

I also beg leave to transmit herewith, for earl Grey's information, a list of documents preserved in this office, relating to the subject of Seigniories in Canada, although not forming part of the correspondence.

I am, etc.

(Signed) H. HOBHOUSE.

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etc., etc., etc.,
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(Lieutenant Governor CARLETON to the Secretary of State.)

QUEBEC, 15th April, 1767.—R. 1st July.

In obedience to His Lordship's letter of 11th December, he transmits several papers together with a list of them. The revenue of *lods et ventes*, *cens et rentes* and quit rents, he understand, properly belongs to the King's privy purse; the money arising from licences to retail liquors is appropriated to charitable uses, and these are the only funds raised in that province, except the duties laid by acts of parliament, received and accounted for by the collector, so that the expenses of that colony fall entirely on His Majesty's treasury. The charge of supporting the province, he thinks, might be lessened, unless His Majesty should think proper to repair his houses or erect some military works, both of which he thinks highly advisable. The registers of the grants prior to the conquest have been so much tossed about and are in such confusion, that it will require a considerable time to arrange and put them in order. The expense attending the registering them is so considerable, that few have complied with the order for that purpose given by general Murray, so that at present it is impossible to be as particular in that article as His Lordship's letter requires.

The following are the titles of the enclosed papers :

Inclosure n^o 1.—List of the civil establishment of the province of Quebec.

Do. n^o 2.—Estimate of the annual contingent expense for the province of Quebec.

Do. n^o 3.—Military establishment of the garrisons of Quebec and Montreal.

Do. n^o 4.—Account of the *lods et ventes* received by Thomas Mills, Esq., receiver general for the province of Quebec.

Do. n^o 5.—Explanation of the tenure of lands in the province of Quebec before the conquest.