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herewith inclosed<sup>1</sup>; some Canadians, I understand, are with the Bostonians upon every Road.

As the ship this goes by sails to-morrow very early, I have not time to enter into particulars, Lt. Col. Maclean with about eighty of his new raised Corps, and twenty of the Fusileers, besides a Militia composed of the Inhabitants of the Town, is all that we have to repair it's Breaches, and defend it; General Carleton, who is still at Montreal, has not received a Line from Your Lordship since the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, or from General Gage since the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July last.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect  
My Lord!

Your Lordship's  
Most Obedient and  
Most Humble Servant  
H. T. CRAMAHE.

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

### CHIEF JUSTICE HEY TO THE LORD CHANCELLOR.<sup>2</sup>

QUEBEC Aug. y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1775.

My Lord

Since I had the honour of writing to your Lordship soon after my arrival here, by Captn. Brash, The affairs of this Province are so far in a better train as the apprehensions of any decisive invasion from the Garrisons of Crown Point and Ticonderoga seem to be removed by the lateness of the season, and an appearance of less alacrity on their Part for a business of that sort than they shewed a month ago, or when I dispatched my other Letter to your Lordship. Whether this arises from the fears which the Congress may have entertained of opening the wound they have given the Mother Country too wide to admit of being closed by treaty, or from those of Individuals in the danger of the attempt, I am at a loss to determine, & can only say, that, from some cause or other, the Expedition appears to be suspended, if not wholly abandoned, & unless they mean to take advantage of the winter when they may pass the Lake upon snow shoes, I should think the latter the most probable.

I could hardly expect to find credit with your Lordship for what I asserted of the backwardness of the Canadians when the situation of things here, made it necessary for Gen. Carleton to declare Martial Law, and call upon the Militia to turn out in defence of the Province,<sup>3</sup> unhappily! every

<sup>1</sup> This letter, which was in French, was signed by Jas. Livingston, who had come originally from New York State and who was a grain merchant living on the Sorel. See Q 11, p. 252.

<sup>2</sup> Canadian Archives, Q 12, p. 203.

<sup>3</sup> See note 1, p. 666.