

8. *Sunday.* Been to see my nephew, who is better. Dined with Lady Holderness, with Messrs. Dayrolles, General Gordon, Budé, Lord Dampier and his brother. Spent the evening at home.

9. Changed my bedroom and had my desk carried to the upper room. Employed all morning with Major Matthews and Tuckfield in verifying my account of expenses which he made for me up to the 31st December last, and have opened another account for the current year.

10. *Tuesday.* Visited M. Dayrolles and the Baron d'Alvensleben, whom I found at home. The first told me that the Russian envoy had, some time ago, shown him the treaty which the Empress of Russia had proposed to make with England, desiring to make a treaty of trade and alliance which England had refused. The Baron, after having spoken to me of the state of the Hanoverian troops serving in India, told me how very satisfactory their conduct had been, and that it had been resolved to increase each battalion (which are only two, with 100 men to a company) by two companies; that the King had agreed to this levy in his German States, and that the work was now going on. These German troops have served with general approbation.

We had a long conversation on the state of affairs as they appear to us at present, from which it appeared to us that we are and shall for a long time, be the dupes of France.

Called on Rigaud, who having shown a desire to paint the portrait of Joseph Brant, I invited them to dine. We had a long [conversation], in which Joseph appeared to know the interests of his nation, and to be very reasonable. Spent the evening at home.

11. *Wednesday.* Joseph breakfasted at my house with Claus. He showed me the copy of a speech he made to Lord Sydney, which I found weak, shallow and much below what I expected from him. I don't wish to be any longer mixed up with these people. Dined at Mr. Coore's with Mr. Barner, the doctor. Spent the evening at Mrs. Robertson's, where there were only old women, Mr. Amherst and my Lady came there.

Won two guineas; returned home at half past ten.

12. Was at Mr. Rigaud's; returned to dine at home, where I spent the evening.

13. Visited the Baron Alvensleben, with whom I had a long conversation on present affairs. He imagines that East Indian affairs will be settled more easily than is thought. He tells me that the King will give Greenwich Park to Prince Edward, as he is a sailor.

The Baron assured me that the King proposed to go to Hanover with the Queen; that he would land at Stade, and that in consequence orders were already given. General Budé does not believe that the King, and far less the Queen, would undertake this voyage; in any case, he does not wish to be of the party.

14. *Saturday.* Paid a visit to Budé; received a visit from Captain Thompson, my shipmate, and one from Judge Owen. The snow prevented me from getting on horseback. Returned home, where I spent the evening.

15. *Sunday.* My nephew, being still troubled with his chest, came to see me on his way to Highgate, where he intends to sleep for some time. He handed me a