

My autographic relic of Surveyor-General Bouchette is a letter written at Montreal in February, 1800, addressed to a cousin of his, Ensign Cheniquy, 2nd Battalion Royal Canadian Volunteers, at Quebec. This letter happens to name Major Holland. It refers to an enclosure, an application to the Governor apparently, which Cheniquy was first to seal and then entrust to the hands of Major Holland, "as if he had not seen it." "You alone," he then proceeds, "can put the matter in fair and speedy train. \* \* Neglect nothing, and let the matter be over as soon as possible; and let me know the result." He then offers land at 3s. 6d. an acre. "As to land," he says, "I shall dispose of any quantity at 3s. 6d. per acre. I have six hundred acres in Darlington, the third township to the eastward of York, and two hundred acres on Yonge Street, back of the town, lot No. 62; and I have four hundred acres in Rainham, near the Grand River; therefore I state this to you that you may take your choice, or any number of acres you please."

The successor of Gen. Simcoe in the Government of Upper Canada was Lieut.-Gen. Hunter. I have nothing to represent him except a note in the handwriting of his Secretary and Aide-de-Camp, addressed to the Ensign Cheniquy just named. The ensign, after obtaining his commission, had perhaps been prevented by circumstances from joining his corps, and had offered some explanations. The Secretary's note was as follows:—"SIR: I have had the honour of laying your letter of this day [the document is dated at Quebec, 17th March, 1800,] before Lieut.-Gen. Hunter, expressing your anxiety to join your regiment immediately. The General desires me to say that he perfectly approves of your joining your regiment as soon as possible, and thinks the sooner you do so the better. I have the honour to be, &c., W. J. CURREY, Aide-de-Camp."—This reads like a communication from Gen. Hunter, who is remembered as a strict disciplinarian.

An autograph letter, which I preserve, of Monseigneur Denaut, French Bishop of Quebec, relates also to the same Ensign Cheniquy. We learn from it that the young soldier had been applying in 1803 for admission or re-admission to the Seminary at Quebec, with a view to studying for Holy Orders in the French Church. The letter is in French, and is dated "Quebec, 3 9bre, 1803." "Monsieur," the bishop says, "Je n'ai point d'objection particulière à votre entrée au Seminaire pour y continuer vos études. Je l'ai déjà permis une fois, et vous avez quitté. Voyez M. le Superieur et arrangez-vous ensemble."