

sent. Lord Sydney told me he had spoken to Brant, who was satisfied. Dined at home, visited Lady Yorke and Mrs. Tryon, and thence with the General to the French Ambassador's, where I played two rubbers with Lady Bute, Baron de Linden and Tryon.

I saw Mrs. Fitzherbert, whom I did not think beautiful nor handsome. She is what is called *une bonne piece* (a sly piece). Returned at midnight. Lieutenant Tour arrived and paid me a visit.

27. *Monday*. Called on Captain Twiss, who had gone out. Called on Mr. White and from there to Rigaud's, who showed me a design he had made for a coiling, which I thought very good. He told me he hoped to be employed by the Prince of Wales. From there to James Grant's, where I found La Naudière, to whom I gave a cold reception.

Visited the Archbishop of York, who received me well. The conversation turned on Canada, and on the resources of that country. He seemed well informed.

Called on my neighbour, Mr. Anderson, who was not at home.

Dined at Captain Kennedy's with General and Mrs. Robertson, General Bruce, Small and Mr. Watts, and three others.

Colonel Dundas came after dinner, and seemed as stupid and silly as usual. Spent the evening at Lady Amherst's; a numerous company. It broke up early. Had previously been at Baron Alvensleben's concert.

28. *Tuesday*. Dined at the American Club. General Robertson President. Took him then to Mrs. where there was a large party. Played a rubber and won a guinea. Home at midnight.

General Robertson told me in the morning that General Gage had received £5,000 sterling for batt and forage money by Sheriff's means, who had the order to General Howe signed after Gage had left.

Visited Lady Holderness, who told me that the Prince of Wales had behaved admirably and in the highest style when he dined with her on Friday last.

The Princess Emily will leave £40,000 sterling, which she has in the funds, to the two young Princes of Hesse, her nephews, and her diamonds to the Princess of Hesse.

Mr. Dayrolles has left more property than was supposed. His daughters will each have seven thousand pounds, and the one who is married in Ireland £5,000, reversible to the brother if she die without children. The widow will have £500 a year, and the son about £700. He has stipulated that if his daughters marry Catholics, they will be deprived of their share of the heritage and have only £50 a year.

General Grenville came to pay me a visit, and told me that he would leave for Hanover about the end of May; that the Prince proposed to take a journey to Strasbourg and Nancy to see the troops, but that he would not be long on the trip, that if he went to Switzerland it would only be a flying visit.

Made up accounts with my servant; the expense since he has been with me amounted for four weeks to £83. 0. 6½. I gave him as an advance £7. 14. 5½ after having paid the above expense of £83. 0. 6½.

St. Ours and Captain Scott dined with me. The former gave us a very bad idea of the French Government. The King appears to be absolute, the Queen a coquette, and both little esteemed; the finances in a very bad state and the Parliament seeking every opportunity to oppose the King's arbitrary orders. The King, when inscribing (with his own hands) the remonstrances of Parliament, which he had been obliged to register, showed a bad temper of which the nation did not believe him capable. Finally, it is in France as with us, everything is done by party spirit and by the influence of a few persons in power. Davison came to me at nine o'clock in the evening and told me that General Carleton's departure was very uncertain (he learned this from Mr. M ), and said that Lord Adam Gordon wished to have the command in Canada, but the stubbornness of Carleton, and the necessity of providing for the numerous family he has, will make him accept everything that may be of use to him.