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I am sorry to find by the letter Lt. J. Germain has received from Governor Franklin how little care has been taken of the loyalists in America which seems to Me a greater disaster than even the loss of that fine Army, for if the confidence of them is lost I do not see what means there are of regaining it, and certainly the conduct of Cap. Dundas when exchanged must be investigated by a Court Martial.

The appointing a Commander in Chief in North America is a measure of a complicated nature and requires thorough consideration before I can form an opinion enough directed to be able to state my thoughts to Lt. J. Germain, He may rest assured that it shall be upmost in my thoughts and that I will ^{not} allow any unnecessary delay to arise in the determination of a point which must precede the other necessary steps for conducting the War in that part of the Globe.
I am glad the Meeting was conducted yesterday to the satisfaction of the persons present.

[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting on aged paper]