to the General Hospital in Quebec, where he (Montgolfier) paid her board for two years. She is now married to a habitant, to whom he gave a piece of land, and the two are living comfortably. The young man has been sent to the Indian mission at the Lake of Two Mountains, and has there learned the Iroquois language. He is now desirous to enter the priesthood, but before attempting to ordain him it is thought desirable to obtain His Excellency's approval, for which he now applies,

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believing that it would be for the King's service. Should the step be expressly forbidden he can only submit and obey His Excellency's decision. Page 405

May 26,
Montreal.

Montgolfier to Haldimand (in French). That in this moment of peace, there have arrived from France two of his friends. They are in secular dress, and he would neither allow them to declare themselves nor to exercise any functions before receiving His Excellency's consent. There is great need for their services, having last year lost one of his confrères and another is now dangerously ill. Hopes His Excellency will grant the favour of allowing the two arrivals to assume the priestly office. 408

May 30,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Montgolfier (in French). M. Gravé, the Vicar General, has also spoken to him on the subject of the two priests who have just arrived. He approves of his (Montgolfier's) prudence and discretion, but cannot say as much for the two priests, who went off to Montreal without presenting themselves before the Governor, leaving a bad impression respecting their designs, and leaving a false impression respecting the conduct of the gentlemen of the Seminary, which he has always represented in the most favourable light to His Majesty. He is very unwilling to refuse M. Montgolfier any mark of esteem, but explains at length the reason why the two priests must be sent back by the first ship, and to avoid publicity M. St. Ours has been sent to bring them to Quebec. 409

June 9,
Montreal,

Montgolfier to Haldimand (in French). Is willing to sacrifice all his hopes, where necessary, to meet the wishes of His Excellency for the good of the service, but submits the following proposition respecting the two new subjects (the two priests). One he proposes to send among the Indians to learn the language, so that he need not appear in public; the other, whose health is not good, he would send to the small college to assist the principal, who is alone. He cannot see how, without such assistance, the education of the large number of youth in this vast district is to be managed. 411

June 16,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Montgolfier (in French). Recapitulates the contents of his letter of the 30th of May, respecting the two young priests who introduced themselves clandestinely into this Province, and went on to Montreal without his knowledge. The Bishop was ill, and left to M. Gravé the duty of giving information on the subject; he had neglected this till the day after Montgolfier's letter was received, which conduct pained him. Was pleased that neither the Bishop nor Montgolfier had any part in the arrival of these gentlemen. Peace not being made public, perhaps not being concluded, he has no alternative but to send them off with as little publicity as possible. He deeply regrets he has to refuse Montgolfier's request, but the refusal does not change in any respect the esteem he entertains nor his interest in the support of the Seminary, to which he has rendered justice on all occasions. 413

June 19,

Brehm to Haldimand. Had delivered the letter to Montgolfier, who used every argument in favour of the priests staying in the Province, and even got into a passion, but cooled down, acknowledging that His Excellency would have granted the favour if he could have done so, and he knew his duty was to obey His Excellency. It appeared by Montgolfier's words as if he believed that Canada would fall to the French. The priests are to be ready to leave. 415

June 20,
Montreal.

Montgolfier to the same (in French.) Will leave the present case in His Excellency's hands with full confidence. Asks, however, if

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there can be no delay granted, or those strangers received on taking the oath of fidelity, prescribing such rules as may be suitable, or obtain a modification from the British Government in the severity of its laws by a graceful toleration; or if it is absolutely necessary to drive them out of the province, can they not be allowed to go to the neighboring Colonies, without exposing them suddenly to a dangerous crossing? These strangers are not spies as he may easily ascertain. States how these two priests came to Canada. Page 417

June 22, Brehm to Haldimand. Has arrived here with the two priests and waited on Riedesel; he intends setting off for Patrick's Hole to-day. Mr. Brassier is coming down to intercede for the two priests staying here. 420

June 22, Riedesel to the same (in French.) Arrival of the "Mercury" and of Major Brehm with the two priests. A priest of the Seminary of Montreal passed down, probably to intercede for these two gentlemen. The express for New York left the day before and may probably return in four weeks. He has begun to load two schooners, &c.; has put some of his own effects on board the "Mercury." 421

June 24, Brehm to the same. Has arrived here and waits orders respecting the two priests; one of them has asked leave to sleep ashore and to go by calèche to Quebec, the smell of the vessel making him sick. 423

June 24, Same to the same. Is ready to see the priests to Back (Bic) as soon as Captain Halero returns. The illness of one of the priests. 424

June 24, Same to Genevay. Asking him to send wine and provisions. 425

June 25, Same to Haldimand. He shall go as ordered and wait the arrival of the man of war. The priests do not complain of being sent back, but think it hard to go without money, clothes, &c.; they rather seem to like their return. 426

June 25, Fisher, surgeon's mate, to Mathews. One of the French priests was slightly ill yesterday, but appeared well this morning. Everything necessary has been left with the surgeon on board should medicine be required. 427

July 26, Affidavit of Fisher, surgeon's mate. That the French priest was well when he visited him yesterday, although he had been troubled with a slight diarrhoea the previous day. Everything requisite had been left on board. 428

June 26, Haldimand to Montgolfier (in French). Has sent by Mr. Brassier the answer to his letter and to the petition from the citizens of Montreal. The same duty which required sending the priests back (a painful duty to him) required their immediate departure, but did not lessen his esteem for M. Montgolfier, nor his sincere desire to be of use to the Seminary and to religion in general. It would have been desirable had these gentlemen preserved his (Montgolfier's) idea of incognito; they would thus have avoided representations which indicate more zeal than discretion, and which might cause obstacles to the carrying out of the good intentions of Government to supply the necessities, respecting which he is about to renew his requests to His Majesty, although it is unfortunate that he has had to meet with difficulties caused by excessive zeal, the effects of which cannot too soon be guarded against. 429

June 27, Brassier to Messrs. Casselle and Siquard, French priests (in French). That His Excellency had himself given him their letter.

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June 28,
Malbaie.

Everything had been done to obtain their return and the citizens of Montreal had sent two deputies to solicit the same, but His Excellency could not grant the favour. Counsels them to have patience and faith in God. Those in Canada are more to be pitied than they, overwhelmed as they are with difficulties; whilst they return to their own country. Is certain that the General would provide everything necessary for their comfort, and that the officers would procure them all that could make their situation agreeable. Sends an order on Watson and Rashley, who will advance fifty or a hundred guineas to carry them suitably to France. Page 431

June 28,
Quebec.

Brehm to Haldimand. Had arrived on the 26th, and lodged at Colonel Nairne's. After Sicard said Mass in the morning and breakfasted, he disappeared. Details given of the unsuccessful search; he is reported to have been seen at Les Eboulements. 433

Haldimand to Captain Marsh, H.M.S. "Bull Dog." Asking him to take charge of the two French priests, and to land them at the first port in England. They are to be treated with attention and tenderness on board. 438

June 28,
Quebec.

Same to Chambers. Is now able to give him leave of absence; has renewed in the strongest manner his application to have him (Chambers) promoted to the rank of Post Captain. 439

June 29,
Quebec.

Gravé, Vicar General, to Haldimand (in French). That on his arrival at Ange Gardien he learned that one of the French priests had escaped and had passed there yesterday. Lost no time in sending word. 440

June 30,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Montgolfier (in French). Encloses Gravé's letter; has taken no steps to follow Sicard, trusting that the Seminary will deliver him to St. Ours, by whom this letter is sent, and who has orders to take him back to Quebec. Out of respect for him (Montgolfier) and the Seminary, Sicard will experience no harsh treatment. 441

June 30,
Montreal.

Montgolfier to Haldimand (in French). So soon as he knew that the two strangers might give umbrage to Government, he made the sacrifice and only thought of the trouble that might fall on His Excellency, and how he could alleviate the lot of these two unfortunates. He never doubted that His Excellency was sincerely desirous to render all the services possible on this occasion. Regrets the hasty steps taken by the citizens of Montreal, who are, however, faithful to Government. He had sent Brassier to Quebec to assure His Excellency of his perfect submission and his desire that provision might be made for the comfort of the exiles on their passage. Trusts that so great a complication will not affect His Excellency's goodness towards himself nor his benevolent inclinations towards a people entrusted to his care, and which should, on its side, rest with entire confidence in his desire for its well being in respect to religion as to its temporal interests. 442

June 30,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Brehm. Has received his letter of the 29th (28th see p. 433) with notice of the escape of the French priest. Having reason to believe that he is trying to get into one of the American States, all his papers are to be secured, and an inventory taken in the presence of Captain Marsh and Captain Chambers. As the "Bull Dog" was aground, which he did not know when the first part of the letter was written, the escaped priest may be caught and sent back before she sails, but she is not to be detained should she be able to sail with a fair wind. If the priest be found, it will be unnecessary to search for his papers. 444

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June 30,
Quebec. Haldimand to Marsh. Orders to examine the papers of the two French priests. Page 446
- July 1,
Montreal. Montgolfier to Haldimand (in French). His grief at the flight of Sicard; has neither seen him, nor does he know where he is, but if he can learn will bring him back to his duty. 455
- July 3,
Montreal. St. Ours to the same (in French). Orders were sent by Montgolfier to all the curés to look out for Sicard. He has just arrived at the Seminary, and arrangements are being made to set off at once as ordered. 457
- July 3,
Montreal. Montgolfier to the same (in French). Does not know the road Sicard followed, or where he rested. His only reason for flight was his insurmountable repugnance to the sea. The young man's foolish step shows that he need not be feared, but is rather an object of compassion, and he (Montgolfier) appeals to His Excellency's goodness to continue that towards him. 458
- July 7,
Quebec. Haldimand to St. Ours. Instructions for sending off the two French priests by the "Bull Dog," or if one of them is already on board and the "Bull Dog" has sailed, he is to go to Bic with the priest who had escaped and await orders. Lieutenant Deschambault of the 8th Regiment is to accompany him. 459
- July 10,
Montreal. The citizens of Montreal (by Adhémar) to the citizens of Quebec (in French). Proposing a joint petition for leave to bring priests from Europe, and to claim the civil rights they believe they should enjoy, as forming nineteen-twentieths of the population. Draughts of the proposed memorials are enclosed to support the prayer of the petition, one showing the necessity for having priests, and the other containing the different reasons which prove that as respects civil rights they have not a proportionate share. There should be no personal reflections, as they have freely exercised their religion till now. There is every reason to hope that His Excellency, General Haldimand, will support their just demands by his recommendation, and it is only in this confidence that they are acting. 460
- July 10,
Montreal. Montgolfier to Haldimand (in French). That he has taken no share in the plan adopted by his fellow-citizens to procure the assistance they think necessary for their religion, but hopes that if they are fair and reasonable he (Haldimand) may favour them. He is now on the edge of the grave, and will confine himself within the strict bounds of his ministry. 462
- July 13,
Bic. St. Ours to the same (in French). Arrived this morning. The priest, who was very ill, has been landed, and will be cared for. There is no danger of his escape. The station is not agreeable. Deschambault sends his respects. 463
- July 14,
Quebec. Haldimand to Montgolfier (in French). The bad effect produced by the indiscreet proceedings of the Seminary at Paris he had anticipated, and the mistaken kindness of Montgolfier in allowing the two priests to assume the garb and exercise the ecclesiastical functions pained more than irritated him. The abuse of indulgence by Sicard increased his uneasiness as to the bad impression it would cause against the Seminary of Montreal and it was for this reason he had not sent in pursuit of the priest, but had sent St. Ours to him (Montgolfier). Points out the indiscretion of the citizens of Montreal, whose attempt to keep two French priests who were known only by their clandestine and disrespectful arrival, shows rather a desire towards the nation from which they came than respect for religion. These two priests had the boldness to tell Brehm that the property of the Seminary of Montreal belonged to the Seminary

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of Paris and that it was a great injustice to prevent them from enjoying it. On his (Haldimand's) arrival in Canada he conceived a real esteem for Montgolfier and the Seminary of Montreal. Their services in 1775 and 1776, and his own experience after his return confirmed this opinion. Hopes that nothing may change it.

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July 15,
Bic.

St. Ours to Haldimand (in French). Almost a duplicate of the letter of the 13th. 467

July 18,

Certificate by Joseph Pearce, hospital surgeon, of the slight illness of one of the priests. 468

July 24,
Montreal.

Adhémar to Dupré, Colonel of militia (in French). Informs him of the intention to petition the King on the subject of the exercise of their religion and their civil rights. No one will be accused. The proposal has been submitted to His Excellency, who there is reason to hope will support the petition. The surest way to gain the desired end is to act with decency on an occasion which interests 130,000 subjects, and he desires that the steps taken should not be marked by a spirit of cabal or of party, and should he himself be an obstacle he would at once retire. He does not write in any public capacity, and nothing will be done until the counsels of the Quebec citizens are received. Asks him to consider the plan and to consult with others, so that the wisest opinions may be obtained. 469

July 27,

Memorial showing the need of the Province of Quebec to have ecclesiastical persons, and its interest to obtain them from Europe for the increase of the Roman Catholic religion. 472

July —

Memorandum by Major Brehm of the expressions made use of by Montgolfier concerning the order to send back the two French priests. 482

July —
Malbaie.

Memorandum by Brehm of the assertions by Casselle, one of the French priests, that the seignior of Montreal belongs to the Seminary of St. Sulpice of Paris. 485

August 25,

Deschambault, père, to Mabane (in French). Stating the steps that Adhémar has been taking to have the petition to the King signed, &c. 486

September 15,
Quebec.

Haldimand to the same (in French). Believes, like him, that Montgolfier was not initiated into all the mysteries of iniquity at Montreal for procuring French priests, especially from St. Sulpice. The steps taken by Brassier, leaving no doubt of the evil coming from St. Sulpice, it will be held responsible by Government for the evil consequences of the steps taken by persons under its influence. Adhémar and Delisle venture to call themselves deputies of the whole Province, although only named by a few in Montreal, and by a paper hawked about from door to door, but they shall never have his support and their proceedings must be regularly taken with the respect due to Government. He will be very easy on the subject. 488

September 16,
Montreal.

Mabane to Haldimand. Is sorry to find that there was so much reason to be dissatisfied with Brassier, who under pretence of zeal for religion and resentment at the two French priests being sent away, had used the influence the wealth of the Seminary gives him to stir the citizens of Montreal to measures which will be productive of jealousies and dissensions. The British subjects will resume the conduct which before the outbreak of the late rebellion brought the colony to the brink of ruin. Sends sketch of an answer to Adhémar and Delisle. 489

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September 21,
Montreal.

Mabane to Mathews. The subterfuges of Gordon to avoid furnishing the remaining £3,000. The letter to Mathews should be sent to Williams, Solicitor General, to be answered, who could show that by neglecting, and acting in many cases against, orders, he had done injury, not only to the Crown, but to his constituents. Gives an account of his interview with Montgolfier, in which he (Mabane) attributed the mischievous efforts of Adhémar and Delisle to Brassier's influence, although he had no doubt tried to moderate matters. Montgolfier admitted Brassier's meddling, but thought Adhémar had led him into it. Had read the petition, letters, &c., from Adhémar, by which Montgolfier saw that the attempt was to unsettle what had been already settled, and seemed sensible of the bad consequences, and although he was desirous to have priests from the Seminary of Paris, he would take no steps without the General's approbation; that the business of the deputies was improper and ungrateful to the General who had taken steps unsolicited to procure priests from Europe. He (Mabane) told him that this was not a proper time to urge getting priests from St. Sulpice in Paris; that the conduct of Brassier with respect to the Montreualists demanding priests from France only showed that the whole Seminary was not inspired with the same sentiments of discretion and duty as Montgolfier. Believes that Montgolfier has been kept in ignorance with regard to these transactions. Has discussed the matter with St. George (Dupré), who is sensible of the dangerous consequences of the measure, and will have such a letter prepared as the General desires. Advised him, if St. Luc is irresolute, to suggest his calling on Montgolfier. Does not think that Adhémar is agreeable to him (Dupré), but if there are to be deputies, the present self-constituted ones are as good as any.

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October 17,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Faulkner, H. M. S. "Proselyte." In the present state of uncertainty cannot detain his ship for dispatches. Will write to the Admiralty explaining the reason for the detention. 495

No date.

St. Ours to Baron Thonderfeldt, A.D.C. (in French). Has arrived with the gentleman in question and is awaiting orders where to take him. Asks him (Thonderfeldt) to come to his house to remain with the gentleman in question, so that he (St. Ours) may go to the General. The precaution, however, is not altogether necessary, as it is not likely he will commit another absurdity. 496

Copy of a sermon (in French) which was to have been preached by M. Sicard, after his arrival at Montreal in June. 447

Address (in French, not signed) of the noblesse, bourgeoisie and other Roman Catholic inhabitants of the Province of Quebec. 497

Copy of a circular (in French) to be addressed to one or more of the principal men of each parish, asking them to make a collection to meet the expenses of deputies sent with a petition to the King for leave to bring priests from Europe. 500

The following papers to page 507 are marked "No. 33. Memorial from one LePage, a servant to the Jesuit at the Indian village of St. François, state prisoner, in 1782 and 1783." 502

1782.
September 28,
Quebec.

Petition (in French) from LePage, praying to be discharged, he taking the oath of allegiance. 505

1775.
October 8,
Fort Pitt. Eph. Blaine to Elliott. Hopes that his health will soon be restored. His brother's and his (Elliot's) people were stopped here on account of the treaty and sent back for flour, which was a great injury to the horses. His brother has got a little assortment of goods for Elliot, for which other horses are needed. Asks him to use all industry in getting peltry. Page 538
- October 31,
The Spring. Richard Conner to the same. Has sold the goods got from him (Elliott), and has the skins ready to pay for them. The rest of the letter relates entirely to goods, &c., the purchase of a horse from "The Snake," and his need of nails, as otherwise his house must remain half shingled all winter, as he could not get a nail at the Fort, and there is not a pound of iron in the town. 539
- December 17,
Niagara. Thomas Robison to Captain Cornwall. Is sorry to hear that his (Cornwall's) vessel has been stranded, but it's a great consolation no lives are lost. By Caldwell's orders, he has sent off Thorn with four good men and provisions sufficient to bring him and his people to Fort Erie. Caldwell sends positive orders to quit the wreck and to bring the most valuable things, destroying what remains to prevent it falling into the enemy's hands. He is to avoid all disputes with the savages. 541
- No date.
1776.
February 2,
Pittsburg. Account of merchandise destroyed by order of Colonel Caldwell, commanding at Niagara, the property of Adhémar St. Martin. 571
Alexander Blaine to Elliot. If guns or traps are wanted to write at once, so that they may be sent. David Duncan will go down in spring and take anything wanted. Is setting off for Carlisle; wishes to know which way he (Elliot) is coming home, as he may be of service to him. It is thought there will be a great campaign to Detroit this spring; will make interest to have their horses employed. 542
- June 6,
Pittsburg. Account due by Matthew Elliot to Simon and Campbell. 545
- June 20,
Pittsburg. Pass given by G. Morgan, Indian Superintendent for the United Colonies, to "Silver Heels," a friendly Indian, to pass and repass the Ohio River. 570
- June 24,
Pittsburg. Account sales by Alexander Abraham of goods belonging to Matthew Elliot. 547, 548
- July 6,
Lower Shaw-
anese town. George Mason to Winston and Kennedy, Illinois. Has promised "Silver Heels" \$60 to carry this letter. Being here on public business, desires to know the exact quantity of flour and beef that could be furnished to a company or two of men at Kaskaskias on the 25th of December. If one of the partners could come back with "Silver Heels" it might be to their advantage, but the business must be kept secret. Had been in hopes from his connection with Kennedy that he would have sent a parcel of horses and Spanish brood mares by land to Pittsburg or Philadelphia, but has heard nothing since then. The conveyance between New Orleans and Philadelphia is blocked up, in consequence of the misunderstanding between the Colonies and Britain. They are contending for their liberty, in which they have been successful beyond their hopes, Quebec being now the only post occupied by the British forces. Desires them to purchase, so as to be at Pittsburg next October or November, from 15 to 30 of the best mares, geldings or horses that can be purchased, and a like number in May, preferring Spanish brood mares or fillies. It would be worth Winston's while to come with "Silver Heels," about the lands in Indiana. Asks the price of powder, lead, dry goods, &c., at the Illinois. 549

1776.
 September 1, James Fraser to his wife, at Lancaster. Sending a remittance, with injunctions to economise, so as to be of as little trouble to her friends as possible. Page 553
- September 16, Ephraim Douglass to Elliot. Respecting some money matters. 554
 Kittanning.
- September 30, Alexander Blaine to the same. How he is to dispose of the skins and furs; skins are now selling high; the horses to be sent to good pasture. His brother expects the victualling of the troops raised in the Province; if he gets it a large quantity of flour will be required. Not to sell the goods yet, as there will be good sale for them and the liquors. He should look over the things at Duncan's, and have tobacco dust put over them to keep them free of worms. 555
 Carlisle.
- October 14, Permit to Matthew Elliot to trade with the Shawanese, issued by George Morgan, agent for the United States, in accordance with a resolution of Congress of 29th April, 1776. 541
 Kittsburg.
- October 15, Ephraim Douglass to Elliot. From the reports of murders down the river is afraid of the safety of his goods and person by his going out at such a time. Cannot see him, but he may depend on his (Douglass') punctuality in taking the rum on the terms agreed on. It is his misfortune that he cannot leave the service without offending those whose good opinion he cannot bear to forfeit. The pack-horses will be here in the morning. Desires to know how and when he can get the rum. 556
 Kittanning.
- October 17, Elliot to Blaine. Is ready to start for the towns (Shawanese towns); everything is over the river. Michel is left to take charge of 26 horses. There are twelve horse loads of skins he was not able to send down, the horses being too poor for that purpose. The rum is left with David Duncan. Is not afraid of danger in going to the towns, as he is to be escorted by a party of Shawanese down and up; expects to be back by Christmas. The danger among the Indians is not great this fall, but there will be hell to pay next spring. Business matters, &c., follow. At the end of the letter is a list of goods intended to be taken to the Shawanese towns. 558
 Pittsburg.
- October — Invoice of sundry goods, the property of Mathew Elliot, taken from him by the savages in October, 1776. Then follows a certificate by Alexander McKee that when Elliot left Fort Pitt in 1776, he intended to put himself and property under the protection of the King's Government. 561
 Pittsburg.
- November 19, William Wilson to Elliot. Has had trouble hunting for his horses; hears that Burgoyne has destroyed all Arnold's fleet on Lake Champlain but two vessels. The feeling that he (Elliot) is not for the good of the country, and Morgan has expressed disgust at him. In the meantime he (Wilson) is going off to look for skins. 562
 Shirtee's Creek.
1777.
 January 30, Michel Cassell to the same. Has come down to the mouth of the Great Kammant (Kanawha?) but will not come to the towns till he has received a letter how things are. What is he to do with the three kegs of rum? 564
 Fort Randolph.
- March 19, Schedule of papers and paper money taken from a trunk belonging to Mathew Elliot by P. Dejean, J.P., also certificate by Norman McLeod and Gregor McGregor, of the correctness of the list, dated 31st March, and declaration by Michael Herbert, servant to Elliot, that his master came to Detroit to get goods, if possible, to carry back to Shawanese towns to retrieve his losses. 565
 Detroit.
- The paper money of Virginia and of the United Colonies. 575

1784.
July 21, Memorial by Elliot, stating his losses, sufferings, &c., in His Majesty's service since the beginning of the rebellion, praying, if he be not allowed half pay, that he be employed in the Indian Department, and have a share in the distribution of Crown lands at Detroit. States in what battles he was engaged, and refers to Lieutenant Governor Hamilton, Major Lernoult, Colonel DePeyster, Captain McKee and Mr. Baby. Page 568
- No date. Notes for Detroit by Captain Brehm, containing lists of goods lost, the property of Adhémar and of Elliot. 567

The following papers to page 602 are marked: "No. 59. Sentences of death passed upon criminals, &c., from 1779 to 1784, and of a murder at Three Rivers." The title is erroneous, the papers consisting in judicial proceedings, sentences of imprisonment, the pillory, death, &c., besides petitions for clemency. 582

1780.
March 21, Proceedings in the case of Joseph Howard for trading in the
Montreal. upper country without a license; tried before the weekly court of justice at Montreal. Howard sentenced to pay a fine of £50. 582
1781.
September 15, Sentences by the Court of King's Bench:—William Blunt for
Montreal. murder, convicted, to be hanged; Elijah Lawrence, for grand larceny, convicted with a recommendation to mercy, to be hanged; Robert Middleton for intent to commit rape, convicted, nine months' imprisonment and a fine of £25. 585
1782.
November 16, Sentences of the Court of King's Bench, Quebec. Robert Wallace
Quebec. and John Tool for highway robbery, convicted, to be hanged. 587
1783.
December 4, Sentences of the Court of King's Bench, Quebec. John Hook,
Quebec. John Collins, and William Sunney, for larceny, convicted, to be imprisoned and to stand in the pillory. Patrick Hussey, receiving stolen goods, the same sentence. John Hook, John Collins, and John Ling, grand larceny, to be hanged. Joseph Macklin for falsifying current coin, fined £100 and to be imprisoned till the fine is paid. 588
1784.
March 13, Sentences of the Court of King's Bench, Montreal, on the follow-
Montreal. ing convicted prisoners:—Frederick Gardner, Jacob Banne, Timothy O'Brien, Thomas McDonald, William Reece, James Richardson, David Price, Thomas Shepherd; for grand larceny, sentenced to be imprisoned and burned in the hand. Diedrich Hobert and François Charpentier to be twice whipped in the public market place of Montreal by the common hangman. Mary Josette Potdevin, to be placed in stocks with a label on her breast specifying her crime. The trials of other prisoners were postponed. 593
- July 20, Evidence given before the Court of Quarter Sessions concerning
Quebec. John Woodward, a blacksmith, charged with appropriating axes belonging to the King's service. 595
- September 20. Sentences of the Court of King's Bench, Montreal. Henry
Montreal. Choret, Louis Mondoux, for stealing cattle and sheep, to be hanged. Antoine Kughle, John Miller, and Diedrich Fletcher, for receiving stolen goods, to be imprisoned and placed in the public stocks. John Abbot and Henry Arekle, for grand larceny, to be imprisoned and whipped by the public hangman. Charles Casou (père) and Angélique Tessier, his wife, Mary Roseau, Widow Desar, for receiving stolen goods, to be imprisoned, to be marched through the city with a halter round their necks; Mary Roseau to be whipped by the common hangman. Michel Rames *dit* Decareaux, Angélique

Toulouse, Widow Tessier, and Marie Louise Tessier, Widow Lamarque, for receiving stolen goods, to be imprisoned and put in the stocks. Page 601

No date.

Memorial from John Collins, John Hook and John Ling, under sentence of death, to Colonel Hope, commanding the 44th Regiment, praying that he would intercede with Haldimand for a mitigation of their sentence. 590

Memorial from John Ling to Haldimand for a mitigation of his sentence. 591

JOURNAL OF COL. DE LA BALME.

B. 186.

B.M., 21,846.

1779.

Record of his journey from Boston to Machias; his stay among the troops and Indians under Colonel Allan and the doings on the Penobscot. (See also B. 184-1.)

POCKET BOOK TAKEN FROM A REBEL SERGEANT.

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Order for picket duty.	Page 2
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CORRESPONDENCE WITH COLONEL THOMAS CARLETON AND OTHERS.

1778-1784.

B. 188.

B.M., 21,848.

1778.
May 12,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Thomas Carleton. Wishes him to come down as Foy's papers, public and private, are in such a situation that they should be finally arranged in his (Carleton's) presence. Hopes that he will at the same time bring the vouchers of his own department for 1778. Page 53

September 10,
Montreal.

Thomas Carleton to Haldimand. Had delayed for one day the march of the detachment employed on the roads, on Captain Campbell's representation that time would be necessary to finish the work begun. If the Germans arrive this evening the remaining part of the battalion will leave to-morrow; if not, a relief will be left for the guards. The transport of artillery begins to-morrow with 60 horses; St George hopes to have a larger number in a few days. Sends regulations for the allowance to the inhabitants for transport horses; hopes these will be extended to the artillery transport. 1

September 17,
Montreal.

