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1802 Letter from A. Sutherland to Lt.-Gov. Wentworth reporting on the  
2 Jan very necessitous state of three families of Indians near Sheet Harbour,  
Halifax who are likely to die of cold and starvation unless some relief is given  
them.

*Below.* Recommendation by the Lt.-Governor that some relief be  
given them. Vol. 430 doc. 105.

4 Jan Receipted account of Jonathan and I. Tremain for blankets supplied  
Halifax to the Indians. Vol. 430 doc. 102.

4 Jan Jonas Balcom's receipt for articles which he is to deliver at Sheet  
Halifax Harbour, for the relief of the Indians, to Peter McCondachie.

Vol. 430 doc. 106.

5 Jan Copy of letter from Lt.-Governor Wentworth to John Haimes, Comp-  
Halifax troller for the port of Shelburne, granting him three months leave of  
absence. Vol. 53 p. 311.

5 Jan Letter from Wentworth to Haimes, explaining why his leave of absence  
Halifax was delayed, and discussing the probability of Haimes being prevented  
from succeeding Mr. Newton in the office of Collector at Halifax, by the  
latter's recovery. He hopes Haimes will find a few "pleasing" families  
to shorten the winter in Shelburne. He thanks him for his communication  
regarding the Lt.-Governor's proposed successor in Nova Scotia, and  
says that according to the latest word he has been expected for some time  
at St. Vincent's to succeed to the government there. The weather has  
been mild. He sends his best wishes to his old friend General Cuyler  
and conveys the season's greetings from his household to that of Haimes.

(Copy). Vol. 53 pp. 312, 313.

5 Jan Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). Dr. Croke,  
Halifax Judge of the Court of Vice-admiralty, has been duly qualified and entered  
upon the duties of his office and is desirous to have his rank and pre-  
cedence established, for which Wentworth asks instructions.

(Copy). Vol. 53 pp. 313, 314.

6 Jan Copy of despatch from the Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to the Secre-  
Halifax tary of State (Hobart), transmitting list of acts passed in the recent  
legislative session, with explanations and comments on them and on the  
general state of the province. Eighteen acts. No. 4 gives more adequate  
provision for the apprehending and punishing of deserters from the army  
and navy. No. 5, for repairing the streets of Halifax, was made necessary  
by "the continued increase of the Inhabitants, Buildings and Businesses  
in the Metropolis". No. 6, for the better management and relief of the  
poor, has been needed for some time. Numbers 7 to 18 are temporary  
Acts. No. 14, for the security of navigation, has been passed with a  
suspending clause until the King's pleasure be known. Comments on  
sums included in the appropriation bill. The large road grants and the  
special settlers' grant encourage emigrants to come to Nova Scotia and  
help in opening up the province. The settlers' grant "has enabled the  
Commissioners to afford relief and comfort to the late Emigration from  
Scotland to the Eastern district of this Province. Those people are  
happily restored to health, and now carefully settled and profitably



employed throughout the Country". Two hundred pounds have been granted to encourage the cultivation of hemp, part of which has been appropriated in purchasing hemp seed from Russia which is to be distributed throughout the province. "The measure of preparing a public Bank in Nova Scotia was under consideration of the Legislature; and upwards of Fifty thousand pounds subscribed, in expectation that the general and important advantages of retaining specie in the Province (more especially, at a time when the demands for silver in the United States daily increased with their traffic to the East Indies) would have met the wishes of the House of Assembly—however, many, particularly from interior parts of the Country, probably unacquainted with the aid and support that such an Institution would afford to commerce and industry—and not aware of the general distress and discouragement to be apprehended from a deficiency of circulating Specie—wished for time to deliberate and to procure information on the subject, by deferring the consideration to another session. Those who were satisfied in their own experience, being opposed to the delay some animated debate in the lower House ensued, which terminated in a hasty resolve of Instructions to the Agent . . . to interpose in case the Establishment of a Bank should be solicited without the concurrence of the Legislature." In the event of the subject coming up again he will assent to it, providing the bill be passed with a suspending clause. "General prosperity, universal good Health; an active spirit to promote the public Weal, the most decided and perfect Loyalty; with the utmost Harmony and good Order, in private life, as well as public Stations, prevail throughout the Province." (Copy). Vol. 53 pp. 314-330.

1802

16 Jan  
Sheet  
Harbour  
5 Feb  
Halifax

Distribution list of sundry articles to certain Indian families. Signed. Vol. 430 doc. 107.

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart), announcing two more vacancies in the Council, caused by the deaths of Charles Morris and Henry Newton in the preceding month. He recommends, to fill these and future vacancies, Dr. Croke, Judge of Court of Vice-Admiralty, G. H. Monk, Justice of Supreme Court, Charles Morris, son of the deceased, and Edward B. Brenton, Deputy Judge Advocate General. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 330.

5 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to Evan Nepean, Sec'y to the Commissioners of the Admiralty, informing him of the death of Charles Morris, Register of the Court of Vice-admiralty for Nova Scotia. He has appointed his son, who has acted as his father's deputy, to the office for the time being, and recommends that the appointment be confirmed.

(Copy). Vol. 53 p. 331.

5 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He announces the death of Henry Newton, Collector of Customs, on the 29th January, 1802. He has appointed, *ad interim*, George Thesiger to that office and also to that of Receiver of dues for Greenwich Hospital. Having secured a responsible and capable deputy, Thesiger has gone to England on three months' leave. He recommends confirmation of the appointment. Eulogy of Thesiger. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 332.

6 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor to Sec'y of State. (Wentworth to Hobart). He announces the death of Charles Morris, Surveyor-Gen'l of Lands and Register of the Vice-Admiralty Court, on the 26th January, and of Henry Newton, Collector of Customs for Halifax and Receiver of dues for Greenwich Hospital, on the 29th January last. He has appointed *ad interim* Charles Morris to succeed his father, and George Thesiger to succeed Mr. Newton, and recommends that the appointments be confirmed. He gives a long testimonial of the capabilities of the two appoint-



- ees, especially of Thesiger, who is on leave and carries his letters to England. (Copy). Vol. 53 pp. 333-335.
- 1802 Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to the Master General of Greenwich Hospital,  
6 Feb announcing the death of the Receiver of dues for Greenwich Hospital,  
Halifax Henry Newton. He has appointed George Thesiger to the office temporarily; he solicits the confirmation of the appointment, vouchsafing the ability, fidelity and loyalty of Thesiger. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 335, 6.
- 8 Feb Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs.  
Halifax He announces the death of the Collector at Halifax, Henry Newton, on the 29th of January, and states that he has appointed George Thesiger to the office for the time being. Being convinced as to the abilities etc. of Thesiger, he recommends that the appointment be confirmed. (Copy). Vol. 53 p. 337.
- 17 Feb List of sums expended by various persons for the Indians, between  
Halifax 1 April 1801 and 17 Feb. 1802. Unsigned. Vol. 430 doc. 100.
- 20 Feb Bill and receipt of Hartshorne and Boggs for shot and powder supplied  
Halifax to the Indians. Vol. 430 doc. 99.
- 22 Feb Receipted account of Wm. Smith for supplies to the Indians for 1801  
Halifax and 1802. Vol. 430 doc. 103.
- 23 Feb Statement of inhabitants of Douglas, offering money or statute labour  
Douglas to the value thereof, to assist in opening a road from the ferry at the mouth of the Shubenacadie River to the Halifax road. The money will be paid to the person appointed by the legislature to open the road, or the work will be performed on or before the first day of August ensuing. Signed with 26 names. (Copy). Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 25 Feb Report of Edward Brinley, commissioner for making and repairing  
Shelburne the road from Shelburne to the boundaries of Queen's County. The contractor, John Martin, has done the work well, but the grant of £150 was insufficient to complete the road. It therefore reaches only to Sable River, and the commissioner suggests that a further grant of £150 be made. (Holograph).
- On the back* is a recommendation of the committee of the House that £100 be granted for the road.  
(See resolution of House, 11th March.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 27 Feb Reply of the Lt.-Governor to the Council's answer to his address on  
Halifax opening the session. (Holograph). (Dated wrongly, 26 Feb.) Vol. 287 no. 116.
- 27 Feb Estimate of Govt. from 1802 to 1803. Vol. 303, no. 24.
- Halifax
- (27 Feb) Petition from Charles Baker and other inhabitants of Franklin Manor  
Franklin and the Elysian Fields, stating their need of a road from Barronsfield  
Manor to the Boar's Back, and asking for a grant of £100 to help them make the road. Signed with 23 names and, by proxy, 40 families of Minudie. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 27 Feb Draft of the address of the House of Assembly in answer to the speech  
Halifax of His Excellency on opening the session. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 27 Feb Reply of Governor Wentworth to the House of Assembly's address.  
Halifax (Holograph). (Dated wrongly 26 Feb.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (1 Mar rec'd) Report of Edward Brinley and Jacob Van Buskirk, commissioners  
25 Feb for making and repairing the road and bridges from Shelburne to Yar-  
Shelburne mouth. The 1800 grant of £450 has been usefully expended, "so that a person may travel the whole way on Horseback with comfort and ease", but they apply for £250 or £200 more to "make the Road and Bridges really good and permanent". Signed.
- On the back*, recommendation of the committee of the House that they grant £100 for this service. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.



- 1802  
(1 Mar  
rec'd)  
25 Feb  
Shel-  
burne  
1 Mar  
Halifax
- Report of Edward Brinley, Health Officer for the district of Shelburne, stating that, while the yellow fever was said to be in New York, he inspected five vessels, and submitting to the consideration of the House whether he merits reward for such services. (Holograph). Dismissed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- Petition of Edmund Burke, Vicar-Gen'l of Quebec Diocese, to the Assembly, asking permission to found school for Roman Catholic children. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 33.
- (2 Mar  
rec'd)  
29 Feb  
Digby
- Petition from James Craig, Jeremiah Smith and Thos. McDormand, to the Assembly, stating the necessity that has existed, realized by the inhabitants of the district around Digby and Annapolis since 1790, of a bridge over Hollingshead Creek; that they have built the bridge, expending the £47 voted for it by the County Sessions and the £13 raised by private subscription, and that they are still out of pocket £78. 6. 8. Since the bridge is of great utility, they petition the Assembly for relief and such reward as they deem proper. Signed. (See resolution of the House, 11 March.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 2 Mar  
Halifax
- Message from Wentworth to Assembly, communicating letter from Lt.-Gen'l Bowyer. (Holograph). Vol. 303, no. 26.
- (2 Mar)  
1 Mar  
Halifax  
2 Mar  
Halifax
- Enclosure.*  
Letter from Lt.-Gen'l Bowyer to Wentworth asking for a grant of land for military purposes. (Holograph). Vol. 303, no. 28.
- Schedule of articles sent in October 1801 to set up the establishment on Sable Island, and other articles sent subsequently. Compiled by the commissioners. Signed. Vol. 424 doc. 18.
- 2 Mar  
Halifax
- Petition from Daniel Welch, of Onslow, to the Lt.-Governor and Council, stating that the land which his father cleared and cultivated, and the buildings which he erected thereon, with the understanding that he should later receive a grant of the land, were seized by a loyalist two years after his father's death while the petitioner was absent at sea. The estate which his father left was then reckoned to be worth £350, and now would be much more valuable. The petitioner asks redress. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 2 Mar  
Halifax
- Draft of report of committee of the House on publishing the acts of the province at large. (See Assembly Journal, 1802, pp. 8, 9.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (3 Mar  
rec'd)  
12 Feb  
Stew-  
jacke
- Petition of Hugh Graham and other inhabitants of Upper and Middle Stewiacke to the legislature. The grant of £100 which the legislature made for the road connecting the settlements with the main Halifax-Truro road has been expended carefully. The need of another grant to complete the road is great, due to the poverty of the inhabitants and the fact that they are about to be amerced for another road (between Stewiacke and Truro). Signed with 64 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (3 Mar  
rec'd)  
2 Mar  
Halifax
- Petition of John F. Gschwind to the Assembly, asking that his petition of the previous year, praying remuneration for the expenses he incurred and his services as Health Officer for the port of Halifax in preventing the introduction of contagious diseases from the United States in 1801. Signed. *On the back* "£54 granted". (See resolution of 6th March.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 3 Mar  
Halifax
- Petition of W. Woodin for John Woodin to the legislature asking for the return of £35. 3. 9. paid in duties on coffee shipped by him from Halifax to Liverpool, which duties had become due before certificates could be had of its being landed at Liverpool. (See certificate of 8th March, and resolution of 10th March.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 3 Mar  
Halifax
- Petition of Sherman Denison and other inhabitants living near Grand Pre and the eastern part of Horton, stating the need that exists for a



bridge over the Gaspereau River, and for a road avoiding the "mountains" between Horton and Falmouth on the road to Halifax. They have had the place for making a bridge examined, and find that it will cost £500, of which they have subscribed £330. They have also had a road surveyed, and pray the aid of the Assembly towards completing both, "especially as your Petitioners' part of the Country within Five Miles distance consists of about Five thousand Acres of Marsh of the first Quality about one half of which is Diked and under high improvement and Are about to Dike in 1000 Acres more the Ensuing Season—which being contiguous to an Excellent Soil of upland that it may probably be so improved as to produce as much Sustenance for Man and Beast as any other part of the Universe within the same limits,..."

*Annexed.* 1. Subscription of 64 inhabitants, contributing £330 towards building the bridge and road mentioned in the petition. Copy.

2. Nicholas Mosher to Sherman Denison, offering to build the bridge according to specifications for £400.

*Overleaf.* Estimate of the hewn timber necessary for the bridge, which, if it is nearby, will cost about £100.

See resolution of the House, 13th March, rejected by the Council, and that of 7th April, granting £150, passed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(1802  
5 Mar  
rec'd)  
1801  
26 Jun  
Wilmot

Petition of William Bent and other inhabitants of Wilmot to the Assembly asking for aid in building a bridge near the head of the tide over the Annapolis River. "at present there is no other way of Crossing the river than ferrys which are sometimes dangerous and at other times not possible at all. it is the Opinion of most people of gudence that have examd (sic) the place that three Hundred Pounds will be a sum sufficient for that purpose." Petitioners offer to raise £100 if the legislature will provide the rest. Signed with 11 names.

*On the back,* report of the committee, recommending that a committee be appointed to examine and report on the most suitable spot at which to erect the bridge. (See resolution of 11th March.)

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(5 Mar  
rec'd)  
5 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Joseph McClellan and other inhabitants of Londonderry, stating that, on executing a writ of partition in the township, it was found that the first survey had included more land on the west boundary of the township than the grant. The lack of a clear title to this land causes and will continue to cause uneasiness among the present settlers on it. The petitioners ask some relief, preferably other than that of subjecting them to the expense of taking out a new grant. Signed with 60 names.

*On the back,* minute of the Assembly's action in appointing a committee to bring in a bill for enabling the inhabitants to assess themselves for a new grant.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(5 Mar  
rec'd)  
4 Mar  
Halifax

Petition of Forsyth, Smith and Company to the House, asking for the return of duties paid, because of delay for which they were not responsible, on freight shipped by them to Grenada.

*Overleaf.* Certificate that duty of £79. 18. 3. was due and paid on the cargo shipped by the petitioners. Signed.

*On the back,* minute that prayer was granted. (See resolution of House of 10th March).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(5 Mar  
rec'd)  
4 Mar  
Halifax

Petition of James Kidston, praying that the duty he paid on certain European imports may be remitted, since the duty was removed by law only two or three days after the arrival of the goods in question. Signed.

*On the back:* "dismissed 6th March". Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(5 Mar  
rec'd)

Petition of Robt. Lyon, Rufus Taylor and John Peebles to the Assembly, asking remission of duties paid on rum bought with Newfound-

4 Mar  
Halifax land fish and brought into the province from St. Vincent, on the grounds that, having bought the fish with goods from Nova Scotia, the rum was really purchased with N. S. produce. Signed.

*Overleaf.* Certificate of the officers of Impost and Excise that the petitioners paid the duties mentioned.

*Enclosed.* Certificate of clearance of the ship in question for Newfoundland with a cargo of molasses, bread etc.

*On the back,* minute of the House that the petition was dismissed on the 10th March. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

1802  
(5 Mar  
rec'd)  
4 Mar  
Halifax 1. Report of the Committee appointed to consider the state of the revenue of the province. They recommend that no alteration be made in the present system, but that some amendment "may be necessary with regard to drawbacks and better enforcing and securing the collection of the duties in the interior". Signed.

2. Resolution of the House to consider the report on the following Monday. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(5 Mar  
rec'd)  
4 Mar  
Halifax Petition of Michael Wallace to the Assembly, asking for the return of duties paid by him on fish shipped to Grenada. (Holograph).

*Overleaf.* Certificate of the impost and excise collectors that the petitioner's cargo was liable to the duties amounting to £54. 5. 4. paid, because the time allowed for the exemption of West Indian imports had elapsed. (See resolution of 10th March). Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(5 Mar  
rec'd)  
Rawdon Petition of Thomas Britton, of Rawdon, to the Assembly, stating that he contracted unwisely to do road work, so that he is at a loss of £7 on his five contracts, and praying for relief. Signed.

*Overleaf.* Certificate of the road commissioner for that district to the truth of Britton's statement.

*On the back,* a pencilled minute of the House's motion and division, resulting in the dismissal of the petition. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

5 Mar  
Halifax Petition of Edmund Burke, Vicar-General of Roman Catholic diocese, to the Council, asking them to make possible the founding a school by incorporating the Bishop of Quebec and his assistants so that they may receive donations for such a school. Signed. (Similar Vol. 303 no. 33.)

Vol. 287 no. 115.

5 Mar  
Halifax Memorial of Charles Cody and William Shanaghan to the Assembly, offering their services in opening and improving the road between Big Salmon River and Preston, and enclosing the offer which they made to the commissioner for the road, who has not attempted to apply the Assembly's grant of £300 for that road. Signed.

*Enclosure.* Copy of offer which the petitioners made to the commissioner of roads, Theophilis Chamberlain, giving details of the road they are willing to make for £280.

*On the back:* the Committee report that the subject matter of the petition is beyond their cognizance. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(6 Mar  
rec'd)  
5 Mar  
Halifax Petition of the merchants of Halifax to the Assembly on the management of the trade and commerce of the province. They point out (1) that transient traders pay no more duty on imports than inhabitants, and (2) that "from the United States and elsewhere, large quantities of East and West India Goods and other foreign merchandize are daily imported, and circulated through every part of the province, without paying any Duties; to the injury of the Revenue, and to the great discouragement of every fair Trader." Petitioners ask that the Assembly "adopt measures for laying a duty on all goods imported by transient Adventurers" and suggest "the necessity of providing two armed Vessels to cruize upon the coasts and to search in the out harbours of the province for illicit Traders." Signed with 51 names. (See Assembly Jour-



nals, 1802, p. 19, for action on the petition; also two bills brought in, 11th Mar., one finally passed as 42 Geo. 3rd, cap. xvii).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

1802  
(6 Mar  
rec'd)  
5 Mar  
Halifax  
Petition of Rowland Ames and Samuel Morine to the Assembly, asking that, in view of their impoverished condition and the special circumstances of their case, the House direct that the suit against them upon certain bonds be discontinued . . . and other relief. Signed. (See Assembly Journals, 1802, p. 17 for action).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

6 Mar  
Halifax  
Treasurer's accounts from 31st March to 31st December, 1801. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

6 Mar  
Halifax  
Report of the joint committee on public accounts. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(8 Mar  
rec'd)  
25 Feb  
Horton  
Petition of James Duncanson of Horton, to the Assembly, praying £25 compensation for the damage done his property by the new road leading to the Avon bridge. Signed.

*On the back:* petition dismissed 10th March. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(8 Mar  
rec'd)  
26 Feb  
Falmouth  
Petition of Jacob Bacon and other inhabitants of Falmouth and Horton to the Assembly. They have long felt the need of better communication between Falmouth and Horton and Halifax. They have subscribed £101 and made a contract for a bridge over Halfway River, and solicit the aid of the Assembly both in finishing the bridge, at a cost of £120, and the road. Signed.

*Annexed.* Copy of list of subscribers and the amounts promised for the bridge.

*On the back:* minute that the petition was considered in committee.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(8 Mar  
rec'd)  
26 Feb  
Halifax  
Petition of Joseph Sibley, of Cornwallis, to the Assembly, enclosing his account as contractor for the road from Evans' Bridge to Bishop's Bridge, and giving details of his work in straightening part of one road and building the other, which cost him more time and expense than he contracted for.

*Annexed.* Itemized account of monies distributed by Sibley for carrying on the road mentioned.

*On the back:* minute of the House that the consideration of the petition was deferred, and then dismissed. (See report of committee, 22nd March, 7th April).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(8 Mar  
rec'd)  
Annapolis  
Petition of Elias Wheelock, surveyor, to the legislature, presented by Mr. Wilkins. By the account which the petitioner has rendered Mr. Wollenhaupt, it will be seen that he has explored the "Wilderness between the Easternmost part of Annapolis Township and Lunenburg with a view of Marking a road in the most eligible Place . . . at the expence of twenty three Pounds four Shillings and Sixpence." He asks that that sum be paid him. Unsigned. (See resolution of House of 10th March.) *On the back,* minute: "granted £23. 4. 6."

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(8 Mar  
rec'd)  
Halifax  
Petition of Tremain and Boggs, brewers, to the Assembly, praying that the House declare the hops they import in the carrying on of their brewery exempt from duties, as was done the previous year. Unsigned.

*On the back:* petition dismissed, 10th March.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(8 Mar  
rec'd)  
Halifax  
Account of the Sheriff of Halifax for the maintenance of Gad Saunders, a criminal, and his family, presented to the Assembly by Mr. Wilkins. *On the back:* minute that committee recommend the account to be allowed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(8 Mar  
rec'd)  
Halifax  
Petition of Edmund Ryan to the Assembly, stating that, upon receiving the encouragement of Mr. Fairbanks, road commissioner, and

the Lt.-Governor, he has constructed a much needed bridge over some swampy ground in the new road near Mr. Uniacke's house, at an expense of £23., and praying for remuneration. Signed.

*Overleaf.* 1. Certificate of Mr. Fairbanks to the truth of the petition and the goodness of the work.

2. Recommendation of the Lt.-Governor that the petitioner's prayer be granted.

3. Report of the committee recommending that the £23 be granted. (See resolution of House, 11th March.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

1802  
8 Mar  
Halifax Copy of petition of Adam Diel and other settlers on the Dutch Village road, stating the difficulties they labour under through the bad state of the road to Halifax, and asking assistance towards repairing it. 8 names attached. (See resolution of 11th March.)

*On the back:* report of Committee recommending that £10 be granted in answer to the petition, and minute that it was.

(8 Mar  
rec'd)  
1801  
12 Jun  
Newport Petition of Thomas Baker to the Assembly, stating that "the New Road Lately laid out to Avoid the Ardoise Hill runs through the Said Farm (his newly acquired farm) lengthways which is Nearly one Mile, and leaves about one Third part of said Farm on the West Side. . . which Renders that Part totally useless to your Petitioner; as he will have to make and Support two Fences" . . . The petitioner prays for redress for the damage done to his land. (See resolution of 26th March). (This petition was presented in 1801, see resolution of 8th March, 1802.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

8 Mar  
Amherst Letter from Charles Baker and John Stuart to Messrs, Oxley, Roach, and Dixon, informing them that, since they left Amherst, the bridge over the Nappan River has been carried away by ice. The repairing of the bridge will cost a great deal, and the writers hope that the members will be able to procure some help from the House towards it. Signed.

8 Mar  
Halifax Petition of David Rudolph to the Assembly, asking for the remission of duties paid on rum from Grenada. The rum was bought with lumber received at St. Andrew's in payment for freight he carried in his vessel from Grenada to Halifax. He therefore hopes the rum will be exempt from duty. Signed. Dismissed, 10th March. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

8 Mar  
Halifax Notes on completing various contracts. Vol. 303, no. 25 doc. 1.

10 Mar  
Halifax Draft of report of the committee of the House on contagious distempers. They find "a Fever has, for some time past, prevailed in Cumberland & in Kings County, during which period it has been fatal to several of the Inhabitants and that the same Fever still prevails in those places." Though unable to obtain detailed information, the committee think that, "as it is in a degree infectious, suitable measures should be immediately adopted—either as directed by Laws of the province. . . — or by providing at the expense of the public, Pesthouses, Nurses, & other attendance, under proper regulations, to prevent its spreading. And that means should be provided to. . . employ a Physician. . . to proceed to Horton and Cornwallis. . . to investigate and make report. . . upon the nature of the Distemper. . . ." Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(11 Mar  
rec'd)  
9 Mar  
Rawdon Petition of Joshua Sandford and other inhabitants of Newport, stating their need of a road from the bridge over Kennetcook River towards Halifax. They have explored and marked out a road, but lack the resources to complete it, and pray the Assembly for assistance in the project. Signed with 36 names.

*Overleaf:* £200 granted.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.



- 1802  
11 Mar  
Halifax Resolution of the House, granting £200 for erecting a bridge over the Annapolis River, "provided the Inhabitants in that District shall previously raise by private Subscription and pay into the hands of the Commissioner who may be appointed to superintend the said Work the further Sum of One Hundred pounds." Agreed to by the Council. (See petition of William Bent and others of 5th March.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 12 Mar  
rec'd)  
1801  
9 Jun  
Lunen-  
burg Petition of John Bolman, surgeon, to the Assembly, enclosing his account for medical attendance, medicines, etc., and praying that it be settled. (Holograph).
- Overleaf.* 1. Account for attendance on five prisoners of war, for medicine, linen, washing etc. amounting to £45. 5. 0.  
2. Certificate of John Creighton, Colonel of Militia that Dr. Bolman attended the prisoners.  
3. Certificate of Col. Creighton that Dr. Bolman declared on oath that he had not received payment for any part of the account rendered.  
Referred to committee, who recommended that £20 be allowed in full for the account, the charges being, in their opinion, too high.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (12 Mar  
rec'd)  
16 Feb  
Shub-  
enacadie Petition of James Douglas and other inhabitants of the County of Hants living near the Shubenacadie River, pointing out the importance of a road leading from the ferry to communicate with the main road between Colchester district and Halifax. They have surveyed the tract and present a plan for such a road, which, considering the rapidly increasing population of the district, they think will be of sufficient importance to warrant some assistance from the legislature. Signed with 43 names.  
*Overleaf:* £250 granted. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 12 Mar  
Halifax Draft of report of committee to devise means for retaining in this country the horses imported by the Duke of Kent. Two resolutions of the Assembly. Vol. 303, no. 21.
- (13 Mar)  
Clare Copy of subscription of the inhabitants of Clare and part of Digby. The subscribers, 72 in number, promised both labour and oxen, and £3. 10. 0. in cash, towards building a bridge over Sissiboo River. (See resolution of the House, 13th March). Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (13 Mar  
rec'd)  
Went-  
worth Petition of Stephen Tuttle and other inhabitants of Wentworth and Ramshieg, to the legislature, stating their need for a road from their settlements to Colchester. Such a road would facilitate the settling of the land thereabouts, which is good. The petitioners therefore hope for a grant towards cutting and making a road there. Signed with 36 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (13 Mar)  
1801  
17 Nov  
St.  
Mary's  
Bay Subscription of the inhabitants living at the head of St. Mary's Bay and Petit Passage, towards repairing the road between these places, in augmentation of the grant made the previous year by the Assembly. Signed with 57 names. Copy. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (13 Mar  
rec'd)  
Halifax Report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of the Rev. Burke, Mr. Robie Chairman. The committee delivered the petition to the Lt.-Governor, who declined to take any measure towards complying with the prayer of the petition until he had communicated it to the Secretary of State. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (13 Mar  
rec'd)  
Halifax Draft of report of the committee appointed to examine the accounts of the commissioners for building the public markets. They find there should be a balance of £391. 14. 2. instead of £287. 17. 0. found by the commissioners. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

- 1802 Thirty-five resolutions of the House of Assembly granting sums of  
 13 Mar money for road services throughout the province. Rejected by the  
 Halifax Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 13 Mar Twenty-six resolutions of the House of Assembly granting money  
 Halifax for road services throughout the province. Agreed to by the Council.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 14 Mar Letter from Colin Campbell to Mr. Robie, signifying his agreement  
 Halifax with whatever regulations the Assembly make regarding the stationing  
 and payment for service of his horses. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 19.
- (15 Mar Petition of Alexander Archibald, of Pictou, who contracted to build  
 rec'd a bridge over the Middle River for too small an amount. He realized  
 4 Mar his mistake before the bridge was half done, but proceeded to make a  
 Pictou thoroughly workmanlike job of it in the hope that the Assembly would  
 not let him suffer for it. He has lost at least £30 by making the bridge,  
 and prays the House to make him some compensation.
- Overleaf.* Certificate of three Justices of the Peace that Archibald  
 has received too little for making the bridge. Minute of the House  
 that petition was dismissed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (15 Mar Memorandum of sums appropriated for road services in 1801 but  
 rec'd not yet paid, included in Mr. McMonagle's report as chairman of the  
 Halifax committee of the House on the votes for roads of the previous year.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (15 Mar Report of James Fraser, I. Thom and Wm. Sabatier, committee of  
 rec'd the House for inspecting the buildings of the Poor House, to the board of  
 13 Mar commissioners for superintending the management of the poor of Halifax.  
 Halifax Having received three reports from workmen and architects who have  
 examined the buildings, they cannot recommend that any repairs be  
 attempted, but that a new building be built. They submit the three  
 reports they have received, and are ready to furnish further proof if  
 necessary. (Enclosed in petition of Poor House commissioners.)  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 15 Mar Draft of report of committee on horses imported by the Duke of Kent  
 Halifax and owned by Colin Campbell, including list of charges and stations  
 for 1802, 1803 and 1804. Vol. 303, no. 20.
- 15 Mar Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to Lt.-Gen'l Bowyer. He transmits and re-  
 Halifax commends the request of the legislature that something be done to miti-  
 gate the inconveniences to commerce caused by the detention of vessels  
 required by the several forts on the harbour. (Copy). (See Assembly  
 Journal p. 21, for House's action). Vol. 53 p. 338.
- 15 Mar Abstract of expenditures by the commissioners for building new Govt.  
 Halifax House. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 15 and Vol. 287, no. 118.
- 15 Mar Petition of Messrs. Sabatier, Taylor, Hill, Clarke, Lyon, Lawson  
 Halifax and Fraser, "Commissioners for the Superintendence, relief and Manage-  
 ment of the Poor of the Town and Peninsula of Halifax" to the Assembly.  
 They have examined the Poor House buildings and offer the results  
 to the House for its consideration, having no means to provide for the  
 poor in this emergency. Signed.
- Enclosure.* Report of the committee of the House on the Poor House,  
 and the impossibility of repairing it. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 16 Mar Draft of the report of the committee of the House on James Eager's  
 Halifax petition. "Inasmuch as a sum of money has been granted this present  
 Session for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Annapolis River  
 which will lead the publick Road in a different direction from that stated  
 in the Petition", the Committee recommend that the petition be dis-  
 missed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.



- 1802 Letter from Lt.-Gen'l Bowyer to Wentworth in answer to letter re-  
 17 Mar regarding restraint of vessels. (Holograph). Vol. 303, no. 31.  
 Halifax *Enclosures.*
- (1797 *Copies.* 1. Letter from Henry Newton to Capt. Smyth, requesting  
 7-8 Feb) that all vessels not furnished with proper Custom House documents  
 be stopped.  
 2. Same to same, stating that restriction extends to all decked vessels.  
 3. Letter from Hardyman to Lt. Clarke enclosing Newton's first  
 letter. Vol. 303, no. 30.
- (18 Mar) Draft of deed of trust from Colin Campbell to Trustees on behalf  
 Halifax of Assembly, of certain horses for the use of the province. Vol. 303, no. 23.
- (18 Mar Draft of agreement between the committee of the House and Mr.  
 rec'd) Colin Campbell regarding the horses brought into the province by the  
 Halifax Duke of Kent. Ordered on the 15th March. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 13-18 Resolutions of Assembly appropriating £500 to compensate Mr.  
 Mar Campbell. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 22.  
 Halifax
- 19 Mar Resolution of the House granting fifty pounds to anyone keeping a  
 Halifax packet in service between Liverpool and Halifax for a year.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (19 Mar) Draft of address from Assembly to the King, praying that Wentworth  
 Halifax may not be removed from the Lt.-Governorship. (Similar draft in no.  
 32). Vol. 303, no. 27.
- (20 Mar) Draft of report of committee on Bowyer's letter and Wentworth's  
 Halifax message (nos. 26 and 28), stating terms of transferring desired land  
 from the Lt.-Governor to the military. Vol. 303, no. 29.
- 20 Mar Receipt of Henry Watkeys for payment for services to the Com-  
 Halifax missioners for Indian affairs. Vol. 430 doc. 95.
- 20 Mar Draft of report of the committee of the House on the accounts rendered  
 Halifax by the commissioners for building the new Government House. They  
 find the accounts properly stated and correct, except as noted specifically.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 20 Mar Petition of William Allen, carpenter, to the Assembly, stating that  
 Halifax he has raised the frame of the new country Market House on the promise  
 of Michael Wallace that "if he would make and raise the said frame,  
 and state his just expenditures to the Commissioners, he should not be  
 a sufferer by the undertaking." He has made expenditures noted in the  
 account he annexes, of which he has received only £140, and is there-  
 fore subjected to a great loss. He asks for reasonable compensation  
 for his work.
- Overleaf.* Account of monies expended on the frame of the new market  
 house, amounting to £200.
- On the back:* "Dismissed." Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 20 Mar Draft of report of the committee of the House on the proposed road  
 Halifax from Block House Hill to Halifax. They consider the road practicable,  
 but think it will cost more than the £300 proposed. They suggest leading  
 the road through the valley that lies between the two roads now leading  
 to Halifax, and thus shortening the distance. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (22 Mar Draft of report of the committee of the House to examine into the  
 rec'd) expenditure of £1000 voted in 1799 and 1800 to make and repair the  
 Halifax road from Evan's Bridge to Bishop's. They find the smaller contract  
 which the commissioners entered into has been fulfilled; that the larger  
 one for £730, with Joseph Sibley "in our opinion is by no means com-  
 pleted, . . . The Road is not made the width, nor the Stumps and Stones  
 taken out the road and Gutters as mentioned in said Contract." The  
 commissioners would not pass the contract as satisfactory, but since

their refusal, other persons have reported that the contract has been completed.

See petition of Joseph Sibley, rec'd 8th March, for compensation on the contract. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

1802  
22 Mar  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor to Sec'y of State (Hobart), reporting on the legislative session which began on the 25th of February. He encloses his speech, and those of the Council and Assembly at the opening of the session. "Liberal and friendly dispositions" manifested by the two Houses. "It is to be apprehended the revenue will not be so productive for the last and the present year as heretofore, owing to those precautions in mercantile speculations, which prudence suggests, upon the conclusion of a long War, naturally diminishing enterprize from whence revenue arises, into more limited bounds of real calculation." To prevent any more being lost than is absolutely necessary "the mercantile interest have petitioned the Legislature for measures to prevent smuggling, on the Coasts. . . . all exertions to prevent such practices are useful more especially as it is expected a tax or duty of one dollar per Barrel on pickled fish and one dollar per Quintal on dried fish will be laid by the Congress on our produce imported into the States." On these considerations he has "directed Captain Fawson in His Majesty's Armed Brig Earl of Moira to repair to the Gut of Canso, by or before the 5th May next, and from thence along the Coasts of the Gulph of St. Laurence, diligently and carefully to prevent the illicit commercial intercourse represented in the Petition" (of the merchants). He encloses also the petition of Mr. Burke, Roman Catholic Vicar-Gen'l, which concerns the Church of England in the colony. The late winter has been very mild, and there is a good deal of sickness in the province, none of it "virulent or infectious" except the measles. (Copy). (For speeches mentioned see Assembly Journal for 1802, for Mr. Burke's petition see 5 March, 1802). Vol. 53, pp. 338-340.

(23 Mar)  
1 Mar  
Yarmouth

Petition of John Crawley and other inhabitants of Yarmouth and Argyle, stating the great need of a bridge over the river Tusket. A subscription of £100 has been raised towards that purpose, and £50 more might be accumulated that way, but the bridge, due to the breadth of the river and the strength of the tide, will cost at least £350; they therefore pray for a grant of £250. Signed with nine names.

*On the back:* £250 granted.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(23 Mar)  
5 Mar  
Black  
Rock

Petition of Robt. Forbes and other inhabitants of Black Rock to the House, asking for a grant towards repairing the road between Black Rock and Truro. Signed with 11 names. (See resolution, 26th March).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

23 (Mar)  
10 Mar  
Granville

Petition of Moses Shaw and Israel Potter of Granville to the House, declaring their intention of erecting an iron furnace for the manufacture of hollow iron ware, and asking the House to grant suitable premiums. Signed. (See report of committee, 25th March, and resolution of the House, 12th April).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(23 Mar)  
Halifax

Petition of William Graham and James Hamilton to the Assembly, submitting their accounts, and asking the due reward for their services as contractors in repairing the road from Shelburne to Yarmouth.

*Overleaf.* Certificate of Brinley and VanBuskirk, road commissioners, that the work has been done satisfactorily.

Testimonial that the contract has been faithfully carried out. Signed by 10 subscribers who had been over the road.

*Attached.* Account of work done on the road between 22 June and 3 Oct. 1801, with labourer's names, etc.



- Enclosed.* Account of work done in 1800. Affidavit of Graham and Hamilton that accounts submitted are just and true. Certificate of Brinley and VanBuskirk that the money has been expended faithfully by petitioners. (See committee report, 26th March, and resolution, 8th April). Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 1802 Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart), recommending  
23 Mar John Beckwith to fill vacancy in the Council. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 331.  
Halifax
- 23 Mar Draft of report of the committee to examine into the present state  
Halifax of the Poor House, stating that they find the paupers well cared for and the Assembly's grant faithfully expended, and recommending that a further sum be granted. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (24 Mar) 1. Petition of Matthew Richardson (through Jas. Ewing, his attorney)  
23 Mar to the legislature, asking for the return of duties paid by him on 17,311  
Halifax lbs. of tobacco shipped to London.
2. Certificate of the Customs Officers that the duty was due and paid as stated by petitioner.
3. Certificate of imperial Customs Officers that tobacco was landed in London as stated. (See resolution of House, 5th April, granting prayer of petition). Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 24 Mar Message from the Lt.-Governor to the House recommending the  
Halifax report of the commissioners for building a new Government House. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 17.
- 25 Mar Draft of address of Assembly in answer to Lt.-Governor's message  
Halifax re building of new Govt. House. They will investigate the commissioners' expenditure. Vol. 303, no. 18.
- 25 Mar Draft of report of the committee of the House on the petition of Moses  
Halifax Shaw and Israel Potter. They recommend that premiums amounting in all to £400 be paid to the petitioners on the completion of their furnace. (See resolution of the House, 12th April, incorporating above report, rejected by the Council, and petition, rec'd 23 March). Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 25 Mar Message from the Lt.-Governor, recommending provision for Sable  
Halifax Island service. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 12.
- (25 Mar) John Merrick's bill to the Assembly for glazing 1800-1802. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.  
Halifax
- 25 Mar Resolution of the House for granting £300 to Colin Campbell according  
Halifax to agreement. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 26 Mar Twenty-one resolutions of the committee of supply in the House of  
Halifax Assembly, granting sums of money for various services, including printing, roads and bridges, the charter for King's College etc. Passed by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 26 Mar Six resolutions of the House of Assembly, granting money for various  
Halifax services throughout the province. Rejected by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (26 Mar) Account of repairs to the old Government House and the lighthouse,  
Halifax the first amounting to £74. 11. 5., the other to £18. 18. 5. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 27 Mar Two resolutions of the House of Assembly, granting £5000 for the  
Halifax service of roads and bridges in the province for 1802, that sum being inclusive of the sums already voted individually for that service. Rejected by the Council. (See message of the Council, 29 March). Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 29 Mar Report of James Morris, Supt. of the island, to Chas. Morris and the  
Sable I. other commissioners for Sable Island. He describes the conditions they found on arrival and the present state of the island and the possibilities

for the future. He stresses the need for a lighthouse. (Holograph).  
Vol. 424, doc. 10.

1802 Message from the Council to the Assembly, in reply to their resolution  
29 Mar of the 27th, granting £5000 for the service of roads and bridges. The  
Halifax Council think that £5000 is too much, but they will agree to £3500  
providing it is expended as they propose. Unsigned.

30 Mar Minutes of the House recording the motion of Mr. Tonge for a com-  
Halifax mittee to examine the estimate for the new Government House and  
compare it with the account for expenditures.

*Attached.* Estimate of acting commissioner for building the new  
Government House. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

31 Mar Sec'y of State (Hobart) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He transmits  
Halifax Extraordinary Gazette announcing the signing of the definitive Treaty  
of Amiens. Signed. (Circular.) Vol. 60, doc. 18.

31 Mar List showing Wm. Nixon's distribution of supplies to certain Indian  
Guys- families in his district. Signed. Vol. 430, doc. 109.

31 Mar 1. Resolution of the House that all vouchers, the plan, and the estimate  
Halifax for the building of the new Government House be laid upon the table  
in the House by the commissioners.

2. Message from the chairman of the committee of the House for  
examining the estimate and accounts concerned with the new Govern-  
ment House, asking that the entire estimate, not an abstract of it, and  
also the sundry account of expenditure be furnished the committee.  
Signed.

3. Message from Michael Wallace, stating that he has submitted  
the estimate required, but that he will allow the committee to read the  
vouchers only in his presence, and that he will attend the House for that  
purpose. (Holograph.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

(1 Apr) Petition of Thomas Donaldson to the Assembly, asking for the return  
Halifax of duties which became due, through lapse of time and delay, by the  
ship in which his cargo was carried being sold in the West Indies. Signed.

*Overleaf.* Certificate of the Customs Officers to the truth of the pe-  
titioner's statement.

(See resolution of the House, 5th April, granting the prayer of the  
petition. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.)

2 Apr Resolution of the House that £4000 be granted for the service of roads  
Halifax and bridges throughout the province for the present year. Rejected  
by the Council. (See message of the Council, 3rd April.)

3 Apr Message from the Council to the Assembly asking three questions  
Halifax concerning their resolution of the previous day that £4000 be granted  
for roads and bridges. Unsigned. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

5 Apr Six resolutions of the committee of supply that sums be granted for  
Halifax various services including the Sable Island establishment, printer's  
supplies, drawbacks on duties and the Poor House. Passed by the Coun-  
cil. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

6 Apr Report of the committee of the House on the monies granted for roads  
Halifax previous to the last session of the Assembly, stating whether or not  
the work was satisfactory, and what compensation the commissioners  
should receive. Signed.

*Attached.* Certificate of the Grand Jury of Colchester that sums  
voted in 1800 and 1801 for roads were faithfully expended by the com-  
missioner. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.

6 Apr Draft of report of committee for examining estimate of new Govt.  
Halifax House. Vol. 303, no. 16.



- 1802  
(7 Apr)  
Halifax Plan of proposed road from the bridge over Gaspereau River to the Falmouth town line, apparently inclosed in a petition, which is missing. (See resolution of the House, 7th April.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 7 Apr  
Halifax Report of the committee of the House on monies necessary for roads and bridges the ensuing season. The proposed appropriations are grouped according to the county or district. Signed. (See message from the Council, 8th April, passing above resolution.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 7 Apr  
Halifax Six resolutions of the committee of supply in the House, granting sums to commissioners of the roads for their services, with accompanying certificates that the work was satisfactorily done in two cases. Passed by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (7 Apr)  
Halifax Draft of bill appointing inspectors throughout the province to prevent violations of the revenue laws. Vol. 303, no. 8.
- 7 Apr  
Halifax Resolutions of the Assembly on appropriating £3998 for the service of roads and bridges. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 25 doc. 2.
- 8 Apr  
Halifax Seven resolutions of the committee of supply of the House of Assembly, granting sums for various services already performed. Passed by Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 8 Apr  
Halifax Two resolutions that sums be granted for providing revenue cutters and deputy naval officers to ensure the better protection of the revenue. Rejected by Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 8 Apr  
Halifax Eleven resolutions of the committee of supply that sums be granted to ten road commissioners and two contractors for road work (working together), in payment for their services. Certificates that the work was satisfactory accompany the resolutions for paying the commissioners. Passed by Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 9 Apr  
Halifax Statements of three of the commissioners for building the new Government House before the House, taken during the investigation on the expenditures for that building. (See Assembly Journal for this date.) The statements are recorded as minutes. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 10 Apr  
Halifax Report of the committee on money expended on exploring the road from Avon Bridge to John Bishop's in Horton, stating that they consider the charges high. Draft. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- (11 Apr)  
1801  
21 Dec  
Anna-  
polis Petition of Enoch Stanwood to the legislature, praying for the King's share in the forfeiture of his vessel, which was seized and condemned for carrying American goods. He explains why these goods were in his schooner, states his poverty, and hopes the legislature will prevent his ruin by granting the prayer of his petition. Approved by Lt.-Gov. Wentworth. Considered and dismissed, 12th April. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 12 Apr  
Halifax Two resolutions of the House of Assembly that sums be granted for the establishment on Sable Island and in payment of the deputy sheriff of Halifax. Passed by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 13 Apr  
Halifax Receipted account of Jonathan Crane for supplies to the Indians. Vol. 430, doc. 110.
- 13 Apr  
Halifax Two resolutions of the House of Assembly that payment be made to the health officers of Manchester and Liverpool for their services in 1800. Certificates that the services were actually performed accompany the resolutions, and the Lt.-Governor's recommendation is on one. Passed by Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 14 Apr  
Halifax Message from the Lt.-Governor to the Assembly, refusing to displace commissioners for building new Govt. House. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 11.
- 15 Apr  
Halifax Speech of Lt.-Gov. Wentworth on closing the legislature. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 9.
- 15 Apr  
Halifax Draft of Speaker's address on presenting the appropriation bill for the Lt.-Governor's approval. Vol. 303, no. 10.



