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my Letters to General Gage in February 1775<sup>1</sup>—and early in 1767,<sup>2</sup> in which, and indeed in all my political letters, I had a war of this sort constantly in view, as your Lordship may perceive upon perusal, and have not now the least reason to change my opinion of these matters.

The second division of the Brunswick Troops<sup>3</sup> is arrived, except about half the Regiment of Specht, in the Vriesland Transport. They are on their march, and I expect their last Division will arrive at St. Johns about the middle of October.

I am my Lord  
with all due respect  
Your Lordships  
most obedient  
and most  
humble servant  
GUY CARLETON.

Lord George Germain

CARLETON TO GERMAIN.<sup>4</sup>

Quebec 9<sup>th</sup> May 1777

My Lord!

I received by Captain Le Maistre, who arrived here with General Burgoyne in the Apollo the 6<sup>th</sup> instant, your Lordship's several Dispatches from N<sup>o</sup>. 3. to No. 7. inclusive, Your separate Letter of 26<sup>th</sup> March last, and the others from N<sup>o</sup> 9 to No. 16 inclusive, with the annexed Papers.<sup>5</sup>

Inclosed herewith, I now transmit to Your Lordship the Ordinances, that have passed in the Session of His Majesty's Council, held here this last Winter ;<sup>6</sup> these Ordinances have been framed upon the Principle of securing the Dependence of this Province upon Great Britain, of suppressing that Spirit of Licentiousness and Independence, that has pervaded all the British Colonies upon this Continent, and was making, through the Endeavours of a turbulent Faction here, a most amazing Progress in this Country ; and in the Hopes of rendering Canada of Use to Great Britain by it's Military Strength, as well as by it's Commerce.

<sup>1</sup> His recent letter of 4th Feb. 1775. See p. 660.

<sup>2</sup> Referring to his letter of 15th Feb., 1767. See p. 280. This is to much the same purpose as that to Hillsborough in Nov., 1768.

<sup>3</sup> In a note from George III to Lord North, 12th Nov., 1775, referring to the distribution of the German mercenaries to be employed in the colonies, the King says, "The Troops of the Duke of Brunswick shewed so much want of courage last war, that Carleton, who can have but a small number of British Troops, ought to have the Hessians." Letters of George III to Lord North in Lord Broughman's *Statesmen of the Time of George III.* Vol. 1, p. 93.

<sup>4</sup> Canadian Archives, Q 13, p. 96.

<sup>5</sup> These despatches refer almost entirely to military matters. They will be found as follows: Nos. 3 to 7 in Q 12, pp. 84, 86, 88, 90, 92; Nos. 9 to 16 in Q 13, pp. 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 87, 90 & 93. The separate letter of 26th March gives instructions as to the disposal of the troops sent to Quebec. Three thousand were to be retained in the Province and the remainder sent on two expeditions, one under Burgoyne and the other under St. Leger. That under Burgoyne was the famous expedition which met with disaster at Saratoga.

<sup>6</sup> See list of Ordinances given below, p. 678.