

Captain Foley, Brigadier McLean and Colonel Cullen dined with me and we sat longer at table than I could have wished. We concluded that Cullen could not obtain the agency of the 60th Regiment; Ogilvy is too necessary to Lord Amherst, and thus he commands the regiment—a pretense to do better hereafter.

20. *Thursday*. My nephew breakfasted with me. Went to the city to draw £200 from my bank account. From there to Sir J. Seberight and Baron Alvensleben's where I stayed till nearly 5 o'clock. St. Ours dined with me and I spent the evening at home.

21. *Friday*. General Robertson came to tell me that Sir William Howe was to have the regiment of dragoons. He was much annoyed at it, and believes that it could only proceed from the hatred of the Howes towards him, since he had been obliged to say before Parliament what he thought on the subject of what our troops might have done, being persuaded that they were numerous enough to have brought the rebels to reason. He told me then that when he was at Court, after having undergone all the examinations, the King appeared to receive him with much goodness, as did all those who wished well, but that he saw now that all these marks of satisfaction signified nothing and that everything depends on the Ministers, &c., &c.

Went to the exhibition of M. des Enfants and the Duchess of Portland's Museum. Dined at home with St. Ours. Called on Mrs. Tryon and from there to Lady Sydney's ball where I found 22 couples of children, the prettiest imaginable. The Duke of Lord Morton, &c., &c., Mr. George Selwyn was there. Returned home at half-past one in the morning.

22. *Saturday*. Went to the city with Major Mathews. Paid a visit to Lady Holderness, who was not at home. Was at the museum and returned home at four; dined there and took a turn to Hampstead.

General Bruce, whom I met, told me that he had seen in the *Morning Herald* or *Chronicle*, a letter against me, written to the King by Dr. Blake, complaining of I know not what. Told Freeman to look for the paper, hoping by means of Colonel Hoyes to answer the letter. Dined at home, after which I went to Hampstead.

23. *Sunday*. Sent Sir Guy Carleton the plan of the new building I had put up at the Chateau St. Louis. I went to visit him but he had gone out. I found her Ladyship, who was getting out of her carriage. I went into the house with her, but remained only a moment. She told me Sir Guy would purchase no furniture, nor incur any expense.

I went to dine at Hampstead with General Robertson, Dr. Brown, Mathews and Freeman; returned at 9 o'clock.

24. *Monday*. Had a note from Robertson, who wished me to get Father Roubaud to my house; where he could meet him as if by chance. I went to his house, taking Roubaud's address, with whom I advised him to deal openly, believing that it is dangerous for me to appear in this negotiation.

Saw Colonel Spry of the engineers, whom I afterwards presented to Colonel Tailon, in whose regiment he wishes to place his son. Went then to Lord Amherst's, but he was out.

Seeing that Major Mathews had great difficulty in satisfying the person who advanced him the money to purchase his majority, and that he was obliged to assure his life at five guineas per cent a year, besides the interest on £1400 at five per cent., I directed my nephew to lend him £1,400 at four per cent., for which I would become responsible in case Mathews should die before having paid that amount. My nephew has taken a simple note on stamped paper, which he will keep for his security, with an order from the major on the agent of his regiment to pay annually the interest of this amount at four per cent.