- 1802 List of acts passed during the session of 1802, between 25 February  
15 Apr and 15 April. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.  
Halifax
- 15 Apr Return of members attending the General Assembly during the session  
Halifax of 1802, giving the number of days they attended, the number of days  
they were allowed for travel, and the amount due them at ten shillings  
per day. Assembly Papers, Vol. 9.
- 20 Apr Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Capt. Douglas. In receipt of letter of  
Halifax 19th inst. Since he cannot spare a ship to take provisions to Sable Island  
Wentworth has ordered the *Earl of Moira* for that service. If Capt.  
Douglas will, as he offered, provide eighteen men and two petty officers,  
Capt. Fawson and four of her men will proceed to Sable Island; they  
expect that the journey will not occupy more than two weeks.  
(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 345.
- 21 Apr Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). He encloses  
Halifax his speech and that of the Speaker at the close of the legislative session.  
"This Sessions was much longer, than I expected, when I had last the  
honour to write to your Lordship... owing to the violent opposition of  
Mr. Tonge, Naval Officer of this Province, who led a party to oppose,  
embarrass and obstruct the measures and the Officers of Government,  
with a perseverance worthy of a better cause, and with speeches of in-  
vective and virulence tending to excite dissention between the Council  
and representatives, and discontent among the people at large." He  
encloses a copy of a letter from Mr. Morris, the man in charge of the new  
establishment on Sable Island. Success of the establishment in saving  
the master and crew of the ship *Hannah and Eliza* the previous December.  
In order to carry provisions to the island he has had to man the ship  
whose service the Home Government had ordered to be discontinued.  
On the return of the ship he will have her put up for auction. The legis-  
lature grant £500 for the support of the establishment, which is in-  
adequate. Recommends that his plan, which he submitted to Lord  
Portland, be considered to make the establishment effectual. "Possibly  
it may be found just and expedient to impose one penny per Ton light  
money on all vessels bound from Great Britain and Ireland to any part  
of North America, westward of Newfoundland and Northward of Mary-  
land—all these would be benefitted—The Crew and Passengers of one  
American Ship bound from Scotland to Philadelphia were wrecked on  
this Island, and relieved under my orders; which proves the usefulness  
so far southward—This duty would create a fund adequate to the afore-  
said establishment and furnish an aid toward building two Lighthouses."  
(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 341-344.
- 28 Apr Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Capt. Douglas, pointing out the pre-  
Halifax valence of smuggling on the coasts of the province, and asking him "to  
employ a Ship of His Majesty's squadron to guard the coasts and harbors  
the present season, from Halifax to the Bay of Vert, in the Gulph of St.  
Lawrence—And another Ship from Cape Sable round the coasts and  
harbours up the Bay of Fundy to the Isle of Haut,". He will transmit  
information from the commissioners of the revenue relative to the ser-  
vice. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 346.
- 1 May Sec'y of State to Lt.-Governor. (Hobart to Wentworth) He transmits  
London copy of the definitive peace treaty between England, France, Spain and  
Holland on 27 March, and the King's proclamation on that occasion,  
with orders to publish them in the usual manner. Signed. (Circular).  
Vol. 60, doc. 19.
- 1 May Under-secretary (Sullivan) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) He an-  
London nounces the parliamentary grant for the civil establishment of Nova  
Scotia and transmits the estimate. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 20.



- 1802 Edward Mortimer to Michael Wallace, enclosing his account for articles delivered to the Indians. (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 113.  
*Enclosure.*
- 12 May Edward Mortimer's account for articles supplied to the Indians. Vol. 430, doc. 108.  
 Pictou
- 19 May Sec'y of State (Hobart) to Lt.-Gov. Wentworth. He transmits two Orders-in-Council allowing two acts passed by the Nova Scotian legislature with suspending clauses, and the government's approval of the other acts passed in 1801. Signed.  
 London
- Enclosures.*  
 Vol. 355 doc. 38: O-in-C. allowing act for the security of navigation. (Passed in 1801).  
 Vol. 355 doc. 40: O-in-C. allowing act for the distribution of the estates of insolvent debtors. (Passed in 1800). Vol. 60, doc. 21.
- 21 May Edward Hodgson's acknowledgment on taking charge of Sable Island from James Morris, Superintendent: Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 8.  
 Sable I.
- 22 May Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn "a Sett of Exchange" to pay for expenses of levy, subsistence and clothing for the Royal Nova Scotia Regiment, according to the account enclosed. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 347.  
 Halifax
- 30 May Receipted account of Wm. Nixon for 150 bushels of potatoes bought and distributed to the Indians in the eastern district of the province. Vol. 430, doc. 112.  
 Halifax
- 3 June Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Col. Layard, inclosing copies of Hobart's letters of 31 March and 1 May announcing the signing of the peace and the King's Proclamation. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 348.  
 Halifax
- 3 June Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Capt. Laurie, stating that he has received word of the signing of a definitive peace treaty and His Majesty's proclamation declaring the conclusion of the war. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 348, 349.  
 Halifax
- 3 June Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to Sec'y of the Treasury. In receipt of letters informing him that the suspension on his salaries has been removed, for which he is duly grateful to their Lordships. He thanks the Secretary, too. "The suspension of my salaries and the balance of Acco'ts due to me had so seriously distressed me, that I cannot adequately express my sense of the great relief you have conferred. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 349.  
 Halifax
- 7 June Letter from Peter McCondachie to Michael Wallace, relative to the Indians. In accordance with Wallace's opinion he has not delivered the seed potatoes immediately to the Indians, but has told them that as soon as they have prepared the ground he will see that they have the seed. He does not think they will prepare the ground. (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 115.  
 Sheet Harbour
- 11 June Receipted account of Caspar Wollenhaupt for supplies to the Indians. Vol. 430, doc. 114.  
 Halifax
- 19 June Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). In receipt of letters communicating the signing of the peace treaty and the King's proclamation, which he has made public. He has notified Dr. Croke of his appointment to His Majesty's Council and of the necessity of producing his mandamus before taking his seat. He encloses a letter from the Council asking to be instructed "in the nature and extent of the rank and precedence contemplated". Transmits memorial from M. Danséville, late Governor of St. Pierre and Miquelon, asking to be allowed to remain in Nova Scotia and to have his pension continued. Wentworth recommends granting the memorial. Danséville's knowledge of the former French government's policy and plans with regard to the fisheries

make it important, now that France will be resuming her interest in the fisheries, to ensure his co-operation. He has information, which he is quite willing to disclose, that will be of great use to England in encouraging the fisheries. Probability of the export of plaster of Paris becoming profitable; 300 cargoes will probably be shipped this year for the United States, which means about 30,000 tons. Corn, flour, bread and other articles allowed are taken in return. "It is also probable that some goods are illicitly introduced in this trade, for the future prevention thereof, proper measures are pursued." The fisheries and agriculture are in want of labourers. He encloses the report of Mr. Morris Superintendent of the Sable Island establishment, which "together with his remarks will afford the best information on that excellent humane establishment, which I humbly hope will meet Your Lordships approbation, aid and protection to render it equal to its proposed uses." He asks for approbation of his promising the government armed brig to carry supplies to Sable Island, and for the act passed by the last legislature relating to shipwrecks. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 351-355.

1802

19 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Under-sec'y (Sullivan). In receipt of letter inclosing estimate of civil establishment.

(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 356.

20 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to the Customs Commissioners. In receipt of letter of 10th April. In conformity with it he has notified Mr. Slayter of his appointment as Collector of Customs and Mr. Binney of his as Comptroller. Both gentlemen are eminently qualified for their respective appointments. He encloses memorial of the Collector, Comptroller and Surveyor and Searcher of Shelburne, asking for an alteration in the limits of that port with reference to Halifax. Rapid increase in the trade and navigation from the district between Canso and the New Brunswick boundary. "This year it is probable twenty sail of Vessels will be laden in that district, for Europe and the West Indies—Principally at Poictou (sic) Merchants and others concerned, suggest that they feel great expence and delay, by being obliged to send to Halifax . . . for Custom House Clearances. . . This Journey and return, can scarcely be done under seven days, and is attended with considerable expense, especially including the demurrage of the Vessel: It is therefore much desired that a complete Custom-house may be erected at Poictou with the afore described boundaries. Perhaps it may be useful to His Majesty's revenue, to establish effectual obedience to the Laws of Trade, while the People find an accommodation, and before the Coast becomes more populous and more engaged in irregular commerce". He encloses a memorial from Joshua Newton and recommends it as follows: "He has certainly overcome great and hazardous oppositions in the discharge of his trust—and merits support and encouragement therein—The District of his employment gradually increased into a valuable trade, being remote from the cogent Superintendence of the Custom house at Halifax, They naturally availed themselves of a lucrative inattention to the laws of trade, which, when perceived, was with considerable difficulty suppressed and even considered as a grievance. . . this Suggests to me the wisdom of preventing the like impressions taking place at Poictou".

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 357-359.

21 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). Two fires have occurred in Halifax since the 18th inst. which have burned four buildings. Since it is feared that they were the work of incendiaries he has offered a reward of 100 guineas for the apprehension of the criminal or criminals, and has ordered a guard of the militia. Nevertheless there



was another fire started, which makes it more probable that incendiaries are at work.

Postscript, dated the 22nd. A man has been brought in and examined who is strongly suspected of the crime. Signed. Vol. 53, pp. 350, 351.

1802  
22 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to the Commissioners of Transport. In receipt of letter of 5th April, of invoice and of clothing and accoutrements for the Royal Nova Scotia Regiment. The goods arrived in excellent condition, but there are not any great coats, "usually allowed as a part of the Cloathing to Regiments in this Country, and which all others here are supplied with", The hard duties and exposure they endure require that the soldiers have them. Two years' clothing are still in arrears. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 355, 356.

22 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). He has received word from Lt.-Gen'l Bowyer that the Royal Nova Scotia Regiment is to be disbanded. The good service performed by the regiment has elicited approbation of all the commanding officers since it was first raised. He entreats protection for them, and asks that the regiment be rewarded by half-pay. He points out that many of the officers were on half-pay when the regiment was raised and would return to it anyway, and the granting of half-pay to all would be held out as an example if such service should be needed again. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 359-361.

(2 Jul)  
Sable I.

Statement of the salvage from the wreck of the Union. This salvage was sold, and the proceeds are here set down.

10 Jul  
Sable I.

*Overleaf.* A note by Michael Wallace, dated in 1826. Vol. 424, doc. 19. Minute of the articles saved from the wreck of the ship Union. (Copy). Vol. 424, doc. 23.

10 Jul  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Wentworth's order to Michael Wallace to supply the New Brunswick Indians with certain articles, which he specifies. (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 116.

26 Jul  
Sable I.

Letter from Edward Hodgson to Mr. Wallis (Wallace), describing the wreck of the ship Union of Boston and the rescue of her crew, on the 10th July. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 12.

27 Jul  
Halifax

Contract signed by Wm. Frampton, John Hallett, John Gregory, John Myers and Guy Morris to serve James Morris on Sable Island for a wage of 40 shillings and provisions per month. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 11.

28 Jul  
Halifax

1. Letter from Michael Wallace to James Morris, offering him, on behalf of the commissioners for Sable Island, £100 per annum and provisions in payment for his services as Superintendent of the island. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 13.

29 Jul

2. Morris to the commissioners, accepting their offer. Signed.

2 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Nicholas P. Olding. In receipt of several letters. This letter will be delivered by Wentworth's son, who is touring the country with Mr. Hartshorne, and will visit Merigomishe in the course of their journey. He asks for Olding's assistance in making arrangements for the leasing of his properties and lands in the vicinity of Merigomishe. Instructions for them to follow in this business. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 361-365.

2 Aug  
Halifax

B. Hooper's receipt for a gold watch received from Michael Wallace, and previously taken from the body of a man drowned while trying to land from the ship *Union*. Vol. 424, doc. 22.

3 Aug  
Sable I.

Certificate of James McLaughlin that he has been kindly used by Jas. Morris, Supt. of the Island. (Witnessed.) Signed with his mark. Vol. 424, doc. 14.

4 Aug  
Sable I.

Certificate of James Morris, on Edward Hodgson's giving up the charge of the island to him. Vol. 424, doc. 8½.

1802  
5 Aug  
Halifax

Indenture on parchment made out by Lt.-Gov. Wentworth for a lease of the coal mines of Nova Scotia to Wm. Forsyth, Lawrence Hartshorne and Wm. Smith. Signed. (See Wentworth to Sec'y of State, Vol. 53, p. 366) Vol. 458, doc. 1.

6 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to Edward Mortimer and the Agents for settling emigrants. In receipt of letter of the fourth inst. which he has referred to the commissioners for settling and relief to distressed emigrants. The funds are nearly all appropriated already, so they can afford little pecuniary aid. They have pointed out proper situations for the immigrants to settle in, near Halifax and Liverpool, either upon or very near roads already made, and in neighbourhoods where the people can employ and assist new settlers. Necessary that future immigrants should disperse over the whole province; the present great demand for labour will ensure them of work. He would employ two plain kitchen gardeners himself for three months. Rejoices that they have arrived in such good health and spirits. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 365, 366.

10 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). He encloses and recommends a lease of the coal mines in the province to William Forsyth, Lawrence Hartshorne and William Smith, for which he desires the King's approbation. Considering the high price and diminishing quantity of wood, Wentworth considers that some attempt must be made to supply the province with fuel, and looks upon this as a "highly beneficial" means of accomplishing it. By exporting coal to the United States trade will be increased and, "As the lessees must in their pursuits employ many small vessels, and many men, the former must be built and the latter instructed in coasting seamanship, and will afford nurserys of hardy seaman, for the King's service". If this means of providing fuel is not employed there will either be no fuel "and his Majesty's subjects suffering loss & inconvenience for want of it; or the Experiment made at the risque & expence of Government, which would probably be ineffectual and unprofitable if not attended with Loss". Excellent standing of the lessees in the community and their loyalty combine with the fact that they have more means to make the lease effectual, than most inhabitants of the province, to recommend them for this undertaking. "In the lease care is taken for the reversion to the Crown—if the lessees do not or cannot carry on the collierys, that the public may not be deprived of any material time, in trying other means, if tho't necessary—..... I with the most intire deference, submit the preceding measures, as, in my opinion, embracing both to a far greater prospect of utility, without any possible evil, than anything else which has occurred since the settlement of Nova Scotia." (Copy in Wentworth's hand).

*Enclosure.* Indenture like doc. 1 in Vol. 458. Vol. 53, following p. 366.

13 Aug  
Halifax

Account of sale of articles salvaged from the ship *Union*, wrecked on Sable Island. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 23.

20 Aug  
Halifax

Account of articles picked up on Sable Island and sold by order of the Commissioners for Sable Island. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 16.

26 Aug  
Boston

Letter from Benjamin Lincoln to Thos. MacDonough, on the subject of lighthouses for Sable Island, in reply to Gov. Wentworth's questions on the subject. He gives information as to the kind, elevation and cost of lighthouses most suitable for the island. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 9.

28 Aug  
Boston

Letter from B. Hooper to Michael Wallace, requesting him to pay Samuel Gardner his share, minus £20, of the proceeds of the ship *Union*. (Holograph). *Below.* Certificate by Hooper relating to the bearer, Gardner. Vol. 424, doc. 20.



- 1802  
22-31  
Aug  
Halifax  
4 Sep  
Halifax  
9 Sep  
Halifax
- Ten papers relative to the salvage from the ship *Union*. Orders and receipts from the members of the crew for their respective shares in the receipts from the salvage of the ship *Union*. Vol. 424, doc. 24.
- Receipt of Samuel Gardner of his having received his share of the proceeds of the ship *Union*. 2nd. document in Vol. 424, doc. 20.
1. List of articles of wreck property brought from Sable Island and claimed by Patrick King, of the value of £36. 18. 7.
  2. Patrick King's receipt for the above sum. Vol. 424, doc. 15.
- 10 Sep  
Halifax
- Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). Reports further on fires. The man whom they suspected has been forced to remove from the town, although there was not sufficient evidence against him to convict him. A confession from a boy arrested for theft has resulted in the clearing up of the mystery surrounding the careening yard fires (1799) which he previously reported. The boy has been sent out of the province, since a conviction would have been difficult to obtain, and the instigator is dead. Regrets to mention that, owing to the hemp seed from Russia being bad, the culture of hemp has been a failure this year, though some good seed from the United States and some grown in the province have been fruitful. If the government still wants to encourage this industry a supply of twenty or thirty puncheons of good seed must reach the province in time for the Spring sowing. The great increase of trade on the Gulf of St. Lawrence shore, and the prevalence of illicit methods of importing and exporting make it incumbent on him "to represent . . . that a Custom House or Port be established at Poictou (sic) . . . By this measure the regulations, revenue and control of Commerce will grow with the Commerce and population, the introduction of bad habits and fraudulent interests prevented, and the profit, ease and convenience of His Majesty's subjects materially promoted and encouraged." He suggests Peter Kemble as Collector, in the event of a Custom House being established. Three hundred and seventy settlers arrived in the province from the Island of Barra, Scotland, early in August. He has settled them in the vicinity of Pictou, where they may carry on the herring fishery "hitherto too much availed by fishermen and coasting traders from the United States of America." The new settlers are all Roman Catholics. The numbers of that sect are increasing. Since transmitting the memorial from Mr. Burke, their priest, with regard to a school, their plans have changed. He has informed the priest that he can not give his licence to the institution which they are now erecting for the charitable education of the Roman Catholic children without the Home Government's approbation. He has asked the Bishop to find out the opinion of the Archbishop of Canterbury. In Mr. Forsyth's absence, he asks for a seat in the Council for Michael Wallace "exceedingly respectable in himself and of the most pre-eminent usefulness to His Majesty's services, especially in revenue, and other legislative and executive public business, wherein, his firm loyalty, experience, wisdom and integrity are of real and daily distinguished advantage in the Administration of this Province." (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 367-373.
- 10 Sep  
Halifax
- Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Customs Commissioners. On the subject of establishing a Customs House or Port at Pictou. Same as his letter of 20th June. Incomplete. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 373, 374.
- 27 Sep  
Halifax
- Received account of Edmund Ward for blankets supplied to the Indians. Vol. 430, doc. 111.
- 28 Sep  
Halifax
- Letter from Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to the Commissioners for Indian relief, enclosing a petition from some Indians at Cape Sable. He recommends these Indians to the attention of the commissioners especially as regards the subject of their petition. (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 117.

1802  
30 Sep  
Halifax  
5 Oct  
London

Received account of John Brown for Indian meal supplied to the Indian. Vol. 430, doc. 118.

Sec'y of State (Hobart) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). In receipt of despatches. The Lords of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have entered into a full investigation of the advisability of extending the establishment on Sable Island. They consider it "doubtful whether any material advantage could be derived from the erection of Light-Houses". "It appears therefore, most adviseable (sic) for the present not to undertake any Establishment beyond that which the Legislature of the Province has provided the means of commencing for the humane purpose of preserving the lives of those, who may be wrecked there, and of assisting them as far as possible in the preservation of their effects; and I have no doubt the Province will continue to support upon its present scale a Plan which in its outset has proved so successful." With regard to the letter from the members of the Council respecting rank and precedence "I am to acquaint you that there being no legal incompatibility in the Duties of the Offices, which renders it inexpedient for the Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court to take upon him the temporary Administration of the Government, Doctor Croke, as next in Seniority to the President is considered in every respect the Person most fit to succeed in case of the absence of the Lieutenant Governor and there being no one specially appointed for that purpose." M. Danséville's pension is to be continued to him "if by so doing you can prevail upon him to continue his Residence there and to direct his attention to the objects you have pointed out." "By employing him in digesting for the consideration of Government under your immediate inspection the information he already possesses or may further procure (on the fisheries), much interesting matter... may be obtained." He cannot hold out any hope that the Royal Nova Scotia Regiment will be granted half pay. Reserves to a future despatch considerations regarding the education of the Roman Catholic youth. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 27.

*5 Enclosures.*

(5 Oct)  
21 Sep  
London

Lord Glenherbie to Under-Sec'y Sullivan. The Lords of the Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations have given a thorough investigation to the subject of such an establishment for Sable Island as that recommended in Wentworth's correspondence. He finds great difference of opinion in those examined. The expense would be £1500 more than the Nova Scotia legislature has granted (£1100) for further erections, £900 a year for salaries and contingent expenses, and £6000 if two lighthouses are to be erected. For the yearly expenses and to help with the further building Wentworth has suggested a duty of one penny per ton on all vessels cleared from Great Britain and Ireland for Halifax and ports north. But from the records it appears that the most this duty would yield would be about £133 a year, and it is doubtful if the trade would consent to paying the duty. He has ordered three papers (nos. 24, 25, 26) to be sent to Lord Hobart. One of the Trinity House Brethren who was examined said that all the wrecks of ships seen on the coast of the island had not occurred, there, but sometimes as far south as Florida, and that the hulks had drifted there. In the oral answers they said that two lighthouses were necessary, one at each end of the island, and that only one would be more dangerous than none; they thought also that the lanterns should differ, one being rotatory and the other stationary. Admiral Knight, one of those examined, accompanied Desbarres when he surveyed the island. "The only Person who was suggested to the Lords as acquainted with this Subject whom they did not examine, was Commissioner Duncan... but his opinion



was stated from a conversation with him, by Captain George, who also told us that Captain Duncan had never been a Shore on the Island."

1802

(5 Oct)  
24 Sep  
London

Sec'y to the Privy Council to Under-Sec'y (Sullivan). He encloses three papers (Nos. 24, 25, 26). (Copy). Vol. 60, doc. 22.

(5 Oct)  
4 Sep  
Hampshire

Reply of Rear-Admiral Knight to Lord Glenherbie's letter on the subject of the intended lighthouses on Sable Island. He has always, ever since he helped with surveying and exploring the island, considered that lighthouses, properly situated, a gun at each end, an establishment of men with a knowledge of the coast and swimming, a small vessel, a life boat, and other life-saving devices would go far towards lessening dangers and preserving life. He suggests that the eastern lighthouse should be on an eminence east of Mt. Knight, so that its light would not be obstructed by the hills, and that the western one might be about midway between the west extremity of the island and the pond. He thinks wood is the best material for the lighthouses, and that they might be constructed before being landed on the island, and the lanterns be lined with tin to guard against accident by fire. Offers his services in furthering the establishing of the proposed station.

(Copy). Vol. 60, no. 24.

(5 Oct)  
London

Answers of the Elder Brethren of the Corporation of Trinity House to enquiries made by the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations. They doubt the practicability of lighthouses, since they would be obscured for so large a part of the year, and so few vessels clearing from Great Britain are in danger of Sable Island. They cite a case of a lighthouse having been erected at St. Catharine's and fallen into disuse through the fogs making it ineffectual. The usual light duty is one halfpenny per ton levied at the Custom House of the port where the ship clears out, for such lights as in the ordinary course of her voyage she is to pass. An establishment of persons would be the means of saving lives and property, but would probably do little to prevent shipwreck. Necessity of having the men under proper government and regulations lest "they might grow like the inhabitants on some part of the Coasts of this Kingdom, who would sooner put out Lights to deceive than aid the Mariner in danger, with a view to plunder his Wreck when stranded."

(Copy). Vol. 60, doc. 25.

(5 Oct)  
7 Sep  
London

Copy of report of examination of Scrope Bernard, Provincial Agent in London, with regard to the proposed establishment on Sable Island. "The erecting a LightHouse at Shelburne, I am told cost above £3000. I am also informed that both the above LightHouses (Halifax and Shelburne) are supported in part by a Tonnage Duty on Vessels entering. . . . Four pence per Ton upon all Nova Scotia Vessels, and Sixpence on all other Vessels British and Foreign". The amount of duty collected is not quite so much as the expence of upkeep, and the province makes good the difference. The expence of building a lighthouse on Sable Island would probably be about £3000, and the cost of maintenance about £1000 a year, £100 more than on the mainland because a higher salary would be expected by each person on the establishment.

Vol. 60, doc. 26.

18 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). Encloses acts and journals of legislature of the last session. Explanations of the acts. No. 13 reduces the duty on wines from the Azores, the object being to encourage trade between the Azores and Nova Scotia, which the former duties prohibited. No. 19, for encouraging the fisheries, was inspired by the expectation of a revival of the fishing trade on the peace being established. Comments on appropriation bill, and on the Journal

of the Assembly. Measures agitated by Mr. Tonge, the Naval Officer against Mr. Wallace, acting commissioner for building the Government House have resulted "highly to the credit and honour of Mr. Wallace. . . . The virulence with which this business was pursued extended in declamatory speeches, calculated to create discontent among the people at large, nor were endeavours wanting to irritate a dissention between the two Houses, which is the more extraordinary, as this Gentleman is an Officer of Government and might be expected to wish for the peace and quiet of the Community." "In page 86 of the Journals of Assembly a vote passed granting One thousand pounds to defray the expence of employing two Vessels to prevent smuggling, and one hundred pounds for two Deputys to Mr. Tonge.—The Act when sent up to the Council did not appear calculated to attain the Objects intended, altho' it might certainly have afforded great convenience to Mr. Tonge, who zealously patronized it, under whom the vessels and Deputys' were to be employed, which would be more singular as he was himself largely concerned in the traffic and export of Plaister of Paris, receiving and paying merchandize therein; In which trade it is thought the principal smuggling is practiced, And the suppression whereof was the ostensible object of the Bill. . . . They were however wisely non-concurred by the Council." Wentworth has prevailed on the naval commander to provide the necessary protection. Session concluded without disturbance.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 376-387.

1802  
20 Oct  
London

Sec'y of State (Hobart) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He transmits letter to Sullivan *re* quarantine regulations for goods the product of Turkey, and reports the King's commands that he take particular care to enforce these regulations within his government. He requires that the quarantine manifest be transmitted to the Customs Commissioners in Scotland as well as in London. Signed. (Circular). Vol. 60, doc. 30.

6. *Enclosures.*

(20 Oct)  
7 Oct  
London

Letter from the Sec'y to the Lords of the Privy Council to the Under-sec'y of State for the colonies. He transmits, for Lord Hobart's use, 40 copies of the forms of declaration and certificate for fulfilling the quarantine regulations with regard to goods from Turkey, submitting whether it would not be advisable to transmit them to the colonial governors. He also encloses the quarantine manifest, and asks that the governors be directed to send similar documents to the Customs Commissioners in Scotland in cases of ships bound for Scotland.

(Copy). Vol. 60, doc. 29.

(20 Oct)  
London

Copy of Order-in-Council of 29th July, 1800, 38th section, regarding the quarantine regulations for goods the product of Turkey. (Printed).

Vol. 60, doc. 31.

(20 Oct)  
London

1. Quarantine declaration form for goods not of the growth, produce or manufacture of Turkey.

2. Quarantine declaration form for goods of the growth, produce or manufacture of Turkey, being on the same ship in which originally imported.

3. Quarantine declaration form for goods of the growth, produce or manufacture of Turkey, if shipped on board a different ship from that in which originally imported.

4. Form of quarantine manifest to be sent to the Customs Commissioners in Scotland.

Vol. 60, docs. 32, 33, 34, 35.

23 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). In receipt of the King's charter for incorporating King's College. He convened a meeting of the Governors, and reports *verbatim* their resolution of gratitude to the King. "The Governors then proceeded to continue



and make such regulations as were immediately necessary, and appoint a Committee to prepare Rules and Statutes as nearly conformable to the Constitutions of the University of Oxford as local Circumstances will admit." Eight of the ships of the navy on the station have been victualled in Halifax, during a stay of nearly a month, at reasonable prices, and without disturbing the prices in the market. Men of the Royal Nova Scotia Regt., the Royal Nfld. Regt., the Loyal Surrey Rangers and Royal Fusiliers "are quietly dispersed into various parts of the Province into different Labours and occupations, without a single instance of criminality." Good supply of produce at reasonable prices, despite increase in consumption by these, the eight ships, and 1200 Scottish immigrants. The fishing season has not been too good, and the harvest weather not so good as usual, but both fisheries and agriculture will benefit from the increased number of inhabitants. Lawrence Hartshorne, Council member, is en route to England, having got six months' leave of absence. Testimonial to the respectability etc. of Mr. Hartshorne. Dr. Croke is to be sworn into the Council on the 25th instant.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 388-391.

1802  
4 Nov  
London

Sec'y of State (Hobart) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). In receipt of letter of 10th September. The information relating to trade and commerce will be transmitted to the Lords of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations and the Lords of the Treasury for consideration.

He approves of Wentworth's action with regard to Mr. Burke's design of an institution for the education of Roman Catholic youth, and desires further reports of any action on their part. He requires particular information as to the location of coal mines in Nova Scotia, facilities of each for digging and shipping, and extent of deposits, before coming to any determination as to the advisability of opening them or the mode of so doing. Signed.

Vol. 60, doc. 36.

15 Nov  
Halifax

Receipted account of J. Woodin for potatoes ("puttators") delivered by him to the Indians.

Vol. 430, doc. 121.

16 Nov  
Sheet  
Harbour

Letter from Jas. Sutherland to Michael Wallace, describing the distressed state of some Indians in the vicinity and asking that they be given some provisions and clothing before winter. (Holograph).

*Enclosure.*

Vol. 430, doc. 119.

15 Nov  
Sheet  
Harbour

Return of Indians, showing the numbers in their families etc., in need of help. Certified.

Vol. 430, doc. 120.

Receipted bill of J. & J. Tremain for one hatchet for the Indians.

Vol. 430, doc. 122.

17 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn a set of exchange for the continuance of M. Danséville's allowance. He encloses certificate stating the time to which the allowance has been paid, and Danséville's receipt for this set of exchange.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 391, 392.

26 Nov  
Halifax  
1 Dec  
Gibraltar

Letter (in French) from the Duke of Kent to Col. Danséville, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Under-sec'y of the Colonial Department, directing that Danséville be awarded a pension equal to the allowance he has enjoyed since the Duke of Kent was in command in Nova Scotia. (Copy).

Vol. 60, doc. 37.

*Enclosure.*

5 Oct  
London

1. Extract from Hobart's letter to Wentworth, of this date, relating to the continuation of his allowance to M. Danséville.

2. Copy of letter from John Sullivan, Under-sec'y, to the Duke of Kent, reporting Lord Hobart's decision to grant a pension to M. Danséville, equal to the allowance he has been receiving since the Duke's holding the military command in Nova Scotia.

Vol. 60, doc. 28.

- 1802  
15 Dec  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Governor Carleton, of New Brunswick. He transmits a resolve of the House relating to the safer navigation of the Bay of Fundy and proposing that a lighthouse be erected on Brier Island by the two governments. (Copy). (As in Vol. 303 no. 13). Vol. 53, pp. 394, 395.
- 19 Dec  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to Lt.-Gen'l Bowyer. In accordance with the opinion of the Halifax magistrates that "the discovery of any incendiary practices will more probably be effected by occasional, rather than constant patrols of the Militia" he has ordered the discontinuance of the patrols for the present. His confidence that the Lt.-General will afford any assistance which may in future be necessary. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 393, 394.
- 31 Dec  
Halifax Receipted account of Forsyth, Smith and Co. for supplies to the Indians in 1801 and 1802. Vol. 430, doc. 101.
- (31 Dec)  
Sheet  
Harbour Receipted account of Peter McCondachie for potatoes delivered to the Indians. Vol. 430, doc. 123.
- 1803  
3 Jan  
Halifax Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y to the Treasury. In receipt of letter requiring the accounts of the Royal Nova Scotia Regiment. Those accounts are now being prepared and will be transmitted by the next packet to England. They have been delayed by the illness of the Paymaster and by the difficulty of the task, due to the many and various duties which the regiment has performed. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 395, 396.
- 4 Jan  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to Capt. Laurie, naval commander, asking for a passage to England in the storeship Chichester for the widow and daughter of an officer in the Royal Newfoundland Fencibles, who has just died and left his wife and child alone in a strange land. Their distressed situation calls forth much sympathy. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 392, 393.
- 4 Jan  
Colchester Statement of the Court of Sessions of Colchester regarding certain families of Indians in the vicinity who are likely to suffer much during the winter unless some relief is granted them. Signed by seven justices. Vol. 430, doc. 125.
- 4 Jan  
Halifax Receipted account of John Watt for Indian meal supplied to the Indians. Vol. 430, doc. 137.
- 8 Jan  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to Scrope Bernard. He encloses Bill of Exchange for Bernard's salary for 1802 as Provincial Agent in London, and acknowledgment of his good services by the legislature. He is to deposit the parliamentary grant for King's College with Ransom, Morland & Co. Wentworth has recommended that they become the established bankers for the college, and that the Bills of Exchange for the parliamentary grants be sent directly there. He sends bundle of salt fish and box of hickory nuts by Capt. Spears of the Chichester to Bernard. In a postscript he writes that the squadron that lately victualled at Halifax has arrived safely in Bermuda. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 396-399.
- 11 Jan  
Halifax Draft of letter from the commissioners for Indian relief to James Archibald, Truro, in reply to the application of the magistrates of Colchester district for help for certain Indian families there. He is authorized to buy potatoes, bread and other necessities to the value of £20 to prevent the aged, infirm and infants from dying of want. Vol. 430, doc. 139.
- 14 Jan  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Governor Carleton (N. B.). Following up his letter on the conclusion of the last legislative session he now recommends Mr. James Fraser "who will have the honour to present this letter, as a Gentleman very generally esteemed here for integrity, good understanding and loyalty, as well as having acquired extensive local Knowledge of these Provinces, and being engaged greatly in Navigation. He may afford useful assistance in considering the merits of such an establishment" (Brier Island lighthouse). There are various reports



from the United States and the W. Indies of preparations for a resumption of the war, but no news of any declaration.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 399-400.

1803  
15 Jan  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). In receipt of despatch and enclosures of 5th October 1802. With regard to the papers relating to the proposed establishment on Sable Island, he rectifies a mistaken impression. He intended that a light duty should be imposed on all ships clearing for any ports north of Virginia, not for Nova Scotia alone, and on ships clearing from British colonies in North America for any ports in Europe. The product of this duty would be sufficient to maintain the establishment he urges. He has obtained plans and estimates for constructing lighthouses from a Mr. Lincoln of Boston by which it appears that the cost for building both would be no more than £1200 sterling. The seals caught on the island would amply supply the necessary oil for light. "The observation that Fogs and thick weather which frequently prevails round that Island, would apply to all the northern Coasts of America, from St. Laurence river to Cape Hatteras, in Virginia, in all which extent of coast Light houses are beneficially established, altho' many parts of it, late experience proves to be more enveloped with Fogs, than the Isle of Sable, which is not more so than the Channel of England." The latest observations show that ships can be warned off the shoals by lights from the island.

Dr. Croke has been sworn into the Council and taken his place. Gratitude of M. Danséville for continuance of allowance granted him. The fishery is reviving. It would be greatly beneficial to the fishery if the ships carrying the fish to Europe were not forced to land their return cargoes in England. "These being restrained to an additional passage to England, landing and expenses there ruins the whole voyage, and of course compels the Nova Scotia Merchants to send their best fish to the United States, who derive all the benefit of the freight to, and profit at the Foreign Market."

Season very mild, with much sickness, especially among the young people. Great distress caused by the lack of fuel.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 400-404.

21 Jan  
Halifax

Received bill of Forsyth, Smith and Co. for goods ordered by the Commissioners for Indian relief. Vol. 430, doc. 124.

21 Jan  
Halifax

Received account of Henry Watkey for repairing Indian guns.

Vol. 430, doc. 138.

4 Feb  
Preston

Theophilis Chamberlain's note to the Lt-Governor explaining the sad state of the bearer of the letter, an Indian widow, whom he recommends for help. (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 126.

4 Feb  
Ram-  
sheg

Letter from G. Oxley to Chas. Morris and Michael Wallace. He represents the destitute condition of certain families of Indians in his neighbourhood, and recommends that some relief be granted them. (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 127.

4 Feb  
Tatama-  
gouche

Letter from Alexander Waugh to Lt-Governor, representing the destitute condition of certain Indians in his vicinity and their need of help to prevent them from starving. (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 128.

3 Mar  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Governor Bentinck, of St. Vincent's, in the W. Indies. Great benefits may be derived from encouraging the trade between Nova Scotia and St. Vincent's, especially as Nova Scotia is every year increasing in population. Fish, cattle, horses, butter, cheese, lumber, sheep, poultry, potatoes, beef and pork are now exported and are annually increasing in abundance. Her demand for rum, sugar, cotton, coffee and molasses is likewise on the increase. "For the furtherance of this barter trade a drawback is given of all the Provincial

Impost dutys upon your produce imported here, *equally* to the Non resident as to the Inhabitant. . . . . provided those commoditys were purchased in the British Islands, or paid for here, with the Produce of this Province." Such a trade would be especially useful "should any political or commercial obstructions arise, to impede or divert the Supplys furnished from foreign markets." The only objection offered by the N. S. merchants is that their goods are at a disadvantage compared with those of the United States, which are not liable to the three per cent transient duty, payable on Nova Scotian imports into the island. This transient duty is a hindrance to trade between all the North American colonies and St. Vincent's. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 405-406.

1803  
5 Mar  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to James Bruce, John Hames, and Archibald S. Bruce of the Custom House, Shelburne. In receipt of their letters with enclosures. Since the object of them is of so much importance to so many people in the province he has determined "to defer completing what may be necessary on my part, until the sailing hence, of May packet" (sic). (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 407.

6 Mar  
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3-9 Mar  
Truro

Received account of G. Oxley for supplies to the Indians during 1803. Vol. 430, doc. 131.

Account, order and receipt from James Archibald for payment for supplies to the Indians of the Colchester district.

Vol. 430, documents 140, 141, 142.

21 Mar  
Musquo-  
doboit

Petition of John Fisher and other inhabitants of Musquodoboit, asking for a grant to supplement their subscription for building a road to avoid the falls of the river. 38 signers. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

31 Mar  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn a set of Exchange for £41. 13. 1 on them for M. Danséville's quarterly allowance, and encloses Danséville's receipt therefor. (Copy).

Vol. 53, p. 409.

2 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). In receipt of despatches and enclosures relative to quarantine regulations. He is preparing a statement *re* coal deposits in the province. The great scarcity of fuel during the past winter has made the question of opening the deposits acute, and there have been suggestions of petitioning the King for permission to work the coals. "From hence and many other reasons daily occurring, I am persuaded the Lease of the Coals, I had the honor to submit, to be granted to Messrs. Forsyth and Hartshorne, is by far the safest and most advantageous measure that will ever be obtained for the Crown." General health and prosperity in the province.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 409-411.

3 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). He has just received a report from Quebec that a vessel belonging to the English North West Company had been stopped at St. Mary's Falls by an American Post established at Michilemackinac." No further particulars are at present available except that "it appears to be an exertion of revenue Claims, rather than any other violence." (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 408.

3 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn on them on account of the Royal Nova Scotia Regiment for levy money, clothing etc. as appears by enclosed accounts. The money was paid on the disbanding of the regiment, and the accounts have been audited and certified by the Council. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 411, 412.

18 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Maj-Gen'l Despard. He encloses warrant making Mr. Dodd his deputy as Surveyor-Gen'l of the Woods for Cape Breton, as suggested by Despard. Good opinion of Mr. Dodd, whose services will be useful in the improvement of the island. If the inhabitants are given land and firmly rooted to the soil it will be both an encourage-



ment to others to settle there and a strengthening of the colony in itself. The island "will then become a strong, useful and a powerful protection to the British interests, and a serious perpetual Hornets' nest to their enemies, if any such should hereafter arise." The winter has been the mildest ever known, but generally healthy. Lady Wentworth an exception to the general rule, but she is improving. Greetings to the members of his family. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 412, 413.

1803  
18 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Archibald Dodd. He incloses warrant appointing Dodd his deputy Surveyor of the King's Woods for Cape Breton Island. "The Fees that may arise will be your own, and I wish there was any more fixed and adequate emolument appertaining to the Office." He encloses also a description of the reservations already made. "All white Pine timber is reserved to the Crown, by several Acts of Parliament, and may not be cut or destroyed, but by Lycence. . . . As there is in many places white pine timber useless to the King's Service, and yet useful to His Subjects, and its remaining on the Land discourages and sometimes prevents cultivation, in such cases it is His Majesty's pleasure that Lycence should be granted to the *Proprietors* of the Land, to cut and take such timber for his own use." Report his findings. Please borrow Mr. Miller's "augurs" and send to Wentworth who will return them promptly with thanks. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 414, 415.

18 Apr  
Douglas

Receipted account of Wm. Smith for supplies to the Indians in 1802 and 1803. Vol. 430, doc. 130.

20 Apr  
Halifax

Copy of the letter written by Chas. Morris and Michael Wallace, commissioners for Sable Island, to Jas. Morris, Superintendent, on sending Joseph Darby to the island. They wish Morris to make a very careful and detailed report of the state of the island and the animals, the progress of the crops they have planted, and whatever has happened on Sable Island since the last report. They are sending provisions and other articles by Darby, of which they send a list. Vol. 424, doc. 29.

*Enclosure.*

21 Apr  
Halifax

List of provisions, seeds, etc. sent by the commissioners for Sable Island to the island on the schooner Eagle, Joseph Darby master. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 31.

21 Apr  
Halifax

Receipt given by Joseph Darby for provisions and other articles received from the commissioners for Sable Island to be taken to the island and delivered to Jas. Morris. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 28.

21 Apr  
Halifax

Agreement between Michael Wallace, on behalf of the commissioners for Sable Island, and Joseph Darby, for the hire of Darby's vessel and his services to go to Sable Island. (Two papers). Signed.

26 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor to Lt.-Gen'l Fanning. He encloses a letter. In accordance with the Sec'y of State's orders, he has appointed "Proper persons"—Andrew Belcher, Michael Wallace, R. J. Uniacke, Charles Morris and Charles Hill—to estimate the loss sustained by Fanning's property at Point Pleasant in Halifax through the public service and occupancies. This committee will receive any further information from Fanning. By the latest advice from England another outbreak of war seems inevitable, and will probably be announced by the April packet. No news after a mild and pleasant winter. Salutations to his family. Vol. 424, doc. 27.

26 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Chief Justice Thorpe. He encloses a packet and explains that it was accidentally cut open in opening his own dispatch. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 415-417.

4 May  
Halifax

Receipted account of Henry Watkey for stocking a gun for an Indian. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 417.

Vol. 430, doc. 132.



1803  
9 May  
Halifax

Testimonial of Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the good character, usefulness and great services performed for government by George Thesiger, Major in the late Royal Nova Scotia Regiment, now disbanded. Details of two missions in the United States performed by Thesiger, one to deliver despatches, another to obtain information for the military and naval commanders, at a danger to himself. In spite of his services he is left without even half-pay, now that the regiment is disbanded. Wentworth recommends him for consideration. (Holograph).

Vol. 53, pp. 418-419.

9 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Provincial Agent, Scrope Bernard. In receipt of letters of February and March. He encloses a bill which he is sorry to say had been misplaced. Balance to be appropriated to the College funds. "As to the lease of the Coal Mines, If Government apprehend they may hereafter produce more than they wish to grant to the College—The first produce to the Amount they intend, may be granted to the College, and the remainder reserved for the disposal of Government—This mode will in my opinion be better than granting them in any manner to the College—" Hopes the lease will be allowed by Government, it being the most convenient way of providing fuel for the province. Permission to grant lands is very much wanted, and the removal of the order that vessels carrying foreign goods must call at an English port before entering a colonial port would greatly benefit the province. The indications are that the fisheries will be unusually successful this year, and that there will not be any small boats left for the exporting of plaster of Paris. The profits from that trade last year were £7000. He regrets that the Royal Nova Scotia Regiment were not given some consideration as to half pay, especially in view of another outbreak of war. Decline of Lady Wentworth's health.

Postscript. He sends three copies of a poem written by a New Hampshire man, to be forwarded to the persons named in the books. They will be delivered by James Fraser. "He is one of our most extensive Merchants in Navigation and importation—an honest, sensibly judicious man—much esteemed here and in New Brunswick, in that Province he is a member of Assembly—in the last session attended there at the particular request of that Government to oppose those who were obstructing the legislative business, and too successfully for more than seven years past; but through the influence and conduct of Mr. Fraser were overcome, and the business concluded in favor of Government and to the certain benefit of the people." (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 419-422.

10 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor to Sec'y of State (Wentworth to Hobart). In receipt of despatch. He hopes that Hobart's referring to the Boards of Trade and Plantations for permission to colonial vessels to carry foreign products directly to the colonies will be successful. Fisheries reviving and four large whalers went out this year. He encloses a report on the plaster of Paris trade in the province. He is against the restrictions proposed by the government of New Brunswick to be laid on the trade, because they would take it altogether out of the hands of people who own plaster rocks in small creeks where only small vessels can enter. He thinks that a customs establishment at Passamaquoddy would be far more efficacious in preventing smuggling in this trade than the measures proposed by the New Brunswick Assembly.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 423-425.

17 May  
London

Sec'y of State (Hobart) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). Transmitting Order-in-Council ordering the detention of all vessels belonging to the subjects of the French and Batavian Republics. Signed. (Circular).

Enclosure.

Vol. 60, doc. 39.



1803  
(17 May)  
London Copy of Order-in-Council directing the detention of all vessels belonging to subjects of the French and Batavian Republics.

Vol. 60, doc. 40.

25 May  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Customs Commissioners. He transmits memorial of merchants of the district around Pictou, which gives evidence of an even more extensive trade than he had expected. He further recommends Mr. Robert Lloyd of Halifax for the post of Comptroller if the establishment is made. Testimonial of Mr. Lloyd. "The arrangement of the Ports of Halifax and Shelburne, which you were pleased to refer to my consideration, involves so many interests, and is so strongly represented upon, by both parties, that I have not yet been able to form such a judgment as ought to be reported with prudence." He will obtain more information and make a report as soon as possible. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 429-431.

26 May  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Duke of Clarence. In receipt of letter in favour of Mr. Lloyd. He hopes that a Custom House will be established at Pictou, in which event he has nominated Lloyd for the post of Comptroller; if the Duke would recommend this nomination to the first Lord of the Treasury, Lloyd would be assured of the office. "He might receive the preparatory official instructions required at the Custom House in Halifax. . . . by which he will be saved the considerable expence of attending six months at the Custom House in London, and of two costly passages."—Great increase in population that has taken place in the district of Pictou. "There are not less than five thousand inhabitants now settled, and one thousand more have taken their passage from Scotland, and will be located and housed before November next.—Many large Vessels (up to 450 Tons) have been built there within the three last years, laden with timber and lumber, and sold in the United Kingdom.—Several are now in progress. The present year at least fifty sail of vessels will be laden for foreign voyages, from that district, from 1000 to 100 Tons each, principally laden with timber and lumber for Great Britain. Some smaller vessels proceed with fish, Oil, Lumber, provisions, Cattle and live Stock to the West Indies; and Newfoundland, whereto we have even exported *prime* Fish, and found a good market."—Fisheries are improving, but stand greatly in need of ships being allowed to import foreign goods directly into the colony on their return from carrying fish to Europe. Having to land such goods in England "operates such a loss in the perishable nature of the goods, and such an additional expence upon the others, that it is found more profitable to export our best fish to the United States. . . . who freight it in their own bottoms to all the ports in (foreign) Europe, and our consumption of most of the returned articles are smuggled in upon our extensive Coasts (sic). . . . Thus rendering this people a fishing Colony to the United States instead of to Great Britain." Illness of Lady Wentworth.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 426-429.

30 May  
Sable I. Invoice of all that remains on Sable Island on this date, animals, articles of furniture, provisions, tools and equipment. Vol. 424, doc. 30.

1 June  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Wentworth's address on opening session of legislature. Prosperity of province and preservation of the King from assassination are occasions for thankfulness. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 35.

(3 June)  
16 May  
Digby Petition of Reuben Hankinson for compensation for services as road commissioner in laying out £300 on bridge over Sissiboo River, and for other advances. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

3 June)  
Halifax Draft of an address of House of Representatives to the King, congratulating him on his preservation from assassination and swearing everlasting loyalty. Vol. 303, no. 14.