Same to the same. The transport of provisions to the upper posts goes on steadily. Owing to the disobedience and desertion of the inhabitants, the lower parishes have not sent their quota of men to assist. A detachment of emigrants sent to Pointe Claire and

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- Isle Perrot to assist the captains of militia to execute their orders. Proposes to supply the Brunswick troops with the clothing sent for Burgoyne's army. Page 3
- September 21, Thomas Carleton to Haldimand. The Brunswick grenadiers have
Montreal. allowed prisoners to escape; the sentry has been confined. The Indians recommended to send scouts to apprehend the escaped prisoners. The "Liberty" carries up four Hessian three-pounders. A schooner and gun-boat shall be loaded with quartermaster general's stores. Arrival of Nairne with 20 men of the emigrants, leaving an equal number at Longueuil. 4
- September 22, Same to the same. Transmits narrative of Campbell who
Montreal. arrived last night. Lieut.-Colonel Campbell will state the circumstances of the taking of three New Englanders at Chateauguay. The Indian who brought them down thinks them dangerous; is inclined to think they only meant to earn their bread by labour. 5
- September 24, Same to the same. Ensign Hamilton of the 47th, recommended
Montreal. to be sent to one of the Indian villages, has been guilty of liberties which make it doubtful if he has steadiness enough for the service. The transport for the upper posts will, he hopes, be completed by the first week in October. 6
- September 28, Same to Foy. Asks him to state to the commander-in-chief that
Montreal. Major St. George is doubtful if the number of men required for the 40 additional bateaux asked for by the Commissary General can be obtained at this late season. 7
- October 1, Same to Haldimand. Lieut.-Colonel Campbell has sent to Chat-
Montreal. eauquay to inquire into the truth of the story told by the three New Englanders taken up by the savages. It has been the practice to send prisoners to the Recollet Convent when there was no room in the provost. Has ordered the rooms usually allotted for this purpose to be prepared for part now in the Jesuits. Sir John Johnson sets out for Sorel with royalists; others of this description sent or to be sent. 8
- October 3, Same to the same. The three men taken up at Chateauguay by
Montreal. Indians had been working there for several months; has released them and let them return. The inhabitants of Quinchien and Vaudreuil are very refractory and pay no regard to their captains of militia; a company of Brunswickers might be sent from Terrebonne to bring them to reason. 9
- October 9, Same to the same. The dispatches were brought down by two
Montreal. officers of the 8th going on recruiting service. Lieut.-Colonel Bolton desired them to say that most of the Schala nation had gone against the main body of the rebels marching on the German Flats. 10
- October 12, Same to the same. Major Nairne would be glad to enlist into the
Montreal. emigrants three soldiers of the 62nd from Burgoyne's army and also John Kertel, who deserted from a rebel scout near Oswegatchie. 11
- October 15, Same to the same. Ensign Hamilton of the 47th has been sent
Montreal. to his regiment. Lieutenant Brown of the 31st has been recommended for employment in the Indian Department. 12
- October 15, Same to the same. Reports the character of Stuart carried off
Montreal. by Indians from his own house on the west side of Lake George. Mr. Jones, late barrack-master, vouches for him; offers to keep him at his own house and produce him when required. The proposal has been accepted. Has ordered Gamble to lay in at Quebec a quantity of timber sufficient to build 100 bateaux. 13

1778.
October 19, Montreal. Thomas Carleton to Haldimand. Recommends Ensign Blankley of the 31st Regiment to succeed to Hill's lieutenantancy in the 29th, giving his reasons for passing over the ensigns in the regiment. Page 14
- October 23, Montreal. Same to the same. There are still 18 bateaux short of the number proposed for the lakes, owing to the disobedience and desertion of the inhabitants. The emigrants are so weak that they could not afford the detachments to the parishes and the Canadians pay little regard to orders that are not enforced. 15
- October 27, Montreal. Same to the same. Sends dispatches arrived from the upper posts. Twelve bateaux with provisions have been sent from Lachine since last report. 16
- October 29, Montreal. Same to the same. Sends by express dispatches received from Brigadier Powell. Arrival of three deserters from Washington, who was at White Plains with 20,000 men. All quiet since the affair at Monmouth. 17
- November 2, Montreal. Same to the same. Nine bateaux are at Lachine of those to be sent to the upper country; hopes to dispatch them in the course of the week. Proposes to visit Isleaux Noix next week. 18
- November 5, Montreal. Same to the same. Respecting prisoners and deserters. The remainder of the bateaux with provisions leave to-day. Has directed twelve empty bateaux to be left at the Cedars, by which three weeks may be gained in the spring, as any quantity may be sent there during the winter. Submits if there is any need of two commandants at Montreal, now that the transport service is over. 19
- November 9, Montreal. Same to the same. The bad weather has caused the desertion of all the Canadians from the last brigade of provision boats, some said to be left at the Cedars, but no regular report received. It is doubtful if another brigade can be got off. Twenty-two families of loyalists (111 persons) are on their way from Niagara; some have arrived, and in want of clothing. Proposed to send them to L'Assomption, where the inhabitants are very disobedient and the chief cause of the failure to get up the provisions to the posts. 20
- November 25, Montreal. Same to the same. On account of the severity of the weather, eight bateaux have been stopped at the Cedars and four at Lachine. Bolton reports twelve families (84 persons) to be on their way down; has sent to stop them at Point Claire, where they can be billeted on the inhabitants. The families ordered to Isle Jésus are in quarters at Lachine, where they can be more readily supplied; a few with sick children are in Montreal, and have applied for wood; a large number of applications has been made for the same article, asks orders on this head. Six prisoners brought in by a scout; all deny taking any part in the rebellion; three are vouched for by Jones, who served with Burgoyne and was very useful. 21
- December 10, Montreal. Same to the same. Prisoners brought in by the Indians claimed by Sir John Johnson and an officer of Jessup's corps, and transferred to the respective applicants. Applications for wood by St. Luc on account of the expnse for fuel caused by the Indians and by Major St. George (Dupré) as commissary of corvées. Suggests sending troops to be quartered in the refractory parishes of Isle Jésus, St. Martin, St. Rose, Quinchien, Vaudreuil. All the companies of L'Assomption, except the two in front upon the Great River, were also refractory. 23
- December 19, Montreal. Same to the same. Forwards a packet arrived from Carleton Island. 24

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December 20,
Montreal. Thomas Carleton to Haldimand. Has received and will communicate orders respecting the Chasseurs and Hanaus. Quinchien and Vaudrenil are the only refractory parishes unoccupied after the march of the Chasseurs and Captain Shoil's detachment. The party of Barner's corps will be sufficient to bring them to their duty. The necessary arrangements respecting the loyalists shall be made before he leaves for Isle aux Noix ; thence he goes to Quebec. Page 25
- December 24,
L'Assomption. Crezbourg to Captain Dazé of Isle Jésus (in French). Order to lodge a part of Schoell's company. 26
- December 27,
Montreal. Carleton to Haldimand. Gives in some detail his arrangements for quartering the troops, so as to exempt the parishes which had shown alacrity in duty, including the companies of La Croix and Dazé, but by order enclosed (p.26) it would be seen that Crezbourg had sent a requisition to Dazé. Complaints of Captain Schoell unfounded ; how the inconveniences he complains of can be removed. Shall send the Grenadiers to Quinchien and Vaudrenil, which have been the most refractory parishes. Reports a fire in Montreal. 27
- December 27,
Montreal. List (in French) of the number of militia on the River Duchêne de Blainville, where Schoell's men are quartered. 30
1779.
January 3,
Montreal. Carleton to Haldimand. Dispatches for the upper posts have been sent off. Being apprehensive that the removal of the loyalists would be attended with much suffering to the women and children, he has suspended the operation of the order till His Excellency's pleasure is further known. 31
- January 7,
Quebec. Haldimand to Carleton. That he approves of the proposal to leave the loyalists where they are, instead of sending them to Machiche at this season. Sends duplicate of the distribution of Ehrencrook and Barner's troops. Desires him to send down Maurer. 32
- January 10,
Isle aux Noix. Carleton to Haldimand. Has received and communicated to Ehrencrook the copy of the distribution of quarters. 33
- April 21,
Quebec. Haldimand to Carleton. Authority to take command of the town and garrison of Montreal. This will be the means of his accelerating the transport of provisions for the upper posts. 34
- April 29,
Montreal. Carleton to Haldimand. Sends letter from Mr. Davis, with note from the Oneidas to a Mr. Stevens. The officer who brought it down was cognisant of its contents. Captain Fraser directed to go to Oswegatchie. The transport has begun tolerably well ; 12 bateaux have gone from the Cedars, 10 from Lachine ; 12 more go off to-day. The party for the Cedars march to-day ; that for Carillon to-morrow. There is a suspicion of two canoes having gone up the Great River (Ottawa). 35
- April 30,
Quebec. Haldimand to Carleton. Hopes he is earnestly employed pushing forward the transport of provisions, on which so much depends. He is to punish men who may desert or be disobedient on this service. Cannot allow goods to be sent away till there is intelligence from Detroit ; where the merchants will cheerfully assist in the transport. Apprehends that Bouchette has already passed on his way to Lake Ontario ; Schank, with bateaux loaded with naval stores, will soon be up, and is to be assisted with pilots. The detachment from the emigrants, if not already gone, is to be sent to the Great River (Ottawa) with the strictest orders that no boats, bateaux or canoes pass the post without producing his (Haldimand's) pass. 36

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May 1,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Carleton. Four light bateaux for expresses to be got ready, two to be at the Cedars and two at Carleton Island, to be used only for this purpose. Page 37

May 3,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Has received the letter from Ensign Davis and the note from Schenectady, which may safely be delivered to Stevens, whose brother must not correspond with him except through friends to Government. Is glad that Fraser's and the other parties are on the move; they are to be recommended to a strict observance of orders. Sends copy of letters to Gray and Howard respecting the canoes supposed to have gone up the Great River. Is informed by Lieut. Colonel Campbell that Montreal merchants are debauching the Caughnawaga Indians by sending them off with goods to trade in different places; to send for the merchants, particularly Beaubien and Montigny and others whom Campbell may point out, and warn them that all goods shall be stopped unless a particular pass be granted, and that all shall be punished who dare to disobey. Ensign Hope is to return to Oswegatchie as soon as possible. Had Brehm passed the post? Indian officers to protect the communication along which the transport passes. If the St. Regis and Caughnawaga Indians are as faithful as represented, this should be done effectually. 38

May 3,
Montreal.

Carleton to Haldimand. The transport going on well, 36 bateaux have been sent off, and a brigade leaves to-day. The orders to punish desertion shall be attended to. Hopes there may be no want of bateaux; there will shortly be 80 of their own, and the merchants may furnish 30. Bouchette not yet arrived. A sergeant and 12 men sent to the Great River. Proposes to go to the Cedars to see if anything can be done to facilitate transport at the carrying place. Mohawks returned with the prisoners; one is known to be a good subject; the other is a lad of 16. They are kept in the provost till the General's pleasure is known. Davis, a prisoner, is shrewd and sensible; he says he has a secret he wishes to communicate to the commander-in-chief. 40

May 6,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Carleton. The transport service to be carried on actively; every neglect in this respect to be punished. Does not wish to take the merchants' bateaux except in the last extremity: prefers to send 30 or 40 from Quebec. The men engaged by the merchants for the upper country may be employed when the service requires it. Sends, for his perusal, instructions for McDougall's guidance at Carleton Island. He is to forward them at once. Will push forward Aubry and the 47th to Niagara. The Royal Emigrants to proceed directly to Carleton Island, leaving behind any unfit for service; they are to take as many provisions as possible; the Canadian guides will bring back two empty bateaux. The detachment of the 31st now at Oswegatchie to be relieved by another company of the Royal Emigrants. He and Nairne are to select an able captain who shall leave all of his company who may be unfit for service, and any suspected are to be sent to Carleton Island. Further arrangements at Oswegatchie. Bouchette to be sent forward on arrival, and to take charge of rum for Carleton Island. The two prisoners (p. 40) to be kept at the provost, but not closely confined. Davis to be sent to Quebec under guard. 42

May 6,
Montreal.

Carleton to Haldimand. There is reason to think Stevens a bad subject, whose intelligence cannot be depended on. Howard passed with four canoes about twelve days ago, going up the Great River. Notice shall be given to Beaubien and Montigny and other merchants

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May 10,
Quebec.

(p. 39). Hope has returned to Oswegatchie with Fraser. Two light express bateaux ready; will send two to the island. Will speak, personally, of the provision store at the Cedars. Men engaged to go up the Great River with four canoes. Owing to reasons given in detail, he has stopped these canoes. Page 45

May 10,
Montreal.

Haldimand to Carleton. Approves of shipping the bateaux for Michillimakinak. St. George to engage other men. The necessity of a regular plan for the corvée. His (Carleton's) pass will be sufficient for Government stores; merchants' goods require a special pass. Brehm reports his opinion of the best situation for stores at the Cedars, but has no doubt that he (Carleton) will order everything suitable. Believes there is no danger of a serious attack on the lower parts of the Province; will, therefore, employ all his strength in supplying the upper posts 48

May 12,
Quebec.

Carleton to Haldimand. Orders for Macdougall received and shall be forwarded. Bouchette proceeds with seamen for the lakes to-morrow; arrangements for sending up Macdougall's company, and that of Captain Robinson for Oswegatchie. Arrangements for securing men for transport. 50

May 13,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Carleton (in French). Sends intelligence sent by Brigadier Powell of the enemy's designs. He is to send off expresses to warn the posts as far as Niagara. The two companies of emigrants and the sailors will be a good re-inforcement; will send more troops when provisions admit of it. Fraser to send two good parties to Fort Stanwix for intelligence. 52

May 13,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Three German deserters sent to Montreal with a Canadian who assisted them. The strictest examination to be made respecting the Canadian, so as to have proof to punish him. The deserters, after this has been done, are to be sent in irons to Ehrencrook at Three Rivers. Is pleased at the progress in the transport of provisions, as he hopes to be able soon to re-inforce the upper posts. 54

June 17,
Quebec.

Carleton to Haldimand. Has directed St. George to furnish good men for the canoes at Michillimakinak. A storehouse can be completed at the Cedars in the autumn if begun in July. Bouchette with a part of the seamen left Lachine on Tuesday; Schank with the remaining seamen goes off to-morrow. Macdougall's company is gone; Robinson's goes to-day; 80 bateaux are gone with provisions; the transport will go on expeditiously. Will leave for Quebec at the beginning of the week. 55

August 19,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Carleton. Desires him to ascertain with the Commissary General the best method of supplying the troops with provisions, as a scarcity is threatened unless some of the ships arrive soon. 56

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February 4,
St. John's.

Carleton to Haldimand. The death of Major Crozier of the 29th Regiment leaves a vacancy. Recommends Dixon for the majority, and the consequent promotion of Lieut. Mak and Ensign Losack. 57

March 2,
Quebec.

Thomas Gamble, D. Q. M. G., to the same. Represents the hardship of his promotion to the rank of major not having been published, and that he has been subjected to the mortification of being commanded by a captain, till the secretary of war's answer is received. 58

Haldimand to Gamble. That the King's desire was that the promotion to the rank of major was to be confirmed to him (Gamble) or suppressed as he (Haldimand) should decide. That in common

1780. justice to many much older officers it was impossible for him to confirm it. Page 60
- March 10, Gamble to Mathews. Represents that there are no older captains in this army than himself, and states his long services as a reason for his obtaining the promotion. 61
- March 23, Mathews to Gamble. Had laid his letter before the General, who Quebec. had not refused the promotion from disapprobation of his services, but in justice to officers older in rank. His Excellency thinks it better that an individual should be dissatisfied without cause, than that many should be unjustly injured. 63
- June 6, Gamble to Haldimand. Has arrived in the first vessel this year ; Detroit. hopes the disputes in the 47th are settled. Further on the subject of the majority that has been refused him. 64
- July 6, Mathews to Maurer, inspector of bateaux. A company of bateaumen to be formed from the loyalists not attached to particular corps, to be commanded by Herkimer. 66
- August 28, Haldimand to Gamble. Has not yet received a letter from the Quebec. War Office; has no doubt it will, when received, confirm his (Gamble's) statement. The court martial not yet over; when the service permits he shall have orders to return to his duty in the Q. M. G. Department. 67
- September 18, Mathews to Maurer. Day, the Commissary General, has been Quebec. desired to forward flour to Carleton Island without delay, there not being nearly enough for Niagara and district. Confusion felt by Herkimer as to the duties of the bateaumen engaged by him; he (Maurer) is to go for a day or two to Coteau du Lac to put them in order, that they may become useful. He will act by the instructions given to Herkimer; these are further explained. Herkimer is said to be collecting women and children rather than men, he is to be informed that this is not the intention. 68
- September 25, Maurer to Genevay. Every method shall be tried to get information about the two persons mentioned. Is straining every nerve to Montreal. get all the transport from Lachine in the course of October. Mr. Day says there are about 200 bateaux to go up; 30 or 40 will be got off this month, and thinks he can push up 200 next month. 70
- October 5, Haldimand to Carleton. To ascertain whether the agreement in Quebec. the lease of the King's wharf, to supply Government gratis with 400 tons of store room, has been kept, and if not to report what steps should be taken respecting it. 71
- October 9, Maurer to Mathews. Has been to Coteau du Lac to inspect Montreal. Herkimer's company of bateaumen. Sends report to show what may be expected from men of such advanced ages. Reports in very unfavourable terms of the company and of individual members of it. Has ordered that none be engaged without his sanction. 72
- October 12, Mathews to Maurer. He is to take charge of raising the company of bateaumen and to discharge all who are not capable of the Quebec. work expected. The old and infirm, with the women and children, can be more easily maintained below than where provisions must be transported. 74
- October 16, Maurer to Mathews. Cannot go to discharge the men unfit for Montreal. bateau service, until troops for the upper posts pass Lachine. Asks for instructions as to the disposal of the loyalists who have been engaged; the men enlisted in the Province shall be turned about their business. Brigadier Powell has left for Coteau du Lac; is afraid he will arrive before his boat; it has had four days strong

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- October 17, Haldimand to Carleton. Has sent Rouville and St. Ours to
Quebec. accompany him; he may take any other officers he thinks necessary. The commanding officers of posts have been desired to afford every assistance required. 77
- October 30, Maurer to Mathews. Reports the arrangement he had made
Montreal. respecting the bateaumen of Herkimer's company at Coteau du Lac. 78
- November 2, Lernout to Maurer. He is to supply Butler with a bateau to
Quebec. convey stores to Carleton Island for the rangers. 80
- November 7, Mathews to the same. If not already sent, the equipment of
Quebec. clothing to be forwarded to Niagara for Butler's Rangers. 80
- November 9, Gamble to Haldimand. Represents the hardship to the men of
Detroit. the 47th in being paid in a depreciated paper currency instead of in specie. Their discipline has prevented murmuring. His anxiety respecting the majority, &c., leads him to think that his situation on the staff is not acceptable to His Excellency. Asks leave to apply to His Majesty for a majority in one of the youngest regiments. 81
- November 15, Genevay to Maurer. He is to enable Mr. Coleman to pursue his
Quebec. journey with the utmost dispatch, he being ordered to forward the building and repairing of vessels. 83
- November 16, Maurer to Mathews. Herkimer has applied for clothing for his
Montreal. men, who are entirely naked; only five could be sent to Carleton Island for want of clothing. Neither leggings nor cloth to make them are in Montreal or Sorel. Will get leggings ready through the winter to be sent early in the spring. 84
- November 22, Mathews to Maurer. To supply the bateaumen with clothing
Quebec. such as loyalists receive. It is unlucky the rangers have not received their equipment as they have lost their all three times. It is to be forwarded as early as possible in spring. 85
- November 27, Maurer to Mathews. Has ordered the clothing for Herkimer's
Montreal. bateaumen to be prepared for sending off so soon as the river shall permit. The leggings for Butler's rangers shall be sent to Coteau du Lac through the winter, to be sent off by the first navigation in spring. 86
- 1781.
- January 6, W. Dummer Powell to Carleton. Complains of the obstacles
Montreal. thrown in the way of punishing the militia disobeying the orders for corvée, owing to the action of the commissioners of the peace in admitting the slightest excuse as a reason for dismissing complaints. The unpopularity he (Powell) has incurred by the prosecutions, &c. 87
- January 8, Maurer to the same. Encloses Powell's letter and confirms his
Montreal. statement respecting the obstacles to punish the disobedient, with additional details. 89
- January 23, Gamble to Haldimand. Appeals to have his promotion to a
Detroit. majority confirmed. 91
- February 22, Mathews to Maurer. A warrant has been transmitted to Twiss
Quebec. for the purchase money of the storehouses at Lachine. 94
- March 8, Maurer to Mathews. The summer wheat shall be got as soon as
Montreal. possible. Buckwheat, oats and some small seeds are already prepared. Is afraid he is not to see him, although he had expected to have had his company before this time. 95
- April 16, Same to Genevay. Sends the following suggestions for the
Montreal. good of the service and especially of the transport. That no

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licenses should be issued for public houses at Lachine near the stores, as the men get drunk in them, insolent and neglectful of their duty, and apt to desert. That the traders should engage their men as early as possible and hand a list to St. George; this will save many quarrels. To authorize the prosecution of the men who deserted last fall. Page 96

April 26,
Quebec.

Genevay to Maurer. Sends the General's letters to the upper posts, with instructions how they are to be forwarded. 99

April 30,
Montreal.

Maurer to Genevay. Sends plan of the house with remarks. Letters for the upper posts received and forwarded. The transport begins next Wednesday. To tell the parson that the seeds will be sent by the first opportunity. 100

April —
Quebec.

Haldimand to Carleton. The difficulties of dealing with the deserters or the disobedient among the corvée men; how the prosecutions could have been conducted. The jealousy between Sevestre and Dupré hurtful to the service. He (Carleton) is to go to Montreal, where his prudence can put this branch of the service on a proper footing. 101

May 3,
Quebec.

Mathews to Maurer. His Excellency has received complaints from Mr. Denault, the priest at the Cedars, of the Indians getting drunk at Coteau du Lac and bringing liquor from there to the annoyance and alarm of the inhabitants. Measures to be taken to stop the practice of selling and to allow no public houses at the post. At all events strict orders are to be given that no Indian is to be supplied with a single glass of liquor. If a detachment of troops is necessary to preserve order, he is to apply for an officer and men to Brigadier McLean. Herkimer is to have eight shillings a day till he completes his company, after that ten shillings, the lieutenant four shillings and the ensign three shillings army pay. 103

May 7,
Quebec.

Same to the same. Has relinquished the regulation that the engagés employed by traders for the Grand Portage are to present themselves at Carleton Island before making the trip, on condition that they do so in the fall. 105

May 7,
Montreal.

Maurer to Mathews. That a loyalist named Faulkner has been selling liquor to all persons without distinction. On the matter being represented to Major Ross, he answered that Faulkner had suffered great losses for his loyalty and had been strongly recommended by Sir John Johnson. If he deserve well, some other means might be found to recompense him less hurtful to the service. Had intended to apply for a party to do duty at the post, &c. 106

May 14,
Montreal.

Same to Genevay. Thanks for good news; hopes that by this time the Cork fleet is at hand. Hopes the Dutch will pay for their frolics. 108

May 31,
Montreal.

Same to the same. His surprise at no news being received by all the vessels that have arrived. 109

May —
Quebec.

Haldimand to Carleton. Duplicate of a letter respecting the method of dealing with the corvée men (p. 101), who have been disobedient or deserted. A P. S. gives instructions as to the corvée to be performed after the men have been with traders at the Grand Portage. 110-112

June 19,
Niagara.

Gamble to Haldimand. Returns thanks for his promotion, which he is doubly happy at receiving from His Excellency's hands and not through any other channel. 113

June 28,
Quebec.

Mathews to Carleton. That he is to issue clothing to a party brought in by Myers, who are to serve under him. The party is at St. John's. 114

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June 28,
Quebec. Mathews to Maurer. To have a proper store constructed at Lachine. The idea of taking Frobisher's house is given up. Page 115
- July 16,
Quebec. Same to Duport, A. Q. M. G. That he is to send clothing (list follows) for the use of the scouts. 116
- September 10,
Montreal. Carleton to Haldimand. Asks for a successor to the office of A. Q. M. G., in room of Captain Dysart, under orders to leave the Province. 117
- September 13,
Quebec. Haldimand to Carleton (secret). Intends sending a strong detachment to Crown Point. Has begun by sending the Chasseurs to Chambly, who are to be moved forward to Pointe au Fer, to encamp till further orders. The necessary provisions to be supplied. Has not informed Creuzbourg of the object of the movement. 118
- September 13,
Quebec. Same to the same. A successor shall be appointed to Captain Dysart. The engine lent to St. John by the fire society of Montreal shall be returned or replaced. The quarrels renewed between Sevestre and St. George. The obstacles these will be to the transport. The late arrival of victuallers makes it almost impossible to get a sufficient supply of provisions to the upper posts. Every exertion is to be made for their transport. 119
- September 17,
Montreal. Carleton to Haldimand. Has received orders for the Hesse Hanau Chasseurs to proceed to Pointe au Fer, and a warrant to impress and send river craft to Quebec. The difficulties attempted to be made by Sevestre were easily obviated, and it was not necessary to trouble His Excellency with them. Will not use the press warrant as the English ships are almost all lighted, and the small vessels are to run down to Quebec without loss of time. 120
- September 20,
Quebec. Haldimand to Carleton. Is pleased to find that the difficulties started by Sevestre are settled. It was the knowledge that he (Carleton) would succeed that led to his being placed in charge at Montreal. Is glad of the prospect of forwarding provisions to the upper country. Approves of the press warrant not being used. 121
- September —
Montreal. Carleton to Haldimand. The inhabitants, who have formed a society to extinguish fire, wish the fire engine lent to St. John's to be returned. The transport has been at a standstill for want of provisions, but hopes there is still time to send up the necessary quantity. (There is no date, for that given in the margin see letter from Haldimand dated 13th September, p. 119). 141
- October 8,
Montreal. Same to the same. Sends applications for leave of absence by Lieutenant Eays and Ensign Monk. Proposed arrangement of the Q. M. G. Department should Captain Gamble go to England. Complains that the orders respecting the transport of Gamble to Quebec were not communicated to him, as it has a tendency to lower his authority. Barner doubts if he should be under him (Carleton) when Brigadier McLean leaves, unless there be an order to that effect. Hopes for the orders for the distribution of quarters for next winter. 122
- October 18,
Quebec. Mathews to Gamble. Respecting leave of absence. 125
- October 30,
Quebec. Haldimand to Carleton. That wherever the duties of his department call him, he is not to be commanded by a junior officer. Gamble, it was intended, by the order to him to go to "Head-quarters," should resume his duties under him (Carleton), whose erroneous ideas as to lowering his authority are without foundation. Arrangements for the Q. M. G.'s Department, and respecting leave of absence, &c. 126

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November 1, Quebec. Le Maistre to Brigadier de Speth. That in his absence from Montreal Lieut.-Colonel Carleton is to command. Page 129
- November 1, Montreal. Carleton to Haldimand. The last brigade of provisions leaves Lachine to-day for the upper posts, furnishing them with a supply till August. 130
- November 2, Quebec. Mathews to Carleton. Sends list of stores wanted by Butler for Carleton Island. 131
- November 5, Montreal. Carleton to Haldimand. Has approved of leave of absence to Gamble. Remarks on winter quarters in the neighbourhood of the Island of Montreal. 132
- November 8, Quebec. Haldimand to Carleton. Is pleased at the dispatch of provisions. The determination respecting winter quarters shall be sent. Warrant for £5,000 enclosed. 134
- November 8, Montreal. Carleton to Mathews. Two bateaux loaded with stores applied for by Butler left Lachine on the 27th ult., the last brigade left on the 1st instant. 135
- November 12, Quebec. Mathews to Carleton. Sends the distribution of winter quarters, which he may modify. Is afraid that the women and children with Sir John Johnson may interfere with placing the number of men from his corps on Isle Jésus; if practicable it may be done. The barracks at Lachine are not to be occupied, being reserved for another purpose. When the arrangement is completed, he is to return to headquarters. 136
- November 15, Montreal. Carleton to Haldimand. Sir John Johnson's quarters fixed on Isle Jésus. If there is not room for all the families, they may be extended to Rivière du Chêne and Blainville. 137
- November 22, Montreal. Maurer to Mathews. Explains how the medicines and other pressing articles are landed and forwarded, and that those for which he was blamed had been sent off at once. All the husbandry forwarded to Niagara, except oats, as none fit for seed could be got. 138
- December 20, Montreal. Same to the same. Seed oats shall be sent to Coteau du Lac to be forwarded to Niagara early in the spring. Herkimer's pay-lists not yet attended to; if mislaid will send duplicates. Lieutenant Turney just arrived, goes on to Quebec with the letters. 140
1782.
March 14, Sorel. Mathews to Gamble. Order to deliver blankets, &c., to Sherwood. 142
- April 1, Quebec. Carleton to Mathews. With statement of batt and forage for the British troops, for which a warrant is asked. 143
- April 4, Montreal. Mathews to Carleton. Respecting the distribution of batt and forage, with remarks. 144
- April 11, Quebec. Carleton to Mathews. Further respecting the batt and forage money. 145
- April 11, St. John's. Gamble to Haldimand. Pointing out the mortification it must be to a staff officer to be commanded by a junior in event of the commanding officer leaving the post and the next in rank assuming the command. Explains his course towards Sherwood, whom he did not check in his movements, having received orders that he was on secret service. 146
- April 17, London. Cox, Muir & Co. to Gamble. The Colonels of the 9th, 20th and 62nd Regiments wish him to dispose of the clothing on which a survey has been held. 149
- April 30, Montreal. Mathews to the same. He is to have in readiness a number of bateaux necessary for the transport of provisions to Isle aux Noix, for which 100 men are to be encamped on the carrying place at Ste. Thérèse. 15

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April 30,
Montreal. Mathews to Gamble. That 100 men are to be encamped on the carrying place at Ste. Thérèse for conveying provisions to Isle aux Noix and frontier posts; he is to get ready the number of bateaux needed and to see the transport carried on. St. Leger has been ordered to send to St. John's the biscuit at Chambly, to be stored on board the vessels. Page 150
- May 1,
St. John's. Gamble to Mathews. Bateaux for transport to St. John's have been ready for some time past; every assistance shall be given for that service. 151
- May 2,
Quebec. Carleton to Haldimand. Points out the injurious effect of the enforcement of the order, that no staff officer stationed in garrison to superintend a department is to interfere in the duties of that garrison unless authorized to do so by a letter of service from the commander-in-chief. 152
- May 13,
St. John's. Gamble to Mathews. The delay in transport caused by the want of carts. 154
- May 15,
St. John's. Same to the same. Further respecting the delays in the transport service. 155
- May 18,
Montreal. Mathews to Gamble. Orders have been sent for an additional supply of carts; if not regularly supplied he is to report. 157
- May 20,
St. John's. Gamble to Mathews. Sends a list of the number of carts supplied for the week, to show that the orders given had not been complied with. 158
- May 20,
St. John's. Same to Haldimand. Represents (at considerable length) the injurious effect of the order depriving staff officers of the right to command in garrison. (See Carleton's letter of 2nd May, page 152). 159
- May 23,
St. John's. Same to Mathews. All the provisions arrived at Chambly this spring are forwarded to St. John's, except some bags of biscuit. As no vessels have arrived at Chambly to supply the transport, desires to know whether the provisions now in store there are to be forwarded. 165
- May 26 (?),
Montreal. Haldimand to Gamble. Points out the inconvenience of garrisons being commanded by staff officers, who from the nature of their duties could not be long in one place. The order complained of is intended to be general. 166
- May 27,
Montreal. Mathews to the same. He is to forward the provisions now at Chambly. 167
- June 3,
Montreal. Maurer to Mathews. Asks for orders to Burke to prosecute men for not appearing or deserting when ordered on corvée. The cost of putting men in their places. What is to be done about the men who want to go to Detroit? 168
- June 6,
Quebec. Mathews to Maurer. That as Clrk of the Peace, Burke has full power to prosecute all who fail in corvée duty, and His Excellency desires it should be punctually exercised. 169
- June 10,
Montreal. Maurer to Mathews. Burke shall be ordered to prosecute. Letter sent to Major Ross; when the boy arrives he shall be bound as ordered. (Apparently refers to a man named John Mills sent down to be engaged as a servant; see B. 125, p. 33). Dispatches sent for Mathews by McTavish. A man named Irving, a rebel, is coming down as a prisoner; he is an Irishman, and one of the most violent and cruel wretches in that part of the country. 170
- June 11,
St. John's. Gamble to the same. Contradicts the report that biscuit has been damaged by leaky bateaux. 171
- June 17,
Montreal. Letter (in French) beginning "Mon cher père," but without address or signature, giving an account of the breaking of windows

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and a riot between sailors and the people living in St. Lawrence suburbs, on the arrival of the news of Rodney's victory, the sailors having broken the windows of those who did not illuminate their houses. The disturbance, it is alleged, was instigated by British merchants in the city. Page 172

June 17,
Quebec.

Mathews to Gamble. His Excellency is satisfied that the report of damage done to biscuits in the course of transport to St. John's was ill-founded. 174

June 24,
Montreal.

Maurer to Genéveay. Giving a detailed account of the reported riot in Montreal (p. 172), which had arisen from the absence of official notice of the victory and from some of the inhabitants having illuminated without official sanction. The report exaggerated. 175

June 24,
St. John's.

Gamble to Haldimand. Further remonstrance against the order that staff officers are not to take command in a garrison. 179

July 2,
Quebec.

Mathews to Gamble. His Excellency has no objection to his laying his case before His Majesty. 180

July 10,
St. John's.

Gamble to Haldimand. Asks for instructions how he is to act, so as to supply stores in the absence of Col. St. Leger, as he certainly should not obey an order from a junior officer. 181

July 15,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Gamble. No difficulties can arise in supplying stores, as all orders will be issued by him (Haldimand) or by the head of the quartermaster general's department. 182

July 20,
St. John's.

Gamble to Mathews. Respecting the fees for his brevet commission. 183

July 30,
Quebec.

Mathews to Carleton. That Brigadier McLean is to be allowed his pay and allowances while absent; he is to make out the return for batt and forage, so that a warrant may issue to McLean. 184

August 19,
St. John's.

Gamble to Haldimand. Further respecting his mortifying position as a field officer of being under one of the youngest captains in the service. 185

August 29,
Quebec.

Mathews to Gamble. The order complained of having been issued by His Excellency for the good of the service must remain in force until the King's pleasure is known. 187

September 2,
St. John's.

Gamble to Haldimand. Further argument respecting his position as a field officer and asks for a court martial to clear him of any implied censure. 188

September 9,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Gamble. No censure was intended by the issue of an order for the general good of the service, and of this he has been repeatedly assured. A court martial cannot be held, as it is not a matter to be settled by that means. Every effort will be made to satisfy him, but if he is still unsatisfied he may resign as he has threatened. 191

September 15.

Statement entitled "Amount of warrant and voucher belonging to Lieut.-Col. Carleton." 193

September 19,
St. John's.

Gamble to Haldimand. That he will await the King's pleasure relative to his rank and duties, &c. 194

September 19,
Montreal.

Maurer to Genéveay. Calls attention to the refusal of the inhabitants of the parish of St. Lawrence to carry in wood for the garrison, although they had been exempted from all other corvée. Asks that an example be made. 196

September 23,
St. John's.

