

1783.
August 15,
Sorel.

Haldimand to Brigadier Maclean. Approves of his moderation and prudence in dealing with the three Schenectady bateaux, loaded with rum, and with the various attempts of the Americans to introduce themselves into the upper country. The letter enters into long details respecting the admission of Americans into the posts and of their attempts to trade with Indians in the upper country. A similar attempt made by Baron de Steuben to get to Quebec, but is met at Sorel, where the Baron proposed to make arrangements for taking possession of the posts "and desiring a safe convoy to the several posts to take measures for garrisoning them, &c. My answer was very polite, but very short and I proceeded with them to St. John's where they embarked the day before yesterday to re-cross the Lake." Is pleased that the Indians are so well disposed, &c.

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August 16.

J. Douglas to Mathews (?) Complains that Mr. Street is selling rum in the canteen at a much less price than it can be offered at, simply for the purpose of injuring him (Douglas), and asks the interference of the General.

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August 18,
Niagara.

LeMaistre to Haldimand. Acknowledges receipt of the refusal of leave of absence, as his services are required. He cheerfully acquiesces in the decision, but trusts that as soon as the situation of affairs will allow, he may have the indulgence of going to Europe.

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September 12,
Niagara.

Same to the same. Owing to the state of his affairs renews his request for leave of absence, should public business permit of that indulgence.

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October 1,
Quebec.

Haldimand to LeMaistre. Granting leave of absence, although it will cause inconvenience to the service.

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October 15,
River's
Mouth.

G. Bird to Mathews. Stating that he and other officers of the rangers, &c., had intended forming a settlement near Isle Bois Blanc, on land to be obtained from the Indians, who were to meet in council; that Schieffelin had heard of it and surreptitiously obtained a grant, which he had sent to Governor Hamilton for confirmation. McKee has written to Sir John Johnson and this letter may be shown to the General.

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November 3,
Niagara.

Butler to the same. Congratulating him on his promotion. Asks for a commission for his son Andrew. Asks respecting Secord's commission, which appears to have been mislaid by Brigadier Maclean. Two negroes under charge of Herkimer are the property of Bradt, but cannot be given up without the General's order.

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November 13,
Niagara.

Same to Haldimand. Asks that the commission held by Dame, which he intends to resign, be given to Dr. Guthrie.

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November 19,
Niagara.

Captain Nelles to the same. Applies for leave to purchase a tract of land from the Mississaugas, along the lake, or elsewhere. Has made out an account of his losses for transmission to the commissioners.

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November (?)

Memorial of Captain Hondrick Nelles. Stating his services and praying for a grant of land. Not dated, but see p. 379.

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December.

List of loyalists, with their families, &c.

380 to 400

December 3,
Niagara.

John Macdonell to Mathews. Returning the pay lists corrected, and also the subsistence account to the 24th current.

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December.

Inventory, or summary of proceedings at the Indian Councils at Detroit, Niagara, &c., 1778 to 1783.

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No date.

Return of the rise and progress of a settlement of loyalists on the west side of the River Niagara. The return gives names; acres of cleared land; size of dwelling houses; size of barns; acres of fall wheat sown, and of other crops to be sown in spring. The settlers number 46, with 44 houses, 20 barns; 713 acres cleared; 123 acres