- 1803  
(7 June)  
11 Mar  
Liver-  
pool 1. Petition of William Burke, asking for aid in building a grist mill on the Liverpool-Nictaux road, and enclosing plan for such a mill. Signed.  
2. Recommendation that prayer of petitioner be granted. Signed by Simeon Perkins, John Monnay, Hallet Collins and Joshua Newton. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (7 June)  
1 June  
Annapolis Petition of Thomas Williams and other inhabitants of Annapolis County, praying for aid in rebuilding bridge over Allan's River. Signed with 73 names. (See Assembly Journal pp. 8, 18.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (7 June)  
1 June  
Clements Petition of Francis Ryarson, stating the expenses he has incurred in building a mill for the manufacture of plaster of Paris, hemlock, oak etc., and asking for a premium. Signed. (Deferred till next session). Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (7 June)  
1 June  
Annapolis Petition of William Winniett, asking for compensation for his services as Inspector and Searcher for Annapolis since July, 1801. Signed. Consideration deferred to a future day. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (7 June)  
Barrington 1. Petition of Seth Coffin, asking compensation for caring for Peter Riely a transient pauper. Signed.  
2. Certificate of John Sargent J. P. to the truth of petitioner's statement. (£13. 2. 6. granted by resolution of 14 June). Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (7 June)  
Truro Petition of John Dickson and others praying for aid in repairing the road from Truro to Shubenacadie River. Signed with 15 names. (See Assembly Journal pp. 7, 18.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 7 June  
Halifax Thanks of the Lieutenant-Governor for the Assembly's reply to his speech on opening the sessions. (Holograph). Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 8 June  
Halifax Receipted account of Tremain and Boggs for blankets for the Indians. Vol. 430, doc. 136.
- 9 June  
Halifax Message of the Lt.-Governor to the Assembly, communicating correspondence with N. B. on lighthouse for Brier Island. (Holograph).  
*Enclosure.* Vol. 303, no. 36.
- (9 June)  
10 Mar  
Fred-  
ricton Copy. Lt.-Gov. Carleton to Lt.-Gov. Wentworth, stating that N. B. Assembly has voted £100 towards proposed lighthouse at Brier Island. Vol. 303, no. 38.
- (10 June)  
4 June  
Halifax Petition of Margaret Scott and others, asking for a Bill for assuring Sackville Estate to certain persons and for barring remote claims, enclosing copy of the will of Joseph Scott. (See Assembly Journals pp., 13, 14, 16, 17, 63.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (10 June)  
Wilmot Petition of William Bent and other inhabitants asking for grant for making a road from Wilmot to the main Annapolis-Halifax road. Signed with 17 names. See Assembly Journal pp., 13, 18. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (10 June)  
1 June  
Annapolis Petition of William Robertson and others for aid in opening a road, already surveyed, between Nictaux Falls and Birch Cove. Signed with 23 names. Approved by the Governor. (See Assembly Journal, p. 14.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (10 June)  
9 June  
Halifax Petition of John F. Gschwind, Health Officer for Halifax, for further compensation for his services. Signed. Approved by the Governor. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 10 June  
Halifax Receipted account of Hartshorne and Boggs for powder, shot etc. for the Indians during 1802 and 1803. Vol. 430, doc. 135.
- 10 June  
Halifax Petition of Phebe Moody for compensation for certain expenditures made by her since her appointment as keeper of the Sambro Island lighthouse in 1796. Signed. (Deferred to a future day). Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.



- 1803 Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to Michael Wallace, relative to the recently  
 10 June returned mission to Sable Island. Congratulations on the establishment.  
 Halifax (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 32.
- 10 June Lt.-Gov. Wentworth's message to the Assembly on the subject of  
 Halifax the Sable Island establishment. He encloses the letters he has just  
 received from the Supt. of the island, and recommends that the Assembly  
 give further consideration to the needs of the establishment. (Holograph).  
 Vol. 424, doc. 34.
- 10 June Part of report of committee on public accounts. Signed.  
 Halifax Vol. 287, no. 119.
- 10 June Report of committee on public accounts. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 10 June Petition of Robert Fitzrandolph and other inhabitants of Annapolis  
 Anna- and on the River, asking for grant for building a bridge over Annapolis  
 polis River near Hick's Ferry. Signed with 3 names. (Approved by the Lt.-  
 Governor). (See Assembly Journal pp. 13, 18.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (11 June) Petition of Phineas Millidge and five others asking for compen-  
 1 June sation for articles lost by fire while they were working on the Liverpool-  
 Anna- Nictaux road. Signed.  
 polis
- Annexed.* List of articles lost by petitioners, and affidavit that list  
 is correct. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 12 June Received account of Hartshorne and Tremain for supplies for the  
 Halifax Indians. Vol. 430, doc. 133, 134.
- (13 June) Petition of Simon Fitch and others asking for a grant to help them  
 30 May rebuild the lower bridge over Gaspereau River. Signed by committee  
 Horton of inhabitants of Horton. (See Assembly Journal pp. 15, 18.) Subscrip-  
 tion of inhabitants of Horton enclosed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 1803 Petition of Alexander and Joseph Sutherland on behalf of inhabitants  
 (13 June) of Sheet Harbour, Beaver Harbour and Pope's Harbour, asking for  
 5 May aid in opening a road which will connect these settlements with the  
 Sheet main road to Halifax. (Recommended by the Lt.-Governor).  
 Harbour Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (13 June) Petition of Josiah Dodge and other inhabitants of the township of  
 12 May Granville, asking that the legislature would enable the proprietors to  
 Gran- hold a "meeting as a Body politic to Chose a Committee to Consider  
 ville the matter and make report as also to adjourn once or more as the matter  
 may require; or otherwise" provide for settling disputes that arise con-  
 cerning the boundaries of lots in the township. Signed with 25 names.  
 Consideration deferred to next session. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (13 June) Petition of Patrick Fitzmaurice, for compensation for over-expenditure  
 Windsor in work on roads. Holograph. Prayer of petition granted.  
 Rd. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 13 June Account of expenditures for the Sable Island establishment between  
 Halifax October 1801 and June 1803. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 17.
- 13 June Account current of the commissioners for Sable Island from the be-  
 Halifax ginning of the establishment there to the 13 June 1803. Vol. 424, doc. 25.
- 13 June Petition of Joseph Fennell for drawback of £47. 14. 6. on cargo bought  
 Halifax with produce of the province but imported from the West Indies in a West  
 Indian ship.
- Annexed.* Bill of lading of cargo and accounts of sales of N. S. produce.  
*Overleaf.* Report of committee of House. Prayer of petition granted,  
 1 July, passed by Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 13 June Petition of Chas. Hill and Co. for drawback of £34. 2. 1. paid on rum  
 Halifax entered at Halifax but shipped, by the same conveyance that brought it,  
 to Quebec. *Overleaf.* Certificate that duties were paid. Dismissed.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

1803

13 June  
Chester

Petition of Thomas Thomson, and other inhabitants of Chester, stating the inconveniences they suffer through having to travel to Lunenburg, over extremely bad roads or fifteen miles by water, to the County Court, and praying that the Court may sit once a year in Chester, where "there is a sufficient number of Houses of Entertainment . . . to accommodate the Court and Suitors etc.", and offering to build a Courthouse. They "farther beg that they may be granted the Privilege of having a weekly Market, Established in the Town of Chester, on such a day as may be thought most Convenient, the want of which in any Town is the Cause of many Growing evils—in the first place it makes the People under a kind of Necessity of Making bargains (as they seldom meet but) on the Sabbath day, notwithstanding the existing Laws, they find Means to avoid Detection, Such habits must produce nothing but Dissoluteness in Young people and Children, who think there Can be no evil in Such practices, when they see their Parents Resort to Shops and Taverns, as Soon as they Come out of the places of Public Worship, and often Drunkenness and Quarreling ends the day. Your Memorialists are Convinced that a weekly Market would in Great Measure prevent many of the evils stated in the above, and be a means to Promote Good Order, and prove Convenient both for Town and Country." Signed with 7 names. Consideration deferred to a future day. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

13 June  
Halifax

Petition of James and William Cochran for drawback of £20. 17. 4. Granted by resolution of 14 June. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

13 June  
Halifax

Report of committee on sums necessary for the services of the province for the present year. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

13 June  
Halifax

Report of the committee on petitions for drawbacks of duties. Un-signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

15 June  
Halifax

Receipted account of Jonathan Crane for supplies to the Indians. Vol. 430, doc. 129.

15 June  
Liver-  
pool  
1803

Petition of the Justices of the Peace for Queen's County, asking, on behalf of the inhabitants, £100 for repairing the road from Liverpool to Port Mouton and £50 for repairing the bridge at Herring Cove on the road leading to Port Medway. Signed with 5 names.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

(16 June)  
11 June  
Halifax

Petition of the Grand Jury for the County of Halifax, asking that the legislature take measures to prevent forestalling and regrating in the province "which they are convinced has been a principal means of raising many of the necessities of life to their present exorbitant prices." Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

15 June  
Halifax

Abstract (no. 2) of expenditures and receipts by commissioners for building Govt. House. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 37.

16 June

Same.

Vol. 287, no. 122.

16 June  
Halifax

Report of the committee on the accounts for the Sable Island establishment. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

17 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). The General Assembly has convened and is now sitting. General harmony prevails. The ship carrying provisions to Sable Island has just returned. He encloses a copy of the letter of Mr. Morris, Superintendent, which shows that in his opinion the wreck of a Danish ship which took place the previous year would not have happened if there had been a lighthouse on the island. Wentworth has recommended to the Assembly to make further provision for this establishment, according to the Sec'y of State's orders, but as there is a general feeling that "the benefits derived, are by far more to European and American navigation than to this Province," he thinks that some assistance from there will be expected. Report on the location and quality of coal pits in the districts of Pictou, Canso,



Cumberland and the Minas Basin. "It is entirely impossible to estimate the quantity that may be exported...or the expence". "It is however certain, from the nature of the business, that for the first seven years at least, it must be attended with heavy expence, and large advances of capital; which are among many other reasons, that induced me to recommend the Contract, as thereby Government would make the best and safest experiment, and derive a full share of any profit." He has tried to have coal brought from Pictou and the Minas Basin, without success.

"The Schooner Agnes, Stanwood master and part Owner was seized on the 18th May by the Collector and Comptroller of...Halifax, also the Cargo imported in the said Schooner, for navigating and trading from Virginia in the United States of America, without a Certificate of Registry by Law required; During the time of notification for trial in the Court of Vice Admiralty,...Mr. Stanwood found means secretly to possess himself of the Sails of the Vessel which were lodged in a Store by the Custom House Officers, for securing the seizure, got them on board in the night, and before day carried the vessel to sea, together with the tide waiter put on board by the Custom House—who must have been asleep or forcibly secured." He has escaped. (Copy).

Vol. 53, pp. 431-436.

18 June Westchester Petition of Jonathan Palmer, asking compensation for articles lost through fire and theft while he was working on the Londonderry-Cumberland road. Approved by Governor.

Resolution to grant prayer of petition not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

20 June Halifax Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). In receipt of circular letter enclosing order-in-council *re* detaining French and Dutch ships. The order will be carefully executed. (Copy).

Vol. 53, p. 436.

22 June Halifax Part of report of committee on Poor Commissioners' Petition.

Assembly Papers, No. 10.

22 June Halifax Report of committee on Foreman and Grassie's petition, recommending an amendment to be made to the law requiring duties to be paid on all of cargo for which only a small part is intended for the provincial market. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

(23 June) 16 June Halifax Petition of the church wardens of St. Paul's asking for a bill to allow them to dispose of the old parsonage. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

23 June Halifax Abstract of disbursements of grant of £1000 made by the Assembly for assisting poor settlers and immigrants. (The grant was voted in 1801).

Vol. 224, doc. 153.

23 June Halifax Report of committee of House on the state of the fisheries of the province. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

24 June Halifax Report of the committee on the accounts for the new Government House. Signed. *Annexed*, estimate for finishing the building.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

25 June Halifax Petition of George Grant, agent of Jas. Brymer of London, Contractor for victualling His Majesty's ships of war in the province, asking that all bread imported into the province from the United States for the use of the Navy be exempt from paying the ten percent duty. *Overleaf*. Dismissed by the House.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

25 June Halifax Copy of estimate for the support of government for 1803-4.

Vol. 287, no. 123.

27 June Halifax Draft of Assembly's address to the King. (As in no. 14 and Assembly Papers, Vol. 10).

Vol. 303, no. 43.

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27 June  
Halifax

Part of report of committee of the House on supply, with appropriations proposed for roads and bridges. Vol. 287, no. 121.

27 June  
Halifax

Resolutions of Assembly appropriating in detail £5710 to road services of the province. Vol. 303, no. 39.

27 June  
Halifax

Report of the committee on the distribution of £6000 for roads and bridges. Signed.

Resolution that £5710 be granted for the service of roads and bridges for the present year. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

27 June  
Halifax

Report of the committee on the proposed road between Salmon River and the middle settlement of Musquodoboit. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

27 June  
Halifax

Petition of James and William Cochran to the Assembly, asking "that their Property now in the Hands of the Sherrieff may be released to them on their substituting ample Securities to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of the Revenue for there (sic) Debt to the Province and payable before the Termination of the present Year", on the grounds that many payments due them have not been collected. Signed.

Resolution for a message to the Governor granting their petition.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

(28 June  
rec'd)  
20 June  
Parrs-  
borough

Petition of James Ratchford and James Noble Shannon and other owners of the Parrsboro' packet. "That in the original agreement between the first Settlers at Partridge Island and Government, the persons Keeping the Ferry were allowed Four rations of Provisions, besides other priviledges but soon after the conclusion of the last American War the Provisions were stoped finding that the Packet had a Sufficient Encouragement by the Great Number of Cattle sent to Halifax from Cumberland and West-morland, but within three years last past the Road hath been so much improved between Cumberland & Halifax by way of Cobequid that about one half the Cattle is now drove Around on which Account the owners of said Packet are obliged to put the Vessell in other Employ to support the same Contrary to their real desire and to the Great detriment of the People in the Counties of Hants & Kings, & all others in the Westward parts of this Province wishing to communicate with Cumberland & New Brunswick, and more especially so to the Inhabitants of Parrsboro' and the Southwest part of the County of Cumberland owing to the Great distance and the unimproved State of the Roads around Cobequid Bay, and as you have been pleased to Grant large sums of Money for Roads of Communication thro' the province, and as your Petitioners have no other Road of Communication to the Southward but the Water the Packet answering for a Bridge, have Humbly to request you will please to take our case into consideration and Grant your Petitioners such reasonable assistance that with the Accustomed Ferriage said Packet may be still continued," . . . Owners further suggest that letters of marque be issued to master of packet, who would then be able to act against American vessels trading illegally in the Basin. Signed. (See resolution 1 July and Assembly Journals, 1803, pp. 51, 55.)

Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

28 June  
Halifax

Resolution of the House that £3000 be granted for carrying on the building of Government House. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

28 June  
Halifax

Report of committee on inquiring into expenditure of certain monies. £1000 voted to aid distressed families is properly vouched for; charges for old Govt. House not in order; accounts for Shelburne lighthouse correct, expenditure for Indians has been partial. Signed.

Vol. 303, no. 44.



- 1803 Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to the Attorney-and Solicitor-General  
28 June (R. J. Uniacke and Jas. Stewart). The Lt.-Governor asks their opinion  
Halifax as to the legality of marriages by licence, which Mr. Burke, Roman  
Catholic priest, has caused great distress by denying. The case in point  
is the marriage of Dennis Farril and Mrs. Mary McAllum. (Draft).  
Vol. 139, p. 1.
- 29 June Report of the committee of the House appointed to examine the ex-  
Halifax penditures of money on roads and bridges, and recommending com-  
pensation to road commissioners. 22 pages. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 29 June Three resolutions for compensation to road commissioners. Signed.  
Halifax *Overleaf*. Rejected by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 29 June Resolution of the House for granting compensation to Nathaniel  
Halifax Parker and John Ruggles for their services as road commissioners. Ac-  
companying certificates that work was performed satisfactorily. Agreed  
to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 30 June Prov. Sec'y to the Attorney-and Solicitor-General. The Lt.-Governor  
Halifax desires their opinion as to the legality of his complying with the request  
of the petition enclosed, from the congregation of St. Peter's chapel  
in Halifax. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 2.
- 30 June Draft of address from Assembly to Lt.-Governor, praying that he  
Halifax transmit their address to the King. Vol. 303, no. 34.
- 30 June Letter from Rev. John Inglis to the Speaker thanking him for the  
Halifax letter in which he expressed the thanks of the House for the sermon  
Mr. Inglis preached. (Holograph). Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 1 Jul Letter from Lt.-Gen'l Bowyer to Wentworth, enclosing despatch  
Halifax re clauses of Mutiny Act, and asking for action thereon. (Holograph).  
Vol. 303, no. 40.
- 1 Jul Message of the Lt.-Governor to Assembly, recommending a grant  
Halifax to provide seats in church for staff of King's College. Signed.  
Vol. 303, no. 42.
- 1 Jul Seven resolutions of the House for granting sums of money for the  
Halifax reimbursement of various officers, commissioners, etc. *Attached*. War-  
rants, certificates etc, that work was satisfactory. Agreed to by the  
Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 1 Jul Unsigned copy of report on accounts of health officers and sheriff  
Halifax of Shelburne. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 3 Jul Resolution of the House for a grant of £200 for the relief and support  
Halifax of distressed Indians for 1803. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 4 Jul Resolutions of the House of Assembly for grants to certain officers,  
Halifax commissioners etc., for services performed. Nine in number. Agreed  
to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 4 Jul Report on Indian relief, recommending that £20 be granted to each  
Halifax county and the district of Colchester for that purpose. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 5 Jul Three resolutions of the House concerning the payment of the bounties  
Halifax on codfish caught and cured in the province, the first two for granting  
sums to be distributed to claimants, and general resolution that "the  
Treasurer be authorized to pay out of the Money appropriated for that  
purpose, and now in the Treasury all further claims for a Bounty on  
Cod Fish Caught in 1802 by Inhabitants of this Province upon their  
producing to him like affidavits as required aforesaid...before the  
first day of October next." Signed. Agreed to by the Council.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

- 1803 Resolution of the House for granting a bounty on vessels employed  
5 Jul in the fisheries, and regulating the issuing of the money. Signed. Not  
Halifax agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 5 Jul Message from the House to the Council requesting that their committee  
Halifax be allowed access to the Journal of the Council. Signed. (See Assembly  
Journal p. 63.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 5 Jul Report of committee on claims for the bounty on codfish, granted  
Halifax the previous session. See resolution of House to above effect.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 5 Jul Message from the Governor to the House enclosing letter from Lt.-  
Halifax General Bowyer, and recommending that measures be taken to comply  
with Bowyer's request. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 5 Jul Description of boundaries of proposed new counties, reported by  
Halifax committee of the House. Vol. 224, doc. 155.
- 5 Jul Report of committee presenting plan for dividing province into twelve  
Halifax counties. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 41.
- 6 Jul Report on accounts of public markets and on the present state of the  
Halifax old market building. Signed. *Attached.* Resolution of House on report.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 6 Jul Message from the Council to the House in answer to their message  
Halifax respecting their committee being allowed to search the Journal of the  
Council. The Council has directed its clerk to search and extract from  
the Journal everything relating to the resolution of the House in question.  
Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 6 Jul Two resolutions of the House for grants of money for reimbursement  
Halifax of monies expended. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 7 Jul Message from the Governor to the House, stating that he will transmit  
Halifax address of House to the King. (Holograph). Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 7 Jul Resolution of the House for a grant to encourage settlers on the new  
Halifax roads in the province. Regulations as to settlement etc. Signed. Not  
agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 8 Jul Resolution of the House for a grant of £1350 for providing a bounty  
Halifax on vessels engaged in the fisheries. Regulations for issuing bounty.  
Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 8 Jul Report of committee on precedents for the action of the House in  
Halifax appointing a committee to search the Journal of the Council. Signed.  
(See Assembly Journal pp. 67, 68.)  
Copy in Vol. 287, no. 120. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 11 Jul Draft of resolution of the House for message to the Council stating  
Halifax that the House cannot proceed with the appropriation bill until they  
have received the resolutions for granting certain sums, which they sent  
to the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 11 Jul Resolution of the House for granting balance of King's College charter  
Halifax fund to erect a chapel. Agreed to by the Council.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 12 Jul Message from the Council to the House in answer to their message.  
Halifax (See Index to Journal of House for 1803, Message No. 13.)  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 12 Jul Motion of Mr. McMonagle that House discharge previous order and  
Halifax allow Speaker to sign the revenue bills; division of House 17-15 defeating  
motion; motion of Mr. Tonge that House proceed to make up appropri-  
ation bills for the session; countermotion of Mr. Pyke that the House  
pass only one appropriation bill, defeated 19-13.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.



- 1803      Message from the Lt.-Governor to the House that he will be in the  
14 Jul      Council chamber on the 15th July to allow or reject such Bills as shall  
Halifax      have been passed by the House and Council. Signed.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 15 Jul      Resolution of the House that a message be sent to the Council re-  
Halifax      questing the Council to return the appropriation bills agreed to or not  
agreed to, in order that the Speaker of the House may sign the revenue  
bills and the latter may receive the Lt.-Governor's assent. Division.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 15 Jul      Message from the Council to the House that the Council cannot act  
Halifax      on the appropriation bills until the Speaker of the House shall have  
signed the revenue bills which have passed both Houses.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 16 Jul      Copies of Mr. Robie's resolutions with regard to the constitutional  
Halifax      rights of the House in raising and appropriating monies. Three resolu-  
tions.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 18 Jul      Draft of message from the Council to the House in answer to their  
Halifax      message with regard to the appropriation bills. (See Index to Journal  
for 1803, no. 16.)      Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 19 Jul      Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has  
Halifax      drawn for M. Danséville's allowance and transmits the receipt therefor.  
(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 437.
- 19 Jul      Draft of resolution for message from the House to the Governor con-  
Halifax      cerning their efforts to provide a revenue.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 23 Jul      Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. Further  
Halifax      recommendation for a confirmation of his appointment of Charles Morris  
to succeed his father as Surveyor-General of Lands. His ability in the  
business. "It is further incumbent on me to add that Mr. Morris and  
his numerous connections are faithful supporters of His Majesty's Govern-  
ment in this Province, where they have a considerable influence and  
respectabilitys—and that He has uniformly maintained the Kings rights  
and interests in the House of Representatives, whereof he is a member  
of much experience and consideration—especially in the present Session,  
wherein questions have been agitated with too much warmth, and needed  
the firmness and wisdom of considerate men, to prevent extending into  
unpleasant Dissention." (Copy).      Vol. 53, pp. 438, 439.
- 23 Jul      Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). He encloses  
Halifax      the Assembly's address to be laid before the King. (Copy).  
Vol. 53, p. 439.
- 24 Jul      Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). The session  
Halifax      of the Assembly which began with such good humour has not so con-  
tinued. A party under the guidance of Mr. Tonge, the Naval Officer  
"have exerted every nerve to create a dissention between the Council  
and the House of Assembly, which, of Course, could not fail to disseminate  
animosity's and dissentions throughout this (and I will venture to say)  
thro'out the other Provinces. These oppositions have been by them  
pursued with infinite assiduity, and contended in the house, with vehe-  
mence, and such violent language and speeches as certainly tend to  
unsettle the public mind, and are particularly to be lamented, as they  
are heard by Officers and men of both Sea and Land services, who croud  
the Lobby daily, and cannot all be supposed able justly to appreciate  
or to discriminate, and may therefore be impressed with ideas not exactly  
congenial to their service.—The loyalty and Wisdom of the majority  
yet prevails, and the firmness, good temper, experience, independence,  
and faithful attachment of the Council, to the King and Constitution  
has been wisely exerted to preserve the public service, in its due and

usual course; as successfully as in the last Sessions, when similar measures . . . were agitated by the same leader and Party. They are now increased by the addition of William Campbell Esq. His Majesty's Attorney General, Councillor and Coal Contractor of the island of Cape Breton, who has signalized himself in this reprehensible opposition. I can . . . no longer forbear reporting to your Lordship, That I unite in opinion with those who think that Mr. Tonge does not merit the office he holds, which, if your Lordship is pleased to confer upon John Beckwith Esq. an English Officer of tried merit, and well known in the service, would convey an useful consideration to the people at large, and especially to all holding official situations under Government." He hopes that the session will soon come to an end. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 440-442.

1803  
25 Jul  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Duke of Clarence. Mr. Lloyd, in consequence of the declaration of war, is repairing to England. If peace should be made soon he might profitably pass his term of instruction at the Custom House in London, and that term be lessened by the Duke's mediation.

Postscript. Since signing the letter he has learned that his nephew Capt. Apthorp is going to join the King's service in England, and begs for the Duke's influence in having him promoted. His services. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 442, 443.

25 Jul  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). In receipt of circular letter of 16 May. He has recommended passing acts to prohibit exportation of naval and military stores and to prevent desertion, as well as an alien act, which have been passed. "I am sorry to find the appropriation Bill is obstructed in passing through the House of Representatives, through the machinations of Mr. Tonge, whose virulence against the business of Government is equally notorious and reprehensible.—Various falsehoods are circulated, tending to excite jealousys, suspicions and dissention, both in the Legislature, and among the people at large.—These calumny's are daily refuted, and others invented and dispersed, which will also be exposed. In the meantime much mischief is done to society. If the appropriation Bill is not completed this week, it will be expedient to prorogue the General Assembly, as I do not think it immediately essential to Government." (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 444, 445.

(25 Jul)  
Halifax

Account of commissioners for expenditures on Windsor Road. (Resolution of House thereon, 25 July.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

26 Jul  
Halifax

Message from the Lt.-Governor, recommending that provision be made by Assembly for escheating Philadelphia Grant, since new settlers thereon are too poor to pay for escheating. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 45.

26 Jul  
Halifax

Draft of schedule of road appropriations. Vol. 303, no. 46.

26 Jul  
Halifax

Message from the Lt.-Governor to the House in answer to their address with regard to the appropriation bills and their attempts to provide a revenue. He considers a second bill as "unprecedented and unnecessary, as the whole provisions finally agreed may be included as heretofore in one Bill—". Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

25 Jul  
Halifax

Draft of two resolutions of the House with regard to the two appropriations bills. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

29 June-  
27 Jul  
Halifax

Resolutions of the House for grants for the service of roads and bridges. 106 in number. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

26-27  
Jul  
Halifax

Seventeen resolutions of the House for grants to be added to the appropriation bill. Rejected by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.

27 Jul  
Halifax

Resolution of the House for changing a grant for a bridge from "near Leanards" to Hicks Ferry. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.



- 1803 Resolution of the House for granting a bounty for volunteers in the  
27 Jul Navy. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council.  
Halifax Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (27 Jul) Memorandum of contingent votes for the Session of 1803. (Not  
Halifax agreed to by Council). Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 26-28 Extract from Journal of Assembly, beginning with resolutions on  
Jul Wentworth's message of 26 July dealing with various routine matters,  
Halifax and concluding abruptly with a resolution concerning the revenue.  
Vol. 303, no. 47.
- 28 Jul Speech of the Lt.-Governor on closing session. Signed.  
Halifax Vol. 303, no. 48.
- 25-28 Three papers dealing with the payment of members for their attendance  
Jul in the House of Assembly.  
Halifax
1. Request for payment from Mr. Wm. Campbell. *Overleaf*: receipt.
  2. Request for payment from Col. Crane. *Overleaf*: receipt.
  3. Receipt for payment of Joseph Marshall.
- Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 28 Jul Four resolutions made on the motion of Mr. Tonge regarding the  
Halifax rights of the House to control the granting of money and the passing  
of money bills. Unsigned. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 28 Jul Resolution of the House on the motion of Mr. Robie censuring the  
Halifax conduct of the Council in rejecting the vote for encouraging volunteers  
to the Navy. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 28 Jul Message from the Council in answer to the House's message relating  
Halifax to a bounty on volunteers in the Navy. Council cannot agree with  
House in that regard. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 28 Jul Message from the Council to the House asking why the appropriation  
Halifax bill has not been signed by the Speaker. Signed.
- Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- 28 Jul Return of members attending the Session of the General Assembly,  
Halifax including names, days of attendance, and days of travel. Total £800.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- July List of items for which grants were made in the first appropriation  
Halifax bill. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (July) Adjutant-Gen'l's account of payment to his clerk on behalf of the  
Halifax province. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (July) Certificates to the faithful execution of contracts for road work in  
Halifax Queens County. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- (July) Account of services performed by the Attorney-General from 1 July  
Halifax 1802 to 8 June 1803. Approved by the Lt.-Governor.
- pre-28 Account of work done repairing bridges and clearing windfalls on the  
Jul Halifax road, rendered by Jas. Archibald. Assembly Papers, Vol. 10.
- Halifax Copy. S. Bernard to the Speaker. Has sent copy of his (Uniacke's)  
30 Jul last letter, explaining desires of N. S. government, to Lord Glenhervie  
London (vice-pres. of Committee of Trade). Encloses copy of Glenhervie's  
answer. The war interferes with any action Govt. might otherwise  
take towards revising colonial system. If he continues to do nothing  
to earn it, Bernard will not accept salary as Agent. doc. 1.
- Enclosure.* Copy of Lord Glenhervie's letter to Bernard, approving  
but postponing consideration of Uniacke's suggestions. doc. 2.
- Vol. 303, no. 53.
- 1 Aug Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to John Crawley, Ronald McKinnon  
Halifax and Benoni Dentremond, magistrates of Shelburne County. The Lt.-  
Governor has received word of the arrival and settling of several French  
people in the districts of Argyle and Yarmouth during the late war and

since the peace. The magistrates are now to administer the oaths of allegiance to them, and to transmit a list of those taking them to the Secretary's office. In order that they may understand the proceedings the enclosed letter is to be sent to M. Sigogne asking him to attend and explain in French to the people. Those who refuse to take the oaths must leave the province immediately. The magistrates are also to remove any French people who have come into the province since the late outbreak of hostilities, unless they give good security to conform to the laws and keep the peace in Nova Scotia. (Draft).

Vol. 139, pp. 3, 4.

1803  
1 Aug  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to "Rev. Mr. Sigogne at the Tusquets." The Lt.-Governor wishes him to attend when the magistrates convene the recent French arrivals for the purpose of administering the oaths of allegiance, so that he may explain in French the meaning of the oaths. (Draft).

Vol. 139, pp. 4, 5.

6 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). The legislative session has at last been concluded, the appropriation bill having been carried. "In the progress of this Session a vote passed to grant £10,000 toward enabling His Majesty to carry on the War—This was suggested probably as a display of public spirit, expecting probably it wou'd not pass, and thereby some idea of want of liberality attach to those who might oppose it—but proving otherwise, and it being evident that not 1/4 part of the sum was or could be collected into the Treasury—the vote was not sent up to the Council." Similar interpretation of later vote for bounties for seamen. "Altho' I shall carefully transmit all the proceedings of the Sessions, when the Journals and Acts are sent; yet I think it incumbent on me to mention as before, for Your Lordships private information—and also that it is supposed those Gentlemen are endeavouring to create dissensions, with a view to obtain an elective Legislative Council, which would make two popular assemblies instead of three distinct branches in the legislature—which obviously changes the form at present established and goes directly to reduce the influence and Controul wisely connected and hitherto exercised for the Good of the People, who sincerely wish to be easy, quiet and right; If these patriotic Orators would mind their own business and *their Duty*."

Arrival of 845 men, women and children from Scotland "all in health, having had a good Passage, and well provisioned, owing to the arrangement or rules made by Government for this humane purpose." About forty others, arrived from Hamburg and bound for Philadelphia, have decided to settle in the province. The Scottish people are being settled in the parts of the province to which their experience in work best suits them. The great need of labourers will operate to their benefit. (Copy).

Vol. 53, pp. 445-448.

9 Aug  
Halifax

Minute of Council authorizing the trustees of the Grammar School to carry into effect the lottery act for the support of the school.

Vol. 224, doc. 155½.

16 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). In receipt of circular letters of 16 June and 16 July with orders-in-council relating to the ships of the Batavian republic. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 448.

17 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). In receipt of letter enclosing the estimate of the parliamentary grant for defraying the expenses of the civil establishment of the province for the year.

(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 449.

17 Aug  
Halifax

Memorial of Richard John Uniacke, Attorney-General, for two lots of land to be granted to him on the Windsor Road. (Holograph).

Vol. 224, doc. 156.



- 1803 Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to the Attorney-Gen'l, communicating the Lt.-Governor's orders that commissions be prepared for appointing "certain persons therein named, to investigate and ascertain the claims of the settlers and Proprietors of a certain Tract of Land . . . the Philadelphia Grant" and for appointing persons to promote settlements in the western district of the province. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 5.
- 25 Aug Halifax Instructions for the commanders of privateers against the Ligurian and Italian Republics. (Printed Copy). Vol. 60, doc. 41.
- 27 Aug Halifax Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Clerk of the House (J. B. Francklin). The Lt.-Governor requests that Francklin complete the Journal of the last sessions as soon as possible, so that they may be printed and he may transmit a copy to the Sec'y of State. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 6.
- 29 Aug Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Col Creighton, Casper Wollenhaupt, D. C. Jessen, J. Bolman and Mr. James (Magistrates). Appropos of the desertion from the 60th Regiment, he brings to their particular notice the importance of apprehending these and all other deserters. They should be either sent to Halifax or kept until they can be delivered to the proper authorities. "It is particularly necessary to recover, if possible, those Men who have deserted from the 60th Regt.—They are Foreigners, enlisted for a Stipulated time only, do not even complain of or suggest any severity of duty or discipline, and must therefore be enticed away, and assisted, harboured and concealed by inhabitants." If the deserters are not returned, or their numbers made up by voluntary enlistment "I must consent that a Sloop of War be stationed between Margarets Bay and Shelburne Light House to impress from any description of boats and vessels whatever, as many Men, as shall replace those who have deserted since 1st July last or may hereafter desert." He encloses descriptions of the deserters, and assures them that all reasonable expenses will be paid and "any secrecy desired, will be observed, altho' I think it is too just and honourable a service, not to be avowed and proud of—"
- 7 Sept Halifax P.S. Since signing letter, the Commanding Officer has decided to pardon all deserters from the army "who voluntarily surrender either at Head Quarters or to any Magistrates, Field Officer or Captain of the Militia . . . on or before 1st day of December next." (Copy). (Marginal note that the same despatch has been sent to the magistrates of the counties of Shelburne, Queens and Annapolis, and the district of Yarmouth and C. Sable.) Vol. 53, pp. 450-452.
- 21 Sept Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Customs Commissioners. In receipt of their letter accompanying Jefferys' commission as Collector of Customs for Halifax. Mr. Jefferys having taken the required oaths and received the commission has entered into the exercise of his duties. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 452.
- 22 Sept Halifax Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). He encloses the report of the commissioners for determining the amount due Lt.-Gen'l Fanning for the deterioration suffered by his property at Point Pleasant due to military necessities. The character of the commissioners is unimpeachable. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 453.
- 30 Sept Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn on their Lordships for a quarter's allowance to M. Danséville, as directed by the Sec'y of State, and encloses the receipt for the set of Exchange. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 456.
- 30 Sept Boston Letter from John W. Quincy to Michael Wallace, relating a message from Capt. B. Hooper relative to a paper Wallace is to send for the underwriters of the ship Union and to Hooper's share in the salvage of the ship. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 24½.



1803  
10 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). Mr. Butler's mandamus has been laid before him. He wishes an explanation of the expression "sovereign council" before taking any action. "It is a duty incumbent on me for your Lordship's *private* information to observe upon this occasion, that Mr. Butler's being in a subordinate Department in the Commissariat of this district, and immediately amenable to the General or other Officer Commanding the Troops, as also to the Commissary General, and subject at all times to be employed by them, or sent to any part of the district—He cannot be considered free and independent to act as a Legislator—a Privy Councillor, or Judge, which the Council are in causes of Appeal,—Probate—and Divorce, of the highest and most important concern, to His Majesty's interests, and to His Subjects.—The date of this Mandamus being 1801, presents a Claim to precede several Gentlemen who have set in Council during that time, with zeal, diligence and fidelity. The first instance of preference to Doctor Croke, altho' very painful to several members was less distressing than the present, being then associated with distinguished Talents—Family, and high official situation. When Mr. Butler was recommended above ten years since, He was a resident Merchant of extensive dealing and some influential Connections; these have ceased and the largest proportion of nearly all his own real property alienated.— . . . It is much to be feared that it will suspend that confidence and respect, which produce energy and exertion," (If Butler is appointed) "and instead of the public benefits derived from that honorary Branch of the Government which in this and every other Province, is essentially important to His Majesty's service, and to the establishment of *good* principles, and *British Government*, which it is too much the fashion of the times everywhere, to infest with assailants, instead of these unceasing operations—they will in fact become a formal inert Body."

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 454-456.

18 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to John Howe, Postmaster. In response to several representations he has decided to have the sailing of the packet for England postponed, and directs the Postmaster-Gen'l to give directions for closing the mail on Saturday the 22nd instant.

(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 457.

7 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Thos. (written John in letter) N. Jeffery, Collector of Customs for Halifax. He encloses six copies of the alien act requesting his attention to it. (Copy).

(Marginal note that the same letter has been sent to the Customs Officers at Shelburne and the Naval Officer at Halifax).

Vol. 53, p. 457.

8 Nov  
Halifax

Circular letter from the Lt.-Governor to the magistrates of the various counties and townships. He transmits four copies of the alien act, to which he requests "immediate and exact attention" . . . It is therefore recommended that this Act should be publicly read at the Sessions of the Peace, and of the Inferior Court—It may also be expedient to have one Copy posted at the Church door, or other place of public notice, usually resorted to." Need for apprehending all aliens and people favouring our enemies; patriotic exhortation. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 461-463.

14 Nov  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to the magistrates and militia officers of the district of Yarmouth and Argyle. (20 magistrates and 11 militia officers). The Lt.-Governor is surprised and greatly displeased that Enoch Stanwood, a felonious fugitive from justice, "had publicly appeared in the district of Yarmouth, where he was allowed to dispose of his property and to depart from the Province with his family after a stay of ten or eleven days," during which time he was not even concealed. After



the Proclamation offering a reward for apprehending this Man had been so long circulated in the Province, His Excellency can hardly bring himself to think that so atrocious an offender as Enoch Stanwood would receive either countenance or support in any part of the Country; and it is with very great concern, as well as displeasure that His Excellency received the information, that although it was publicly known thro'out the County of Shelburne that Stanwood was at Yarmouth, yet not a Magistrate, or Officer of Militia belonging to that district, made the least exertion to apprehend him; but on the contrary, two of the Magistrates refused assistance to the persons sent from Shelburne for that purpose. His Excellency being determined not to suffer such shameful, as well as disloyal and undutiful conduct to pass unnoticed" requires proof of each one that he has not "directly or indirectly countenanced the return of Stanwood" and that he tried to apprehend him. Failing such clear proof "it is His Excellency's firm determination to remove from Office every Magistrate and Militia Officer who . . . ." did not do his duty. (Draft). Vol. 139, pp. 6-9.

1803  
24 Nov  
Halifax

Surveyor-Gen'l of the King's Woods (Wentworth) to James Glenie. "His Majesty's Commands, having been signified to the Lieut. Governor, for granting lands in the Province of New Brunswick, It is incumbent on the Surveyor General of the woods, to afford every facility and dispatch to this duty, which I am perfectly confident will accordingly result from your ability and experience in the business." He has given licence to John Black to cut and haul one thousand white pine trees from the King's woods in N.B. for fulfilling contract with the Commissioners of the Navy. "We are daily and very anxiously waiting the event of Buona-parté's projected invasion of Great Britain." Illness of Lady Wentworth. Copy. Vol. 53, pp. 458, 459.

24 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Hon. Gabriel Ludlow. In receipt of letter communicating that Lt.-Governor Carleton had sailed for England on leave, and that the government of New Brunswick had devolved upon him. Wentworth explains his reasons for not complying with Carleton's wish to have Mr. Sproule appointed in place of Mr. Glenie as Deputy-Surveyor-Gen'l of the Woods. (Copy).

25 Nov  
Halifax

Prov. Secretary (B. Wentworth) to Col. Creighton and the other magistrates of Lunenburg Co. directing them, in the name of the Lt.-Governor, to do their best to recover the swords left with certain inhabitants by deserters from the 60th Regiment. (Draft). Vol. 53, p. 460.

26 Nov  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Capt. Reynett, Military Sec'y, stating that in reply to his letter Wentworth has dispatched circular letter to all the magistrates of Lunenburg County directing them to recover the swords left among the inhabitants by deserters of the 60th Regt. (Draft). Vol. 139, pp. 9, 10.

29 Nov  
Halifax

Copy. Speaker (Uniacke) to Agent (Bernard). In receipt of letter with enclosure. Hopes he will accept Assembly's vote as retainer of his services. Disastrous effect of the war on the fisheries. Peculiar situation of N. S. gives her needs different to those answered by the general colonial system. Unless modifications are made Americans will become sole owners of North Atlantic fishery. U. S. supplies West Indies with N. Scotian fish, which Americans pay for in their own and foreign produce, which is against Navigation Laws; but "surely when Great Britain by treaty laid every harbour in N. S. open to foreign Vessels it was but reasonable for the inhabitants to Expect that some regulation would be made in their favour, so as at least to put their trade on a foot-



ing with the foreign trade admitted into their ports yet notwithstanding the immense change of Circumstances we are at this hour left to struggle (sic) under the restraints and prohibitions of the old system by which means our people are daily becoming more and more habituated to the violation of laws which are considered so injudicious & improvident that no person gives any aid to their Execution save those whose official Situations make them responsible and who unassisted as they are can effect little or Nothing." Encloses Journals. doc. 3. Vol. 303, no. 53.

1803  
6 Dec  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Capt. Reynette, Military Sec'y. He is to request the General, in accordance with the late lifting of the quarantine on vessels coming into the province from the United States, to order that such vessels be no longer detained. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 11.

7 Dec  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Mrs. Mary Barker, in reply to her petition to the Lt.-Governor. Her request to be allowed to keep her late husband's personal estate and to dispose of his real estate for the payment of his debts cannot be granted because the law of the province prohibits any real estate being sold while there is sufficient personal to discharge the debts. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 11.

23 Dec  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to R. J. Uniacke, Attorney-Gen'l. He encloses letters from J. N. Bond of Yarmouth with depositions respecting Enoch Stanwood, which the Lt.-Governor has directed him to send, "after which, He will see you upon the case." (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 12.

24 Dec  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). Transmitting list of Acts, with Journals of the Council and Assembly, and comments and explanations. Act no. 2, to prevent harbouring deserters, was adopted on his recommendation and follows imperial act for the same purpose. Act no. 3, for regulating Inferior Court in Annapolis County, was made necessary by the "rapid progress in Agriculture, population, commerce and fishery which has taken place and is still progressing in the district of Digby". No. 4 is to provide for the lighting of the new lighthouse at the entrance of Annapolis Basin under a system of duties imposed at the various harbours etc, on the coast. Difficulties in passing the appropriation bill. "Those who proposed larger grants, upon the credit of the outstanding debts and of revenue expected to be collected in the current year were gradually induced by the violent speeches and extraordinary exertions of two or three whose impetuous diligence designate them in the Journals to be the leaders, to extend their views to clear the Treasury, which was to carry large sums into the counties, from whence none had been derived, where it could not be immediately applied to public good, but might from many causes get into the hands of those who laboured for the measure." Although these attempts were defeated, their supporters "prevailed to prevent the revenue Laws being extended for two years altho' it had been confidentially mentioned to me by the Speaker, at the private request of the House, as their wish." "The Leaders in the whole course of their opposition went to the intire impoverishment of the Treasury, by popular right in which they might guide; and the executive Government be thereby rendered totally dependent on them.... On a debate upon some extraordinary and impracticable proposed Grant—It was observed, that such a measure would consume everything in and expected to be in the Treasury, It was vehemently replied—So much the more to be desired—For it was better to throw it all into the Sea, that to suffer it to remain for a Resource to Government.... The Council having similar opinions with a respectable part of the House, who at last became the majority.... persisted in a line of prudence, resisting every attempt they thought a deviation, with firmness and good temper, which was assailed by indecorous means



and declamation, which nevertheless failed to produce a dissention between the House and Council." Comments on the Journals. Explanation of the vote for £2000 for bounties for volunteer seamen. "I am very sorry that during all the difficultys of the Sessions Mr. Tonge's name is on the Journals wherever obstruction or irritation resulted—His diligence and declamation increasing, to such a degree and so universally that the evil corrected itself, by exciting a general opinion abroad, that neither the public good or the King's Service could be benefited by it." Good results of Sable Island establishment, which would be extended if Government would provide two six-oared life boats, one to be placed at each end of the island. He asks for a new provincial seal, the present one being in a very dilapidated state, and not having been changed since before the Union with Ireland. Good crops and productive fisheries have combined with the increased timber export to Great Britain to add to the prosperity of the province. (Copy).

Vol. 53, pp. 463-474.

1804  
4 Jan  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Admiral Mitchell. He asks that the Admiral order the loan of two small guns from the ordnance stores to arm a small shallop to be used in protecting the revenue officers at Canso. These officers have been "frequently resisted and prevented doing their legal Duty, by which means the Revenue has been defrauded, and illicit trade and importations forcibly practiced by persons navigating vessels belonging to foreign states, who have opposed an armed force to the Officer attempting to board and examine them, and have also, as he informs me, fired Musquetry at his house, which is situated on the Shore."

(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 475.

7 Jan  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn on them on account of the late Royal Nova Scotia Regiment. (Copy).

Vol. 53, p. 476.

23 Jan  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn on them for M. Danséville's allowance for the quarter ending 31 Dec. 1803, and encloses the receipt therefor. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 476, 477.

30 Jan  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to his agent Nicholas P. Olding, with regard to his property at Merigomishe. Steps to be taken to prevent the stealing of wood on this property. (Copy).

Vol. 53, pp. 477-479.

1 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). In receipt of letter brought by Mr. Milnes, who has been very successful in the object of his visit. He has commenced an establishment near Pictou for the exportation of wood to Great Britain. To facilitate this enterprise Wentworth has given a licence of occupation of 5000 acres of land, but awaits official approval before granting the land. "The prosecution of this speculation will certainly cause an immense and profitable supply of wood of different denominations into the United Kingdom. . . . which will be paid for in manufactures and other Goods exported from thence.—It will also be beneficial to this Colony, by furnishing assistance to the poor Settlers to clear, cultivate and build upon their Lands." Need of encouraging the cultivation of bread corn. The restriction against colonial wheat for the King's Stores operates as a great discouragement to provincial growers. (Copy).

Vol. 53, pp. 479-481.

25 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). The merchants of the province are preparing a memorial to him on the commercial concerns of the province "and the peculiar disadvantages it is subjected to. . . . owing to the greater importations, preferably encouraged by. . . (the West India Islands) from the United States of America, both by Duties in some Islands imposed on the imported produce of these Colonies, that are not levied upon the importations from the United States, and



from various other Causes." They are especially anxious because they are informed "great exertions will be made by the Commercial interests of America, to obtain still further advantages in the commercial treaty said to be negotiating between Great Britain and the United States." The memorial will be transmitted early in the Spring. Meanwhile he recommends that Nova Scotia be given the same privileges as the West Indies with regard to American importations. (Copy). (As in Vol. 303, no. 66.) Vol. 53, pp. 481-483.

