

his distressed circumstances, £100. 1781, May 14.—To Mr. Wing and his guide, John Chalmers, going on secret service to Saratoga to intercept the Albany mail, £24. May 16.—To Captain Sherwood of the Loyal Rangers, gratuity for private services, £50. July 5.—To *Hudibras* (an inhabitant of Albany), gratuity for private services (50 guineas), £58 6s. 8d. [It would have brought trouble upon the party to have named him.] Oct. 16.—At Sorel, gratuity to the officers of the militia for their readiness upon all occasions in forwarding the service (6 guineas), £7. 1782, Feb. 27.—Père Louis, a Recollet, gratuity for private services (10 guineas), £11 13s. 4d. April 7.—To Capt. Sherwood (agent for secret service) to send to Col. Wells and other correspondents in the Colonies, to defray contingent expenses (50 guineas), £58 6s. 8d. July 9.—To Mr. Lansing, (agent for Vermont), gratuity for private service, £49. 1783, May 27.—To Captain Brant, the Mohawk Chief (30 guineas), £35. July 28.—To Baptiste Lepage, an inhabitant of Percée, gratuity granted to him yearly in consideration of his having lost both his hands, and otherwise wounded at the defence of that post, £10. Sept. 11.—To Mr. Shepherd, of Albany, gratuity for forwarding dispatches and intelligence (25 guineas), £29 3s. 4d. 1784.—To Joseph Brant and Captain David, Mohawk Chiefs, to defray their expenses from and to Montreal. Oct. 25.—To Captain Gleissenberg, of the Brunswick troops, in consideration of his services, having been twice wounded in our service, and in great distress, £58 6s. 8d.”

The paper from which I have made these extracts is dated, not from Quebec, but from Curzon Street, London, 23rd March, 1786. This was the year after Haldimand's recall. Trouble arising out of his government in Canada, fell upon him after his retirement into private life. He had administered affairs too much in the spirit of a martinet, and actions at law for damages were successfully brought against him in the English courts.

Of this period is an autograph signature which I have of “John Schank, senior officer and commissioner.” It is attached to a certificate that “Surgeon Melvill had attended the pilots and sick invalids that were put on board His Majesty's armed ship, the *Canceaux*, by order of His Excellency Gen. Haldimand,” for which Surgeon Melvill was to receive a gratuity of six guineas. To this is appended Surgeon Melvill's receipt to Thomas Dunn, Esq., Paymaster, Naval Department, Quebec.