

4. *Tuesday.* Dined at General Dalling's where was a large party ; sat at table till half past ten. Good dinner ; good wine.

5. *Wednesday.* My nephew came to breakfast with me, and on returning to the City wrote me a note to let me know that during last night all the sailors on the Thames, had been pressed, and that war was on the point of being declared against Spain, which had seized five of our ships near Cook's River [Nootka Sound] and the Funds had fallen three per cent.

Mathews and Dr Barr dined with me. McLean came after dinner and spent the evening at Mr. Patison's. Played two rubbers ; lost half a guinea.

6. *Thursday.* Answered the letter from the Treasury respecting the officers of the Provincial Marine at Quebec.

The *Gazette* publishes the speech sent by the King to Parliament. Dined at Colonel Marsh's with Powell, Mathews, Williamson, General Caswell, Colonel Bruce and Small. Played four rubbers.

7. *Friday.* General Powell, Mathews, Mons, L. and Colonel settled the difference I had with General Morrison respecting the clothing for the draughts, and agreed that the difficulty arose from the order given very improperly by General Campbell, who commanded in Nova Scotia, to clothe the draughts ; but to settle the matter, they agreed that Morrison and I should divide the expense caused by this error.

Went to my nephew's. From there to the levée, at which the King was very gracious. Dined at home with Powell, Marsh, Captain Fraser and Mathews.

Went to see Astley's Follies. Supped at Marsh's with the Montessors, Captain McKing [McKenzie ?] young Digby and Finch.

8. *Saturday.* My nephew came to tell me that there had been offered at half past three at the different Exchange offices a wager of twelve guineas to £100 sterling that there would be war with France before six months ; a number subscribed.

N.B.—It is to be presumed that those who risked so much money are well informed.

Called on Colonel Miranda, who might be useful to us on this occasion, &c., &c.

Mr. Bourgeois called and took me to the Exhibition of the Posts (?), with which I was well satisfied.

Called at the Club ; met Admiral Pigot, who is very inquisitive and seemed rather dissatisfied.

Dined and spent the evening at home. I was extremely fatigued, especially in my knees, from which I suffer sitting or standing.

9. *Sunday.* My nephew came to tell me of the reconciliation with Sally, and of the part she has taken.

He read me a letter from his mother, who appears to be uneasy. I went with him to Hampstead, from which I returned fatigued and spent the evening at home.

10. *Monday.* Wrote to Major Mathews, sending him the keys he had forgotten.

Major Benson came to tell me he is getting ready to join my battalion in Canada. Visited Mr. Polier, but did not find him in. Colonel Miranda dined with me and left early. He said he had not been well used by the Spaniards.

11. *Tuesday.* The Funds are still low. Major Murray dined with me. He told me of his service, as well in the Navy as when aide-de-camp to Sir Henry Clinton. Spent the evening at Morrison's ; lost two rubbers.

12. *Wednesday.* Visited Lady Holderness. We spoke of Baron Nagle, who is leaving with his family for Holland on the 28th of this month &c. Was at the levée