

30. *Sunday.* Paid a few visits and dined at home.

31. *Monday.* Major Mathews arrived this morning. He had received a letter from Nepean besides the one I sent him.

Was at Mr. Grenville's office at noon. He asked me if I believed that by giving over the posts in Canada, the trade with the Indians would lose much, and if by fortifying posts opposite them that trade might be secured. He wished in giving up the posts, that a communication with the Mississippi could be obtained from the Americans. I told him that with respect to the trade a part would certainly be lost, but that this loss would perhaps be made up by the goods that our merchants [would sell] to the Americans, and further, I believed that if the Americans insisted on having the posts, a merit should be made of giving them up; that if they were determined to have them, they were so numerous they could take them when they thought proper; that I did not believe Great Britain would undertake a war to defend them. I showed him what posts it would be proper to take to form a communication, &c. He asked me to put in writing my ideas on the subject.

Mathews was called after me and almost the same questions put to him, desiring him to put his ideas in writing when he had joined his regiment. We went after dinner to call on Coore and my nephew.

June.

1. *June. Tuesday.* Employed all morning in looking for plans which may give an idea of the Province of Quebec and of the places where posts could be built.

Colonel Cammel called to ask me to speak to the Secretary of War on the subject of the rank of Colonel which he hopes to get. I gave him a letter to the Secretary of War dated to-day. Captain Fraser and Mathews dined with me.

2. *Tuesday.* [Wednesday]. Was at the levée. Dined with Baron Alvensleben. Major Mathews has gone to join his regiment.

The American Club met to-day; the last time for the season.

3. *Thursday.* Spent the evening at Mr. Morrison's; lost two rubbers and two bets.

4. *Friday.* King's birthday, which was very brilliant. Dined at Lord Amherst's in uniform; home at half past nine.

5. *Saturday.* Was at St. Mary Axe. Dined at Lady Holderness's with Mrs. Harquart [Harcourt], Mrs. Johnson, a beautiful woman, Messrs. _____ and Budé. Made a call on Ladies Amherst and Fawcett. Spent the evening at the Club, where I saw by the papers the advantages gained by the Swedes over the Russians.

6. *Sunday.* Went with my nephew to see a house which belonged to Mr. Berrings; it is beside that of the Duke of Chandos. The house, although of singular taste, appears to be pretty and commodious. There are 40 acres of ground about it; the whole is well situated.

Baron Regenföld dined with me. He spoke in gloomy terms on the state of the claims the Spaniards set up to the navigation and coasts of the Pacific Ocean and the jealousy shown by the Dutch to our settlement at Botany Bay.

He told me that the Spanish Government had asked France if she would support her in case she should go to war with England, &c., &c.

7. *Monday.* Colonel Polier dined with me. He is enthusiastic about the property he has purchased in Lausanne, and is eager to get there. He told me that in India he had cultivated eleven acres of rose bushes, which had produced _____ pounds of roses, giving by distillation only eight ounces of essence.