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acquaint you, that is not the case, and that he is resolved to return to Quebec in the Character of Chief Justice although he should be under the necessity of relinquishing his Seat in Parliament which however we hope and think may be avoided, and I mention this with the greater Pleasure, knowing how great a satisfaction it must be to you to have his advice and opinion upon the many important Objects that remain to be provided for.¹

It is very much to be wished that the season of the Year would admit of his being the Bearer of your Commission and Instructions, and of the Notifications of His Majesty's Pleasure with regard to the Variety of Arrangements which are to be made ; but as that cannot be, I propose to send them to you by the next New York Packet under cover to Lieut. Gov^r Colden, with Directions to him to see them conveyed to you from New York by a proper Messenger and with all possible Dispatch.

I am &c^a

DARTMOUTH.

Endorsed :—Dra^t to Gov^r Carleton
10th December 1774

CARLETON TO DARTMOUTH.²

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QUEBEC 11th November 1774.

MY LORD !—Soon after my Arrival here, I informed Your Lordship of the Gratefull Sense, The King's Canadian Subjects, in this Part of the Province entertained of the Acts of Parliament passed in their Favour during the last Session ; those more remote have since, in all their Letters and Addresses, expressed the same Sentiments of Gratitude and Attachment to His Majesty's Royal Person and Government as well as to the British Interests.

The most respectable part of the English residing at this Place, notwithstanding many Letters received from Home, advising them to pursue a different Course, likewise presented an Address expressive of their Wish to see universal Harmony and a dutifull Submission to Government continue to be the Characteristic of the Inhabitants of this Province, and assuring me, that nothing should be wanting, upon their Parts, to promote so desirable an End ; I believe, most of those, who signed this Address, were disposed to act up to their Declaration, which probably would have been followed by those, who did not, if their Brethren at Montreal had not adopted very different Measures.

Whether the Minds of the latter are of a more turbulent Turn, or that they caught the Fire from some Colonists settled among them, or in reality Letters were received from the General Congress, as reported, I know not ;

¹ Wm. Hey returned to Canada as Chief Justice in April, 1775.

² Canadian Archives, Q 11, p. 11.