

Piquet

In the Presence of Public
October 9th 1787.

Sir,

It is utterly impossible for me to give
Your Majesty a particular account of my proceedings since my arrival in
Canada: the various scenes & occupations I have had have prevented me from
taking up a pen till this morning; particularly Court Martial having em-
ployed all the Captains of Your Majesty's Squadron & one of arms reviewed
native over his helpman of the Province for striking the first Lieutenant,
who was condemned to death, but graciously pardoned by Commodore Boscawen.
As for the Province of Canada it was the our paper all the accounts I brought
to Your Majesty of its magnitude, beauty, & fertility: the province in-
-deed is larger than all Europe: the views in summer are magnificent &
when in England the eye sees, and a view of the hills, in Canada for
many leagues the course of the sky appears to meet: the ground is rich & if the
industrious Englishman till it into bread of the lazy Canadian, it would

be inimitable: the country about Quebec was the inferior in beauty & richness
to that about Montreal: my time was too short this year to go higher up than
Montreal, but next summer I shall most certainly proceed as far as possible:
near Montreal the Indians begin to inhabit: and I do not see how possible
them to the amount of four hundred & some what. Experienced as I am seeing
these barbarians, it is not difficult to conceive that the two people, General
Boudock, were panic struck & cut up by them: the emotion they express-
ed at my visit, were too strong not to be natural, their language was pe-
culiarly plaintive in saying they then saw one in a house in the woods the
same blood as in the body of Mingua's father in the Carriacouing of the
-judy; that in the late rebellion the evil spirit had done them harm in the eyes
of their loving father, but that she had sent him down to examine them &
that they were convinced that none they were acquainted as favour'd children
by their great father in the East: the Indians are only here for Prayers but
they go further in adoring them as possessing wonderful powers for every
thing that relates to your Majesty: the evil spirit is General Boudock for
whom they have most singular aversion: the Canadians are likewise very well

attached & feel those proper sentiments of loyalty & affection for their sovereign

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in any opinion they are the happiest of your Majesty's subjects & will be con-

tinued so till a house of assembly will determine otherwise: they are

very sensible of your Majesty's paternal attention in having appointed

Lord Dorchester in whose discretion they rely, by the attention & civility

they receive from Lord Dorchester was since on every occasion

-qually desirous to see General Hope & Colonel Dundas with the Colonel

travelling through the country, & the more so in the discharge

of his public & private duties than my friend Dundas in

his private office as one of your Majesty's Commissioners of the American

affairs he has gained the confidence of the whole body of loyal subjects

of your Majesty's territories hereafter to be called on as soldiers, & Dun-

das is a man of that sort as to speak his mind freely without reserve, in his

profession of soldier he is particularly patronized by Lord Cornwallis

the universal marks of respect & love & attention that have been shown to

me by all ranks of your Majesty's Canadian subjects have been unvari-

-ably marked: in short Sir, I am pleased & delighted with their attachment

& respect for your Majesty in the country: a perfect harmony exists in every

ting this happy people to depend upon rights & privileges they currently
enjoy under Your Majesty. I hope to be pardoned, but as their abilities
have all too become to mistake these overtures, I have sometimes
humbly & with affection I do really believe they are dictated by
hearts.

Dear Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate
and most obedient Servant & Subject,

J. P. Walsh

From Colman
Oct 9. 1709