Gamble to Mathews. Has received orders from Sir Guy Carleton to dispose of the surplus of clothing for the 47th Regiment. Asks if the surplus may not be wanted for some other regiments and will wait for instructions. 198

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September 30, Quebec. Mathews to Gamble. That His Excellency, having no occasion for the clothing, it should be disposed of as ordered by Sir Guy Carleton. Page 199
- October 5, Quebec. Haldimand to Captain Duport, A. Q. M. G. He is to unload the ship "Amazon," and take charge of the cargo until a survey shall be ordered. 164
- October 10, Quebec. Mathews to Gamble. Provisions for sixty men till the 1st of May next to be landed at Loyal Blockhouse, and for 100 men for the same period at Pointe au Fer. 199
- October 14, St. John's. Gamble to Mathews. Respecting regimental clothing. 200
- October 17, Quebec. Mathews to Gamble. The decision respecting clothing shall be communicated to Lieut.-Col. Hope. 201
- November 5, St. John's. Gamble to Haldimand. Remonstrates against being placed under the orders of an inferior officer. 201
1783.
January 8, Montreal. Disbursements in 1782. (A summary.) 203
- January 9, Quebec. Maurer to Mathews. Is happy to hear that the irregular behaviour of the disbanded Provincials is likely to cease. Economy has been observed in the issue of rum. Sends note of expenses incurred by the Provost-Marshal. 204
- January 9, Quebec. Genevay to Maurer. Captain Hogle may remain at Boucherville for the present, but he must expect, when the allowances to the loyalists are reduced, to have the amount of his pension lessened. 205
- January 27, Montreal. Maurer to Twiss. Acknowledges receipt of an order for £2,000. Has given the plan for a gaol to Montigny, who will report on the ground required, he himself being laid up with gout. Does not think that there is sufficient ground where proposed, without interfering with private property and stopping up the street going through the new gate near the mill (St. Paul street). It is, besides, the most swampy and unhealthy part of the town. He finds that Montigny, who has just brought in his report, agrees in the opinion that the place will not answer. 206
- February 11, Quebec. Mathews to Gamble. To furnish the articles asked for by Riedesel for men sent to practice snow-shoeing and hutting in the woods. 207
- February 15, St. John's. Gamble to Mathews. He will attend to the orders respecting parties for snow-shoeing and hutting. 208
- February 24, Quebec. Henry Hope, A. D. Q. M. G., to Haldimand. Transmits a request from Thomas Dunn, Paymaster General, for a temporary warrant to meet the demands of the Quarter master General's department. 209
- March 17, Montreal. Same to the same. That he and Twiss had arrived here after visiting Isle aux Noix, Pointe au Fer, the Loyal Blockhouse, Missisquoi Bay, and the upper and lower blockhouses on the Yamaska. They proceed to Coteau du Lac and return by way of Sorel. The reports of peace; the importance of the Ministry having good information relative to the frontier of this Province. Oswego was the enemy's object in the lake expedition; hopes that its retention for the frontier may be insisted on, if the separation of the Empire has taken place. 210
- March 27, Montreal. Maurer to Genevay. Encloses note from Cuyler respecting the billeting of loyalists; asks for instructions. 212
- Cuyler's note follows. 213
- March 31, Quebec. Genevay to Maurer. That His Excellency has no objection to part of the reduced loyalists being billeted in some of the parishes which are least burdened with troops and corvées. Dupré should

	1783.	be informed, so that he can make arrangements with the captains of militia.	Page 214
April 24, Bowwood Park.		Carleton to Haldimand. His absence from Canada is owing to his being obliged to attend to the settlement of his accounts with the Treasury.	215
May 19, Quebec.		Mathews to Maurer. Clothing for distressed loyalists to be issued from the quartermaster general's stores on the requisition of De-coigne.	215
May 26, Quebec.		Same to the same. To furnish Holland and Laforce with bateaux and men and with articles necessary for camping.	216
July 1, Montreal.		Maurer to Mathews. Asks that ten or twelve bateaux be sent from Quebec, which could carry down the reduced men of the 8th and 34th. There are none in Montreal, and those coming from above are barely sufficient to carry on the transport from Lachine.	217
July 12, Montreal.		William Wood to the same. Respecting claims for batt and forage money, with details of the arrangement for transport.	218
July 14, Sorel.		Barnes to Riedesel. The action by the Rev. W. Scott has been dismissed and Scott ordered to pay the costs, which he is not able to do. He should be prosecuted for marrying people without a license or being called in church, and exacting large sums of money from them under a false pretence. Thanks for the letter approving of his (Barnes') conduct.	219
August 14, St John's.		Haldimand to Hope. The arrangements to collect at this post all the stores necessary for the King's service. How room is to be provided.	221
August 29, Boucherville.		Laviolette, captain of militia, to Maurer (in French). Requests orders as to the building and materials at Boucherville, paid for by Government, but demolished by Fleurimont without orders.	222
September 1, Montreal.		Maurer to Genevay. Is disappointed at not getting news, but supposes they have forgotten at home that Canada has not been given up with the rest of America. Transmits letter from Laviolette respecting the house at Boucherville (p. 222); details of Fleurimont's conduct, for which he should be called to account.	223
September 4, Montreal.		Same to the same. Sends an order on Thomas Dunn for the expenses of the quartermaster general's department, which he requests may be presented for payment.	225
		Copy of the order follows.	226
September 8, Quebec.		Mathews to Maurer. To procure and transmit an estimate of the value of the house destroyed at Boucherville by Fleurimont, for His Excellency's information. His Excellency proposes to have part of the bateau house at Montreal partitioned off for Indian canoes, to put a stop to the plundering of them, of the paddles, &c.	227
September 11, Quebec.		Same to the same. To provide a party of loyalists to accompany Collins to Cataragui, and to furnish them with tools, camp kettles, &c. Collins to be given such aid as he may stand in need of.	228
September 11, Montreal.		Maurer to Mathews. Has sent orders to Laviolette to send an estimate of the value of house at Boucherville. How the Indian canoes could be properly lodged.	228
September 12, Boucherville.		Laviolette to Maurer (in French). Sends the estimate of the value of the house at Boucherville.	230
		The estimate (in French) follows (amount, 500 livres).	231

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September 15, Haldimand to Maurer. To furnish canoes, provisions, &c., to a
Quebec. party to be sent by Sir John Johnson, under command of Captain
French, up the Ottawa River, to find the way across to Cataragui. Page 232
- September 15, Maurer to Mathews. Will attend to orders respecting Collins (p.
Montreal. 228.) Transmits Lavolette's letter and estimate. 233
- September 22, Same to the same. Collins, with his party, has left Lachine
Montreal. on Saturday, and taken with him the iron work for a grist and saw
mill. French has left for the Lake of Two Mountains, where he is
to be joined by two Indians to conduct his party through the woods.
Owners of negroes have applied for their being returned. 234
- September 25, Mathews (?) to Hope, Q. M. G. That he is to return to Murray,
Quebec. Barrack Master, 4,070 blankets, to replace those delivered by him
for the use of German troops. 235
- October 6, Genevay to Maurer. That he has leave to come to Quebec to
Quebec. settle accounts with Twiss, but he is to be as late as possible in
leaving, in case his presence from any cause be required in Mont-
real. 235
- October 6, Mathews to the same. That the negroes applied for are to be
Quebec. given up, on a proper receipt being given so as to prevent being
troubled with future claims. 236
- November 18, Haldimand to Hope. Orders are received for a reduction of the
Quebec. staff; he is to communicate the same to the officers of his depart-
ment. 237
- December 12, Mathews to Wood. That he is to issue certain articles (list fol-
Quebec. lows) for the use of refugee loyalists. 237
1784.
January 1, Maurer to Mathews. That in accordance with orders, he will
Montreal. take upon himself the management of victualling the men of the
Royal Regiment of New York, who have been left behind from sick-
ness, &c. Has not yet received the medicines or hospital stores. 238
- January 1, Same to the same. The prevalence of gouty complaints, all
Montreal. those in the least subject to that disease being now laid up. Calls
attention to the unreasonable demands of the disbanded corps and
their insulting language when refused. 239
- January 15, Same to the same. That he will victual, as ordered, such
Montreal. families of the disbanded provincial corps as will thereby be enabled
by working at their trade to be better maintained than by going to
the cantonments. Is at a loss to know whether the whole of the
reduced provincials are to be included in Delancey's return or only
such as are victualled in town. 242
- January 26, Same to the same. Asks instructions as to the settlement of
Montreal. claims on the King's Royal Regiment of New York. 243
- April 12, Same to the same. Asks for instructions respecting the settle-
Montreal. ment of accounts incurred in transporting provisions, tools, &c., to
the surveying party employed at the Long Sault. Has secured
316 bushels of potatoes; asks for an order for barrels to secure them
against damage in transport. Cannot get seed corn here, but there
is a supply at Niagara, whence it can be sent to Cataragui. 244
- April 17, List of stores delivered to Captain Joseph Brant for the use of the
Montreal. Mohawk Indians going to their new settlement. 246
- April 19, Maurer to Mathews. Will attend to the orders for the payment
Montreal. of Sir John Johnson's men. Is afraid the stock of potatoes will not
be increased, they being very scarce. Applications from families to
be allowed to remain at Coteau du Lac to raise vegetables; they
have been answered that all must move at once. Arrangements for

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lodging the families of the officers and other decent persons. The places selected are mentioned in detail. Sends list of stores delivered to Brant (p. 243). Has ordered the potatoes to be put in barrels and the small tools in cases for transport. Page 247

April 22,
Montreal.

Maurer to Mathews. Has refused to comply with the demand of Claus for stores for the party under Captain Isaac and John, without an order from His Excellency, which he asks may be sent. 249

April 26,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Has received letter approving of the issue of stores to Brant. Engineer and Indian stores are getting ready for Catarqui; no biscuit being provided for the corvée has ordered 1,000 cwt. to be sent to Lachine and asks that the commissary be ordered to provide the quantity required for transport service. 250

May 3,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Sends list of tools, &c., issued to the Mohawks under Isaac and John. Is he to defray the expenses attending the moving of Lieut.-Governor Hay to Detroit? He is to hear something about the moving of the loyalists; the Frasers expected from the blockhouse shall be sent to Lachine. 251

List of tools follows. 252

May 17,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Will comply with orders respecting the moving of the loyalists; asks for further instructions concerning those for the upper posts. 255

May 20,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Orders respecting grindstones for the loyalists shall be attended to. Potatoes and Indian corn packed in tierces and barrels; axes and hoes are packed in boxes. No drawing knives here; they were ordered to be made at Sorel. No application has yet been made by Delancey for bateaux to transport families to Bay of Chaleurs. Will forward loyalists to the upper country when he receives orders. 256

May 22,
Quebec.

Gamble to the same. Is the family of the late Lieut. Ford to have a passage to Europe at Government expense? The family is in very distressed circumstances. 258

May 24,
Montreal.

Maurer to the same. That orders have been received about the Canadians who are to assist in carrying the loyalists to their destination. The greatest economy shall be observed; how the accounts shall be kept, &c. 260

May 27,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Respecting the arrival and forwarding of loyalists; the distribution of clothing not to be made till they are mustered at the settlements to prevent imposition, which has already been attempted. The people shall be sent on as fast as possible with one month's provision. 262

June 7,
Lachine.

Same to the same. The confusion in getting off the loyalists; everyone wants to command, and the bateaux sent to Carleton Island have not been returned. 264

June 14,
Montreal.

Same to the same. Has written to Majors Harris and Ross to arrange for taking charge of the bateaux sent with the loyalists. Hopes in a few days to be clear of all the loyalists. 266

June 16,
Quebec.

Gamble to the same. Asks that his staff pay be continued till the 24th of June. 267

June 17,
Montreal.

Maurer to the same. All the loyalists have left except the second battalion and some men who are to join it. The bateaux in spite of orders, are still detained at the posts. The only way to force obedience is to stop provisions till the bateaux are returned. Barnes has received no orders to forward boats here, so that he (Maurer)

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- is at a loss what to do about forwarding the people and provisions. Several officers are not fit to go on lands, being sickly. Loyalists are daily coming in across the lake; how is he to act in respect to them? The case of Macpherson in charge of the locks and stores at Coteau du Lac; he should receive land as a subaltern. Page 268
- June 18, Sir John Johnson (extract) stating that tools, &c., are wanted for each township. Bulls wanted also. 270
- Newtown.
- June 24, Maurer to Mathews. Stating the case of Josiah Still, a prisoner belonging to the 9th Regiment of Virginia; asks that the circumstances may be laid before the General, so that Still may obtain a passport to return to his home. 271
- Montreal.
- June 24, Same to the same. All the loyalists have been forwarded from Lachine, and twelve bateaux loaded with provisions. Has now only four bateaux at Lachine, and has been disappointed by only getting a small proportion from above of those sent up. Encloses letter from Sir John Johnson respecting tools, &c. (p. 270). Has ordered two bulls to be sent from the Cedars. 272
- Montreal.
- June 30, Gamble to Haldimand. Regrets the pointed marks of displeasure received from His Excellency; had met with the approbation of the general officers whom he had served under, through whose intercession he hopes His Majesty may be pleased to consider the peculiar hardship he has suffered. 274
- Quebec.
- July 22, Maurer to Mathews. Sends return of tools sent to Sir John Johnson; has had no statement yet of how they were distributed, but has written to Sir John for it. When the tools arrive he will have them put in store and delivered to Sir John's order. The rangers received their papers and are victualled for one month. 275
- Montreal.
- October 4, Same to the same. Thanks for leave to go to Europe. Would have come to Quebec before His Excellency leaves, but business connected with the loyalists keeps him here. How he proposes to forward clothing for the loyalists. When that service is performed he shall deliver the stores, &c., to Major Hughes and come to Quebec to embark in the "Euretta" for Europe. 276
- Montreal.
- 1785.
- January 20, Certificate by Gamble that he had leased a store in Quebec from William Gill, for the use of the Quartermaster General's Department. 278
- London.
- February 4, Statement of the claim for rent of store at Quebec, leased from Mr. Gill, with note from Gill to Mathews of same date forwarding the statement. 279
- London.
- February 7, Gamble to Gill. Has had no letter from Colonel Hope respecting the storehouse at Quebec, but is convinced that if one came it would be to urge the payment of Gill's claim. 281
- London.
- February — Gill to Mathews. Respecting the settlement of his claim for the rent of his store in Quebec. 282
- London.
- No date. Warrant in favour of Thomas Dunn for £1,500, to meet the expenses of the Quartermaster General's Department. 283
- No date. A note, also undated, refers to the same demand. 285
- 1786.
- May 6, Gamble to Mathews. Sends certificates for bateaux, &c., supplied to the garrison at Pensacola in 1773, and then settled for, but which the auditor requires to have vouchers for. 253
- London.
- May 22, Certificate by Haldimand of the services of Captain Thomas Gammersall of the Royal Regiment of New York. 259
- London.
- No date. Statement (in French) respecting lands in Montreal used for fortifications, which it is hoped will be returned to the original owners.

as being no longer required for defence, the King having purchased the lands required for any other purpose. The plan showing the lands precedes the statement. Page 284

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1778-1783.

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1778. May 1, Montreal.	Returns of bateaux, &c., in the Province of Quebec.	Page 1
	Of stores in the Quarter-master General's Department at Quebec, Montreal, Chambly and St. John's.	2
	Of regimental clothing in the King's stores in Canada.	7
	Of camp equipage in the King's stores in Canada.	8
	Of the Quarter-master General's Department in Canada.	9
June 24, Quebec.	The present state of quarters of the army in Canada, as ordered by Sir Guy Carleton.	10
August 4, Quebec.	Return of arms in the Quarter-master General's store.	11
August 29, Montreal.	Return of bateaux in the Province of Quebec.	12
September 26, Quebec.	General return of stores in the Quarter-master General's Depart- ment in the King's magazines at Quebec.	13
October 14,	Return of clothing in store at Sorel.	15
October 18, Sorel.	Return of camp equipage in the Quarter-Master General's stores; and what has been issued.	16
December 24,	Propositions (in French) for the quartering of Ehrencrook and Barner's battalions. The quarters and numbers of troops given in detail.	17
December 31, Montreal.	Returns of stores in the Quarter-master General's Department in the storehouses at Quebec, Montreal, Chambly, St. John's and Sorel.	18
	Of bateaux, &c., in the Province of Quebec.	24
	Of regimental clothing in the Quarter-master General's store at Quebec.	25
December 31,	Abstract of money disbursed in the Q. M. G. Department from 1st July to date.	26
1779. January 7, Quebec.	Return of camp equipage in the Q. M. G.'s store in Canada.	27
January 21, Quebec.	Return of the Q. M. G.'s Department in Canada.	28
January 23, Quebec.	Regulations for the future payment of the Quarter-master General's Naval (for all the lakes) and Engineer departments.	29
January 24, Quebec.	Return of articles ordered to be delivered from the Q. M. G. stores to Ordnance, Engineer, Barrack and Naval Departments.	31
March 1, Quebec.	General order relative to ferries.	32
March 26, Quebec.	Observations (in French) by St. George Dupré in relation to transport service.	33

1779.	Returns of the Q. M. G.'s Department in Canada.	Page 37
April 1, Quebec.	Of bateaux, &c., in the Province of Quebec.	38
	Of camp equipage.	39
	Of regimental clothing.	40
	Of stores at Quebec, Montreal, St. John's, Chambly and Sorel.	41
April 17,	Return of stores occupied by the Q.M.G. Department in Quebec, with the prices paid for them.	51
October 1, Quebec.	Returns of camp equipage in the Q.M.G. stores in Canada.	52
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	Of stores in the Q.M.G. Department in Canada.	56
	Of bateaux, &c., in Canada.	65
	Of regimental clothing in Canada.	66
December 31,	Abstract of money disbursed in the Q.M.G. Department from the 1st January, 1779 to date.	67
1780.	Returns of the Q.M.G. Department in Canada.	68
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July 9, Quebec.	Return of militia and provincial clothing in the Q.M.G. stores at Quebec.	80
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October 5, Quebec.	Winter quarters of the army in Canada.	93
November 20, Montreal.	Return of the number of bateaux sent to Carleton Island with troops, stores and provisions, from the 1st to the 20th November, 1780.	96
November 21, St. Thomas.	List (in French, incomplete) of winter quarters of the Hesse Hanau Chasseurs.	97
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1781.	Report concerning damages done at Point Lévi by the troops en- camped.	99
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	Of bateaux and tackle at Montreal.	114
July 31, Quebec.	Return of bateaux in the District of Quebec, &c.	116
August —	Return of army clothing and stores received from the "Shrews- bury" and shipped on board the "Neptune," navy transport vic- tualier.	117

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	Survey on stores by the "Swan."	138
October 7, Quebec.	Return of clothing remaining in the Q.M.G. stores belonging to the 9th and 21st Regiments.	128
October 11, Sorel.	Return of the Q.M.G. Department at Sorel.	129
October 24, Quebec.	Return of bateaux built and repaired at Quebec, between 24th January, 1781, and this date.	130
October 26, Quebec.	Return of donations remaining in the Q.M.G. stores at Quebec. Besides cloth for leggings equal to an equipment for 4,800 men, blankets, stockings, shoes, &c., a note states that a complete equipment, not included in the return, was sent to Quebec on 17th July for 2,100 men.	131
November 6, Quebec.	Return of bateaux necessary to be left at various cantonments (specified), with names of the regiments in whose charge they are.	132
November 8, Quebec.	Return of cloth sent to Sorel to the Brunswick troops in lieu of blankets.	134
December 5, Quebec.	Return of snow-shoes in the Q.M.G. stores.	135
December 31, Quebec.	Abstract of money disbursed in the Q.M.G. Department from 1st January, 1781, to date	136
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No date.	Transports under orders to receive troops for Canada under the direction of Captain Walton. Transports under orders for Halifax. List of army victuallers at Halifax intended for Quebec. Under each title are lists of the ships, tonnage, troops on board of each, &c.	115
1782.		
February 4, Sorel.	Returns of donations issued from the Q.M.G. Department for distressed families of loyalists at Sorel.	140
February 21, Sorel.	Return of clothing issued to various corps of loyalists (specified).	141
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June 1.	Return of Q.M.G. stores at Sorel.	156
June 3, Montreal.	Return of bateaux sent from Lachine to Coteau du Lac with troops, stores and provisions for the upper posts in the month of May.	161
July 3, Montreal.	Return of bateaux sent from Lachine to Carleton Island with stores and provisions for the upper posts in the month of June.	162

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October 17, Quebec.	Report of survey on clothing for British troops which arrived this year by the "Maria," and now in the Q. M. G. store.	171
November — Montreal.	Return of bateaux sent from Lachine to Carleton Island with troops, stores and provisions, between the 1st and 31st October, 1782.	175
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December 27, Quebec.	Abstract of 365 days batt, baggage and forage money paid to the army in Canada in 1782.	177
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January 1, Quebec.	General return of stores and bateaux in the Q. M. G. Department, Quebec.	179
February 3 to March 3, Montreal.	Abstract of provisions and stores forwarded to Coteau du Lac between the 3rd and 13th February.	186
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	Of stores and bateaux at Quebec, Sorel, Montreal and St. John's,	189
May 9, Quebec.	Return of the difference between the return of stores at St. John's of the 1st of April and of that of the 9th of May.	201
September 1, Quebec.	General return of artificers in the Q. M. G. Department in Canada.	203
October 1, Quebec.	Returns of stores and bateaux at Quebec, Sorel, Montreal and St. John's.	204
	Of the Q. M. G. Department.	216
	Of timber for building bateaux.	217
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December 18, Quebec.	Proposed temporary arrangement of the Q. M. G. Department after the reduction of the 24th inst.	220
December 24, Quebec.	Returns of stores and bateaux at Quebec, Sorel, Montreal and St. John's.	221
	Of timber for building bateaux.	233
	Of regimental clothing.	234
December 24, Quebec.	Winter quarters for the army in Canada.	236
December 25, Quebec.	List of persons employed in the Q. M. G. Department to 24th December, and also the temporary arrangement from 25th December.	238

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1777-1785.

B. 190.

B. M., 21,850.

1777. January 1, New York.	Sir William Howe to Lord Barrington. Sends return of barrack masters in the northern district.	Page 1
February 13, New York.	Major-General Robertson to Carleton. Certifies to the good services of Samuel Willis, barrack-master at Fort George on the Illinois and Abraham Abbey at Detroit, and asks that their names apparently left off through error, may be re-placed on the pay-list.	2
1778. April 30,	Returns of barrack-masters in the Province of Quebec and the frontiers thereof.	3
	Of the state and condition of the barracks in the Province of Quebec and the frontiers thereof.	5
	Of bedding and utensils in the same.	13
	Of barrack stores in possession of Richard Murray, Deputy Barrack Master General.	14
November 26, Quebec.	Abstract of Barrack Master General's accounts.	15
December 16, Sorel.	General return of troops in barracks and doing duty at Sorel.	16
1779. April 1, St. John's.	Return of the number of rooms required for the garrisons of St. John's and Isle aux Noix.	8
	List of stores follows.	9
April 12, Quebec.	Return of rent annually paid in the Barrack Department.	11
May 4, St. John's.	K. Chandler, barrack-master, asks for orders as to the arrangement for carting firewood to the barracks. Has made a return of barrack rooms and an estimate of the wood required, which is stated.	17
	The return of rooms and wood required follows, dated 5th May.	19
June 30, St. John's.	Account of disbursements in the barrack department between 1st of July, 1778, and the 30th June, 1779.	21
June 30, Quebec.	General account of barrack expenses of district of Quebec between 1st July, 1778, and 30th June, 1779.	23
June 30, Quebec.	Two accounts current of Murray, Barrack Master General.	25, 26
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August 15, Quebec.	Murray to Thomas Chandler. He is to employ as many men as he can get to cut wood, and to receive, at the same time, all that Greaves can supply.	60
November 27, St. John's.	Thomas Chandler to Murray. Sends report of the survey on barrack bedding at the posts. On the arrival of the gentleman appointed to the Isle aux Noix, will transfer to him everything relative to the barracks there. Contractors for wood have sent in accounts; cannot pay for what he has not in charge.	61
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1783. January 6, Quebec.	Murray to Thomas Chandler. That the troops may be paid the same for laying in the wood that the contractors were to have.	Page 64 65
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April 19, Quebec.	Report of survey on damaged barrack bedding in Quebec.	99
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December 24, Quebec.	Amount of cash disbursed on account of the Q. M. G. and barrack departments in the Province of Quebec and frontiers.	105
	Abstracts of the same follow.	106, 107, 108
1785.		
September 1, London.	Samuel Willis to Mathews. Calling attention to the omission of his name in the Adjutant General's returns, afterwards rectified, and asking for one year's pay to put him on an equal footing with other staff officers.	109
November 10, Quebec.	Wood to the same. Sends abstracts of accounts for the Q. M. G., and barrack departments, showing a balance in his hands of £1,560, for which he shall account when requested.	111
No date.	Proposal by William Grant to lodge rebel prisoners on St. Helen's Island, at fifteen shillings each for twelve months, supplying wood at what it costs in the King's woodyard in Montreal, &c., &c.	112
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June 4, Detroit.	Samuel Fleming to Nathaniel Day. Sends abstract of accounts for provisions, &c., with remarks. Observation on the rations to the sailors which are to be the same as those to the troops, although by order they have been receiving a ration and a half and half a pint of rum per day. Issue of fresh provisions chiefly to Indians.	1
August 22, Montreal.	Day to Haldimand. The daily allowance of rations for one man of the troops, when salt and when fresh provisions are ordered. The sick are asking for larger rations.	3
September 11, Sorel.	Foy to Donald Munro. Provision has been made for the settlement of the royalists with the army. He is to proceed to River du Loup with the royalists and apply to Mr. Gagy, of Machiche, who has received orders concerning them.	5
September 19, Montreal.	Day to Foy. Sends returns of provisions, &c. The provisions remaining for the upper posts will take twenty bateaux per week; has informed Major St. George Dupré of this. Arrival of the "Concord" at Quebec with provisions.	6
September 24, Montreal.	Same to the same. Has given orders to his deputy to forward provisions to Sorel for Chambly, St. John's and Isle aux Noix. Other provisions forwarded in the "Liberty," brig.	7

1778.
September 26, Day to Foy. Circular to the Commissaries. That the Lords of the
Montreal. Treasury have made a new contract for provisions for the army. Page 8
Instructions to them to carry out its terms.
- September 27, Same to the same. Captain Aubrey having taken from Oswegatchie
Montreal. to Carleton Island, one month's supply for his detachment, there
only remains at Oswegatchie a supply of provisions for 50 men for
nine months; the orders were to supply Carleton Island from
Niagara; sends return of old provisions at Lachine to be forwarded.
The transport of the new supply from Montreal to Lachine has
begun; it will take about 40 bateaux to send off the provisions.
Sends copy of his order (p. 8) to his deputies. Explains the cause
of the bad bread complained of. 10
- September 28, Henry Callender (agent for victuallers) to Haldimand. Reporting
Quebec. the arrival of provision ships. 12
- October 5, Day to Foy. Sends requisition for £10,000. The consumption
Montreal. of rum at St. John's is 1,300 gallons a month. Has received advice
of the arrival of provision ships at Quebec. 13
- October 10, Same to the same. Sends monthly returns and a return of pro-
Montreal. visions to be forwarded to Niagara and Carleton Island; calls atten-
tion to requisition for £10,000. 16
- October 13, Mathews to Day. Recommends John Warren, Drum Major, to be
Niagara. commissary at Fort Erie, in room of the late Commissary Smith. 14
- October 22, Day to Foy. Recommends John Warren to succeed Edward Smith,
Montreal. deceased, as commissary at Fort Erie. 17
- November 6, Edward Pollard to Day. Wishes to go down early in spring as
Niagara. he desires to leave the service. Asks that his successor be with him
by the middle of May, so that the accounts may be ready for the
24th of May. 18
- November 23, Day to Haldimand. The arrangements he is making for the sup-
Montreal. ply of fresh beef, &c., for the troops and different garrison hospitals,
with statements showing the cost of the individual rations under
varying conditions. The delay in the transport of provisions from
Lachine owing to tempestuous weather. 19
- November 25, Isaac W. Clarke to Day. Representing the necessity for a survey
Montreal. on damaged provisions at Montreal and Lachine. 22
- November 30, Day to Haldimand. States the prices of beef to be paid for three
Montreal. months at Montreal, Chambly, St. John's, Isle aux Noix and Pointe
au Fer (3½d. per pound); at Lachesnay, Terre Bonne and River du
Chêne (3¼d. the first two months and 3½d. for March); at Three
Rivers (3d. per pound); at Quebec (3d. to 3½d.) Has not yet heard
from Sorel and St. Denis. The proposed change in rations. For-
wards the resignation of Mr. Pollard (p. 18); recommends Richard
Cartwright as his successor; he is competent and his father and
family are great sufferers in His Majesty's cause. Sends Clarke's
application (p. 22) for a survey on damaged provisions. 23
- December 3, Same to the same. Sends copy of letter to Callender respecting
Montreal. the supply of provisions. The people who offered to supply
Chambly, St. John's and Isle aux Noix now demand
£800 to secure 800 oxen; this could not be complied
with and he is looking for others to supply these posts.
The risk in contracting, as most of the contractors are poor
and have nothing to lose should they break their contracts.
There is a sufficient supply of oatmeal for three months, besides
leaving enough when the supply of salt provisions is begun. 25
- December 3, Same to Callender. Letter referred to in the preceding, re-
Montreal. specting the supply of provisions. 27

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December 7. Callender to Foy. Declines the contract for supplying provisions, for reasons given. Page 29
- December 7, Day to Haldimand. Respecting the supply of provisions. Recommends Mr. Bliss to be appointed a commissary. Arrival of Neil Maclean, Assistant Commissary-General, from Carleton Island; the commander there had written for and received a supply of provisions from Niagara. Returns of provisions there are enclosed. Fresh beef has been provided for the royalists lately arrived from Niagara, to be delivered at Pointe Claire. 30
- December 14, Same to the same. Will take every method to secure a supply of fresh beef and begin the issue on the 25th. 32
- December 17, Same to the same. Sends copy of circular to the different commissaries; fresh beef has been obtained for the troops at Sorel for three months at $3\frac{1}{2}$ d. Halifax currency. 33
- Montreal. The circular referred to follows. 34
- December 21, Same to the same. Has communicated the order to issue two days' salt provisions each week; proposes to issue with the salt rations $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of butter and 1 ounce of oatmeal, making the ration 2 ounces of oatmeal and $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of butter. Sends requisition for £10,000. 38
- December 24, Creuzbourg to Day. Acknowledging to have received 1,300 L'Assomption. gallons of molasses for the Hesse Hanau troops. 39
1779.
January 6, Day to Haldimand. Enclosing return of provisions to 24th November, 1778; contingent account for the salaries in the commissariat department to 24th December and copy of a letter from Fleming, assistant commissary at Detroit, of the 4th June, 1778 (p. 1). 40
- January 10, Same to W. Shaw. Have the sick of the corps cantoned in the neighbourhood of Terrebonne, La Chesnay and River du Chêne received spruce beer or its equivalent in molasses? (See pp. 39, 46.) 43
- January 11, Foy to Day. With warrant asked for (p. 38). 44
- Quebec.
- January 14, Day to Foy. Has received warrant. Respecting provisions at Montreal. St. John's. Will make up the deficiency there from Montreal. 45
- January 15, Shaw to Day. Sends receipt from Creuzbourg for molasses for Montreal. spruce beer (p. 39). 46
- January 21, Day to Foy. Sends monthly return and encloses letters, &c., respecting spruce beer. 47
- Montreal.
- January 21, Haldimand to Day. Munro, employed at Machiche, is on the Quebec. loyalist list and is to receive no other pay. The three mentioned in his letter of 6th June, who are to be discharged, are to be retained as they may be required in the commissariat. Other arrangements in that department. 48
- January 25, Le Maistre to the same. Has received letter of the 21st with enclosures. Unless it can be proved that the soldiers received spruce beer, the amount paid for molasses is to be deducted from the next account sent by the contractor (Grant), the spruce beer having been ordered on account of its salubrity, and if they do not choose to drink it, no commutation is to be allowed by giving money or other articles in lieu of it; the contractor in delivering his accounts must make oath to the delivery of the article itself, otherwise he is not to be paid for it. 49
- January 28, Foy to the same. Acknowledges receipt of his letters of 21st with Quebec. enclosures. 51

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January 29, Detroit. Fleming to Day. Only 2,000 barrels of flour and 1,000 barrels of pork wanted. There is enough of all else to last for a year. Page 52
- February 12. Niagara. Pollard to the same. Cannot send returns, but forwards a statement of the stores and list of people drawing rations. The excessive issues will exhaust the provisions by the 6th of March; arrangements for supplies made by Colonel Bolton. The quantity sent to Carleton Island; most of the Indians sent off. Provisions should be sent as early in spring as possible. The statements are at the end of the letter. 53
- March 8, Montreal. Day to Haldimand. Sends accounts and asks for a warrant for £20,000. When the accounts are to be examined he will attend with vouchers. 55
- March 8, Quebec. Genevay to Day. Returns received. To send at least 20,000 weight of biscuit to St. John's for use on Lake Champlain. 56
- March 15, Montreal. Day to Haldimand. The transport of provisions to Lachine for the upper posts began on Sunday, the 14th, and will be continued till all that can be spared are safely lodged in the storehouse at Lachine. Sends a return of the demand made by each post. 57
- March 18, Montreal. Same to the same. Sends letters from Detroit (p. 52) and from Niagara (p. 53). Encloses sample of the flour from the upper posts. Is unable to meet the demands for payment for fresh beef till he is furnished with money. 58
- April 3, Quebec. Haldimand to Day. He is to furnish a return of the quantity of wheat and flour provided by the contractors exclusive of that now in the King's stores. 59
- April 4, Quebec. Callender to the same. Sends return of flour and wheat provided for the troops, with remarks. 60
- April 10, Montreal. Memorandum by Day respecting claims and wants of the Commissariat Department. 61
- April 14, Montreal. Day to Neil McLean. Instructions as to his duties at Carleton Island, relative to the transport of provisions from Lachine to that post. 63
- May 13, Quebec. Extract from an order sent to the different commissaries. 64
- June 19, Quebec. Haldimand to Day. In consequence of the reduced state of the provisions and the delay in the arrival of the supply, he is to provide fresh meat, wherever it can be found, making contracts monthly and as secretly as possible to avoid alarm. 65
- July 5, Quebec. Mathews to the same. His Excellency is uneasy at his (Day's) silence, especially as he hears that bateaux are at Lachine without provisions to load them, and that all the provisions have been forwarded from Carleton Island. 66
- July 8, Montreal. Day to Mathews. With report of the progress made in obtaining fresh meat and the arrangements for sending off all the salt meat that can be spared. Complaint that rum sent to Carleton Island has been tampered with. 67
- October 20, Quebec. Same to Haldimand. Sends report of the quantity of rum in store. 70
- October 21, Quebec. Same to the same. Further respecting rum. A supply of 600 puncheons will be necessary. The miserable state of the packages in which the rum has been sent, causing great loss, it should be sent all of one strength in iron hooped puncheons. 71
- November 10, Quebec. Haldimand to Day. The rations ordered by the Treasury to be issued from 25th November, but artificers at work, sea men and

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bateau men are to receive the present rations. Rules as to the issue of rations to officers and men. Page 73

January 27,
Montreal.