1804  
28 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Provincial Agent (Scrope Bernard). The merchants of the province are preparing a memorial on the commercial concerns of the province, with particular reference to the relations with the West Indies and the United States. The commerce of Nova Scotia has for several years "sustained great disadvantage, in their intercourse with the British West India Islands, arising from various causes, among which, the preference afforded to the importations from the United States of America, is seriously prominent, and operates greatly to the discouragement of the various fishery's...." The merchants "are naturally made more anxious, as it is understood that the Commercial People of the United States of America have employed an additional, especial Agent, to negotiate their interests in the Treaty of Commerce now pending in London." The memorial will be transmitted in the Spring. He has suggested that Nova Scotia might be given the same privileges as the West Indies with regard to American importations. (Copy). (As in Vol. 303, no. 67.) Vol. 53, pp. 483-484.

8 Mar  
London

Copy. Bernard to Uniacke. In receipt of letter. Is still of opinion that they should not be importunate in pressing Nova Scotia's needs while war is occupying ministerial attention. Accepts Assembly's vote as retaining his services. N. Bond is appointed to vice-presidency of Committee of Trade in Lord Glenhervie's place. doc. 4.

Vol. 303, no. 53.

11 Mar  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor to John Bremner. In receipt of letter. He will remit by bill by the next packet from New York. He had intended to pay all he owed from the balance due him on the Maroon accounts, but those accounts cannot be completed until he has obtained Mr. Clarke's papers. His confidence in Clarke. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 485, 486.

25 Mar  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to General Brunet. In receipt of letter informing him of the General's arrival in Halifax and asking permission to land. Wentworth has given directions for his disembarking and comfortable accommodation in Nova Scotia to Capt. Murray R.N., which he hopes will be satisfactory. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 495.

6 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to Phineas Bond, British Consul at Philadelphia. In reply to his letter of 28 Feb'y relative to reparations for the injuries done by Mr. Collins, master of a privateer, owned in the province, to certain American property. The owners of the privateer are anxious to make reparation, and the agent of the Americans concerned are quite satisfied with what has been done. He encloses the report of the attorney-general on the case. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 486-488.

7 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Wm. Cottnam Tonge, Naval Officer. In receipt of letter anent the entry of a vessel at Digby. He has consulted the Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court, the Attorney-Gen'l, the Provincial Treasurer, and the Collector of His Majesty's Customs; they are all of the same opinion, with which Wentworth agrees, that the vessel may legally entered. He therefore advises that vessel and cargo be admitted. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 488.

7 Apr  
Halifax

Sec'y of State (Hobart) to the Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He is to admit Mr. Butler to his seat in the Council immediately. The expression



"Sovereign Council" which occurs in Butler's mandamus was incorrect, but should not have prevented his being admitted to the Council. He encloses a copy of a letter to Mr. Sullivan in answer to Wentworth's suggestion *re* removing restrictions on vessels returning to the colonies. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 43.

*Enclosure.*

(1804)  
1803  
23 Mar  
London

Sec'y to the Lords of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations to Under-sec'y Sullivan. In receipt of extract of Wentworth's letter transmitted under Lord Hobart's orders, recommending a removal of certain restrictions on the fisheries. Their Lordships "are of opinion that the Propositions contained in the said Letter from Sir John Wentworth ought not to be adopted." (Copy). Vol. 60, doc. 38.

14 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). The merchants have sent the petition referred to in a previous letter to the Provincial Agent, Scrope Bernard, to be presented to Lord Hobart. They dared not delay sending it because of the reported activity of American agents". The Navigation Trade of Nova Scotia has been unprosperous, during the last six months, from numerous captures, and other loss of valuable vessels, and from the low prices the fish cargoes that escaped, were subjected to in the West Indies, where they found Americans underselling them, even in the fish purchased from Nova Scotia." Premium on dollars also draws money out of province and diminishes importations. Timber and lumber trade more hopeful, also the export of gypsum and grindstones. Arrival of Gen'l Brunet and suite, having been taken prisoners at the capture of St. Domingo. Pending their transportation to England, he has had them comfortably accommodated. (Copy).

Vol. 53, pp. 492-495.

16 Apr  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Joseph Freeman, Liverpool. Because of the improper conduct of the commander of the brig Rover towards an American vessel, the Lt.-Governor has suspended the licence under which, in lieu of a Letter of Marque, the brig was operating. (Draft).

Vol. 139, p. 12.

17 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to President Ludlow of New Brunswick. (Secret). He has received private information of great preparations among the Indians. (For abstract see *Wentworth to Milnes*). He will communicate any further news immediately.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 491, 492.

18 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Sir Robert Milnes. (Secret). He has received information that the Micmac Indians are making preparations and receiving other Indians from Canada. "The last stranger Indian stayed only two days, and has disappeared, soon afterwards several of ours, have come in, painted red-They talk much about the French conquering and scalping all the English, and suggest an expectation that the former will recover Canada, and these Colonies." "These Warriors (if such poor Creatures may be so called) they say are to collect, from their different Countries, about two thousand men—As the Micmacs cannot send more-than two hundred—it is possible they calculate upon the Marishites, from New Brunswick, and their neighbours of Penobscot, all of whom cannot afford twelve hundred able men." He will have further information and will obtain a security from them before allowing them to leave the province. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 489, 490.

19 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Gen'l Bowyer. He encloses a letter from the militia officers at Digby anent the inefficient state of the battery there, and the danger of attack from privateers. Capt. Tonge has made a report regarding the activities of the Indians in Hants County. Wentworth has ordered the County militia to be assembled in companies

and ready for further orders. He wishes Bowyer to order the arms at Fort Edward to be issued to Col. Monk, so that the men may be fully armed. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 496, 497.

1804 Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Thos. Garth, Commander of H.M.S. Camel, enclosing the warrant he requested of the Lt.-Governor, and directing him to apply to Mr. Wilkins, Sheriff, for assistance. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 13.

3 May Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). There have been even more captures of vessels than were anticipated, which has greatly discouraged both the fishery and general trade. "This situation of Trade, so much embarrassed, induces me again to submit to your Lordship, the usefulness of enlarging a discretionary power to the Governor, in passing the American intercourse Act of Parliament, whereby the Government might occasionally relieve such unforeseen distresses, as at present depress the industrious Inhabitants of this Colony." He encloses a letter from the Superintendent of Sable Island which shows the great service done by the establishment there. He describes his measures to make the militia more effective in the event of an invasion. In Halifax 400 men will be prepared to serve in the batteries under regular artillery men. In the country they are being divided into the three classes, the first, composed of the youngest and most active, will repair to any part of the province on any notice; the second will be ready to join when and where required, the third are to remain to protect the families, collect and forward provisions. "One thousand Men will join—within six hours of an alarm—one thousand more in eighteen hours, and one thousand in thirty-six hours, the remainder to complete nine thousand, stout effective Men will be assembled as soon as Men can travel from the places of their respective residences—the most remote not more than five days march from Halifax." Activities of the Indians in the province. "If the Micmacs progress in their preparations to a real movement, I shall take easy measures, to prevent them, or that they shall leave effectual securities for their peaceable conduct." Suggests that it may be "judicious, as well as really humane for they are very poor and miserable, and the Country is destitute of hunting, from the increased roads and settlements, to resume the Charity and given them cloaths and food and other necessities. . . . during the War—which would secure their aid against any Enemy, and save the trouble and expense of driving them out of their native Country—"

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 497-501.

8 May Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Capt. Garth of the *Camel*. Since John Lacey, impressed on board the *Camel* lately, is an inhabitant of the province and has a wife and family, the Lt.-Governor wishes him to be discharged. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 13.

11 May Surveyor-Gen'l of the King's Woods (Wentworth) to his New Brunswick deputy (James Glenie). In receipt of letters. He approves of the reserves that Glenie has made. "The fees taken here are one dollar for certificate of five hundred Acres, and all quantities less From 500 to 1000 acres two Dollars—and one shilling per thousand for all above—" He expects every day to receive permission for granting land in Nova Scotia; but the agent is not pressing Nova Scotian interests at the present time, when the threatened invasion of England is absorbing all the attention of Government. He hopes that Glenie will find the French monarchy restored when he reaches Europe, and a prospect of peace thus assured. Lady Wentworth's health is slowly improving.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 501-503.



- 1804 Copy of the Lt.-Governor's warrant to the trustees of the Governor's south farm, directing them in accepting payment from the Crown, by whom the farm is to be bought for military purposes, and for paying over the sum to the commissioners of the new Government House. Vol. 139, p. 14.
- 16 May Lt.-Gov. Wentworth to Sec'y of State Hobart. In receipt of letter  
Halifax enclosing the decision of the Lords of Trade and Plantations not to remove the restrictions on cargoes carried on the return voyages of fishing vessels. He will obey it implicitly and also Hobart's command that Mr. Butler be admitted to the Council. The Indians are still making preparations. A ship has arrived from Newcastle after having been saved from shipwreck on Sable Island by the men of the establishment going out in their boat and warning them. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 503, 504.
- 17 May Secretary of State (Lord Camden) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth).  
Halifax He has succeeded Lord Hobart in the Colonial Department. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 44.
- 18 May Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to John Butler Butler, notifying him  
Halifax that, by the King's command, he is to be admitted into His Majesty's Council, and that the Council will next meet on the 19th instant. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 15.
- 26 May Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). Mr. Butler  
Halifax has been duly sworn into the Council. He encloses a letter from Laurence Hartshorne, who resigns his seat in the Council from "mortification" at being superseded in rank by Butler. He will send list of possible appointees, "but it would be remiss, if not in a degree unfaithful to Your Lordship, to withhold the information, that upon this occasion, there appears much less solicitude, among the most respectable people, to succeed to an appointment at that Board, than heretofore." He encloses a paper, reporting that a French squadron is on the way to the province, which he has sent to the Admiral on the station and the Lt.-Gen'l; he attaches little significance to it. He has ordered restitution of property in a case of violence committed on the commerce of the United States, and nullified the Letters of Margue of the privateer. Indian preparations have subsided. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 505-507.
- 29 May Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Archibald McEachavn, of Dorchester,  
Halifax N. B. In answer to his letter, the Lt.-Governor has made inquiries regarding an escheat of land at Parrsborough, and was assured that the land could be obtained for Mr. McEachavn as soon as the money expended on it had been repaid. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 15.
- 29 May Invoice of stock, provisions, etc. on Sable Island on this date. (Un-  
Sable I. signed). Vol. 424, doc. 33.
- 30 May Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to L. M. Wilkins, Sheriff of Halifax County,  
Halifax transmitting duplicates of commissions for associate justices, the originals of which had not been received. The Lt.-Governor desires him to "get every information of the improvement of the Roads in your power, and also what further is necessary to be done." (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 16.
- 30 May Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Maj-Gen'l Despard. He has obtained  
Halifax information that rumours are spreading among the Indians that the French are invading Canada shortly with 24,000 men. "Although I do not consider the Indians of much consequence as Enemies—Yet knowing it is their custom always to join those they think strongest, and that many among out tribes have not quite forgot their old french attachments, I tho't it would be best to communicate those indications of them to you, for I have not a doubt, but that if a small french Privateer should touch at any of our unsettled Harbours, and find any Indians

they would easily be persuaded, that an armament was near, and thereby be induced to do some mischief. He has suggested the Admiral send a cruiser frequently to the north of Cape Breton to overawe them. He encloses a letter hinting at an invasion by a French fleet en route to Europe, of which the authorities in Nova Scotia think there is not much probability. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 507-509.

1804  
6 June  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to John Beckwith, Adjutant-Gen'l of Militia, stating that if he will have a commission prepared for making Charles Mary Wentworth Lt.-Col. Commandant of the 3rd battalion of Halifax Militia, the Lt.-Governor will sign it and see that the other official essentials will be added without delay. (Draft).

Vol. 139, pp. 16, 17.

12 June  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Maj. John Archibald. The Lt.-Governor has taken into consideration the report on the roads, and wishes Archibald to follow these directions in order that the damage done by the recent storms may be repaired as quickly as possible, so as not to interrupt intercourse, by the Truro road, with the capital. He is to assemble all the labouring men he can and let out the work to them, either by wages or on small contracts, and to attend every day to superintend the work "for which a reasonable compensation will be allowed You." (Draft).

Vol. 139, pp. 17, 18.

21 June  
Halifax Lt.-Governor's speech on opening session. (As in Vol. 287, no. 124). Signed. Vol. 303, no. 51.

(21 June)  
Halifax Estimate for expense of Government 1 July 1803—31 December 1804. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 57.

22 June  
Halifax Draft of Assembly's answer to Lt.-Governor's speech on opening session. Vol. 303, no. 49.

22 June  
Halifax 1. Bond given by Thos. Wallace to the commissioners for the Sable Island establishment for the salvage of the brig Harriet.

2. Opinion of Wm. Smith, Wm. Lyon and James Foreman as to the proportion of salvage that should be allowed to the commissioners out of the wreck of the Harriet. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 40.

(22 June)  
15 June  
Windsor Rd. Petition of John Lawrence to the Assembly, asking compensation for injuries to his land caused by the running of the new road between Mitchell's and Windsor, and for the building and upkeep of two fences. Signed.

*Overleaf.* Certificate of McMonagle, road commissioner, to the truth of the petition. Recommendation of the petition by the Governor. Compensation granted, 3 July. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

23 June  
Halifax Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Hobart). The General Assembly is now sitting. He hopes that they may soon concluded the business of the session "it being very requisite that the members should be as little time absent from their several districts as possible—Many of them are Militia Officers, and the rest generally influential men, of good experience, and would be useful in repelling any invasion on these Coasts, which the enemy may attempt, which seems now to be daily more and more apprehended." He has got the militia into as good order as their lack of arms, ammunition and clothing allow. Their spirit is loyal. He expects to have the legislature amend the militia act this session. Divisions and services of the men. Need of an armed brig if the war should continue. He recommends Hibbert Binney for a seat in the Council. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 509-513.

23 June  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn bills on the balance due him on the accounts submitted in 1801. The completion of the Maroon accounts has been delayed by the illness of



- 1804 Mr. James Clarke, the clerk, but they will be transmitted immediately. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 514.
- 23 June Reply of the Lt.-governor to the Council's answer to the Lt.-governor's  
Halifax speech on opening the session. (Holograph). Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 25 June Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Hibbert Newton Binney. He has  
Halifax the Lt.-Governor's permission to inform Binney that the Lt.-Governor  
has recommended him as a proper person for a seat in His Majesty's  
Council. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 18.
- 26 June Account current of commissioners of public markets. Signed.  
Halifax Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 27 June Reply of the Lt.-Governor to the Assembly's answer to his speech  
Halifax on opening the sessions. (Holograph). Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 27 June Account of the commissioners for Sable Island for expenses from June  
Halifax 1803 until 27 June, 1804. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 26.
- (28 June) Petition of Nathaniel Jenkins for compensation for work on roads.  
22 June Signed.  
Windsor
- Enclosed.* 1. Account of expenditure on road and bridge. Certified  
by road commissioners for district. Recommended by the Governor.  
£54. 19. 0. compensation granted, 3 July. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- (28 June) Petition of Hall and Bremner for drawback on leather imported by  
27 June them for the use of the 5th battalion of the 60th Regt. Signed.  
Halifax (4 July.) Report of Committee, recommending that petitioner's  
prayer be granted.
- (17 July.) Resolution of House granting prayer of petition. Not  
agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 28 June Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
Halifax bills for £100 on the balance due him, which he prays to have paid.  
(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 515.
- 28 June Report of committee on the public accounts. Signed. (As in Assembly  
Halifax Papers, Vol. 11. and Journal pp. 7-9). Vol. 287, no. 125.
- 29 June Under-sec'y (Cooke) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He encloses the  
London estimate for the civil establishment. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 45.
- Enclosure.*
- (29 June) Estimate of expenses for the Civil Establishment from 1st January  
London to 31st December, 1804. (Copy). Vol. 60, doc. 58.
- 29 June Report of committee to examine public market, stating that the build-  
Halifax ing is of no use, not worth repairing, and recommending that it be taken  
down. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 52.
- 30 June Lt.-Governor to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn bills for  
Halifax M. Danséville's allowance for the quarter ending in June, and encloses  
a receipt. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 516.
- 30 June Report of committee on the accounts of the commissioners for the  
Halifax establishment on Sable Island. Report of commissioners includes ac-  
counts, vouchers, receipts and list of ships and lives saved.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 1 July Report of the committee of Ways and Means for present year.  
Halifax Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- (2 July) Petition of Patrick King, asking for his wages for the winter of 1803-04  
22 June on Sable Island, and describing his condition due to an accident while  
Halifax on the service. (Rejected.) Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- (2 July) 1. Petition of Jas. Ratchford and Jas. Noble Shannon, asking for a  
23 June continuance of the £50 grant to help them maintain their packet service  
Parrs- between Parrsborough and Windsor, and for definite regulations as to  
boro' sailing times etc., that they may be sure of fulfilling the conditions desired  
by the House. Signed.

2. (7 July). Report of committee of House on this petition, recommending that the grant be cont'd, and imposing conditions of sailing times and charges. Signed.
- 1804  
(2 July)  
25 June  
Windsor  
Rd.  
(2 July)  
25 June  
Windsor  
Rd.  
(2 July)  
30 June  
Halifax
3. (17 July). Resolution of House granting £50 to petitioners under the conditions specified. Passed by Council. (Petition recommended by the Lt.-Governor). Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- Petition of John and David Dill asking for compensation for injuries to his land through the running of the new road over the Ardoise Hill. Signed. Dismissed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- Petition of Ludowick and James Hunter for compensation for injuries to their land through the running of the new road over the Ardoise Hill. Signed. Attached. Map showing their property and the effect of the new road on it. Dismissed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- Petition of Donald Grant, Joseph Towler and Isaac Mullins, waiters at the Impost and Excise Office, asking some compensation for the days they are unemployed (when not engaged in supervising the lading and unlading of cargo). Enclosed. Schedule of number of days employed and unemployed in first quarter of 1804. Overleaf. Report of committee recommending that the extra waiters be paid ten shillings per day during the time they are employed. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- (2 July)  
30 June  
Halifax
- Petition of Pryor and McLean and other merchants of Halifax, representing the expense and inconvenience caused by the enforcement of the provincial law requiring all cargoes of which any part is intended for Nova Scotian consumption to be unloaded, "not only by subjecting them to the charges of unloading and loading their Vessels and to the Sunk duties here on all such Rum and other Articles, but also by rendering Rum in particular Subject to a duty of three pence Sterling per Gallon in Canada and One Shilling Sterling in Newfoundland, owing to the said Articles not being accompanied by the Clearance from the West Indies. That the evil Consequences of this Law are particularly felt by the Shipping Interest of this Province, as it seldom happens that the proceeds of a Cargo of this Country Produce are adequate to procure as much West India Produce as will make a full Freight homewards which Subjects your Petitioners to a heavy loss from dead Freight frequently of more than one half the Tonnage of their Vessels." Subscribed to by 7 firms. (See Bill No. 16.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 2 July  
Halifax
- Petition from George Moore, asking compensation for extra materials ordered by road commissioner to be used in carrying out contract for building a bridge. Signed.
2. Recommended by the Governor that ten pounds compensation be paid.
3. Resolution that ten pounds compensation be paid, 3 July. Passed by Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- (3 July)  
30 June  
Halifax
- Petition of John F. Gschwind for compensation for his services as Health Officer for the port of Halifax for the past year. Signed. Attached. List of vessels visited by petitioner. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 3 July  
Halifax
- Estimate of the civil establishment. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- (4 July)  
Halifax
- Abstract of expenditures for the new Government House from 4 June 1803 to 30 June 1804. Vol. 287, no. 128.
- 4 July  
Halifax
- Report of committee on sums remaining in the Treasury appropriated to unnecessary purposes. Unsigned. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.



- 1804 Report of committee on expenditures for roads and bridges. 10 pp.  
 4 July Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.  
 Halifax
- Two resolutions of the House for granting compensation to road commissioners.  
 4 July Certificate showing work done by one set of commissioners. Approved by Governor. Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.  
 Halifax
- Message of Lt.-Governor to Assembly, stating that experience has convinced him that "the mode which has been adopted for several years past relative to the distribution of the monies granted for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges, as well as for the payment of the different sums and the accounting of the Commissioners, is liable to very serious objections", and recommending that the House grant a sum "to be laid out by commissioners named and appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor, and pursuant to such particular Instructions as they may respectively receive from him and accountable, as the Law require to the executive Government only". Further recommendations of sums for completing Govt. House, for a clerk for Treasurer's office, for repair of school house, for Sable Island establishment, and for annual repairing of firearms issued to militia. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 56.
1. Lists of vessels inspected by the Health Officers for the ports of Lunenburg, Liverpool and Halifax in 1802, 1803, and 1804. Signed. (6 July). That of Lunenburg officer recommended by Governor.
  2. Report of committee on accounts of health officers for Lunenburg, Liverpool and Halifax, recommending that they be paid according to their accounts. Signed.
  3. Two resolutions of the House for granting compensation to the health officers for Halifax and Lunenburg. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 5 July Twenty-one resolutions for road votes. Agreed to by the Council.  
 Halifax Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 5 July Forty-one resolutions of the House for grants for the services of roads  
 Halifax and bridges. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 5 July Thirty-one votes of compensation for commissioners of roads etc.  
 Halifax Passed by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 6 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
 Halifax bills for £150 to be paid from the balance due him, which he asks to be paid. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 516, 517.
- 6 July Five resolutions of the House for compensation to road commissioners.  
 Halifax Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 7 July Agreement of Guy Morris, John Hallett, Samuel Gibbons and John  
 Halifax Myers with the commissioners for the Sable Island establishment to go to Sable Island and serve there until May 1806, or later. Signed.  
*Below.* Edward Hodgson's promise to serve a year on the island. Vol. 424, doc. 42.
- 8 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to His Excellency A. Merry. After con-  
 Halifax sultation with the naval and military commanders he has decided to enclose a letter for his information "altho' we are not able to ascertain the credit precisely due it." Preparations of the Indians show that emissaries have been among them. The object they profess, that of making war on the Mohawks, is sheer pretence. They expect 20,000 French to attack the British provinces. This "I am fully convinced is part of the Plot referred to in the letter.—as soon as I discovered that they were nearly ready to proceed, I caused them to be notified of my disapprobation, and that if they did leave this Province, they never again should dwell in it, and that all the women and children left here, should be exported to the Islands—They immediately discontinued,

and have dispersed to their fisherys and fowling as usual—the greatest party are gone to Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island's." He will try to obtain further information and transmit it.

P.S. apparently referring to the letter enclosed.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 517-519.

1804  
9 July  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Wm. Cottnam Tonge. In receipt of letter. He approves very much of settling the Scottish immigrants near Digby. "I shall and do hereby advise the Commissioners to adopt the expence incurred in aiding their removal, and in locating them on the ungranted lands in proportion similar to those occupied by the Emigrants settled at and near Poictou." Until instructions for granting land come they will have licences of occupation "and every other encouragement in my power, which you may recommend to be extended for their advantage and comfort." Men who had planned to become emigrants in England and Scotland have been turned into soldiers and sailors by the anticipation of Napoleon invading England. Best wishes for the recovery of Tonge's health. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 520-521.

9 July  
Halifax

Report of the committee of the House on the Sable Island establishment. They show the number of persons and the amount of salvage saved from shipwreck on the island since the establishment was begun. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 35.

(9 July)

Account of commissioners for building the new Government House. Signed.

Halifax  
9 July

Report of the committee to examine the accounts of commissioners for the new Government House. Accounts correct, balanced, and debt outstanding of £1200. Appropriation of 1802 of £500 for land to complete communication of building with Governor's south farm has been used, only £225 of it for that purpose, the rest having been expended on the building. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

(10 July)  
2 July  
Windsor  
Rd.

1. Petition of Nathaniel Smith and Ludowick Hunter, praying that the prosecution against them for breach of contract be stopped, and explaining their action in not carrying out the letter of their contract to build the new Ardoise Hill road.

*Annexed.* Certificate that the money for the Ardoise Hill road has been laid out to the best advantage by the petitioners. Signed with eight names. 2. Resolution of the House that message be sent to the Governor to request that the prosecution against the petitioners be stopped. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

10 July  
Halifax

Petition of the Grand Jury of Halifax, stating the need of a vegetable market, the inconvenience caused by the old market house, and pointing out that its site could be utilised for the proposed vegetable market and the County Court House. They suggest that the commissioners of the market house and those to be appointed by the Grand Jury unite, and build both. Signed.

(17 July). Resolution of House embodying suggestions.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

10 July  
Halifax

Message of the Lt.-Governor to the Assembly, in answer to their address of 5th July, stating that, in his recommendation of 4th July, he "had no intention to obstruct the application of any sum within the ability of the province to so important & beneficial a measure, or to deprive the Assembly of its Constitutional Right of inquiring into the Conduct of all public Accountants, or directing the Prosecution of Delinquents in the expenditure of Public money." His object was "merely to reserve to the Executive Government the General Superintendence and direction of all appropriations of Monies granted to the Crown for public Service, and the Controul of such Persons as should be appointed to expend the



same, & These Powers being Prerogative Rights, although they may have been in some instances left to the Management of the Assembly, may be constitutionally resumed by His Majesty's Representative, whenever he thinks the general Interest requires it". (Holograph). Vol. 303, no. 55.

1804  
10 July  
Halifax

Petition of Winckworth Tonge for compensation for damages to his land through the running of the new Ardoise Hill road.

*Overleaf.* Referred to John McMonagle and Shubael Dimock. £30 granted 11 Jan. 1806. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

(11 July)  
Halifax

Lists of ships visited by the two health officers for the Port of Shelburne 1803 and 1804. Signed.

(12 July). Report of Committee recommending that the health officers be compensated £1 for each ship visited. Signed.

(17 July). Resolutions of the House for grants of compensation to the two health officers. Passed Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

12 July  
Halifax

Message from the Council to the House, on receipt of 62 road votes from the House. "...they find it impossible for them to determine consistant with any Information they can receive during the present Session how far it will conduce to the General Interest of the Province to distribute the Sum to be granted for that service in the manner proposed by the House." (Which was the customary method in Nova Scotia). For amplification of the Council's views see Message to the House, 21 July. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

12 July  
Halifax

Message from House to Council in answer to Council's message; the House is determined to adhere to the customary method of granting and applying money for the service of roads and bridges. Two drafts. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

13 July  
Halifax

Report of the committee on accounts for repairs to the old government House. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

13 July  
Halifax

Report of committee to inquire whether the Collectors of Impost and Excise had given bonds and for what amount. List of bonds and sureties given by the collectors throughout the province, dating from 1785 to 1804, for the performance of their duties. No bonds for the collectors at Pictou, Annapolis, Sydney or Yarmouth. Signed. (Bonds were for £500 or £1000). Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

(14 July)  
Halifax

Petition of Samuel Sheldon Pool, asking compensation for attending a special court of Oyer and Terminer at Shelburne for the trial of Samuel Andrews, at a time when his domestic concerns demanded his attention. Signed. Recommended by the Governor.

14 July  
Halifax

*Overleaf.* "£7. 10. 0. granted." Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

Message from the Governor to the House enclosing schedule of road appropriations. "That the House of Assembly may have as much information as can be now afforded on the subject of Roads and Bridges I send them certified under the hand of the Secretary a schedule of such as appear to me to require to be built or repaired, amounting to the sum of Three Thousand two Hundred Pounds inclusive of the last Contingent sum therein, which Contingent Sum may be referred to in the Vote in case the said aggregate sum shall be granted; and which I trust be deemed a sufficient security for the due expenditure thereof." Signed.

*Enclosed.* Schedule of appropriation of the Sum recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to the Assembly to be provided for the present Session, for making and repairing Roads and Bridges throughout the province. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

14 July  
Halifax

Message from the House to the Council, pointing out the need of their returning the revenue bills. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

1804  
(16 July)  
14 July  
Halifax 1. Petition of James Ewing and other merchants of Halifax, stating the burdens which the war has imposed on provincial trade with Great Britain and the West Indies, asking for an extension of the time allowed for the payment of the duties, and for an alteration in the conditions of bonds to allow more time for their payment hereafter. Signed by 23 merchants.

2. (18 July). Report of the committee on the petition, recommending that credit be extended three months on all bonds due, and hereafter duties be made payable in the following proportions: 1/4 in 6 mos., 1/4 in 9 mos., 1/4 in 12 mos. and the rest in 15 months. Signed.

3. (20 July). Resolution of House carrying recommendation into effect. Rejected by Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

16 July  
Halifax Message from the House to the Governor in reply to his Message No. 4. They thank the Governor for the information contained in the foregoing message, and state that "previous to receiving that Message" they "had voted sums of Money for the repairing of Roads and Bridges in which the most of the sums contained in Your Excellency's intended distribution were included" and that those votes "have been sent to His Majesty's Council for their Concurrence and now remain with them." Another paragraph of the same tenor as their message to Council is added, but was omitted in final message, for which see Assembly Journal p. 42. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

16 July  
Halifax Account of the expenditure of the licence duty collected in Halifax town under the Lt.-governor's orders. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

17 July  
Halifax Report of committee on compensation to be granted to road commissioners for their services. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

17 July  
Halifax Nineteen votes of the House for compensation for road commissioners etc. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

17 July  
Halifax Thirteen resolutions of the House for grants of compensation for various services, most of which had been rejected by the Council in sessions of 1803. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

17 July  
Halifax Resolution of the House for granting £400 to be drawn if necessary by the Governor for the repair of roads and bridges in case of unforeseen accident to any of them. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

18 July  
Halifax Petition of John Newton to the Lt.-Governor, stating that he has held the office of one of the Collectors of Impost and Excise for Halifax since 1758, and is too old to continue in it; he asks that some provision be made for him, and his large family. Signed.

*Overleaf.* 1. Message from Governor to House, recommending that House make Mr. Newton some permanent allowance.

2. (19 July). Resolution of House that £50 per quarter be paid to Mr. Newton out of the Treasury during his lifetime.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

(18 July)  
Halifax 1. Certificate of John Whitman to the goodness of ground and its preparation for the sowing of hemp which had been supplied to Phineas Lovett by the government.

2. Report of committee recommending that £15 compensation be paid to Phineas Lovett for the failure of fifteen bushels of hemp seed supplied by government and transported and planted by him.

3. (19 July). Resolution of House granting £15 to Lovett as recommended. Not agreed to by the Council.

The petition or claim of Lovett seems to be missing.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.



- 1804  
18 July  
Halifax  
(19 July)  
Halifax
- Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn bills for £200 to be paid from his balance. Vol. 53, p. 521.
- Draft of Council's message to the House regarding compensation for road commissioners. "The Council in considering the numerous Votes for compensation to Commissioners appointed for repairing Roads and Bridges, cannot see from the evidence before them, any reason for granting different rates of Commissions for that service. The Council will readily concur in a general Vote, authorizing the Governor to allow to each Commissioner, who shall have performed the service entrusted to him, and returned to the Treasury his accounts duly vouched and certified, a Compensation of five per Ct., or any lesser Commission which the two Houses may agree in." (No indication of this in Assembly Journal but see Council Journal for 1804). Vol. 287, no. 126.
- 19 July  
Halifax
- Report of the committee on the accounts of the Collector of Excise at Liverpool, that it was impossible to state the accounts, due to lack of vouchers and large sums charged for drawbacks not certified by the commissioners of the revenue. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 19 July  
Halifax
- Resolution of the House for granting £20. 11. 8. to John Howe for stationery supplied the House. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 19 July  
Halifax
- Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn on the balance due him from the Treasury for £100 in his son's name. (Copy). Vol. 52, p. 522.
- 21 July  
Halifax
- Report of the committee of conference with the Council on the subject of roads and bridges; (message from Council to House). If the House persist in sending each separate road vote the Council will pass only those concerning which they have information convincing them that the grant is necessary (i.e. those included by the Governor in his schedule?) and on condition that clauses 5, 6, 7, 8 of the Appropriation Bill be omitted. (The clauses referred to lay down the "mode of contracting and paying for the repair of Roads and Bridges" . . . and tend "in the opinion of H. M. Council to impede the Service they were meant to promote.") Council insist that a uniform rate of compensation be adopted for commissioners for the building and repairing of roads all over the province. They suggest that the members of the House and Council be exempted by law from acting as commissioners. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 21 July  
Halifax
1. Petition of John Archibald, presenting account of work done for government on roads and bridges, and asking for compensation therefor. Signed. Recommended by the Governor.
- Attached.* Account of government's debt to John Archibald 1799-1804. Recommended by the Governor.
2. Report of committee on petition, recommending that he be granted £29. 5. 8. in accordance with his claim. Signed.
3. Resolution of House for granting sum recommended to the petitioner. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 21 July  
Halifax
1. Part of report of the committee on the new edition of the province laws.
2. Estimate of binding the province laws, by Alex. Morrison. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 21 July  
Halifax
- Draft of message from the Council to the House on the subject of votes for roads and bridges, transmitted through a committee.
- (Printed in Assembly Journal p. 55, except this clause "That the constitutional check on Public Commissioners may not be weakened" prefixed to the last statement "the Council will agree that it be pro-

vided by Law that no Member of either House shall hereafter be qualified to act as Commissioner for expending Public money.")

Vol. 287, no. 126, (2).

1804 Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Gen'l Bowyer. He asks for the loan of certain quantities of arms for the King's, Hants and Cumberland Counties Militia from the government stores.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 522, 523.

23 July. Letter from Edmund Hodgson to Michael Wallace, reporting that Sable I the state of the island is satisfactory and that Mr. Morris has not yet returned. (Holograph).

Vol. 424, doc. 37.

23 July Copy of resolution passed on motion of Mr. Tonge that thanks of Halifax the House be given to Ensign Henry Torrens for saving lives from wreck off Sable Island.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

24 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn Halifax bills for £100 to be paid from the balance due him.

(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 523.

24 July Draft of letter from the Speaker of the House to Lt. Henry Torrens, Halifax enclosing the resolution of the House relating to his conduct on Sable Island the previous winter.

Vol. 424, doc. 36.

24 July Two resolutions of the House for road votes. Agreed to by the Council. Halifax

Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

24 July Report of committee to consider what further sums are necessary Halifax for the improvement of roads and bridges. (Rough copy).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

24 July Resolution of the House for contingent vote for roads and bridges. Halifax Signed. Agreed to by the Council. (Compare with similar vote of 17th July.)

Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

24 July Nineteen resolutions of the House for grants for the service of roads Halifax and bridges. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

24 July Copy of order of the House that House will not henceforth "Pass Halifax any Account for the Expenditure of Money on Roads & Bridges or Vote Compensation to Commissioners unless the Account was rendered to the Treasurer of the Province before the Committee of Public Accounts shall have made their Report each Session." Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

(24 July) Appropriations to be included in the appropriation bill. Total: Halifax £12,719. 10. 6. Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

(pre 25) Additional estimate of the Lt.-Governor for road services from 1st July of July 1803 to 31st December 1804. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 50.

(25 July) Petition of Andrew Miller and other inhabitants living on the Windsor Road. They have lived on their tracts of land nearly thirty years, and 10 July have improved them but not wholly complied with the terms of grants. Windsor Rd. Having been present at a court where a tract of land was escheated for non-performance of the conditions, the petitioners "being aware that the whole of the Lands upon the said Road are equally Liable to be Escheated should the same be prosecuted, whereby your Petitioners might be Reduced to distress and beggary, as it is Impossible to perform the Conditions upon which the same were granted Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray this Honorable House to take the Precarious Situations of your Petitioners into their consideration and afford them such Relief as... shall seem meet." Signed with 13 names.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.

26 July Message from the Council to the House pointing out mistakes in the Halifax appropriation bill and the inclusion of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th sections, which the Council had previously rejected. Copy.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.



- 1804 Resolution of House, on motion of Mr. Robie, that committee be  
26 July appointed to inquire into the terms and manner in which lands have  
Halifax been heretofore granted to persons in this province, the causes of escheats  
etc., report to be presented the first day of the next session. Copy.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 27 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
Halifax bills for £1000 on the balance due him for Messrs. Ransom Morland  
and Co, and asks that the amount be paid. (A note at the top of the  
letter in red ink says that the letters and bills were not sent.)  
(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 524.
- 27 July Speech of Lt.-Gov. Wentworth on closing the session without the  
Halifax appropriation bill having been passed. He will proceed as was the prac-  
tice before appropriation bills were regularly passed in the province.  
Signed. (As in Vol. 287, no. 127). Vol. 303, no. 54.
- 27 July List of members and number of days' attendance in the Assembly  
Halifax for session of 1804. Abstract of sums due each and totals.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 11.
- 28 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
Halifax bills for £100 to be paid from the balance due him to Mr. Thomas Smith.  
(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 524.
- 30 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
Halifax bills for £100 in favour of Messrs. Foreman and Grassie to be paid from  
the balance due him. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 525.
- 31 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
Halifax bills for £1500 in favour of Messrs. Ransom Morland and Co. to be  
paid from the balance due him. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 525, 526.
- 31 July Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to the Sec'y of State (Earl Camden).  
Halifax In receipt of letter announcing his succeeding Lord Hobart as Sec'y of  
State of the Colonial Department. He encloses copy of his speech on  
opening the session and the answers of both Houses. "Experience having  
clearly proved, and the public mind very generally satisfied that the  
mode of granting monies and the controul upon Expenditures had gradu-  
ally deviated into a manner totally opposite to the practice of Parliament  
... Petitions for money were presented to the Assembly, received and  
granted, and accounts settled, previous to any communication with  
the King's Governor, or Council.—Hence solicitations for interest to  
carry votes, unavoidably excited little party pursuits—consumed time,  
obstructed the true business of the Province, and was but too fast di-  
minishing the King's just and constitutional authority in the Legis-  
lature... An amelioration was proposed, by recurring to the exact  
practice of Parliament, but after much debate, was not adopted, in  
the Assembly, and the Council merely to cultivate Peace and Harmony  
concurred in the votes separately... The Revenue Bills, often held  
back, as a coercion to obtain favorite concurrences—were then sent up  
and concurred in Council."... "The debates below, being unfortunately  
with open doors, were reported to be often popularly fervid, and in lan-  
guage more vehement than sober discussion could require"... "When  
the Appropriation Bill came up... with some *regulation* added—the  
Council objected... Upon suggesting their dissent in a conference,  
as it appears... Their measures were suddenly refused, and severely  
censured in a Message sent up to Council, expressed in such terms, as,  
in their opinion, closed all further communication on that subject: This  
being in course represented to me, and the Assembly, impatient for  
a recess, informed me they had no business before them, whereupon,  
I thought it most prudent to prorogue the Session... As there was

no rational prospect of a better understanding." The improvement of the militia goes on with diligence. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 526-530.

1804 Under-Sec'y to Lt.-Governor (Cooke to Wentworth). He informs  
2 Aug Wentworth that the King has appointed G. H. Monk to be Assistant  
London Judge for the province, and that his mandamus is ready to be called for  
at Earl Camden's office. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 46.

2 Aug Sec'y of State (Camden) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He has  
London information from the Post Office that the laws with regard to transmitt-  
ing official papers through the regular channels of the Post Office are  
being evaded in the North American colonies, and asks the Governor  
to take steps to end this practice. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 47.

2 Aug Sec'y of State (Camden) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). In receipt  
London of letters. He is glad that the militia is in so good a state, and will reply  
with regard to the issue of arms and ammunition as soon as the King's  
ministers have come to a determination in that regard, and also with  
regard to the armed vessel which Wentworth mentioned as necessary.  
He thinks there is no present danger of a French attack on the province.  
Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 48.

3 Aug Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
Halifax bills for £100 in favour of Mr. Robt. Letson to be paid from the balance  
due him. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 530.

9 Aug Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to the Attorney-Gen'l. He encloses a  
Halifax letter from the Lt.-Governor and reports his desire that the Attorney-  
Gen'l prosecute the persons named in the letter for trespassing upon  
His Majesty's pine timber above twelve inches diameter, for the cost of  
which he will be responsible. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 19.

21 Aug Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
Halifax bills for £100 in favour of Mr. Wm. Duffus to be paid from the balance  
due him. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 530.

23 Aug Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
Halifax bills for £150 in favour of Mr. Wm. Duffus to be paid from the balance  
due him. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 531.

23 Aug Lt.-Governor to Under-Sec'y (Wentworth to Cooke). In receipt  
Halifax of letter enclosing parliamentary estimate for the expenses of the civil  
establishment of the province. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 531.

24 Aug Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
Halifax bills for £100 in favour of Thos. Donaldson to be paid from the balance  
due him. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 532.

25 Aug Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
Halifax bills for £350 in favour of Robt. Lyon, to be paid from the balance due  
him. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 532.

29 Aug Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Thos. MacDonogh. He sends eight  
Halifax sets of Bills of Exchange on the Treasury for £1500 "Which I pray you  
to sell at the best price at your market, and transmit the Money to me  
by the most eligible and early conveyance." "Half Joes, if full weight,  
pass here for eight dollars—Moidores for 6—Guineas for 4 2/3 dollars."  
He suggest a 3% commission. His son is traveling in the United States.  
Comments on the events of the legislative session, and the recapture  
of two ships brought in for adjudication. List of bills of exchange sent.  
(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 533-535.

6 Sept Sec'y of State to Lt.-Governor (Camden to Wentworth). He transmits  
London a list of acts passed by the Nova Scotia legislature in 1802, to which the  
King has given his assent. The titles of the acts follow. Signed.

Enclosure. Vol. 355, doc. 48. Order-in-Council allowing act to allow  
the trustees of the Government South Farm to reinvest in the Crown  
a part of said Farm. Vol. 60, doc. 49.



- 1804 Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
10 Sept bills of exchange in favour of Messrs. Hall and Bremner for £1318, to be  
Halifax paid from the balance due him. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 536.
- 10 Sept Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Gen'l Fanning. In receipt of letter.  
Halifax He has tried to obtain a passage on a mastship bound for England for  
Abbé Calonne, but only at the request of Lord Selkirk, who is going  
on that ship, would it be possible. "Your intended successor in Office  
had been sometime named here, by report." Lady Wentworth's health  
is much better, and their son is touring the United States.  
(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 536-538.
- 12 Sept Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Thos. MacDonogh. Since writing his  
Halifax last letter he has made other arrangements and now does not wish Mac-  
Donogh to sell the Bills of Exchange, but to destroy them. Mr. Mair  
returns to the United States with a good impression of Nova Scotia,  
and having left behind him a good impression.  
(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 538.
- 30 Sept Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
Halifax bills for M. Danséville's quarterly allowance, and encloses the receipt  
therefor. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 539.
- 4 Oct Sec'y of State (Camden) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). In receipt  
London of letter. Memorial of merchants was referred to the Committee of the  
Privy Council for Trade and Plantations. "...in consequence of their  
Lordships' suggestion, Instructions have been forwarded to the Go-  
vernors of the several Islands in the West Indies, not to open the Ports  
within their respective Governments for the admission of Articles from  
the United States of America, which are not allowed to be imported by  
law, except in cases of real and very great necessity. They Have been  
further directed specially to report on every instance the reasons by which  
they may have been induced to resort to this Measure and to be careful  
in every Proclamation which they may issue for the above purpose to  
insert conditions which shall prevent Importations being made from the  
United States, on more favourable Terms as to Duties on Entry, than  
on similar Importations from the British Colonies in North America,  
when any such Duties are due or payable." Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 50.
- 18 Oct Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Mr. Merry. In receipt of letter, for  
Halifax which he thanks Mr. Merry. Nothing further has developed "upon  
the business some time since communicated to you". The latest packet  
had no news of the expected invasion of England. Since the British  
Consul in Georgia has died he asks Merry's patronage and influence  
in favour of the late Consul's brother. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 540, 541.
- 12 Nov Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Messrs. Moody, Rutherford and Bonnell  
Halifax in reply to their letter stating that they have drawn on the provincial  
Treasury for £96. 13. 4 to assist immigrants expected to settle in the  
district of Digby, and to provide for some who have already settled.  
Since most of the provincial grant of 1804 for encouraging immigrants  
has already been expended, and since the scale of expenditure was not  
first submitted to the Lt.-Governor for confirmation or rejection, "he  
is at a loss to issue a Warrant for the payment of your draft." (Draft).  
Vol. 139, pp. 19, 20.
- 13 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Postmaster J. Howe, notifying him that  
Halifax the mail for Europe will close on Saturday evening the 17th November.  
(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 553.
- 15 Nov Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). In receipt  
Halifax of letter of 2nd August. He is glad the Sec'y approves of his measures  
for protecting the province from invasion. "Herein I have been the  
more confirmed by some information which came to me last summer of



persons associating, collecting and concealing arms and ammunition in several places in the Northwestern thinly inhabited towns of Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire.—The conversation of these people denoted an intention to excite insurrections in Canada, and to aid them, and to extend their influence into these Provinces—These circumstances I immediately communicated to Mr. Merry, His Majesty's Ambassador in the United States. Rumours of cattle being driven into the States from Canada and the preparations of the Indians to join their friends in Canada have added to his conviction. Good condition of the militia, as shown by recent alarm. They need arms and ammunition. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 541-544.

1804  
16 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). In receipt of despatch of 6 Sept. He encloses Journals of House and Council for the last session and eleven acts passed during the session. The changes in the Revenue Bills are to counteract the bad effect of the prevalent lack of specie and the premium on dollars in the United States. It would tend to increase the circulation of money if the troops were supplied with flour manufactured here from wheat grown in the Canadas and if the exportation of coals from Nova Scotia to the United States were encouraged. The other acts need no comment. Remarks on the Journals. The Council's attempt to rectify unconstitutional procedure in granting monies, (See Vol. 53, p. 426, 427 ff.) and to establish that "so perfectly delineated in the Secretary of States letter to the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, dated Whitehall, 9th June 1796." No inconvenience of moment caused by the appropriation bill's not having passed. There has been a threatened prosecution of the Treasurer for paying warrants and a subscription for maintaining lawsuits solicited. "In page 63 of the Journals of Assembly is a resolution relative to Escheats and Grants of land in this Province, suddenly proposed and carried, probably without time to consider. As it is referred for a report on a future day, I shall accompany it with such observations as may then occur...the statement is not precisely correct...and the Member who brought in and supports the measure, received his Fees for advocating it unsuccessfully before a Jury, in the Court." He thinks that "an ultimate object contained in this proceeding is to defeat the Kings interests in the Quit rents.—For it is but too well known That there are those who think *all* revenue should be annually dependent upon the popular part of the Government." Sable Island establishment has been beneficial; he has directed that another house be erected and provided with essentials for the accommodation of shipwrecked persons. Province is healthy, fisheries successful, export trade to the West Indies hurt by privateers, export of gypsum and grindstones to the United States increasing. Ship-building has diminished the last two years.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 544-551.

17 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). In receipt of copy of despatch of 2nd. August, with regard to the use of the Post Office facilities for official letters. He has transmitted Camden's orders to the proper officials and hopes that the abuse will be corrected.

(Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 551, 552.

17 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Under-sec'y Cooke. In receipt of despatch notifying the appointment of Mr. Monk to the assistant justiceship, and expressing thanks for confirming his recommendation.

(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 552.

17 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Mr. Howe. At the earnest request of the naval commander he must postpone the closing of the mail for Europe until the twentieth instant.

(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 553.



- 1804 Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Customs Commissioners. Mr. Archibald Bruce has taken the oaths required of custom officials. Mr. James Bruce, Collector for Shelburne died on the 13th instant. Wentworth has appointed *ad interim* John Hames, Archibald Bruce and Edward Bond to be Collector, Comptroller, and Surveyor and Searcher respectively. He recommends that the appointments be made permanent, testifying to the previous good services of Hames and Bruce and to the fitness of Bond to the office. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 554, 555.
- 19 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury, notifying  
Halifax them of the demise of Mr. Bruce, Collector of Customs for Shelburne, and of the arrangements he has made temporarily for that service. (See letter to Customs Commissioners of this date.) (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 555, 556.
- 20 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lord Sheffield, President of the Board of  
Halifax Agriculture. In receipt of letters and enclosed pamphlets. The latter have been distributed throughout the province "but I have not hitherto received any proposals thereon, altho' I am persuaded they have excited a spirit of enquiry and consideration, which will increase and produce beneficial exertions in husbandry, and in those arts more immediately connected with it". Review of attempts to grow hemp in the province, which have largely failed owing to lack of good seed. If hemp produced in Nova Scotia were to be received in the Careening Yard in Halifax at the price it costs in England the increase in price thus afforded would act as a bounty and encourage people to grow and prepare it. There is much iron in the province, which might be wrought if a bounty were placed on it. Agriculture has increased very much of late years. Encloses list of prices. Offers his services in aid of the Society's efforts. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 556-559.
- 20 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to John Hames. In receipt of letter informing  
Halifax him of the death of the Customs Collector, Mr. James Bruce. Wentworth has signed commissions for Hames as Collector, for Archibald Bruce as Comptroller and for Edward Bond as Surveyor and Searcher, and asks them to apply for the commissions at the Secretary's office. Recommendation of Mr. Bond. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 559, 560.
- 23 Nov Sec'y of State (Camden) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He transmits  
London letter to Under-sec'y Cooke with enclosures as far as relates to Nova Scotia. He stresses the importance of transmitting regularly the information as to the prices of various commodities, to him and to the Treasury. (Circular). Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 53.
- (23 Nov) *Enclosures.* Copy of letter from the Secretary of the Lords of the  
23 Oct Treasury to Under-sec'y Cooke. He transmits letter from the Audit  
London Office and requests "you will move Lord Camden to repeat the Orders to the several Governors on Foreign Stations in such terms as shall ensure a regular Transmission of the rates of Exchange." Vol. 60, doc. 52.
- (23 Nov) Copy of letter from commissioners for auditing the public accounts  
10 Oct to the Lords of the Treasury. In preparing accounts of the rates of  
London exchange on foreign stations "it has been found that great irregularity has prevailed in the transmission of returns from the different Colonies." They enclose a "a Schedule of all those which have been received from the Colonial Governments, by which it will appear how little attention has been paid to your Lordships orders upon this subject."
- Enclosed.* Extract from schedule *re* N. S. "None". Vol. 60, doc. 51.
- 14 Dec Sec'y of State (Camden) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He encloses  
London copy of a letter he has written to the Commissioners of the Admiralty for detaining and securing all Spanish ships. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 54.

- 1804  
14 Dec  
London      *Enclosure.* Copy of letter from Lord Camden to the Commissioners of the Admiralty, transmitting the King's commands that orders be issued to the commanders of all the King's ships to detain all Spanish vessels and bring them into English ports. Vol. 60, doc. 55.
- 27 Dec  
London      Sec'y of State (Camden) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He encloses Order-in-Council for detaining Spanish vessels and property. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 56.
- (27 Dec)  
19 Dec  
London      *Enclosure.* Copy of Order-in-Council for detaining all Spanish ships that have arrived or may arrive in any of the ports of Nova Scotia. Vol. 60, doc. 57.
- 31 Dec  
Halifax      Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn bills of exchange for Mr. Danséville's quarter's allowance, and encloses the receipt therefor. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 561.
- (1804?)  
Sable I.      Unsigned and undated letter, probably from Edward Hodgson, to Michael Wallace, reporting on the state of the island and the people etc. on it. Vol. 424, doc. 38.
- 1805  
4 Jan  
Halifax      Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Thos. MacDonogh. In receipt of letters and two half boxes of lemons. The lemons are being used for the sick in the province, none being allowed to be imported and the trade with the West Indies having been badly cut up by captures. He encloses copy of letter from Lord Camden dealing with importations into the West Indies from the United States. He wishes MacDonogh to send him two pairs of pigs, one Chinese, and five barrells of the best Charleston breakfast biscuit. There are plenty of other provisions in the province, although the drought lessened the wheat crop. Compliments of the season. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 561, 562.
- 11 Jan  
London      Sec'y of State (Camden) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). Since Spain has declared war on Great Britain, the King has issued letters of marque for the capture of Spanish vessels of all descriptions. (Circular). Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 59.
- 21 Jan  
Halifax      Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Stephen Skinner and the other magistrates of Shelburne. In receipt of letters describing the "Riotous affray, between a party of Recruits for the York Rangers, and some of the inhabitants of Shelburne." Gen'l Bowyer will order the removal of the two men responsible, and "further says that if the Magistrates think it necessary for the Peace and quiet of the town, He will order the whole Party to be withdrawn from thence." (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 563.
- 22 Jan  
London      Under-sec'y (Cooke) to the Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He encloses a copy of the Speech from the Throne. (Circular). Vol. 60, doc. 60.
- 24 Jan  
Halifax      Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to W. Cottnam Tonge, Naval Officer. The Lt.-Governor requires that he appoint an efficient deputy to perform the duties of his office during his leave of absence, and that he inform the Sec'y as soon as such a person is appointed. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 21.
- 25 Jan  
Halifax      Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Provincial Agent, Richard Cumberland. He has drawn bills in favour of Henry Barclay, which he wishes paid out of the parliamentary grant of his salaries. "I have not drawn for the whole sum of one Quarter lest any demand for property tax might interfere with the payment of such Bill." "It would be very useful if you would...communicate...for the information of all concerned, what arrangements should be taken, to draw these Bills by notifying how much the deduction for taxes must be; and at what time you are to reserve it out of the respective Salaries or allowances." Pay the rest of his salary to Ransom, Morland and Co. as usual. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 570.



- 1805 Copy of resolution of the House for notifying Messrs. Cochran of  
27 Jan intention of using the old Government House for the sittings of House  
Halifax and Council, and that the present buildings will be surrendered on the  
first of July 1805.
- Notice that foregoing was delivered to Messrs. Cochran on the above  
date. Vol. 287, no. 130.
- 7 Feb Circular letter from the Sec'y of State (Camden) to the Lt.-Governor  
London (Wentworth). Instructions for reserving for the King's commands the  
disposal of all ships and property captured from the Spanish before  
the order-in-council of 11 Jan. 1805, which admitted reprisals against  
Spain. (Signed). Vol. 60, doc. 42.
- 19 Mar Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Postmaster Howe. He directs that the  
Halifax mail for England be closed on the coming Saturday in the afternoon.  
(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 564.
- 20 Mar Under-sec'y (Cooke) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He encloses  
London copy of the estimate of the expenses of the civil establishment for Nova  
Scotia for 1805, upon which the late parliamentary grant is based. (Cir-  
cular). Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 61.
- Enclosure.*
- (20 Mar) Copy of estimate of the expenses of the civil establishment for 1805.  
London Vol. 60, doc. 62.
- 21 Mar Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). Report  
Halifax on the state of His Majesty's Council. List of Councillors, their occu-  
pations and whether or not they attend regularly. There are two vacan-  
cies, caused by the resigning of Charles Mary Wentworth and Laurence  
Hartshorne. List of those recommended since 1801 to fill possible vacan-  
cies and their occupations. (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 564-566.
- 21 Mar Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Under-sec'y Cooke. In receipt of letter  
Halifax of 2nd August, enclosing copy of the Speech from the Throne.  
(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 566.
- 22 Mar Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). In receipt  
Halifax of letter of 23rd November with enclosures, in reply to which he now  
encloses an account of the rates of exchange and current prices of com-  
modities in the province at the present. He has sent a copy of the same  
to the Lords of the Treasury. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 567.
- 22 Mar Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He encloses  
Halifax an account of the rates of exchange and current prices of commodities  
in the province; he will continue to make a similar report every month,  
according to Lord Camden's instructions. (Copy). Vol. 53, p. 567.
- 22 Mar Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to the Sec'y of State (Camden). In re-  
Halifax ceipt of letter of 27 Dec. enclosing Order-in-Council for capturing Spanish  
vessels and property, which Wentworth has made public.  
(Copy). Vol. 53, p. 568.
- 22 Mar Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). In receipt  
Halifax of letter containing information of the action of the King's Ministers  
with regard to limiting importations into the West Indies from the United  
States. The merchants are very grateful for these measures. He suggests  
that the trade between the West Indies and the North American colonies  
might be further encouraged if it were protected by convoys at four  
periods in the year. "A sloop of War and one well armed Schooner would  
be adequate to this service; assembling the traders at Halifax at stated  
times, might not materially incommode their other services—By this  
means insurance and seamens wages would be reduced and thereby  
in a great degree remedy the advantages which the American trade  
possesses in these points." (Copy). Vol. 53, pp. 568-570.

- 1805  
28 Mar  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to George Leonard or his deputy employed in any Revenue Cutter or Vessel on the Coast of Nova Scotia. He is to help in the removal of ten families of New Englanders who wish to join their relatives, settled on lands near Antigonish for some time. The families are loyalist. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 1.
- 31 Mar  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn bills for M. Danséville's allowance, for which he encloses a receipt. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 2.
- 15 Apr  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Postmaster Howe, directing that the mail by the Queen Charlotte packet be not closed until Saturday p.m. the 20th inst. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 2.
- 20 Apr  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to John Coles. In receipt of letter notifying him of the death of Mr. MacDonogh, British Consul in Boston, and of Coles' succeeding to that office. Wentworth congratulates Coles and thanks him for offers of co-operation. No late news from Europe. "The escape of a french squadron affords much conjecture. But it seems least expected that they would proceed to the West Indies, where, we lately hear they have committed great depredations.—Where to they may next bend their Predatory attempts is not to be foreseen." The Admiral's arrival adds to Nova Scotia's security. The ships, "with our excellent Garrison, and a good Militia leave us very little to apprehend, should the flying armament appear upon our Coasts." (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 3, 4.
- 21 Apr  
Halifax Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). Since news has come of the French attack on some of the West Indian islands there is some apprehension of a similar attack on the maritime provinces. The arrival of Admiral Mitchell with three frigates, his flagship and a gun brig strengthens the defensive forces tremendously. There has been a report this day that a French fleet is off the coast. "Altho' Halifax is defensible, as beforementioned, every other part of our Coast is unprotected, and subject to be destroyed by a very inferior force of two or three small ships—as the Ports are neither fortified, nor the Militia sufficiently armed for any considerable defence." Since the captains of the packet boats have been furnished with Admiralty commissions, the Admiral on this station thinks they are subject to his command. Wentworth wishes instructions on the subject. The arrival of 800 tons of salt will greatly increase fishing. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 4-6.
- 21 Apr  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Sec'y to the General Post Office. He wishes to know whether Vice-Admiral Mitchell is right in declaring that "the Packet Boats arriving here, are under his command and controul, as the Captains of Packet Boats are furnished with Admiralty Commissions." Wentworth has constantly met the Admiral's convenience in arranging the times of sailing of the packets. "But as this construction of the Admiralty Commissions to Captain Mudge and others, is so directly repugnant to all the intercourse and experience I have had the honor to be guided by, nearly forty years last past" he wishes the Postmaster's orders. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 6, 7.
- 2 May  
London Sec'y of State (Camden) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He enumerates thirteen acts passed by the Nova Scotia legislature in 1803, of which the King's Council for trade and plantations approve. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 63.
- 3 May  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Gen'l Bowyer. Since several deserters, both English and French (prisoners) are reported to be concealed between Prospect, Ashpatogen and Lunenburg and part of the Chester militia has been ordered out to apprehend them, he requests Bowyer to issue seven stands of arms and ammunition to Lt. Covey, for which



he will be responsible, to arm the militia party. Great increase in the number of militia in and around Chester since it was first formed.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 8, 9.

1805 Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Messrs. Millidge etc., commissioners  
4 May for aiding and settling immigrants. The Lt.-Governor has received  
Halifax their letter of 15th April, enclosing account of provisions disbursed for the relief of immigrant families. He has approved the expenditure and ordered the Treasurer to pay the draft for £31. 17. 5 on that account. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 21.

5 May Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Vice-Admiral Mitchell. In receipt of  
Halifax letter inclosing letter from the Agent for Prisoners of War, "stating a murder to have been committed by one of the Prisoners upon another of them, and requesting a special Commission may be issued for the trial of the murderer." After much deliberation Wentworth refuses "As the suggestions in Captain McKella's letter would not justify me, for superceding the established form of administering Justice in this Province, and might furnish pretence to the Enemy, to inflict sudden cruelty upon our fellow subjects who are or may be prisoners among them." (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 7, 8.

6 May Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Admiral Mitchell. In receipt of letter  
Halifax informing him of the depletion of seamen by desertions etc. He has laid it before the Council and, in conformity with their advice, has issued an impress warrant which he encloses. The warrant is made out according to the law of Parliament. He encloses also a minute of the Council on the subject. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 12, 13.

8 May Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Vice-Admiral Mitchell. In receipt of  
Halifax letter of previous day. He left the impress warrant open so that the Admiral could delegate authority to as many as he thinks proper. He will consult the Council as to the continuance of the warrants.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 13, 14.

8 May Invoice of supplies sent to Sable Island in the schooner Eagle. Signed.  
Halifax Vol. 424, doc. 55.

16 May Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). He encloses  
Halifax account of rates of exchange and prices of commodities.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 9.

16 May Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Judge Croke and Hon. John Halli-  
Halifax burton, notifying them that the Council will meet on Saturday next, and that the Lt.-Governor desires their attendance. (Draft).

Vol. 139, p. 22.

19 May Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Postmaster Howe. At Admiral Mit-  
Halifax chell's request he wishes the closing of the mails to be postponed until the 21st inst. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 10, 11.

20 May Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Under-sec'y (Cooke). In receipt of  
Halifax letter enclosing estimate of parliamentary grant for defraying the expenses of the civil establishment of the province.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 10.

20 May Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). In receipt  
Halifax of letter of 11 January, enclosing orders for issuing letters of marque against Spain, which he has made public. The danger of a French invasion, which has been threatening the province since early in April when they were seen sailing north, has decreased with the lapse of time. In the event of an invasion Halifax would be quite able to defend itself, but the coastal towns and villages would be helpless, being unarmed.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 11, 12.

1 June Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Anthony Merry (British Ambassador  
Halifax to the United States). In receipt of letter "representing the property

belonging to Mr. Jefferson...and to Mr. Maddison..." which he communicated at once to the Vice-Admiral, who, with Captain Nairn, the captor, and the Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court agreed to Merry's recommendation with regard to the property. It has been shipped for the United States accordingly. No trace of the expected French squadron. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 14, 15.

1805  
4 June  
West-  
minster

Copy. S. Bernard to Wm. Sabatier and the committee of merchants, relating progress that has been made towards effecting their wishes. Lord Sheffield's co-operation will be valuable. Vol. 303, no. 68.

5 June  
White-  
hall

Copy. Lord Sheffield to the Committee of Merchants. In receipt of dispatches, which confirm his own opinion on colonial system. Writes in haste. Vol. 303, no. 69.

11 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Anthony Merry. "On the 9th instant we received advice (via Newfoundland) which appears intitled to some credit, that the french Squadron had escaped from Toulon and arrived at Cadiz, where they were joined by a Spanish armament forming together a force of twenty one sail of the Line, with Transports &c. having on board ten thousand troops and an heavy train of Artillery, they sailed from Cadiz early in April, and by a vessel arrived yesterday from England, we learn that eleven sail of the Line, seven Frigates and two Brigs, were seen to pass out of the Gut of Gibraltar.—We cannot conjecture their destination." He hopes for further news within a few days.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 15, 16.

19 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). In receipt of despatch of 2nd May, and list of acts approved. "As it will be expedient to meet the General Assembly in November next, I most humbly hope, I may previously receive your Lordship's instructions for my guidance therein" (having prorogued the session with no appropriation bill passed). He had hoped "by the conciliatory proposed measure in my first speech, to issue payment from the Treasury for such services as had been voted, and were usual; but there was opposition "I have therefore been limited in the extent proposed and have exercised His Majesty's Prerogative over monies granted to him for the support of His Government, to those services more permanently established. The Controul involved in other measures, carry a virtual exclusion to His Majesty's authority in the Treasury, therefore require careful investigation, which appears to be the motive of His Majesty's Council." News of a French armament arrived at Martinique.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 18, 19.

24 June  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Alexander Bruce, Comptroller of the Customs. He requires payment for the registers issued by Bruce's father and not accounted for. "answerable as I am to the Governor for his fees, as well as for my own; under this consideration I must desire of you to make the necessary payment to me; as well as the fees for your Commission as Comptroller of the Customs" for the County of Shelburne. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 24.

30 June  
London

Sec'y of State (Camden) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He enjoins due consideration of any communications which Wentworth may receive from the Board of Health, authorized to correspond directly with the Governors and Lt.-Governors of the colonies and stations. Signed.

Vol. 60, doc. 64.

10 July  
London

Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He has taken the seals of the Colonial Department in the place of Lord Camden. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 65.



- 1805 Under-sec'y to Lt.-Governor. He encloses a copy of the speech with  
15 July which the Lords Commissioners closed the parliamentary session. Signed.  
London Vol. 60, doc. 66.
- 20 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Gen'l Terreau. In receipt of letter pro-  
Halifax posing the release, on parole, of certain French prisoners taken in the  
capture of the *Ville de Milan* and *Cleopatra* by the *Leander*. He has  
consulted with the Admiral, who has control of the prisoners, who, not  
having received any instructions as to releasing or exchanging prisoners,  
cannot comply with his request. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 20, 21.
- 21 July Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). Upon trial  
Halifax a conviction of murder and sentence of death have been passed upon a  
French prisoner. Being a new case the execution has been suspended by  
Wentworth until he shall have received instructions in that regard, for  
which he now asks. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 21.
- 22 July Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden), enclosing  
Halifax an extract from a New York paper. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 22.
- 22 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Thomas Moore. He transmits a drawing  
Halifax of Mr. Gray. "I hope the drawing will meet your approbation, and that  
both it, and the scenery it represents, will be brought into favorable  
notice, by being prefixed to your intended publication, which I shall  
be so anxious to possess, that I must now solicit you to send me the  
Book as soon as it is published.—Capt. Davy will be so competent to  
inform you of all that has passed since you left your numerous friends  
here, that it would be trespassing on your time for me to detail anecdotes  
and circumstances, which are more efficiently told than wrote, unless  
dated from the Heights of Parnassus, from whence, if you look down  
upon your friends in Nova Scotia, you will find them engaged much as  
you left them." (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 23, 24.
- 22 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to George Hammond Esq. He encloses  
Halifax a copy of the memorial of Mrs. MacDonogh, widow of the late British  
Consul in Boston, for the furtherance of which he asks Hammond's  
influence. From the points of view of diplomacy as well as common  
humanity a provision for her large family would be a wise move of Govern-  
ment. The respect Mr. MacDonogh commanded from the Americans  
was general. (Signed). Vol. 54, pp. 24-26.
- 23 July Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). The impaired  
Halifax condition of the Great Seal of the Province and the fact that it has not  
been changed since before the union with Ireland, make a new one neces-  
sary. He has had a report from the Superintendent of Sable Island  
which testifies to the continued utility of the establishment there. Two  
vessels have been wrecked and seven saved from being wrecked during  
the past season. The lives of all were saved, and the cargo and some  
provisions from one. The extreme cold of the winter killed some hogs  
and sheep and made provisions scarce, which led to Mr. Morris' catching  
some of the wild horses and killing them for meat. Due to lack of funds  
one family must be withdrawn from the establishment. He once more  
urges that the Home Government assist the establishment.  
(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 26-29.
- 24 July Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). He encloses  
Halifax account of rates of exchange and current prices of commodities.  
(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 29.
- 24 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting  
Halifax an account of the rates of exchange and current prices of commodities.  
(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 30.
- 24 July Wages due to five of the crew of the brig *John and Mary*. (In Wallace's  
Halifax handwriting). Vol. 424, doc. 44.

1805

25 July  
Halifax

Ten documents connected with the brig *John and Mary*, wrecked on Sable Island:

1. Obligation of Pennel and James to pay Capt. Thos. Clark for conducting the brig from Granada to Halifax.
2. Letter by the Sable I. Commissioners referring to a committee for a determination of the amount of salvage due the Commissioners from the brig.
3. Rec't of Thos. Pinnel for wages as mate of the brig.
4. Similar rec't of Edward James.
5. Certificate of Ed. James and Thos. Pinnel as to the wreck.
6. Pinnel's receipt for Leonard Baker's wages.
7. John Pinnel's certificate as to the wreck and the assistance he received from Mr. Morris on the island.
8. Memorandum of articles taken from the wreck.
9. Custom House clearance of the brig *John and Mary* at Grenada.
10. Statement and receipt of Thos. Dame of money received from the commissioners for his wages while wrecked on the island.

Vol. 424, documents 45-54.

26 July  
Halifax

Account sales of part of the cargo and materials of the brig *John and Mary*, stranded on Sable Island.

*Below.* Award of the referees of proportion of salvage to the commissioners for the establishment.

Vol. 424, doc. 43.

27 July  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Scrope Bernard. In receipt of two letters inclosing letters to the Committee of Merchants. The committee "expressed the highest sense of your attention to the best commercial interests of this Province, and their great satisfaction in the prospect of success, which will be of incalculable importance, and, I think a powerful increasing means of securing the best and most valuable Fisheries to Great Britain. The obtaining a bounty from Parliament may be facilitated by pointing out an useful source of Revenue applicable thereto, in its operation naturally promoting navigation, and hitherto not brought into activity.—" The war has discouraged the fishery but this year there are sixty new vessels engaged in it. Wentworth requests that his accounts be transferred, with Bernard's services, to the new firm which Bernard has joined. He encloses a letter to that effect to the old firm. "The delay in paying my Balance at the Treasury is very detrimental to me, altho' I cannot but hope and think they will redress me finally.—" The principal inhabitants of Halifax are going to present Lt.-Gen'l Bowyer with a sword, on his relinquishing the military command. Wentworth expects that Bernard's salary will be increased by the legislature in their next session. He hopes also that something further will be done towards establishing a bank in the province, in which event he will suggest a connection with Bernard's firm. Mr. B. Wentworth, after making arrangements for spending some time in Bath for the sake of his health, has recovered and decided to remain in Nova Scotia. Lady Wentworth is not well. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 31-36.

*Annexed.* List of bills drawn on the new firm.

*Enclosure.*

27 July  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Messrs. Ransom, Morland & Co. He requests that his account and affairs be transferred with Mr. Scrope Bernard to Messrs. Praeds, Digby, Box and Babbage. He sends his sincere acknowledgements for their services.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 30, 31.

27 July  
London

Brook Watson to Committee of Merchants in N. S. In receipt of despatches, which he has forwarded. Hopes their case will be considered



by next parliament. Gen'l Carleton is giving his ardent support.

(Copy). Vol. 303, no. 70.

1805 Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). Several  
28 July American vessels have been spoken with (by the *Leander*) who report  
Halifax that they met the French squadron and that it is evidently *en route* to Europe. He encloses extract of a Boston paper designating the situation of the fleet on the 28th June and the course they were then steering.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 22.

30 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Andrew Allen. In receipt of letters.  
Halifax He congratulates him on succeeding Mr. MacDonogh as British Consul in Boston. "This family rejoice that you are so near to us, instead of being at the unhealthy Island of Trinidad." "I lost no time in communicating to the Admiral and to Sir Robert Lauries your application for the release of men impressed from American vessels, said to be Citizens of the United States, which was immediately complied with as far as any sufficient proof could be exhibited to justify them." Difficulties in the way of making sure that men are really Americans. Wentworth hopes that the widow and children of Mr. MacDonogh will be provided for. He begs for news.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 36-40.

30 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Mr. Ludlow, Administrator of New  
Halifax Brunswick, notifying him that Samuel Denny Street is acting as his deputy-surveyor of the King's Woods in the absence of Mr. Glenie.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 40.

30 July Surveyor-Gen'l of the King's Woods (Wentworth) to Samuel Denny  
Halifax Street. He has notified the Administrator that Street is his deputy during Glenie's absence, and regrets that it was not done earlier. Since he has already promised the deputy ship on Mr. Glenie's relinquishing it, he cannot grant Street's request. He transmits extracts from Acts of Parliament for the better preservation of pine timber.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 41, 42.

6 Aug Hawkesbury to Wentworth. In the absence of the Sec'y of State,  
London he encloses copy of a letter from Mr. Huskisson to the Under-sec'y enclosing regulations from the Treasury Commissioner setting the rate of commission to be charged by agents for Spanish ships detained before the Spanish declaration of war. He directs that these regulations be communicated to any agents in Nova Scotia. Signed.

*Enclosures.*

Vol. 60, doc. 67.

(6 Aug) Copy of letter from Wm. Huskisson to Under-sec'y Cooke. He en-  
3 Aug closes a letter from the Treasury Lords to the King's Proctor with regard  
London to fees for Agents for the Spanish ships detained before the declaration of war.

Vol. 60, doc. 68.

(6 Aug) Mr. Bourne (of the Treasury Dept.) to the King's Proctor, Charles  
28 Feb Bishop, detailing the regulations lately made by the Lords of the Treasury  
London with regard to the appointing and paying of agents in charge of Spanish ships captured or detained before the declaration of war.

(Copy). Vol. 60, doc. 69.

9 Aug Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Gen'l Gardiner. He asks the General  
Halifax to order the issue of forty stands of rifles and accoutrements for the Hants County militia and muskets for some of the men at Chester.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 42, 43.

17 Aug Surveyor-Gen'l of the King's Woods (Wentworth) to the Commis-  
Halifax sioners of the Navy. In receipt of letter with directions for reserving oak timber for the use of the Navy. He has given instructions to this effect, but, since there was no clause reserving such timber in the grants in these provinces, no oak can be procured by the contractors from the grantees except by purchase. If they so wish he could have reserves

made of ungranted land upon which this kind of wood grows abundantly, which would be a future source of supply. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 43, 44.

1805  
17 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Camden). In receipt of letter of 3rd July. He has notified Mr. Hill of his appointment to the Council, and will notify Mr. Brenton on his return from England of arrangements for Mr. Uniacke to take precedence over them. He asks that Mr. Wallace be allowed to retain his seat as next above Uniacke. The appointment of convoys for the trade of the North American colonies will be a great encouragement. He will furnish the Board of Health with information about their office, as instructed in letter of 30th June. "Hitherto no malignant or infectious Disorders have prevailed in this Colony, since my residence in it; except the Small Pox, which did not assume any new appearances, nor unusual malignity." Vol. 54, pp. 45, 46.

17 Aug  
Halifax

Invoice of supplies sent to Sable Island on the schooner Eagle. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 56.

23 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Richard Cumberland, Crown Agent. He has drawn bills of exchange for £340 to be paid out of his salary. He wishes to know what arrangement might be made for deducting taxes on all salaries and allowances to people living in Nova Scotia. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 47.

24 Aug  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to the Lt.-Governor. He explains how the weather prevented a vessel on which there was yellow fever from being stopped, as the quarantine regulations require, at George's Island. He has given the necessary notifications for a meeting of the Governors of the College and he laments "most sincerely . . . the melancholy cause for which it is required." (Draft). Vol. 139, pp. 25, 26.

27 Aug  
London

Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth), announcing the death of the Duke of Gloucester. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 70.

1 Sept  
London

Under-sec'y Cooke to Lt.-Governor Wentworth, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Paymaster-Gen'l's office, which the Governor is to publish in the most effective way. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 71.

*Enclosures.*

(1 Sept)  
London

D. Thomas (Pay Office) to Under-Sec'y Cooke (Colonial Office), enclosing a notice to half-pay officers which the Paymaster-Gen'l wishes to be published and circulated through the colonies and plantations. He wishes the Sec'y of State to write to the Governors of the colonies to this effect, and direct them to draw bills on the Paymaster-Gen'l for any expense incurred. (Copy). Vol. 60, doc. 72.

*Enclosure.*

(1 Sept)  
London

Notice to officers on half pay residing in British colonies with regard to the affidavits they are required to send in to the Pay Office. Vol. 60, doc. 73.

2 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Gen'l Gardiner. In receipt of letter. Wentworth is having a list made of members of the militia who will assist in manning the batteries in Halifax and on the Harbour. "As the Militia Laws of this Province require only four days duty of the inhabitants in the Year, we can only rely on their voluntary exertions, to accomplish your requisitions." Further comments on the militia. . . "in cases where they have been required to march they have obeyed with great alacrity and uncommon celerity." (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 48, 49.

4 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Gen'l Gardiner, in explanation of not transmitting the information he promised with regard to militia men to man the batteries on Halifax Harbour. The list will be presented as soon as it is completed by Mr. Beckwith. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 50.



- 1805 Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Lt.-Governor, enclosing two letters  
4 Sept from the Attorney-General, which he regrets he cannot deliver in person,  
Halifax to save the Lt.-Governor the trouble of writing. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 23.
- 5 Sept Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). In re-  
London ceipt of letter of 21 July. He has transmitted Wentworth's question  
with regard to the trial of a French prisoner for murder to the Law Officers,  
who see no reason for any alteration of the sentence. The King has  
therefore ordered the usual procedure in this and future cases of the  
kind, leaving it to Wentworth's judgment to remit or carry out the  
sentence of death. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 74.
- 6 Sept Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to the Attorney-Gen'l. He transmitted  
Halifax the Attorney-Gen'l's letters to the Lt.-Governor and now encloses the  
answer thereto. He also had a letter regarding a writ for the election  
of a member for Shelburne County in place of James Cox, deceased.  
"The Lieutenant Governor writes that he cannot perceive any just  
cause of urgency, as there are not any duties for a Member to perform  
during the recess" . . . "The issuing a Writ to elect a Member of Assembly,  
being exclusively the prerogative of the King Sir John disapproves any  
interference of the Magistrates or Grand Jury therein." (Draft).  
Vol. 139, pp. 23-25.
- 10 Sept Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Vice-Admiral Mitchell. He encloses  
Halifax certificates of American citizenship of several men impressed and now  
supposed to be in some of the ships of the navy on the station. These  
have been sent to him from men for whose veracity and respectability  
he will be responsible, with the request that the said men should be re-  
leased. Wentworth recommends the granting of the request, being  
"confident it is at all times your wish to maintain the good faith of British  
Treatys, and to avoid all just cause of complaint, from any Government  
in amity with Great Britain." (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 50.
- 12 Sept Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lord Lavington, Governor of one of the  
Halifax West Indies islands. In receipt of letter and proclamation, which have  
been delayed in reaching Wentworth. Lack of communication between  
the two governments is no doubt due to the war. It has given rise to  
"an erroneous estimate. . . of our respective powers to supply the British  
islands, much to the disadvantage of this Colony." The Home Govern-  
ment has directed measures to be taken to remedy this, which, in con-  
junction with the good returns expected from the fishery this year, will  
accomplish it sooner than expected. Progress in agriculture has made it  
possible to supply the local market, the army, squadron, careening yard,  
and from five to seven hundred prisoners. Comments on the advantages  
offered by King's College, cost of tuition etc. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 51-54.
- 16 Sept Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Under-sec'y Cooke, in receipt of circular  
Halifax letter from Lord Castlereagh, notifying him of Castlereagh's succession  
to the Department of War and the Colonies. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 55.
- 16 Sept Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Under-sec'y Cooke, in receipt of letter  
Halifax enclosing a copy of the Speech bringing the parliamentary session to an  
end. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 55.
- 16 Sept Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lord Hawkesbury. In receipt of letter  
Halifax of 6th August, *re* appointing and paying agents for making arrange-  
ments with regard to the sale of Spanish ships and cargo. Since no  
ships of that description have been detained in Nova Scotia there has  
been no need of agents. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 56.
- 18 Sept Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Postmaster John Howe. In order that  
Halifax the papers required from the careening yard and other public offices

may be completed, Mr. Howe is not to close the mail to go by the Princess Elizabeth packet until the 21st instant. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 56, 57.

1805 Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Messrs. Praeds, Digby, Box and Babbage,  
21 Sept requesting them to pay a bill of exchange in favour of Mr. Seth Coleman  
Halifax for £202. 2. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 57.

21 Sept Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). His  
Halifax public despatches go by his only son, who has been travelling in the  
United States, and whom Wentworth recommends to Castlereagh's,  
consideration. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 57, 58.

27 Sept Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Col. Skinner of Shelburne, enclosing  
Halifax a writ for electing a member of the Assembly for Shelburne County,  
in the place of James Cox, deceased. The Lt.-Governor wishes it to  
be delivered to the sheriff of the County. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 25.

30 Sept Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
Halifax bills for M. Danséville's allowance for the quarter ending with September,  
and encloses a receipt for it. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 58.

5 Oct Certified copy of security given by Michael Wallace on becoming  
Halifax Treasurer of Province. Vol. 305, no. 9.

11 Oct Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Gen'l Gardiner. He encloses minutes  
Halifax of the Council on the consideration of means to be taken for quarantining  
ships. He asks the co-operation of the General in ordering the detention  
of all vessels that may arrive at any of the forts on the harbour from the  
West Indies or the United States until they shall have been examined  
and passed by Dr. Phillips, Health Officer. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 59.

11 Oct Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Postmaster John Howe, asking him to  
Halifax send directions for delaying the closing of the last mail of the season  
until the 15th instant. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 59, 60.

12 Oct Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting  
Halifax an account of the rates of exchange and current prices of commodities.  
(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 60, 61.

12 Oct Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh), enclosing  
Halifax an account of the rates of exchange and current prices of commodities.  
(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 61.

14 Oct Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Under-sec'y Cooke, in receipt of letter  
Halifax announcing the death of the Duke of Gloucester.  
(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 60.

28 Oct Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Capt. MacKellar, Agent of French  
Halifax prisoners. He has just received a letter for the Lt.-Governor from Col.  
Creighton of Lunenburg advising him that a party of the militia has  
taken three of the four French officers who escaped from Dartmouth—  
the fourth was drowned—and he has directed the serjeant in charge  
to deliver them to Capt. MacKellar. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 27.

28 Oct Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Lt.-Governor, enclosing Col. Creigh-  
Halifax ton's letter. The prisoners have been delivered to the Agent for French  
prisoners, who wishes to have the letter and enclosure, or copies of them,  
to send to England to-night. Awaits commands. (Draft).  
Vol. 139, p. 27.

30 Oct Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Lt.-Governor. He feels it his duty  
Halifax to report that the militia party that captured the three French officers  
who escaped from parole have received nothing to compensate them  
for their trouble, for the maintenance of the officers, or for other ex-  
penses incurred, in spite of the fact that a reward of £10 had been offered  
for securing any of the prisoners. "Being unwilling these loyal men  
should return disgusted I beg leave to request Your Excellency's com-  
mands." (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 28.



- 1805 Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). Attorney-  
 2 Nov Gen'l Uniacke having represented the urgent need of attention in which  
 Halifax his affairs stand, Wentworth has granted him six months' leave of absence,  
 and asks "permission to present him to your Lordship's favorable con-  
 sideration." (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 62, 63.
- 6 Nov Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He en-  
 London closes copies of an extraordinary Gazette describing the victory of the  
 fleet over the French and Spanish at Trafalgar on the 21st October.  
 Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 75.
- 7 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Gen'l Gardiner. In receipt of letter  
 Halifax enclosing deposition showing that Capt. Whidden of the militia had  
 been remiss in apprehending deserters. He will have the Law Officers  
 begin a prosecution against Capt. Whidden for violation of the law and  
 neglect of duty immediately. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 61, 62.
- 8 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Gen'l Gardiner, suggesting the ex-  
 Halifax pediency of detaining for use in Nova Scotia, a mould for casting bullets  
 which is about to be embarked with the 60th Reg't.  
 (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 63.
- 9 Nov R. J. Uniacke to Jas. Francklin. Uniacke is going to England and will  
 Halifax be glad to do anything he can for the House. Publication of the pro-  
 vincial laws is completed. (Holograph). Vol. 303, no. 59.
- 14 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Phineas Bond Esq. In receipt of letter  
 Halifax informing him of the prevalence of the "Malignant Fever" at New York.  
 He has ordered the quarantine laws to be enforced, with highly satis-  
 factory results. The health and prosperity of the province are increased  
 greatly by the past season. The crops have produced nearly three times  
 as much as usual, the fishery has been quite successful, and trade  
 has been encouraged by the appointment of convoys. Private messages.  
 The possibility of Napoleon invading England diminishes with every  
 report. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 63-66.
- 15 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Andrew Allen Esq. In receipt of letter  
 Halifax respecting the ship *Indus*, which was tried in the court of Vice-Admiralty  
 and condemned the very day the letter arrived. Pending an appeal,  
 Wentworth will do all he can to show the upright character and intentions  
 of the American owner. Vice-Admiral Mitchell has promised to dis-  
 charge the seamen mentioned by Allen in his letter of 17th October.  
 The other seamen previously mentioned have all been discharged but  
 one, who has been offered his discharge, but at present prefers to re-  
 main with the ship until he shall receive his pay and prize money. He  
 has had to give a licence for importing 600 barrells of pork for the use of  
 the army because of the greatly increased demand in the province. He  
 wishes certain salt provisions to be sent for his own family use. No  
 news later than American. Napoleon's action re carrying trade is likely  
 to produce disturbances. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 67-72.
- 15 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Vice-Admiral Mitchell. He encloses  
 Halifax certificates received from Mr. Allen, British Consul at Boston, showing  
 that one Bartlett is an American citizen, and requests that he will be  
 discharged from his ship in time to be taken to the United States by the  
 vessel from Forsyth and Co. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 72.
- 23 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lt.-Gen'l Gardiner. In receipt of letter  
 Halifax indicating the necessity in which the army stands of pork, in conformity  
 with which he has directed a licence to be prepared for importing the  
 required amount from the United States. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 72, 73.
- 28 Nov Warrant from the Lt.-Governor to Hon. S. S. Blowers, President of  
 Halifax Council, for opening the legislative session. Signed. (Seal).  
 Vol. 287, no. 137.

- 1805  
28 Nov  
Halifax Memorial of Committee of Merchants to Assembly. They have petitioned the King's ministers, stating the distressed situation of N. Scotian merchants caused by free trade practised illegally between the United States and the West Indies. Favourable answers of ministers made nugatory by removal of so many fishermen and their families to U. S., where conditions are made more favourable by bounties etc. Committee prays Assembly to grant similar aids. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 73.
- 28 Nov  
Halifax 1. Wentworth to President of Council, authorizing him to prorogue Assembly until 30th November. Signed.  
2. Order from Blowers to Assembly carrying out Wentworth's commission. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 30 Nov  
Halifax Address of Lt.-Governor on opening legislature, stressing the need of harmony in their deliberations. Signed. (As in Vol. 287, no. 140). Vol. 303, no. 61.
- 2 Dec  
Halifax Draft of Council's reply to the speech of the Lt.-Governor on opening the session. Vol. 287, no. 134.
- 2 Dec  
Halifax Lt.-Governor's reply to Council's address in answer to his speech at opening of session. (Holograph). Vol. 287, no. 139.
- 2 Dec  
Halifax Rough draft of Assembly's answer to Wentworth's speech from the Chair. Vol. 303, no. 62.
- 2 Dec  
Halifax Draft of Assembly's answer to Wentworth's speech from the Chair. (For earlier and more truculent sentiments see no. 62). Vol. 303, no. 64.
- (4 Dec  
rec'd)  
Halifax Petition of Robert Fitzrandolph and John Ruggles of Annapolis County, recounting their services and expenditures in building a bridge over the Annapolis River and asking for reimbursement of their advances. Signed.  
*Enclosed.* John Balcomb's account as contractor for said bridge.  
*Attached.* John Ruggles to Jas. B. Francklin, asking for subscription list for Hick's Ferry bridge. (Holograph). Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- (4 Dec  
rec'd)  
Halifax Petition of Benjamin Hicks and the Widows Ann Dodge and Sarah Leonard of Annapolis and Wilmot, that they have "subsisted upwards of Two Thousand Troops since the Law made and provided for that purpose, and a very Heavy loss having been sustained by them from the reduced allowance of Sixpence per Man for Breakfast and ninepence per Dinner, which in the aggregate amounts to Thirty Seven pound Ten shillings as nearly as can be estimated for each Innkeeper", the petitioners ask for present remuneration and provision against the future. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 4 Dec  
Halifax Corrected draft of speech altered by committee appointed to revise Journal of House. Vol. 303, no. 76.
- (5 Dec)  
Halifax Petition of Daniel Wood, William Sabatier and other residents on the Sackville-Windsor road explaining their inability to provide for the repairing and bridging of the said road, and asking for a grant for that purpose. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 5 Dec  
Halifax Address proposed to the House by Mr. Mortimer in answer to the Governor's speech on opening the Assembly. (Compare with address which was finally presented, Assembly Journal for 1805, p. 8.). Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 6 Dec  
Halifax Wentworth to Francklin, giving him a message for the Speaker, postponing receipt of Assembly's address. (Holograph). Vol. 303, no. 60.
- (9 Dec)  
26 Nov  
London-derry Petition of Andrew McKim, who has been keeping open the road between Londonderry and Cumberland mountain, and who asks encouragement for his "House of Entertainment" on that road. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- (9 Dec)  
Halifax Petition of Richard Thorne of Granville, stating his services as commissioner for repairing the public road between the Ferry House and the



- Gut of Annapolis, and asking for the balance of his compensation for it. Signed. Dismissed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 1805 Mr. Wilkins' motion that "every thing that took place on the subject  
9 Dec of the address to His Excellency subsequent to Wednesday may be ex-  
Halifax punged from the Journals together with the address adopted on Satur-  
day last." Division for motion 9, against it, 20.  
(Copy). Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 10 Dec Governor's answer to the address of the House in reply to his speech  
Halifax on opening the sessions. (Holograph). Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- (10 Dec Estimate of civil establishment of province 1 Jul. 1805—1 Jul. 1806.  
consider- Vol. 303, no. 63.  
ed)
- Report of committee to revise Journal of House. Action of House  
re speeches to Lt.-Governor (nos. 62 and 64). Signed. Vol. 303, no. 74.
- 3-10 Dec Report of the joint committee on the public accounts. Account cur-  
Halifax rent of the province. 2 pp. Unsigned. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 10 Dec Petition of Hugh Ald of Stewiack, stating that, on arriving lately  
Halifax from Scotland he had purchased a field with a salt spring in it in order  
(11 Dec to erect a salt works "for the supply of the adjacent Inhabitants." "Your  
9 Dec Petitioner has at great Expences begun his salt works and made above  
Stew- Sixty Bushels; but it will still require much more Expences to Erect  
iacke Buildings Sutable and finnish the Works; which Your Petitioner is un-  
able to compleat he has been advised to apply to the Legislature for  
Assistance and Encouragement." He therefore asks for it. Signed.  
(See committee report, 21 Dec.). Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- (11 Dec Memorial of Theophilus Chamberlain, detailing his activities as com-  
Halifax missioner for applying £300 to opening a road from the junction of Mus-  
quodoboit R. and the Guysborough road to Salmon R. in Preston. Ap-  
proved by the Governor. Signed. Dismissed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 11 Dec Petition of Thomas Goudge for return of extra duty of threepence  
Halifax per gallon on rum imported from Jamaica in ships not owned in the  
province, and relating the special circumstances which forced him to  
import the rum in a West Indian owned ship. Signed.  
*Attached.* Oath and certificate to the truth of the petition.  
*Overleaf.* Granted. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 11 Dec Petition of John Pryor and Rufus G. Taylor, asking for the return  
Halifax of duties paid under special circumstances on goods from Granada.  
Signed.  
*Attached.* Oath of Pryor and Taylor to the truth of the facts stated  
in the petition. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 11 Dec Petition of Hugh Graham and other inhabitants of Stewiack, relating  
Halifax the use they have made of the two road grants already voted them, and  
asking for another to help them build a bridge over the river on the  
road leading to the main road. "The Distance between the last settler  
in Stewiack and the first settler in Pictou is about 10 or 12 miles—We  
make this Statement to show that our leading Road may in a future  
day accomodate a great many besides the Inhabitants of this Place.—  
For a Road from the Head of this Settlement on the middle River of  
Pictou to the Head of this Settlement would be in a much more direct  
Course for Halifax than to go by Truro as is necessary in the present  
time" . . . 46 names signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 11 Dec Petition of Thomas Dobson and Co., asking for return of duties paid  
Halifax on merchandise imported in two ships and paid for by their exports to  
Tobago. Signed. Granted. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 11 Dec Petition of Samuel Hart, asking for drawback of duties paid on rum  
Halifax imported from Jamaica, (see 1st petition), and explaining how he had

shipped an equivalent quantity of goods on two occasions. Signed. *Overleaf*. Dismissed, 11 Jan. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

1805  
11 Dec  
Halifax

Report of the Council's committee on the public accounts. Council had applied to the Treasurer for an analysis of expenditure of £13,631 not accounted for, and the Treasurer had "informed the Committee that he would not render to them a particular Account of the said balance, but that he had money or Money worth to the amount thereof, which he was ready to pay when called for.—Your Committee beg therefore to be addressed by the Council as to their passing the said Accounts until the balance due thereon shall be accounted for to their satisfaction." (Council pronounce that Treasurer is bound to render particular account of balance). Vol. 287, no. 136.

(12 Dec  
rec'd)  
3 Dec  
Windsor

Petition of John and David Dill, contractors for making the new road round Salt Hill, eight miles from Windsor, asking for an investigation of their work and compensation. Signed.

