

1780.
November 15,
Quebec. Haldimand to Clinton. Sends this by Ensign Drummond going to New York, where he has been promoted. Expeditions to the frontiers have been successfully executed. Sir John Johnson in various actions has killed about 100 rebel officers and men, among others, Colonel Brown, an inveterate rebel, and taken 60 prisoners, with little loss. Crops on the Schoharie and Mohawk destroyed to the extent of 600,000 bushels, besides cattle, &c.; further destruction on the Connecticut by Major Carleton and others. Has received advice of a projected attack on Carleton Island and of the loss of a new vessel on Lake Ontario, with all the crew, Colonel Bolton, &c. The serious loss of the officers and ship; asks that officers may be sent from New York. Arrival of two small vessels from the fleet of victuallers, but no word of the rest; begins to despair of their arrival. He will be obliged to recall provisions from Montreal and Sorel, where they were stored to be sent to the upper posts. The scarcity caused by the non-arrival of the victuallers may have a fatal effect on the Indians. Page 272
- November 15,
Quebec. The same to Clinton. Introduces Ensign Prentice. 276
- November 15,
Quebec. The same to Robertson. Sends this by a vessel belonging to Mr. Pagan, a merchant who has always been suspected. He has been promised, if the dispatches arrive safe, that the vessel may return in spring, but not to trust anything on board that would be useful to the Americans. 277
- November 16,
Quebec. The same to Clinton. Asks him to obtain from Arnold such information as may lead to positive evidence against Hay, DuCalvet and Cazeau. 278
- Intelligence brought by George Harding and Emanuel Ellerbick, that Ethan Allen was expected to be in Canada with 600 Green Mountain boys. Armstrong, sent to Albany, reports that a number of continentals had arrived there, and more were expected to go against Allen. This news confirmed by all friends, and especially by an old Quaker gentleman, 6 miles below Schuyler's House at Saratoga, who said that Philip Schuyler was not a bad friend to King George. Three French generals had been reconnoitring about Lake George; all the inhabitants on the frontiers had been warned to retire to the inhabited parts. 281
- No date. Haldimand to Clinton. Sends intelligence brought in by Thomas Man; is doubtful of its truth, Man being regarded as given to exaggeration. Desires to know if Man was paid, as he asks for his pay from the time he was taken prisoner. Only 18 ships of the trade fleet of 42 ships have arrived; another fleet of victuallers was to follow. Rebels report that a large ordnance ship was sunk in action. A detachment from Detroit has destroyed three forts on the Ohio and taken about 400 prisoners; the fickleness of the Indians prevented something greater. The Six Nations have been very active; the accounts from the Mohawk River and frontier confirm the reports of distress there, and their abhorrence of the oppression they labour under. Albany papers received with reports of the movements of French and Spanish fleets. The French fortifying Rhode Island. The Oneidas have seized the Mohawk lands, and are protecting the harvest for the rebels. 283
- No date. The same to Captain Drummond. That he has permitted his nephew, Ensign Drummond, to go to New York to join the regiment in which he has been promoted. 286
1781.
January 3,
Quebec. The same to Clinton. Will attempt to defeat the designs of Rochambeau; his greatest difficulty is the want of provisions, not a