

my return to this country, my present situation, and the state of my family affairs, all powerfully invite me to return home. The fee-simple of this vast continent would be no temptation for my residence in a country in which I have struggled through so many scenes of trouble and disappointment, against all which, a principle of pure affection for his Majesty and his Government has, thank God, sustained me." Under date of Whitehall [London], 5 June, 1778, Lord George Germain makes the agreeable announcement to Gov. Tryon, of his appointment to the Colonelcy of the 70th Regiment, and of his elevation to the rank of Major-General. "It was a great pleasure to me," he says, "in the course of last month to have the honour to lay before the King, for his Majesty's royal signature, a Commission giving you the rank of Major-General in America, according to that you held as Colonel, and which your merit and services so well entitle you to, and upon which, and your appointment to the command of the 70th Regiment, I beg you will accept my congratulations." On the 6th of the following September, Tryon acknowledges the receipt of the two commissions. He says to Lord George Germain: "These most gracious marks of his Majesty's bounty towards me have filled my mind with gratitude for such royal benevolence. I shall most cheerfully serve through this campaign," he continues, "at the expiration of which, unless a very opening prospect should present itself to render some essential service on this continent, I shall entreat the Commander-in-Chief's permission to quit America that I may lay in a better stock of health for future services, and settle my private affairs in England, which daily become more pressing." The parchment instrument, then, which I possess, is one of the documents to which reference is made in the two foregoing extracts. I give it entire, with the royal sign-manual at the beginning, and three other autographs of official persons at the close. "GEORGE R. George the Third, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c., to our Trusty and well-beloved William Tryon, Esq., greeting. We, reposing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, courage and good conduct, do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be Colonel of our Seventieth Regiment of Foot, whereof our Trusty and well-beloved Lieutenant-General Cyrus Trapaud was late Colonel, and likewise to be Captain of a company in our said Regiment. You are therefore to take our said Regiment as Colonel, and the said Company as Captain, into