

this Session to establish a Superior Court of Judicature, to be stationary at the Seat of Government; and, till that shall be fixed, to be holden at the last place of meeting of the Assembly. I am sorry it was not in my power to offer a bed to your son except during the absence of Major Littlehales. We have no news from Europe except by way of the States. A copy of the King's speech has found its way here, which continues to insist on the necessity of opposing the measures of the French. No mention is made of the American States; but I am happy to learn, from a recent communication from Mr. Washington to Congress of letters from Mr. Pinkney, that at an interview with Lord Grenville the most pacific professions were made by the Secretary, so that the apprehensions of war begin to subside. I am, Dear Sir, with great esteem, &c., WILLIAM OSGOODE."

It would appear that during the subsequent autumn Mr. Powell had visited Niagara, and had returned rather suddenly to Detroit, with the intention of bringing down his family. Navy Hall was to have afforded them a temporary shelter in the expected absence of the Governor for the winter. But in the meantime some change had occurred in the aspect of public affairs, and it might be expedient for the Governor to pass the winter, after all, at Niagara: also, it might be necessary to quarter a military guard in the spare portion of the Governor's House. The following note was accordingly dispatched. I copy from the original. "Navy Hall, Nov. 14, 1794. DEAR SIR: The critical situation of affairs will in all probability render it necessary for His Excellency to remain at Navy Hall during the ensuing winter, and he may have occasion to quarter troops in that part of the House which was otherwise intended for the temporary accommodation of your family. Under these circumstances, His Excellency has directed me to write to you immediately, to obviate any inconvenience you might else experience. I am, Dear Sir, with regards, &c., E. B. LITTLEHALES.—P.S. Colonel Simcoe was prevented from personally explaining to you what he has directed me to write, owing to your unexpected departure to Detroit."—To this autograph letter of Major Littlehales, it will not be inappropriate to append Liancourt's account of the impression made on himself by that gentleman. "Before I close the article of Niagara," the duke says, "I must make particular mention of the civility shown us by Major Littlehales, Adjutant and first Secretary to the Governor—a well-bred, mild and amiable man, who has the charge of the whole