

letter from his brother Henry, on which we must think seriously. It will never do for him to vegetate at Turin. After dinner visited Lady Sydney and Lady Amherst. They were not at home, nor was Lady York. From there I went to Mrs. Gage's, where I found Lady Arundel and the young lady with Lord Gage. Returned home at 10.

16. Visited Lord Amherst, Colonel and Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Robertson. Returned home, where General F. Smith and Major Jessup dined.

17. *Tuesday.* Visited General Paterson who entertained me with the misfortunes of the American war, and the enormous expenses it had entailed. He believes that these may be a subject of inquiry by Parliament this session. He has all the accounts and papers ready. He tells me that Major André had a presentiment of some misfortune; that he (Paterson) was strongly opposed to the plan of gaining Arnold, and that André might have avoided exposing himself. He says he was present when the general told the King (speaking of Boston) that he had sufficient troops to bring these people to reason, &c.

When General Paterson set out for Boston, he had express orders from the minister to report the state of things. He did so without reserve. The letter was shown to the King, who, preoccupied with what General Gage had told him, paid no attention to that letter, saying that Mr. Gage having spent so long a time in America must know that country and the character of its inhabitants better than General Paterson.

He spoke to me of a scout commanded by General Grant, who having passed his cordon without being warned, must, with his escort, have been made a prisoner, if he had not had presence of mind to speak French to a party of rebels, among whom he had got, believing he was still within his own lines.

He says that after the affair of Bunker's Hill, to which he had been sent with a part of the brigade, to reinforce Sir William Howe, he offered to take possession of a height (Snow Hill) above Cambridge, but that Howe would not consent, having received express orders from General Gage not to advance further.

From there to pay a visit to Madame Leland; Mrs. and Miss Tryon came in. I went then to Rigaud's and made him change something in Joseph's portrait, which I hope will be very good.

Spent the evening at home.

18. *Wednesday.* Mr. Winter who had been sent by Des Barres from Cape Breton to purchase provisions at Rhode Island, to induce the Quakers, who are settled there, as at Nantucket (all very expert in the whale fishery) to go to settle at Cape Breton; believes that an arrangement can be made with the families, all well-off people, provided they are treated like the loyalists. Des Barres had given him a credit of £800 sterling upon his agent, Mr. Robert, and having been informed by Governor Parr, at Halifax, that he had no order to send provisions to the loyalists settled at Cape Breton, Winter took on himself to have three vessels loaded for them at a cost of £1,600 sterling. He supposes that two of these had arrived at Sydney, for being not more than two leagues off, he was met by a gale which drove him so far to sea, that at last he was obliged to land in England. He was very ill received by Mr. Rose, who told him, as did Mr. Napier, that the Government would not pay the bills, Mr. Des Barres not being authorized to incur such an expense.

He makes a favourable report of the settlement on the island, but it must be supported by Government for some years.

It appears that Skeiler [Cuyler] is a turbulent and factious man, who does he can to annoy Des Barres, although he is his secretary.

Was at the levée, which was numerously attended. Returned home, where I learned that Captain Merrick has died at Naples, at which Budé is much distressed; being detained three days at Dover, he made his will there in which he has testified his affection for his friends, &c., &c.

Spent the evening at home.