

PRIVATE DIARY OF GEN. HALDIMAND.

B. 230 to B. 232.

B. M., 21,890 to B. M., 21,892.

(The diary is contained in the three volumes but the entries are made irregularly. They have been placed as far as possible chronologically, but a few of them are of doubtful date.)

MEMORANDA FOR THE YEAR 1786.

January.

1. My nephew Anthony called and brought my account current, by which he still owes me £30 15s. 3d. At the same time he handed me an acknowledgment for the funds I have placed in his hands, with a memorandum of what they have yielded up till to-day.

Gave my servants a new year's gift. To Tuckfield 5 guineas; to Fred. the same; to the housekeeper, 1 guinea; to each of my other servants, half a guinea.

In the morning visited Baron d'Alvensleben, Sir John Dick, General Robertson. In the evening, Lady York, Mrs Carpenter, Mrs. Morison; returned home at 11.

2. Madame Prevost arrived at my house and entertained me on the subject of her son James, whom she would like to send to Newfoundland instead of to Jamaica.

Had a visit from Sir Joseph York, to whom I showed the orders left in Canada, with copies of the letters written to the Minister. He read those I had written respecting Cuthbert, du Calvet, &c, with which he seemed satisfied. He told me that if the Ministry continued my allowances as Lieutenant-General I should be well satisfied, and rest easy until I should be asked to serve.

Had visits from General Christie, Lieutenant-General Moultry, Major-General Sir F. Smith, Mrs. Amiel. General Durnford advised me to send a power of attorney to Mr. Hodge, at Pensacola, to dispose of my lands in Western Florida. He believes that Levington has sold to Mr. Ward half of a plantation of 2,000 arpents belonging to Mrs. Fairchild. There is still another belonging to her near a market.

There is no doubt that Levington, or his agent, has received the rents of my house in Pensacola, and they should pay me interest for the money.

3. Called on Lord Amherst, who had arrived with his family the previous evening. Called on General Carpenter, Grant and Major Gunn.

4. The hairdresser has begun to fit me. Was at the levée.

5. Was at court. Dined at home.

6. Visited my nephew. General Budé dined with me. He strongly advised me not to return to America. He spent the evening with me.

7. Visited Lord and Lady Sydney, Lord and Lady Amherst, General and Mrs. Robertson, Moultry, Tryon. Dined at home with Major Peto, who told me that the King had refused the arrangement proposed by Lernoalt, who will be obliged to sell.