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As would render the King's Dominion over the Province very precarious, while it depends on a few Troops, in an extensive Post, open in many Places. A proper Citadel once erected, the Situation of Things will be greatly changed, the King's Enemies, who would attempt to disturb this Province, must hazard a larger Stake, and the Chances against them will be very considerably augmented; Greater Preparations must be made, which must give an Alarm at Home, a greater Number of Troops must be sent, with a Train of Artillery for a Siege, and a large Quantity of Ammunition, and Provisions, with a Fleet of Transports, and Ships of War to protect and assist in the different Operations, whose Success may be uncertain, but which, at all Events, must give Time for a Superior Squadron to follow, and catch them in the River, as well as to the Troops and Militia from the neighbouring Provinces to pour into this; a Work of this Nature is not only necessary as Matters now stand, but supposing the Canadians could be interested to take a Part in the Defence of the King's Government, a Change not impossible to bring about, yet Time must bring forth Events that will render it essentially necessary for the British Interests on this Continent, to secure this Port of Communication with the Mother Country; as might easily be proved, were they not too remote for the present Purpose.

Inclosed is the Plan for such a Citadel, as I think, would answer all the present and future Purposes of Great Britain, tho', if I am not mistaken, Captain Gordon the Engineer has already transmitted Home one more detailed, with a Calculation of the Expence necessary for its Construction.

I am with much Respect and Esteem

Your Lordship's

Most Obedient Humble Servant

GUY CARLETON

The Earl of Shelburne One of
His Majesty's principal Secretaries

RESOLUTION OF PRIVY COUNCIL AS TO INFORMATION REQUIRED CONCERNING THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.¹

AT THE COURT OF ST. JAMES'S

the 28th, Day of August, 1767.

Present

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Lord Chancellor

Viscount Townshend

Lord President

M^r Secry Conway

Earl of Shelburne

Sir Edw^d Hawke

Whereas there was this day read at the Board a Report from the Rt. Honble, the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs dated this day in the words following viz^t:

¹ Canadian Archives, Q 4, p. 327.