

8. *Wednesday.* Drove to Hampstead. My nephew came to my house and showed me a letter from his father who is drawing upon him for the purchase he made on my account of Madame Lavie de Clindy's meadow, for the sum of £385 sterling, which I think very dear.

I desired him to write Mr. Mandrot to ascertain the character of the son of DelVotz (Devos ?).

My nephew appears to intend doing something for his brother Henry and the Turin firm in general.

Received a letter from Mr. Williams from New York ; he has not been able to see Livingstone, but has handed a letter to his father.

Captain Hutchins, to whom he sent my letter, promised to do all that he could for my interest in the Province of Pennsylvania ; spent the evening at home.

9. *Thursday.* Was at court where I was very late. It is said that when their Majesties arrived scarcely any one was in the room. The Queen asked me at what time I arrived. I answered that I had been more than an hour and a half on the road and that at last I had been obliged to leave my carriage in the middle of St. James street and take a sedan chair. That in spite of this, it was with great difficulty I had reached St. James' at three o'clock. The court was crowded, and it seemed to me that I had never seen so many beautiful women there.

Dined at Lord Amherst's, where there was a large company, Sir George Yonge, to whom I sat next, spoke to me a good deal, as did General Fossé (Fawcett), who told me he had written a long letter in answer to one which Brigadier Hope had written him respecting the manœuvres of the troops, as it appeared that all those who had served in America were for rapid movements without thinking it necessary to have a solid body behind which the light infantry might rally. I approved of his advice. He told me that he had dissuaded the King from taking the advice of some of the old generals and I believe that he is engaged in drawing up a kind of regulation on the subject. I told him that all his trouble would be useless unless care were taken that it should be followed exactly and that every commander of a corps, without exception, should be forbidden under penalty from executing any other manœuvres. Went home at nine o'clock.

10. *Friday.* Took a walk. Budé dined with me, and we went to spend the evening at Mrs. Morrison's, where I lost a guinea.

11. *Saturday.* Took a long ride. My nephew sent me my Madeira, 11 cases of 12 large bottles each, and a pipe well filled. I put the whole (except one case) in my cellar under the church. Colonel Small has arrived, still full of compliments. Took a long ride. Dined at home ; passed the evening at General Robertson's.

12. *Sunday.* Paid a visit with General Robertson to General Prevost, who is no better. His wife showed me a letter from her father inviting them to come to France next spring to go together to the Bourbon waters. Dined with General Robertson and went home early, we had a good deal of conversation on the affairs of America. He is very well informed for what took place in the South. He said I should make up an account of the rations and wood which the other commanders-in-chief had received in the South during the war and show it to the commissioners of accounts. Howe and Clinton have always drawn upwards of 100 rations a day and as much wood as they could burn.

Mrs. Morrison told me the day before yesterday that she had learned from Sir John Boyd there would be an installation in spring and begged me to invite them to the ball.

13. *Monday.* Megro entered my service in the capacity of butler and valet. I have promised him 40 guineas a year of wages on condition that he shall have no right to take any perquisites of any kind.