

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 18

CARLETON TO DARTMOUTH.¹

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MY LORD !

I take the first Opportunity that offers of acquainting your Lordship with my Arrival here the 18th instant, where I have had the Satisfaction of finding His Majesty's Canadian Subjects impressed with the strongest sense of The King's great Goodness towards them in the late Act of Regulation for the Government of this Province; All Ranks of People amongst them vied with each other in testifying their Gratitude and Respect, and the Desire they have by every Mark of Duty and Submission to prove themselves not undeserving of the Treatment they have met with—

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I am with much Esteem and Respect
 Your Lordship's
 Most Obedient and
 Most Humble Servant
 GUY CARLETON

Earl of Dartmouth
 One of His Majesty's
 Principal Secretaries of State.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM GENERAL GAGE TO GENERAL CARLETON DATED BOSTON SEPT^R. 4TH, 1774.²

"The present Situation of Affairs in this Province obliges me to collect "all the Force in my Power ; I have therefore sent Transports for the 10th "and 52^d Regiments to bring them to this Place, at the same Time I submit "to you, whether you think any Thing is to be dreaded from the Absence "of these Corps, internally in the Province of Quebec during the Winter ; "for as these Regiments will come down the River so late in the Year, and "may be replaced early in the Spring, I imagine no Danger can be appre- "hended from without. If therefore you think the Fusileers at Quebec, and "the Part of the 26th at Montreal, with small Detachments from them at "Trois Rivieres and Chambli, can preserve Peace and good Order in the "Province, I am to beg you will order the 10th and 52^d Regiments to embark "without Delay on board the Transports, for you will think with me they "will have no Time to spare in coming down the River St. Laurence.

"As I must look forward to the worst, from the apparent Disposition "of the People here, I am to ask your Opinion, whether a Body of Canadians

¹ Canadian Archives, Q 10, p. 120. After the passing of the Quebec Act, Carleton left early in July to resume his position as Governor of the enlarged Province of Quebec under its new constitution.

² Canadian Archives, Q 10, p. 122. This was sent as an enclosure with the previous despatch, and is one of numerous documents showing immediate preparation on the part of the English authorities, after the passing of the Quebec Act, to make use of the Canadians and Indians in connection with the colonial troubles to the south.