Day to Mathews. Has examined the magazines, &c., from Quebec to St. John's; the commissaries have complied with orders. Changes in the commissariat staff; death of Flannigan; Beaubassin has succeeded him. The great advance in the price of wheat; has sent to purchase the quantity wanted for biscuits. Arrangements respecting oats, &c. Beaubassin not qualified for the commissariat. 74

February 2,
Lachine.

Isaac W. Clarke and Gamelin Gaucher. Statement (in French) of repairs necessary to the commissariat store at Lachine. 77

Another of repairs necessary to the King's stores at Lachine, signed by Joseph Perrau, Gaucher and Clarke. 78

February 3,
Quebec.

Mathews to Day. That Landriffe is to be employed in the Commissariat at Longueuil, and Beaubassin in the summer transport of provisions at and from Lachine. 79

February 4,
Montreal.

Return of provisions in order for transport to the upper posts. 80

February 5,
Montreal.

Agreement with M. Pillet for the rent of stores and a house at Lachine for the King's service. 81

February 7,
Quebec.

Mathews to Day. That he is to pay Mr. Bell, of Chambly, for 136 gallons of rum furnished to Burgoyne's army in 1776. 82

February 7,
Montreal.

Day to Mathews. That he will send Beaubassin to Lachine in spring, but in 1778, when employed there, he was of no use. Landrive (Landriffe, p. 79) was useful there; he will be sent to take charge of provisions at Longueuil. Has purchased a small quantity of wheat at the enormous price of \$2 a bushel. As an ordinary price for ordinary wheat mixed with black from last season's blight ten livres is asked. Sends returns of the number of packages of provisions at Montreal put in good order fit for transport. Remarks on the cost of transport to Coteau du Lac and Lachine, the immediate saving to the latter as compared with the further transport from each to Carleton Island. The agreement with Pillet (p. 81.) The Commissariat Department has not yet received the forage money. 83

February 10,
Quebec.

Mathews to Day. His Excellency directs transport to begin at once; the saving by sending to Coteau du Lac. To avoid purchasing wheat at the present enormous price. 85.

February 10,
Montreal.

Day to Mathews. Will pay Bell for the rum. Landrive ill with gout. When able he will go to Longueuil. Sends an account rendered by the commanding officer at St. Denis for bateau services by his troops. Sends requisition for £10,000. 86

February 14,
Quebec.

Mathews to Day. Orders shall be given respecting the account for transport to St. Denis. Were the provisions transported by the Germans for their own consumption? 87

February 14,
Montreal.

Day to Mathews. The land transport of provisions to Coteau du Lac will be in motion this week; the nature of the supply and the posts for which it is intended. Had stopped buying wheat; there is plenty, but of inferior quality; had only bought from necessity, as the biscuit must be forwarded at once in case of loss. Arrival of Ferguson, commissary at Oswegatchie, who reports all well and plenty of provisions at that post. 88

February 17,
Quebec.

Mathews to Day. His Excellency is satisfied with the report in letter of 14th (p. 88); all the Indian corn purchased and as much more as can be purchased to be forwarded early, being intended as seed for the Indians; to send also pumpkin seed. Carleton Island

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- February 19, Montreal. is to be the great depot for provisions; all packages are therefore to be marked and numbered. Page 90
- February 19, Montreal. Day to Mathews. Has received warrant for £10,000. The provisions for St. Denis were for the Germans themselves; the commissary was obliged to pay each man 12s. 6d. and a gallon of rum, by order of the commanding officer, although it was contrary to the regulations. 91
- February 19, Montreal. Same to the same. Had gone to Coteau du Lac, or, as he suggests it should be called, Haldimand Point. Reports on the judicious selection of the spot for a storehouse and the great utility of the erection for the King's service. Progress of the work of transport; the activity of the Canadians, &c. 92
- February 20, Montreal. Same to the same. The Indian corn is at Three Rivers and Sorel; he did not intend to move it till the navigation opened, but will order it to Montreal by land transport. Will procure pumpkin seed. Respecting the arrangements for transport, &c., from Coteau du Lac. 94
- February 24, Montreal. Same to the same. Sends returns, with suggestions as to the method of keeping accounts for spruce beer, &c. 96
- February 24, Montreal. Orders issued by Day, Commissary General, to the commissaries at the back posts. A copy of orders issued on the 29th December, 1776, accompanies this. 97
- March 2, Quebec. Mathews to Day. His Excellency approves of his proposal as to the accounts for spruce beer, &c. Indian corn and pumpkin seed to be forwarded at once. 98
- March 6, London. Paragraph of a letter from a correspondent in London to Neil McLean, assistant commissary general, respecting his pay. 99
- March 6, Montreal. Day to Mathews. Will regulate the issues of spruce beer as ordered; will forward corn and pumpkin seed. Transport to Haldimand Point (Coteau du Lac) completed on the 24th; return is sent. Transport to Lachine is begun. Sends monthly return of provisions. Demand for rations to 23 women of the 84th Regiment cannot be complied with in this time of scarcity without Haldimand's approbation. 101
- March 9, Quebec. Mathews to Day. Approves of the refusal to give rations to the 23 women of the 84th; the regiment is to be charged with the rations issued in excess of the effective strength. 103
- March 14, Montreal. Day to Mathews. No rations shall be issued without the General's orders to the women of any regiment. The amount of rations to the 84th has been stopped by the paymaster. 104
- March 20, Montreal. Same to the same. Applies for forage money for the officers of his department for 1778 and 1779. 105
- March 27, Montreal. Same to the same. Has transmitted to Lieut. Col. Carleton a list of officers of his department entitled to batt and forage money. Sends requisition for £10,000, and returns of provisions at Coteau du Lac. 106
- March 29, Quebec. Mathews to Day. Has laid the returns, &c., before His Excellency. To inquire if rum could be purchased advantageously in Montreal at present. If so, a supply might be sent to Coteau du Lac, if it could be stored there in safety. 107
- April 3, Montreal. Day to Mathews. Warrant for £10,000 received. The purchase of 300 puncheons West India rum at five shillings currency in Montreal will be an advantage, for reasons given. 108
- April 6, Quebec. Mathews to Day. Authorizing the purchase of 300 puncheons West India rum. 110

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April 10,
Montreal. Day to Mathews. Has purchased 100 puncheons proof Grenada rum. If the examination be satisfactory he will store it in a vault in the King's stores. Has written to Quebec to secure the other 200 puncheons. Page 111
- April 10,
Quebec: Haldimand to Day. McKay, assistant commissary at Carleton Island, being engaged in trade, he is to be removed elsewhere; the assistant at St. John's would be a proper person to replace him. As McKay had probably not received explicit orders not to trade, he will in event of a reduction be considered in the same light as if continued at Carleton Island. All engaged in trade are to be reported. So soon as the state of the transport shall admit of it, he (Day) is to return to Quebec. Small casks to be prepared for sending the rum to the upper posts. 112
- April 13,
Quebec. Day to Blaney, commissary at St. John's. He is to proceed to Carleton Island to replace McKay; Davey, of Sorel, will succeed him at St. John's. 114
- April 13,
Quebec. Haldimand to Day. Proceedings respecting rum approved of; officers commanding in the upper posts are forbidden to purchase rum, so that they must be kept supplied. 115
- April 14,
St. John's. Blaney to the same. Owing to the state of his health, is obliged to decline the offer of promotion to Carleton Island. 116
- April 14,
Montreal. J. Jaffray to James Linger. Order that no receipt for spruce beer can be accepted for any quantity above the regulated allowance. (On the 20th a copy of this letter was sent by Day to James Grant, the contractor). 117
- April 16,
Montreal. Day to Haldimand. Sends copy of Blaney's letter (p. 116) and recommends Davey, now at Sorel, for Carleton Island. Sends copy of order to the commissaries forbidding them to trade. Will set out for Quebec when the small rivers open, although there is great pressure of business at Montreal. 118
- April 17,
Montreal. Same to the same. Will keep the upper posts supplied with rum, as ordered. His arrangements for sending it in 36 gallon casks. The expense of returning the empty barrels; arrangements for safe keeping at Coteau du Lac. Has purchased 180 puncheons of good proof West Indian rum at Montreal, all that is to be had. The incorrect method of gauging rum. The terms of the purchase of rum at Quebec. 120
- April 24,
Quebec. Mathews to Day. His Excellency approves of the contents of letters of the 16th and 17th. The empty casks are to be brought back, as His Excellency has given orders to bring them over the carrying place at a small expense. 122
- June 12,
Montreal. John Jaffray to Neil McLean. Major St. George (Dupré) complains that the inhabitants who carry provisions to Carleton Island, are detained cutting wood, &c., but does not say which department is responsible. 123
- June 22,
Carleton Island. McLean to Mathews. Sends paragraph from a letter from his correspondent in London (p. 99), and prays His Excellency to have a settlement obtained for his pay, &c. 124
- July 19,
Sorel. Day to the same. The provisions for 2,000 men for two months are provided; part of the flour and pork sent from Quebec and part from Three Rivers. He hopes to be at St. John's to-night or to-morrow morning. 126
- July 29,
Michillimackinac. John Askin to Day. Since his dismissal from the service, all his applications for leave to go to Quebec have been refused. His disagreeable situation; asks that it be represented to General Haldi-

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- mand, so that he may obtain leave to go to Quebec to settle accounts and answer accusations. Page 127
- August 29, James McGill to Day. That he has received a letter from Montreal. Mr. A-kin to be sent to him (Day). Urges that leave should be obtained for him to come down the country. 129
- September 16, Haldimand to the same. That he is to see personally the provisions destroyed that have been condemned at Montreal and adjacent posts, with certain exceptions. 131
- September 18, Mathews to the same. Bolton having written that nothing like Quebec. the quantity of flour required for Niagara and Detroit has been received, all possible dispatch is to be used to forward that article. 132
- September 21, Day to Mathews. There has been no delay in forwarding supplies to Niagara. He will inform Lieut. Maurer of the necessity of forwarding immediately the rest of the supply. Sends a return of provisions forwarded to the 19th. 133
- September 25, Mathews to Day. Has received return of provisions for the Quebec. upper posts. 134
- October 11, Certificate by Major Ross and Ensign Arden that 150 bushels of Coteau du Lac. damaged pease were destroyed. 135
- October 18, Day to Haldimand. Statement respecting the deficiency, supply Quebec. and distribution of rum and recommendation that more should be ordered, as well as a quantity of vinegar. 136
- October 24, Certificate by Major Carleton of deficiency of pork on his expedition. St. John's. caused by damage, &c. 139
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- March 12, R. B. L. (Lernoult) to Day. Provisions to serve to the 24th of Quebec. May are to be sent to the parishes on the south side of the St. Lawrence. 140
- March 12, Day to Haldimand. Serious error in the monthly return of flour Montreal. at Three Rivers; having been discovered in time, it cannot hurt the service, but 50,000 livres of flour have had to be ordered from Quebec to supply the garrison and district of Three Rivers till the river opens. There are 140 puncheons of rum in the stores at Coteau du Lac; hopes to have 350 there for early transport to Carleton Island. Thinks a guard should be placed there. A number of women and children (royalists) are there whose rations cost more than at Machiche or any of the lower posts. The high price of wheat. The quantity of fresh beef purchased; every care has been taken for its preservation. 141
- March 15, Same to Mathews. Proposes to send Mr. Keho to Coteau du Montreal. Lac as assistant commissary, the commissary at the Cedars having enough to attend to. A small storehouse wanted. Has provided and sent 4,000 pounds of biscuit to St. John's. 143
- March 19, Mathews to Day. His Excellency is surprised at the error in Quebec. the return of provisions; the steps to be taken to prevent inconvenience. There is no need of any additional guard at Coteau du Lac, Herkimer being perfectly trustworthy; if necessary, however, a regular detachment shall be sent. 144
- March 19, Same to the same. Orders shall be given to build a proper store Quebec. at the upper landing of the Cedars. 146
- March 19, Day to Mathews. That the storehouse at Sorel has been broken Montreal. into and four puncheons of rum broached. Respecting receipts for spruce beer from several regiments, which cannot be paid without orders. 147

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- March 26, Montreal. Day to Mathews. Has received approval of sending a commissary to Coteau du Lac and of building a storehouse at the Cedars. Sends return of provisions. Is forwarding 200 tierces of flour from Sorel to Montreal; there are about 103,000 pounds at Coteau du Lac which cannot with propriety be moved to Montreal. Sends return to show what can be spared for the upper posts. 149
- March 26, Quebec. Mathews to Day. As it is probable victuallers will arrive early and there is flour in store, it is not necessary to purchase any. His Excellency wishes for information respecting Indian corn and pumpkin seed for the upper country. 150
- March 28, Montreal. Day to Mathews. Shall attend to directions respecting spruce beer. Has returned from Sorel where he attended to the distribution of flour, given in detail. 151
- March 29, Montreal. Same to the same. Will obey orders not to purchase flour, except a small quantity from Gagy for the loyalists and some for biscuits for the bateau men. Respecting corn and pumpkin seed. 152
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- March 31, St. John's. Captain Chambers to Day. Requisition for biscuits for the naval armament on Lake Champlain. 155
- April 2, Quebec. Haldimand to the same. He is to provide such a quantity of biscuit as will leave an overplus beyond the usual demand. The quality must be good and the price as reasonable as circumstances will permit. A comparison of the returns leads to the belief that there is flour to last till the 1st of July. Approves of his having purchased from Mr. Gagy. Not to buy any more Indian corn. 156
- April 2, Montreal. Day to Mathews. Sends letter from Captain Forbes respecting the robbery of rum at Chambly; also certificate of the destruction of damaged pease by Major Ross. 157
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- April 3, Montreal. Order by Day as to the precautions to be taken for the preservation of the oil cloths used for covering goods for transport to the upper posts. 159
- April 5, Cedars. Thomas Dennis to Day. That Keho and he have decided not to take an inventory of the stores at Coteau du Lac until some part of the stores are removed. 160
- April 5, Montreal. Order by Day for the issue of fresh and salt provisions by the commissaries. 162
- April 5, Montreal. Day to Mathews. Sends requisition by Chambers for biscuit for the naval armament on Lake Champlain, with remarks. 163
- April 5, Quebec. Haldimand to Day. In respect to the robbery of rum at Chambly, the commissary appears to have been culpable in keeping it in the outer store, when he might have found more secure places within the fort. With respect to the pease it is probable that had they been dried, or issued at once, the greater part might have been saved. 164
- April 5, Montreal. Day to Haldimand. The arrangements for baking biscuits; remarks on the returns of flour, &c., and explanation of the difference between them and the calculations as to the time for which the flour will be sufficient. 165

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- April 9,
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- April 9,
Montreal. Same to Keho. Instructions for his conduct at the post; he is to consult and be advised by Dennis; method of keeping accounts, &c., &c. 169
- April 9,
Montreal. Same to Haldimand. Transmits copy of his orders to the commissaries, &c. 171
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Montreal. Day to Dennis. Approves of the resolution respecting the inventory of stores, &c., at Coteau du Lac, but hopes to have a proper account. Keho's proposal to make a guess at the quantities indicates an indolent disposition, without any feeling of responsibility, rendering him unfit for the employment. However, he will suspend judgment. 161
- April 16,
Quebec. Mathews to Day. Orders will be sent to the commanding officer at St. John's to furnish biscuit for the seamen. He is to purchase 150 bushels additional of Indian corn for Niagara; the disappointment of the Indians at not receiving the pumpkin seed, as they live much on pumpkins, which contribute greatly to the saving of provisions. 176
- April 19,
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- December 8, Chambly. R. Boileau to Mathews (in French). Requesting that he be allowed to remain as assistant with his father in the commissariat, stating the circumstances which have led to this application. 192
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- March 4, Quebec. Mathews to Day. There being no immediate need for flour, he is to make no considerable purchase till further orders, but to ease corvées he may buy enough to supply the troops in quarters where their vicinity will best admit of it. Biscuits to go to St. John's as soon as he is prepared for transport; orders will be sent as to quantity. 197
- March 6, Montreal. Day to Mathews. Thinks it better to defer purchasing for the troops as it would alarm the country and raise the price of wheat. The transport to Coteau du Lac began on Monday and is in full motion. 198
- April 1, Quebec. Same to the same. Sends report of a robbery committed on one of the provision stores. 199
- April 4, Quebec. Same to the same. That if Blakely, a loyalist, understands issuing provisions, &c., he may be useful, but an old infirm man would not be fit for such a post. 200
- April 8, Montreal. Mathews to Day. That advantage may be taken of the removal of provisions from Sorel to complete those at Chambly to a supply for six months. 201
- April 8, Quebec. Schank to the same. Asks how he is to repay provisions borrowed during the winter, the bread offered in return being alleged to be of inferior quality to that lent. 202
- April 11, Quebec. Day to Mathews. Sends letter from Schank (p. 202). It will be necessary to pay more than the usual price for the biscuit to be returned, for reasons given. 203
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- April 15, Quebec. Instructions by Day for the guidance of the commissary at Quebec in receiving and disposing of stores, &c. 205
- April 15, Quebec. Day to Mathews. Sends suggestions as to the proper method of buying wheat, flour, &c. 210
- April 19, Montreal. Mathews to Day. That the person named (Blakely) is fit for the office of issuer; orders will reach him at St. John's. 215
- April 19 (?) Quebec. Memorandum (undated) in answer to Day's suggestions of 15th April, in reference to the purchase of wheat, flour, &c. 216
- April 20, Montreal. Mathews to Day. Not only are six month's provisions to be sent to Chambly but as much more as can be spared. In the absence of store room, Boileau, the captain of militia, is to provide barns for storage. 218
- April 22, Montreal. Same to the same. A room in the Jesuit's College, now occupied by a clerk of the commissariat, is to be given over for the use of the

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- courts. Application was made long before, but the General did not choose to dispossess the man in the winter season. Page 219
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- April 29, Quebec. Same to the same. Order given to transfer the room in the Jesuit's College to the Clerk of the Peace. 222
- May 1, Michillimakinak. Report of rum inspected at Michillimakinak. 223
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- May 2, Montreal. Mathews to Day. The gross quantity of wheat to be made into flour is to be divided on the best terms obtainable, among the manufacturers, Mr. Caldwell to be specially considered, as his offer was the lowest. In the present tranquillity, His Excellency is desirous to employ the troops to strengthen Isle aux Noix, and other frontier posts; about five months' supply for about 4,000 men must be sent to St. John's. Arrangements for supplies till the arrival of the victuallers. Gagy may be employed to grind and authority may be given him to purchase 3,000 or 4,000 bushels of wheat and manufacture it for consumption in his neighbourhood. 226
- May 6, Quebec. Day to Mathews. Reports the arrangements he is making for the manufacture, &c., of flour. 229
- May 9, Montreal. Mathews to Day. His Excellency approves of the contents of his last report. Grant to have orders to brew spruce beer for Isle aux Noix. Requisitions for warrants sent to Genevay. 231
- May 13, Quebec. Day to Mathews. The arrangements he is making for the distribution of flour, &c.; butter will be scarce. Grant is preparing to brew. Sends monthly returns. 232
- May 16, Quebec. Same to the same. Advice from McNab, assistant commissary, that he had transferred the charge of provisions to Fisher at Carleton Island; had removed with the troops to Oswego, where he had secured the provisions under an old provision tent. No government wheat yet arrived. Caldwell has ground 700 bushels of wheat he bought himself; it only gave his people two days' employment. Sends returns. 233
- May 23, Quebec. Same to the same. Arrival of wheat, which has been sent to Caldwell. Advice received that the chief part of the fleet consists of victuallers, great part of them loaded with flour; it was expected the fleet would sail in the middle of April. Arrival of a commissary from New York, who reports Brigadier Hamilton and Geddes, Deputy Paymaster General, had left there in December, but the ship has not since been heard of. Sends report on rum at Michillimakinak. 234
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- May 30, Montreal. Same to the same. Sends letter from Allsopp respecting the grinding of wheat. Care must be taken to remove any just cause of complaint. 240
- May 30, Quebec. Day to Mathews. Sends letter to Mitchell, left open for His Excellency's perusal. Arrival of wheat. States the reason of not giving wheat to Allsopp and encloses his letter (p. 237). 241
- June 28, Quebec. Mathews to Day. Desiring him to obtain full details of the wheat lately purchased by Mr. Jordan. 242
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- December 2, Quebec. Mathews to the same. The allowance of spruce beer to the army to be discontinued. 256
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- 25th December to the 24th June last. Are any reductions in their pay to be made? Proposes to go to Montreal when the transports and provision vessels are completed. His proposal for issuing provisions agreeable to the treasury ration, except to the Canadian bateau men and loyalists. Calls attention to the benefit the garrisons in the lower posts of Canada enjoy, not received by those in the upper posts. Page 263
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- September 13, Craigie to Mathews. Has been obliged to draw on Isle aux
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- September 20, Day to the same. Has sent Joseph Johnson with £200 to pay
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Quebec. Haldimand to Cole. Whilst disapproving of Prendergast not taking the same duty as others, yet no junior officer must take upon himself to act as principal. The conduct of Prendergast should have been reported to Dr. Kennedy, who has power to act. Prendergast must be relieved from arrest and reported to Dr. Kennedy. In case of the exigencies of the service requiring immediate action, proceedings must always be reported to Dr. Kennedy, with reasons. 51
- June 10,
Montreal. Cole to Haldimand. Has released Prendergast, as ordered. Is happy that the direction of the hospital has now been given to one person. 53
- June 28,
Montreal. Barr to the same. Proposes to leave Montreal, to receive at Quebec the medicines expected in the fleet. 55
- July 1,
Quebec. Haldimand to Barr. There is no objection to his coming to Quebec. 56
- September 28,
Three Rivers. Barr to Haldimand. Has had repairs made to the Recollet House here, to accommodate 50 patients. The suitableness of the situation and house described. Intends to remove the sick from Montreal; the medicines, &c., are here already. Suggests that two rooms in the Recollet House at Montreal would be suitable for the reception of the few sick there. The Superior of the convent has offered to do the baking for the sick on the same terms as the last baker. 57
- September 30,
Quebec. Haldimand to Barr. Is pleased with the arrangements for the sick at Three Rivers. The baking should be entrusted to the nuns, both because he wishes to serve them and because the hospital will be better provided for by their good offices. Will arrange about the two rooms. 59
- November 1,
Quebec. Regulations respecting surgeons for the upper posts, particularly for the Naval Department at Detroit. 62
- November 23,
Three Rivers. Barr to Haldimand. Calls attention to an order from Brigadier McLean to the storekeeper of the hospital to issue wine to the sick loyalists. Asks that the Brigadier be informed of the bad effect of this violation of the hospital rules. There are three hospitals open

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to loyalists, where they can have wine and all other articles proper for the sick. The abuse that the violation of rules might give rise to.

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November 25, Haldimand to Barr. Will desire McLean not to give orders for wine to any person out of the General Hospital. 65

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February 10, Barr to Haldimand. Sends schedule (p. 81) of hospital accounts to Three Rivers. 31st December, 1779. Asks for a warrant for £500. 85

February 23, Mathews to Kennedy. To investigate, with Mahane, a claim by Quebec. the surgeon of the 84th for medicines stopped for the use of the hospital at Quebec. 86

May 15, Nooth, superintendent general, to the same. That the German New York. regiments are to receive medicines, &c., from the General Hospital. The regiments of Losberg and Knyphausen, now embarking at New York for Canada, are to receive the same indulgence. 87

June 6, Order to Barr to pay to James Sutherland his account for wine and Quebec. rum. 88

June 11, Barr to Haldimand. Explains the reason for the refusal to pay Three Rivers. Sutherland's account. If His Excellency still orders payment, that must be done by a special warrant, as there are items which would not be passed in the hospital accounts. 89

June 15, Haldimand to Barr. That he has withdrawn the order for the Quebec. payment of Sutherland's account, on being informed of the circumstances of the case. Desires to know why the goods were taken possession of by the quartermaster general. 92

June 20, Barr to Haldimand. Sutherland's goods were seized on the way Three Rivers. from Fort George to Fort Edward in 1777, in consequence of an order from Burgoyne prohibiting the transport of sutler's goods in the King's carts, &c., so as to expedite the transport of provisions for the troops. The articles seized were not made use of for the hospital nor for the supply of the troops. 93

July 25, Same to the same. Recommends Robert Kerr, surgeon's mate at Three Rivers. Machiche, to be surgeon of Sir John Johnson's second Battalion: Reasons for not recommending others with equal claims. Encloses letter from Sir James Napier in favour of Kerr. 95

September 8, Same to the same. Remonstrates against an order of Dr. Ken- Three Rivers. nedy to supply tents to regiments for men suffering from slight complaints. Points out an abuse in the demand on the hospital by regimental surgeons for medicines, and suggests a remedy. 97

September 12, Genevay to Barr. The General thinks there is no need of hos- Quebec. pital tents to be issued to the regiments; he is obliged for the information about the medicines. 101

October 5, Mathews to Kennedy, directing him to send a hospital mate to Quebec. Sir John Johnson's second battalion at Coteau du Lac, till a surgeon shall be appointed to the corps. 102

November 20, Barr to Haldimand, transmitting Grieve's petition. 104

November 21, Petition of Andrew Grieve, to be appointed surgeon of the 84th St. John's. regiment. (There is an error in the date, the petition being forwarded by Barr on the 20th). 103

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- November 30, Mathews to Barr. The memorial from Grieve received. Menzies
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- January 19, Dr. Monington to Captain Mathews. That Captain Fraser,
Three Rivers. although still very weak, had gone with his brother to rejoin his
corps. 120
- February 3, Kennedy to Haldimand. Reports the death of Corrie, surgeon
Quebec. to the 53rd regiment. 122
- March 30, Barr to Mathews. Was not aware of the death of Salmon, hos-
Three Rivers. pital mate, when the pay list was made out. Asks that a new list
be prepared, charging Salmon's pay to the 20th. 123
- April 12, Return giving the names of the mates of the General Hospital,
Three Rivers. with the services on which they are employed. 124
- April 13, Barr to Haldimand. It is time to relieve Menzies, surgeon of the
Three Rivers. 84th regiment at Detroit, but the dispersed state of the hospital
staff makes it difficult to do so. Suggests the names of several
surgeons of regiments who would be proper to send, if one of them
could be spared. 126
- April 16, Haldimand to Barr. Arrangements that may be made to send a
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- April 19, Barr to Haldimand. Has ordered Harffy to Detroit to relieve
Three Rivers. Menzies; Blake ordered to take charge of the sick at Montreal.
Asks that the new supernumerary join at Three Rivers, Pearce,
the hospital mate there, being indisposed. 129
- April 23, Genevay to Barr. His Excellency approves of the distribution
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- June 28, Mathews to the same. He is to forward to Captain Maurer
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- June 30. Schedule of expenses for the hospitals in Canada, from 1st Janu-
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- Account of wages to officers, servants, nurses, &c., of the hospi-
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- Account current. His Majesty's hospitals in Canada. 137
- July 24, Barr to Genevay. Clarius Brittain, a rebel prisoner, wishes to
Three Rivers. take the oath to Government. He is between 40 and 50; a good
carpenter and wishes to be employed on the King's works. 139
- July 26, Genevay to Barr. Brittain may be allowed to take the oaths, re-
Quebec. leased and sent to the works at Detroit. 140
- August 4, Captain Andrew Ross, 31st Regiment, to Lernoult. Reports the
Sorel. complaint of a habitant that he had been robbed by the detach-
ment of six pigs, fowls, sheep and a calf. After a minute investi-
gation, he believes the complaint to be unfounded, and that it was
made to extort money. Has made every exertion to proceed with
the bateaux, but there have been unavoidable delays and constant
head winds; hopes to reach St. John's to-morrow. 141
- August 12, Mathews to Barr. The General desires to be informed in what
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war; how recommendations for promotion, &c., were made, so that
the same method may be adopted. 144

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August 17, Three Rivers. Barr to Mathews. Reporting that unless the hospital board is set aside and one person named as head of the hospital service, it will be difficult to carry on the service as formerly, and states the method followed during the last war. Page 145
- September 10, Quebec. Genevay to Barr. The "Jupiter," storeship, with Indian presents, sailed for Three Rivers, where her cargo was to have been put on board river craft for the upper posts, but finding these vessels employed, the goods are to be landed and stored in the Recollet Church at Three Rivers. There are 18 cases small arms, which the General intends shall be sent to Sorel. 147
- October 2, Three Rivers. Barr to Genevay. Goddard sent to superintend the storing of the goods by the "Jupiter," has found river craft to carry the whole cargo to Montreal; nothing is left but the packages of small arms. The habitants refuse to sell straw. It being necessary for the sick, asks that an order be sent to the captains of militia to demand from the habitants a certain quantity of straw of which they have plenty. 149
- October 4, Quebec. Genevay to Barr. Has received report of the forwarding of the "Jupiter's" cargo, and of the necessity of an order for straw. Tonancour will take an order to the captains of militia to make the farmers bring in the necessary quantity of straw for the hospital, for which they will be paid a reasonable price. 151
- October 8, Quebec. Mathews to the same. Sends letter from Major Ross, with one from the surgeon at Carleton Island, reporting the distress there from want of medicine. A sufficient quantity is to be forwarded immediately. 153
- October 9, Three Rivers. Barr to Genevay. Will forward the arms to Sorel on the first safe opportunity. Sends calculation of the straw needed. Transmits the request of two sick officers for firewood; he has supplied their immediate wants. Sends requisition for medicines. 154
- October 12, Three Rivers. Same to Haldimand. Recommends Charles Williamson, surgeon's mate of the 31st, to be appointed hospital mate at Montreal. 156
- October 21, Three Rivers. Affirmation (in French) by Jean Marie Giroud, of Pointe du Lac, that he was robbed by the detachment under Captain Ross of three sheep, &c. (See p. 141). 158
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- November 1, Three Rivers. Kennedy to Haldimand. Has directed a sufficient supply of medicines to be sent to the 8th regiment and Butler's Rangers. 160
- November 4, Quebec. Mathews to Barr. That he is to forward medicines asked for at Niagara, according to the lists sent. 161
- November 8, Quebec. Same to the same. His Excellency will have no objection to the appointment of Williamson as mate at the General Hospital, Montreal (p. 156), when the service shall require an extension. 162
- November 9, Three Rivers. Barr to Mathews. The medicines for the 8th and for Butler's Rangers are packed. Report of damaged provisions is enclosed. 163
- November 12, Quebec. Mathews to Kennedy. To send a hospital mate to Coteau du Lac, where a surgeon is much wanted. If there is one at Chambly he can be best spared, there being few prisoners there. 164
- November 14, Three Rivers. Barr to Mathews. The medicines for Carleton Island are still in Montreal, where Maurer says they must remain for the winter, unless His Excellency orders them to be sent by a light boat express. Those for Niagara are also at Montreal, and no time should be lost in forwarding them. Is glad that there is no objection to the appointment of Williamson; hopes it will soon be made. 165

