

19. Was at Court; the Queen being indisposed did not appear. However she dined at half past four. Budé dined with me and went to spend the evening with General Johnson.

Peter Fraser arrived in the evening with dispatches from Quebec for Lord Sydney. He brought letters from Alexander Gray respecting the affairs of DuCalvet and Hay, with a letter for Mr. Coore by which it appears that DuCalvet has done all he could to circumvent me, and that Gray has neglected my business.

20. *Friday*. I went to Mr. Coore's with Mathews to show him the letters from Durnford on the subject of DuCalvet. He was not at home. Called on my nephew who is better.

I then went to Rigaud's and was pleased with Joseph's portrait. Dined and spent the evening at Baron Alvensleben's. Lost a guinea and a half.

There have appeared yesterday and to-day in the *Morning Herald*, letters addressed to the Duke of Richmond and the Marquis of Langdon (Lansdowne?) on the plan they have formed to appoint Sir Guy Carleton general and governor-in-chief of all that remains to us in America. The letters are very severe against these lords and their protégés.

Yesterday I saw Mr. Adair, surgeon general, who told me, with a very frightened air, that he had just learned by letters and a pamphlet he had received, that all Canada was attacked with small-pox. I asked him to show me these letters, and he said he would bring them. I imagine it is a scheme of the lieutenant governor to favour his friend Bowman, whom he had sent to visit the different parishes, at a cost, it is said, of £1,800 for his expenses. I must ascertain the truth of this business.

Received a letter from Mabane, who assures me that he will watch that the commission respecting DuCalvet is acting regularly. The Bishop and Lavy (Gravé) are behaving badly. The pension of the former must be considered.

Colonel Butler called on me respecting his subalterns, &c. He tells me that Sir Guy Carleton will not interfere with the affairs of Canada till he has received his commission. However, he often goes to Lord Sydney's office and Judge Smith is called every day to the ministers, probably engaged on the changes which it is proposed to make in the Quebec Act.

Butler tells me that Joseph proposed to go to Paris before returning to America. If it take place, there is every appearance that he will be more cordially received than he has been here. He is allowed fifteen shillings a day and ten shillings to Captain Hatton, who is greatly piqued at this difference, &c., &c.

It is surprising that they are not fully aware of the importance of preserving a good understanding with the Indians and the necessity of forming an alliance with them.

21. *Saturday*. Called on Rigaud, received a few visits, dined and spent the evening at home.

22. *Sunday*. There appeared on Thursday and Friday two letters in the *Morning Herald*, addressed to the Duke of Richmond. A person who was with me this morning might possibly be the writer of them.

Doctor Barr, Major Scott and my nephew dined in my house, where I spent the evening.

My nephew proposed to me to write to his brother Henry, to offer him to form a partnership here with Mr. Long, which he would support with his credit, but that he did not wish to be in partnership with them. He says, he would wish Mr. Long should come to spend some time here to establish his firm; that then he might return to Turin and Henry come here to take his place. He believes that in this way they might form a business between this and Turin, from which they would secure more benefit than they now do.

He tells me that Mr. Long, before leaving, was much in love with the second of the daughters of Mr. Sanders.