

1780.

French; the misfortune to Hamilton; the want of reinforcements; the pains of the Spanish to debauch them, and the steady advance of the enemy into their country. Only the efforts of the Five Nations have retained them. A scout, conducted by white men, met and defeated a party going to Fort Pitt from New Orleans, to which place they had been sent to solicit supplies from the Spanish governor, and were returning with three loaded bateaux, the party consisting of 60 men, of whom 40 and their commander, Colonel David Rogers, were killed, and Col. Campbell, with five more, taken prisoners. Sends copies of letters, &c., found on them. Hearing that the enemy were collecting troops for Washington, he had sent to harass Albany, to alarm the frontiers and distress the country. The scout had returned with scalps and nine prisoners, and had destroyed grain, horses, cows and stock of all kinds; scouts for the same purpose are continually kept out. What is the respective rank of officers of corps raised by Clinton's authority, and officers of established regiments? There has been jealousy. Lieut.-Col. Rogers has been here for some time; he has engaged 700 men for his corps. D'Estaing's miscarriage at Savannah has been confirmed. Page 136

February 28,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Clinton. The arrangement for sending and receiving secret messages. The necessity of corresponding in cypher. 142

February 28,
Quebec.

Same to the same. A messenger sets out to try to find his way to New York. Hopes to have the means of communicating. Sends, in cypher, the arrangements made (p. 142, copy of this written out). Is impatient to hear of the result of the expedition to Carolina; D'Estaing's miscarriage will render its success certain. Rogers has been disappointed at not obtaining men from the Colonies; he is going to Penobscot, through the woods, to organize the men he has engaged. He has been advanced the sum of £500 for subsistence for himself and his officers. 143

March 23,
New York.

General Robertson to Haldimand. Long letter in cypher. 145

April 29,
New York.

Riedesel to the same. Had written last summer for the clothing left in Canada of the German troops of convention, to be sent to New York for transport to Virginia; he now repeats the request. Thanks him for kindness shown to the Duke of Brunswick's troops. 150, 152

May 2,
New York.

Knyphausen to the same. Sends report of the fitting out of a large armament at Brest. 154

May 4,
New York.

Same to the same. Further respecting the expedition from Brest; so soon as he can obtain a convoy, he will embark 1,000 men for Quebec, which is all that can be spared; the detachment at St. John's may be moved to Quebec. The rebels report that the Brest fleet in concert with Washington is to attack New York. It is believed that Charleston is taken. 155

May 4,
New York.

Clinton to the same. Letter in cypher, also one from Knyphausen of same date. 158 to 161

May 13,
New York.

Riedesel to the same. Introducing Captain Schlagenteuffel with a detachment of German troops. Asks that he be included in the strength of German troops serving in Canada and paid as such. Has met Captain Willoc; is disappointed that he was not exchanged; knowing his zeal and ability, had hoped to be able to send him to Canada, but he must now remain in New York till exchanged. 162

May 15,
Jamaica
Long Island.

Brigadier General Leland to Haldimand. Introduces Colonel de Loos; hopes he will be more fortunate than he was last September, when he sailed for Quebec. 164