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May 17, Three Rivers.	Barr to Mathews. Is making medical arrangements for the sick of the troops ordered to Isle aux Noix, &c. When complete, the number of bateaux wanted can be ascertained; on arrival at St. John's more bateaux will be needed for the conveyance of bedding stored there. Can only send one surgeon and one mate. The hospital at St. John's, with one mate and few sick, may be considered as a depot, to which sick from the advanced posts might be sent. Trail, the first mate, will take charge of the flying hospital. Medicines sent off to Michillimakinak.	182	
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October 14,
Quebec. Haldimand to Kennedy. Returns respecting the medicine, expenditure and sick of the General Hospital since its establishment to be prepared for transmission to the Ministry. Desires to know the grounds of his communicating with Mr. Adair respecting the garrison hospital at Quebec, and of his deciding on arrangements under his (Haldimand's) command, without first communicating the same. Anything necessary for the King's service should have been communicated to him (Haldimand) for immediate investigation. 206
- October 17,
Three Rivers. Barr to Mathews. Has made out a return of the patients admitted to the General Hospital, from 8th June, 1776, to 24th August, 1782. Sends return of medicines sent from England for the same period. 208
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- November 7,
Three Rivers. Cole to Mathews. With a request for leave to come to Quebec to assist at an operation. 287
- November 11,
Quebec. Mathews to Cole. He may come to Quebec. 288
- December 9,
Quebec. Same to Barr. He is to proceed to Quebec to take over the stores of the Garrison Hospital, which has been discontinued. 289
- December 9,
Quebec. Same to Kennedy. The office of inspector of regimental infirmaries will be discontinued on the 25th. When an inspection is required he shall be allowed travelling expenses. 290
- December 17,
Three Rivers. Kennedy to Haldimand. Remonstrates against his sudden removal from the office of inspector. (The letter is dated 1777. The error has apparently arisen from Kennedy having inadvertently written the year from the notice of the confirmation of his appointment as inspector enclosed (see p. 3) in a letter by Foy, dated 13th November, 1777. The real date is 1782, as in the margin.) 4
- December 21,
Quebec. Haldimand to Kennedy. The confirmation by His Majesty of his (Kennedy's) appointment as inspector of infirmaries has been received. Although unwilling to disturb any of his predecessor's appointments, yet the office has become unnecessary and from the strong recommendations to use economy in every branch of the service, it must be abolished. 291
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St. John's. Captain Chambers to Barr. Sends application from Harris, surgeon's mate at St. John's, to be allowed to relieve Pearce, surgeon's mate of the Naval Department. 292
- January 20,
Three Rivers. Barr to Genevay. Encloses letter from Chambers respecting the exchange asked for by Harris. There can be no objection; Pearce will join the hospital at Three Rivers. 293
- February 4. Hospital return from 29th January to date. 294
- February 11,
Three Rivers. Barr to Mathews. Hopes by next post to send a general statement of his accounts to 24th December last to Brigadier Powell. 295

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February 18, Barr to Haldimand. The disbursements shown by the accounts
Three Rivers. cover not only the money received by warrant, but also the stop-
ages; asks, therefore for a warrant for £500. Page 296
- February 25. Hospital weekly return from the 19th February to date. 297
- Other weekly returns to the 29th of April are at pages 298, 300,
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weeks being omitted.
- March 13, Mathews to Barr. Sends letter to be forwarded to Captain Ross,
Quebec. which will, he hopes, relieve him of the applications made by
Madame Girou. 299
- March 30, Captain Ross to Mathews. Perfectly remembers the complaint
Isle St. against his company, and refers to his letter of a previous date.
Ignace. (Letter dated "Sorel, 4th August, 1731," gives details of the ex-
amination made on the complaint of Girou, p. 141. See also pp.
158, 159.) 301
- April 5, Statement by Lieutenants Nicholas and Goff of the 44th regiment
Quebec. and by Hope of the 31st, corroborating the report of Ross on the
claim of Girou. 303
- April 7, Mathews to Barr. Transmits the papers relative to the claim
Quebec. by Girou; directs that further investigation be made, and
that, if Girou can produce no proof of injury, he is to be dealt with
as the law directs. 304
- April 12, Barr to Mathews. That the proofs brought by Girou are not
Three Rivers. complete, but the presumptive evidence might have weight with a
jury. 307
- Depositions follow. 308
- June 23, Pearce, hospital mate, to Haldimand. Asks leave to come on
Patrick's shore to lay his case before His Excellency. 312
Place.
- July 1, Kennedy to the same. Asks leave to go to England on his
Three Rivers. private business. 313
- July 7, Haldimand to Kennedy. Unless something unforeseen happen,
Quebec. has no objection to grant him leave of absence. 314
- August 16, Same to Barr. Arrival of transports from New York with
Quebec. loyalists attacked by small-pox and measles. The vessels are or-
dered to Sorel, and means are to be taken for treatment of the sick
and prevention of infection. 315
- August 19, Barr to Haldimand. Is leaving for Sorel with Williamson, carry-
Three Rivers. ing tents and hospital stores. 316
- August 21, Same to the same. Reports that 16 of the loyalists on board the
Sorel. "Camel" have small-pox of a favourable sort; five died on the
passage from being kept below. 317
- August 23, Certificate by Nooth, superintendent, that Rolland and Long-
New York. more, hospital mates, have been paid to the 24th of October
next. 318
- August 25, Haldimand to Barr. Is pleased with the favourable account of
Quebec. the small-pox patients. Another transport has arrived and is sent
to Sorel. 319
- August 25, Barr to Haldimand. No increase to the number of small-pox
Sorel. patients; bedding, clothing, &c., have been purified by fire and
smoke. 320
- September 9, Same to Mathews. There are now only four small-pox patients;
Three Rivers. none of those in the second transport were attacked, and there is
little chance of its spreading. Numerous applications have been

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- made for small-pox matter for inoculation, surgeons having come from distant parts of the country to obtain it. The difference of opinion of its benefits; he himself thinks it would be for the good of the Province. Page 321
- September 11, Mathews to Barr. The small-pox matter should only be distributed to qualified surgeons, and be given only by himself. He is to give his opinion as to the best period of the year, the preparation of the patient, &c., to those obtaining the matter, as bad success might be attended with possibly fatal consequences. 323.
- September 19, Barr to Genevay. With a list of medicines for Detroit. 324
- September 25, Mathews to Barr. Directs him to pay Dr. Kennedy for the expense of postages and stationery. 325
- September 30, Barr to Mathews. The charge by Dr. Kennedy for stationery can only be paid on a special order by the commander-in-chief, that article having been supplied by the Apothecary-General. The accounts are returned. 326
- October 13, Mathews to Barr. The charge by Dr. Kennedy for stationery is withdrawn, but he is to be paid for postages. 328.
- November 17, Haldimand to the same. Encloses extract of letter from the Secretary at War, ordering a reduction in the staff of the General Hospital, to take effect on the 25th December; passages are to be provided for the reduced officers of Great Britain. Foote, from the half-pay, is appointed surgeon, and Rolland and Longmore to be hospital mates. 329.
- November 18, Barr to Haldimand. That the hospital at Sorel being no longer necessary, all fear of small-pox being removed, he had closed the hospital and dismissed nurses, &c., leaving Harris to take charge of the refugees, which he had done faithfully. Notwithstanding this, they are clamouring for a hospital to be kept open under pretence of being afraid of the small-pox. The number inoculated; the danger of collecting small-pox patients into a hospital. Reports that it would be an unnecessary expense to open a hospital, the attendance of Harris in the loyalist barracks being sufficient. 331
- November 27, Mathews to Barr. His Excellency is considering what should be done about the damaged provisions. The General cannot do as he (Barr) wishes, or as he himself desires, respecting the poor *reformés* (the discharged hospital staff), the orders being positive. Small-pox having declared itself at Machiche among the loyalists, a hospital mate is to be sent there. He is to use every means to have the Germans recaptured who had stolen a watch and after giving up the money had been released. An example is the more necessary as these vagrants are beginning to pilfer everywhere. 333.
- November 27, Haldimand to the same. That the request to continue the officers of the hospital on full pay till they can embark for Europe is out of his power to grant. 335
- November 28. George Rolland and George Longmore to Mathews. Asking for an advance of two or three months' pay, all the money they brought from New York being exhausted. 336
- December 1, Mathews to Rolland and Longmore. Sends an order for three months' pay asked for. How the matter is to be officially arranged. 338
- December 1, Same to Barr. The corps of rangers will soon be disbanded, the relief cannot, therefore, be granted from regimental surgeons. After the corps are disbanded they are to be treated as loyalists. A hospital mate is to be sent to River du Chêne to inquire into the

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disease mentioned in a letter enclosed, from which it appears that medicines are wanted. Page 339

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December 2, Same to Mathews. The hospital staff return thanks for allowance
Three Rivers. of provisions. Messrs. Longmore and Rolland have visited the loyalists at Machiche; there has been no small-pox there and the loyalists are very healthy. Has given orders to apprehend the felons released (p. 333). Points out the difference between the commissions to the regular army surgeons and those to the hospital surgeons in Canada, and does not think it was intended that the latter should suffer as they are doing from the sudden reduction. 341

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December 9, Barr to Mathews. Sends report of survey on pork and beef.
Three Rivers. The felons lately released have not yet been recaptured. Rolland has gone to Rivière du Chêne with medical relief for the rangers there. Small-pox has appeared at Machiche; Longmore has gone to reside there, so long as it is necessary. 345

December 11, Mathews to Barr. Report of survey on provisions received. The
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December 12, Barr to Haldimand. Remarks on returns of medicines, stores,
Three Rivers. &c. 358

December 15, Haldimand to Barr. That the remaining hospital stores, &c., are
Quebec. to be transferred to Williamson, until the arrival of the surgeon on the peace establishment. 360

December 16, Barr to Mathews. Has written to Longmore for a return of
Three Rivers. small-pox patients, their requirements of bed linen, &c. The proof of the identity of the man at Montreal with one of the escaped felons is not sufficient to warrant his arrest. 361

December 18, Mathews to Barr. The loyalists at Machiche may have an
Quebec. additional allowance of provisions, &c, whilst the small-pox prevails there. 362

December 19, Barr to Mathews. That in accordance with instructions he shall
Three Rivers. deliver the hospital stores to Williamson. 363

December 22, Mathews to Barr. That the steward of the General Hospital
Quebec. may be continued for the present in charge of the stores, &c. If necessary, he (Barr) may continue the clerk at Montreal in charge of the stores, His Excellency having every confidence in his (Barr's) judgment. 364

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London.

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April 12,
London.

Sir Thomas Mills to Sir Guy Carleton. The office of Receiver General has been made a patent office. William Grant has been appointed deputy, an office in which Thomas Dunn could not be continued owing to his other duties. He (Mills) has been obliged

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 and irregularities in the Treasury prevent him from getting a settlement. Has written on the subject to his deputy, so as to consult with His Excellency how to get the advances repaid. Grant has given security for £20,000. Page 11
- August 8,
 Quebec. Thomas Dunn to Carleton. The officers of the Civil Government were paid their salaries to 30th April, 1775. List of those since paid by order of the Treasury to October, 1776, besides others of different dates. 14
- August 24,
 London. Mills to the same. In reference to his (Carleton's) observation that he could not understand how money was owing to him (Mills) for advances, explains the system, and states that His Excellency having taken no trouble about the accounts had been misinformed by those entrusted with them, and states that the assertion that no money can be paid except by a warrant from the Governor is incorrect, there being frequent occasions on which the Receiver General must advance money without a warrant for which he has legal authority to repay himself when money comes into his hands. Gives instances and states that he is unable to get payment for £1,000 irregularly advanced by Mr. Dunn to His Excellency. The rest of the letter relates to the system of payments, &c. 16
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August 30, Quebec. Same to the same. Asks to be dispensed from going to the Asizes at Montreal, being anxious to get ready to go to England with his accounts as paymaster of the Marine Department. It is, he believes, the intention of the Treasury to have these accounts closed to a fixed period, and the number of open accounts would make it appear as if he had large balances in his hands. If he must go to Montreal, the accounts cannot be ready by the 25th October, when the last convoy sails. His accounts as Receiver General are all ready, with the vouchers, &c. Asks that John Laughton and James Clark, storekeepers at Carleton Island and Detroit respectively, be ordered to Quebec with their accounts. 290

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September 13, Montreal. Dunn to Mathews. He has informed Dobie and Forsyth that it was doubtful if His Excellency would order further payments of Lieut.-Governor Sinclair's bills. They understood that a settlement would be made of what could be paid, but he is to meet them after the court is over. The labour account, as agreed to in the report by Hope and Twiss, should, he thinks, be paid. He believes that after he returns to Quebec some resolution may be come to that will free His Excellency from importunity. Hopes to get through the court this week, unless detained by the trial of an Indian for the murder at Lachine of two of Colonel Campbell's men. 295

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1778. July 27, Quebec.	Hugh Finlay to General Haldimand. Transmitting a report of what he said at council in reference to changes in the militia law.	6
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September 9, Quebec.	Same to the same. Memorial for arrears of pay and an annual allowance to compensate him for loss by new postal arrangements. 20		
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September 28, Quebec.	Same to maître de poste, Veichères (in French). That he has orders to deal only with matters affecting the King's couriers.	80	
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VOL. III.

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STATISTICS  
OF THE  
TRADE OF QUEBEC,  
1768—1783,

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B.M. 21,861.

1.—A List of the Ships and Vessels which have arrived at Quebec, together with their Cargoes and the Duties arising to the Crown since the establishment of the American Board. Also of the Provincial Duties since the Duty Act took place, to the 1st of January, 1780.

| Date.   | Arrivals from—                                                     | Vessels. | Tons. | Guns. | Men. | Cargoes.                                                                                                                     | Duties.<br>£ s. d. |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1768... | (1) Great Britain.....                                             | 15       | 2,109 | ..... | 158  | (4) Goods, the produce of Great Britain and East Indies; also wines.....                                                     | 235 14 6           |
|         | (2) The West Indies and Southern parts of Europe, Africa, &c. .... | 7        | 720   | ..... | 68   | (5) Rum, sugar, molasses, coffee, salt, wines, &c....                                                                        | 120 5 1            |
|         | (3) The Continent of America.....                                  | 17       | 785   | ..... | 96   | (6) Naval stores, candles, &c, though their cargoes are usually assorted with the produce of Europe and the West Indies..... | .....              |
| 1769... | .....                                                              | 39       | 3,614 | ..... | 322  | .....                                                                                                                        | 355 19 7           |
|         | .....                                                              | 27       | 4,486 | ..... | 286  | .....                                                                                                                        | 505 17 6           |
|         | .....                                                              | 5        | 745   | ..... | 45   | .....                                                                                                                        | 82 4 1             |
|         | .....                                                              | 50       | 2,080 | ..... | 256  | .....                                                                                                                        | .....              |
| 1770... | .....                                                              | 82       | 7,311 | ..... | 587  | .....                                                                                                                        | 588 1 7            |
|         | .....                                                              | 20       | 2,570 | ..... | 193  | .....                                                                                                                        | 354 3 2½           |
|         | .....                                                              | 6        | 275   | ..... | 34   | .....                                                                                                                        | 340 15 8           |
|         | .....                                                              | 22       | 1,325 | ..... | 137  | .....                                                                                                                        | .....              |
| 1771... | .....                                                              | 48       | 4,170 | ..... | 364  | .....                                                                                                                        | 694 18 10½         |
|         | .....                                                              | 29       | 3,368 | ..... | 273  | .....                                                                                                                        | 532 19 2           |
|         | .....                                                              | 16       | 1,496 | 6     | 135  | .....                                                                                                                        | 115 8 7            |
|         | .....                                                              | 32       | 1,720 | ..... | 189  | .....                                                                                                                        | 69 19 8            |
| 1772... | .....                                                              | 77       | 6,584 | 6     | 597  | .....                                                                                                                        | 718 7 5            |
|         | .....                                                              | 26       | 2,837 | ..... | 232  | .....                                                                                                                        | 238 13 1½          |
|         | .....                                                              | 14       | 1,297 | ..... | 133  | .....                                                                                                                        | 142 6 9            |
|         | .....                                                              | 22       | 1,179 | ..... | 139  | .....                                                                                                                        | .....              |
|         | .....                                                              | 62       | 5,313 | ..... | 504  | .....                                                                                                                        | 380 19 10½         |

|         |     |    |        |     |       |   |             |
|---------|-----|----|--------|-----|-------|---|-------------|
| 1773... | 1   | 43 | 5,098  | 10  | 399   | 4 | 352 19 0    |
|         | 5   |    | 280    |     | 30    | 5 | 138 4 0     |
|         | 39  |    | 2,999  |     | 256   | 6 | 491 3 0     |
|         | 87  |    | 7,977  | 10  | 685   |   |             |
| 1774... | 55  |    | 7,040  |     | 335   | 4 | 183 15 10   |
|         | 25  |    | 1,705  |     | 139   | 5 | 789 5 9     |
|         | 76  |    | 5,437  |     | 469   | 6 | 214 15 6    |
|         | 156 |    | 14,172 |     | 1,133 |   | 1,187 16 1  |
| 1775... | 64  |    | 8,144  |     | 587   | 4 | 979 10 7    |
|         | 15  |    | 1,314  |     | 102   | 5 | 567 9 9     |
|         | 36  |    | 2,433  |     | 198   | 6 | 113 9 3     |
|         | 115 |    | 11,791 |     | 887   |   | 1,660 9 7   |
| 1776... | 27  |    | 4,959  | 194 | 415   | 4 | 382 2 9     |
|         | 6   |    | 525    |     | 54    | 5 | 986 4 0     |
|         | 16  |    | 874    |     | 75    | 6 | 229 18 0    |
|         | 49  |    | 6,358  | 194 | 544   |   | 1,608 4 9   |
| 1777... | 43  |    | 5,922  | 268 | 537   | 4 | 1,234 19 8½ |
|         | 12  |    | 1,008  | 60  | 145   | 5 | 152 5 0½    |
|         | 14  |    | 731    | 18  | 73    | 6 | 1,387 4 9½  |
|         | 69  |    | 7,661  | 336 | 755   |   |             |
| 1778... | 38  |    | 6,111  | 290 | 595   | 4 | 260 7 7     |
|         | 18  |    | 1,511  | 81  | 209   | 5 | 1,048 5 6   |
|         | 20  |    | 1,923  | 78  | 273   | 6 | 29 5 8      |
|         | 76  |    | 9,545  | 449 | 1,077 |   | 1,346 5 8   |
| 1779... | 41  |    | 6,206  | 372 | 737   | 4 | 445 17 9    |
|         | 11  |    | 1,841  | 80  | 187   | 5 | 580 14 5    |
|         | 7   |    | 395    | 14  | 63    | 6 |             |
|         | 59  |    | 7,942  | 466 | 977   |   | 1,026 12 2  |



## 2—Continuation of the List since the establishment of the American Board until its dissolution, 5th April, 1784.

| Date.   | Arrivals from— | Vessels.       | Tons.                     | Guns.             | Men.                  | Cargoes. | Duties.<br>£ s. d.                                  |
|---------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1780... | 1<br>2<br>3    | 27<br>10<br>5  | 4,551<br>1,314<br>485     | 152<br>98<br>12   | 417<br>219<br>40      |          | 262 0 3½<br>2,011 2 0½<br>233 11 6                  |
| 1781... | 1<br>2<br>3    | 42<br>52<br>12 | 6,350<br>8,502<br>1,500   | 262<br>202<br>101 | 676<br>824<br>229     |          | 2,506 13 9½<br>700 18 1½<br>801 13 8½<br>397 2 11½  |
| 1782... | 1<br>2<br>3    | 70<br>61<br>9  | 10,507<br>10,957<br>1,170 | 329<br>509<br>78  | 1,109<br>1,422<br>225 |          | 1,899 14 9½<br>1,438 13 8<br>1,760 15 2½<br>58 16 6 |
| 1783... | 1<br>2<br>3    | 72<br>39<br>15 | 12,247<br>6,067<br>1,315  | 599<br>2<br>..... | 1,760<br>468<br>125   |          | 3,248 5 4½<br>565 14 11½<br>762 7 2½<br>479 18 0    |
|         |                | 70             | 8,792                     | 2                 | 718                   |          | 1,808 0 2                                           |

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## IMPORTS.

| Date.     | From                                                                                             | Rum.                                  | Molasses.                           | Wines.                                      | Sugars.                                        | Tea.                                            | Gun-<br>powder.                   | Salt.                               | Coffee.                                       |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1768..... | From List 1 :—<br>(1) Great Britain.....<br>(2) The West Indies, &c.<br>(3) Continent of America | Galls.<br>8,000<br>250,754<br>285,754 | Galls.<br>15,158<br>3,534<br>18,629 | Tuns. Galls.<br>195 133<br>.....<br>195 133 | Cwt. Qrs. Lbs.<br>150 0 0<br>62 0 0<br>212 0 0 | Lbs.<br>4,293<br>.....<br>4,293                 | Lbs.<br>14,100<br>.....<br>14,100 | Bush.<br>14,000<br>3,000<br>17,000  | Cwt. Qrs. Lbs.<br>56 0 0<br>90 3 0<br>146 3 0 |
| 1769..... | 1 .....<br>2 .....<br>3 .....                                                                    | .....<br>19,943<br>248,385            | .....<br>14,757<br>39,730           | 556 155<br>54 .....<br>610 155              | .....<br>79 2 0<br>116 1 0<br>195 3 0          | .....<br>3,953<br>.....<br>3,953                | 51,500<br>.....<br>51,500         | 100<br>8,800<br>200<br>9,100        | .....<br>.....<br>229 0 0<br>229 0 0          |
| 1770..... | 1 .....<br>2 .....<br>3 .....                                                                    | .....<br>19,557<br>213,829            | .....<br>36,870<br>44,374           | 492 72<br>32 .....<br>524 72                | .....<br>143 1 0<br>374 0 0<br>517 1 0         | .....<br>7,785<br>.....<br>7,785                | 72,760<br>.....<br>72,760         | 2,869<br>.....<br>2,060<br>5,929    | .....<br>4 2 0<br>125 0 0<br>129 2 0          |
| 1771..... | 1 .....<br>2 .....<br>3 .....                                                                    | 224<br>4,308<br>216,055               | .....<br>34,714<br>35,438           | 306 20<br>25 12<br>331 32                   | .....<br>361 3 0<br>283 2 0<br>645 5 0         | .....<br>11,527<br>.....<br>11,592              | 60,475<br>.....<br>60,475         | 8,812<br>32,840<br>10,437<br>52,089 | .....<br>.....<br>347 1 0<br>317 1 0          |
| 1772..... | 1 .....<br>2 .....<br>3 .....                                                                    | 111<br>19,815<br>265,469              | .....<br>32,090<br>30,983           | 152 .....<br>43 128<br>195 128              | .....<br>149 0 0<br>354 2 0<br>503 2 0         | .....<br>10,720<br>Prize 360<br>.....<br>11,080 | 54,350<br>.....<br>54,250         | 6,333<br>69,090<br>1,000<br>76,323  | .....<br>.....<br>267 0 3<br>267 0 3          |



## IMPORTS—Concluded.

| Date.      | From                   | Rum.    |  | Molasses. |  | Wines. |        | Sugars.        |  | Tea.   | Gun-<br>powder. | Salt.  | Coffee.        |  |
|------------|------------------------|---------|--|-----------|--|--------|--------|----------------|--|--------|-----------------|--------|----------------|--|
|            |                        | Galls.  |  | Galls.    |  | Tuns.  | Galls. | Owt. Qrs. Lbs. |  | Lbs.   | Lbs.            | Bush.  | Owt. Qrs. Lbs. |  |
| 1773....   | From List 1—Concluded. |         |  |           |  |        |        |                |  |        |                 |        |                |  |
|            | 1 .....                | 767     |  | 1,675     |  | 790    | 20     | 11 0 0         |  | 7,031  | 138,656         | 2,050  | .....          |  |
|            | 2 .....                | 28,061  |  | 98,605    |  | 53     | .....  | 960 2 0        |  | .....  | .....           | 2,000  | .....          |  |
|            | 3 .....                | 349,805 |  |           |  |        |        |                |  | .....  | .....           | 1,500  | 244 2 0        |  |
| 1774 ..... |                        |         |  |           |  |        |        |                |  |        |                 |        |                |  |
|            | 1 .....                | 378,633 |  | 100,280   |  | 813    | 20     | 964 0 0        |  | 7,031  | 138,656         | 5,500  | 244 2 0        |  |
|            | 2 .....                |         |  |           |  |        |        |                |  |        |                 |        |                |  |
|            | 3 .....                |         |  |           |  |        |        |                |  |        |                 |        |                |  |
| 1775 ..... |                        |         |  |           |  |        |        |                |  |        |                 |        |                |  |
|            | 1 .....                | 3,437   |  | .....     |  | 359    | 30     | 600 0 0        |  | 3,921  | 46,450          | 5,880  | .....          |  |
|            | 2 .....                | 3,963   |  | 101,219   |  | .....  | .....  | 487 0 0        |  | .....  | .....           | 37,350 | .....          |  |
|            | 3 .....                | 701,305 |  | 92,310    |  | 86     | 211    | .....          |  | .....  | .....           | 28,816 | 262 3 0        |  |
|            |                        |         |  |           |  |        |        |                |  |        |                 |        |                |  |
|            |                        | 752,442 |  | 193,559   |  | 445    | 241    | 1,087 0 0      |  | 3,921  | 46,450          | 72,046 | 262 3 0        |  |
| 1776 ..... |                        |         |  |           |  |        |        |                |  |        |                 |        |                |  |
|            | 1 .....                | 3,437   |  | .....     |  | 1,198  | .....  | 348 0 0        |  | 13,903 | 75,806          | 6,000  | 12 3 1         |  |
|            | 2 .....                | 3,963   |  | 64,701    |  | 20     | .....  | 250 0 0        |  | .....  | .....           | 8,376  | .....          |  |
|            | 3 .....                | 7,400   |  | 64,701    |  | 1,218  | .....  | 598 0 0        |  | 13,903 | 75,806          | 14,376 | 13 3 1         |  |
| 1776 ..... |                        |         |  |           |  |        |        |                |  |        |                 |        |                |  |
|            | 1 .....                | 25,042  |  | .....     |  | 211    | 160    | 365 1 12       |  | 23,884 | 62,200          | .....  | 176 3 8        |  |
|            | 2 .....                | 22,952  |  | 36,859    |  | 109    | 60     | 319 0 0        |  | .....  | .....           | .....  | 208 2 19       |  |
|            | 3 .....                | 68,160  |  | 41,645    |  | 4      | .....  | 684 1 12       |  | 23,884 | 62,200          | .....  | 385 1 27       |  |
|            |                        |         |  | 78,504    |  | 324    | 200    |                |  |        |                 |        |                |  |
| 1777 ..... |                        |         |  |           |  |        |        |                |  |        |                 |        |                |  |
|            | 1 .....                | 141,837 |  | .....     |  | 772    | 67     | 1,103 0 0      |  | 49,743 | 130,270         | 2,000  | 236 3 10       |  |
|            | 2 .....                | 73,211  |  | 16,646    |  | 31     | 234    | 27 0 0         |  | .....  | .....           | 2,500  | 98 0 0         |  |
|            | 3 .....                | 48,863  |  | 43,604    |  | 42     | .....  | 1,130 0 0      |  | 49,743 | 130,270         | 4,500  | 334 3 10       |  |
|            |                        |         |  | 60,250    |  | 846    | 49     |                |  |        |                 |        |                |  |
| 1778 ..... |                        |         |  |           |  |        |        |                |  |        |                 |        |                |  |
|            | 1 .....                | 124,030 |  | 14,635    |  | 542    | 236    | 51 1 4         |  | 40,715 | 137,058         | 12,969 | 519 2 17       |  |
|            | 2 .....                | 191,182 |  | 63,317    |  | 274    | 64     |                |  | .....  | .....           | 16,760 | .....          |  |

|               |   |                 |         |         |     |                   |   |    |         |    |    |
|---------------|---|-----------------|---------|---------|-----|-------------------|---|----|---------|----|----|
| 1779.....     | 3 | 63,370          | 82,822  | 817     | 48  | 20                | 0 | 0  | 98      | 0  | 0  |
|               |   | 378,582         | 160,774 |         |     | 71                | 1 | 4  | 627     | 2  | 17 |
| 1             | 1 | 263,981         | 31,106  | 745     | 37  |                   |   |    |         |    |    |
| 3             | 3 | 187,858         | 23,940  | 43      | 198 | 963               | 1 | 0  | 301     | 1  | 0  |
| 3             | 3 |                 | 28,153  |         |     | 590               | 0 | 0  | 115     | 2  | 0  |
|               |   | 460,842         | 83,199  | 788     | 235 | 1,453             | 1 | 0  | 416     | 3  | 0  |
| From List 2:— |   |                 |         |         |     |                   |   |    |         |    |    |
| 1780.....     | 1 | 127,100         |         | 930     |     | { 315 Prize.... } |   |    | 229     | 2  | 16 |
|               |   | 105,907         | 104,658 | 229     | 167 | { 333 British.. } |   |    | 388     | 1  | 16 |
| 2             | 2 |                 |         | 68      |     | 960               | 0 | 0  | 86      | 0  | 0  |
| 3             | 3 | 233,007         | 104,658 | 1,227   | 167 | 1,638             | 0 | 0  | 704     | 0  | 4  |
|               |   | British Brandy. | 16,262  | Tobacco |     | 10,260 lbs.       |   |    |         |    |    |
|               |   | Foreign do .    | 11,324  |         |     |                   |   |    |         |    |    |
| 1781.....     | 1 | 91,208          |         | 1,021   |     | 2,547             | 3 | 19 | 207     | 2  | 0  |
| 2             | 2 | 253,055         | 80,331  | 88      | 195 |                   |   |    | 680     | 1  | 0  |
| 3             | 3 |                 |         | 70      |     |                   |   |    | 15,903  |    |    |
|               |   | 344,263         | 80,331  | 1,179   | 195 | 2,547             | 3 | 19 | 867     | 3  | 0  |
|               |   | British Brandy. | 243,361 | Tobacco |     | 64,020 lbs.       |   |    |         |    |    |
|               |   | Foreign do .    | 58,215  |         |     |                   |   |    |         |    |    |
| 1782.....     | 1 | 24,353          |         | 281     |     | 933               | 3 | 0  | 219     | 2  | 0  |
| 2             | 2 | 48,418          | 58,072  | 433     | 173 |                   |   |    | 37      | 1  | 8  |
| 3             | 3 |                 |         |         |     | 57                | 9 | 0  |         |    |    |
|               |   | 72,771          | 58,072  | 714     | 173 | 990               | 3 | 0  | 266     | 3  | 8  |
|               |   | British Brandy. | 553,978 | Tobacco |     |                   |   |    |         |    |    |
|               |   | Foreign do .    | 102,166 |         |     | 6,300 lbs.        |   |    |         |    |    |
| 1783.....     | 1 | 60,000          |         | 674     |     |                   |   |    |         |    |    |
| 2             | 2 | 46,080          | 139,481 | 131     | 90  |                   |   |    | 20,800  |    |    |
| 3             | 3 | 2,266           |         |         |     |                   |   |    | 57 Tons | 64 | 0  |
|               |   | 108,345         | 139,481 | 805     | 90  |                   |   |    | 20,800  | 64 | 0  |
|               |   | British Brandy. | 162,239 | Tobacco |     | 65,479 lbs.       |   |    |         |    |    |
|               |   | Foreign do .    | 19,512  |         |     |                   |   |    |         |    |    |



## PROVINCIAL DUTIES.

| Year.     |                                     | Silver at 5s. 6d.<br>per oz. |      |      | Duties. |    |     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------|------|---------|----|-----|
|           |                                     | oz.                          | dwt. | grs. | £       | s. | d.  |
| 1775..... | In the Quarter ended 5th July.....  | 583                          | 6    | 0    | 159     | 11 | 3   |
|           | do 10th October.....                | 2,027                        | 16   | 0    | 537     | 13 | 2   |
|           | do 5th January.....                 | 1,907                        | 5    | 2    | 524     | 9  | 11  |
|           |                                     |                              |      |      | 1,241   | 14 | 4   |
| 1776..... | In the Quarter ended 5th April..... |                              |      |      |         |    |     |
|           | do 5th July.....                    | 1,257                        | 15   | 0    | 245     | 17 | 9   |
|           | do 10th October.....                | 11,312                       | 15   | 14   | 3,111   | 0  | 4   |
|           | do 5th January.....                 | 1,125                        | 5    | 12   | 309     | 8  | 11½ |
|           |                                     |                              |      |      | 3,766   | 7  | 0½  |
| 1777..... | In the Quarter ended 5th April..... |                              |      |      |         |    |     |
|           | do 5th July.....                    | 9,509                        | 10   | 0    | 2,615   | 2  | 3   |
|           | do 10th October.....                | 3,388                        | 8    | 0    | 931     | 16 | 2½  |
|           | do 5th January.....                 | 2,711                        | 1    | 0    | 745     | 10 | 9½  |
|           |                                     |                              |      |      | 4,292   | 9  | 3   |
| 1778..... | In the Quarter ended 5th April..... |                              |      |      |         |    |     |
|           | do 5th July.....                    | 3,190                        | 12   | 0    | 877     | 8  | 2   |
|           | do 10th October.....                | 22,638                       | 10   | 0    | 6,225   | 11 | 10  |
|           | do 5th January.....                 |                              |      |      | 998     | 19 | 0   |
|           |                                     |                              |      |      | 8,101   | 19 | 0   |
| 1780..... | In the Quarter ended 5th July.....  |                              |      |      | 509     | 15 | 0   |
|           | do 10th October.....                |                              |      |      | 3,509   | 12 | 6½  |
|           | do 5th January.....                 |                              |      |      | 592     | 0  | 7½  |
|           |                                     |                              |      |      | 4,611   | 8  | 2   |
| 1781..... | In the Quarter ended 5th April..... |                              |      |      |         |    |     |
|           | do 5th July.....                    |                              |      |      | 606     | 9  | 8½  |
|           | do 10th October.....                |                              |      |      | 6,231   | 19 | 8   |
|           | do 5th January.....                 |                              |      |      | 4,635   | 10 | 7½  |
|           |                                     |                              |      |      | 11,473  | 19 | 0   |
| 1782..... | In the Quarter ended 5th April..... |                              |      |      |         |    |     |
|           | do 5th July.....                    |                              |      |      | 3,888   | 9  | 10  |
|           | do 10th October.....                |                              |      |      | 8,166   | 16 | 7½  |
|           | do 5th January.....                 |                              |      |      | 981     | 4  | 0½  |
|           |                                     |                              |      |      | 13,036  | 10 | 6½  |
| 1783..... | In the Quarter ended 5th April..... |                              |      |      |         |    |     |
|           | do 5th July.....                    |                              |      |      | 4,535   | 3  | 8   |
|           | do 10th October.....                |                              |      |      | 1,242   | 2  | 3   |
|           | do 5th January.....                 |                              |      |      | 334     | 1  | 1½  |
|           |                                     |                              |      |      | 6,111   | 7  | 0½  |
| 1784..... | In the Quarter ended 5th July.....  |                              |      |      | 277     | 19 | 3½  |
|           | do 10th October.....                |                              |      |      | 373     | 14 | 6   |
|           |                                     |                              |      |      | 651     | 13 | 9½  |

ABSTRACT of Duties on Imports and Provincial Duties of Quebec, from the Year 1768  
to the Year 1784, inclusive.

| Year.      |                                                                       | Duties. |    |     |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----|-----|
|            |                                                                       | £       | s. | d.  |
| 1768 ..... | Produce of Great Britain, &c., with average for naval stores, &c..... | 355     | 19 | 7   |
| 1769 ..... | do do .....                                                           | 588     | 1  | 7   |
| 1770 ..... | do do .....                                                           | 694     | 18 | 10½ |
| 1771 ..... | do do .....                                                           | 718     | 7  | 5   |
| 1772 ..... | do do .....                                                           | 380     | 19 | 10½ |
| 1773 ..... | do do .....                                                           | 491     | 3  | 0   |
| 1774 ..... | do do .....                                                           | 1,187   | 16 | 1   |
| 1775 ..... | do do .....                                                           | 1,660   | 9  | 7   |
| 1776 ..... | do do .....                                                           | 1,608   | 4  | 9   |
| 1777 ..... | do do .....                                                           | 1,387   | 4  | 9½  |
| 1778 ..... | do do .....                                                           | 1,346   | 5  | 8   |
| 1779 ..... | do do .....                                                           | 1,026   | 12 | 2   |

(The Abstract is not continued further than 1779.)



