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opposed to reunion, as well as a majority in Cheshire and Grafton. The western extension was a project of Ira Allen's, probably to counterbalance that majority, and he was against the eastern union. Chittenden, when questioned, boasted that his measures had saved the frontiers. It is desirable to have a speedy decision. States how far he would go; has written for full instructions. Page 307

May 31,
New York.

Clinton to Haldimand. (Letter in cypher.) 311

Clothing for the German troops, &c., and General Riedesel, officers and men only wait for an opportunity to be sent to Halifax. The ships of war at Quebec must convoy the vessels with Riedesel, and also the victuallers from Halifax to Quebec. 313

June 6,
Quebec.

Haldimand to Clinton. Letter received by the hand of Davis, who sets out to attempt to intercept the mail from Fishkill; if he succeed it may enable him (Haldimand) to communicate the real designs of Vermont, of whose people he has always been suspicious. Had received a flag proposed by Chittenden for the purpose of arranging a cartel. Ira Allen was chosen, and has gone tack, promising to use every effort to secure a reunion; will hear shortly the result. Ira Allen's plausible statements. The business is conducted by a man who is well acquainted with their arts. Wells is reported to be a good subject; should be glad through his, or any means, to have frequent communication with him (Clinton). Will try a shorter cypher by the first ship. The inconvenience and expense of the Admiral's refusal of convoy; only one frigate at Quebec, unless the "Canceaux" be called one, and she is not seaworthy. Respecting the letters sent by Ensign Drummond, who took passage in one of Pagan's vessels, a man who has long been suspected. 314

June 21,
Quebec.

The same to the same. Dr. Smyth, of Albany, just arrived, having escaped on his way to gaol; suspects treachery on the part of some of Clinton's domestics, as Smyth was seized by order of Washington and directed to be loaded with irons; no victuallers yet arrived. 320

July 23,
New York.

Clinton to Haldimand. No word yet of Ensign Drummond and Prentice; thinks that something worse than capture must have befallen them. "If a reunion of Vermont with the Mother country can be effected it must be productive of happy consequences; but I confess I have my suspicions of these people." Riedesel, &c., going with the convoy sent by Admiral Graves. Two very large transports were selected at Cork to take the cargoes of four smaller ones; hopes they have reached Quebec by this time. Has learned nothing of the intentions of Government respecting Canada. Will send all the information he can get from Arnold. Knyphausen wishes that part of his regiment which is in Canada to be returned to New York. 321

July 25,
New York.

Robertson to the same. The owners of the "York" (or "Gore") wish to load oats at Quebec for New York. Oats and other grain will be useful in New York. 325

July 26,
New York.

Memorandum that Arnold's papers having been all taken, he can only remember the name of one suspected person, a Jesuit in Montreal, named Pierre. 326

July—
Quebec.

Haldimand to Clinton. Encloses beating orders given by him (Clinton) to Colonel Rogers, with other papers respecting recruiting. The abuse of the privilege has been an injury to the raising of other levies, and has caused discontent; has restricted him to the original instructions. If the recruits were sent to join Rogers' corps, it would cause the desertion of two-thirds of them; proposes, therefore, to incorporate them with one of the provincial corps; the