

CARLETON TO HAMILTON.

QUEBEC 21st May 1777.

SIR,— You ' have herewith inclosed the copy of a letter from Lord George Germain, which is sent you at full length, for your instruction and guidance; I have only to add that L Colonel S Leger has similar orders for the Savages of the five Nations, &c.

You will therefore be careful not to attempt to draw off any destined for his command.

Let me know what Provisions you may want, in the meantime some shall be sent you at a venture.

I am &c,

GUY CARLETON.

LORD GERMAIN TO CARLETON.

[Document enclosed in the foregoing.]

Copy of a letter from Lord George Germain, dated Whitehall 26th March 1777.

SIR,— In the consideration of the measures proper to be pursued in the next Campaign, the making a division on the Frontiers of Virginia and Pennsylvania by Parties of Indians conducted by proper Leaders as proposed by Lieut. Gov^r Hamilton has been maturely weighed.

That Officer in his letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, dated at Detroit the 2nd of September last, [wrote] that he had then with him deputies from the Ottawas, Chippewas, Wyandotts, Shawnese, Senecas, Delawares, Cherokees and Pouattouattamies. That their inclination was for war and that it was with much difficulty he had restrained them from Hostilities, which he thought it his duty to do, finding by a letter from you dated the 19th of July, that you had sent back some Ottawas who had offered their services desiring them to hold themselves in readiness next spring.

There can be little doubt that the Indians are still in the same disposition and that they will readily and eagerly engage in any enterprise in which it may be thought fit to employ them under the direction of the Kings Officers, and as

¹ Lieut. Governor Hamilton.—ED.