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the Americans of every excuse for resistance to the measures of that Government. Until this happens, Jefferson will continue his present irritating system. Thinks that in a few months the New England States will be ready to withdraw from the Confederacy, establish a separate Government and adopt a policy congenial to their interests. The men of property and of talent are not ready, until sure of an efficient remedy. The Commander of the "Chesapeake" is acquitted; he justified himself by orders "not to resist." The conclusion is inevitable. The captain of a ship in from a French port states that two American vessels were condemned on the charge of being boarded by a British ship of war; they were confiscated. His pecuniary losses. Page 121

March 25,
Amherstburg.

Proceedings of a private meeting held between Col. Claus and the Shawenese. 255

(In Craig's No. 25 of 15th July.)

April 2.

Gore to Craig. (Extract.) Feels difficulty in conducting the Indian Department. The general idea is that Mr. Elliott is the only man capable of calling forth the energies of the Indians. Col. Claus is decidedly of this opinion. Has ordered the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs to reside at Amherstburg till further orders. The late arrival of stores at St. Joseph's necessitated the Indians leaving for their wintering grounds without their usual presents, which can be avoided in future by having a second year's supply in store. 227

April 5,
Quebec.

Craig to Castlereagh. (No. 16.) Enclosing memorial from Henry Reid (Read) convicted of having enticed a soldier to desert; he was fined £40. As this man has been in jail twelve months through inability to pay, he has ordered his release, and the suspension of the fine till His Majesty's pleasure be known. Recommends the memorial. 98

Enclosed. The memorial. 100

Sentence passed on Henry Reid or Read. 102

April 6,
Quebec.

Same to same. (No. 17.) Accounts received from Washington of the failure of Mr. Rose's mission, have induced him to accede to the offer of the inhabitants of Glengarry to raise a corps of Fencibles of 500 rank and file. Cannot enclose any details yet, except that they can be disembodied at any time and are to be clothed every year while embodied. They claim the privilege of wearing the Highland dress. Proposes to appoint Lt.-Col. Æneas Shaw as Lt.-Colonel commandant. 104

April 6,
Quebec.

Same to same. (No. 18.) For reasons stated before, declines entering into particular details of our situation. Everything perfectly quiet. The Deputy Commissary General has received information that the Treasury intends to send \$100,000. However acceptable, it is quite inadequate in case of hostilities. State of the money market. Proposes closing the Provincial Parliament in a few days. The proceedings have been very temperate. Among the Acts passed is one for raising £7,000 for repairing Chateau St. Louis, which is much needed, as he is now living in a private house, the Chateau being uninhabitable. 105

April 8, York.

Gore to Craig. Encloses copy of proceedings of a private meeting held at Amherstburg with the Shawenese. This nation is said to have great influence. Col. Elliott is to send them a message when their services are required; their attachment to Elliott. 228

April 10,
Quebec.

Craig to Castlereagh. (Private.) Enclosing four letters which may convey useful information on the subject of the disposition of the Eastern States of America. Hazards the packet by the Halifax mail. The communication with Vermont continues, in spite of the act prohibiting it. Mr. Henry is a gentleman of ability; he resided for some time in the States and is well acquainted with some of the leading people in Boston. At present he lives in Montreal, and has not the most distant idea that his correspondence is being made use of. 111