

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH JAMES MONK, ATTORNEY GENERAL.

1778-1784.

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1778.  
April 21. Opinion of James Monk, Attorney General, respecting the lease of William Grant's house in Montreal, in 1774, for the use of Government, which was formerly the India house. Page 1
- August 15, Quebec. Monk to Haldimand. That the commission of Vice Admiral does not confer sufficient power on His Excellency to issue letters of marque and reprisal. 8
1779.  
February 11. Directing Monk to prepare a commission to Mabane and Dunn to act as judges in the Court of Common Pleas at Montreal. 10
- April 30. Directing Monk to make out a commission to John Schank to swear in Commissioners of the Peace at Niagara, Detroit and Michillimakinak. 11
- April 30, Quebec. Monk to Cramahé. Pointing out that the issue of the commission to Schank, as directed, would be irregular, and stating the manner in which the authority for swearing in Justices of the Peace in the districts named should be given. 12
- May 13, Quebec. Cramahé to Monk. Sends petition of the bakers of Quebec, pointing out an abuse which may affect the poor of the Province. The Commissioners of the Peace have summoned witnesses for the 19th, and His Excellency desires an opinion how far the Statute of Edward VI against forestallers, &c., is applicable to the present case. 15
- May 13, Quebec. Monk to Cramahé. He will at once give consideration to the petition of the bakers of Quebec, and prepare an opinion on the laws applicable to engrossers. 14
- May 14, Quebec. Cramahé to Monk. The extraordinary rise in the price of wheat has rendered it necessary to extend the time prescribed by the proclamation to the 1st of January next. Sends the proposed proclamation for his (Monk's) consideration. 17
- May 26, Quebec. Same to the same. That he may prosecute Dumas before the Supreme Court, as he suggests, but the case must be fully considered, as it would be better not to bring it than to fail. 18
- June 11, Quebec. Monk to Cramahé. Sends draught of proclamation ordered (p. 17); to be modified as may be thought proper. 20
- June 19, Quebec. Same to Haldimand. Sends draught of pardon for Dumas. 19
- August 20, Quebec. Cramahé to Monk. A short form of commission to be prepared to empower Felix O'Hara to act as judge at Gaspé, &c. Sends two depositions for opinion. 21
- August 21, Quebec. Monk to Cramahé. With commission for O'Hara, to be engrossed and sent; O'Hara should have instructions as to the appointment of the necessary officers. Will delay a day or two before giving an opinion on the case of the pirates. 22
- August 25, Quebec. Cramahé to Monk. Sends Gugy's title, and his case as drawn up by Cugnet. Duaine to be prosecuted for the obstructions he has thrown in the way of the mill erected for Government use. 23
- August 27, Quebec. Monk to Haldimand. Opinion that Williams, Smith, Hughes and Yalden, mariners on board the "Beaver," may be tried here for piracy, but points out difficulties in the way. 24
- September 8, Montreal. Same to Gugy. That the criminal proceedings have been withdrawn in the case of Duaine; a civil action must be taken. How the suit should be prosecuted. If the obstructions are to be re-