

survived. The Duke of Northumberland spoken of, as intending to forego the compensation about to be provided for the disbanded portion of the Body Guard, was the friend of our Mohawk Chief, Joseph Brant, whose acquaintance the Duke formed while serving as Lord Percy* in the Revolutionary War. An interesting letter from the Duke to Brant, in which the latter is addressed as "My dear Joseph," may be read in Stone's *Life of the Chief*, ii., 237. The letter is signed, "Your affectionate friend and brother, NORTHUMBERLAND, *Tho-rih-we-gt-ri*" (Mohawk for "The Evergreen Thicket").

I likewise give a specimen of a kind of communication with which, no doubt, Sir George Yonge was familiar in his capacity as Secretary at War. It will be of some special interest to us, as it comes from the hand of Lord Dorchester, at the time Governor-General of Canada, and it is dated at Quebec in 1790. It relates to an application which, it appears, Lord Dorchester had made for a commission for his son in the Guards, which application, it was thought, had been too long overlooked, while in the meantime the young man was rapidly growing, and exceeding the prescribed age for entering the army. Consequently Lord Dorchester asks for a cornetcy, temporarily, in some other regiment. Thus the letter reads (I transcribe from the autograph original): "SIR,—As I apprehend that many importunities have retarded the success of my application, about four years since, for an Ensigny in the Guards for my eldest son, Guy; and fearing lest the same reasons may still continue, while he is advancing considerably beyond the age judged necessary for entering into the military profession, I am to request you will take a proper opportunity of laying my petition before the King, that He would be graciously pleased (till such time as it may suit His Majesty's convenience and good pleasure to honour him with a commission in His Guards) to give him a Cornetcy in any of His Regiments in Great Britain. I am, Sir, with regard, your most obedient and most humble servant, DORCHESTER. Sir George Yonge, &c., &c., &c."

It may be that the intended reduction in the Household Troops, to which Sir George's speech referred in 1787, had something to do with the apparent neglect of Lord Dorchester's petition. The letter just given is, as I have said, dated in 1790, and the delay had been continuing for nearly four years. Guy, in fact, never obtained even the

* Portraits of Earl Percy may be seen in Andrews' *History of the War*, i., 239; and Lessing's *Fieldbook*, ii. 613.