

Was at Lord Sydney's office, to whom I spoke of the business of the posts, which he promised to conclude with Mr. Pitt. I told him that it appeared Mr. Pitt had made reflections on me in respect to economy in his praises of Sir Guy Carleton. He assured me it was the contrary and that he had never heard that Mr. Pitt had made reflections on that subject to my prejudice, &c., &c.

He told me then that he had received a memorial from Mathews asking for something that had much embarrassed him; that he had laid down a rule when a command was given to anyone to let him choose himself the officers who were to accompany him; that, however, he would speak to Sir Guy Carleton. I told him that I might have given him the post of Quarter master General, but that I did not wish to do so when I saw that it was desired to send Sir Guy Carleton to Canada; but that it was the only post that would suit Mathews. I told him that the Lieutenant Governor of Detroit being dead, if something else could be added to it, that might also suit. He told me thereupon that I had showed that the office of Lieutenant Governor should be abolished.

Budé dined with me. I asked his advice as to what could be done for Mathews. He advised me to ask the post of Adjutant General in Scotland, which was becoming vacant by Colonel Ross going to India with Lord Cornwallis.

31. *Friday* Paid a visit to the Messrs. Pollen to invite them to dinner on Sunday. Went to the Court to meet Lord Sydney, but did not find him there. I received the Army List in the morning, in which I found that our two battalions were made only one regiment. Found Lord Amherst at Court, who told me that the Quarter master of my battalion was dead, but did not mention the change made in the battalions by reducing them to one regiment, &c., &c.

Budé and Major Gunn dined with me.

#### *April.*

1. *Saturday.* Went to Robertson's to hear if he had obtained the Regiment of Dragoons. He said he had learned nothing about it. We went together to Lord Amherst's who seemed embarrassed, but told us he believed nothing had been yet decided. I spoke to him of the change that I had found in the army in respect to our regiment. He answered that he had not yet seen the List, on which I asked him if he had been consulted on the change. He said he had been spoken to about it some time ago; that when the battalions of the same regiment were together, the officers of these two battalions would advance together, but when in different countries the promotions would be made in each battalion separated, but that this would make no difference for the Colonies. I can perceive that there is something concealed, which will come to light shortly, and that Sir Guy Carleton will one day have the regiment, to be able to incorporate in it the Canadians, a plan which I gave, and of which I shall perhaps be the victim.

Went to Lord Sydney's to ask him for the post of Adjutant General in Scotland, vacant on account of Colonel Ross going to India with Lord Cornwallis. He said the thing was impossible; that there were applications from several persons, and that the Scotch in general would not let the opportunity slip of advancing their friends.

Walked with Robertson, who told me that General Mackay had obtained the Generalship of Scotland, in order to put him in a position to pay the money he had lost at play to Mr. Rigby, to whom he was paying every year all that he could spare, that, besides, he was a capricious man, with whom it was difficult to live. Lord Sydney led me to understand that he did not believe Robertson had got the Dragoons. He spoke to me of Lord Cornwallis, and my lady told me that Sir John Burgoyne had left a widow and six children with an income of only £400 and consequently in wretchedness, and I believe I can perceive that it is desired to do something for that family at the expense of whoever shall get the regiment.

I was well received by My Lord and My Lady and dined very agreeably. His son seemed to me to have very little sense. Home at half past eight.