

Dined at home and then went to Hampstead, where I was surprised to learn that my nephew had resolved to leave for Switzerland on Saturday next, and to take his two daughters with him. I proposed that Dr. Brown or Pitchy (Peechy?), should accompany them, but it appeared that he preferred a waiting maid for his daughters and a good servant acquainted with travelling. He told me that he had sold £2,000 of my five per cent. stock at 106, to get the money he has lent to Mathews, and to discharge what I owed him.

25. *Tuesday.* Went to Mr. Coore's with Mathews, and we agreed that I should dine with him on Saturday to settle everything. I returned to Lord Amherst's, who showed me a letter which General Robertson had written, when he learned that General Howe had obtained the regiment of Dragoons. It is short and one of the best written letters that I have seen. His Lordship greatly admired it, and I could see that he intended to show it to the King. He thought it very unfortunate that the King saw himself often obliged to sacrifice his inclinations to those of his ministers.

His Lordship told me that Lord Sydney had spoken to him two days before and asked if it were necessary with the pay of Lieutenant-General I should be given aide-de-camp. Lord Amherst said yes, that as I had been granted one aide-de-camp as Major General, I should now be granted two. He believes that Lord Sydney had spoken to him on the subject only by way of information, but was extremely surprised to see by it that the matter was not yet settled. He advised me to speak about it to Lord Sydney, but on the supposition that the matter was settled, making him feel, however, that it was necessary I should receive a letter on the subject, to enable me to inform my friends of it.

I returned home, where I met Mrs. Prevost. She was going to pay visits and I went out on business. In returning I met Lord Sydney, with Sir William Howe, whom I congratulated. His Lordship then told me that he had called to say that he had spoken to Carleton, who said that he had reserved a place as aide-de-camp for Mathews; that with respect to myself my business was done, and asked me if I had not received a letter from the Secretary of War saying that every kind of attention was to be paid to my services and that he would always be delighted to render service to all those for whom I interested myself. I took the opportunity of speaking to him of Doctor Mabane, and of the manner in which I had acted with Carleton, when I went to Quebec, by taking all his family and his staff and purchasing all his furniture. He considered that I had acted very generously, &c.

On returning home [I found] Mr. and Mrs. Prevost with Mrs. Ashton, who lives at Walton-on-the-Thames about 18 miles from London; her family name was Shernighan. She is very amiable. She dined with me and pressed me to visit her in the country.

Mathews appears extremely satisfied with the offer of the post which Carleton intends for him. I am myself delighted, because he may watch over the Doctor's (Mabane) conduct and prevent his headstrong politics.

26. *Wednesday.* Went with Mathews to pay a visit to Lord Sydney, and from there to Nepean, who assured me that I could rely on him in anything he could do for me and my friends. He told Mathews that he had been informed I was annoyed with him, and Mathews tried to convince him to the contrary. It came from Davison who cannot be trusted too much.

I begged Pollock to continue to assist my nephew to recover my pay as formerly, that is, on paying him five guineas a year. He appeared to be willing to do so with pleasure, and made a note of it.

I went to pay a visit to Sir Guy Carleton, whom I did not find and from there to my nephew's. Budéard Davidson dined with me, the latter showed me a copy of the letter written to Colonel Hope respecting the Posts; there could be nothing