

Quebec June 24th 1790

Dear Sir

I should have answered yours before but wished first to get all the information I could upon the subject, the result of my enquiries seems to induce me to wait a little longer, at least not to sell for less than three, and I shall loose enough at that, but I must dispose of as much as will raise £100. at the present price that sum I must have and I hope you will be able to let me draw for it at 20 days sight which will answer, there can be no doubt of its taking as no one can be sold here under 3/6, Col. Winslow arrived here yesterday express from Halifax, and brings an account of a Spanish war, the Spanish had taken two of our ships, and refused to release them, we had put 37 ships of the line into Commission the command of the Brunswicks was given to Prince William Henry. there was

one of the hottest prizes ever known 2000 men being
taken in one night on the Shamrock, a number of
regiments were sent to the west Indies, and
several more raising, it is said the fleet from
Halifax with the Artillery Transports are in
the river, But the report is not to be depended
upon, Lord Dorchester's dispatches it is said are
as late as the 6th may and contain his majesty's
message to Both houses of parliament upon
the above business, which I suppose we shall
have in a day or two

I am with great regard
Your Most Obed^t Serv^t

John Arotill

Mr Painter has agreed to
wait for his money, upon my
allowing him interest ~~per~~
I have not yet got letters from my
Agent, which almost sets me mad