
Volumes I—VIII of The Papers of Sir William Johnson, appeared 1921—1933. Meanwhile additional items came to light and it was necessary to start "a second series," involving, ultimately, six additional volumes. Volume IX (1939), X (1951), XI (1953), XII (1957) with two additional volumes projected.

In each volume the Preface has great value. For the nature and content of Volume XII, the Preface by Albert B. Corey, Director, Division of Archives and History and State Historian, is an adequate introduction to the documents published therein. One sentence says, "The documents . . . are drawn from such large collections as the Indian Records in the Canadian Archives at Ottawa; the Gage Papers in the William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan; the Banyar Papers and others in the New York Historical Society; and Gratz and Cadwalader Collections of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania." While additional documents are secured from a score or more of other depositories with a considerable number from individual possessors and many from old imprints, most of the material is from the four great sources mentioned in this sentence.

Another sentence of the Preface says, "Readers and students of Sir William will find here documents of much interest as well as those which may throw new light on well-known events," an understatement none too happily expressed. The range, topical and geographical, of these documents is surpassed only in the papers of such figures as Amherst and Gage. The full value of this and the other volumes will not be realized until the appearance of the final volume, the projected index of the entire set. An important revelation will be the amount of data bearing on western Pennsylvania.

It is assumed by this reviewer, that the greatest credit for this volume should go to Dr. Milton W. Hamilton, Senior Historian. Work on documents not badly mutilated must have been a great relief to him.

As in the case of earlier volumes the long expense accounts, while highly valuable, are of interest mainly to economists. A few
regional maps, especially of land claims, might have been added. While there may be errors in transcript and printing they are not clearly apparent. The numerous and valuable footnotes suffer from brevity, probably a result of costs rather than of lack of data.

Volume XII is an indispensable addition to the eleven volumes earlier published. Covering the years 1766-1774, it supplements material in Volumes V-VIII.

Specialists in this period of American history and general readers of many types are further in debt to the State of New York and more particularly to all those concerned with the compilation, editing and publication of this volume.

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