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moved by force, that should be done, if approved of by His Excellency, by civil and not by military authority. Page 25

September 9, Montreal. Monk to Cramahé. That the indictment against Duaime for a nuisance on the Machiche has been thrown out by the Grand Jury. Sends copy of letter to Gugy (p. 25), on which he desires His Excellency's commands.

October 25, Quebec. Cramahé to Monk. Sends minutes of inquest in the case of a murder committed near Three Rivers. Asks if the alleged murderers can be tried at Quebec; if a special commission should issue; or in what manner it would be best to proceed.

October 26, Quebec.

Monk to Cramahé. That in the present state of the law, the prisoners charged with murder at Three Rivers cannot be tried in Quebec. A special commission may issue for the trial either at Montreal, or Three Rivers.

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Petition of James Monk, as Surrogate of Admiralty, praying that an ordinance of the Legislative Council respecting fees in the Admiralty Court may not be sanctioned.

Petition of same date, of Monk, as Attorney General, respecting the fees of that office.

March 4, Quebec. Monk to Haldimand. Remarks on the terms of the ordinance for preventing the exportation of grain, &c. That by a resolution of the Council, the Attorney General is prohibited from giving his legal views unasked on any ordinance proposed in Council. That by a clause added to the ordinance preventing the exportation of grain, the officers of customs are prevented from acting as provided by the Act of Parliament. For reasons given, he declares the ordinance to be contrary to law and should be amended.

March 25, Quebec.

Cramahé to Monk. Desires to have his opinion of the effect of the repeal by Parliament (in 1772) of Acts against forestallers, &c. 50

March 25. Quebec.

Monk to Cramahé. Some clauses of the ordinance against forestallers, &c., having been altered in Council, asks for a copy of the law.

March 25, Quebec.

Same to Haldimand. His opinion of the ordinance respecting forestallers, &c., and suggesting certain amendments.

June 3, Quebec. Same to the same. His pain at having fallen under His Excellency's displeasure, and especially at his having learned of it in open court, when the case of Duaime was brought up. Enters into details of his conduct of the case when in his hands; cannot understand the cause of His Excellency's anger.

September 28, Quebec.

Cramahé to Monk. Desiring him to prepare blank forms of commission for persons to act as judge and assessor at Detroit, as also dedimus potestatem to Alexander McComb, de Peyster and Williams to be Justices of the Peace.

September 28, Quebec. Monk to Cramahé. Commissions shall be prepared with all dispatch; asks for detailed instructions.

September 29, Quebec.

Cramahé to Monk. Further respecting commissions for the udge, &c., at Detroit.

1781. February 3, Quebec.

Haldimand to the same. That his admission of the Seminary of Montreal and of religious societies, who are proprietors of seigniories, to take the oath of fealty and homage, cannot be attended with legal consequences contrary to the Act of Parliament which regulates the government of Quebec. Calls on him (Monk), as an officer of the Crown, to second the views of Government, and not to publish difficulties, when it is the duty of every good subject to conciliate the