Hitherto the Money ~~which~~ has been drawn out of the Military Chest from the sum ~~into~~ the Paymaster's Hands for the payment of the Contingent & Extraordinary Expenses of the Army. I mean to propose to the General to replace the sum borrow'd from this fund ~~which shall be taken~~ by Bills on the Treasury as directed by the Secretary of State's Letter, for very particular reasons — one of which is — that our Contingent Expenses have already (from building Barracks establishing posts &c.) amounted to ~~a very~~ an enormous sum so large that it ought not to be increased.

I take the liberty of inclosing to your Excy a copy of a Memorial which by the advice of General Carleton I forwarded to Canada — to remain in Mr. Coffin's possession until Lord Dorchester's arrival. As his Lordship will probably be soon out I think it will not be necessary for your Excy to trouble General Clarke on the subject of mustering your Corps, but to reserve the particular representation until his Lordship takes the Command. ~~Certainly~~ Then if I could with Pr. your Excy ~~approve~~ would suggest your approbation of the Memorial in such way as may seem most agreable to yourself — & that you would report your Requisition to me & my ~~to~~ readiness to comply — this would corroborate what General Carleton has done me the honor to say & (whether the application eventually succeeds or not) would give me much satisfaction. I see no material inconvenience that can result to you from the want of a Muster at present — altho' I ~~should have~~ (with all due deference to General Ogilvie's sagacity) I think it would be more regular to muster & inspect the Recruits as they join — this in former times had a good effect — because it prevented non effective Men from being entertained or subsisted for a time — ~~whereby~~ a great expence was thereby saved to Government.

Canadian In

Kingsclear 4th August 1793.

U.N.B. ARCHIVES

I avail myself of the first moment's leisure after my return to my own habitation — to acknowledge the recpt of your Excellency's favor of the 22d ult.o which was handed me at Digby by Capt Bowater.

— As soon as I arrived at St John I communicated the Contents to Gov.r Carleton who commands me to present his thanks for the information.

The Martinico business appears to us so mysterious & unaccountable that we spare ourselves the trouble of reasoning upon it until we receive further intelligence. A variety of reports circulate here respecting the conduct & political disposition of the Americans. — It seems to be agreed — That the President & a Majority of the principal Officers of their Government, are advocates for a strict neutrality — It is also certain that the most respectable merchants are of the same opinion. — but it is equally obvious that there is a combined & powerful opposition — Even in their Great Council the minority is formidable both with respect to numbers & abilities — and (altho' the better sort of their Traders would be content with a regular system of commerce in a time of tranquility) yet a greater number would risque the consequences of temporary confusion for the chance of being relieved from present embarrassments. The Anti-Federalists are also numerous — and (I say) would rejoice at any opportunity to disturb & to overturn a system which has been established directly against their opinion.

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Governor Wentworth.