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letter he has written to Lt.-Gov. Gore and sent an officer to him with his letters in which the subject of the co-operation that might be necessary between the provinces in the event of war with the United States is freely discussed. The Lt.-Governor has despatched Col. Shawe with letters so there will be a complete understanding. Has delayed calling together the Provincial Parliament till the 29th inst. From the present disposition of the public mind he expects cordial co-operation in measures for the public benefit. Jails for districts of Quebec and Montreal to be erected. Fears the £9,000 allotted for each will not be sufficient. The position of auditor of the public accounts vacant by the removal of Mr. Coffin to Europe, being important, has after consideration, appointed Mr. Hale, D.P.M.G. of the Forces. Page 1—

January 12,
Quebec.

Naval officers' returns of vessels entered inwards at Quebec between 10th October and 3rd December; and outwards between 13th October and 27th November. 16

January 12,
Quebec.

Craig to Castlereagh. (No. 10.) Enclosing copy of the proceedings of the Executive Council concerning matters of State between 26th September and 16th October last, inclusive. 17

January 13,
Quebec.

Same to same. (No. 11.) Enclosing copy of the rates of exchange and current prices at Quebec for the month of December last. 18

Enclosed. Prices current. 19

January 22,
Downing St.

— to Craig. (Draft.) Recent intelligence has rendered it expedient in the judgment of His Majesty's ministers that the defences of British possessions in America should be strengthened. With this view, a regiment of 3,000 rank and file will sail for Halifax under the command of Sir G. Prevost. Further reinforcements to be governed by circumstances; although measures will be taken to support with regular troops His Majesty's North American subjects, yet much of the exertion must be made by the people themselves. The number of militia considered necessary to be raised and armed, and the method in which it is to be done. Respecting the rank officers of the militia will take. Not less than 16,000 stand of arms will be immediately forwarded and uniforms, to be issued to the militia, only in case of actual service. Two companies of artillery will be immediately sent to Halifax and two additional companies held in readiness to proceed to Quebec upon any intelligence which may indicate an approaching rupture. Camp equipage for 10,000 men will also be sent. In order to liquidate the extraordinary expenses a supply of specie will be forwarded. His Majesty relies on the Legislatures of the respective provinces for making every exertion for the general defence, with their internal resources. The residue His Majesty will recommend Parliament to provide. No time to be lost in establishing communication with Sir G. Prevost, so that in case of attack the forces may be moved to the proper quarter. A copy of this will be communicated to Major General Prevost before his departure in order that he may take corresponding steps in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. 22

January 23,
Quebec.

Ryland to Attorney General Sewell, enclosing despatch from the Secretary of State and other papers relative to the claims brought forward by a deputation of Indians who went to England last year. Against the Governor's express orders, they are come down to Quebec. He refused them an audience, but told them to lay before him (Sewell) such particulars as they may wish. 365

(In Craig's No. 34 of 22nd October.)

February 4,
Downing St.

Draft of a letter to Sir J. H. Craig. Enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Harrison, stating that £100,000 will be soon forwarded to Quebec, and that £102,664 are now at Portsmouth for shipment to Nova Scotia. The Lords of the Treasury desire that general orders be published stating that the dollars be issued to the army at 4s. 8d. sterling each. 73