## CLEARANCES.

| To                                                                   | Year. | Vessels. | Tons.  | Guns. | Men.  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|
| From Table 1:—                                                       |       |          |        |       |       |
| (1) Great Britain .....                                              | 1768  | 11       | 1,700  | 6     | 131   |
| (2) The Southern parts of Europe, Africa and<br>the West Indies..... | 1768  | 6        | 549    |       | 43    |
| (3) The Continent of America.....                                    | 1768  | 14       | 900    |       | 87    |
|                                                                      |       | 31       | 3,149  | 6     | 261   |
| 1 .....                                                              | 1769  | 22       | 4,236  |       | 263   |
| 2 .....                                                              | 1769  | 11       | 600    |       | 74    |
| 3 .....                                                              | 1769  | 53       | 2,620  |       | 291   |
|                                                                      |       | 86       | 7,456  |       | 628   |
| 1 .....                                                              | 1770  | 14       | 1,630  |       | 139   |
| 2 .....                                                              | 1770  | 14       | 1,160  |       | 105   |
| 3 .....                                                              | 1770  | 23       | 1,410  |       | 138   |
|                                                                      |       | 51       | 4,200  |       | 382   |
| 1 .....                                                              | 1771  | 26       | 2,768  |       | 232   |
| 2 .....                                                              | 1771  | 23       | 2,251  |       | 200   |
| 3 .....                                                              | 1771  | 22       | 1,075  |       | 124   |
|                                                                      |       | 71       | 6,094  |       | 556   |
| 1 .....                                                              | 1772  | 19       | 1,896  |       | 173   |
| 2 .....                                                              | 1772  | 27       | 2,632  |       | 224   |
| 3 .....                                                              | 1772  | 17       | 927    |       | 95    |
|                                                                      |       | 63       | 5,455  |       | 492   |
| 1 .....                                                              | 1773  | 15       | 2,340  |       | 148   |
| 2 .....                                                              | 1773  | 50       | 5,206  | 16    | 437   |
| 3 .....                                                              | 1773  | 23       | 1,128  |       | 116   |
|                                                                      |       | 88       | 8,684  | 16    | 701   |
| 1 .....                                                              | 1774  | 33       | 4,577  |       | 325   |
| 2 .....                                                              | 1774  | 67       | 7,115  | 8     | 533   |
| 3 .....                                                              | 1774  | 51       | 3,306  |       | 304   |
|                                                                      |       | 151      | 14,998 | 8     | 1,161 |
| 1 .....                                                              | 1775  | 37       | 5,784  |       | 368   |
| 2 .....                                                              | 1775  | 26       | 2,950  |       | 206   |
| 3 .....                                                              | 1775  | 34       | 2,107  |       | 188   |
|                                                                      |       | 97       | 10,841 |       | 762   |

## CLEARANCES—Continued.

| To                        | Year. | Vessels. | Tons.  | Guns. | Men.  |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|
| From Table 1:—(Continued) |       |          |        |       |       |
| 1 .....                   | 1776  | 18       | 2,319  | 68    | 195   |
| 2 .....                   | 1776  | 15       | 1,159  | 10    | 112   |
| 3 .....                   | 1776  | 17       | 1,168  | ..... | 102   |
|                           |       | 50       | 4,646  | 78    | 409   |
| 1 .....                   | 1777  | 29       | 2,210  | 68    | 177   |
| 2 .....                   | 1777  | 18       | 1,790  | 86    | 183   |
| 3 .....                   | 1777  | 25       | 1,680  | 22    | 153   |
|                           |       | 72       | 5,680  | 176   | 513   |
| 1 .....                   | 1778  | 21       | 2,931  | 130   | 284   |
| 2 .....                   | 1778  | 13       | 2,273  | 132   | 351   |
| 3 .....                   | 1778  | 38       | 3,678  | 198   | 412   |
|                           |       | 72       | 8,882  | 460   | 1,047 |
| 1 .....                   | 1779  | 27       | 2,756  | 114   | 222   |
| 2 .....                   | 1779  | 20       | 2,943  | 224   | 579   |
| 3 .....                   | 1779  | 19       | 2,230  | 134   | 264   |
|                           |       | 66       | 7,749  | 472   | 1,065 |
| From Table 2:—            |       |          |        |       |       |
| 1 .....                   | 1780  | 26       | 4,186  | 159   | 385   |
| 2 .....                   | 1780  | 8        | 899    | 76    | 160   |
| 3 .....                   | 1780  | 12       | 1,205  | 58    | 160   |
|                           |       | 46       | 6,290  | 293   | 705   |
| 1 .....                   | 1781  | 40       | 7,307  | 278   | 660   |
| 2 .....                   | 1781  | 13       | 2,220  | 133   | 271   |
| 3 .....                   | 1781  | 18       | 2,460  | 116   | 253   |
|                           |       | 71       | 11,987 | 527   | 1,184 |
| 1 .....                   | 1782  | 38       | 6,560  | 352   | 891   |
| 2 .....                   | 1782  | 7        | 820    | 70    | 148   |
| 3 .....                   | 1782  | 25       | 3,310  | 183   | 381   |
|                           |       | 60       | 10,690 | 605   | 1,420 |
| 1 .....                   | 1783  | 23       | 4,043  | ..... | 208   |
| 2 .....                   | 1783  | 13       | 990    | ..... | 121   |
| 3 .....                   | 1783  | 42       | 4,395  | ..... | 355   |
|                           |       | 78       | 9,428  | ..... | 684   |



## EXPORTS—TO GREAT BRITAIN

|                        | YE      |        |         |        |         |        |         |
|------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
|                        | * 1768. | 1769.  | 1770.   | 1771.  | 1772.   | 1773.  | 1774.   |
| Beaver skins.....      | 18,909  | 87,090 | 102,920 | 94,936 | 108,588 | 95,716 | 102,179 |
| Martins.....           | 15,618  | 61,497 | 51,879  | 52,552 | 48,651  | 27,544 | 40,017  |
| Otters.....            | 4,327   | 12,977 | 13,590  | 12,477 | 13,382  | 14,845 | 16,959  |
| Minks.....             | 1,224   | 3,512  | 3,938   | 2,935  | 4,000   | 3,000  | 3,600   |
| Fishers.....           | 1,210   | 3,002  | 4,552   | 3,599  | 3,456   | 2,901  | 3,039   |
| Foxes.....             | 1,085   | 4,590  | 1,749   | 4,643  | 3,412   | 3,170  | 3,766   |
| Bears.....             | 8,476   | 17,516 | 11,952  | 8,482  | 9,057   | 4,057  | 6,994   |
| Deer in hair.....      | 6,439   | 15,980 | 21,417  | 35,076 | 46,577  | 30,267 | 64,379  |
| Dressed deer, lbs..... |         | 36,775 | 42,316  | 53,589 | 54,624  | 31,014 | 43,216  |
| Muskrats.....          | 8,274   | 20,974 | 32,185  | 37,688 | 24,252  | 32,352 | 65,735  |
| Raccoons.....          | 19,886  | 90,044 | 27,234  | 34,328 | 47,631  | 36,573 | 48,553  |
| Cased cats.....        | 27      | 667    | 253     | 3,568  | 2,018   | 5,118  | 4,010   |
| Open cats.....         | 15,234  | 57,772 | 23,336  | 16,544 | 6,745   | 545    | 3,430   |
| Elks.....              | 1,523   | 4,344  | 6,499   | 4,248  | 5,423   | 3,423  | 5,869   |
| Wolves.....            | 494     | 1,158  | 843     | 1,373  | 778     | 2,978  | 5,635   |
| † Beaver eaters.....   | 393     | 33     | 57      | 65     | 9       | 279    | 86      |
| Tigers.....            |         | 3      | 29      |        | 4       | 3      | 10      |
| Pichoux.....           | 741     | 538    | 2,144   |        | 139     | 2,256  |         |
| Seals.....             | 126     | 303    | 6,492   | 195    | 285     | 1,010  | 1,117   |
| Bullocks.....          | 68      | 360    | 412     |        |         |        |         |
| Calfs.....             |         | 180    |         | 200    |         |        |         |
| Whistlers.....         | 2       |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Pecans.....            |         |        |         |        |         | 35     | 180     |
| Hares.....             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Rabbits.....           |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Castorum, lbs.....     | 1,803   | 1,915  | 1,215   | 1,487  | 2,072   | 2,472  | 328     |
| Stags.....             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Wood cats.....         |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Weasels.....           |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Coneys.....            |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Fauns.....             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Cariboo.....           |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Tobacco hogsheads..... |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Squirrels.....         |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Buffaloes.....         |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Kitts.....             |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Panther.....           |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Ermynes.....           |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |

\* Besides the above, there were, of different skins unassorted, 176,153 in the quarter ended the 10th October, 1768.

† The "Beaver Eater" was the fur hunters' name for the animal known as the Wolverine, Glutton or Carcajon.





EXPO

| To                             | Year. | Codfish. | Oil.         | Pot and Pearl<br>Ashes. | Flax Seed. | Flour. | Biscuits. | Pease. |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|--------------|-------------------------|------------|--------|-----------|--------|
|                                |       | Q'tls.   | Tuns. Galls. | Cwt. Qrs. Lbs.          | Bush.      | Brls.  | Q'tls.    | Brls.  |
| (1) Great Britain .....        | 1763  | 610      | 117 99       | 459 2                   |            | 18     |           | 20     |
| (2) West Indies, &c. ....      |       | 433      | 53 150       |                         |            |        |           |        |
| (3) Continent of America ..... |       | 1,043    | 170 249      | 459 2                   |            | 18     |           | 20     |
| 1 .....                        | 1769  |          | 6 102        | 546                     |            |        |           |        |
| 2 .....                        |       |          |              |                         |            |        |           |        |
| 3 .....                        |       |          |              |                         |            |        |           |        |
|                                |       |          | 6 102        | 546                     |            |        |           |        |
| 1 .....                        | 1770  |          | 313 179      | 637 2                   |            |        |           |        |
| 2 .....                        |       | 2,886    |              |                         |            | 893    |           | 320    |
| 3 .....                        |       |          | 1 200        |                         | 40         | 592    | 139       | 406    |
|                                |       | 2,886    | 315 127      | 627 2 0                 | 40         | 1,485  | 139       | 726    |
| 1 .....                        | 1771  |          | 616 163      | 733 3                   |            |        |           |        |
| 2 .....                        |       | 4,429    | 4            |                         |            | 728    |           | 403    |
| 3 .....                        |       | 150      |              |                         | 75         | 97     | 64        | 2,252  |
|                                |       | 4,579    | 620 153      | 733 3                   | 75         | 823    | 64        | 2,655  |
| 1 .....                        | 1772  |          | 185 157      | 1,494 1 19              |            |        |           |        |
| 2 .....                        |       | 5,304    | 2            |                         |            | 820    | 122       | 653    |
| 3 .....                        |       |          | 3            |                         | 4,948      | 608    | 410       | 601    |
|                                |       | 5,304    | 185 157      | 1,494 1 19              | 4,948      | 1,428  | 532       | 1,254  |
| 1 .....                        | 1773  |          | 492          | 1,801                   | 75         | 12     |           | 8      |
| 2 .....                        |       | 3,300    | 6            |                         |            | 966    | 890       | 1,256  |
| 3 .....                        |       | 1,022    | 3            | 150                     | 1,517      | 1,405  | 3,818     | 2,163  |
|                                |       | 4,322    | 501          | 1,951                   | 1,592      | 2,383  | 4,708     | 3,417  |

RTS.

| Wheat.  | Salmon.                         | Boards<br>and<br>Planks. | Hoops. | Staves.          | Masts.          | Logs<br>and<br>Timber. | Whale-<br>bone. | Horses. |
|---------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Bush.   |                                 |                          |        |                  |                 |                        |                 |         |
| 23,962  | 50                              | 2,670                    | 20,750 | 177,058<br>7,040 | 18              | 612<br>315             | 2,850           | 2       |
| 23,952  | 50                              | 2,670                    | 20,750 | 184,098          | 18              | 957                    | 2,850           | 2       |
|         |                                 | 77,681                   |        | 196,540          |                 | 395                    | 150             |         |
|         |                                 | 100                      |        | 1,800            |                 |                        |                 | 16      |
|         |                                 | 5,690                    |        |                  |                 |                        |                 | 16      |
|         |                                 | 83,471                   |        | 198,340          |                 | 395                    | 150             | 16      |
|         | Brls.                           |                          |        |                  |                 |                        |                 |         |
| 3,539   |                                 | 26,262                   |        | 54,740           |                 | 6,297                  |                 |         |
| 29,784  | { sm'kd, 1,900<br>77 }          | 57,943                   | 12,000 |                  |                 |                        |                 |         |
| 18,499  | 500                             | 4,200                    |        | 1,000            |                 |                        | Oats.<br>740    | 9       |
| 51,822  | { sm'kd, 2,400<br>barrels, 77 } | 88,405                   | 12,000 | 55,740           |                 | 6,297                  | 740             | 9       |
|         |                                 |                          |        |                  |                 | Pig iron,<br>tons      |                 |         |
| 50,085  |                                 | 4,624                    |        | 208,398          |                 | 138½                   |                 |         |
| 104,349 | { sm'kd, 600<br>150 }           | 4,260                    | 12,200 | 1,900            |                 |                        |                 | 24      |
| 39,280  | { sm'kd, 4,700<br>7 }           | 1,000                    | 18,800 | 3,700            |                 |                        |                 | 28      |
| 193,814 | { sm'kd, 5,300<br>157 }         | 9,884                    | 31,000 | 213,998          |                 | 138½                   |                 | 52      |
|         |                                 |                          |        |                  | Shingles.       | Pig iron.              |                 |         |
| 5,945   |                                 | 120                      |        | 179,490          |                 | 200                    |                 |         |
| 216,056 | { sm'kd, 1,344<br>57 }          | 5,895                    | 5,300  | 5,305            |                 |                        |                 |         |
| 11,345  | { sm'kd, 800<br>13 }            | 2,240                    | 2,000  | 1,000            | 8,000           | 3                      | Oats.<br>3,632  |         |
| 233,346 | { sm'kd, 2,144<br>70 }          | 8,155                    | 7,300  | 185,795          | 8,000           | 203                    | 3,632           |         |
|         |                                 |                          |        |                  | Oak,<br>pieces. |                        | Ash oars.       |         |
| 12,560  |                                 | 50                       |        | 106,670          | 425             | 78½                    | 1,000           |         |
| 221,645 | { sm'kd, 340<br>barrels, 216 }  | 2,673                    | 5,100  | 11,800           |                 |                        | 100             | 40      |
| 30,711  | sm'kd, 1,143                    | 100                      | 5,000  |                  |                 |                        |                 |         |
| 264,916 | { sm'kd, 1,483<br>216 }         | 2,823                    | 10,100 | 118,470          | 425             | 78½                    | 1,100           | 40      |



## EXPORTS

| To | Year. | Codfish. | Oil.  |       | Pot and Pearl<br>Ashes. | Flax Seed. | Flour. | Biscuits. | Pease. |
|----|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------------------------|------------|--------|-----------|--------|
|    |       | Q'tls.   | Tuns. | Gall. | Cwt. Qrs. Lbs.          | Bush.      | Brls.  | Q'tls.    | Brls.  |
| 1  | 1774  |          | 507   | 58    | 1,856 1                 |            |        |           | 1,644  |
| 2  |       | 5,543    | 1     |       |                         |            | 90     | 194       | 964    |
| 3  |       | 300      |       |       |                         | 5,631      | 1,221  | 3,923     | 2,205  |
|    |       | 5,843    | 508   | 58    | 1,856 1                 | 5,631      | 1,311  | 4,117     | 4,543  |
| 1  | 1775  |          | 121   |       | 1,417                   | 2,100      |        |           |        |
| 2  |       | 5,270    | 2     |       |                         |            |        |           | 15     |
| 3  |       |          |       |       |                         |            | 2,487  | 4,628     | 110    |
|    |       |          |       |       |                         |            |        |           |        |
| 1  | 1776  |          | 225   | 63    | 992                     | 2,800      |        |           |        |
| 2  |       | 4,787    | 7     | 128   |                         |            | 885    | 1,185     | 67     |
| 3  |       |          | 1     |       |                         |            | 175    | 100       |        |
|    |       | 4,787    | 333   | 191   | 992                     | 2,800      | 1,060  | 1,285     | 67     |
|    |       |          |       |       |                         |            |        |           |        |
| 1  | 1777  |          | 426   | 208   | 930 3 9                 | 3,430      |        |           |        |
| 2  |       | 3,451    | 26    | 150   |                         |            | 458    | 242       | 71     |
| 3  |       |          |       |       |                         |            | 7,461  | 3,842     | 84     |
|    |       | 3,451    | 453   | 106   | 930 3 9                 | 3,430      | 7,920  | 4,084     | 155    |
|    |       |          |       |       |                         |            |        |           |        |
| 1  | 1778  |          | 572   | 158   | 805 3 17                | 133        |        |           |        |
| 2  |       | 7,260    | 36    | 68    |                         |            | 1,318  | 330       |        |
| 3  |       |          |       |       |                         |            | 12,476 | 6,397     | 56     |
|    |       | 7,260    | 608   | 226   | 805 3 17                | 133        | 13,794 | 6,727     | 56     |
|    |       |          |       |       |                         |            |        |           |        |
| 1  | 1779  |          | 3     | 126   | 776 3 4                 | 2,000      |        |           |        |
| 2  |       |          | 90    |       |                         |            |        |           |        |
| 3  |       |          |       |       |                         |            |        | 1,790     |        |
|    |       |          | 93    | 126   | 776 3 4                 | 2,000      |        | 1,790     |        |
|    |       |          |       |       |                         |            |        |           |        |
| 1  | 1780  |          | 256   |       | 630 2 16                | 63         |        |           |        |
| 2  |       | 280      | 4     |       |                         |            |        |           |        |
| 3  |       |          |       |       |                         |            |        |           |        |
|    |       | 280      | 260   |       | 630 2 16                | 63         |        |           |        |

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| Wheat.   | Salmon.                          | Boards<br>and<br>Planks. | Hoops.  | Staves. | Oak.               | Pig Iron. | Ash Oars.            | Horses.                |
|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Bush.    |                                  |                          |         |         |                    |           |                      |                        |
| 76,376   |                                  | 16,488                   |         | 192,290 | 1,070              | 136½      | 48                   |                        |
| 383,438  | 433                              | 4,550                    | 17,000  | 53,769  |                    |           |                      | 172                    |
| 1,004    | Smoked, 300                      | 5,400                    | 26,000  | 4,300   |                    |           |                      | 85                     |
| 460,818  | 433                              | 26,438                   | 43,000  | 250,359 | 1,070              | 136½      | 48                   | 257                    |
| 77,335   |                                  | 34,000                   |         | 55,624  | 1,834              | Bullocks. | 200                  |                        |
| 88,724   | 349                              | 20,437                   | 25,000  | 11,000  |                    |           | 698                  |                        |
| 9,000    | Smoked, 300                      | 4,108                    | 13,400  | 2,000   |                    | 193       |                      |                        |
|          | { smoked, 300<br>349 }           | 58,545                   | 38,400  | 68,624  | 1,834              | 193       | 896                  |                        |
| 33,000   |                                  | 18,981                   |         | 5,187   | 81                 |           |                      |                        |
| 22,984   | { sm'kd, 1,387<br>barrels, 599 } | 8,990                    | 57,160  | 1,712   |                    |           |                      | 14                     |
|          |                                  | 12,100                   | 4,000   |         |                    | 64        |                      |                        |
| 55,984   | { sm'kd, 1,387<br>599 }          | 40,071                   | 61,160  | 6,899   | 81                 | 64        |                      | 14                     |
| 1,044    |                                  | 36,545                   |         | 54,411  |                    | Shingles. | Headings.            |                        |
| 15,960   | { sm'kd, 2,500<br>390 }          | 27,652                   | 32,950  | 18,509  |                    | 52,000    | 2,500                | 32                     |
|          |                                  | 3,100                    | 39,450  |         |                    |           |                      |                        |
| 17,004   | { sm'kd, 2,500<br>390 }          | 67,297                   | 72,400  | 72,920  |                    | 52,000    | 2,500                | 32                     |
| 4,000    |                                  | 17,040                   |         | 44,470  | Oak and<br>timber. | Ash oars. | Hand<br>spikes.      | Mackerel<br>brls.      |
| 10,175   | 228                              | 28,511                   | 138,500 | 3,175   | 491                | 4,188     | 415                  | 619                    |
| 14,175   | Smoked, 100                      | 2,531                    |         | 1,060   | 12                 |           |                      |                        |
|          | 228                              | 48,092                   | 138,500 | 48,645  | 503                | 4,188     | 415                  | 619                    |
|          |                                  | 19,620                   |         | 106,541 | Oak and<br>timber. |           | Oak<br>headings.     | Shingles.              |
|          | { sm'kd, 300<br>171 }            | 84,615                   | 37,589  | 33,763  |                    | 6,826     | 2,600                |                        |
|          |                                  | 10,830                   |         |         | 100                |           | 2,870                | 40,770                 |
|          | { sm'kd, 300<br>171 }            | 115,065                  | 37,589  | 140,304 | 100                | 6,826     | 5,470                | 40,770                 |
| Shingles |                                  | 57,831                   | 5,000   | 194,783 | Spars.             | Ash oars. | Headings,<br>pieces. | Oak and<br>timber, pcs |
| 50,000   | 128                              | 28,618                   | 5,200   | 19,000  | 414                | 16,309    | 5,377                | 182                    |
|          | 40                               | 14,656                   |         |         | 56                 |           | 2,400                | 36                     |
| 50,000   | 168                              | 101,105                  | 10,200  | 213,783 | 470                | 16,309    | 7,777                | 218                    |



## EXPORTS

| To      | Year. | Codfish. | Oil.         | Pot and Pearl<br>Ashes.           | Flax Seed. | Flour. | Biscuits. | Horses. |
|---------|-------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------|--------|-----------|---------|
|         |       | Q'tls.   | Tuns. Galls. | Cwt. Qrs. Lbs.                    | Bush.      | Brls.  | Q'tls.    | No.     |
| 1 ..... | 1781  | .....    | 163.....     | 1,537 2 .....                     | .....      | .....  | .....     | 20      |
| 2 ..... |       | 699      | 4 .....      | .....                             | .....      | .....  | .....     | .....   |
| 3 ..... |       | .....    | .....        | .....                             | .....      | .....  | .....     | .....   |
|         |       | 699      | 167.. .....  | 1,537 2 .....                     | .....      | .....  | .....     | 20      |
| 1 ..... | 1782  | 2,500    | 675* .....   | { 125 1 22 }<br>{ 1,423 .....27 } | 400        | .....  | .....     | .....   |
| 2 ..... |       | 70       | 4 .....      | .....                             | .....      | 60     | .....     | .....   |
| 3 ..... |       | .....    | .....        | .....                             | .....      | .....  | .....     | .....   |
|         |       | 2,570    | 679 .....    | 1,548 2 21                        | 400        | 60     | .....     | .....   |
| 1 ..... | 1783† | .....    | 386 .....    | { 65 2 13 }<br>{ 1,763 .....13 }  | 90         | 900    | .....     | Pease.  |
| 2 ..... |       | 1,098    | 8 .....      | .....                             | .....      | 3,681  | 2,184     | 700     |
| 3 ..... |       | .....    | .....        | .....                             | .....      | .....  | .....     | .....   |
|         |       | 1,098    | 394.....     | 1,828 2 26                        | 90         | 4,581  | 2,184     | 700     |

—Concluded.

| Shingles.           | Salmon.   | Boards<br>and<br>Planks. | Hoops.       | Staves.       | Masts.    | Ash Oars.                | Headings.                   | Oak<br>and Tim-<br>ber. |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 70,000 .....        | .....     | 2,087 .....              | .....        | 299,918 ..... | 163 ..... | 12,564 .....             | { 1,100 }<br>7,200 }<br>830 | 293                     |
| ..... 67 .....      | .....     | 50,236 .....             | 31,000 ..... | 35,000 .....  | 379 ..... | .....                    | .....                       | 90                      |
| ..... 12,360 .....  | .....     | 12,360 .....             | .....        | 1,200 .....   | .....     | .....                    | .....                       | 35                      |
| 70,000 .....        | 67 .....  | 64,683 .....             | 31,000 ..... | 336,118 ..... | 542 ..... | 12,564 .....             | 9,130 .....                 | 418                     |
| Shingles .....      | .....     | 2,730 .....              | .....        | 146,963 ..... | 123 ..... | 5,010 .....              | 3,778 .....                 | 1,184                   |
| ..... 39 .....      | .....     | 56,272 .....             | 7,300 .....  | 3,500 .....   | 162 ..... | .....                    | 3,000 .....                 | 344                     |
| ..... 80,292 .....  | 39 .....  | 59,002 .....             | 7,300 .....  | 150,463 ..... | 285 ..... | 5,010 .....              | 6,778 .....                 | 1,528                   |
| Oak<br>timber ..... | .....     | .....                    | .....        | .....         | .....     | Pig iron,<br>tons. ..... | .....                       | Spars. .....            |
| 570 .....           | .....     | 38,610 .....             | 3,000 .....  | 65,574 .....  | 50 .....  | 98 .....                 | 4,120 .....                 | 365                     |
| 260 .....           | 275 ..... | 34,600 .....             | 2,300 .....  | 3,200 .....   | .....     | .....                    | .....                       | .....                   |
| 830 .....           | 275 ..... | 73,210 .....             | 5,300 .....  | 68,774 .....  | 50 .....  | 98 .....                 | 4,120 .....                 | 365                     |

\*The entry is 2,500 Labrador cod and 400 Labrador oil out of the 675.

†In 1783 there were also 84 horses and 50 bullocks; destination not given.



CORRESPONDENCE WITH MAJOR NICHOLAS COX (LIEUT. GOVERNOR OF  
GASPÉ, &c.)

1774—1786.

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1774.  
April 1.

Return of families residing at Bonaventure, specifying the number of their children and cattle, as also of strangers and settlers there. Page 1

1777.  
July 24,  
Quebec.

Instructions to Nicholas Cox, Lient.-Governor and Superintendent of Gaspé. To report the names of the settlements, the number settled, their nationality and political opinions. (1.2). The number of craft employed in fishing and if any vessels from St. Pierre Miquelon, or other French vessels have touched there. (3). If correspondence have been held with the colonies in rebellion &c. (4). The names and extent of settlements on granted lands. (5). To inquire into the complaints of the Indians at Restigouche concerning the salmon fishery. (6). To ascertain the best regulations to promote the fisheries, to report the lands fit for cultivation and the progress made in the latter. (7). To form the inhabitants into a militia. (8). To ascertain the best places to post small detachments of military to support civil authority and enforce fishery regulations. (9). Generally, to report all that may be of use to the improvement of cultivation, navigation or commerce in these parts. 2

No date.

List of inhabitants of Paspebiac in 1777, names and number showing 8 above and 13 under 16, males; 4 above and 22 under 16, females, total 47; cows and oxen, 26; horses, 1; sheep, 4. 6

August 18,

List of inhabitants residing at Bonaventure on this date. 53 males, 51 females, total 104. Cattle: 2 horses; 20 oxen; 40 cows; 12 calves; 40 sheep. Vessels: 2 schooners; 16 shallops; 12 small boats. 7

August 28,

Inhabitants of Gaspé within the capes, showing 23 heads of families, 53 males above and 18 under 16; 2 females above and 8 under 16, and 70 servants employed for the season, exclusive of families; 25 boats and 28 horned cattle. 8

October 14,  
Quebec.

Remarks by Cox on the fisheries, giving an account of the different localities, the character of the inhabitants, the suitability for fisheries, &c. 9

No date.

List of the families with the cattle and fishing craft belonging to Percie (Percé) and Mal Bay in 1777. At Percé there were 36 men, 19 women, 48 children and 432 servants, the men so designated being fishermen employed in the 104 boats belonging to the heads of families. Of these Peter Fraser had 26, employing 100 men; there were 21 cows. At Mal Bay, there were 3 men, 1 woman, 5 children, 8 boats, 33 servants and 2 cows. 16

List of families with cattle and fishing craft, belonging to the Island of Bonaventure in 1777. There were 4 men, 9 boats and 40 servants, 2 cows, but no women or children. 17

List (in French) of families, with cattle and fishing boats belonging to the post of Tracadiqued or Tracadigaiche. There are two returns, the name being given differently in each. They show 36 men, 35 women, 9 boys (of whom 14 do not belong to any of the families); 3 children, 3 boats; 63 horned cattle; 2 horses; 37 sheep; 12 hogs. In the second return, the title states that Meunier, with his wife who had for a long time been at great expense to have the post as a seignior, has two schooners, one boat and a barge; J. M.

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Bourg, Curé and Missionary of La Bay, has for servant Marie Savoye, has also a broodmare and a small cow. Of the two documents, the first was imperfect, the second being a corrected return, although the two substantially agree. Pages 17a, 17b.

June 18,  
Percé.

Henry Shoolbred to John Shoolbred, London. Reports that American privateers are now in the bay, having come through the Gut of Canso, and destroyed Robin's vessels and craft at Cape Breton. Two schooners went up the bay and seized at Paspebiac a brig belonging to Robin, loaded with fish, which they sent off, took his peltries, fish &c., and confined him in his own house. The men took the buckles out of his shoes, stripped some men of their shirts and did not leave enough of provisions. They began to load the "Bee," whose cargo of salt had been landed. What these robbers cannot take away they burn. The country seems ruined; operations for next winter must be laid aside, and all property removed in the fall. Does not believe the people will remain to be plundered and perhaps starved; he himself will not remain. It is probable these pirates will pay another visit. 18

July 1,  
Bonaventure.