12 Dec  
Halifax

*Attached*. Copy of Mr. Wilkin's motion that consideration of the petition be deferred until the petitioners have had notice to bring forward their evidence in support of their claim. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

Petition of J. F. T. Gschwind, Health Officer for Halifax, asking for the remaining part of his account for 1803 to be paid. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

12 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of Andrew Murdoch and eight others, prisoners in the Halifax County jail. "That Your Petitioners have been for a long time confined in this Prison for debt some of them for near three years and the most of them have not the means of Supporting themselves with the Necessaries of life. That as there is Yet no provision made for them by the Legislature many of them are frequently in a truly deplorable Situation the county making no allowance but fuel and Water and there not being even a Physician provided for the Sick unless a Prisoner has money he may die for the want of a little medicine or nourishment perhaps a Thousand miles from a friend or relative. That during the last two years upwards of one hundred and thirty persons have been committed to this Gaol for debt, several of whom have been for three days without receiving any kind of animal or vegetable food and must have certainly perished had it not been in the Power of some others of their fellow prisoners to have afforded them a small relief from their own little stock of provisions. That the Act of the Province of the third year of His present Majesty, for relieving insolvent debtors (whose debts are under one hundred Pounds) is seldom of any benefit to Debtors in this County, as they are generally not informed that to have any relief under the said Act they must apply to swear out within fourteen days after Execution, And your Petitioners humbly beg leave to mention that since the Month of June 1803 only three or four persons have obtained the Eight pounds of Bread per Week therein Order'd." Their situation much worse than that of debtors in other colonies and Great Britain. "That in this Gaol your Petitioners are closely and rigidly confined to a Room to the great injury of their health, and they are far from experiencing that Humanity, Benevolence and Attention which so eminently distinguishes the British Character in Europe above all the civilized Nations of the World. That Your Petitioners humbly take the liberty to suggest... that the situation of Debtors was preferable in Ancient Rome to their present lot in Nova Scotia, for altho' the Debtor was there liable to be sold for a term of years to satisfy his Creditor, Yet no one had the power to confine him within the Walls of a dreary prison to pine away his days under locks and Irons to the great hurt of Society and the utter ruin of himself and family, but on the Contrary the person who purchased the Debtor



was compelled to furnish him with wholesome food and Clothing, and his misery or Slavery was only for a fixed and certain time. Your Petitioners therefore, with the highest Respect most fervently pray that Your Honourable House, as the Great Guardians of the distressed and unfortunate, will take their case into your Gracious Consideration and Grant them the liberty of a Yard to walk in occasionally for the free air, and an allowance of food, *or such other relief* as in your Great Wisdom You shall judge proper and this they Pray not only for themselves but for the good of such unfortunate prisoners as may be hereafter confined in this most dismal and Wretched Mansion." Signed.

*Overleaf.* N.B. "There are Six other prisoners in this Jail who could not with propriety Sign this Petition, as they have obtained the liberty of the Yard by Security given to the Sheriff, Viz. Col. Blanchard & his Two Sons, Capt. Potts, Mr. Nathan Parker and one Adam Wamboult but they are ready to certify the Truth of our Statement if required at any time." Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

1805  
(13 Dec)  
Halifax Petition of Edward Whitman and 886 other inhabitants of Annapolis County. They "have for some Years seriously felt the effects flowing from a Scarcity of a circulating Medium, by being cramped in their Commercial and Agricultural pursuits—Your Petitioners beg leave therefore to submit to this Honorable House the Propriety of their adopting a judicious System of Paper Credit to a certain extent, the utility of which Your Petitioners are fully confident would soon be diffused throughout the Province by enabling the Farmer to extend his improvements and the Merchant his Trade, in proportion to the real property and natural resources of the Country." 887 names copied. (See committee report, 21 Dec.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

(14 Dec)  
Halifax Petition of John Balcomb, builder of the new bridge over Allen's R. on the Annapolis-Digby post road, for compensation for his work and advances. Signed.

*Attached.* Accounts, warrants, articles of agreement between commissioners and contractor and certificate of commissioners.

*Overleaf.* Committee report, that although the accounts are added correctly many of the charges are extravagant.

14 Dec  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Vice-Admiral Mitchell. In receipt of letter enclosing letter exhibiting complaint from Capt. Whitby against Wm. Lyon. The Solicitor-Gen'l has notified Mr. Lyon of process to be had upon the said complaint before Supreme Court in January. He regrets that his moving into the new Government House has delayed this notification. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 73, 74. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

14 Dec  
Halifax Message from Lt.-Gov. to Assembly, stating that he has moved into new Govt. House. (Copy). Vol. 303, no. 77.

14 Dec  
Halifax Notice to the Council that the Lt.-Governor has removed into the new Government House, and the old one is at their disposal according to the provincial act of 1799. (Wrongly dated). Vol. 287, no. 135.

14 Dec  
Halifax Directions to the Council committee for a conference on the proposed appropriation bill. (Copy). (Printed *in extenso* in Assembly Journal p. 21). Vol. 287, no. 138.

(17 Dec)  
Halifax Petition of John Solomon, Deputy Register of Deeds and Conveyances for the County of Halifax since 1763. The memorialist "begs leave to represent, that the Books of Records are now become very numerous and from many Years use some of them are much torn and defaced, and unless they are repaired and Copied, in a few Years it will be impossible to trace the Title of many Estates in this Province, and the Fees of Office being very inadequate to support an Office of so much importance to the

Province in general, they not Amounting to more than Forty pounds a Year, and after paying for Books, Stationary, Fuel, and Office Rent, there can be but a very small Sum left to reward any person for doing the Business, and to pay that attention necessary to the Office. Your Memorialist therefore with great diffidence and respect begs leave to Solicit your Excellency and His Majesty's Council with the House of Assembly to consider his Situation and from his long Services and being far advanced in Years, with a large Family to grant him some Yearly Allowance to make correct Copies of those which are torn and Mutilated, to enable him to repair the Books of Record and to preserve the whole of them in good Order, and also to keep a Book of Record for each County for the purpose of Entering the Quarterly Returns of Deeds &c. as by Law required." Signed. Recommended by the Lt.-Governor. (See Assembly Journal pp. 63, 71, 72, for further action.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

1805  
17 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution for vote of compensation to two road commissioners, Fitzrandolph and Ruggles. Agreed to by the Council. See their petition 16 Dec. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

20 Dec  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Vice-Admiral Sir Andrew Mitchell. He encloses a letter from Mr. Lyon and one from the Solicitor-Gen'l regarding the complaint of Capt. Whitby against Mr. Lyon. Although the Solicitor-Gen'l thinks that a verdict cannot be obtained against Mr. Lyon and therefore that prosecution might be detrimental rather than beneficial to the service, Wentworth will give orders for the prosecution to be instituted if the Admiral so desires.

20 Dec  
Halifax

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 115, 116. Draft of resolution to be presented to Council by committee of House on the appropriation act. (Compare with final resolution in Assembly Journal for 1805-06). In the final draft the following paragraph was omitted:

"With regard to the new Government Building it is notorious that this work has been carried on while every other Branch of Publick Service has been suspended & there is every Reason to suppose that the Funds of the Province have been applied to this Purpose. The House can therefore never think of blending with Demands founded on the Principles of just Compensation for lawful Services, illegal & unconstitutional applications of the publick Money which in the opinion of the House require the most serious Investigation of both Branches of the Legislature." Several other clauses of less significance were also omitted from the final resolution.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

20 Dec  
Halifax

Copy of directions to committee of House for conference on appropriation bill. (Printed *in extenso* in Assembly Journal p. 26).

Vol. 287, no. 133.

(21 Dec)  
4 Dec  
Onslow

Petition of William Cutten and 25 other inhabitants of Onslow objecting to the law which fixes the sittings of the Supreme Court so that the members of the Court are obliged to travel from Truro to Cumberland on Sunday, and asking that the law be amended. Reasons:

1. "It is the incumbent duty of us all to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy the Violation of which Almighty God has often punished with most awful Judgements."

2. "Consistency requires an amendment of the above act. The Law of the Province now stands, commanding the observance of the Sabbath; and shall their be others enacted authorising its being profaned, then the same authority both commands and prohibits the same thing."

3. "We wish to respect our superiors but in order to (do) this they must appear respectable. How can we duly regard the Judges of our



Courts when we see them trampling upon these Laws which they come amongst us to administer"....

4. "Utility is another Plea by the present arrangement there is not sufficient time to do the business of the District while the Court sets, by consequence causes which should have been argued here are carried to Cumberland before they are Terminated, which occasions not only additional expence, but inconveniences to the Parties concerned."

"Lastly. The Permitting of the above Law to remain as now enacted obliges the Members of said Courts to travel on the Sabbath as afore-said, which is cause of offence to those who wish to see the Laws of Morality and Religion maintained inviolate." 26 names signed. (See bill no. 15.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

1805  
21 Dec  
Halifax Draft of resolution of the House with regard to the balance of the public monies in the Treasury. Two concluding clauses, the first marked out, the second being that which was sent to the Lt.-Governor (see Assembly Journal, 1805-6, p. 29) and more diplomatic. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

21 Dec  
Halifax Report of committee of House on the petition of the inhabitants of Annapolis County suggesting the advisability of establishing a paper credit system in the province. The committee approve the plan heartily. (Copy). (See petition of Edward Whitman and others, 5 Dec.). Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

24 Dec  
Halifax Resolution of the House that notice be given to Messrs. Cochran that their building "will be surrendered up on the first day of July next", since the old Government House can be used for the accommodation of the General Assembly and the King's Courts. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

24 Dec  
Halifax Message from Lt.-Governor to Assembly in answer to their address. States that the difference between the sum drawn in warrants by him and the Treasurer's balance remains in cash and securities (to obviate inconvenience of removing cash from circulation) until all grants of Assembly have been subtracted from it. (Holograph). Vol. 303, no. 78.

24 Dec  
Halifax Written paper from the Council delivered in the committee conference with the House on the appropriation bill. (Printed *in extenso* in Assembly Journal p. 30). Vol. 287, no. 132.

24 Dec  
Halifax Resolution of House for deferring until the next session consideration of the written message from the Council to the House. Signed. (26 Dec.). Received by Council. Vol. 287, no. 131.

27 Dec  
Halifax Message of Lt.-Governor to the Assembly in answer to their address of 26th Dec. Transmits Treasurer's accounts and abstract of warrants he (Wentworth) has drawn. (Holograph). Vol. 303, no. 58.

27 Dec  
Halifax Report of committee of House appointed to receive memorial of merchants, recommending that bounties be placed on vessels engaged in fishery, and proposing scale of bounties. Unsigned. Vol. 303, no. 79.

27 Dec  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Messrs. Cochran, enclosing a resolution of House and Council to the effect that their buildings, leased by the General Assembly, will be given up on the 1st July, 1806. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 29.

27 Dec  
Halifax List of warrants drawn on the Treasury since the 30th September 1805 for payments made under the votes of the General Assembly sessions 1804. (Enclosed in message from the Governor to the House.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

27 Dec  
Halifax Draft of report of committee of the House on the money disposable under the present revenue laws. Compare with final report. (see Assembly Journal, 1805-6, p. 34.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

28 Dec  
Halifax Report of committee on Hugh Auld's (sic) petition. They find "that the salt spring rises in a meadow which often overflows so that it will be

necessary to convey the water in close leaden pipes to the upland which is 32 rods distance which will be attended with considerable Expence that the works when compleated will be of great utility to the settlements adjacent the Committee is of opinion that the sum of £50 be granted to the Petitioner, he giving security to the acceptance of his Excellency the Lt.-Governor that the said sum shall be faithfully expended." See the petition, 11 Dec. (Copy). Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

28 Dec  
Halifax

Report of committee to propose system of paper credit. Incomplete. Vol. 303, no. 80.

28 Dec  
Halifax

Resolutions of the House for granting £28,000 for the general service of the province under six heads. Signed. Vol. 287, no. 141.

(28 Dec)  
Halifax

Petition of Elias Wheelock, stating the exertions and "almost unparalleled hardships" he has encountered in exploring the country between Annapolis County and Halifax and between Annapolis and Lunenburg, and asking compensation therefor and for advances he has made in the process of exploring the said country. Signed.

*Attached.* "Memorandum of labour and expences". (See committee report, 8 Jan. 1806). Petition approved by the Lt.-Governor. Deferred until the next session. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

30 Dec  
Halifax

Abstract no. 4 of expenditures by commissioners for building Govt. House, from 30 June to 30 December 1805. Signed. (As in Vol. 287, no. 144). Vol. 303, no. 71.

30 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution of Assembly, to be sent to Lt.-Governor, on necessity of the Treasurer presenting account. Vol. 303, no. 75.

30 Dec  
Halifax

Message from Wentworth to Assembly. Has directed commissioners to report. Estimates £2000 will finish work. Lighthouse commissioners ready to give information. Request of House *re* Mr. Archibald acceded to. (Holograph). Vol. 303, no. 72.

30 Dec  
Halifax

Estimate of expense of finishing the new Government House, enclosed in message from the Governor to the House, 30th Dec. Signed.

30 Dec  
Halifax

Three drafts of resolution of the House with regard to applying again to the Lt.-Governor for more explicit information as to the Treasurer's accounts. That which was finally transmitted to the Governor is the most conciliatory. The least tactful includes the following paragraph, crossed out:

"that whatever reason his Excellency the Lieut. Gov. may have for being satisfied as to the security of a Balance of above ten thousand pounds, which should now be, in cash, in the Treasury (allowing the full amount of the Treasurer's statements of warrants on which the House forbear at this time to comment) the House have none; but on the Contrary great Cause to feel the force of the Suspicion universally prevailing that the Publick Monies have been unlawfully applied to private purposes. Though the House feel that it is incumbent on them to provide adequate revenue for the Support of His Majesty's Government they are impressed also with a sense of the Duty of guarding what has been already raised from their constituents, and there being already the accumulation of two whole years Revenue they are "determined to see a Suitable Appropriation and security for the present Balance before they agree to continue Impositions on those they represent."

The other draft and the final resolution are almost identical, with no significant changes. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

30 Dec  
Halifax

Report of committee on Winckworth Tonge's petition of the previous year, that he should receive £30 for the damage done to his property by a new road running through it. 2 copies. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 12



- 1805 Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Treasury, informing them that he  
31 Dec has drawn bills of exchange for M. Danséville's allowance for the past  
Halifax quarter. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 92, 93.
- 31 Dec Abstract of the Sable Island accounts between June 1804 and 31 Dec.  
Halifax 1805. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 39.
- 31 Dec Abstract, in Michael Wallace's hand, of the pay due to the Super-  
Halifax intendent and men on Sable Island. Vol. 424, doc. 41.
- 31 Dec List of paupers who have been supported in the Poor House between  
Halifax 1 July 1804 and 31 December 1805. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 1805? Proposals of House for conditions for a bill for encouraging the fisheries.  
Halifax (Probably sent up previous to presenting of bill to House, 30 Dec.)  
Vol. 287, no. 142.
- 1805? Objections of the House to the Council's suggestions with regard to  
Halifax encouraging the fisheries. (In the Clerk's hand). Vol. 287, no. 143.
- Undated List of names of the persons to be included in the grant for Douglas  
township. Vol. 224, doc. 149.
- Undated List of persons and the number of acres to be allotted to them in the  
new Philadelphia Grant. Vol. 224, doc. 150.
- Undated A. Exact statement of names of persons settled within Philadelphia  
Grant previous to the escheat, "and who derived their titles to their  
respective allotments by purchase of the original Proprietors as Reported  
by the Commissioners appointed to investigate the Claims." List of  
names, number of acres claimed by each, and his title.  
B. List of persons claiming lands as heirs to grantees of part of the  
Philadelphia Grant. Vol. 224, doc. 151.
- 1806 Report of the "Committee to whom the accounts of the New Govern-  
2 Jan ment House were referred." Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
Halifax
- (3 Jan) List of vessels visited and examined by the Health Officer for the  
Halifax port of Halifax between 20th July, 1804 and the 20th November 1805.  
Two lists. Signed. Approved and recommended by the Lt.-Governor.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 3 Jan Thirty-three money votes of the House for compensating road com-  
Halifax missioners. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 3 Jan Resolution for granting compensation to John Emerson, Richard  
Halifax Cunningham and Rufus Fairbanks for services as commissioners in  
expending £800 on the road from Three Mile Plain to Pence's farm.  
Signed. Not agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 3 Jan Report of committee of the House on the expenses of the Sable Island  
Halifax establishment and demands on account of the old Govt. House. (Draft).  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 4 Jan Draft report of the committee of the House appointed "to inquire  
Halifax into the Expenditures for Roads and Bridges and for the Compensation  
to be allowed to Commissioners for their Services."  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- (4 Jan) Account current of the government of N. S. with Geo. Mich. Smith,  
voted on) surviving commissioner for opening the new road to Nictau. Signed.  
Halifax Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- (6 Jan) Account for work on the road leading from Partridge Island to the  
considered) River Macan, presented by Jas. Ratchford.  
Halifax Overleaf. Certificates (2) to the good execution of the work. Voucher.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.
- 6 Jan Report of the commissioners on the new Ardoise Hill road. Favourable.  
Halifax Signed.  
The above was apparently enclosed with the petition of the builders  
of the road, Nathaniel Smith and Ludowick Hunter, for payment. (See  
Assembly Journal, 1805-6, p. 19). Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

- 1806 Report of committee on the health officers' demands for compensation for their services. Draft. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
6 Jan Halifax
- Account of Alexander Morrison for binding and sticking the province laws. (85 copies). Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
6 Jan Halifax
- Resolution of the House that £1981 be granted for the repair of roads and bridges, etc., 'agreeably to the estimate of the Lt.-Governor'. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.  
7 Jan Halifax
- Annexed.* Detailed estimate of the Lt.-Governor of road appropriations. Draft entitled "Distribution of road votes" for the several counties. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
(8 Jan) 1805
- Petition of John Archibald of Truro for some allowance for his time in expending the grant on the road from Fletcher's Bridge to Truro. *Overleaf.* Dismissed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
18 Dec Truro
- Report of committee of House to enquire into the merits of Elias Wheelock's petition. Petition rec'd 28 December, 1805. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
8 Jan Halifax
- Resolution of House for grant to defray expense of stationery supplied for the use of the Speaker of the House of Assembly, the Commissioners of the Revenue and the Clerk of the House of Assembly. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
11 Jan Halifax
- Report of the committee of the House on the subject of John Solomon's petition. The Committee suggest that the House take steps to have the books of record repaired and a book provided for each county and district "in order that the former quarterly returns and those that may hereafter be forwarded be regularly entered".... "the preservation of the Provincial Records being in their opinion of the utmost importance." Draft. (Of Assembly Journal, 1805-6, p. 63.) See Solomon's petition, 18 Dec. 1805.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
11 Jan Halifax
- Report of the committee of the House on the petition of Andrew Murdoch and other prisoners in the County jail. They recommend that a sum of £50 be voted for their relief, to be accounted for by the Commissioners of the Poor. (Draft). (See Murdoch's petition, 12 Dec.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
11 Jan Halifax
- 2 Resolutions for granting sums for keeping the roads open near London-derry and Salmon River. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
11 Jan Halifax
- 16 Resolutions for granting sums for compensation for services for roads, repairs to old Govt. House, etc. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
11 Jan Halifax
- List of resolutions for granting compensation to commissioners for expending monies on public roads and bridges agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
13 Jan Halifax
- Letter from I. Hildrith to the commissioners for the new Government House, enclosing his estimate of the cost of finishing the building. (Holograph). Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
13 Jan Halifax
- Overleaf:* Estimate.
- Message from the Council agreeing to the resolve of the House for applying £1981 in addition to the sum voted in 1804 for the service of roads and bridges. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
14 Jan Halifax
- 9 Resolutions of the House for granting monies for various government services. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.  
14 Jan Halifax
- 8 Resolutions of the House granting monies for various provincial services. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. A. P., Vol. 12.  
15 Jan Halifax



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16 Jan  
Halifax

5 Resolutions of the House for granting monies in compensation for various provincial services. Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

16 Jan  
Halifax

Resolution of the House for granting a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds "for the purpose of preserving in the Town of Halifax Vaccine Matter for inoculation." Signed. Not agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

16 Jan  
Halifax

Message from the Council to the House, agreeing to four resolutions of the House for granting monies to the Attorney-Gen'l, John Howe, John Walker, and for the repairing of the old Govt. House.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

17 Jan  
Halifax

Petition of Wm. Winniett, commissioner for expending £300 grant on the road between Allen's Creek and Craigs Mill, Annapolis County. Having received from Robert Dickson, Collector of Impost and Excise, only £241. 13s. 9d. on account of the said grant, the petitioner gave one of the men he employed in road work (Dowie or Douwe Ditmars) a Bill of Exchange on the Treasurer, Michael Wallace, for the balance of the grant (£58. 6s. 3d.). The Bill was refused by the Treasurer, and since Ditmars "is desirous to obtain payment of the said balance, and if not shortly paid, may be induced to use measures unpleasant as well as injurious" to the petitioner, Winniett asks for relief from the House. (For action of legislature see Assembly Journal, 1805-6 p. 77.)

Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

18 Jan  
Halifax

Attendance of members in House, 28 Nov. 1805—18 Jan. 1806, with amounts due them at ten shillings per diem.

Account of arrearage of pay due members of Assembly on 17 January.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

18 Jan  
Halifax

Report of the committee on the petition of Robert Hall, recommending that the consideration of it be deferred until more proof is given of the damages said to be sustained. Signed.

*Annexed*: Papers submitted by Hall.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

18 Jan  
Halifax

List of bills passed during the session

1805-6.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

18 Jan  
Halifax

List of monies voted session 1805-6.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 12.

18 Jan  
Halifax

Speech of Lt.-Governor at close of session. Regrets that session has been so long and that nearly one-third of the revenue is lost by the detention of the Revenue Bills which... "operates to the detriment of many in favour of a few". Signed.

Vol. 303, no. 81.

(18 Jan)  
Halifax

Speaker's speech on presenting appropriation bill. (Unsigned). (Endorsed wrongly 'Governor's speech'). doc. 1.

Vol. 303, no. 82.

28 Jan  
London

Under-sec'y Cooke to Lt.-Governor Wentworth. He encloses the Speech with which the Lords Commissioners opened the last session of Parliament. Signed.

Vol. 60, doc. 76.

1 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lord Sheffield. He has sent a box of young trees and a bag of cones, which he hopes will interest Sheffield. Report on the efforts to cultivate hemp in the province during the past five years. These efforts have shown that it is possible to grow good hemp in Nova Scotia. He suggests that the government supply good seed to the farmers and encourage them to grow it by having it paid the London market price at the Careening Yard in Halifax. Ability of the province to provide all sorts of wheat, corn, meat etc. There are 1500 horses ready to be exported, but at present no vessels. He refers Lord Sheffield to his son, Charles Mary Wentworth, for particulars with regard to Nova Scotia's progress and the general state of the province, and that of the United States.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 74-78.

1806  
3 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). Assembly convened on the 28th November, and Uniacke's absence made the election of a Speaker necessary. "William Cotnam Tonge Esq. was elected with but little opposition, having, as I understand, declared to those who would otherwise have effectually opposed him, that he would unite in promoting the dispatch of the public business." He has not carried out his promise, but has protracted the session and discussions on the revenue bills until nearly one-third of the revenue has been lost. "However, the Revenue Bills were at length revived and continued for the present year, against every effort he could make." Appropriation bills for last session and the present passed. Comments on them, and on the session generally. The observation of the House regarding the fisheries aimed against impressing seamen was occasioned by a mistaken detaining of some fishermen by officers of the Navy looking for deserters. The fishermen were released, when it was proved that they were not deserters hiding under the guise of fishermen. "A report was soon circulated that fishermen were not to be protected, which created some Alarm, and produced another exaggeration, that more than 100 families had fled to the United States. . . . Upon a strict inquiry, I am convinced that not two families actually removed to the United States, upon this account—There is a continual passing and returning of People from the western Shores of this Province to New England, from whence these originally emigrated, and still have property and family connections there—but I think the balance of Population retained is in favor of this Province." Similar emigration of "useless Irishmen". He terminated the session, "protracted by those who found no disadvantage in receiving 10/ per diem, and by the Speaker, who throughout the whole Session presented the uncommon case of opposition to the King's interests, from the Chair, where his incompetency to the decorum and duties of the situation became manifest, and forgetful of his enjoying a beneficial appointment under His Majesty. . . . I think it will be adviseable to dissolve the present Assembly, who have only one Sessions more in their natural term, and that Session has been heretofore too much devoted toward making popular interests, for the ensuing election, which affording 10/ P diem (during the Sessions) is an object to so many that it may be supposed, sometimes to happen, that the best qualified Candidate does not succeed."

"I have much and long continued reason to regret and complain of Mr. Tonge's individual conduct, in endeavouring to disperse calumnious reports and discontents, as diligently as artfully thro' the Country, injuring thereby the excellent loyal character justly maintained by the good People of this Colony, who wish to be peaceable, contented and happy. Such conduct if I find still persisted in, it will be my duty to the King, to resist, and discourage by suspending him from his Office, which he now holds to the surprize of All." (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 78-83.

5 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). In receipt of letter of 6th November, announcing the victory at Trafalgar. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 84.

5 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Governor Hughes of Surinam. Having heard from Mr. Hall, a merchant of Surinam, that he is Governor, Wentworth sends salutations and congratulations. "The Agriculture and Population of Nova Scotia are greatly increased within the last ten or twelve years. . . . This town is increased in numbers, buildings, commerce and wealth—and I hope will soon direct their attention to a trade with your Colony, which must be reciprocally beneficial, as we have Provisions, Lumber, Horses—Fish-Butter-Cheese and live Stock to export,



- and are in want of every sort of Produce raised in Surinam." Mr. Hall has Wentworth's power of attorney, and he asks the Governor's aid in his obtaining the proportion due Wentworth from the estate of his cousin Paul Wentworth of Surinam. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 84-86.
- 1806  
5 Feb London Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth), announcing that he has succeeded to the secretaryship of the departments of the Colonies and War. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 77.
- 14 Feb Halifax Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He wishes to renew his suggestion of a lease of the coal mines, which the recent scarcity of coal has rendered most important. Lt.-Gen'l Gardiner the Commander-in-Chief is at the point of death. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 86-88.
- 16 Feb Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Major-Gen'l Hunter, announcing the death, the previous evening, of Lt.-Gen'l Gardiner, Commander-in-Chief, after a lingering illness. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 88, 89.
- 25 Feb Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to George Brinley Esq. He is to issue a Brig-Gen'l's allowance of fuel and rations to Wentworth from the time of Lt.-Gen'l Gardiner's death until Maj-Gen'l Hunter shall assume the command. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 89.
- 25 Feb Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Mrs. MacDonogh. He has been able to make arrangements for her son to be taken on board one of the ships of the navy on the station as midshipman. Details. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 89-91.
- 31 Mar London Circular letter from Under-sec'y Shee to Lt.-Governor Wentworth, enclosing the Parliamentary Estimate for the support of the civil establishment. Vol. 60, doc. 83.
- 6 Apr London Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He transmits a copy of an Order-in-Council for laying an embargo on all Prussian vessels and ships arriving in any port or harbour of the colonies or British forts and settlements, and requiring Wentworth to see to its execution in Nova Scotia. (Circular). Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 85.
- Enclosure.*
- (6 Apr) London Copy of Order-in-Council laying an embargo on all Prussian vessels entering the ports or harbours of any British settlement, colony or fort. Vol. 60, doc. 86.
- 28 Feb London Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth), announcing the capture of the Cape of Good Hope by the British military and naval forces. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 78.
- 5 Mar London Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He transmits copies of two letters from the Lords of the Privy Council and the Board of Health, to which he wishes the Lt.-Governor to pay strict attention. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 79.
- Enclosures.*
- (5 Mar) London 1. Sec'y to the Lords of the Privy Council to the Under-sec'y of the Colonial Dept. He transmits a copy of a letter from the Board of Health, and requests that the Sec'y of State will have copies sent to all the colonies. (Copy). Vol. 60, doc. 80.
- (5 Mar) London 2. Board of Health to the Sec'y of the Privy Council, enclosing instructions to be observed by the officials in the ports of the kingdom and the colonies and by the boards of health, to prevent the introduction and spreading of certain diseases to which parts of Europe and America are exposed. (Copy). Vol. 60, doc. 81.
- 5 Mar Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Charles Hall, of Surinam, whom he makes his agent for the recovery of his debt against the Paul Wentworth estate in Surinam. Details of business. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 91, 92.

- 1806  
24 Mar  
London      Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He encloses a copy of an Extraordinary Gazette containing an account of the victory of Sir I. T. Duckworth over an enemy squadron off St. Domingo on the sixth February. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 82.
- 31 Mar  
Halifax      Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Treasury, advising them that he has drawn bills of exchange for M. Danséville's quarterly allowance, and enclosing receipt. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 92, 93.
- 2 Apr  
London      Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). The Lords of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations, having taken into consideration the state of the Newfoundland fishery and various applications *re* supplying the British West Indies with provisions, "have recommended to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to authorize the payment in the several British Islands & Colonies. . . of a bounty of two Shillings Stg. per Quintal upon Newfoundland and all other British American Salted Fish which shall be imported into the said Islands in British Ships" for the ensuing year. Schedule of bounties for other fish. An account of the amount of bounties so paid will be kept in each island, and repaid by the island governments to the Imperial Treasury, when their legislatures shall have made proper arrangements for this bounty and its continuance.
- "It is further intended to recommend that the respective Legislatures should grant a Bounty of one Shilling Sterling p Quintal on Newfoundland and all other British American salted Fish imported as aforesaid; and also to impose a Duty on all Fish imported from the United States of America, to countervail any Duty which may be payable within those States on the Importation of British Fish." Wentworth is to inform the merchants of Nova Scotia of the contents of this letter. The Lords of the Admiralty have arranged for convoys to protect the Newfoundland and British American fishery and trade. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 84.
- 15 Apr  
Halifax      Lt.-Governor Wentworth to John Julius Angerstein. By the May packet the subscription begun by the Humane and Marine Society of Halifax for the Patriotic Fund will be transmitted. That Society "embraced the occasion presented by the glorious victories atchieved (sic) by the much lamented Lord Nelson, Sir Richard Strachan, and Sir I. T. Duckworth, and commenced a Subscription from their own Funds, which has since been filling to the amount of £480. . . Were the means of this community equal to their sentiments, upon this wise and beneficent measure, the amount would be ample indeed." (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 93, 94.
- 16 Apr  
Halifax      Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). In receipt of letter announcing Windham's succeeding to the secretaryship of the Departments of War and the Colonies. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 95.
- 16 Apr  
Halifax      Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Under-sec'y Cooke. In receipt of letter enclosing description of the naval victory of Sir Richard Strachan. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 95.
- 16 Apr  
Halifax      Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Under-sec'y Cooke. In receipt of letter enclosing copy of speech with which Commissioners opened the Parliamentary session. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 96.
- 17 Apr  
Halifax      Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). He encloses a schedule of the products of the fishery, which, like agriculture, has been unusually successful in the past year. "Notwithstanding the large contracts for His Majesty's Army and Naval service, considerable quantities of Beef, butter, cheese, potatoes and live stock were exported to Newfoundland and the West Indies." He is glad to represent "the



growing prosperity of the Province, and the general happiness, peace and loyalty of His Majesty's Subjects, the Inhabitants."

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18 Apr  
London

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 96, 97.  
Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He transmits a copy of a letter from the Clerk of the Privy Council to Sir George Shee (Under-sec'y) containing instructions for transmitting accounts of diseases from the colonies, to which he enjoins Wentworth's attention. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 87.

*Enclosure.*

(18 Apr)  
1 Apr  
London

Clerk of the Council (Cottrell) to Under-sec'y (Shee). In consideration of accounts which have come of epidemics of yellow fever in Jamaica, an instruction should be sent to the Governors of the Colonies directing them to report on the existence or non-existence of that disease in their respective governments. On behalf of the Privy Council he submits it to the consideration of the Secretary of State (Windham).

(Copy). Vol. 60, doc. 88.

8 May  
London

Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). Enumerating a list of eleven acts of the Nova Scotia Assembly which have been assented to by the King. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 89.

10 May  
London

Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). In receipt of despatches. He is sorry "to learn that any Disposition should have been manifested to interrupt or embarrass the public Business of the Province, and particularly so, that any Officer of the Crown should actively engage in Proceedings having such a Tendency. In the Event of Mr. Tonge persisting in the Line of Conduct of which you complain, and of your feeling yourself called upon to exercise the Power with which you are invested, of suspending him from his Office, you will of course not omit by the earliest Opportunity to report the whole Circumstances of the Case for His Majesty's Consideration." Nothing further can be done concerning the opening of the coal mines in the province without "very deliberate Consideration." Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 90.

10 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to John Hames. In receipt of letter. To allow the fishing vessels to set out on their voyages he has decided to allow importation of salt from the United States, and encloses blank licences for importing the salt, which licences Hames is to fill in as occasion requires. He must make a return of the licences issued to Wentworth. Greetings from Lady Wentworth to himself and Mrs. Hames. Vol. 54, pp. 97-99.

19 May  
London

Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He is to order the law officers of the province to take the proper steps for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Lords of the Treasury that they transmit to England all Spanish property or the proceeds of such property, which had been captured before hostilities with Spain had begun. Directions in case of difficulties or obstructions in the execution of the order. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 91.

20 May  
London

Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). Transmitting an Order-in-Council of 14th May, removing the embargo on vessels belonging to Hamburg and Oldenburg which hitherto were included under the general Prussian embargo (conveyed by circular letters of 6th April and 4th May). Ordering the admission of vessels of Bremen and Papenburg which had cleared out for Great Britain previous to 20th March. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 92.

21 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Sec'y of State (Windham). In receipt of letter of 2nd April, which he communicated to the local merchants "who expressed a most grateful sense of the benefits extended to their most essential interests, by the bounties liberally granted to their

fisheries and Trade." Since only two cargoes of salt have arrived this season, between a hundred and a hundred and fifty fishing vessels have been prevented from setting out. He has accordingly consented to an importation of salt from the United States sufficient to enable them to set sail on their voyages. Six vessels sailed for Jamaica under convoy on the 16th May and several more are preparing to go to Barbadoes under the convoy appointed for the 1st June. Continued prosperity of the province. Its peace and quiet also continue "notwithstanding the inexcusable diligence of Mr. Tonge (Naval Officer), to infuse discontents and oppositions, among the less informed people in the interior Country." He "adds to his means of insinuation, by commencing an Attorney, which seems to be as improper, as his other conduct is unworthy of the Office he holds, from which Government might reasonably look forward at least to neutrality, if not to an active support."

Vol. 54, pp. 99-101.

1806 Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Sec'y of State (Windham). In receipt  
21 May of circular letter of 24th March, announcing Sir I. T. Duckworth's victory  
Halifax over the enemy fleet. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 101.

1 June Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He trans-  
London mits a letter from the Paymaster-General and a regulation concerning  
the taking of affidavits from officers on half pay, to which he directs  
Wentworth's attention. He must report any difficulties. Signed.  
Circular. Vol. 60, doc. 93.

*Enclosures.*

(1 June) 1. Copy of letter from the Paymaster-Gen'l to the Sec'y of State  
8 May (Windham), enclosing a Regulation concerning the certifying of affidavits  
London of officers on half pay in the colonies, and rescinding their previous Regu-  
lation. They wish a sufficient number of reliable magistrates to be  
appointed so that the officers will be under no additional expense in  
giving their affidavits and an adequate check be kept to prevent frauds.  
Vol. 60, doc. 94.

(1 June) 2. Copy of "Regulation made by the Paymaster-Gen'l of the Forces  
London to prevent any Frauds being committed in the Receipt of the Half Pay,  
or Allowances of Officers of the British American Forces, residing in the  
British Colonies. . . ." Inclosing forms to be filled out by the officers,  
rules to be observed by the magistrates and officers in taking affidavits,  
and an order to the Governor to make out lists of the half pay officers  
in his government, and to appoint special magistrates for the taking  
of affidavits from the half pay officers. Vol. 60, doc. 95.

2 June Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). The King  
London has ordered Letters of Marque and Reprisal to be issued against the  
ships and goods of Prussia. The Lt.-Governor is to make this order  
public. Signed. Circular. Vol. 60, doc. 96.

16 June Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Sec'y of State Windham. Since sending  
Halifax his last letter Wentworth has dissolved the Assembly and issued writs  
for a new election from which he expects to assemble the House in Novem-  
ber. There is still need of salt for the fishery. The Americans are doing  
their best to surpass the Nova Scotians in the fisheries. He has directed  
Mr. Leonard, Superintendent of Trade and Fisheries, to proceed along  
the shores and into the harbours most frequented by them and prevent  
smuggling. "The Vessel he is employed in, about thirty five tons, is  
wholly insufficient to acquire or enforce respect or obedience, among  
such a description of People, who will and do contend, when they think  
it is practicable, but are disposed to more regularity when they find it can  
be enforced." Mr. Leonard's narrow escape from being shot points  
to the advisability of providing a larger and more fully armed and manned



- vessel, which could easily be purchased here from among the ships that are condemned in the Vice-Admiralty Court. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 101-103.
- 1806 James Morris to the commissioners for the Sable Island establishment, reporting on the conditions on the island. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 60.
- 21 June Sable I. Sec'y of State Windham to Lt.-Governor Wentworth. He encloses three Orders-in-Council for removing certain embargoes, which he directs the Lt.-Governor to put into effect. Circular. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 97.
- 27 June London *Enclosure.* No. 98 Order-in-Council. The other enclosures appear to be missing. Circular (duplicate).
- (27 June) London Copy of Order-in-Council removing the embargo on vessels belonging to Hamburg and Oldenburg and on those of Bremen and Papenburg which had cleared out for the United Kingdom previous to 28th March. Vol. 60, doc. 98.
- 27 June Country Har- bour James Morris to the commissioners, stating his reasons for leaving the Isle Sable for a few days and giving directions as to the expenditure of part of his salary. Testimonial to Capt. Darby's character. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 60½.
- 30 June Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn bills of exchange for M. Danséville's quarterly allowance, and encloses a receipt therefor. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 107.
- 1 July London Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He transmits copy of a letter from the Sec'y of the Treasury to Sir George Shee concerning the appointment of commissioners for the appraisement and sale of vessels and cargoes belonging to Prussia and Papenburg and seized previously to the 14th May 1806. Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 99.
- Enclosures.*
- (1 July) London 1. Copy of letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to Sir George Shee. He transmits a copy of Mr. King's letter to the King's Proctor, directing the appointment of Commissioners for the sale of Prussian vessels and cargoes, and requests that the Sec'y of State (Windham) make the necessary communication to Governors and Commanders on foreign stations. Vol. 60, doc. 100.
- (1 July) London 2. Copy of letter from J. King to the King's Proctor. Commissioners are to be appointed to direct the appraisement and sale of vessels belonging to Prussia and Papenburg which have been seized and condemned previous to the declaration of war against Prussia. He names the Commissioners which the Lords of the Treasury direct the King's Proctor to nominate, and states that they are to have two per cent of the net proceeds of the vessels and goods sold by them, and reasonable expenses. Vol. 60, doc. 101.
- 5 July Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Governor Hughes of Surinam. He sends a duplicate of his previous despatch by Mr. Hall. The bearer of the present letter, Mr. Tidmouth, is a prominent business man in Nova Scotia who "may be the means of considerable supplies to your Colony". He recommends him to Hughes' attention, and also renews his application for assistance to Mr. Hall in the business he represents. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 103, 104.
- 10 July Halifax Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). In reply to the demand for information with regard to the existence of yellow fever or other infectious diseases in the province, he takes pleasure in reporting that the province is free from infectious diseases and is enjoying good health. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 104, 105.

- 1806 Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Secretary of State (Windham). In receipt of two despatches. He suggests that an order be issued to the commanders of packets not to disembark their passengers until they are specially reported to the Lt.-Governor and his consent obtained. In this way any danger of suspicious characters coming to the province will be obviated. He has consented to the departure of certain French Royalists from Nova Scotia. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 105-107.
- 10 July Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). In receipt of letters dated 6th April, 4th May, 20th May and 2nd June enclosing Order-in-Council relating to embargoes on vessels belonging to Prussia, Papenburg, Hamburg, Oldenburg and Bremen. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 107, 108.
- 15 July Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). In receipt of despatch of 1st June relating to certifying the affidavits of officers on half pay. He will make the necessary arrangements in which he sees no inconvenience or objection. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 109.
- 15 July Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). In obedience to his letter of 19th May, Wentworth applied to the Register of the Vice-Admiralty Court with regard to Spanish property or the proceeds from sales of such property. He transmits the Register's report, showing that no such property has been brought into the Court. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 109, 110.
- 16 July Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). In receipt of despatches. He is sorry to report that a prolonged drought, accompanied by an unusual quantity of insects has seriously impaired the corn and grass crops. He has dissolved the General Assembly. "It is highly probable that this measure will be attended with usefulness to the public Service, which required this intervention." (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 110, 111.
- 20 July Duplicate invoice of supplies sent to Sable Island. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 59.
- 25 July James Morris, Supt. of Sable Island, to Michael Wallace, reporting on his activities during his stay on the mainland. He has bought three tracts of land "in order to secure the principal mill places & timber" for his son and he begs Wallace's "assistance in granting money from time to time what is required to put the saw in motion." (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 61.
- 2 Aug Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Maj-Gen'l Hunter. On receipt of Hunter's letter, enclosing one from Capt. Nicholl complaining of the abuse and scurrility he received from the master of the ship John in opposition to the execution of the quarantine laws, Wentworth directed the Solicitor-Gen'l to institute a prosecution. He has since received a letter from Peoples, the master of the ship, which he encloses. If Capt. Nicholl still desires to prosecute he must furnish the Solicitor-Gen'l with all possible information of the circumstances. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 111, 112.
- 5 Aug James Morris to Michael Wallace, reporting on his arrival on the island from Country Harbour and his proceedings since he arrived. He has discharged his son and apprentice from the island and hopes they will do well on the land he bought at Country Harbour. Directions regarding them. He hopes "the new Legislature will consider & grant money for roads to Humanity with as much earnestness as the old Body did for roads through the woods." (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 62.
- 11 Aug Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Administrator of New Brunswick (George G. Ludlow). He has appointed Hon. Edward Winslow to succeed James Glenie as Deputy Surveyor of the King's Woods for New Bruns-



wick. He expects Col. Winslow's abilities "will be exerted to facilitate the duties that may arise, in a manner most acceptable to you, in which he will be assured of my highest approbation."

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 112.

1806  
18 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to John Hames Esq. of Shelburne. He gives his consent to a three-months leave of absence for Hames to go to England on his private affairs, and expresses his satisfaction with Hames' conduct in his "Offices of the Revenue and Magistracy."

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 113.

20 Aug  
Halifax

Extract from letter written by Customs officer to Board of Customs in London, requesting their opinion on case of American schooner seized for carrying on illegal trade.

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30 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). He describes the orders he gave for the assembling of the militia on short notice, on receipt of information from Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane of the possibility of a French squadron attacking the harbour settlements en route to Europe. A thousand good men, well disciplined and armed would, in the event of an alarm, be at their posts within an hour, and three thousand would immediately leave their homes "without waiting to be collected into Companies, by which means their movement will be more accelerated." "As all the Harbours in Nova Scotia are more or less inhabited, and the shores occupied by numerous fishing Boats at this time of the year, we doubt not of timely information of the approach of any Enemy, to be availed of the services of the Militia before described, to repel any attack." He suggests depositing a depot of arms and ammunition in a convenient situation as a measure to obviate the very great lack of arms from which the militia suffers.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 113-115.

5 Sept  
London

Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He transmits a copy of the Extraordinary Gazette announcing a military victory over the French at St. Euphemia. (Circular). Signed. Vol. 60, doc. 102.

13 Sept  
London

Sec'y of State (Windham) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). Transmitting a copy of the Extraordinary Gazette announcing the military victory over the French in taking the fort at Buenos Ayres. (Circular). Signed.

Vol. 60, doc. 103.

30 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn Bills of exchange for M. Danséville's allowance for the quarter ending with 30th September, and encloses M. Danséville's receipt.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 127-128.

12 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Scrope Bernard Esq. He encloses his reply to Messrs. Ransom and Morland's letter, which Bernard is to seal and have delivered if he thinks it wise. He and Lady Wentworth are enjoying better health. The acts of Parliament to relieve the colonial lumber trade from duties in England and to admit importation into the province of goods from Malta and Gibraltar bought in exchange for Nova Scotian fish will be of great benefit to the two industries concerned. "For these and many other essential benefits... this Province is indebted to your Agency."

"Mr. Uniacke returned to us, in the August Packet, and has brought with him an Instrument of the Archbishop of Canterbury disannulling (sic) *all* the statutes of King's College at Windsor—The Governors have not yet had a meeting to receive it officially, we are in hopes to receive some proposed explanation or information from His Grace by the September Mail now hourly expected, by which we may go on again, for at present we only know that we must obey the Injunction, when officially before us...."

"We, at least three or four of us, fondly thought by forming upon the Statutes of Oxford, we were insuring a learned, and Loyal Education and attachment to the Church and Constitution of England, Objects of the first and most indispensable magnitude to those who are well acquainted with these Colonies, and who from sad experience know that thirteen Provinces were lost, for want of a decided, primeval and determined adherence to this irresistible Principle—It has been said that we are too young, for such an Establishment. . . . It may be found hereafter that if we are too young to have an essentially good education, we may be repent too late that an improper one will supplant it."

Instructions regarding his private affairs. P.S. to the effect that the order for granting land and the new seal of the province have not yet arrived. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 118-121.

*Enclosure.*

1806 Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Messrs. Ransom, Morland & Co., requesting that they pay the bills drawn on them, and making certain explanations with regard to his public and private business. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 116-118.

12 Oct Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Sec'y of the Treasury Lords. In receipt of despatch. In response to it he made inquiries as to the pay of the barrack master of Cape Breton, and found that it had been increased by the Major-Gen'l until it was equal to others of the same establishment, so that their Lordships' intentions have been carried out. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 121.

4 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Attorney-General (R. J. Uniacke). He encloses a letter from Vice-Admiral Berkeley relating to the escape of several French officers on parole and wishes the Attorney-Gen'l to prepare and present advice and orders to prevent another such eventual-ity. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 121, 122.

4 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Vice-Admiral Berkeley. In receipt of letter informing him of the desertion of French officers on parole. In compliance with Berkeley's request he has asked the Attorney-Gen'l to prepare orders for preventing such desertions in the future. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 122.

12 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lord Sheffield. He has sent a box of the pine and larch cones which Sheffield recently requested. He will have some New England pine cones sent, too. "The relief and encouragements provided last year to revive the Fisheries on the Coasts of the British Colonies proved highly beneficial. . . ." The crops are good, though affected adversely by the early drought and late heavy rains. "The result fully justifies my expectations that this Colony will soon be able, not only to produce their own demand for bread corn, but also furnish a large exportation." (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 123, 124.

13 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Maj-Gen'l Hunter. He asks that the General lend forty stand of arms and accoutrements to the La Have militia commanded by Capt. Oxiner, who will give good security for them. "This Gentleman and the company he commands live in the district thro' which Deserters travel, when attempting to escape, and many have been there apprehended and returned to their respective services, by the exertions of this militia company, who are well disposed to continue their vigilance, which cannot be completely effectual unless assisted with Arms &c. abovementioned, there being none in the province for sale." He will also be able to defend the neighbouring harbours in case of an attack by sea. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 124, 125.

