

his Majesty's Treasury, in company with an account of "all the revenues in Canada for the last six years." I regret that I do not possess the account itself. He adds: "Independent of these revenues, there are quit-rents and other territorial rights due to the Crown from the lands at or near Detroit. I do not find," he says, "that any account has been transmitted here of the amount. I have applied," he says, "to Lieutenant-Governor Hamilton, and to Major de Peyster, the present commanding officer at Detroit, for information on that subject, which I will take the earliest opportunity to transmit." This Report is addressed to Richard Burke, Esq., who appears to have been Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury. He was brother of the celebrated Edmund Burke, and he made some speeches in Parliament on the Quebec Bill.

I have another document bearing the signature of "Fred. Haldimand," which will recall the times in which it was written. The Revolution, we must again remember, was in progress in New England and the colonies further south. But Canada was yet a fastness of the Royal cause. Here was still a base of operation against the anti-Monarchists of the continent. From Quebec, "British gold" circulated to clever hands in Albany and New York and other places; hence also was it disbursed in the way of relief to sufferers in limb and property in the cause of the Crown. Canada was the asylum towards which the eyes of persecuted loyalists elsewhere were, voluntarily or involuntarily, directed. Sometimes, as we shall see, an itinerant friar from these quarters was a secret political agent elsewhere. Once, perhaps often, a scout is dispatched hence to intercept a mail, with a view doubtless not only of embarrassing the malcontents, but also of discovering who were and who were not disaffected nearer home.

The paper to which I refer contains an account of cash paid at sundry times for private services and gratuities from 25th June, 1779, to 10th November, 1784. Major Robert Mathews, Secretary to the Governor, also signs the document. I give a few of the items. "1780, Aug. 10.—To Enos McIntosh for services rendered to scouting party, £6. Sep. 26.—To Lieutenant Smith, of the 31st Regiment, towards indemnifying his loss when shipwrecked serving with a party as marines on board the armed ship *Wolfe* (20 guineas), £23 6s. 8d. Nov. 29.—To John Coffin, Esq., (late of Boston,) in consideration of his distinguished services during the blockade, and