

He is of opinion that a suit should be entered directly without the necessity of making Lord Amherst intervene, and it seems to me that he is right. There was in another room a committee to prepare a petition concerning lands in America belonging to the King's subjects. It was composed of the Archbishop of London, Lord Amherst, General Robertson, Christie, Reed, James de Lancy, a Mr. Galloway, Gamble, Colonel Jessup and some other persons. There was a positive wish that my name should be inserted in the memorial.

Dined at the club, which was well attended and everything passed off well; [the cost] was only fifteen shillings, which I never saw before. Returned home and examined old papers.

28. *Wednesday.* Received a letter from Mr. George Harding concerning the appeals which might come from Quebec, and I took that opportunity of retaining him in my case, should it be necessary (and after having consulted Mr. Coore.)

Davison who paid me a visit told me that he noticed people were not very well satisfied with Lord D. [Dorchester.] Dined and spent the evening at home.

29. *Thursday.* Rode and paid a few visits to Budé, Baron Alvensleben, where I found Pauly [Paoli] and Rainsford. Dined and spent the evening at home.

30. *Friday.* Spent the evening at home.

31. *Saturday.* Walked in the park with Lord Amherst, to whom I said that Mrs. Prevost was impatient that the business of her husband with the agents respecting the clothing was not settled. He answered nothing and began immediately on another subject. There is something inconceivable to me in his conduct with the agents.

Christie and Colonel Kemble were with me respecting the accounts of the second battalion. They are to meet on Monday at the agents and I am to arrange that Captain Shaw shall be there.

I took leave of Mrs. Dunn, and found young Lanaudière there. He said his elder brother was still in Paris, although he had promised to go with Dunn to Canada. Mr. Dunn brought me a copy of the answer he had made to the remarks of the comptrollers of accounts, and said that if they put any other question Captain Twiss could enlighten them.

Admiral Barrington, Pringle, the Baron Budé and Cullen dined with me. Spent the evening at home.

1st June 1787, *Sunday.* Received a very polite letter from Mr. George Harding accepting my general retainer and saying that this should be done through my attorney. Wrote a note to Mrs. Coore in consequence. It will cost me five guineas and a half.

2. *Monday.* Lieutenant Colonel Cambel and Captain Shaw called to tell me that they were at the agents with Colonel Christie to examine the claims against the late General Prevost and we agreed that it would be proper to submit them to the decision of arbitrators. I could see that General Cambel and Shaw are not perfectly acquainted with the matter, which Ogilvie and Christie fully understand and that Prevost will be the victim.

Paid a few visits. Lord Amherst called, and I took the opportunity of speaking to him respecting Prevost's claims for the clothing that had been lost. I told him plainly that this affair appeared unjust to all who had heard it spoken of, that the agents were behaving very badly and did not deserve his protection, that if the affair concerned me I would demand a change of agents, that the King's instructions were that we should enjoy all the revenues of the battalion and that the agents should treat us like the agents of every other regiment, that they did not act in this case like honest men. He seemed surprised and told me they were wrong. I answered that I saw no other means of ending the affair than to ask for a board of