14 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Sec'y of State (Windham). He encloses the acts of the 1805-6 session of the Assembly, the Journals of the House



1806  
14 Nov.  
Halifax

and Council. Comments on acts. The appropriation act "provides for two years including the preceding year in which the appropriation bill was not completed, indeed in this Session, every endeavour was used by the Speaker and a few others led by him, again to frustrate its progress, altho' finally without prevailing farther than to cause delay." In the Journal of the Council "will appear a plain patient, firm and judicious attention to the duties of their truly important Branch of the Legislature, maintaining wisely, His Majesty's interests and the Constitution and promoting the prosperity of the Province—to which they disinterestedly and diligently devoted so large a Portion of time as this Session very unexpectedly embraced, and without any compensation." "The Business of the House of Assembly commenced in the choice of a Speaker in the place of Mr. Uniacke who was absent in England. . . . Mr. Tonge in communicating with many Members, having given reason, and to some declared an intention to desist from all endeavours to delay or obstruct the public business, which he well knew was too correctly conducted not to have the approbation and support of an experienced, justly disposed Majority, And promising impartiality, if he was elected Speaker, his wishes were acceded to and he was elected Speaker. And from the first day to the last acted, notoriously, directly the reverse to these declarations—Acting in all cases either openly and with manifest Partiality—against His Majesty's interests, or otherwise in goading on abetting and privately (encouraging?) a few others to invent and bring forward measures of delay and obstruction, from whence alone the Session was Expensively protracted more than five weeks over and above the time necessary for the public business. This was the less obnoxious to several, among them, who profited 10/ Per diem, without any loss from other affairs. . . . By these means the Revenue Bills were detained. . . . to the serious injury and loss of His Majesty's revenue. Several cargoes of Dutiable articles belonging to those He wished to favour, while by various artifices and strong marked partiality—the Bills were still delayed, until the Cargoes were landed free of duty sold and dispersed in the Country. One vessel arrived about the time that the Bill was passed in both Houses, and notice (as is customary) given to me, to come to Council to assent to the Bill. My taking the Chair was immediately communicated, and an answer was sent that the Revenue Bill was not ready. The Council were displeased and greatly disappointed—Nor were the House of Representatives less so, when upon enquiry, it appeared that the Speaker had of his own usurped authority, prevented the Bill coming up, which they had passed and ordered—Strongly feeling the indecorum and detriment of this proceeding, The House required their Speaker forthwith to apologize to me and exculpate them, and farther appointed two of their own Members to accompany and witness that the apology was properly made—The Passing the Bill was thus delayed another day, and afforded time to land and disperse a valuable cargo, free of duty, which appeared to be the object contemplated—The loss to His Majesty's Provincial revenue amounting to £1552.3." Despite the attempts to prove the Treasurer dishonest, the public accounts have been proved to be correct. "It is however obvious that the various endeavours used were exerted to embarrass, disseminate groundless surmises and protract the sessions." "(It is right for me here to suggest, that popular, or views more republican than are congenial to the British Constitution, always attempt to obtain a guiding influence over the Treasury—A recollection of the years preceeding the American revolution are full of experience on this Subject.)"

"After the object of liberating the particular importations from Duties, was attained; a Majority who did not in time discover the real views—and being themselves well disposed and well satisfied, insisted upon the public business being dispatched, and it was accordingly completed."

Generally there is perfect loyalty throughout the province.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 134-143.

1806 Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Phineas Bond Esq. He asks Bond's  
16 Nov best exertions in engaging the interest and activity of the Spanish Minister  
Halifax at Philadelphia to secure the release of the youngest son of Judge Powel of Upper Canada, who went on an expedition with Miranda to the Spanish American coasts, was taken prisoner and condemned to ten years' imprisonment in the Castle of Omoa. Wentworth is very anxious, being a friend of the family, to secure the young man's release. Comments on the European situation concluding with "At any rate I hope all these events will evince to the United States their great interest in a sincere amity and cordiality with Great Britain." (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 125-127.

18 Nov Speech of Mr. Tonge to House on being elected Speaker a second  
Halifax time. Unsigned. Doc. 2. Vol. 303, no. 82.

20 Nov Speech of Lt.-Governor on opening legislature. Important victories  
Halifax in Europe. Need of renewed attention to fisheries. Signed.

As in Assembly Papers, Vol. 13. Vol. 303, no. 83.

20 Nov Petition of William Cochran, candidate in the late election, protesting  
Halifax that Wm. Lawson, who came last on the poll of those elected had not the required forty shilling freehold qualification, and therefore should be unseated and himself be given the seat.

*Attached.* Certificates from the districts of Pictou, Colchester and Halifax that Wm. Lawson holds no property in them.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

20 Nov? List of members returned in the election. Minutes of meeting of  
Halifax Assembly on Nov. 18. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

20 Nov Draft of report of committee of the House on precedents for the King  
Halifax or his representative disapproving of the Commons' choice of a Speaker. The authorities are quoted. They could find no precedent since 1678. (Not recorded in Journal). Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

20 Nov Apology from someone in the Assembly (in the handwriting of the  
Halifax Clerk, James Boutineau Francklin) to Mr. Tonge, for expressing himself "with so much warmth and in such strong language" with regard to Tonge's opinion as to filling the Speaker's Chair.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

21 Nov Address of the Council in answer to the Lt.-Governor's speech on  
Halifax opening the session. Vol. 287, no. 145.

(22 Nov) Petition of Thomas Millidge, protesting against the election of Mr.  
Halifax Isaiah Shaw on the grounds that several of those who voted for him had no right to do so, and asking to be heard by the House.

*Annexed.* Certified copy of the scrutiny held in Granville 31 July, 1806, registering the objections of the candidates to various people being allowed to vote, and the decisions of the sheriff thereon. Important as showing types of voters and qualifications. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

(22 Nov) Petition of Andrew Murdoch, insolvent debtor, detailing the reasons  
18 Nov for his being there, the conditions, and asking for an act of the legislature  
Halifax to release him from prison.

(Compare with the petition of Andrew Murdoch and others in prison in the Halifax gaol, 1805-6 session. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

22 Nov Draft of Assembly's answer to Lt.-Governor's speech. They lament  
Halifax the Lt.-Gov.'s exercising "a branch of His Majesty's prerogative long



unused in Great Britain and without precedent in this province."

- 1806 Vol. 303, no. 84.  
 22 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth's answer to the Council's address. (Holo-  
 Halifax graph). Vol. 287, no. 146.  
 25 Nov Answer of Lt.-Governor to Assembly's speech. (Holograph).  
 Halifax Vol. 303, no. 85.  
 25 Nov Alexander Morrison's account for binding the volumes of laws of the  
 Halifax province. Vol. 287, no. 158.  
 25 Nov List of nominees from which committee was formed to try the con-  
 Halifax tested election for the township of Annapolis. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
 26 Nov Resolution that members of the House be furnished with copies of  
 Halifax the laws of the province, a set to each at the expense of the province.  
 Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
 26 Nov ? Memorandum of distribution of copies of provincial laws.  
 Halifax Vol. 303, no. 65.  
 27 Nov Resolution appointing committee to examine building where legis-  
 Halifax lature sits and decide which rooms shall be used for the legislature. Signed.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
 27 Nov Petition of John Newton and Hibbert N. Binney, Collectors of Im-  
 Halifax post and Excise for the district of Halifax asking for a compensation  
 for their loss of duties on the seven vessels which entered while the re-  
 venue laws were non-existent, the cargoes of which had been largely  
 sold and consumed within the province. The officers' commissions  
 on the duties amounted to £69. 16. 10. Signed.  
 Overleaf. Dismissed 6 Dec. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
 (28 Nov) Petition of John Mehlman and other inhabitants of Lunenburg, asking  
 Halifax for aid in making a road from their houses to Lohnes's Settlement, on  
 the Lunenburg-Annapolis road, and stating the great need there is for  
 one. 12 names signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
 28 Nov Petition of Robert King, who is about to provide an inn half way  
 Halifax between Chester and Windsor, and asks assistance in making a settle-  
 ment on the road so that it will be safer for travellers. Signed.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
 29 Nov Petition of Francis Smith and other inhabitants of Newport town-  
 Halifax ship asking for grant to change the road which at present is carried over  
 high hills, and to build a bridge over Meander River. 53 names signed.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
 (29 Nov) Petition of James Eager and others settled on the Annapolis-Lunen-  
 Halifax burg road. "That with great satisfaction, We have the Honor to in-  
 form your Excellency, and Honors, that the Road leading from Anna-  
 polis to Lunenburgh, is now cut open, that is to say, the Timber cut  
 down, and cleared off, 16 1/2 feet wide; The land capable of accommodat-  
 ing many valuable Setlers, provided proper measures are adopted, to  
 encourage and facilitate the settlement of this important Road. That  
 the sum of five pounds only, per mile, has been expended for the bare  
 cutting of the Road, which is well known to the whole country, to be  
 exceedingly less than was ever expended to accomplish so great an under-  
 taking; when so much faithful labor, or large extent of Public Road  
 was accomplish'd at so small a price." Importance of encouraging  
 farmers to settle on the new road as a means of populating land "capable  
 of yielding all sorts of Grain, which hitherto has remained a pathless  
 wilderness from the Creation of the World." They suggest that "unless  
 speedy measures are "taken to form the settlement of this Road; that  
 the labor already bestowed in cutting it out, will be completely lost to  
 the public, as the young growth of wood, will soon spring up, and cover  
 it from one end to the other." They therefore pray "That Your Ex-

cellency and Honors will be pleased to allow a sum of Money sufficient for the purpose of repairing the Road, by making causeways over Sloughs, and leveling the rough parts of the Road, that is included or comprehended between the out settlement of Nictaux, on the Road leading to Lunenburg, and to a Brook on the said Road, known by the name of Mill-brook; about 23 Miles from the settlement of Nictaux." Signed with 21 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

1806  
(29 Nov)  
Halifax Petition of Samuel Bayard and other inhabitants of Wilmot township, stating that they had formed a committee for improving the road through the township, and asking the aid of the House. 28 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

(29 Nov)  
Halifax Petition of George Henkel, Health Officer for Annapolis, transmitting his account for services, 1801-1806. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

*Annexed.* Account.

(29 Nov)  
Halifax Petition of John Henderson, mason, who contracted to build a stone arch and repair the Sackville bridge before the 1st September, 1806. "That your Petitioner proceeded in the work, and on Saturday the 23rd day of August, had actually so far completed the Arch, that not more than ten feet square remained to close it, and which would have been closed and finished at noon on the following Monday, if the work had not been impeded. That on Sunday the twenty-fourth and during the whole of the following Night, so great a body of Water fell in Rain, as to raise the River to height unknown before for many years; in consequence of which large Quantities of Logs, Brush and Hay from the neighbouring Meadows lodged against the Centre and the Arch being, (as before stated) incomplete the whole Fabrick gave way and fell." Commissioners would not allow him to go on with his contract, the time limit having been reached before the flood subsided. "Your Petitioner humbly submits that when the accident happened the work was in sufficient forwardness to have been completed before the time limited in his Contract expired; that the misfortune happened in consequence of a visitation from Heaven; and at a Season of the year when such floods, as he is informed have never before been known, by the oldest Inhabitant of this Province." Prays release from contract and "such other relief towards his losses" as the House sees fit to provide. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

(1 Dec)  
Halifax Petition of John Archibald, commissioner for road between Truro and Pictou, asking for return of over-expenditure of £26 in execution of his work. Signed. Dismissed.

*Annexed.* Vouchers, certificates etc for work done on the road from Gay's River to Fletcher's.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

(1 Dec)  
Halifax Petition of David Crandell, contractor for bridge over Chester river, for remuneration for over-expenditure.

*Overleaf.* Dismissed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

(1 Dec)  
Halifax Petition of Samuel Hart, merchant, for drawback on rum imported from Jamaica, for two-thirds of the value of which he has shipped fish to the island. He has difficulty in recovering the duties paid on the rum because the return cargo was not in the same vessel. Signed.

*Overleaf.* Dismissed 6 Dec. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

*Annexed.* Certificate of Custom House officer and Hart's declaration to the truth of the petition.

(1 Dec)  
Halifax Petition of Robt. McElhinney, asking compensation for building the bridge over the Chiganoise River. Signed. Granted.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.



- 1806  
(1 Dec)  
Halifax      Petition of Alexander Scott and other inhabitants of Douglas town-  
ship, asking for a grant to repair the Nine mile river road, leading to  
Halifax, so that they may take their produce to market. 26 names  
signed.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 1 Dec  
Halifax      Petition of John Andrews asking leave to send the horse Simon out  
of the province, contrary to the terms on which he bought the horse.  
Signed.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 1 Dec  
Halifax      List of claims for bounty on fish between 20th March and 1st December  
1806. Signed by the provincial Treasurer and countersigned by Mr.  
Gautier, Clerk of the Council.      Vol. 287, no. 156.
- 1 Dec  
Halifax      Report of joint committee on the public accounts. (As in Assembly  
Papers). Signed.      Vol. 287, no. 160.
- 1 Dec  
Halifax      Account current for the province of Nova Scotia to the 31st October,  
1806. Signed.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 1 Dec  
Halifax      Petition of Jacob Tobias, commissioner for work on the road leading  
from Lee's Mill to Rowe's Mill in Annapolis County, asking for com-  
pensation.  
    *Annexed.* Certificate of justices of the peace, who inspected the work.  
    Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 1 Dec  
Halifax      Resolution for a committee to be appointed to request the Governor  
to provide the provincial accounts of expenditures for roads and bridges,  
public buildings and the island of Sable. (2 copies). Signed.  
    Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 1 Dec  
Halifax      Petition of Wellwood Waugh "That your memorialist having engaged  
John Bell and William Curry, lately come to this Country with several  
other families shortly expected, to settle on the lands leading from your  
memorialists' house to Onslow, but from the particular circumstances  
of no roads having been cleared and no Rivers or communication by  
water, the Surveyors by these instructions have been prevented from  
laying out the Ground, Your memorialist having engaged to settle a  
considerable tract of these lands with a view of its being of General  
benefit to the Province, humbly solicits such assistance from the Honble  
House as may enable him to make such Roads and communications  
as to your Wisdom may appear necessary to facilitate the settlement."  
Signed.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 1 Dec  
Halifax      Petition of Thomas Biggs and other inhabitants of Maccan, asking  
aid in building a road from the Saw mill on that river to the River Philip,  
14 miles distant. They have begun work on the bridge. "the land all  
through is very good for a road and in General for Setling, and was there  
a good Road to it we make no doubt but it would very soon be Setled,"  
inhabitants "now are obliged to travel forty Miles instead of fourteen  
when business requires them to Pass from one Settlement to the other."  
21 names signed.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 1 Dec  
Halifax      Petition of David Currie for drawback of duties on British merchandise  
shipped from Halifax to Jamaica. He had not received drawback be-  
cause the certificate of landing had not come to hand within the limited  
time. Signed.  
    *Annexed.* Collector's permit allowing goods to be shipped.  
    Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- (2 Dec)  
Halifax      Petition of Garret Miller protesting against the manner of the Lunen-  
burg County election. "That your Petitioner in consequence of the  
riotous conduct and threats from Mr. James' party, was induced to  
decline a contest which could not be continued without danger of blood-  
shed and most violent riots, and for the preservation of peace and order  
consented to close the Poll." Dismissed.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

- (21 Dec)  
17 Nov  
Pleasant  
River      Petition of Richard Carder and four other inhabitants of Nelson, on Pleasant River, Queens. They are settled on the Liverpool-Nictaux road, and need a saw-mill to encourage settlers to come to their community. . . . "and if it should be said that there is already a Saw Mill; the Answer is that she is so remote from Pleasant River that it cannot render any benefit to the Settlers of that Part, and also that she cannot, owing to her situation Saw more than will supply the Settlement, for which she is erected, as she cannot go but when the water is at a certain height; that is, niether hig(h) nor low; and either of these Extreems will impead her, and the remote distance renders her useless to the inhabitants of Pleasant River." Signed. Dismissed.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 4 Dec  
Halifax      Abstract of expenditures for the establishment on Sable Island between 31 Dec. 1805 and 4 Dec. 1806. Signed. (Duplicate: doc. 58).  
Vol. 424, doc. 57.
- 4 Dec  
Halifax      Copy of resolution of committee of supply on appropriations to be made for the various services of the province for the ensuing year.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 4 Dec  
Halifax      Report of Wm. Sabatier, commissioner, on the Sackville bridge contract. (See John Henderson's petition, presented 29 Nov.). Mr. Sabatier recommends that the bridge be built of rock in a place where the water is quiet instead of the place where this one was begun.  
*Annexed.* 5 papers, including a letter of appointment from the deputy secretary, advertisement for contract, indenture of contract and bond for the performance of it.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- (5 Dec)  
Halifax      Sable Island accounts for 1806-7. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 5 Dec  
Halifax      Resolution for bringing five men before the House to answer charges of using "Violence on the person of and threats against George Adam Eisenhauer and Michael Boehner to prevent them from giving their votes according to their Conscience at the late Election for the County of Lunenburg." Another resolution that Eisenhauer and Boehner be summoned for evidence. (Draft).      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 6 Dec  
Halifax      Draft of message from the Council to the House, approving of the application for drawbacks sent up at the close of the last session. List of petitioners and amounts due them.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 6 Dec  
Halifax      Reports of committee of the House on the granting of drawbacks on duties. Signed.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 8 Dec  
Halifax      Account of the Health Officer for the port of Windsor for his services for the year 1806. Signed.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- (10 Dec)  
Halifax      Memorial of Jas. Yuill and other inhabitants of Old Barns, Shubenacadie, asking for a grant of £50 to improve the road from Mr. Yuill's to Black Rock. 15 names signed.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 10 Dec  
Halifax      Invitation from Mr. Green to Mr. Franklin for dinner on "Monday next at half past 4 oClock".  
(Scribbled on the back of a minute of the Assembly).  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 10 Dec  
Halifax      Message from the Lt.-Governor to the legislature recommending a comfortable provision for the old age of John Newton, Collector of Impost and Excise. (Same in Assembly Papers, Vol. 13). Vol. 287, no. 147.
- 11 Dec  
Halifax      Draft of report of committee of the House on the expenditures for Sable Island.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 11 Dec  
Halifax      Draft of resolutions of the House, moved by Mr. Archibald, on the duties of the Speaker. 1st, that attendance on the House is his first duty, and 2nd, "That this House considers a Summons to the Speaker to attend another duty at a time appointed for its setting and with so short notice as not to allow opportunity of communicating with the



House to be highly disrespectfull to the branch of the Legislature—and that if such a case should recur, the Speaker will be bound not to attend such Summons until he has the direction of the House to that effect.”

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

1805  
(post  
11 Dec)  
Halifax  
12 Dec  
Halifax

Certificates as to work done under W. H. Shey, commissioner, on a bridge over Halfway River, and Shey's account. Recommended by the Lt.-Governor.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

Petition of Henry Rutherford of Digby, asking for the return of duties on rum from Jamaica imported in 1799. He had been unable to procure the papers, proving that he is entitled to the drawback of threepence on the gallon, until 1804. Signed.

*Annexed.* Customs and other papers relating to the cargo.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

12 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of Alexander Mitchell asking for the return of duties paid on merchandise shipped to Newfoundland. Signed.

*Annexed.* Oath, permits and certificates to the truth of the petition.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

13 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of the inhabitants of Sissiboo (Josiah Jones and others) for a grant of £100 to help them rebuild a bridge over the river. 8 names.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

15 Dec  
Halifax

Report of the joint committee to examine the state of the old Government House and to appropriate suitable accommodation therein for the sittings of the legislature and Supreme Court. (As in Assembly Papers, Vol. 13).

Vol. 287, no. 157.

16 Dec  
Halifax

Message from the Council on the subject of the resolution of the House for appropriating £17,500 for the public services of the province. Council agree with that part of the sum voted for the lighthouses, public buildings and regular services, roads and bridges, provided sufficient revenue laws are passed to cover the expense involved. They reserve their concurrence in votes for encouraging agriculture and the fisheries until the specific measures are proposed. Signed.

Vol. 287, no. 149.

16 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution of the House appointing the President of the Council and the Speaker of the Assembly to make arrangements to utilize the old Government House for the General Assembly, and apply the money grant for repairs. (2 copies). Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

(17 Dec)  
Halifax

1. A. Account of fish exported from this port, 5 Jan. 1806—15 Dec. 1806. B. Account of fish imported at this port from Newfoundland, N. B. and Lower Canada for the same period.

2. Account of fish exported in the years 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805 and 1806.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

17 Dec  
Halifax

Rough copy of report of committee of the House on the laws that are near expiring.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

18 Dec  
Halifax

Report of committee on mode of applying bounties for the encouragement of the fisheries, approving of the present system. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

19 Dec  
Halifax

Draft of address of the House to the Governor asking for representation for the townships of Wilmot and Chester, on the grounds that they have more than the qualifying number of 50 families each.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

19 Dec  
Halifax

Rough copy of Mr. Belcher's report of conference with House on roads and bridges, bounty on clearing land, to encourage fisheries, etc. (As in Council Journal for this date).

Vol. 287, no. 152.

19 Dec  
Halifax

Message from the Council's committee on the conference of House and Council on expenditure for roads and bridges. (See Assembly Journal, 1806-7, p. 43.).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

1806 Resolutions of the House in reply to the Council's message of the  
(20 Dec?) 19th Dec. on the appropriation of £17,500 for the services of the pro-  
Halifax vince. (These resolutions are not to be found in the Journal for this  
year and were possibly expunged from it). House do not admit "any  
Right in the Council to separte their entire Resolution much less to  
make any alteration in the amount of appropriations of Money". They  
"feel great surprize at the Condition annexed by the Council as the  
price of their acquiescence in part with the appropriation of the House  
for the Service of Roads and Bridges & especially as the whole approp-  
riation which the Council seem disposed to agree to does not amount  
to more than three fourths of the revenue actually secured by the exist-  
ing Laws." (Draft). (Cf Council's message of 16th Dec.).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

(20 Dec) Account of Wm. F. Bonnell, Health Officer for Digby between 23  
Halifax July and 2 November 1806. Signed.

*Overleaf.* "£5."

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

(20 Dec) Account of Nathan Tupper, Health Officer for the port of Liverpool  
Halifax for 1806, giving ports from whence the vessels he visited came. Signed.  
(See Resolution of 15 Jan. 1807, granting compensation.)

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

(23 Dec) Petition of Wm. Bayley and other inhabitants of Long and Briar  
8 Dec Islands, asking for a grant of £100 to enable them to build a road be-  
Grand tween Grand and Petit Passages. 22 names signed.  
Passage

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

23 Dec Petition of Wm. Johnson and other inhabitants between Digby and  
Halifax Petit Passage asking for grant for road service. They have been residents  
there for "upwards of twenty years during which time, we have used  
every exertion towards working the Roads which we will continue to  
do, Yet, as there is a distance of Near Seven miles on the Road (Leading  
from the North side of St. Mary's Bay to Digby) where there is no In-  
habitants Reside; and which is very wet, and stoney—so that we cannot,  
with all the strength of teem in this Part of the Country, drive a Loaded  
Cart to Town with safety, and at present, by the Rains it is rendered  
almost impossible anyway, we are therefore obliged to Keep our Produce  
from markt, untill the dead of winter, and then depend upon a very  
uncertain track over the snow".... They ask for a grant "to be laid  
out from a Certain Place called the sea wall to Henderson's farm on the  
before mentioned Road". 8 names signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

23 Dec Resolutions of the House for applying £15,500 in all to the various  
Halifax services of the province. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

24 Dec Petition of Isaac Smith and other inhabitants of Douglas township,  
Halifax asking aid for road-making from the bridge at Mr. Wardrobe's to the  
mouth of the Shubenacadie. 20 names signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

26 Dec Resolution for encouraging agriculture by granting a bounty on wheat  
Halifax raised in the province at a rate to be later determined by the legislature.  
Signed. Agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

26 Dec Resolution that £1000 be applied in bounties to encourage the im-  
Halifax portation of salt, the manner of distribution to be determined by the  
legislature. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

27 Dec Petition of David Archibald, road commissioner, asking for return of  
Halifax £49, which he had spent out of his own pocket in addition to the grant  
for erecting a bridge over French River in Merigomish. Signed.

*Overleaf.* Dismissed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

27 Dec Abstract no. 5 of expenditures and receipts by the commissioners  
Halifax for carrying on the building of the new Government House, 30 Dec.



- 1806 1805—27 Dec. 1806 incl. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
 27 Dec Disbursements for new Government House from 30 December 1805  
 Halifax to 27th Dec. 1806. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- (29 Dec) Copy of petition of George Johnson and other inhabitants of Horton  
 1 Dec and Cornwallis. They own large quantity of dyke land "and conceiving  
 Halifax that great advantage might be derived not only to themselves but to the  
 public at large, by diking in the same, and after due consideration they  
 agreed to undertake it and the summer before last by great exertions  
 nearly accomplish'd the running dikes, and some of the small Abbiteaus,  
 and the last summer undertook the large ones, but though they used  
 every precaution and exercised their best judgement, they were so un-  
 fortunate as to lose four of their largest Abbiteaus after they were nearly  
 compleated, two of them nearly . . . as Large as any one ever built in  
 the province by which misfortune your petitioners sustain'd a heavy  
 loss of between four and five thousand pounds and far beyond the means  
 of any of them to bear, without great injury to their families" since the  
 dyke must be finished. Ask relief. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- (6 Dec Draft of report of committee of the House on private petitions and  
 to 29) supply. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
 Halifax Message conveying to the House the Council's resolution to defer  
 29 Dec consideration of money resolves until after the revenue bills have been  
 Halifax passed. Vol. 287, no. 148.
- (30 Dec) Petition of Elizabeth Brenton, widow of the late Hon. James, Puisne  
 Halifax justice and Councillor. Lowness of Judge Brenton's salary had been  
 intensified by the fact that "owing to the state of embarasment in which  
 the public treasury was for a long time involved" . . . the warrants were  
 not negotiable except at a discount of 25 or 25%. "That, being by these  
 unfortunate circumstances deprived of upwards of one fourth of his  
 small income for several successive years, he unavoidably contracted  
 many heavy debts, which remained unpaid until he was appointed Judge  
 of the Court of Vice-Admiralty in this Province which office he held  
 for a short time, and by the emoluments of it was enabled to extricate  
 himself from his difficulties. Illness of his daughter and himself have  
 used up all his money and put him in debt, and his widow is left with  
 the house, which will probably be seized by the creditors, and four father-  
 less daughters. She asks relief. (Recommended by Lt.-Governor).  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 30 Dec Resolution of the House that £2000 be granted to encourage the fisher-  
 Halifax ies by giving a bounty per quintal on all fish caught and cured by the  
 inhabitants of Nova Scotia. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 30 Dec Resolution of House that £400 be paid to Mrs. Elizabeth Brenton  
 Halifax "to assist in relieving her family from their present distress." Signed.  
 Agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 31 Dec Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
 Halifax bills of exchange for M. Danséville's allowance, and encloses his receipt.  
 (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 128.
- 31 Dec Report of the committee of the House appointed to take into con-  
 Halifax sideration the distribution of money to repair the roads and bridges  
 throughout the Province for the ensuing year. 73 resolutions. Signed.  
 Agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 31 Dec List of paupers who have been cared for in the Halifax Poor House  
 Halifax between 1 Jan. and 31 Dec. 1806. Expense incurred. Unsigned.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- Dec Memorial of Hugh Denoon and others on behalf of the inhabitants  
 Halifax of the district of Pictou. "That from the increased population of the

District, the established Roads and Bridges—through the Settlement, are become extensive and numerous and your memorialists, from mature experience are decidedly of opinion, that the present statute mode, of making and repairing them by Laber, is quite inadequate to that important purpose,—Your Memorialists do not hesitate to assert, that the statute labor, is but indifferently performed in general through the Province; and beg leave to call upon your own individual observation, to corroborate the justness of that assertion.—They, therefore, humbly conceive that it would be very salutary, at least for their District, if the Statute Labor was converted into a pecuniary proportionate Tax; as, one half the amount of the Labor prescribed by Law, collected in Cash, and judiciously expended, at a proper season of the year, by competent Commissioners, annually appointed by the Justices and Grand Jury in General Sessions, would do more, and to much better purpose, than Double the whole Road Labor as it is at present performed.” Asking for local law. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

1806 Estimate of expense of civil establishment for year 1807. Vol. 287, no. 165.  
Halifax

1807 Report of the committee of the House on John Henderson's petition, recommending that £250 be paid him in compensation for his losses in contracting for the Sackville Bridge. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
3 Jan  
Halifax

(5 Jan report) Account of John Bolman, Health Officer for the port of Lunenburg, with port from whence the inspected vessels came. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
Halifax

5 Jan Report of the committee on the health officers accounts, recommending certain sums to be granted in compensation for each one's services. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
Halifax

8 Jan Resolution of the House granting compensation for John Henderson, road commissioner. Signed. Not agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
Halifax

8 Jan Resolutions for roads and bridges not agreed to by the Council. List. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
Halifax

9 Jan Report of the committee of the House for compensations and examination of road expenditures. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
Halifax

9 Jan Message from the Lt.-Governor recommending a grant of £2000 towards completing Government House. (Holograph). Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
Halifax

9 Jan Draft of report of committees on the roads and bridges and on the Governor's message re the new Govt. House. A. P., Vol. 13.  
Halifax

10 Jan Ten money votes for public services. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.  
Halifax

12 Jan Message from the Lt.-Governor to the Council recommending an augmentation of salary to the Treasurer, in recognition of his extended services. (As in Vol. 303, no. 93). Signed. Vol. 287, no. 155.  
Halifax

13 Jan Report on conference and resolution of House rejecting Council's suggestion with regard to the appropriation of public monies. Vol. 287, no. 151.  
Halifax

13 Jan Letter from the acting commissioner for building the new Government House (Michael Wallace) to the Speaker on the subject of his accounts. “as the Accounts relating to this Building and my Agency therein, are drawing to a close; it is my first and earnest Wish, that if any doubts have heretofore arisen, or now appear on the face of the vouchers, as to the justness and fairness of the Accounts, either as they respect the Public, or individuals with whom I have had transactions during the Course of this undertaking, they may be made known to me, so as to put in my power, while parties are yet alive, and to be come at,—to acquit myself! . . . Having a proper sense of the Confidence that has



been reposed in me by the Legislature in the Annual Grants of money for carrying on this Work, I feel it an incumbent duty to satisfy the public mind in the fullest manner that the funds placed in my hands have been apply'd to the purposes intended, and to the best of my Judgement.—And, that I have never, from the moment the first pick ax was put in the ground, to the present hour, received any advantage or emolument whatever, directly or indirectly by the disbursement of the public money for this service." "While I regret that this Building has exceeded the expence originally Contemplated, I receive much Consolation in the reflexion, that no exertions or assiduity of mine, or those acting with me have been wanting, unceasingly for upwards of seven years, to accomplish it on the strictest principles of Oeconomy; and also when I consider, that no other public service of the Province has been delayed or abated, nor its resources affected during the progress of this object; and that the money has all been expended amongst His Majesty's Subjects in the Province fairly & with impartiality—I flatter myself every liberal mind will view the subject with candour, and receive Satisfaction in seeing a Building erected in this comparatively infant province, equall'd by few, perhaps exceeded by none in the Western Hemisphere and worthy of the Capital of this Important and highly favour'd British Colony." (Holograph). Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

1807 Resolution that £180, formerly appropriated for the purchase of  
14 Jan hemp seed, and another balance of £42. 10. be granted for the repair  
Halifax or rebuilding of causeways and bridges on the great public roads of the province, in addition to other grants for that service.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

14 Jan Eight money votes for improving and repairing roads and bridges.  
Halifax Signed. Not agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

14 Jan 15 money votes for improving and repairing roads and bridges. Signed.  
Halifax Agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

15 Jan Resolution for granting compensation to Jas. Benvie for his services  
Halifax as road commissioner. Certificate annexed. A. P., Vol. 13.

15 Jan Draft of Assembly's answer to the Lt.-Governor's message of 9th  
Halifax Jan. respecting the public buildings. See Assembly Journal p. 90. The draft and the finished address are identical in sentiment.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

15 Jan Three resolutions for granting compensation to Nathan Tupper, George  
Halifax Henkell and John Bolman, Health Officers. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

15 Jan 3 Resolutions for granting money for several services in the province.  
Halifax Signed. Agreed to by Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

15 Jan Message from the Council by the Clerk "that after the Message sent  
Halifax up yesterday on the Subject of the Conference by Committee on the Memorial of John Henderson, the Council can have no further communication with the House until a Satisfactory Explanation of the Message shall be given; The Council consider it as an Attack of the Constitutional Authority vested in the Board as an integral branch of the Legislature; And an Offensive Violation of the Decency essential to the Accomplishment of the Business of the Session." Signed. A. P., Vol. 13.

16 Jan Assembly's answer to the Council's message of 15th Jan. The Assem-  
Halifax bly disclaim all intention of infringing the rights of the House. "In this constitutional exercise of the right, which this House, as an Independent Branch of the Legislature, undoubtedly possesses, of declining the consideration of a subject it is unwilling to discuss; the House disclaims every idea of giving offense to His Majesty's Council." "By this full and candid explanation, and by avoiding all observation on

- the latter part of the Message delivered yesterday from His Majesty's Council, the House affords the most unequivocal proofs of its disposition for peace and harmony, and its desire to avoid all occasion of irritation and contest." (Draft in Assembly Papers, Vol. 13). Vol. 287, no. 150.
- 1807  
16 Jan  
Halifax Message from Wentworth to Assembly in answer to their address. Advice *re* expenditure. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 94.
- 16 Jan  
Halifax Copy of resolution of the House for republishing list of Customs fees of 1790. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 16 Jan  
Halifax Resolutions (10) of the House granting sums for various provincial services. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. A. P., Vol. 13.
- 16 Jan  
Halifax Draft of answer of the Assembly to the Lt.-Governor's message of the 12th respecting the Treasury, stating that due to the lateness of the date they cannot consider his message this session, but will next session. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 16 Jan  
Halifax Message from the Council to the House in answer to their message of this date, that the Council, "willing at all times to avoid every Occasion of Irritation or difference with the Assembly accept the disclaimer—on the part of the House... as a satisfactory Explanation of the Message, without discussing at present any Question of right Privilege or Authority involved in it." Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 16 Jan  
Halifax Six resolutions of the House granting compensation for road work. Signed. Agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 16 Jan  
Halifax Resolution of the House granting sum for repairing the Avon Bridge and the two causeways leading to the same. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- (16 Jan  
reported)  
Halifax 5 vouchers for road work. Grants made for them, 16 January. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 17 Jan  
Halifax Answer of the Lt.-Governor to the address of the House, 16 Jan, in reply to the Governor's message regarding the Treasurer's salary. (Holograph). Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 17 Jan  
Halifax Report of the committee on abstracts and accounts of demands against new Government House. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 19 Jan  
Halifax Resolution for granting £49 to Alexander Henry in compensation for his services as road commissioner. Signed. Agreed to. (Certificates annexed). Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 19 Jan  
Halifax Resolution for granting £100 to improve the new road cut from Avon River towards Chester. Signed. Not agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 22 Jan  
Halifax Report of joint committee on expenditures and demands for payment for the new Government House. (As in Assembly Papers, Vol. 13). Vol. 287, no. 159.
- 22 Jan  
Halifax Resolution for granting £500 for purpose of erecting a lighthouse on Briar Island. Signed. Agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- (23 Jan)  
Halifax Abstract of demands against the province on account of the new Government House &c. that remained unsatisfied on the 31st December 1806. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.
- 23 Jan  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Hon. George Leonard, Supt. of Fisheries. In receipt of several letters, which he apologises for not having answered before. By the November mail he has received instructions from England for purchasing, arming and maintaining a vessel for the department of superintendent of the fisheries. He encloses the instructions. He is "persuaded great benefit will be derived to Government from this arrangement." "There are not any vessels suitable for our purpose now in this harbour—should any arrive I will request Mr. Wallace to secure a pre-emption and let you know the particulars in good time." The General



Assembly is about to be prorogued. "After numberless manouvres to embarrass Mr. Wallace—Every atom of his accounts are justified and approved, even before his enemies—who have been compelled to acknowledge his merit—integrity, accuracy, and infinite industry and ability." Personal messages. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 129, 130.

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23 Jan  
Halifax

Draft of resolution for granting £25 each to King and Card, settlers on the Windsor-Chester road. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

23 Jan  
Halifax

Three resolutions of the House for granting sums for paying demands against the new Government House. Signed. Agreed to.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

23 Jan  
Halifax

Draft of resolutions that henceforth "all public accounts ought to be laid before this House on the first day of the sessions of General Assembly and that unless these Accounts are delivered within the first week of any future sessions, this House will not hold itself obliged to investigate the accounts at such sessions." The foregoing resolution to be published in the Royal Gazette.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

23 Jan  
Halifax

Address of Lt.-Governor on closing legislature. (Holograph).

Vol. 303, no. 86.

26 Jan  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Phineas Bond. In receipt of several letters. He encloses the documents requested. He gives news of a Mr. Morris, who has gone to Newfoundland, and thanks him for his exertions on behalf of the son of Judge Powell. Comments on the international and American situations, and the mildness of the winter in Nova Scotia. Personal greetings. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 131, 132.

1806-7  
(pre  
27 Jan)  
Halifax

Estimate from the Lt.-Governor for monies necessary for the making and repairing of roads and bridges for 1807. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

(27 Jan)  
Halifax

Abstract of votes by Assembly.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

(27 Jan)  
Halifax

Vouchers, receipts, etc. for members' pay. Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

27 Jan  
Halifax

1. Roll of members attending the session 18 Nov.—27 Jan.

2. List of members and number of days they attended the House.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 13.

15 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Col. Simeon Perkins of Liverpool. In receipt of his letter. He and the Council much regret Perkins' decision to resign his offices, and send their thanks for his long and valuable services. He asks him to continue to preside in the Sessions and Court of Common Pleas until a proper successor may be appointed, in the selection of whom Perkins' advice is necessary. "I cannot conclude without presenting my most cordial wishes, that your remaining Years may in all things be perfectly happy—They cannot fail of being honored by the well merited gratitude and respect of your Country, and the Government which presides over it." (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 143, 144.

18 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to G. G. Ludlow, Administrator of N. B. The legislature has voted £500 for a lighthouse to be built on Briar Island in the Bay of Fundy. This sum is not sufficiently for the purpose, but if the N. B. legislature would grant an aid, the building might be begun this season. The plan of the building and the cost will depend on the amount of money obtained. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 133.

21 Feb  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Wm. Cottnam Tonge. The Lt.-Governor "has thought proper to suspend you from the Office of Naval Officer from this date, and . . . His Excellency has appointed John Beckwith Esq. to that Office; wherefore it is required and directed that you

forthwith deliver over to Mr. Beckwith all Documents, Papers and Instructions belonging or appertaining to that Office." (Draft).

Vol. 139, p. 29.

1807 Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor  
26 Feb has directed him to transmit the enclosed draft of a commission and  
Halifax suggests adding: "*In the room of Wm. Cottnam Tonge Esq. who is suspended*" or "*In the room of William Cottnam Tonge Esq.*" only. (Draft).

Vol. 139, p. 30.

26 Feb Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Wm. Cottnam Tonge Esq., notifying  
Halifax him that the Lt.-Governor has suspended him from the offices of Seizing Officer and Collector of Light Duties, from this date. (Draft).

Vol. 139, p. 30.

6 Mar Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Wm. Cottnam Tonge. The Lt.-Gov-  
Halifax ernor is in receipt of his letter of 5th March desiring to know the reasons assigned for removing him from the Naval Office. "In answer thereto I have only to say, that His Excellency has at length resorted to it, as a measure indispensibly necessary to His Majesty's service and that his reasons are represented to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State conformable to his Instructions expressly for this purpose, and therefore declines all other communications upon the subject." (Draft).

Vol. 139, p. 31.

21 Mar Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Postmaster Howe, directing him to post-  
Halifax pone the sailing of the mail packet until the 23rd, so that the military and naval despatches may be carried by it.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 133, 134.

23 Mar Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). He re-  
Halifax ports that "Mr. Tonge still persisting in very disrespectful and pernicious opposition to His Majesty's Government in this Province... and with unwearied assiduity endeavouring to excite jealousies, suspicions, animosities and party spirit through the Country—exceedingly to the detriment of that confidence which it is essentially necessary—and peculiarly the duty of all His Majesty's Officers to cultivate: I have found it to be indispensibly incumbent on me, to suspend him from being Naval Officer of this Province, and to appoint John Beckwith Esq. to that Office until His Majesty's pleasure was signified." He has long delayed doing this, hoping that an improvement in Tonge's conduct would make it unnecessary, but he has "been compelled to remove so dangerous an example, from his situation which presented means and opportunities to obstruct the administration of His Majesty's authority and to the deterioration of the Revenues for its support—And also in attempts to introduce disorderly combinations among the Militia..." He hears that Tonge is "now supplicating his own description of a Character for loyalty, and Official good Conduct, and regard to Commerce".... with the assistance of "two or three who were principally benefited by the obstruction of the Revenue Bills as reported in the former Sessions, and again attempted tho' unsuccessfully, in the last Sessions,.... And assisted by a Roman Catholic Trader, who is so bigotted and so little informed, that He thinks it a service to his Religion, to countenance any opposition to a Protestant Government." The dismissing of Tonge "is a measure, absolutely necessary to the honour and well being of His Majesty's Government in *these Colonies*, more essentially so, than any that has occurred to my observation in forty years of faithful experience in His Majesty's Service." (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 145-147.

24 Mar Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). He regrets  
Halifax to announce the death of Mr. James Brenton, Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court and Council Member. The immediate needs of his



family have been provided for by vote of the House of Assembly. Wentworth has, with the advice of Council, appointed Brenton Halliburton Assistant Justice in Brenton's place, and asks for the Sec'y of State's influence to have the appointment confirmed. A number of the Council members being absent in Europe, Brenton's death made imperative a new appointment. After due consideration he has requested Lawrence Hartshorne to resume the seat he vacated on Mr. Butler's taking place above him. "It becomes my duty to recommend Mr. Hartshorne to the seat he formerly held in His Majesty's Council, which I am fully convinced will prove greatly for His Majesty's service and afford advantageous weight and respectability to the Administration of Government in this Colony." (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 150, 151.

1807  
30 Mar  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). In receipt of letter instructing him to purchase and outfit a vessel for the use of the Supt. of Trade and Fisheries. A suitable vessel is not at present available, but one may come in at any time. Meanwhile he sends an estimate of the probable expense of such an establishment. The estimate follows. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 147, 148.

2 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). In receipt of despatch relating to George Brinley, Barrack Master of Halifax. His memorial was a true statement of facts. He has never received forage money. Details as to other officers receiving it. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 149.

4 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). In receipt of letter with enclosures regarding the collection of the revenue during vacancies in the revenue offices, to which due attention shall be paid. "In the meantime it is necessary to observe for the information of Government That the business of the Customs is rapidly increasing both in extent, value and interest, and of course requires commensurate care, vigilance and support to guard and preserve it's *intire* independance against popular interference, which, in all Countries is forever directed toward diminishing it's authority, embarrassing its Duties by interposing a popular superintendence tending to controul and paralyze the efficiency of those to whom the Revenue department is committed. These views are pursued frequently under the disguise of Petitions to the House of Assembly, which of course imply a controlling Power there, and consequently deteriorating the exclusiveness of His Majesty's authority—These are conducted under such specious pretences and in such a plausible manner, that good Men sometimes do not perceive their latent effect—Popular meetings are convened in the Country, composed of uneducated tradesmen, labourers and farmers who from the nature of their industry cannot possibly have any real information, who are persuaded to sign or *make their mark* to anything, often without knowing the Contents, and almost always deceived in its object and consequences.—They are generally led to believe that the price of Tea and some other commodities of their domestic use, will be lessened by the facility which may be afforded to their petty smuggling by the encouragement to one, or discouragement to another—For the Shoemaker—The Tanner—the Farmer and the Tailor—the laborer and the Peasant are all, directly or indirectly interested in the trade of Fish—Plaister of Paris and Stone to the United States. From such sources arose a Petition to the House of Assembly in the last Sessions, aimed against Mr. Jeffery, Collector of His Majesty's Customs for the Port of Halifax, in this Province, complaining of illegal Fees—" although the petitioner and others knew they could have recourse to law "a popular gratification was looked for, in bringing His Majesty's Collector of the Customs under the Control

of the House of Assembly, which was disappointed by my referring the case to a Course of Law." "it is but justice to Mr. Jeffery for me to add, that I believe him to be perfectly correct, and that he takes less rather than exceeds the Fees he is intitled to, and that have been established at least fifty years in this Province." He urges that Mr. Jeffery be given a larger boat. "Adjacent to Halifax, and almost within sight are many harbours accessible to and frequented by Coasters and Fishermen, many from the United States—These are all engaged more or less in smuggling—And in rough weather, which they naturally choose, Mr. Jeffery's boat and strength are inadequate to approach them, or take possession: for assistance may not be expected, from the class of People resident in such places—" "The great increase of navigation in the Port of Windsor, requires indispensibly I may say further Authority to Mr. Jeffery's Deputy—Nathaniel Thomas Esq. at Windsor—by a Commission of Preventive Officer: as was issued to Mr. Fraser for the district of Pictou—and is found by experience to produce all the good Effects proposed—" (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 152-156.

1807 Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Judge of Vice-Admiralty, transmitting Orders-in-Council and instructions regarding the protection of certain property and trade with Russia. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 152.

6 Apr Halifax  
9 Apr Windsor  
1. Copy of a letter of Isaac O'Brien and 22 others requesting the sheriff of Hants County to call a meeting of the freeholders "for the purpose of considering an Humble Petition to the King on the subject of the late removal of His Majesty's Naval Officer of this Province without a hearing."

2. Copy of notice posted by the sheriff of Hants County for a meeting of the freeholders, according to the above request.

Vol. 225, doc. 3.

11 Apr Halifax Order from Charles Morris, Surveyor-Gen'l of Lands, to his deputy, McNabb, to include in his plan of Stephen Seaman's land 400 acres which he purchased from the Indians on Pugwash Harbour. Signed.

Vol. 225, doc. 2.

14 Apr Halifax Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to the Sheriff of Hants Co. "I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to enclose to you a Copy of a proceeding said to be agitated in the County of Hants, which is obviously *illegal* and indecently interfering with His Majesty's authority and Government. You are therefore cautioned not to accede to or give countenance to this or any such convention, as you will answer at your peril. And also it is further your duty to discourage and prevent all disorderly meetings tending to disturb the public Peace." (Draft).

Vol. 139, p. 32.

15 Apr Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Earl of Moira. He solicits that Major George Thesiger be given some such staff appointment as deputy Barrack Master General of Halifax, which office is expected to be vacated by the promotion of the present incumbent, Col. Barnes. He explains the circumstances of Maj. Thesiger's case, recommends him highly and will be responsible for his fidelity to duty. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 156-158.

21 Apr Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Sir Eyre Coote. In receipt of his letter enclosing a copy of the act of the Jamaica legislature placing a bounty on the importation of fish from British North America, which he has ordered to be published. The Nova Scotia legislature has also made grants to encourage the fisheries and especially the exportation of fish to the United States. This "we expect will cause a much larger supply immediately to the West Indies, than formerly; and it is with great pleasure that there appears to me to be no doubt but that these Colonies are in a rapid progress toward furnishing an abundant quantity for the



whole demand, which...will be best expedited and secured, by our meeting a preferable and exclusive Market there."