Same to the same. Refers to letter of 18th June. One of the two schooners mounted two carriage guns, 16 swivels and had 30 men; the other 10 swivels and 28 men. They had the "Bee" loaded, sails bent and anchor apeak, waiting for the breeze, when the "Bonaventure" appeared, ahead of the "Hunter" and "Viper." Journeaux gave the schooners two broadsides, which made them decamp. They tried to escape but were captured up the Restigouche, most of the men taking to the woods; 10 prisoners were taken, one dying of his wounds; none killed or wounded on our side. Part of Mr. Roxburgh's goods and peltries captured and sunk by the crews of the privateers when they took to the woods. The French inhabitants favour the Americans, who have also gained the Indians by presents of flour, &c., out of the stores at Restigouche; the Indians knew where goods were concealed and told the privateers. The Indians at Nipiquit also rose and broke into Captain Watts' house in his absence. Is afraid that a vessel sent to Miramichi may fall into the hands of the rebels, who are informed of everything by the French. Sends extract of letter from Captain Watts whose situation, as well as that of the other posts on the bay is not only disagreeable but dangerous. The extract dated 30th June, gives an account of his frightening the rebels, who had come to attack his store. 20

July 4,  
Nipisiquit.

Captain Watts to Henry Shoolbred. That ten of the privateers came to the settlement, but being prepared for them, they went off after some provisions were given them. Is afraid that the Indians are treacherous; the Restigouche Indians have supported the rebels ever since they landed. Arrival of 15 Indian families from Cape Sable, who will neither fish nor do anything else. His situation is not to be coveted. Asks for blunderbusses and small arms, that he may defend the place. The Americans have told the Indians that they will destroy every place on the bay and have promised them great things; however, he is not afraid of them. 25

July 5,  
Bonaventure.

Smith, Robin and Shoolbred to Captain Boyle, of the sloop of war "Hunter." Express thanks for the protection afforded, and request him to leave an armed ship in the bay for the protection of the goods, vessels and fishing. 40

July 6,  
Paspebiac.

Captain Boyle to Smith, Shoolbred and Robin. That in accordance with their request he will leave the "Viper" for the protection of



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the bay, till he receive further orders from the senior officer at Quebec. Provisions to be supplied at the Quebec contract price.

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July 7,

Bonaventure.

Smith, Robin and Shoolbred to Boyle. Acknowledge receipt of offer to leave the "Viper" for their protection, on condition that provisions are supplied at Quebec contract prices and agree to this condition.

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July 8,

Bonaventure.

William Smith to John Shoolbred. Giving minute details of the attack by and capture of the privateers; the visit of their escaped crews, &c. After leaving Watts the privateer crews continued in canoes along the south shore and at Caraque captured Fraser's schooner loaded and ready for Bonaventure. A vessel has been sent. Is afraid he may lose another craft loaded with peltries, as the Gulph is swarming with privateers. The Americans have been on board of most of the Bonaventure fishing boats, but the crews being French they have used them civilly. The store at Restigouche has been plundered and the whole settlement would have been so but for the Indians. Will do no fishing there this year. At Cascapedia salmon fishing is entirely lost, part will be saved at Nipisquit and Miramichi. The cod fishers had returned to Quebec before his arrival. Can hardly get a man to fish and the risk of advancing to the fishermen is very great. The whole inhabitants of the country have become enemies to Englishmen and he is determined to leave the bay. The "Viper" will remain till further orders from Quebec; has written to Haldimand praying for further protection. A schooner has been carried off from Miramichi, supposed to be the "Diligence," loaded with peltry. The Americans have also visited and plundered St. John's Island and carried away a brig from the Magdalens. The situation of the Gulph cannot be worse. An extract of the same date to Shoolbred and Barclay, stating that the rebels had sworn revenge.

27

July 8,

Bonaventure.

Same to Haldimand. Congratulates him on his safe arrival at the seat of his government, and trusts he may unite the hearts of men too much divided. Calls attention to the distress of these remote parts from the attacks of privateers; refers for particulars to the accounts sent to the senior officer of the navy. The fortunate arrival of the "Hunter" and "Viper" saved the trade of the bay from ruin, but there are now many more privateers in the Gulph threatening destruction. They find no resistance from the French and Acadians, who rather favour them. From the danger to the great property in the bay, Captain Boyle has left the "Viper" for the protection of the trade. The situation in the bay requires local protection; cruisers do not answer, as they can be evaded by small privateers, and His Excellency's protection is relied on.

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August 23,

Bonaventure.

Same to Co. Has received news of his safe arrival at Gaspé in H. M. S. "Garland." Is obliged to him for wishing his (Smith's) presence at Percé, to obtain his observations on the regulations necessary for the good of the country, &c. He cannot, however, leave his business and has given his views till he is tired, but these are in vain until the country is better governed and protected. Had hoped to have seen him (Cox), as he had promised to settle his (Smith's) difficulties with the people of Tracadiguish. Is surprised that he (Cox) had given his opinion in their favour as an oppressed people whilst keeping it secret. Is happy in the reflection that he can justify his conduct from just reproach. Plundered by the enemy, neglected, nay destroyed by the government to which he adheres

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he may judge what may be the consequences. Has not a bottle of wine he can spare. What was in cask for his own use has been sent to Quebec for security. Page 46

September 9,  
Bonaventure.

Ensign Lepage to Cox (in French). In the absence of his father-in-law acknowledges receipt of letter from Cox. Had called on Smith who cannot come, but informed him that he (Cox) had been indisposed, that he had left for Tracadie, and intended to come to Bonaventure to speak to the inhabitants. The inhabitants are always ready to obey His Majesty and think that each place should furnish its quota. Reports are made against them by persons who were not in a position to prove them. Prays that he would speak for them to Haldimand; the inhabitants trust only in him (Cox) for their tranquillity; they will find a house for him, although one not worthy of his merit. 49

October 3,  
Bonaventure.

Smith to Haldimand. Since his previous letter the coast had been repeatedly threatened with destruction by the enemy, which had been baffled by the watchfulness of the armed ships until the 27th when four vessels were captured by an American privateer, a schooner called the "Congress," Samuel Hobbs, commander. The vessels captured are the "Bee," with a very rich cargo of codfish, peltry and merchandise; the "Otter," with fish, oil and peltry; the "Norman," fish only; the "Fox," fish, salmon, oil, flour and staves. Two men have returned who saw the capture of the last three; the "Bee" was not taken when they were landed; she was to be attacked that night and the "Otter" and "Fox" were seen off Miscou. It is a melancholy situation to see all the property wrested from them at their own door, after being promised protection by Government, in faith of which they engaged considerable outfits which the nature of the business requires, but fatally the protecting ships neither come early enough in spring nor stay long enough in the fall. Knowing this the enemy succeed in making captures on the arrival of the store ships in May and on the departure of the ships in September and October. Out of the ships on the coast from Gaspé, Bonaventure, &c., he scarcely expects to hear of the safety of one of them. His sorrow at having to communicate the ruin of every British factory on the Gulf; his firm being the last existing. The only dawn of hope is in His Excellency's action, for this fall or early in the spring the enemy mean to burn all the craft, stores, houses, stages, flakes, &c., so as to ruin the bay. Proposes that two vessels should winter in Gaspé; one a frigate, the other a tender of from 6 to 12 guns. How they should be employed, &c. Calls attention to the neglect of Cox to deal with the Indians, who have pledged themselves to Congress and the French, but might be got over. The value of the property he is leaving; the insufficiency of the armed vessel "St. Peter" from her want of speed. 51

October —

Petition of the inhabitants of Gaspé and Percé to Cox, praying that the armed brig "St. Peter" may be left for the protection of the bay. 59

December 5,  
Quebec.

Cox to Haldimand. States the advantages of his plan for raising a battalion of Canadians. 61

December 18,  
Gaspé.

Felix O'Hara to Haldimand. On behalf of the inhabitants expresses their loyalty to Government, and the hope that their grievances will soon be looked into, he being the only governor who can be a judge of the reality of their complaints. Former governors knew that the seas abounded in codfish but had no idea that the



land would bear wheat, a more certain nourishment for His Majesty's soldiers and sailors. This is known to His Excellency from ocular demonstration.

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March 1,  
Quebec.

Haldimand to O'Hara. Thanks for his letter of the 18th December. The present distracted state of affairs, prevents immediate attention to remote situations. In the meantime sends him commission as judge of the district, which he is persuaded he (O'Hara) will execute to the best of his abilities. Asks him to have a log house built for Cox, who is to come down early in the spring; whatever is necessary to finish it shall be sent. The people may be assured that every thing possible shall be done for their protection.

65

March 6,

Memorial of Cox, asking for troops and armed vessels for the protection of the coast and fisheries of Gaspé, &c.

67.

June 10,  
Bonaventure.

Robert Adams to Shoolbred and Barclay. Plunder of a cargo and other goods by a privateer; he and others were taken on board and kept in irons till all the stores were plundered. Nothing is left but some codfish. But for the bad conduct of the inhabitants the privateer could have done little harm. The crew loaded two schooners. The French people, so far as he can learn, took more than the Americans. However, he has kept quiet till he can ascertain, so that an example can be made. Coffel (*sic*) has embezzled a good part of the property, a note has been taken of all goods received, besides a small sum of money; but all these he had unfortunately lost, even his own chest being taken away. More privateers have been in the bay since and plundered Murray's stores at Trackertignish (Tracadegash). Last week the Indians from Restigouche came and plundered Robin's stores at the same place. Is living among rebels on every hand. No word of Mr. Smith. Desires to know what is to be done.

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June —  
Gaspé.

Felix O'Hara to Haldimand. Thanks for letter. What has happened has, no doubt, been reported in the petition from the people of Percé, transmitted by Major Holland. The situation is alarming and requires no exaggeration. For the houses to be built at Percé, all the timber has to be brought from Gaspé, causing delay and expense. Cannot tell what the necessary expense will be, but gives details of the work and material required. No privateers have been seen for a week near the bay; they have plundered the Bay of Chaleurs of everything valuable, even to their small store of provisions and wearing apparel. Expresses his thanks for his appointment as District Judge; with his wants the salary is sufficient. Had been visited by an old fellow from Pabos, to whom he promised a small gratuity to look after affairs there; he shall visit the place himself when he can do so with safety.

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August 28,  
Quebec.

Instructions for Felix O'Hara, judge of Common Pleas of Gaspé, Chaleurs Bay, and other parts in the Gulph of St. Lawrence, accompanying his commission.

77

August 30,  
Quebec.

Cox to Haldimand. Asks leave to go to England for the winter. His going to Percé single will be of no service; the English inhabitants have declared they will all quit the coast unless a small force is sent for their protection against the Indians in winter.

82

October 1,  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to ——. Sends intelligence brought by a privateer from Boston, of the relief of the British expedition at Penobscot, by the arrival of two 74 gun ships and a frigate, which took and destroyed the blockading fleet of 21 armed ships and a frigate, but on the other hand, Lincoln had defeated Campbell to the southward. The Guadaloupe frigate sails to-morrow; plenty of privateers on the

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coast; the Indians are threatening revenge. The Restigouche Indians and Acadians of Chaleurs Bay should have a message sent them with promises of friendship or punishment as their conduct might merit. The bricks, &c., for the Lieutenant Governor's house at Percé remain here as they would not be in safety at Percé; doubts if this and other improvements there will not be an expensive, useless job. (This and the following letter appear to have been addressed to Cox.)

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October 12,  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to ———. That it will not be easy to bring proof on charges not specified. Without a ship of war on the station the coast will become the rendezvous of privateers and pirates. To neglect the Gulph is to neglect the interests of Quebec. The news of the success at Penobscot has been confirmed by Captain Walker, of the Royal Fencibles, Nova Scotia, now recruiting here. The Americans lost 500 in an attempt to storm the works.

85

November 22,  
Quebec.

Cox to Haldimand. Refers to a plan that he proposed last year to raise a battalion of Canadians. Is anxious for leave of absence to look after his private affairs, but will obey orders.

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November (?)  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to the same. Is still in the dark as to the intentions of the Indians. The Restigouche tribe seems to be quiet; they express their abhorrence of the attempt to "trepan" their brethren of Miramichi and will not trust themselves on board ship for negotiations. One of the Micmacs dead; the other sent to his home. Will examine into the charges against the Acadians said to be assisting the American privateers. Has out of his (Haldimand's) charity clothed the naked and fed the hungry. Has sent account of disbursements at Percé; they far exceed what he could have imagined, for reasons given.

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1780.  
May 9,  
Quebec.

Haldimand to Cox. A passage shall be provided for him on board of one of the armed vessels, to enable him to proceed to his government at Gaspé. From want of communication his line of conduct there cannot be distinctly stated; can only recommend him to attend to the disposition of the inhabitants, and to use every means to attach them and the Indians to His Majesty's Government. To report the state of the coast, &c., on all necessary occasions.

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May 30,  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to Haldimand. Has received letter by Fortin, the courier. Sends inventory of movables at Pabos, placed all but the cow in charge of Fortin and Victor. The cow is in possession of the poor widow Springfield; its milk, with the charity sent by His Excellency, has enabled her to support herself and family through the winter; has allowed her to keep the cow till further orders. Has supplied Fortin with a musket, powder, &c. and some provisions. He and Victor can prevent depredations, but have too long led an indolent life to make improvements. The Indians are showing hostile intentions, notwithstanding the deceitful statements of worthless neighbours. Hopes that the navigation being now open the navy will awe these praters. Is of opinion that the report made by the returned Indians had a good effect on the others and had deprived d'Estaing's proclamation of its effect. A rumour has been circulated that Halifax is taken.

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June 8,  
Percé.

Cox to the same. Reports the attack by Captain Tongue on privateers in Mal Baie, and recapture of a schooner from Miramichi. The privateer had attacked Percé on the 4th June, but was repulsed by Peter Fraser and the Percé Militia. Heavier guns



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wanted, which would be a complete protection. The privateers were so mean as to take the shirts off the backs of the prisoners.

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June 28,  
Quebec.

Haldimand to Cox. His satisfaction at the news contained in his letter of the 8th (p. 94) with remarks. Sends a twelve pounder with ammunition. 97

July 13,  
Percé.

Cox to Haldimand. The letter of the 8th June was written the day after he had landed, so had not been able to see the people. He finds them in great misery and greatly discontented. Had ordered them under arms and brought them into good temper. A privateer of 26 guns repulsed by the "Haldimand"; the privateer, intending to renew the attack next morning, went off on the appearance of the "Wolf." Volunteers sent to the assistance of the Haldimand. After the engagement the privateer landed Captain Raking and his men, who are now on board the "Wolf." Will use every effort to keep the militia well disposed. The gun received. The enemy will soon hear of it, as people at Point St. Peter are giving them information of every vessel and craft that passes up and down. Some of the prisoners talk freely of these people, and might discover the traitors. Asks for an artilleryman and also for a few soldiers to be landed from one of the ships as he can do nothing without such a force. The zeal of Peter Fraser. Sends petition from the Restigouche Indians. Lime wanted for the buildings. 99

August 16,  
Quebec.

Haldimand to Cox. Until full information is given respecting the Indian claim he cannot decide. The Indians must be supported in their rights to hunting, &c., but not to the injury of fair and free trade. As the inhabitants live chiefly by fishing, it would be to call them from their natural pursuits to place them on other duties; he will, therefore, send a small force and a gunner. That and the naval force in the Gulph and river will keep the post tranquil. 106

September 15,  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to Haldimand. Explains the cause of the great expense for buildings at Percé. Suggests that Cox should take charge of such alterations or improvements as he may wish to make, as it would not be agreeable for him to dispute with his superior officer; will assist by every means in his power. 107

1781.  
January 8,  
Gaspé.

Same to the same. Has received letter by Fortin with four guineas, which he will distribute as intended; charity was never more needed than now, although the people are in a more thriving way than formerly. Necessity has driven them to cultivate the lands, in which they have found ample satisfaction. Will keep an eye to Pabos, which industry will one day make valuable. The Indians are peaceable, if the peddling interested traders do not provoke them. A vessel in the ice was driven to the offing. The weather very cold. Is glad that his conduct at Percé is not displeasing. Will cheerfully assist Cox. 110

July 18,  
Percé.

Same to the same. Has been doubtful of His Excellency's wishes respecting the buildings at Percé, but had tried to finish what he had begun. The report of the result he would leave to the Lient. Governor; when he and his family are present they will no doubt see many little additions to be made, but most of them he thinks can be done without. What small things are yet required from Quebec for finishing the buildings. The privateers have not been in lately; indeed they have taken all that was worth anything. The people are moving away, even without a pass; in fact, he thinks it cruel to keep them here to starve. 114

1781.  
August 14,  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to Haldimand. Is afraid that their correspondence is at an end, having heard that a successor is appointed to him (Haldimand); approves of his settling Acadians in Pabos, should they be equally industrious with those on the Bay of Chaleurs. An industrious population at Pabos would stimulate the now worthless fishermen, by showing them that not only necessities but luxuries could be obtained by putting their hands to the plough and hoe; which hitherto the artful sôpbisttry of codfish merchants has prevented. Will do all he can to carry out orders. Has still a carpenter at work to finish the Government house at Percé. Page 103

August, 14,  
Gaspé.

Same to Mathews (?) That the barque "Milton" with a valuable cargo of stores, is in the bay and will remain till a vessel of force is sent to escort her. Clothing for the troops and General Clark's baggage are on board. 105

August 29,  
Gaspé.

Same to Haldimand. Hears that Cox does not propose visiting the post this season. It is not worth visiting, particularly Percé which is almost abandoned; thinks Percé not a proper place to expend money on; there are, on the contrary, many inconveniences attending its occupation. Suggests giving up further expenditure there till the Lieut.-Governor arrives. Has ordered the captain of militia to send the witness against the woman accused of being accessory to a murder. Doubts if there be a principal; the woman's crime seems to be that her husband was the hangman at Three Rivers. 116

November 3,  
Quebec.

Haldimand to O'Hara. Formal acknowledgment of letters. The report of a successor being appointed to him (Haldimand) was without foundation. Has sent down flour, pork, &c., to be distributed to the indigent inhabitants. 118

1782.  
January 22,  
Quebec.

Report of the money laid out on the Lieut.-Governor's house at Percé, signed by Jenkin Williams. The total amount was £562 12s. sterling. 119

June 19,  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to Haldimand. Percé has been attacked by two privateers; the crew of one landed; captured all the craft there; took everything valuable; spiked the twelve-pounder and threw it over the cliffs, and carried off the two four-pounders; burned all the craft in the bay. He himself was taken prisoner, tried on board, but acquitted of the crime of being rich, and was ordered ashore with every mark of disrespect. After the most wanton destruction, the vessels dropped down with the tide; they still remain in the bay. H. M. S. "Blond" is lost on the Seal Islands, but the captain and crew saved. Has ordered his son, now in school at Quebec, to wait on His Excellency to see if there are any commands to bring. The young man and his brother, now that school is over, want employment, and are at His Excellency's service. 120

June 29,  
Gaspé.

Same to the same. Refers to letter of the 19th, stating their wretched condition. Reports the wreck of the "Quebec" on Anticosti; she was loaded with King's stores. The master is trying to save the materials, &c., and wants advice as to the disposal of the flour, &c. Is at a loss what to do, owing to the risk from privateers and his responsibility should the property be lost. 112

July 13,  
Gaspé.

Same to the same. Gives an account of the arrangement for transporting the cargo saved from the "Quebec," lost on Anticosti (p. 112). The flour is damaged to the extent of 56 pounds a barrel; the pease are all lost; the oatmeal nearly so. No privateers have been here for some days past. 123



1782.  
July 23,  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to Haldimand. Introduces Cornelius Smith, master of the wrecked ship "Quebec." His good behaviour. Urges that the cargo saved may be taken away, in case it should fall into the hands of American plunderers. Page 125

July 27,  
Quebec.

Haldimand to O'Hara. Is much concerned at the news of the 19th ultimo. From the number of cruisers that will be on the coast till the departure of the trade fleet, there will be no future visit of these plunderers. Will be glad to see his (O'Hara's) son. Will be pleased to be of service to both of his sons, but is at a loss to know how, every department being overcharged from the number of distressed loyalists. Should think the navy an eligible employment for them, and not difficult to obtain. 126

August 8,  
Quebec.

Same to the same. Has received letter by Captain Smith (p. 125). Is obliged by his (O'Hara's) care in helping to save the cargo, for which the vessel that carries this letter is sent. Geddes, lately at Quebec, showed some desire to settle at Pabos; would give him encouragement if he is a fit person. Asks his opinion of Geddes, and what terms should be allowed him. 128

September 3,  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to Haldimand. The arrival of the "Liberty," which is too small by one-half to take the flour; the danger of leaving it here; he has sent off the best. Recommends Geddes (Gaddis in this letter) for Pabos, as he would honestly look after its interests, and would be a good officer of militia. Exculpates himself from the charge made by a pilot named Ross, that he was in collusion with the privateers, who, instead of plundering him, had landed goods for his benefit, and asks that Ross be compelled to produce Fortin's deposition, on which he alleges that he founds the charge, and call on Captain Inglis and others who were present when the charge was made. 131

Certificates, dated 4th September, from Captains Worth and Ferguson, enclosed in preceding letter. 136

October 8,  
Gaspé.

Same to the same. Has shipped the rest of the provisions by the "Polly," and distributed the forty tierces sent in charity to the poor people, for which they are thankful. Forty-six tierces of flour have been landed at Percé, but he does not know on what terms they have been taken from the wreck; he has stopped four tierces of the wet flour to pay for charges, &c. Geddes has written an indefinite letter about the terms for his settlement at Pabos; he has gone to winter at Mont Louis. Will try to get a more explicit answer from him during the winter. Pabos, from its soil and situation, may be ranked among the first places on the coast to deserve justice. Thanks His Excellency for his opinion on the unprovoked attack (p. 131). The object was apparently to excite prejudice against him in the naval department. He freely forgives the author of the calumny, as he would not wish to injure his innocent family. A poor wretch, who has lost both arms by the discharge of a cannon on the King's Birthday, goes to Quebec to solicit some relief. 138

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May 27,  
Quebec.

Haldimand to O'Hara. Introduces Captain Sherwood; his services prevent him from returning to the Colonies, and as he is desirous of settling on the sea coast, he is sent down with the loyalists to take a view of the Bay of Chaleurs, Pabos, &c., to form a settlement should he like the situation. From his services, would like to settle him at Pabos, should it prove beneficial to him, but to make it agreeable, it would be necessary to settle in the neighbourhood those attached to him. Every assistance and information are to be given him. Cannot tell the effect of the peace; should be

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sorry if it produced indolence and vice in his (O'Hara's) neighbourhood, as he seemed to think. Hopes the example of the loyalists may produce happy consequences. He is to keep the flour now in his hands, or that may arrive from Anticosti, for supplying loyalists or others. Is satisfied with his having stopped the four barrels of flour for expenses. Restigouche Indians complain of encroachments; he will not have them unjustly dealt with, and such attempts must be prevented. Page 142

May —  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to Haldimand. Nothing has occurred during the winter. News has arrived of peace. Is not sure that, however advantageous, it will be altogether beneficial, as when the fisheries are once established and rum plenty, the people will abandon their industrious habits and fall back on their original indigence. Geddes, who has wintered at Mont Louis, has written respecting Pabos; the letter will be sent. What is he to do with the flour from Anticosti? Some arrangement has been made between Nevison and the commissary respecting wheat brought by the former from the wreck at Anticosti to Gaspé. Some of the flour worthless. What is to be done with what Nevison may bring, as the casks will not bear freight to Quebec? What is he to do with two American boys, escaped from a wreck on Anticosti; a prize recaptured by the "Albemarle" last July? They want to take the oath, but he told them to go to work to earn something to cover them. (Not dated, but evidently written early in May). 145.

July 17,  
Gaspé.

Same to the same. Has made a tour with Sherwood to explore the coast, but the loyalists do not seem to wish to settle on it; Sherwood will report. Has had a conference with the Indians in the Bay of Chaleurs respecting the encroachments of the Acadians. Does not believe that either of them know their bounds. The Indians have no idea of being circumscribed. God and nature, they say, gave them possession of Restigouche, with all its lands, rivers, &c.; that they have had uninterrupted possession confirmed by their Majesties of Britain and France. In answer to the representation that they might let the Acadians cut the hay, the chief answered that that would be to deprive them of their lurking places for creeping to their game, and that now the grass is gone the game has forsaken their usual haunts. Hopes to see the differences settled, as there is now a quantity of land cultivated, so that by its produce the fishery can be carried on to advantage. The Acadians are industrious, and although not friendly to Government their industry must be beneficial. They have been assured that their property will not be interfered with. They ask for no more land than they can conveniently improve. One man, with ten in a family, has petitioned for two acres in front, by a league in depth, about 150 acres. An Englishman or English American would petition for as many thousands and not improve one. 149

July 17,  
Gaspé.

Same to the same. Trusts that his departure from Quebec without previous notice will be attributed to His Excellency's absence, and to the necessity of taking advantage of the wind and tide. Is sorry that his predictions are verifying as to the bad effects of the peace, which has let loose a new banditti that far outvies the old; they have brought riot, debauchery and every species of immorality to Percé, that murder has been perpetrated there, and unless a stop be put to vice at that place, the people will become a disgrace to Government. Only a miracle or the iron hand of power can bring them back. Enters into further details on the subject and on the diffi-



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Percé.

culties of his position. Has not distributed any of the flour in his store till orders are received from His Excellency. Geddes may, perhaps, look for the place of sheriff, which is vacant. Page 154

George Geddes to O'Hara. Accepts his offer concerning Pabos, and begs that he may be allowed as much as possible, having almost nothing to begin with, and that the General be requested to allow provisions for some time. Asks for an order, that he may begin work as early as possible in spring, specifying that three months' notice before leaving is to be given on either side, and that he may be allowed a reasonable sum for stages if he leave. Will have a constable appointed. Dunn will serve till a new one is appointed; he and Connor were appointed by Richardson, but Connor has removed to Grand Grèves. Robin, expected this winter, will take charge of the letter for Fox at Paspebiac. 158

A note from O'Hara, forwarding the letter from Geddes. 160

May 22,  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to Cox. Refers Sweet from Rhode Island to him for a decision as to his right to fish in accordance with the preliminaries of peace. 161

May 30,  
Quebec.

Haldimand to Cox (private). Asks him to look after his interests at Pabos and Bonaventure. He has no intention of having these settled this year, lest it should interfere with the establishment of the loyalists, but he could wish to have some Acadian families settled there as they are steady and more attached to their settlements than any others in the country. Desires to make no change respecting the fishery at Pabos. 162

May —

List of the posts on the Labrador coast, sent by Major Cox. 163

July 1,  
Baie des  
Chaleurs.

O'Hara to Haldimand. The letter of the 14th May did not reach till 26th June, delaying the closing of the bargain with Geddes; that is now done, including the reserve of a few quintals of fish for his (Haldimand's) own use. Geddes has been supplied with a boat, flour, nails, &c. Is setting off to lay out land for the loyalists; it will be a hard task to please these discontented people. Supposes that Cox's orders are sufficient authority for laying out the lands. 164

July 2,  
Paspebiac.

Charles Robin to Cox. O'Hara states that all Paspebiac is taken into the township, although application for a grant was not decided on when the mails left England. Asks that part be reserved; he does not know the quantity. He knows that in Europe his and his friends' concerns in the fisheries are regarded as beneficial to the nation in general, and that they have reason to expect a large tract. Recommends the old settlers, who have improved the lands about their houses. 165

July 3,  
Bonaventure.

Cox to Haldimand. Has been twice driven back to Bic by a gale, losing a boat and the bowsprit. At Percé O'Hara joined on the 18th and reached Paspebiac on the 25th. Loyalists sent ashore to view the land could agree about nothing. As there were stores at Bonaventure, and shelter for the women and children, who, he feared, might be attacked with sickness, he had thought it best to go there, where also the vessels could lie safely and discharge readily. The loss of boats, &c. The loyalists see now that it would be better to settle at Paspebiac. They would have been glad to have taken up the improvements made by the Acadians, but were convinced by him that these could not be interfered with. They have returned to Little Paspebiac, the best situation for a town, for reasons specified. The difficulties with the loyalists; asks for the

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appointment of two or three justices, some of the disbanded soldiers being very bad men. Without a civil or military force, thefts, murders and licentiousness will go on this winter. O'Hara is proceeding to lay out a town. Sends provision list of the "St. Peter;" the loyalists on board of her were very willing to assist. Cannot send return of other vessels. Sends lists of men entitled to provisions. The loyalists petition for three months' additional provisions, or most of them will starve; also for boards, nails, seines, &c.; their potatoes are all planted. Four American vessels have landed their men and erected stages, &c. Asks for orders respecting them. Mrs. Cox coming down. Proposes after a tour to return to Gaspé and lay out a town on St. John River, Gaspé Bay, where no land has been granted; several have applied for grants there; it is the best place for artificers, who don't intend to follow fishing. Encloses letter from Robin (p. 166) with remarks. Has been able to get rations. Law will send return of stores issued to Wood. Page 168

July 22,  
Paspebiac.

Robin to Cox. That the township to be surveyed by O'Hara will cut off the fishermen at Paspebiac from wood for flakes, stages, and fire, and compel them to go for a supply to Nova Scotia, or abandon the fisheries to the persons in the neighbourhood. A front of nine miles would be required to furnish timber for the use of the fishery. Sends this letter as a protest against the present measures (for settling the country). 174

July 24,  
Bonaventure.

Same to the same. In reference to his proposal to reserve a front of land for the use of the fishery on the bank of Paspebiac, points out that it is at least three leagues to the westward of the bank, too distant to be of any utility. The shore of Nova Scotia is almost as near and from neither place could rafts of timber be brought, it not being like a river with smooth water; the spot selected produces no timber suited for stages, &c. The lands above Paspebiac are equal in value to those near it, and to give the land opposite the bank is in reality to transfer the bank itself from old settlers to new ones; had the land eastward to Nouvelle been reserved the distress would have been in some measure abated. It is known that banks of this kind are reserved so that vessels from Europe need not be compelled to clear spots in the woods not so suitable for curing fish. If this is not done, it will be concluded that Government does not wish to encourage a business which brings wealth to the country and contributes to the British marine. 176

July 29,  
Restigouche.

M. Bourg, curé to the Acadians, to the Governor of the Bay of Chaleurs (in French). That the captains of militia have not been able to settle with the Indians about their hay field. The Indians wish the arrangement to be made in the Governor's presence, their chief reason, however, being that they wish to increase the rent for their hay. It seems unjust; although some of the habitants have not paid fully, yet the Indians on the other hand have been robbing the French. 180

August 3,  
Paspebiac.

Roll of loyalists who have drawn lots in the township of Paspebiac. 229 a & b

March 6.

Maturin Bujot. Memorial (in French) praying to be secured in possession of the land which he cultivates, at a place commonly called "La Nouvelle." (The memorial is dated at "Trakediesch"). 182



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August 7,  
Tracadegash.

Decision by Cox in the dispute between the Acadian settlers and the Indians of Restigouche, confirming the existing custom, that the settlers pay the Indians a dollar for liberty to cut hay on the meadows and marshes of Restigouche, and confirms to the Indians the sole right of fishing and hunting in and contiguous to the River Restigouche within certain defined limits. Page 184

August 7,  
Tracadie.

List (in French) of the inhabitants of Tracadegash with the quantity of land each inhabitant has improved. 189

August 7,  
Tracadie.

M. Bourg, curé, to Cox (in French). Recommending the petition of François Commeau for land at Nouvelle to favourable consideration. 192

August 9,  
Tracadegash.

Petition (in French) from Pierre Loubere for 750 acres at the River Casapija (Cascapedia?) for himself and family. A recommendation by Cox, dated 16th August, is appended to the petition. 193

August 16,  
Bonaventure.

Cox to Haldimand. Transmitting his decision in the dispute between the Acadian settlers and the Indians, with a statement of their respective claims. 186

August 18,  
Bonaventure.

Memorial by Thomas Pryce Jones, Azariah Pritchard, Philo Holibut, Abel Waters and Joseph Arseno d'Quinton, for leave to erect a grist mill on the River Ceplin, to assist the settlement at Paspebiac. 195

August 18,  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to Haldimand. That he has after much trouble convinced the loyalists of the advantages of the lands contiguous to Paspebiac for a settlement. Has laid out the town as a parallelogram; the motive of the loyalists in asking this was to take in the beach and marsh. Gives the dimensions, &c., of the settlement. Has not taken into the township 124 chains in rear of the great bank, as he thinks there should be a reserve of timber; there are 22 families settled there for a number of years, and he is sure His Excellency would not wish these poor people to be distressed. Unless in every case a proper reserve is made for the fishery it will inevitably dwindle. He is throwing the damaged flour into the sea, it being in a state of putrefaction. 196

August 19,  
Bonaventure.

