

he was to make, and finally went with Mr. Coore to make his deposition, &c. Generals Robertson and Cunningham dined with me.

23. *Wednesday.* I sent to Arnold a letter for Governor Cox, of the Bay of Chaleurs, and O'Hara, of Gaspé, recommending him and begging them they would give him all the information they could concerning the seigniory of Pabos and my lands in Bonaventure, which I wish to get rid of. Robertson told me that the Treasury was in a short time to examine the affairs of Cochrane, in relation to the money he had drawn in Canada, and that I was to be ready to answer. He told me that Gordon had said that Williams was a worthless fellow who had committed a forgery. I imprudently showed him the papers Williams had prepared. I must warn him not to take Gordon's side.

Henry Holland, who has arrived from Demerara, called and dined with me. He is a fine young man whom I might at some time attach to me.

24. *Thursday.* Was at the Court, which was very full. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cumberland came there with their whole suite, and towards the end Charles Fox came also. The King said to him: It is a fine day, and turned towards some one else. The Queen avoided him. Fox withdrew before the King left. Spent the evening at Mrs. Morrison's; lost three guineas.

25. *Friday.* General Budé, who arrived this morning from Cheltenham, dined with me, along with Admiral Digby, General Cunningham, Morrison, General Roy, and Lieut. Holland. Spent the evening at Lady Gideon's, where there was an immense crowd. I stayed there till half past three in the morning.

26. *Saturday.* Walked in the Park, where I met the Duke of Northumberland, with whom I took a walk. We saw the King and Queen with the Princesses pass. Budé and Baron Regensfeld dined with me, and we then went to pay a visit to Mr. Pollon, who seems to be much emaciated. I will send ginseng root to him to-morrow. Home at half past nine.

27. *Sunday.* Went to dine at Mr. Coore's with General Robertson, McLean, McLeod, Grant and Freeman. Spent the evening at Lady Amherst's, where there was a bad concert and a crowd, and several persons grumbled that there was no card playing. Home at half-past eleven.

28. *Monday.* Young Davison, who called on me, informed me of the intention of Sir Thomas Mills to suspend Colonel Caldwell from his office of Deputy Receiver General of Canada and to appoint him in his place, and that he thought it his duty to give me notice of it. I told him that I could not interfere in the affairs of Canada, and that I even wished I had known nothing of the project; that I advised him to be on his own guard with Sir Thomas, as I believed him to be embarrassed. He told me that Caldwell had acted very ill towards Davison and Lees, by seeking to get out of their hands the contract for supplying flour to the troops, &c. This contract was worth £300 sterling a year of salary to these gentlemen, besides 25½ per cent. for the purchases they made, which is considerable enough for that country, but they are also obliged to transact all the business their principals have there.

He told me then that they had obtained the contract of the forges, for which they had given £2,000 sterling, and satisfied the claims which Mr. Genevay had from his partnership with Gugy. He told me further, that they had found at the forges iron ore worth upwards of £1,000 sterling, which paid half of what they had given, and that they had seen by Gugy's books, which were in their hands, that he had made from £1,000 to £1,500 sterling of clear profit every year.

On the affair of the lower posts, he said that they had taken Peter Stuart as partner, in which he will have one-sixth of the net profits, without being obliged to make any advance, but he is to take charge of all the business and even to forward