

assured me it was certain, and laughed a good deal at it. Lord Courtown and General Ainsley also assured me of it, saying that the family were in despair, especially the son.

26. *Friday*. Dined at General Paterson's, with Mr. Montrose, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Colonel Crossley, de Guisardier and Marsh. Played two rubbers and returned home after one o'clock.

27. *Saturday*. Took a walk with General Smith; went to the tinsmith's; from there to Dubosk's, bookseller, Gerard Street, and then to a German's where we purchased a ham, beans and lentiles. He lives in the house forming the corner of Marylebone and Gerard Streets.

28. *Sunday*. Visited Davison with Mathews. From there to St. Mary Axe, where my nephew communicated to me the letter he has received from Messrs. Tulkar, who have sent him a bill of exchange for £1,000 on account of Mr. Devos. He showed me at the same time the letters he had written them, as well as to Mr. Bertram, by which he begged him to take charge of the family correspondence, not thinking it proper for them to correspond with women. His idea of placing the youngest Devos in Holland appears to me just. Took a turn in the Park, which was crowded.

My nephew came to dine with me.

March.

1st March—*Monday*. Visited Sir Samuel Napier and Baron Alvensleben, who gave me the news from Vienna. Was at Mrs. Prevost, who was at her toilet, thence to Captain Prescott's and Colonel Polier's. Adair and Dr. Barr dined with me, along with Mathews. Went to the Baron's concert. Called in the morning on Colonel Miranda, who appears every day more interesting. He told me M. Andriany had an allowance from the Emperor to travel and gain knowledge of chemistry and natural history.

2. *Tuesday*. Major Mathews handed me several papers concerning the effects disposed of on my account at Quebec. He told me that Genevay has still forty odd pounds of money, the proceeds of (*Wagren que à vendre?*) I told him to keep this money on my account in order to assist young Collins, who is apprenticed to a carpenter in Montreal. The major handed me £31. 15, sterling he had received from Mr. Ainsley on my account, as also two receipts, the one for £20 and the other for £10, which Mr. Ainsley had paid in charity by my order.

The Major is leaving to-day to join his regiment.

3. *Wednesday*. Went to the India House to vote for Mr. Pardoe. The King spoke to me of Lord Heathfield, as if he believed that I could change his resolution to marry. Morrison spoke to me about the clothing which he claims for my battalion.

Lord Sydney told me of the resolution come to in the National Assembly of France to make all ranks of citizens equal.

Visited Madame de Nagle, Morrison and Pattison. Was at the Club, where the Baron informed me that the death of the Emperor [Joseph II, of Germany] was certainly true. A servant came to offer to serve for three or four months, to see if he would agree. The one from General Polier brought me a letter from my nephew and offered his services the same as did his comrade, both have a good manner.

4. *Thursday*. I warned my servant Ottonin that I no longer needed his services and the one from Mr. Ainsley has come on trial. Was at Court. Dined at Lord Sydney's almost *en famille*. Spent the evening at Lady Amherst, where there was a crowd. Home at 11 o'clock.

5. *Friday*. Dined at General Ainsley's, with his wife and his sister, Mr. Hamilton, a naval officer, Mr. Eddington, and Major Gunn. Played three rubbers, and home at eleven. Have been suffering greatly from a cold all day.