

from Doyle's, who still objects to his entering the service unless the King gives him a cornetcy of dragoons. I advised him to purchase into the infantry. He agreed and was to go and see Mr. Gravenice, his tutor, to obtain his consent. He seems to me a weak lad, who will never play a great part.

Have just learned that Mr. Dayrolles died the day before yesterday.

Dined at Mr. Coore's, with Messrs. Louis Tessier, Dr. Mathews and Fraser. Returned home at half past nine. Gave five guineas to Father Roubaud; it is astonishing that nothing is done for him.

19. *Sunday*. Walked and rode. A heavy wind sprang up with hail and I was soaked before getting home. Budé, Baron Regenfeld, Major Gunn and Major Mulcaster dined with me.

20. *Monday*. Walked and rode; dined at home. Passed the evening at Lady Gedeon's; there was a numerous company and dancing in two of the rooms. Played at whist with the Duchess of Grafton, who thanked me much for the civilities I had paid in Canada to her son, Lord Augustus, and told me he had often spoken of it with gratitude, &c. Played for guineas and lost three games.

Had a long conversation with Lord Southampton, who complained that he had not been employed during the last war, saying that it was Lord Amherst's fault, &c. We spoke of the manner of equipping the dragoons and of the service that would be required of them as infantry. I said it would be better to train a part of the militia as horsemen, so that they could be carried with greater facility wherever the enemy might make a landing. Returned home at half past twelve.

21. *Tuesday*. Took a long walk. Visited Lady Holderness, who seemed deeply grieved at the death of Mr. Dayrolles; she gave me some account of his family and extraction. The Prince of Wales is to dine with her on Friday. He paid much attention to the Princess Emilie (Amelia?) because she had always something to criticise on the King's conduct, and likes the politeness of the Prince of Wales. The King does not correct his children and when the Queen leaves the room they behave most improperly. Mrs. Fitzherbert has fine eyes, but a very common air; she has had a child still born. Met Sir John Dick, who testified great friendship. Dined at Lord Amherst's, with Budé, Robertson and Judge Smith. Lady Amherst was polite enough. Smith told us that the Americans were trying to sell the lands beyond the Alleghany Mountains to the English and Dutch; that they had agents here, who had already received large sums and that they were flading dupes every day. Budé seemed to be taken with Smith and found something attractive about him. I think I should tell him the part that Smith played at the beginning of the rebellion. Home at half past nine.

22. *Wednesday*. Adair who breakfasted with me, says that he believes General Prevost to be in a dangerous state. Joseph Brant came to tell me that he was surprised his half pay had not been secured to him, and saying that I had led him to expect it. He seems displeased that his speech was not answered. Nepean always puts it off.

Went to the Court, where Lord Lucy accosted me familiarly. We talked some time together with Lord Cornwallis, who leaves in three weeks for India.

Paid to-day and gave his discharge to Frederick who has served me for eleven years. I paid him for two months more than I owed him and made him a present of a silver watch. He seemed to be extremely satisfied and grateful.

Robertson told me at Court that the instructions had been sent to Sir Guy Carleton, but that he would not open them before receiving his commission, thinking