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of Saint Lewis in our said City of Quebec, The Twenty-fifth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred & Sixtysix, and in the Sixth Year of our Reign.

(LS) (Signed) GUY CARLETON

By the Lieutenant

Governor's Command.

(Signed) J GOLDFRAP

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FIAT of the above Commission

Recorded in the Registers Office at Quebec the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1766

(Signed) J. GOLDFRAP,

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### CARLETON TO SHELBURNE.<sup>1</sup>

QUEBEC 25<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1766.

My Lord!

I have the Honor of receiving your Lordship's Letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, with the Order of Council of the 8<sup>th</sup>, which shall be punctually obeyed—<sup>2</sup>

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The Subject of the inclosed Remonstrance is another Matter I have to mention. Your Lordship will see by my Letter to the Lords of Trade, by the Minutes of Council, and by the Minutes of the Committee, that nothing has been done that required a Council, my calling a few Councillors, was

<sup>1</sup> Canadian Archives, Q 3, p. 261. Though Governor Murray had been recalled to England, April 1st, 1766, he was not for some time deprived of his office as Governor of Quebec. Hence Gen. Guy Carleton who succeeded him was at first appointed as Lieutenant Governor, under the following Commission:—"George the Third, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and so forth; To our trusty and well-beloved Guy Carleton, Esquire, Greeting:

"We, reposing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, integrity, and ability, do, by these presents, constitute and appoint you to be our Lieutenant Governour of our province of Quebec, in America; to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said place and office during our pleasure, with all rights, privileges, profits, perquisites, and advantages to the same belonging or appertaining.

"And further, in case of the death, or during the absence, of our captain general and governour in chief of our said province of Quebec, now, and for the time being, we do hereby authorize and require you to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and directions contained in our commission to our captain general and governour in chief, according to such instructions as he has already received from us, and such further orders and instructions as he, or you, shall hereafter receive from us.

"And we do hereby commend all and singular our officers, ministers, and loving subjects in our said province, and all others whom it may concern, to take due notice hereof, and to give their ready obedience accordingly.

"Given at our court at St. James's, the seventh of April 1766, in the sixth year of our reign.

"By his Majesty's command.

(Signed) H. S. CONWAY.

"Guy Carleton, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of Quebec." A Collection of several Commissions and other Public Instruments, &c. by Francis Maseres. London: 1772. p. 122.

As this commission indicates, Carleton acted under the instructions given to Murray until his own appointment as Governor in Chief in 1768, when he received new instructions. In the meantime, however, several additions were made to the Council of Quebec, under the King's mandamus.

William Earl of Shelburne became Secretary of State for the Southern Department, July 13, 1766.

<sup>2</sup> A portion of this despatch, dealing with local troubles over trading privileges &c., is omitted.