

No. 10.—LIEUT. GOV. GORE TO JAMES BABY.

(Archives, series Q., vol. 107, p. 250.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
YORK, 29th December, 1807.

SIR,—I have received your letter of the 18th of this month and offer you thanks for your attention as Lieutenant of the County of Kent to the militia which you are entrusted with.

It gives me the highest pleasure to be informed of the zeal and loyalty discovered by that Body of men and beg that you would communicate to them how much I am satisfied with their conduct on this occasion.

Should further reinforcements be made to the Garrison of Detroit, I think it necessary that a Detachment of one Fourth part of the Militia should be called out to meet any Emergency that may occur; to wait for actual hostilities might render Defence ineffectual.

I also consider as necessary that arms and ammunition should be issued by Lieutenant Colonel Grant and the Lieutenants of the counties of Kent and Essex to the commanding officers of the Militia from time to time, in such Quantities as may be deemed expedient for which arms Receipts are to be given.

I shall direct Lieut. Colonel Grant to receive such a number of the militia into the garrison of Amherstburgh, as he may deem expedient and as the exigency of the case may require.

If one-fourth part of Militia does not appear to you to be of sufficient strength for the Defence of such parts as are most liable and exposed to attack, you will call out a greater number, and even if the exigency of the case would require it, the whole of the Body.

At this distance of place and having never had it in my power even to view the country, it is impossible that I can give particular Instructions. Your conduct must be regulated by that of the Americans, I mean so as to be prepared to oppose such measures as in case of a rupture they may probably adopt.

With respect to Provisions for the Militia, I shall instruct Lieut. Colonel Grant to give orders to the commissary to apply to the contractor to furnish such Quantity of fresh Beef as the Militia on actual Service may require, which when embodied are to be considered on the same footing with respect to Provisions as the regular Troops.

I am happy to find you consult with Lieut. Colonel Grant, respecting the measures proper to be adopted, that officer's experience and professional knowledge I trust will be of the greatest advantage to the Defence if necessary of your part of the Province.

I have only to add that I have the greatest confidence in your zeal and discretion, sincerely wishing that this unpleasant business may terminate in a favourable issue.

I have, &c.,

FRANCIS GORE.

No. 11.—LIEUT. GOVERNOR GORE TO SIR JAMES CRAIG.

(Archives, series Q., vol. 107, p. 236.)

YORK, UPPER CANADA, 5th January, 1808.

SIR,—I have been honoured with your Dispatch of the 6th of December, marked secret, by Ensign Shaw of the 49th Regiment.

The reports that I received of Your Excellency's health gave me the greatest concern and prevented me from sending Lieut. Colonel Shaw sooner to lay before