

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SIR HENRY CLINTON, SIR GUY CARLETON AND
OTHER OFFICERS.

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1777.
November 12,
Quebec. Carleton to Haldimand. His pleasure at Haldimand's appointment as his successor. Foy has been sent to Britain with information for the Ministry and with instructions to wait on him (Haldimand). Hopes to see the latter in spring. Page 1
1778.
May 3,
Philadelphia. Sir W. Howe to Carleton. Sir Henry Clinton has been appointed to succeed him (Howe) in the command from Nova Scotia to West Florida. He (Howe) shall probably have left before this reaches Quebec. 3
- May 5,
New York. Clinton to Germaine. Evacuated Philadelphia on the 18th June; proceeded to Gloucester Point, crossed the Delaware in safety. The enemy having abandoned Mount Holly, marched without difficulty, except such as arose from the destruction of bridges, the swampy land and excessive heat. Crossed the creek at Crosswick, the enemy not having had time to destroy the bridge. His reasons for taking the passage by the Raritan; the army led through Freehold to the Navesink; stores, wheeled carriages of every description, horses, &c., placed in charge of Knyphausen, the train extending for twelve miles. The covering force is given in detail. The march of Knyphausen's division at daybreak of the 28th June, followed by the other division at eight o'clock; the regiments mentioned in detail. Skirmish by the Queen's Rangers with the enemy; attack by the enemy in force under Lafayette repulsed and his forces fell back to a strong position above Freehold court house. The first and second divisions gave way and were completely routed when they took a third position, with a marshy hollow in front. The enemy's position occupied after further fighting and marched through the night. The baggage, the object of attack, was saved. The credit of defeating 12,000 troops, whilst the men were so worn with heat and fatigue that many fell dead without a wound. An additional force ordered up, so as to attack Washington should opportunity offer; strong position taken up near Middleton; arrival at Navesink and passage of the whole army to Sandy Hook Island. Return of killed and wounded sent. (It does not accompany this letter). The enemy's loss supposed to be more considerable, especially in killed. Death of Lieut. Col. Monckton. The services of Cornwallis, Major General Grey and Brigadiers Mathieu, Leslie and Erskine. The dispatch sent by Colonel Paterson. 4
- July 5,
Quebec. Haldimand to Clinton (in French). Announcing his arrival to succeed Carleton. Hopes to receive news of the proceedings of the commissioners and that pacification may have been effected on reasonable terms. All quiet here; a good navy is on Lake Champlain and a reinforcement sent to Niagara. 14
- July 25,
Quebec. Same to Carleton. Asks advice as to discharging bills drawn by Hamilton from Detroit. 18
- July 25,
Quebec. Carleton to Haldimand. That considering the duties of Lieut. Governor Hamilton, the expenses of his post must be very great, and had the bills arrived before the command was out of his (Carleton's) hands he would not have hesitated to discharge them. The Marine Department would, had he remained, have been put under the management of Lieut. Col. Bolton or officer at Niagara. 16