

ever from my dear Meredith, so that the honor is quite flattering. Marquis Cornwallis,⁸⁶ who is a past master in artillery maneuvers, visited Yarmouth last week, and it all came about because of a review, where I put in an appearance and enjoyed myself very much indeed, for everything was conducted in true military style. The Marquis strongly favored the appointment of my dear M. who was introduced to him with all the ceremony of polite society.

I answer yes, the French gentlemen do intend to visit England. They have built boats expressly to bring their carcasses over and take them back quickly, as they will take care not to land here seeing that we have so few frogs and that red-hot cannon balls are the only nourishment they can expect from us.

Aunt Mercer has given up the idea of visiting you this year. The reason they give is that the children have not yet finished their education. As no one at home wrote to them by the last opportunity, I thought I would please them by sending copies of my letters. I am looking for an answer every day thanking me for being so obliging. I am glad to hear that Aunt Grant has added another to her family. What a pity they are not all boys. They would make such a fine regiment, all the same name. I intend to write to my cousin, Mrs. Wright, this time, and to Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Richardson when I have a chance to send them by some gentlemen who are leaving for Canada. I cannot write to them now because it costs rather too much. Therese will kindly give them my love when she writes, and the same to Uncle Barthe and his family.

So you are going to lose the Hay family.⁸⁷ If I were in their place I should not be sorry to leave a town where I had lost my relatives, so many things would remind me of my trouble, and in another locality these remembrances

⁸⁶ Charles, second Earl and first Marquis Cornwallis, born in 1738, died in 1805. His service in the American Revolution was largely attended by failure, but the government and British public absolved him from responsibility for this. He later achieved solid successes in India and in Ireland, being made governor-general of the one and lord-lieutenant of the other. He was created Marquis Cornwallis in 1792 in recognition of his achievements in India. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.* for an extended account of his career.

⁸⁷ The allusion is to the family of Lieutenant-Governor Jehu Hay, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 67. For further data concerning Governor Hay, see the biographical sketch by M. M. Quaife in *Burton Hist. Coll. Leaflet*, VIII, 1-16.