
Two Letters of Aron Hart of Three Rivers, 1775 And 1776

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John Neilson, of Quebec, editor of the *Quebec Gazette*, reading as follows:

THREE RIVERS, 18th September, 1843.

My dear Sir:

It is with deep regret that I have to communicate to you the sad intelligence of the death of my Father, Ezekiel Hart, Esquire, seignior of Blaconcourt, aged seventy-three, who departed his life on Saturday last [16th]. I take the liberty of mentioning this to you, as I believe you are one of my Father's dearest friends, and I may judge from the many times he has mentioned your name as of his earliest acquaintances in Canada.

You can hardly fail to remember the prominent part he took in the affairs of the Province in the years 1808-9 which led to his expulsion from the Provincial Legislature, Sir James H. Craig, then Governor, refusing to sign a new Writ for the election of another member for this town and giving as one of the reasons for the dissolution of Parliament at that period, "that the members of the Assembly had attempted to disenfranchise not the least respected portion of His Majesty's subjects in this Province."

My father in 1808 was elected against his wish and by the almost unanimous suffrages of the electors of Three Rivers, who insisted, the day previous, that he should be present there, notwithstanding that there were three or four candidates at that election and this alone by the Catholic community. On the dissolution of Parliament he was again returned in 1809 notwithstanding his previous expulsion.

I can assure you that the esteem in which he was then held by the inhabitants of Three Rivers, he has carried with him to the grave, and that there is not a person in the community who cannot but bear witness to the high and honorable character, that he has ever maintained.

He was one of the surviving children of the late Aron Hart who came to this country with General Haldimand, immediately after the conquest in the year 1775. He was through out life an ardent admirer of the principles on which your paper has been conducted, and I think you will find him on your list, to be the oldest or if not one of the oldest subscribers in Canada.

You will please excuse the hurried manner in which I have put these facts to paper. Indeed from the deep affliction in which his surviving family of seven are placed, you can hardly expect that my feelings will allow me to pay a more lengthy tribute to his memory.

I remain, my dear Sir,
with greatest Esteem,
yours very faithfully,

ARON EZEKIEL HART.

To the Hon. John Neilson, Quebec.

Neilson's answer I could not find.

JULIUS J. PRICE.

TWO LETTERS OF ARON HART OF THREE RIVERS, 1775 AND 1776.*

THREE RIVERS 27th Dec^r. 1775

Col^l Livingston
Dr. Sir.

I hope you Got down Safe in good health hear with you have the Acc^t of the Goods I delivverd on acc^t of your Reg^t Amt^s to £121.14.10 Lawfull

*From British Museum Additional MSS. 21731, fols. 250 and 253.

Some of your Capt^s Calld on me for some necessarys as i had no order
 frome you i did not Give them any

I Shall be Glade to hear frome you and Am

Sir

your Most Hum^l. Ser

AARON HART

Charge of Mending your Guns

Boleal £150.15. 0

Sulard 174.15.

Bullwin 20. 2.

845.12 franch Livers

your Cap^t Cap^t Gave them Each an Order for the Payment

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THREE RIVERS 4th Jan^y 1776

D^r. Sir

I was favourd with yours P^r Cap^t Melker am Glad to find you arrived
 in good health Before Quebec and Hope ere this Comes to hand you are in
 Safe Quarters within Side the walls

Should it Be as i Surmise i will take the liberty to Mention a tryfling
 Circumstance there is Eleven Packages of mine in the hands of Edword
 Harrison My Property which he Stored for me untill an oppertunity offers
 of Conveying them to me as i had accasion to write to the Gen^l relative
 to some Stores i just Mentioned it to him and Hope Should it be in your
 Power to Serve me with regard to the Security of my Goods so that i shall
 not Be a Sufferer you will much obldge me

I wish you a happy new year and i Am Sir

your Most obed^t Ser

AARON HART

Marke of my Goods

A/H frome N^o 1 to 11

To

Col^l James Livingston

Before

Quebec

P^r favour of

M^r. N Bayard

SAMUEL OPPENHEIM.

BISMARCK AND BEACONSFIELD IN THEIR RELATIONS TO THE JEWS.

In "Jewish Disabilities in the Balkan States,"* a number
 of authorities bearing on Bismarck's relations to the Jews were
 cited. These may be profitably augmented by a reference to
 Lucien Wolf's interesting and comprehensive paper written im-
 mediately after Bismarck's death, and published in *The Jewish*
Chronicle, August 5, 1898, also to a paper by Dr. Adolph Kohut,
Neue Bismarck Erinnerungen, which appeared in the *Allgemeine*

* *Publications, supra*, No. 24, p. 56.