

I should like to make a begining next year in sending my Son with a Cargo for an early market, if you think it advisable, in that case I wish you would inform me what Articles would be most saleable and if not too much trouble to send me an Acc^t of the prices such articles might sell in case they were first at Market next season.

I suppose you will have heard before this reaches you of the arrival of Gen^l Hunter⁵¹ as L^t Governor for upper Canada, as also of the arrival of Lieu^t Governor Milne⁵² to succeed Gen^l Prescott⁵³ for this Province. by this last change I fear I shall be a little disappointd to obtain some lands that were in good train before. report says that your change is for the better. by the last accounts from England it appears that the austrians are successful against the french, and some are so sanguine as to flatter themselves with a speedy peace but from a letter I rec^d from my Brother⁵⁴ he seems to think such an event yet at a great distant. he is gone to Command the British Troops in Portugal, from whence I expect he will soon proceed with the troops to the Medeteranean where some warm work is expected to reinstate his Nepolian Majesty—we have nothing meterial news.

⁵¹ Lieutenant General Peter Hunter succeeded Simcoe as governor of Upper Canada in 1799, and at the same time became commander-in-chief of the army in Canada. He was born in 1746 into a talented Scotch family, two of his brothers, William and John Hunter, being celebrated medical authorities of London. Governor Hunter died in Quebec, Aug. 21, 1805, while on a tour of military inspection. See sketch in Wallace, *op. cit.*, and Henry J. Morgan, *Sketches of Celebrated Canadians* (Quebec, 1862), 139.

⁵² Sir Robert Shore Milnes was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1746. He was for a time an officer in the army. In 1795, he became governor of Martinique, and in 1799 came to Quebec as lieutenant-governor of Lower Canada. His administration, which was in no way distinguished, lasted six years, terminating, July 31, 1805. See *ibid.*, 134; and Robert Christie, *History of the Late Province of Lower Canada* (Montreal, 1866), I, 202 ff.

⁵³ Robert Prescott was born in England in 1725. He devoted his life to the army and served in America during the Revolutionary War. In 1793, he was ordered to the West Indies, where he served brilliantly both in his military capacity and as civil governor. In 1795, he returned to England and the following spring was sent to Quebec to succeed Lord Dorchester. He governed the province until 1799, when he was recalled to England, although he continued to retain the title and draw a salary as governor of Lower Canada. He had become a major general in 1781; in 1783, he was made lieutenant general; and in 1798, general in the army. He died at his home in Sussex in December, 1816. Information adapted from British army lists and *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

⁵⁴ Cornelius Cuyler, member of a family long prominent in Albany, was born there in 1740. He joined the Fifty-fifth Regiment as an ensign in May, 1759, and served throughout the remainder of the Seven Years' War. Practically his entire life was passed in the army and he rose in due course to the rank of general in September, 1803. He served in America throughout the Revolutionary War, being aide-de-camp to General Howe in 1775. He died in England, March 8, 1819. See British army lists and *Appleton, Cyclopaedia of Am. Biog.*