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“and Indians might be collected, and confided in, for the Service in this Country, should matters come to Extremities ; and on what Plan, and what Measures would be most efficacious to raise them, and for them to form a Junction with the King’s Forces in this Province?”

G.C.

Endorsed :—Extract of a Letter from  
General Gage to General  
Carleton dated Boston Sept<sup>r</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> 1774.  
In Governor Carleton’s  
of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 1

EXTRACT OF GENERAL CARLETON'S ANSWER TO GENL GAGE  
DATED QUEBEC 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPT<sup>R</sup> 1774.<sup>1</sup>

“Your Express reached this Place yesterday Evening, about twenty Hours after my Arrival ; Pilots are sent down the River, the 10<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> shall be ready to embark at a Moment’s Notice, and as you directed”—

“The Canadians have testified to me the strongest marks of Joy, and Gratitude, and Fidelity to the King, and to His Government, for the late Arrangements made at Home in their Favor ; a Canadian Regiment would compleat their Happiness, which in Time of Need might be augmented to two, three, or more Battalions, tho’ for the Satisfaction of the Province, and ’till the Kings Service might require more, one would be sufficient, and I am convinced their Fidelity and Zeal might be depended on; should this Measure be at length adopted (which I have long since Recommended)<sup>2</sup> ’tis essentially necessary their Appointments should be the same as the rest of the Infantry, with half pay, in Case they should be reduced ; the Savages of this Province, I hear, are in very good Humor, a Canadian Battalion would be a great Motive, and go far to influence them, but you know what sort of People they are”—

G. C.

Endorsed :—Extract of General Carleton’s  
Answer to General Gage  
dated Quebec 20<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1774.  
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of the 23<sup>d</sup> Sepr. N<sup>o</sup> 1

<sup>1</sup> Canadian Archives, Q 10, p. 123. This was also enclosed in Carleton’s despatch of 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept., 1774.

<sup>2</sup> See, among others, his letter to Gage of Feb. 15th, 1767; p. 280. Also his letter to Shelburne of Nov. 25th, 1767; p. 281.