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Tis presumed orders will be sent to all the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governors to correspond with the Gov<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>, & to send him every necessary information.

Tis recommended that the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governors take the lead, on all occasions where the interests of the people are concerned; that the Kings Government may assume its rights, and stand forth the Protectors of the People, of their Interests, and of their Liberties.

Tis recommended that an intelligent member from each Council, & One from each Assembly be sent to meet the Gov<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> in May next, & report to him the State & present condition of their respective Provinces; & to consult how most effectually to carry into execution The Kings benevolent intentions; to arrange & prepare all such measures as they shall judge most likely to promote the security, happiness & prosperity of the Kings American Subjects, in order that the result of their Joint deliberations may be submitted to the wisdom of His Majesty's Councils.

DORCHESTER

July 28<sup>th</sup> 1786

Endorsed: North America

To serve as memorandums—

PLAN OF GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR SIR GUY CARLETON<sup>1</sup>

To fix the<sup>e</sup> province in which His Constant Residence is to be to direct his reporting as soon as possible, the real state of the opinion of the people in general, with respect to the applications that have been made to alter the present Constitution of Quebec, & whether the old [Canadian] subjects wish any and what alteration.

to send the Numbers of Old and New Subjects, and of those in particular, who have taken refuge from the United States

to give an opinion whether there should be any division of the province, where the division is to be made—what Number of refugees reside beyond the proposed division—what the Constitution of the proposed province should be and whether, if it is expedient to put it upon a different footing from that of Quebec and more analogous to that of the other British possessions, The Loyalists and disbanded Corps should not [be settled there preferably to Quebec.

to report a State of the Trade of Quebec both Internal and External—Whether in Case a division of the Province takes place, it may not be the means of promoting a Connection with the United States, as they may more easily get supplies thro those States than from Quebec whether the

<sup>1</sup> Canadian Archives, C. O. 42, Vol. 18, p. 152.

This and the following document are undated and unsigned, but are found among a number of papers under the heading "Quebec, Dispatches and Miscellaneous, 1786." Whether they were the outcome of conferences with Carleton himself, or what connection he had with them is uncertain. They appear, however, to be in harmony with the preceding memoranda, and it is significant that the investigations and reports which are suggested are in line with the inquiries which he immediately set on foot after returning to Canada. Portions of the reports presented in virtue of his directions are given below. See pp. 869-945.