Jean Caissy. Memorial (in French) for land at Nouvelle. (The name is given in the same memorial as Quessey.) 199

Memorial (in French) for land at the same place by Jean Lebrun. Both petitioners describe themselves as pilots. 200

August 19,  
Paspebiac.

Memorial from loyalists, praying for a supply of necessities, as owing to their late arrival here they are unable to make gardens, &c., and it will require their utmost efforts to have houses built before winter. 201

August 20,  
Paspebiac.

Cox to (Haldimand?). That Sherwood is asking for the lands and improvements of almost every inhabitant settled at Paspebiac, which cannot be granted without the greatest injustice. The Acadians do not choose to remove from their present improvements. Some of them have asked lands for their grown-up sons; has recommended Pasbo (Pabos) which cannot long remain unsettled being so handy to the fishery. 203

August 25,  
Paspebiac.

Same to the same. Arrival of the snow "Liberty" and brig "St. Peter" with everything safe and in good order. The settlers return thanks for the bounty; they are going on cheerfully, building their houses and are better pleased with the land the more they know it. Has not laid out the land on the beach opposite the Great Paspebiac, till His Excellency has decided upon Robin's application. Sends list of those who have drawn their lands. Some idle ones remain

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only for the provisions. No people should be sent down by the return of the vessels without provisions. Captain Law will give minute information about the people. Without his assistance he (Cox) would have left them long ago. O'Hara has left, tired out; believes that he will never survey for loyalists again. Sends petition for a grist mill (p. 195.) Is glad he had steered clear of the granted lands at Bonaventure; doubts if many of the grants would stand good in the court. Will write to Sir Charles Douglas and order the Americans away. If they disobey is he to seize their vessels, or to burn their flakes, stages and fish? They will not quit the coast without force. Has appointed Thomas Man to the office of sheriff. The "Polly" has met with so many accidents, that it was too late to send her for provisions. The boy was too useful to be parted with as she served as a store-house. Recommends memorial from the loyalists, which is enclosed. Page 204

The return of loyalists at the new settlement at Paspebiac follows. 207

August 27,  
Percé.

Cox to Haldimand. Has arrived at Percé, where he must winter, being disappointed of a house at Gaspé. Shall expend only enough to keep out the wind and snow, as he intends to build a house at St. John's, Gaspé. Is only waiting for O'Hara to go to lay out the new township. 208

August 28,  
Bay of  
Chaleurs.

List of necessities wanted by the loyalists. An unsigned memorandum accompanies the list, stating the condition and necessities of the settlers; men, women and children are busy clearing their lots and building houses. The work in the woods tears their clothes; many who formerly lived well are without articles which are to them necessities, such as tea, sugar, &c., yet they have every prospect of doing well, and in eighteen months, when their gardens and harvest come in, they will need no further assistance. It is the best country for a poor man he ever knew, from the great quantity and variety of fish, game, maple trees, &c., and the land very capable of cultivation. Even small spots, laboured by the fishermen in the most slovenly manner, produce exceedingly good wheat, pease, potatoes, flax, &c., and the industrious are always sure of a good market. 209

September 4,  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to Haldimand. Calls attention to the grant of land he received in consequence of his petition. The land was not in accordance therewith, all the marsh being left out, which was the valuable part of it, and nothing granted but that on a barren hill side, &c., &c. 212

November 2,  
Quebec.

Haldimand to Cox. Has received letter of 20th August (p. 204) with enclosures, and Captain Law has communicated information respecting the settlers. Sends statements by Law and answers for his (Cox's) guidance. Robin deserves encouragement, but care must be taken to guard against monopoly in lands of a settlement which will probably become extensive. His memorial will be considered by the Governor and Council. Is concerned that there should be so many ill-disposed and refractory persons among the loyalists, and that the officers should be the most troublesome. Nothing can do more good than curtailing, or discontinuing, for a time, the issue of provisions. He is sailing in a few days. Reports on civil matters are to be sent to Hamilton and on military to St. Leger. 216

1785.  
June 28,  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to Haldimand. Reports a favourable fishing so far, and that the loyalists both here and in Chaleurs Bay are improving the



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land in spite of some restless spirits among them. Remonstrates against the enforcement of the law against cutting white pine, as from the St. Lawrence to the Restigouche there is not one white pine in a hundred that would line out a main top mast for a fifty gun frigate, the pine being only fit for boards, scantling, &c., and needed for boats and houses. The bad effect of the enforcement; Governor Wentworth and Sir Charles Douglas agree in this opinion. The inconvenience of vessels trading in the Bay of Chaleurs having to enter and clear at Gaspé. A change prayed for by a memorial. The merchants have offered to use their influence to have him named collector and he asks for that of Haldimand also, should the change in the custom house be made. Page 218

September 12,  
Gaspé.

O'Hara to Haldimand. Has investigated the report as to illicit trade between the Americans and the settlers. It is partially true, but it is difficult to stop it, so long as the Americans are permitted to cure fish on the shores. The discontent of the Restigouche Indians at the encroachments of the whites. There should be a line of partition between the two races, as neither of them know anything but the law of force. The Acadians have rapidly increased in population for the last twenty years, and deserve encouragement, but they should not be permitted to interfere in the precarious means the savage uses to procure his homely fare. Is afraid of ill-consequences unless the matter is looked into. Pabos not flourishing. The land at Paspebiac on which the loyalists settled is exceedingly good, and they might be satisfied were they not a discontented, unsteady people. Further respecting the application for a custom house at Gaspé. Cox has removed the seat of government from Percé to the Bay of Chaleurs by which the Government House at Gaspé must go to wreck. 222

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May 20,  
London.

Haldimand to O'Hara. The report concerning the Indians, &c. must be laid before Carleton, through the proper channel. Major Mathews, who takes this letter, has been empowered to settle all his (Haldimand's) affairs. He may apply to him. As Pabos and other property are to be disposed of, any intending purchaser is to apply to Mathews, who will do everything possible for his (O'Hara's) welfare. 227

No date.

Sketch of marsh land (unnamed) with the ground in the vicinity. 228a

Report respecting Robin and Shoolbred, who are applying for lands. 229

A postscript to a letter to O'Hara, that a few troops are to be sent and a place prepared for them at Percé. 229

Antoine Esmond. Petition (in French) to Cox, that Simon Marcoux, now in Quebec, may obtain a grant of land at Nouvelle. 230

List (in French) found at Pabos, of property which had been left by Pierre Haldimand, belonging to his uncle, General Haldimand. The memorandum is signed by Joseph Fortin, and a note is added in English that most of the missing articles, supposed to be stolen, had been taken to Quebec by order of Peter Haldimand. 231

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April 21. Opinion of James Monk, Attorney General, respecting the lease of William Grant's house in Montreal, in 1774, for the use of Government, which was formerly the India house. Page 1
- August 15, Quebec. Monk to Haldimand. That the commission of Vice Admiral does not confer sufficient power on His Excellency to issue letters of marque and reprisal. 8
1779.  
February 11. Directing Monk to prepare a commission to Mabane and Dunn to act as judges in the Court of Common Pleas at Montreal. 10
- April 30. Directing Monk to make out a commission to John Schank to swear in Commissioners of the Peace at Niagara, Detroit and Michillimakinak. 11
- April 30, Quebec. Monk to Cramahé. Pointing out that the issue of the commission to Schank, as directed, would be irregular, and stating the manner in which the authority for swearing in Justices of the Peace in the districts named should be given. 12
- May 13, Quebec. Cramahé to Monk. Sends petition of the bakers of Quebec, pointing out an abuse which may affect the poor of the Province. The Commissioners of the Peace have summoned witnesses for the 19th, and His Excellency desires an opinion how far the Statute of Edward VI against forestallers, &c., is applicable to the present case. 15
- May 13, Quebec. Monk to Cramahé. He will at once give consideration to the petition of the bakers of Quebec, and prepare an opinion on the laws applicable to engrossers. 14
- May 14, Quebec. Cramahé to Monk. The extraordinary rise in the price of wheat has rendered it necessary to extend the time prescribed by the proclamation to the 1st of January next. Sends the proposed proclamation for his (Monk's) consideration. 17
- May 26, Quebec. Same to the same. That he may prosecute Dumas before the Supreme Court, as he suggests, but the case must be fully considered, as it would be better not to bring it than to fail. 18
- June 11, Quebec. Monk to Cramahé. Sends draught of proclamation ordered (p. 17) ; to be modified as may be thought proper. 20
- June 19, Quebec. Same to Haldimand. Sends draught of pardon for Dumas. 19
- August 20, Quebec. Cramahé to Monk. A short form of commission to be prepared to empower Felix O'Hara to act as judge at Gaspé, &c. Sends two depositions for opinion. 21
- August 21, Quebec. Monk to Cramahé. With commission for O'Hara, to be engrossed and sent; O'Hara should have instructions as to the appointment of the necessary officers. Will delay a day or two before giving an opinion on the case of the pirates. 22
- August 25, Quebec. Cramahé to Monk. Sends Gagy's title, and his case as drawn up by Cugnet. Duime to be prosecuted for the obstructions he has thrown in the way of the mill erected for Government use. 23
- August 27, Quebec. Monk to Haldimand. Opinion that Williams, Smith, Hughes and Yalden, mariners on board the "Beaver," may be tried here for piracy, but points out difficulties in the way. 24
- September 8, Montreal. Same to Gagy. That the criminal proceedings have been withdrawn in the case of Duime; a civil action must be taken. How the suit should be prosecuted. If the obstructions are to be re-



1779. moved by force, that should be done, if approved of by His Excellency, by civil and not by military authority. Page 25
- September 9, Monk to Cramahé. That the indictment against Duaine for a nuisance on the Machiche has been thrown out by the Grand Jury. Sends copy of letter to Gugy (p. 25), on which he desires His Excellency's commands. 28
- October 25, Cramahé to Monk. Sends minutes of inquest in the case of a murder committed near Three Rivers. Asks if the alleged murderers can be tried at Quebec; if a special commission should issue; or in what manner it would be best to proceed. 30
- October 26, Monk to Cramahé. That in the present state of the law, the prisoners charged with murder at Three Rivers cannot be tried in Quebec. A special commission may issue for the trial either at Montreal, or Three Rivers. 31
1780.  
March 4, Petition of James Monk, as Surrogate of Admiralty, praying that an ordinance of the Legislative Council respecting fees in the Admiralty Court may not be sanctioned. 33
- March 4, Petition of same date, of Monk, as Attorney General, respecting the fees of that office. 37
- Quebec. Monk to Haldimand. Remarks on the terms of the ordinance for preventing the exportation of grain, &c. That by a resolution of the Council, the Attorney General is prohibited from giving his legal views unasked on any ordinance proposed in Council. That by a clause added to the ordinance preventing the exportation of grain, the officers of customs are prevented from acting as provided by the Act of Parliament. For reasons given, he declares the ordinance to be contrary to law and should be amended. 41
- March 25, Cramahé to Monk. Desires to have his opinion of the effect of the repeal by Parliament (in 1772) of Acts against forestallers, &c. 50
- Quebec. Monk to Cramahé. Some clauses of the ordinance against forestallers, &c., having been altered in Council, asks for a copy of the law. 49
- March 25, Same to Haldimand. His opinion of the ordinance respecting forestallers, &c., and suggesting certain amendments. 46
- Quebec. Same to the same. His pain at having fallen under His Excellency's displeasure, and especially at his having learned of it in open court, when the case of Duaine was brought up. Enters into details of his conduct of the case when in his hands; cannot understand the cause of His Excellency's anger. 51
- September 28, Cramahé to Monk. Desiring him to prepare blank forms of commission for persons to act as judge and assessor at Detroit, as also *dedimus potestatem* to Alexander McComb, de Peyster and Williams to be Justices of the Peace. 54
- Quebec. Monk to Cramahé. Commissions shall be prepared with all dispatch; asks for detailed instructions. 55
- September 29, Cramahé to Monk. Further respecting commissions for the judge, &c., at Detroit. 56
- Quebec. J
1781.  
February 3, Haldimand to the same. That his admission of the Seminary of Quebec. Montreal and of religious societies, who are proprietors of seigniories, to take the oath of fealty and homage, cannot be attended with legal consequences contrary to the Act of Parliament which regulates the government of Quebec. Calls on him (Monk), as an officer of the Crown, to second the views of Government, and not to publish difficulties, when it is the duty of every good subject to conciliate the

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| 1781.                   | affection of the people, and to testify the sense of their fidelity and attachment to the King's government. Page 57                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| August 27, Quebec.      | Mathews to Monk. States a case of accounting for his opinion. (The supposititious case points to the transactions of Colonel Guy Johnson with Taylor & Forsyth.) 59                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| August 28, Quebec.      | Monk to Mathews. States the steps to be taken for recovery in the case supposed in the preceding letter. 60                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| August 28, Quebec.      | Same to the same. That he proposes to go to Montreal to the Court of King's Bench, unless His Excellency has further commands. 61                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| August 30, Quebec.      | Mathews to Monk. That he is to enter a suit for the recovery of money overpaid to Forsyth & Co., and Taylor & Forsyth, details being given of the transactions between them and Colonel Guy Johnson. 62                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                         | Abstract of papers in the case. 65                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| September 1, Quebec.    | Mathews to Monk. Transmitting papers in the case of Taylor & Forsyth. 66                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| September 6, Montreal.  | Monk to Mathews. Asking for further details, before taking out the writ in the case of Taylor & Forsyth. 67                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| October 13, St. John's. | Mathews to Monk. He is required at the Court of King's Bench, Quebec. The <i>capias</i> against Taylor & Forsyth is returnable at Montreal on the 20th of next month; Williams has been desired to go to Montreal to assist the attorney employed to conduct the cases already begun against Taylor & Forsyth, so that Douglas, one of the witnesses, may be enabled to sail for Europe in a vessel leaving in November. 70 |
| October 18, Quebec.     | Monk to Mathews. Has transferred all the papers in the Taylor case to Williams, who will appoint such attorney as may be required to conduct the case. 71                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| November 15, Quebec.    | Same to Haldimand. Does not think there is sufficient power in the judicature of the Province to try the men of the "London," charged with piracy. There has been, he believes, power given to try these cases at New York. Depositions have been taken; what witnesses are required. 73                                                                                                                                    |
| December 31, Quebec.    | Mathews to Monk. Sends extract from a letter from the Board of Trade, relative to the fees of the Attorney General's office. 75                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1782.                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| January 21, Quebec.     | Same to the same. That he is to prepare draughts of four ordinances, which are to expire and be renewed at the next session of the Legislative Council. 76                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| June 24, Quebec.        | Same to the same. He is to forward instructions to Captain Senank, to enable him to secure, in the shortest and most effectual manner, the wages due to seamen entering His Majesty's service, as well as their clothing, as the masters of the ships they leave often retain both. 77                                                                                                                                      |
| July 31, Quebec.        | Same to the same. Sends memorial of Lieutenant Bradley, R.N., for consideration. 78                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| September 19, Quebec.   | Same to the same. The case of Taylor & Forsyth having been appealed, he is authorized to press for a decision before the sailing of the fleet. Williams is to furnish all the information in his power. 79                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| October 3, Quebec.      | Monk to Haldimand. That the ordinances respecting forestallers, &c., cease by the proclamation of His Majesty's Order in Council. Has prepared the proclamation. 80                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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| 1782.<br>October 16,<br>Quebec. | Mathews to Monk. Sends charter party for opinion as to whether the "Maria," being disabled, can be dismissed the King's service, as unable to perform the same, &c. Page 82                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| October 22,<br>Quebec.          | Same to the same. Asks if the payment of such parts of the bills drawn by Sinclair, Lieut. Governor of Michillimakinak, as are reasonable, would make the Governor liable for the whole amount. 83                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| October 23,<br>Quebec.          | Same to the same. His Excellency has no objection to Richard Dobie and John Grant becoming security for Taylor & Forsyth, in the prosecution of the appeal of the latter. 85                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| December 11,<br>Quebec.         | Same to the same. That he is to prepare commissions for Jenkin Williams, as Solicitor General, and James Shepherd, as chief of the Court of Appeals. 86                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| 1783.<br>January 26,<br>Quebec. | Same to the same. That he is to prepare a lease of the iron works near Three Rivers to Conrad Gagy for sixteen years. 87                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| January 27,<br>Quebec.          | Monk to Haldimand. Returns the lease to Gagy, prepared as ordered. 88                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| February 8,<br>Quebec.          | Memorial of James Shepherd, Sheriff of the District of Quebec, to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said district, complaining of the conduct of Attorney General Monk, in first accepting and then giving up the defence of a suit brought against him by Hector Macaulay, for which conduct he gives no reason, and praying that Jenkin Williams, Solicitor General, be substituted for the defence. 89                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| May 3,<br>Quebec.               | Monk to Haldimand. Sends his opinion on a case submitted by the Solicitor General. 93                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| 1784.<br>October (?),           | Memorandum in relation to the Attorney General, in addition to letter of 4th October, 1784. Charges are made of Monk's rapacity; of his method of drawing up indictments, by which criminals are allowed to escape; of his taking up cases against the officers of Government without necessity and in contradiction to himself. Instances are given under each head. His equivocating answer to the question proposed by General Haldimand, relative to the orders of the Treasury for exacting the immediate payment of the outstanding debts due upon bills of exchange given upon credit by the contractors' agent in 1781. 94 |  |
| October 19,<br>Quebec.          | Monk to Haldimand. Respecting his claim for fees, &c., laid before the Treasury. Requests that he may have a copy of what has been reported by Mr. Maseres to, and what has been adjudged by, the Treasury, as also copies of the several reports made to His Excellency. 97                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |

#### LETTERS OF CHIEF JUSTICE PETER LIVIUS.

1777-1778.

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1775.  
June 25,  
Quebec.

Chief Justice Livius. Memorial for the salary attached to the office of Chief Justice. Page 2

1778,  
April 12,  
Quebec.

Same to Williams. Desires an answer in writing as to whether Sir Guy Carleton has selected five particular members of the Council to act as council to the exclusion of the others; and whether he is not to be allowed to read their proceedings. 6

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| 1778.<br>April 13,<br>Quebec.        | Jenkin Williams to Chief Justice Livius. That no one is to be allowed to read or take copies of the proceedings of the Privy Council without the Governor's permission. Legislative Council books and accounts to be open. Page 8                                                                                                               |  |
| April 15,<br>Plantation<br>Chambers. | Cumberland to Attorney General Monk. Ordinance 16 disallowed. Remarks on the others. Question of bringing the laws of Quebec nearer to those of England. Injunctions to attach himself faithfully to General Haldimand. 10                                                                                                                      |  |
| April 17,<br>London.                 | Bamber Gascoyne to Chief Justice Livius. Advice as to his course whilst the war continues; recommends him to act cordially with General Haldimand, &c. 12                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| April —,<br>Whitehall.               | Cumberland to the same. Remarks on the ordinances of 1777. To give every assistance in amending the laws, and to show zeal for the service and attachment to Haldimand. Is apprehensive of difficulties that may arise from changes of the law in Quebec. To avoid this as far as possible. 17                                                  |  |
| July 3,<br>Quebec.                   | Chief Justice Livius. Memorial stating his dismissal from office by Sir Guy Carleton. Asking leave of absence to go to London to meet charges. 22                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| July 12,<br>Quebec.                  | Same to Haldimand. Asks leave to enter a caveat against any person receiving his salary till the King's judgment be known. His application to examine papers only relates to public records. His arrangements for leaving, &c. 26                                                                                                               |  |
| September 18,<br>Montreal.           | A. Mabane and Jenkin Williams. With notes of evidence in the case of Tibaud, sentenced to death for murder. The notes follow. 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| September 21,<br>Montreal.           | The same. Have nothing to say in favour of Tibaud, sentenced to death. 39                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| October 13,<br>Quebec.               | Jenkin Williams to Lieutenant Governor Cramahé. For leave of absence. 40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 1779.<br>March 11,<br>Montreal.      | A. Mabane and Thomas Dunn. Transmitting the message delivered to the grand jury at the opening of the session. 42                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| (Nov.) 19,<br>Montreal.              | A. Mabane to General Haldimand. Report of proceedings of the special assize. Murderers to be executed at Montreal: Address to the grand jury. Report follows. 43                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 1780.<br>February 17,<br>Quebec.     | Attorney General Monk. Opinion that the Governor in Council has no power to fix the price of wheat and flour. 45                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| February 17,<br>Quebec.              | The same. Opinion that the Governor in Council cannot compel farmers to sell their grain, although old precedents exist. 47                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| March 8,<br>Montreal.                | A. Mabane to General Haldimand. His opinion on the proposed innovations on the Quebec Act, and his advice that further instructions to that effect should not be made public. The bad effects on the French inhabitants. How to conciliate them. The proposed tour of the Superior of the Recollets to induce the curés to sell their wheat. 49 |  |
| April 12,<br>Quebec.                 | Jenkin Williams. Opinion as to the ordinance for compelling farmers to sell their spare wheat. 54                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
|                                      | The same on the same subject. 56                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| April 30,<br>Montreal.               | Commissioners for executing office of Chief Justice. Claim for salary, with memorial. 58                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 1781.<br>August 30,<br>Quebec.       | Letter accompanying the above. 62                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| October 13,<br>St. John's.           | Captain Mathews to Jenkin Williams. To assist Mr. Monk in the examination of military accounts. 64                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
|                                      | General Haldimand to the same. To go to Montreal to assist in the suit against Taylor & Forsyth. 65                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |



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| 1781.<br>October 20,<br>Quebec. | Commissioners for executing the office of Chief Justice. Memorial for salary.                                                                                                           | Page 66 |
| November 15,<br>Montreal.       | Jenkin Williams to A. Mabane. Account of the points raised in the suit against Taylor & Forsyth.                                                                                        | 69      |
| November 18,<br>Quebec.         | A. Mabane to Jenkin Williams. General Haldimand's views as to the course to be adopted in the suit against Taylor & Forsyth.                                                            | 74      |
| December 3,<br>Quebec.          | Jenkin Williams to A. Mabane. The progress of the suit against Taylor & Forsyth.                                                                                                        | 79      |
| 1782.<br>January 2,<br>Quebec.  | Captain Mathews to Committee of Council. With extract of letter relative to fees claimed by the Attorney General. £100 to be inserted in contingencies for law expenses of Conrad Gagy. | 81      |
| January 16,<br>Quebec.          | Same to Jenkin Williams. To summon the Legislative Council.                                                                                                                             | 83      |
| January 16,<br>Quebec.          | Jenkin Williams to Captain Mathews. Will summon the Legislative Council as instructed.                                                                                                  | 82      |
| March 28,<br>Montreal.          | Mathews (?) to Jenkin Williams. In consequence of the absence of the Governor, the Court of Appeals to be adjourned.                                                                    | 84      |
| April 4,<br>Montreal.           | Same to the same. To provide for salaries to the 30th, and to have accounts ready for examination.                                                                                      | 85      |
| April 8,<br>Montreal.           | Same to the same. Further to adjourn the Court of Appeals.                                                                                                                              | 86      |
| April 8,<br>Quebec.             | Jenkin Williams to Captain Mathews. Statement of revenues and salaries. Has notified adjourned meeting of Court of Appeals.                                                             | 87      |
| May 7,<br>Quebec.               | King's Bench, calendar of cases tried.                                                                                                                                                  | 88      |
| May 20,<br>Quebec.              | Jenkin Williams to Captain Mathews. Asks for returns of attendances on and opinions given to the Governor by Attorney General.                                                          | 89      |
| May 22,<br>Quebec.              | Petition to remit the punishment awarded to Jean Baptiste and Charles Chevalier.                                                                                                        | 90      |
| May 24,<br>Quebec.              | A. Mabane to General Haldimand. The Court of Queen's Bench recommends the two Chevaliers to mercy on condition of their entering a frigate.                                             | 92      |
| June 23,<br>Quebec.             | Captain Mathews to Jenkin Williams. To call a meeting of Council.                                                                                                                       | 94      |
| August 14,<br>Quebec.           | Commissioners for executing the office of chief justice. Letter accompanying memorial relative to claims for salary. Memorial follows.                                                  | 95      |
| September 9,<br>Quebec.         | A. Mabane to General Haldimand. Sending notes of the trial of Henry Tischner for murder. He has been respited.                                                                          | 101     |
| September 29,<br>Quebec.        | General Haldimand to Jenkin Williams. To appear with the Attorney General in the case against Taylor & Forsyth.                                                                         | 102     |
| December 5,<br>Montreal.        | Robert Ellice and others to Richard Dobie. Instructions as to the course he is to take to recover payment of bills drawn by Lieut. Governor Sinclair.                                   | 103     |
| December 9,<br>Montreal.        | Richard Dobie to Captain Mathews. With letter from Ellice, &c., and asking return of Lieut Governor Sinclair's bills.                                                                   | 105     |
| December 20,<br>Quebec.         | Jenkin Williams to the same. Enclosing opinion respecting the delivery to Richard Dobie of Lieut. Governor Sinclair's bills. Opinion follows.                                           | 106     |
| No date.                        | Report of evidence on the trial of Henry Tischner for murder.                                                                                                                           | 125     |
|                                 | No signature. Opinion as to the powers of the Council to fix a price for grain, &c., and to compel farmers to sell.                                                                     | 129     |
| 1783.<br>January 8,<br>Quebec.  | General Haldimand to Jenkin Williams. To summon the Legislative Council, except George Allsopp, suspended.                                                                              | 109     |

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| 1783.                   |                                                                               |                                                                                         |          |
| February 7,<br>Quebec.  | Captain Mathews to Jenkin Williams.                                           | Copy of report to be made respecting Mr. Allsopp being superseded by Governor Carleton. |          |
|                         |                                                                               |                                                                                         | Page 110 |
| February 8,<br>Quebec.  | Jenkin Williams to Captain Mathews.                                           | Cannot find the report of the reason for superseding Mr. Allsopp.                       | 111      |
| June 12,<br>Quebec.     | Same to Captain Genevay.                                                      | Sending papers.                                                                         | 112      |
| June 28,<br>Quebec.     | Captain Mathews to Jenkin Williams.                                           | To call a meeting of Council.                                                           | 113      |
| October 23,<br>Quebec.  | Commissioners for executing the office of chief justice to General Haldimand. | Calling attention to their memorial respecting salary.                                  | 114      |
| No date<br>(1784 ?)     | Joseph Deschenaux (in French.)                                                | Petition concerning the claim against him for <i>Quint</i> .                            | 117      |
| 1784.                   |                                                                               |                                                                                         |          |
| February 16,<br>Quebec. | F. J. Cugnet (in French).                                                     | Legal opinion on Joseph Deschenaux's petition.                                          | 120      |
| March 4,<br>Quebec.     | Jenkin Williams to Captain Mathews.                                           | Respecting claim against Mr. Deschenaux for <i>Quint</i> .                              | 115      |
| April 23,<br>Quebec.    | Same to General Haldimand.                                                    | For leave of absence.                                                                   | 123      |
| May 8,<br>Ticonderoga.  | Same to the same.                                                             | Has arrived here; expects to return from England about October.                         | 124      |

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1776—1786.

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| 1776.                       |                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |
| April 29.                   | Pierre du Calvet.                                          | Receipt to Colonel Antill. (This receipt was found among the rebel papers at Holland House, after the rebels fled in May 1776).                                                       | page 1   |
| 1778.                       |                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |
| January 7,<br>Whitehall.    | Knox, Under Secretary, to General Haldimand.               | Transmitting Act to authorise the arrest of persons charged with high treason.                                                                                                        | 5        |
| February 26,<br>Montreal.   | Anonymous to M. du Calvet (in French).                     | Notice that he is suspected and to be on his guard.                                                                                                                                   | 2        |
| February 26,<br>Montreal.   | Pierre du Calvet to General Carleton (in French).          | Transmitting anonymous letter (pp. 2-3.) (Note in English says that du Calvet probably wrote the anonymous letter himself).                                                           | 4        |
| April 16,<br>Whitehall.     | Lord George Germaine to Gen. Haldimand.                    | Instructions to watch over the safety of the Province.                                                                                                                                | 5        |
| October 7,<br>River David.  | Pierre du Calvet to M. Schmid (in French).                 | Respecting wood required.                                                                                                                                                             | 11       |
| October 8,<br>River David.  | Same to the same (in French).                              | Respecting wood.                                                                                                                                                                      | 12       |
| October 28,<br>River David. | Same to Gen. Haldimand (in French).                        | Explanation of the cause of delay in sending down timber for the royal service, &c.                                                                                                   | 13       |
| November 6,<br>Sorel.       | Col. St. Leger to Captain of Militia, Yamaska (in French). | Order to have planks and deals brought down from du Calvet's mill.                                                                                                                    | 17       |
| 1779.                       |                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |
| April 26,<br>Sorel.         | Slack, Engineer, to Captain Schmid.                        | Order to have planks from du Calvet delivered.                                                                                                                                        | 18       |
| May 26,<br>Montreal.        | Gazette Litteraire (in French).                            | Extracts containing attacks on the judges of the Court of Common Pleas by Pierre du Calvet and Jautard, advocate, with other communications enclosed in a letter from Judge Rouville. | 19 to 44 |



1779.  
May 27,  
Montreal. Judge Rouville to General Haldimand (in French). Complaining of the attacks made on the judges by du Calvet and Jautard (or Jottard). The good effect of the proclamation regarding wheat. Page 45
- June 5. Court of Common Pleas (in French). List of judgments in cases of Pierre du Calvet from 27th August, 1776, to this date. 255
- August 28,  
Three Rivers. A. Mabane to General Haldimand. List of Canadians gone to the rebels and of settlers since 1760. The lands and houses of the few deserters not suited for barracks. Has deferred leaving Dionne's commission as captain of militia at Kamouraska. Plenty of provisions there and a suitable place for barracks. Supporting the authority of the captain of militia at River Ouelle. The dismissal of M. Lavineure by the bishop has had both ecclesiastical and civil effect. The bad crops in the district. Suggests distributing seed wheat to be returned in the fall. 47
- November 24,  
Quebec. Pierre du Calvet to the same (in French). Petitioning that the securities he has offered in appeal of a judgment may be ordered to be accepted. 52
- December 3,  
Quebec. General Haldimand to Pierre du Calvet (in French). That he cannot comply with his request (p. 52), and advises him to speak respectfully of the courts. 56
1780.  
March 17,  
Whitehall. Lord George Germaine to Gen. Haldimand. In reference to prisoners sent to England for treason, points out that no man should be sent without clear proof, as he cannot be detained. 7 (At page 8 begins a memorandum on this letter, from Haldimand, relative to the case of du Calvet showing the proceedings that had been taken against him and the reasons.)
- May 16,  
Yamaska. Capt. Schmid to Pierre du Calvet (in French). Asking settlement of accounts concerning planks, &c. 57
- June 8,  
Poughkeepsie. Major Pritchard to Azariah Pritchard. Offers him employment as a spy, to remain in Canada and forward information. 58
- July 18,  
Chambly. Major Carleton to Gen. Haldimand. Arrival of loyalists. The plots in Montreal and how they can be disconcerted. 61
- July 30,  
Chambly. Same to the same. The rebel party at Montreal waiting for du Calvet. Pillon's secret letter. Respecting leave of absence. 64
- August 12,  
St. John's. Azariah Pritchard to Major Carleton. With information as to rebel sympathisers in Canada and their movements. 66
- August 13,  
St. John's. Captain Monsell to Gen. Haldimand. Arrest of Dufort, a rebel sympathiser in Montreal and seizure of his papers. 68
- August 29,  
Quebec. General Haldimand. Warrant authorising Adam Mabane to examine all state prisoners at Three Rivers and Montreal. 51
- September 7,  
Montreal. Boyer Pillon to Gen. Washington. That three-fourths of the Province are in favour of the Americans; asks for blank commissions and offers his services. 70
- September 8,  
Sorel. Louis Nadau and Pierre Charlong. Engagement to raise men for the United States and acknowledging receipt of warrants. 73
- September 8,  
Montreal. Boyer Pillon to Congress at Philadelphia (in French). Asking for a commission for his son, &c. 74
- September 9,  
Quebec. Hurtébise Gagné to M. Cazeau (in French). Giving news of the reports of American successes and of the arrival of French regiments. Du Calvet's satisfaction. The courage of his (Cazeau's) wife. 104
- September 9,  
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