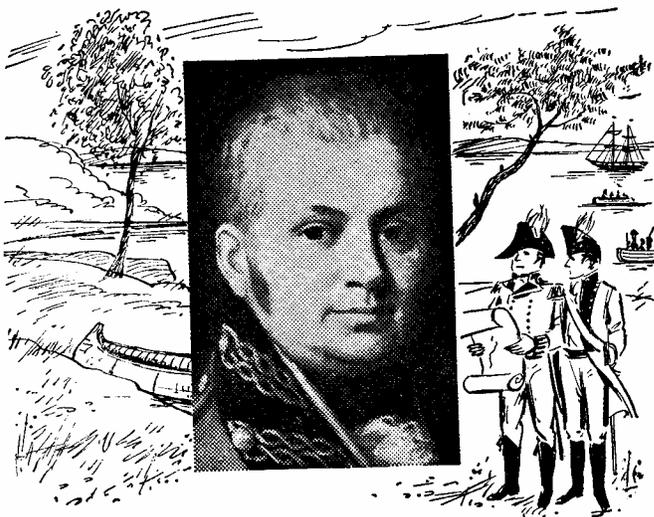
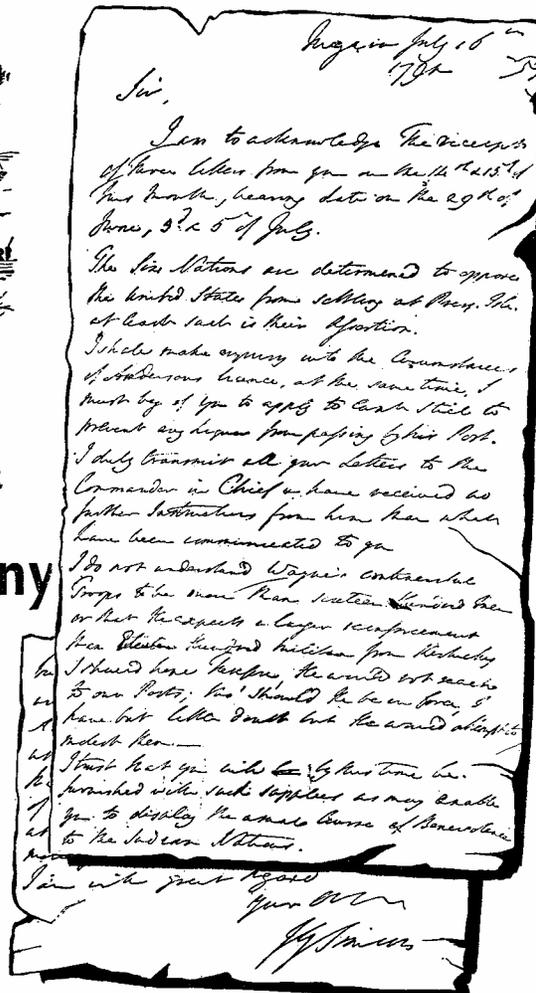


FAMOUS LETTERS IN CANADIAN HISTORY



## Simcoe Eyes Mad Anthony

Mad Anthony Wayne was on the march. And from his fortress at Niagara, Governor John Graves Simcoe kept close watch on the movement of this seasoned United States general and his troops toward the Indian frontier in Ohio. Governor Simcoe had served with the British in the Revolutionary War and had reason to worry about the movement of the Americans. They had been repulsed from attempts to invade Canada shortly before Simcoe was named first Lieutenant Governor of the newly-created province of Upper Canada. He called the first legislative assembly into session at Kingston; planned to build his capital at Niagara but was induced to select a site between the two and built Fort York which became the foundation of Toronto. He served close to five years and did much to encourage the settlement of the new province.



### TEXT OF SIMCOE'S LETTER

Niagara, July 16th, 1794.

Sir:

I am to acknowledge the receipts of seven letters from you on the 14th and 15th of this month bearing the dates of the 29th of June and the 3rd and 5th of July.

The Six Nations are determined to oppose the United States from settling at Presqu'île, at least such is their assertion. I shall make inquiry unto the circumstances of Aldersons licence and at the same time I must beg you to apply to Capt. Still to prevent any liquor from passing by his port.

I duly transmit all your letters to the commander in chief and have received no further instructions from him than what has been communicated to you.

I do not understand Wayne's continental troops to be more than sixteen hundred men or that he expects a larger reinforcement than eighteen hundred militia from Kentucky.

I should hope therefore he would not reach our ports tho' should he be in force I have but little doubt but he would attempt to molest them.

I trust that you will by this time be furnished with such supplies as may enable you to display the usual course of benevolence to the Indian nations . . .

I am with great regards,  
J. G. SIMCOE.