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Enemies from within—Your Lordship Must be Sensible how necessary it is that Government Should be Supported. I confide in Your Lordships Zeal for the King's Service, to give me every Assistance in Your Power, and in Your Candor and Regard for My Self to assure His Majesty that My views in the Civil and Military Affairs of the Province, Shall and Can have no End but the Advantage of his Service and the Good of his People.—I Cannot finish this long Letter without requesting Your Lordship to be Convinced, that whatever System I may adopt, and whatever Opinion I may have formed of Men and things, is and will be the Result of my own Reflections and of my attention to my Duty, and not the Suggestion of Persons Influenced by attachment to former Systems or Plans of their own, at the Same time that I Cannot alter or Reject former Measures which I think for the Good of the King's Service, agreeable to the wishes & Suitable to the wants of the People over whom I preside, because they May be agreeable to Men, who perhaps have had private Views and Resentments.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect and Esteem My Lord
Your Lordships Most Obedient
& Most humble Servant

(Signed) FRED HALDIMAND.

THE LORDS OF TRADE AND PLANTATIONS TO HALDIMAND¹

1781.

Quebec

April 10th

Frederick Haldimand Esquire, Governor of Quebec.

Sir, We have had under our consideration the Duplicate of your Letter to Lord George Germain, dated the 25th October last, together with the several Inclosures, and the Minutes of Council; and Ordinances transmitted therewith; and having paid that attention to them, which their Importance naturally required, We now give you our Sentiments upon the general Contents of your Letter, which, for the greater precision, we shall do under the three following distinct heads.

1st The steps taken by you, and the legislative Council, in consequence of the great advance in the price of Wheat, and Flour, and the appearance of an intended Monopoly of those Articles.

2^{dly} The Ordinance for the Regulation of Fees.

3^{dly} The opinion of the Legislative Council upon His Majesty's additional Instruction for the regulation of the Courts of Justice; and under this head we shall also consider your Conduct in withholding the Communication of some Articles of your general Instructions, which you were by an additional Instruction particularly directed to lay before the Legislative Council; and the not complying with another additional Instruction, sent

¹ Canadian Archives, Q. 18 B., p. 174.