

- 17c0. way of Lake George. Two-thirds of the fleet missing; the crops tolerably good. (Original sent in cypher.) Page 227
- September 9, Clinton to Haldimand. Letter in cypher. 229
New York. The explanation follows Repeats the news of the arrival of a French fleet (p. 225). Sends copy of a proclamation prepared by LaFayette for distribution, had he attacked Canada. An additional reinforcement is daily expected from France. The report has helped Washington to complete his army. The attack still seems to be aimed at New York, and against Canada next spring. The success to the southward may prevent a serious attack this season. 234
- September 10, Same to the same. Arrival of Rochbleau (Rocheblave) and
New York. Schifflin (Schieffelin) who had escaped from the rebels, and were entirely destitute. Has advanced them 100 guineas each, for which they are to account on their arrival in Canada. (These two officers formed part of Hamilton's force on his expedition to Vincennes, and were taken prisoners at the same time as he was.) 236
- September 13, Haldimand to Clinton. Hopes that the parties sent to the
Quebec. frontiers, which shall hang as long as possible there, may alarm the country and weaken the force sent against him (Clinton). Is preparing to meet an anticipated attack during the winter from Lafayette. (Original sent in cypher.) 238
- October 2, Clinton to Haldimand. Letters in cypher. 239 to 244
New York. The discovery of the attempt by Arnold to give up the forts, &c., at West Point, has caused him to fly and join the British, it has thrown the rebel army into confusion. Rodney on the coast with a superior fleet; no probability of a second French fleet this year. Victory by Cornwallis over Gates at Camden, on the 16th of August. Great defection in the Spanish colonies. 245
- October 18, Same to the same. The greater part of the Quebec fleet has, he
New York. hears, been taken. Ternay's fleet with the French army blockaded at Rhode Island. Rodney still here, so that attempts on New York are given up. The fleet with recruits and stores has arrived but not the Cork fleet which is much wanted. A force of 3,000 men, under General Leslie, has sailed for the Chesapeake to co-operate with Cornwallis, who is probably now in North Carolina. There is reason to believe in a speedy accommodation with Spain. 246
- October 20, The letter in cypher follows. 247
New York. A plan (in French) proposed by Rocheblave for carrying on the war. The plan enters into minute details. 249
- October 20, Haldimand to Clinton. Letters received; papers enclosed show
Quebec. that there is a design upon this Province. Fears some letters sent have miscarried; is trying a new route. No news of the victualers. Hopes the alarm on the frontiers may help him (Clinton). Forts Ann and George are destroyed. 268
- November 6, Admiral Arbuthnot to Haldimand. Would gladly have sent an
"Royal account of the destruction of De Ternay's squadron, but it has kept
Oak," off in the port of Rhode Island and has not dared to meet His Majesty's
Rhode Island. ships. The 5,000 men under Rochambeau have been detained on the island, so that the rebels have derived no advantage from this grand and formidable alliance during this campaign, but, on the contrary, their councils are blasted by divisions and they are destitute of a want of unanimity in the field. 269
- November 15, Haldimand to Clinton. Letters received. Regrets the miscarriage
Quebec. of Arnold, but sends congratulations on the success of Cornwallis and the favourable aspect of affairs in his (Clinton's) quarter. 271