

Quebec, July, 18th 1782

Dear Sir

Your most friendly letter of the 22^d,
of March, I received some little time ago &
tho' both the English & Irish Fleets are
arrived, your letter is the only one which
I have had the satisfaction to receive from
any Office, which I can not account for, as
I wrote a letter to ^{Mr} Geo: Germain particularly,
which I depended would have been answered
the letter you say I shall receive from Mr
Sedgwick, is not arrived, and yet Gen^l Alderman
has received many of his Official letters from
the different Offices — if they have given
me my Regiment (after five & thirty years
service) conditionally to come to his place

without making me any kind of allowance, or
intending to take any further notice of me
I shall think myself the worst used of any General
Officers in the Service, the General Officers who
went to Boston had five hundred pounds given
them as Camp Expence money, and I have been
refused even the usual emoluments, because
I could not command the Lives & Lives

I have a right to say I had reason to expect
something good was intended me by some
expressions Lord Amherst used to me, upon my
applying to have my extraordinary expences
considered. I by no means pretend to claim
any promise from his Lordship or any one,
yet I did flatter myself I should be considered

more than a General Officer who was to go to
Coxheath or Chatham, upon my arrival I
found the Lt Governour was going home, I
accordingly made application to succeed him, but
I have not been honoured with even a civil
answer of any kind, and have seen a new Lt Governour
arrive, I believe by what I hear of Mr Hamilton
they could not have sent a more proper person

The change in Administration has been a very
compleat one, and I hope all is for the best. I
am a poor insignificant Individual, I profess
myself attached to His Majesty's Service, and
will honour those Men most, who are the truest
Patriots in the strictest sense of the Word

I have had the honour of Mr Townshend's Acquaintance
many years, and I have always believed him to be
a very well wisher to all our Profession, therefore

I will answer for his doing strict justice in every instance to all reasonable requests — it is a most agreeable Circumstance to me to find you remain at the War Office, and I can not enough thank you for your most kind offer of being of any service to me in the line of your business, and I will most readily promise you I will never trespass on your friendship, by ever attempting to propose an improper thing —

I have visited the Quarters of the Army in the Months of February & March, and travelled nine hundred Miles upon Ice & Snow, and I suppose about five or six hundred of them was upon the Great Rivers, but you could not well distinguish whether you was upon Land or Water as the Snow is upon a level over all, as we cloath according to the Climate, I can't say I suffered the

least inconvenience from the cold, nor do I now find
the heat (which is very great) at all distressful,
and the Ladies continue very well through Heat
& Cold, Music & Dancing have helped the
young People through the Winter very well,
within these few days accounts have come in
from the Upper Country, that some of our Scouts
(chiefly composed of Indians) have had some
success against the Enemy, but it has been
attended with some horrid acts of cruelty, beyond
what has usually been practised, surely this
is not the way to attain that much wished
for Object, Peace,

may I desire the favour of you to make
my compliments and thank Mr Jenkinson for his

obliging attention to my request in favour of
Sergt Chambers —

Mrs Clarke & my Nieces beg leave
to present their compliments with mine to
Mrs Lewis —

I am Dear Sir
with true regard
Your very sincere & obliged
Friend & Servant —
Tho: Clarke

Mrs M: Lewis —

Quebec 18th July 1782.

M. General Clarke.

Del. by Major Carleton.