

My new man servant, Andrew Falkner, has come as valet and butler. I have promised him £40 a year, with no further claim, beyond his board, either at home or travelling.

Mr. Ferdinand Christie came to tell me that he had arranged with M. de Calonne to travel with his son. He gives him £200 a year, but he must provide himself with a servant.

30. *Wednesday.* Mr. Mandrot came to breakfast, and told me he would have proposed his brother-in-law, Aubergonois, for M. de Calonne, if Christie had not accepted the position. He said that everything was quiet in Switzerland, but that they were tired of the French, who were introducing play and dissipation. It is an abominable race everywhere.

*July.*

1. *Thursday.* I paid 10 guineas to Louis Mathey for his wages for the four months ending on the 17th July. He is well pleased with me, but complains of Mrs. Fairechild. He is a fool of whom I am glad to be rid.

Handed to Falkner:—

6 bottles Port.

7 do Madeira.

7 do Sherry.

7 petit Burgundy.

1 White Champagne.

1 Red Champagne.

} There were already 2 bottles Swiss  
Wine, 3 Muscat wine, 1 Cider.

I gave him a ten pound note.

Baron Regenfeld dined with me.

Learned of the death of General Roy, a great loss to the army and to science.

2. *Friday.* Called at the City and at Mr. Christie's, who told me that everything was arranged between M. de Calonne and his brother, and that he was to set out on Monday next.

Poor Seranville is entirely deranged.

Bought a gold snuff box, for which I paid 18 guineas.

Saw Lord Amherst who told me that Mr. Pitt had taken control of the military and that Sir George Yonge would do nothing without his orders. Ogilvie told me the same thing.

3. *Saturday.* Mr. Adair dined with me and told me the contents of a letter which Mrs. Prevost has received from her sister, by which it appears that she and M. le Chigran intend to retire.

Visited Mrs. Coore.

Wrote to Budé respecting Twiss and Major Mathews.

4. *Sunday.* Dined alone; took a walk and spent the evening at home.

5. *Monday.* Davison called and told me that the Council was meeting every day and that in a few days it would be known whether there would be war or peace. He believes that Sir Grey will have command of an expedition, for which 4,000 German troops are to be employed. He asked if I did not think that his brother would be fit to act as secretary to General Grey, that he wrote English and French well, &c., &c. This excited suspicions in me. Colonel Miranda and Dr. Adair dined with me. Stayed in doors during the evening.

6. *Tuesday.* My nephew came to breakfast and told me that the young people would have together a fortune of £44,000 sterling.

Received this morning a letter from Captain Freeman, who tells me that my nephew Devos has been spending freely, but that he behaves honourably, &c., &c. Received a letter from Mr. Jenkin Williams, thanking me for having purchased [a commission] for his son. He wishes also to purchase a lieutenancy.

Received also a letter from Mabane of the 6th June. That from Captain Freeman was dated 27th May, the one from Williams the 7th June.