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(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 158, 159.

25 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Judge of the Vice-Admiralty. He transmits Orders-in-Council and instructions relating to trade between French ports, neutral trade, British ships with St. Domingo and also instructions by the Commissioners of the Admiralty.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 159, 160.

27 Apr  
Anna-  
polis

Public notice "that a Meeting of the Freeholders of this County will be held at the Court House at Annapolis on Wednesday...for the purpose of considering of an humble Petition to the King on the Subject of the late Removal of his Majesty's Naval Officer without an hearing." Signed by Elisha Budd, Isaiah Shaw, George Woster, Moses Shaw, Ambrose Haight and John Stewart.

Vol. 225, doc. 4.

29 Apr  
Halifax

Copy of licence granted to Robert Lowden to take three tons of ore, for purposes of experimentation, from a deposit he has discovered in Pictou district. In return he is to render a tenth of the refined product to the Lt.-Governor for His Majesty's service.

Vol. 54, p. 161.

1 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor to Thomas Millidge and John Ruggles of Annapolis County. In receipt of their letter. "I also embrace this opportunity to express my approbation of the firm, wise, and loyal conduct of the Grand Jury of the County of Annapolis in refusing the measures solicited by Mr. Tonge....A meeting of the County of Hants was requested by certain persons. The high Sheriff very prudently communicated the Proceeding to the Attorney Genl. for his advice, who declared it an illegal Act, and that it was the duty of the Sheriff to refuse his concurrence and to suppress and disperse all such meetings....I am therefore happy that the Magistracy of so respectable a County has not been prevailed upon to depart from their own Sphere to gratify the wishes of Mr. Tonge, whose case is already before the King's Ministers." He intends to dismiss any magistrates who have allowed such meetings.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 162, 163.

16 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Nicholas Olding, in answer to his letters. He gives directions with regard to the cutting of timber on his land and the suit of one MacDonald for trespassing by cutting wood.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 163, 164.

16 May  
Halifax

Edmund Ward to John Fraser. The Lt.-Governor has consented to discontinue the suit against Angus McDonald for trespass on McDonald paying Fraser for the expenses of the suit.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 164.

16 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor to Mr. Pyke, recommending to his attention the bearer, Mr. Olding, who is going to Canada to join his regiment, and who is not known there.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 164.

20 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Windham). He regrets that the illness of the Speaker prevents the Journal of the House of Assembly from being prepared for the press. As soon as possible he will transmit copies of it. Meanwhile he encloses a statement of "the only part of the business which appears to require early consideration". He asks for instructions on this point before the House assembles in November. Fears of a French attack being imminent, the General had an alarm signalled, whereupon the garrison and a strong body of the militia assembled with alertness and zeal. "Upon this occasion it is my duty to represent that should an Invasion be attempted, We are so greatly deficient in Arms and Ammunition, that the King's service could not be availed of one half the strength and good dispositions of the Militia..."

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 165, 166.

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22 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to J. N. Inglefield Esq. A ship having been procured for the service of the Superintendent of Trade and Fisheries, he wishes it to be surveyed and examined by the proper officers of the Naval Yard, whom he requests to report their opinion of her strength and other qualifications to him. (Wentworth).

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 166, 167.

27 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Vice-Admiral Berkeley, requesting him to order eight carronades, twelve muskets and twelve boarding pikes from the Ordnance Board for arming the ship which is now being prepared for the service of the Superintendent of Trade and Fisheries.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 167.

3 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). In receipt of despatch announcing that Castlereagh has taken over the seals of the Colonial and War Department. His congratulations. The province is prosperous, peaceful and loyal. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 168.

10 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Vice-Admiral Berkeley. He has directed the Treasurer to issue the remainder of the provincial grant for manning the *Halifax* sloop of war to be applied to expedite the *Plumper*. He has informed the Admiral's secretary how it may be used. He advises some change in bounties made by provincial vote. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 169.

10 June  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to the Clerks of the Peace for Annapolis and Hants Counties. "It having been represented to His Excellency Sir John Wentworth that an unlawful Notification has been posted within the County of Hants to convene a meeting of the inhabitants of said County to take into consideration a humble Petition to the King, upon the subject of the late removal of the Naval Officer of this Province from His Majesty's Service. Whereupon His Excellency with the advice of Council has thought fit to direct me to enclose an abstract from the Minutes of Council of this day's date for your information that the same may be communicated to the Persons therein concerned." (Draft). (Compare Prov. Sec'y's letter of 14 Apr.). (See Council Minutes, Vol. 214, pp. 198, 199.) Vol. 139, pp. 32, 33.

13 June  
Halifax

Formal notification by Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Mr. Baikie, Admiral Berkeley's secretary, that the closing of the mail has been postponed to accommodate the merchants. Enclosure of a letter and petition to be laid before the Admiral. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 169

15 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). (Secret). Informs him that among the French people in the United States "some are assiduously employed in endeavouring to corrupt the Loyalty of His Majesty's Subjects in these Colonies, more especially in Canada, in order to aid any hostile Enterprize which may be attempted against them from France." The French consul in New Hampshire is now in Canada disguised as a New England farmer on such a mission. Should he "find means to visit this Province, he will be vigilantly observed, and all the Provisions of the Alien Act, enforced against him. . . . whatever hopes the french Government may entertain of co-operating in the United States, either publicly or individually, I am persuaded they will be disappointed, but most certainly so, in the four States of New England and Vermont, who would rather assist us than suffer the French to make any Establishment, which has from the earliest time been considered as the Basis of restless encroachment and final subjugation.— This reasonable jealousy is daily awaking thro' the collision of federal and democratic party's, and all the power or persuasion of the Union, can neither eradicate from a New England heart, or suppress it's violent energy, whenever the measure is put publicly in action."

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 170, 171.



- 1807 Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Mr. Baikie, Sec'y to Vice-Admiral  
15 June Berkeley. The Lt.-Governor gives his thanks to the Admiral for the  
Halifax protection he has "so beneficially extended to the Trade of the inhabitants of this Province", and sends the enclosed memorial from Pictou, hoping it will meet favourable consideration. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 33.
- 15 June Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Messrs. Mortimer, Pagam, and Nevan  
Halifax of Pictou. Their letter received and laid before the Lt.-Governor, and the Vice-Admiral. It has procured the enclosed answer. (Draft).  
Vol. 139, p. 34.
- 20 June Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Lt.-Governor. Mrs. Moody has applied  
Halifax for a pass to leave the province. In view of the papers he has just received from the Lt.-Governor as Chancellor, will he give her one? (Draft).  
Vol. 139, p. 34, 35.
- 20 June Certificate by the Sessions of the Peace that David Beveridge has  
Yar- improved a certain quantity of land and is due a sum as a bounty from  
mouth the province. Signed by the Clerk of the Peace. Vol. 225, doc. 6.
- 23 June List of persons in Horton, Cornwallis, Parrsborough and Aylesford  
Horton entitled to the bounty offered by the legislature for clearing, sowing and fencing land, and the number of acres thus improved by each. 761 1/4 acres in all improved by 141 persons. Certified by Samuel Denison and examined by Michael Wallace. Minute of the Sessions of the Peace that Elisha Dewolf and Wm. Allen Chipman are appointed to receive the money from the Provincial Treasurer. Vol. 225, doc. 1.
- 23 June Schedule of persons to whom bounties are due for improving land  
Windsor in Hants County and the number of acres improved by each. Total for county: 591 acres, 132 persons. Certified by the Custos Rotulorum and examined by Michael Wallace. Vol. 225, doc. 5.
- 23 June Schedule of persons to whom bounties are due for clearing and planting  
Pictou land in the district of Pictou. Totals: 644 3/4 acres, 212 persons. Certified by the chairman of a special session of the peace, examined by Michael Wallace. (The occupation of many persons is indicated.)  
Vol. 225, doc. 8.
- 29 June List of claimants for bounty on land cleared and cultivated in Col-  
Halifax chester District in 1806. Signed. Vol. 224, doc. 159.
- 29 June Schedule of persons in Queens County to whom bounties are due for  
Liver- clearing and planting land and the quantities of land improved by each.  
pool Totals: 45 acres 29 rods, 10 persons. The Court nominated Snow Parker to receive the bounty. Signed by the chairman of the special sessions of the peace and examined by Michael Wallace.  
Vol. 225, doc. 10.
- 2 July Geo. Smith to the Provincial Sec'y, B. Wentworth. He encloses a  
Pictou schedule of persons to whom bounties for improving land are due. He has been appointed to receive the money and has instructed Robert O'Brien to accept the warrant for it.
- 2 July *Enclosure:* No. 8. (23 June.) Vol. 225 doc. 12.  
Liver- Snow Parker to Benning Wentworth, Prov. Sec'y. He encloses a  
pool schedule of persons to whom bounties are due for improving land in Queens County. He has instructed Jas. Freeman to receive the money. Signed.  
*Enclosure:* No. 10. (29 June.) Vol. 225, doc. 13.
- 2 July Agreement of Jos. Darby and John Myers with the Sable Island com-  
Halifax missioners to serve on the island for a year. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 68.
- 3 July Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Scrope Bernard Esq. He has drawn  
Halifax on Bernard's firm in favour of Andrew Allen, British Consul at Boston. Allen advises him that his previous Bill of Exchange has been returned

under protest, which Wentworth cannot understand, since Bernard previously assured him that it would be paid.

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3 July  
Halifax

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 171, 172.  
Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Andrew Allen Jun. Esq. In receipt of several letters, which he answers. Comments on the state of the war in Europe. He encloses a Bill of Exchange in the place of the one which Allen advised had been returned. Instructions concerning the business follow. Wentworth's apologies. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 172-174.

12 July  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Wm. Smith. In receipt of letter. A party is about to set out to look for deserters through the country. "I most sincerely wish the Inhabitants of the Country would duly consider the baseness and wickedness of encouraging desertion, by concealing and employing Deserters—The Merchants and other principal Inhabitants of Halifax are wisely sensible of this matter, and have associated in exertions to prevent it. They have liberally subscribed a large bounty to be added to the Kings Bounty, for apprehending, and a still larger bounty, for discovering those who aid, assist or in any manner conceal Deserters."

The latest news from the United States indicate that an embargo may be expected at any moment. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 174-176.

13 July  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He transmits the Journals of the House and Council in Assembly, and the Acts passed in the 1806-7 session. Comments and explanation of Acts. 1. To encourage the raising of bread corn on new lands. This bounty will increase the production of wheat so that the province and some of the W. Indies may be supplied, an object of particular interest in view of the present unfriendly relations with the United States. 2 and 3. To encourage the fisheries. The bounties here granted are directed toward promoting a direct supply to the British West Indies instead of to the United States; it has been only partly effective, due to the insufficient supply of vessels. 4 to 8. Acts to continue the revenue laws and 9 is the appropriation act, in the usual form. 10: an experimental act for regulating the expenditure of monies for the service of roads and bridges and 12: similarly to regulate the appointment of officers for collecting impost and excise duties. 13 provides an annuity for John Newton, revenue collector. 11, 14, 15, and 16 contain nothing unusual. Remarks on the Assembly Journal: "Mr. Tonge having obtained an election to the Chair as Speaker of the House, by a Majority of one only, and very unexpectedly, I believe through some misunderstanding among the members individually, It became my duty to disapprove the Choice, having experienced the most decided opposition to His Majesty's service, during the Sessions in which Mr. Tonge was in the Chair. . . From hence and his general conduct for several years past, I refused to receive him, and requiring another choice, Mr. Wilkins was elected presented and approved; and I have great pleasure in reporting that He performed the duties of his situation during the Sessions with impartiality, diligence and decorum." Among the contested elections the case of Mr. Walker has been transmitted, seeming "to require more consideration"; he asks for the Sec'y of State's instructions concerning it. On p. 17 of the Journal is the petition of the revenue collectors of Halifax for their commission on the cargo worth £1552. which the Speaker's delaying to send the revenue bills to the Council lost to the province. The petition was granted by the House, who required the Speaker to apologize to the Lt.-Governor, as previously reported. On p. 24 the Treasurer's accounts are printed and on p. 104 his accounts as commissioner for building the Government House, "wherein the strictest



investigation took place. . . . Efforts were made to procrastinate or delay this investigation or settlement—probably that it might be used as a subject of misrepresentation among the people whose remote situations expose them to factious deceptions. But Mr. Wallace firmly persisting in his right to have his accounts settled, and being fully justified in the conclusion. . . . has disappointed all insidious views upon that subject.” A lighthouse is to be erected jointly by the governments of N. S. and N. B. on Brier Island. Suggestions as to regulating the gypsum trade were made, but nothing came of them. “The remainder of these Journals will explain themselves and may be generally resolved into the Efforts of different sentiments and sometimes interests and connections, which will produce no further effect, than that they may appear on the Journals.” The Journals of the Council show their customary interest for the King’s service. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 176-183.

1807  
14 July  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec’y of State (Castlereagh). In response to Windham’s letter of 1 June 1806, he has published notices concerning the new regulation governing the certificates of officers on half-pay. He now encloses all the certificates which have come to hand from these officers, also a list of the officers in the province who do receive half-pay. The other certificates, from officers residing far in the country, will be sent as soon as they arrive. He has drawn a Bill of Exchange, according to the Paymaster-Genl’s orders, for expenses.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 183, 184.

14 July  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec’y of State (Castlereagh). He encloses newspapers with accounts in them of the “proceedings relative to the late transaction between His Majesty’s Ship Leopard, and the United States Frigate, The Chesapeake.” “The violent resentments prevailing in the United States, being expressed in terms not far distant from hostile—It is my duty to represent to your Lordship, that altho’ we sincerely hope the Wisdom and humanity of the American Government will not be driven or seduced into a war with Great Britain, yet we exceedingly lament the removal of the 29th Regiment, from whose example, discipline and Experience, as well as strength, the most interesting benefits might be derived.—It is also my duty to mention the great want of Arms and Ammunition. . . . and that if war should take place, an Armed Brig of 14 Guns and 40 Men will be necessary to transport the Governor, reinforcements,” etc. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 184, 185.

14 July  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Paymaster-Genl of the Forces. In obedience to the late Paymaster-Genl’s orders, he encloses an account of the expense incurred in carrying out the arrangements respecting the affidavits of officers on half-pay residing in the province. He has drawn a Bill of Exchange accordingly. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 185, 186.

17 July  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Henry Rutherford of Digby. He encloses a statement from the King’s Consul at Philadelphia concerning the capture of the brigantine *George* of Digby, which Rutherford is to present to the persons concerned. He has no objection to Rutherford’s suggestion concerning Mr. Budd. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 186.

23 July  
Halifax

Prov. Sec’y (B. Wentworth) to the Chief Justice. The Lt.-Governor has ordered a Court of Chancery to sit on the 24th instant, to hear the cause between Mrs. Phoebe Moody and Foreman, Grassie and others, at which he requires the attendance of the Chief Justice. (Draft).

Vol. 139, p. 35.

25 July  
London

Printed and signed order from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Governor or Lt.-Governor of the British North American provinces enclosing copy of Order-in-Council for granting licences for Nova Scotians to

- trade with such parts of St. Domingo as are not under Spain. (No enclosure). Vol. 61, doc. 1.
- 1807  
1 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to J. N. Bond, Yarmouth, in reply to his letter. He encloses three licences for importing salt from the United States, for each of which the Governor's plus Secretary's fees are two guineas. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 35.
- 7 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Geo. Deschamps, Custos Rotulorum of Hants County, in reply to Mr. Chambers' letter to the Lt.-Governor respecting his being removed from the commission of the peace. "Whereupon His Excellency directed me to acquaint you that the reasons contained therein are not satisfactory; consequently His Excellency considers him an improper person to hold His Majesty's Commission of the Peace any longer, you will accordingly be pleased to have his name taken from the Roll immediately." (Draft). (See Council Minutes Vol. 214, pp. 198, 199). Vol. 139, p. 36.
- 7 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Thos. Millidge Esq. of Annapolis. He returns the schedule applying for a provincial bounty, the schedule being unaccompanied by the certificate necessary before a warrant can be issued for any bounty. Such a certificate is annexed. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 36.
- 10 Aug  
Halifax Memorial of Edward Foster and other inhabitants of Dartmouth to Vice-Admiral Berkeley, asking him to have a road in a property recently purchased for the Navy opened to them. Signed.
- Footnote by Berkeley, referring petition to the Attorney-Gen'l and then to the Assembly. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 18 Aug  
Halifax Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He omitted to state in his last despatch that Mrs. Deborah Cottnam had died on Dec. 31st 1806, and consequently her pension need no longer be included in the parliamentary grant. The revenue schooner *Hunter* has gone from the Gulf of St. Lawrence where it was protecting the fisheries against American encroachments, to the Bay of Fundy where it will be employed in preventing American smugglers from entering the harbours disguised as fishermen, and fishermen from annoying the inhabitants on the thinly settled harbours. He has drawn Bills of Exchange for the purchase and equipment of the vessel amounting to £810 in all, which he hopes will be paid. The British envoy extraordinary to the United States having informed him of the probability of a war with the United States, Wentworth will have the militia assembled and inspected immediately, and as many deficiencies supplied as possible. "I have great confidence in their loyalty, zeal & bravery, notwithstanding Mr. Emmett, a noted Irish Innovator now at New York relying upon co-operation of the Irish Inhabitants of this Province proposes to conquer Nova-Scotia with 7000 men—" A large frigate stationed at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy and three sloops or gun brigs and three armed cutters would be a great defence if placed at different spots up to the heads of rivers, and would protect New Brunswick also. Halifax is capable of strong defence. The need of at least three strong and well disciplined regiments to be added to the garrison is obvious. They would, besides providing a means of defence, "draw forth and combine the Energies of less experienced Regiments" and probably lead to the forming of corps of volunteers up to 4000 men. "This Portion of an Army would be had, without impairing the military strength of the Parent State—or entailing any considerable expence beyond the time of actual service. As to the fidelity of such Corps, I think, from many years experience, in which Defection was unknown, they may be fairly relied upon. . . . Many have felt the distress and misery of having been driven from their settle-



ments and are delighting now in a re-establishment in a good and healthful Country, under the British Government."

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(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 187-190.

18 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Jas. Madison Esq. He transmits a despatch which has been forwarded through him, and presents his compliments. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 190.

24 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Vice-Admiral Berkeley. In receipt of his letter with important news from the British Minister to the United States indicating the inevitability of war between the two powers, and the possibility of a French-American invasion of the British North American provinces. He has taken such precautionary measures as are in his power. He and the Council have decided to issue a proclamation covering the prayer of Mr. Hian's petition. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 191.

25 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Pres. Ludlow of New Brunswick. He encloses a copy of a proclamation he has issued, "prohibiting the exportation of Cattle and other Provisions untill 1st November next— This measure is found necessary to frustrate a combination of some considerable extent, tending to distress His Majesty's service, and impose exorbitant prices upon the public in general." The needs of the army and navy, which will probably increase because of unfriendly relations, make it essential that no means of subsistence be allowed to go out of the province. "The avarice and activity of speculators is already engaged in defeating the Proclamation, by driving their Provisions to be exported from the Province of New Brunswick", which he hopes Ludlow will take steps to stop. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 192, 193.

26 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Robt. Bethell. He is in receipt of Bethell's letter and highly commends his action regarding Mr. Minnick. Minnick has been granted a licence, upon his taking the oath required by the alien act, which allows him to practise surgery and physic.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 193.

29 Aug  
London

Copy of Additional Instruction to Gov.-Gen'l James Craig respecting the granting of Crown land in Nova Scotia. (Four duplicates in Vol. 350). Vol. 353.

7 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Maj-Gen'l Hunter. He asks for the loan of fifty stand of arms and accoutrements for the use of a company of militia at Ramsheg. This company, of approved loyalists, is particularly valuable because they will become volunteers in event of a war with the United States and because that part of the province is a favourite haunt of deserters. The militia company in question has returned five deserters already and expects to bring in six more when sufficiently armed. Captain Forsner, of the company, will be responsible for the return of the arms. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 193, 194.

9 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Vice-Admiral Berkeley. He agrees with the Admiral "in the proposed measure, of employing a portion of our Provincial Sea coast Militia as Sea Fencibles, wherein they can render far more useful Service, than with their respective Regiments on shore, and more effectually guard their own dwellings and familys, within whose vicinity they will naturally be on Duty..." He has made extensive inquiries and thinks the arrangement will gradually become acceptable to the public as it becomes more generally known and the provisions for the soldiers returning periodically are put into effect. He suggests extending this plan to New Brunswick.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 194, 195.

11 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to (the Major-Gen'l, apparently). He encloses a copy of a letter from the King's Envoy Extraordinary to the United States indicating the probability of war between Great Britain

and the United States. "In case of a rupture, this place would be an early object of enterprize—The Americans are forming an Army and erecting Defences in many of their Harbours, with such activity as denotes a settled intention to commence a war very suddenly after they are prepared." He therefore urges the necessity of repairing all the fortifications and defences of Halifax and vicinity as quickly as possible. The defence of other points and the arming of the militia are subjects which also require consideration. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 196.

1807  
18 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). In receipt of letter announcing that an allowance of £150 a year has been made to provide a commissary for the Bishop of Nova Scotia.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 197.

19 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). In receipt of letter with instructions for him to grant licences for Nova Scotians to trade with St. Domingo and Haiti. "This measure is greatly gratifying and promises to be generally beneficial to the Commerce of His Majesty's Dominions."

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 197.

19 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). In receipt of letter commanding him to co-operate with the military and naval commanders in removing the 98th Regiment and the Newfoundland Fencibles to Quebec. He has done so and they expect the regiments to arrive there by the 9th of October. On information, of the probability of war between Great Britain and the United States, from Mr. Erskine, he and Admiral Berkeley and Gen'l Hunter agreed that the fortifications around Halifax should be repaired immediately, and such arms as could be spared deposited for the use of the militia. He has issued orders to every regiment to be in readiness, and there is every evidence of loyalty on their part. The promised reinforcement from England will increase their confidence. Several incidents have shown lately the increasing hostility in the U. S., especially in the southern states. The squadron has been victualling in Halifax, with great credit to the province.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 198-200.

19 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Master of the brig *Anglam*, requiring that he allow the brig to be used for transporting the troops to Quebec.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 201.

Same to the Master of the American Ship *Jane*.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 201.

29 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Mr. Erskine. In receipt of his letter with important news regarding the attitude of the United States in the Chesapeake affair. He and the Admiral and the General have agreed that the fortifications of the harbour should be immediately repaired and the militia be supplied with such arms as they lack. They await further instructions and reinforcements from England.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 202, 203.

30 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn the customary Bills of Exchange for M. Danséville's allowance, and encloses the receipt.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 211.

3 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Maj-Gen'l Skerrett. In receipt of letter of previous day. He is glad to co-operate for the defence of the province, which Mr. Erskine's letter, and information which has since reached Halifax, renders essential. With regard to Skerrett's suggestion of a complete inspection of the militia, Wentworth agrees, and urges that Mr. Beckwith, who is very well known among the men, be employed for that purpose. He offers \$6. a day remuneration for Beckwith in this capacity. The harvest and the fishing season being about at an end, the militia men will be ready for service, in which they are encour-



aged by the late deposits of arms. Wentworth considers them well acquainted with the use of arms, brave and faithful.

1807  
8 Oct  
Halifax

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 203-205.  
Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Maj-Gen'l Skerrett. In receipt of letter of 7th Oct. The Council and he have decided to order 500 militia men to assemble immediately in Halifax and 500 more to be in readiness to march there. He trusts that the Maj-Gen'l will have them housed, fed and cared for in the unoccupied barracks until the expected reinforcements shall arrive from England. From returns now coming into the office the general strength of the militia will soon be known. "The whole population of the Province is organised into seventeen Regiments, and several independant or separate Companys of Artillery, and rifle men—the whole have been ordered to be in readiness for actual service." Margaret's Bay and Cole Harbour are likely to be the points of attack, but they are easily defended.

10 Oct  
Halifax

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 205-207.  
Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Maj-Gen'l Skerrett. In receipt of his letter saying that he could accommodate a corps of 500 militia, to serve in place of the regiments which have gone to Quebec. As these men must be paid, Wentworth will draw Bills on the Treasury. He thinks that all the corps will have assembled by the 21st of October.

10 Oct  
London

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 208.  
Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Governor (Wentworth). He transmits a list of acts passed in the session of 1804 which are not objected to by the Lords of the Privy Council. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 5.

11 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). In receipt of despatches. He and Maj-Gen'l Hunter and Vice-Admiral Berkeley have jointly considered measures to protect the province in the event of an outbreak of hostilities with the United States. Maj-Gen'l Skerrett, lately arrived from Newfoundland, is now in command of the military and has continued to co-operate as Hunter did. Arrangements have been made for a corps of 500 militia to repair to Halifax and act as regular troops, also to help in repairing the fortifications, until the reinforcements shall arrive from England. Another similar regiment of militia will be in readiness for immediate service. The first regiment is already forming, and the General has offered accommodation in the now unoccupied barracks. Wentworth will provide their pay by drawing on the Treasury, for which vouchers will be promptly sent.

12 Oct  
Halifax

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 209, 210.  
Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Maj-Gen'l Skerrett. In receipt of letter announcing that he has been appointed to the chief command in Jamaica, upon which the Lt.-Governor congratulates him.

12 Oct  
Halifax

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 211.  
Printed circular letter from the Prov. Sec'y, Benning Wentworth, to the chief magistrates of the various counties, instructing them in the execution of the alien act. This one is addressed to Robt. Pagan of Pictou. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 14.

16 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Maj-Gen'l Hunter. In receipt of letter asking that one hundred militia men be ordered to work on the defences to-morrow. Wentworth has given the necessary orders. Seventy of the country militia are expected in Halifax to-morrow.

20 Oct  
Halifax

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 212.  
Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Capt. Mackellar. In receipt of letter offering his services in the crisis. Since the Lt.-Governor and the Vice-Admiral are co-operating in arrangements, his valuable offer will be used by the Admiral. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 212.

1807  
20 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Vice-Admiral Berkeley. In receipt of letter enclosing a request from the officers of the careening yard for the exemption of mechanics and labourers in the yard from militia duty. "This subject was contemplated when the Law... was enacted, being previously approved by Commissioner Duncan..." It provides for the labourers in question to furnish substitutes "which may always be done for less than the Careening Yard emoluments, and as they all have a right and interest in every institution and benefit in the Town—it was considered equitable that they should contribute toward the Public Exigencies, as well as their neighbours, tho' less than those whose personal services were required." The commanding officer of the militia does not even require these men to train, under ordinary circumstances, but merely in emergencies as at present. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 213, 214.

20 Oct  
Windsor

Form of letter from G. H. Monk, Supt. of Indian Affairs, to his correspondents in the various districts of the province. The Lt.-Governor has asked for an estimate of the number of Indians in the province, and wishes that some system for managing them may be promulgated. He asks the assistance of his correspondents to ascertain the number, age, and other details of the Indians in each district.

*Below.* List of districts, with boundaries, and the name of the correspondent for each. Vol. 430, docs. 143, 144.

24 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn Bills of Exchange for the pay and subsistence of the embodied militia, which he asks to be paid. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 223, 224.

26 Oct  
Halifax

Formal despatch on behalf of the Lt.-Governor to Vice-Admiral Berkeley. He encloses Mr. Wallace's letter regarding the account of expenses for apprehending deserters sent in by Mr. Winniett, Sheriff of Annapolis County. Wentworth does not know what bounty was promised Mr. Winniett by Sir Alexander Cochrane, whose sailors he apprehended. The Governor is only allowed to pay the expenses from the provincial funds, there being no bounties granted. He "exceedingly laments that it is not in his power to reward, by preventing the disappointment of so much zeal and loyalty as has been manifested by Mr. Winniett and the Militia in the preceding service". (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 214, 215.

26 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). Reporting on the success of the plan for embodying 500 militia which he mentioned in his despatch of 11th Oct., 140 men are preparing for service under the Admiral in two gun-boats for the protection of the harbour. Wentworth has instructed the Supt. of Indians to collect and secure the obedience of the Indians. By clothing and subsisting them, their friendship will be gained as well as the services of about 100 active men, who are valuable as scouts and as ambush fighters against an invading enemy. Arrangements for artillery men and for using 100 blacks, all of whose expenses begin only with their services. He has drawn on the Treasury to pay for these arrangements. "As accurate information of the military movements, occurrences and intentions in the neighbouring Countrys, is essentially necessary at this interesting and anxious Crisis of Public affairs, to enable His Majesty's servants in Command here, to take precautionary measures for defence with effect, or to frustrate any hostilities contemplated against the Kings authority in these Colonies—Vice-Adml. Berkeley, Majr. General Hunter and myself have thought it, not only adviseable, but too seriously essential to omit dispatching a Person, well qualified, to observe whatever may be agitating.—The means have been in the first instance provided by Admiral Berkeley and by a limited letter of Credit which I have furnished, to be resorted to if wanted in the Progress.—We unitedly trust that this meas-



ure will meet your Lordship's approbation and recommendation for re-imbursement, as it will be conducted with the most prudent Care, both in the object and expence." Loyalty and zeal of the men of the province shown by their spirit in assembling for militia duty.

1807

27 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Geo. Harrison. In receipt of letter enclosing one from Mr. Belcher Byles to the Lords of the Treasury suggesting that the Commissariat be supplied from the provinces of B. North America. The Lt.-Governor and the resident Commissary both consider it impracticable, such attempts as have been made having failed. He recommends encouraging the production of such necessary supplies in the provinces, especially of beef, of which there is quite a good supply every year, and of wheat. To give impulse to the production of wheat he suggests that orders be given for importing wheat from Canada, rather than flour, and the flour manufactured in Nova Scotia. This would prevent the flour from being affected by the heat on the journey from Canada, prevent loss by condemnation, waste, storage and casks, and offer inducement to Nova Scotian farmers to grow wheat.

Vol. 54, pp. 215-219.

27 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). Transmitting account of rates of exchange and current prices of commodities in Halifax.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 221, 222.

28 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Messrs. Ransom, Morland and Co., with regard to the payment of his Bills of Exchange and private business.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 222.

5 Nov  
London

Printed copy of Instructions for commanders of merchant-men and privateers against the inhabitants of Tuscany, Naples, Ragusa, the Republic of the Seven Islands and all other places in the Mediterranean and Adriatic occupied by or allied with France. 15 articles.

Vol. 61, doc. 4.

5 Nov  
London

Clerk of the Privy Council to Lt.-Governor Wentworth, announcing and ordering him to publish the declaration of war upon Great Britain of the court of Denmark. Signed. Circular.

Vol. 61, doc. 6.

9 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Dr. Croke, Judge of the Admiralty, transmitting letter and enclosures from the Sec'y of State for his information.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 223.

9 Nov  
London

Printed copy of directions from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Governor or Lt.-Governor of the British North American colonies to supply copies of the Order-in-Council allowing trade between the island of Curaçoa and that of St. Domingo to all persons taking out letters of marque from the Vice-Admiralty Court at Halifax. Signed.

Vol. 61, doc. 2.

*Enclosure.*

(9 Nov)  
14 Oct  
London

Printed copy of Order-in-Council directing the Governor of Curaçoa to issue licences for the inhabitants of that island to trade with those parts of St. Domingo that are not under France or Spain, and setting forth the conditions.

Vol. 61, doc. 3.

10 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn Bills of Exchange for the pay and subsistence of the embodied militia, which he requests to be paid.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 224.

(10  
Nov?)  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Major Gen'l Hunter. He asks that the General will direct medicine to be issued for the use of the embodied militia.

(Copy). Vol. 54, p. 223.

14 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). (Secret). He transmits a copy of the speech of the President to Congress which he has received by a fast vessel from Baltimore; he does not know what

affect it had on the southern states, but in New England "it is considered to intimate an expectation of a Pacific issue to the negotiations pending between Great Britain and the United States." "This District is offended at the interference of France in the affairs of the Union, too obviously to be doubted, and with a separate interest driving them to War and are alarmed at appearances, that the Conquest of Canada Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, under the command of Gen'l Moreau, will bring the power of France, so near to New England, as to entail, War and corrupt means, for their future subjugation.—They also wisely appreciate their probable loss, and present inability for carrying on a maritime war, and are jealous, That their interests are not considered by those in Government, who urge a rupture with Great Britain.—These impressions are so deeply prevailing, that they will act coldly, and not impossibly, if compelled will openly refuse aid." Comments on the sentiments of New England and eastern Congressmen, and on the arrival of twelve gun-boats in the United States, which items of news he has transmitted because, though unofficial, they may prove useful.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 224-226.

1807 Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). Much  
26 Nov has been done since his last letter in repairing the fortifications of Halifax  
Halifax and making preparations to defend other parts of the province. The 101st Regiment and the embodied militia have been employed in this work. Since the long promised reinforcements have not yet arrived the regiment of militia will continue in service. He has given orders for winter jackets for the men, and 60 great coats for the use of guards and sentries in the winter. Comments on the attitude in the eastern United States towards Great Britain. Loyal state of Nova Scotia continues.

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 226-229.

26 Nov Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn  
Halifax two Bills of Exchange for the expenses of the armed schooner Hunter, and one for the pay and subsistence of the embodied militia. The Hunter is the vessel used by the Superintendent of Trade and Fisheries and when she comes in from her present service her accounts for the past six months will be completed and transmitted. Wentworth receives "satisfactory reports from the Custom Houses and other sources of the sensible diminution of Contraband trade into this Province from the United States, in consequence of the vigilance and respectable appearance of the schooner Hunter, aided by the occasional excursions of the small Armed Vessels attached to His Majesty's Squadron on this Station."

(Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 229, 230.

27 Nov Clerk of the Privy Council to Lt.-Governor Wentworth, enclosing  
London a copy of the letter from the Sec'y of the Treasury with enclosure regarding the appointing of commissioners for the appraisement and sale of Danish vessels and cargoes captured previous to the declaration of war. The names of the commissioners are given. Signed.

*Enclosures.*

Vol. 61, doc. 7.

(27 Nov) 1. Sec'y of the Treasury to the King's Proctor. The Lords of the  
11 Nov Treasury have determined to provide Commissioners for the appraise-  
London ment and trial of Danish vessels and cargoes captured previous to the declaration of war. He is to make the appointments, of persons named, on certain given conditions.

(Copy). Vol. 61, doc. 9.

(27 Nov) 2. Copy of letter from the Sec'y of the Treasury to the Under-sec'y  
12 Nov for the colonies, enclosing a copy of a letter he sent to the King's proctor  
London regarding the appointing of Commissioners for the appraisement and sale of Danish vessels captured prior to the declaration of war. He leaves to the Sec'y of State to communicate as much as he thinks proper



- 1807 to the Governors and commanders on foreign stations. Vol. 61, doc. 8.  
 27 Nov Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to J. N. Bond of Yarmouth. The Lt.-  
 Halifax Governor commends very highly his zeal in executing the law relating  
 to the recent French settlers. He desires that Reis be "proceeded against  
 agreeably to the Law made and provided for that purpose." He will  
 grant a licence of residence to John Woods on condition that Bond take  
 the usual security. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 37.
- 27 Nov Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Joshua Newton Esq. In receipt of  
 Halifax letter. The Lt.-Governor commends very highly their zeal in executing  
 the law, "more particularly on this present occasion, as it tends most  
 materially to preserve and guard the safety of the Province from the  
 prying malace of its enemies." (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 38.
- 2 Dec Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Gov. (Wentworth), transmitting  
 London the *Royal Gazette* containing six Orders-in-Council explanatory of former  
 Orders-in-Council of 11 November. The Lt.-Governor is to have them  
 made public. Signed. Circular. Vol. 61, doc. 10.
- 3 Dec Hawkesbury (Sec'y to the Privy Council) to Lt.-Gov. Wentworth,  
 London enumerating acts passed in the 1805-6 session of the Nova Scotia Assem-  
 bly, to which the Lords of the Privy Council make no objection. Signed.  
 Vol. 61, doc. 11.
- 3 Dec Address of Lt.-Governor on opening legislature. Differences between  
 Halifax U. S. and Great Britain have made necessary calling out of part of militia  
 to work on fortifications. Signed. (Also at Vol. 287 ,no. 163).
- Commission to Chief Justice Blowers to convene legislature and read  
 speech. Vol. 303, no. 87.
- 4 Dec Account of expenditure for the Sable Island establishment between  
 Halifax 4 Dec. 1806 and 4 Dec. 1807. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 63.
- 8 Dec Draft of address of the Assembly in answer to the Lt.-Governor's  
 Halifax address on opening the session. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 3-9 Dec Draft of Journal of the House from the opening of the session till 9th  
 Halifax Dec. 1807. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 9 Dec Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to the Attorney-Gen'l, applying, on  
 Halifax behalf of the Lt.-Governor, for a form of a general pardon for Enoch  
 Stanwood. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 38.
- 9 Dec Reply of the Lt.-Governor to the Assembly's answer to his address  
 Halifax on opening the session. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 10 Dec Prov. Sec'y (B. Wentworth) to Attorney-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor  
 Halifax is disposed to grant to Enoch Stanwood the King's Pardon, "but at  
 the same time that he grants this Pardon, he does not consider that it  
 can in anywise operate against other accusations that he may be answer-  
 able for. It is therefore the Governor's wish that you will prepare a  
 Pardon upon the principles before stated." (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 39.
- 11 Dec Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Vice-Admiral Berkeley. He points out  
 Halifax the defenceless state of the province and harbour during the coming  
 winter as a result of the non-arrival of promised reinforcements from  
 Europe. Should a rupture with the United States occur, they would  
 have no difficulty in taking the province. In view of this danger and of  
 the very strong commands from the Sec'y of State "for preserving this  
 important Place," he asks for the protection of at least one warship  
 and two smaller vessels and more if possible.  
 (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 230, 231.
- Resolution for granting 100 guineas for purchasing for Vice-Admiral  
 Berkeley a piece of plate "as a testimonial of the respect and esteem

of this Province". 2 copies. Signed. Agreed to by Council. Also draft of resolution for presenting address and piece of plate.

- 1807  
11 Dec  
Halifax  
Division of House on Mr. Pool's motion for rescinding vote of 100 guineas for the Vice-Admiral. Draft. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 12 Dec  
London  
Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Gov. (Wentworth). He encloses copy of an Order-in-Council prohibiting all trade between British subjects and those of Russia, which the Lt.-Governor is to make public. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 12.
- Enclosure.*
- (12 Dec)  
9 Dec  
London  
Order-in-Council prohibiting all trade between Great Britain and her dependencies and Russia and hers. Printed copy. Vol. 61, doc. 13.
- 12 Dec  
Halifax  
Report of the joint committee on public accounts. Signed. (As in Assembly Papers, Vol. 14). Vol. 287, no. 164.
- (14 Dec)  
7 Dec  
Halifax  
Petition of Evan Lewis and three other debtors in the Halifax jail, stating that the £50 granted for their relief has been expended, and asking for further relief. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 14 Dec  
Halifax  
List of vessels visited and examined by Wm. Philipps, Health Officer for the port of Halifax, and bill for these services. Signed.
- Enclosed.* Message from Wentworth, stating his reasons for requiring the services of the health officer, and recommending his account for payment. (Copy). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 14 Dec  
Halifax  
Petition of Robert King, asking the aid of the House to extend his improvements and keep a house of entertainment for the accommodation of travelers. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- Below.* Certificate to truth of petition.
- 15 Dec  
Halifax  
Message of the Lt.-Governor to Assembly, recommending that they provide for establishing the division line between Halifax and Sydney counties. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 91.
- 16 Dec  
Halifax  
Two drafts of the Assembly's address to Vice-Admiral Berkeley. Compare with the final address, (Assembly Journal 1807-1808, p. 14), to see modification of statements. The House wish to acknowledge the "Benefits received from your Protection of its Trade, your great Attention to the Promotion of its maritime Interests, and the uncommon regard you have ever manifested for the Liberties of the Subject and the Individual Wellfare of the People of this Country who will long retain a grateful sense of your Conduct in these Particulars." They hope that the King will approve his conduct in every particular. (Second draft as Vol. 303, no. 89). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 17 Dec  
Halifax  
Vice-Admiral Berkeley's answer to Assembly's address and presentation. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 90.
- 17 Dec  
(rec'd)  
Halifax  
Petition of Jonathan and John Tremaine, praying for the return of impost on hemp imported from the U. S. A. under the Lt.-Governor's license. Signed.
- Overleaf.* "Granted." Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- (17 Dec)  
Halifax  
Petition of Rufus G. Taylor asking for the return of duties paid on wine imported from St. Domingo. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 17 Dec  
Halifax  
Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn a Bill of Exchange for the pay and subsistence of a regiment of 500 embodied militia from the interior of the province, whose service the General has requested for the purposes of defence and the repair of the fortifications. He hopes that the bill will be paid. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 232.
- 17 Dec  
Halifax  
Lieutenant-Governor's answer to the message from the House respecting the address and vote to Vice-Admiral Berkeley. "As this is the



first communication had with me, upon this measure, & understanding it had occupied the attention of both Houses for several days, with various Effect—It becomes me, from a due & most cordial respect to all concerned to consider the Vote with the same deliberation as has been exercised in its Progress. As soon therefore as my determination can be properly prepared, it shall be regularly communicated.” (Holograph). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

1807  
17 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of Robert McElhinny, road commissioner, asking for compensation for his services. “Your petitioner not having an opportunity of examining the Law made in the last Session of Assembly relative to the expenditure of Sums of money for the like purpose, did not as by that law he might, retain any sum of money in his hands for Commissions and actually laid out and expended the whole Sum of money granted for the purposes aforesaid.” Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

17 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of Samuel Hart asking for the return of duties paid on rum imported from Jamaica in 1804. The produce of the province which he sent in exchange for two-thirds of the rum was shipped in another Nova Scotian vessel, that which carried the rum not having returned to Jamaica. Signed.

*Overleaf.* “Dismissed 17 Decr.”

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

17 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of Wm. Blair, contractor for building a bridge over North River, Onslow, asking to be relieved from his contract because of the damage done to the structure by the elements. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

18 Dec  
London

Sec’y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Gov. (Wentworth), announcing that the King has ordered Letters of Marque and commissions of privateers to be issued against the subjects of the Russian Tsar, and directing him to publish the King’s order. Signed. Circular. Vol. 61, doc. 14.

18 Dec  
Halifax

Resolutions of Assembly as to organisation of militia. (Unsigned). Vol. 303, no. 92.

19 Dec)

Estimate of Govt. for 1808. Signed.

Vol. 303, no. 107.

19 Dec  
Halifax

Prov. Sec’y (B. Wentworth) to John Marshall and J. N. Bond. The Lt.-Governor has consented to grant a licence of residence to M. Edmond Jacob Reis, “consequently while he so conducts himself (i.e. “in a Loyal and Peaceable manner”) you will no doubt afford him the accustomed protection due to everyone.” (Draft). Vol. 139, pp. 39, 40.

19 Dec  
Halifax

Copy of licence of residence granted to Edmond Jacob Reis “to reside within the Township of Yarmouth & Argyle so long as he conducts himself in a Loyal and Peaceable manner conformable & in Obedience to His Majesty’s Government.” (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 40.

19 Dec  
Halifax

Report of the committee of Council and Assembly on the accounts for the Sable Island establishment and the public markets. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

20 Dec  
London

Sec’y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Gov. Wentworth, enclosing copy of Order-in-Council in explanation of a previous Order of 11 Nov. with regard to W. Indian Trade. Signed. Circular. Vol. 61, doc. 15.

(20 Dec)  
18 Nov  
London  
23 Dec  
Halifax

*Enclosure.*

Copy of Order-in-Council in explanation and qualification of that of 11 November with regard to West Indian trade. Vol. 61, doc. 16.

Answer of the Lieutenant Governor to the Assembly’s request for a copy of such of the Royal Instructions as respect their duty as a branch of the legislature in the passing of bills. He transmits the required information and requires those members who have not as yet taken “the Oaths and Declarations by Law required” to do so. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

- 1807  
(23 Dec)  
Halifax Extract from the King's Commission to the Governor-Gen'l relating to the calling of an Assembly and the regulating of elections. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 24 Dec  
Halifax Draft of report of the joint committee on the state of fisheries and agriculture of the province. (The same as the final report, see Journal of the Assembly, p. 24). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 24 Dec  
Halifax Draft of note from the Council, to the effect that they will adjourn until Monday, Friday being Christmas. (The Assembly met the day after Christmas). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 24 Dec  
Halifax Petition of Ebenezer Crosby asking compensation for taking care of two transient paupers in the winter of 1801. "a Brig bound from Halifax to St. Johns New Brunswick, unfortunately caught Fire in the Bay of Fundy and the Crew consisting of Twenty-two persons, all perished except five who after subsisting eight days in the Boat on the remains of their dead Companions were landed at Yarmouth" where the petitioner lives. One of the two who were taken to his house died, the other lived, after much care had been taken to save his life. Petitioner is a poor man, and, despairing of receiving compensation otherwise (having applied to the overseers of the poor and attended every town meeting since), he applies to the legislature. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 27 Dec  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Senior Naval Officer on the station. In view of the defenceless state of the harbour and the danger of a war between the United States and Great Britain he requests that H. M. S. Emulous be directed to remain in Halifax Harbour. Most insistent. (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 232, 233.
- 28 Dec  
Halifax Copy of Mr. Ritchie's resolution that the Lieutenant-Governor be again requested to direct that a new writ be made out for the election of a member for the township of Annapolis. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 30 Dec  
Halifax Draft of committee's report on providing the officers and men of the embodied militia with great coats, recommending that £1550 be granted by the legislature for that purpose. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 30 Dec  
Halifax Minute of the House concerning the Governor's message requiring such members as had not done so to be sworn to the oaths contained in the Royal Commission, that members are ready. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 30 Dec  
Halifax Copy of report of the committee on the sums of money necessary for the general service of the Province for the ensuing year. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 30 Dec  
Halifax Two estimates for civil establishment for 1808. Unsigned: no. 174. Signed. Vol. 287, no. 175.
- 30 Dec  
London Printed and signed letter from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Governors or Lt.-Governors of the British North American provinces, enclosing copies of instructions to be furnished to persons taking out Letters of Marque from the Vice-Admiralty Court at Halifax. Vol. 61, doc. 17.
- (30 Dec)  
26 Nov  
London Seven articles of instruction to the commanders of ships of war and privateers and to the judges of Courts of Admiralty and Vice-Admiralty. Printed copies. Vol. 61, docs. 18 to 24 incl.
- 31 Dec  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to the Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn a Bill of Exchange for M. Danséville's quarterly allowance, and encloses receipt. (Copy). Vol. 54, p. 234.
- 31 Dec  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Wentworth to Lords of the Treasury. He has drawn a Bill of Exchange for the pay and subsistence of the embodied militia from the interior of the province, and for occasional drafts from the 1st Halifax regiment of militia, used at the request of the General. (Unfinished.) (Copy). Vol. 54, pp. 234, 235.



- 1807  
Halifax Return of schedules for land cleared and improved on which bounties are claimed under the act of 1806 allotting £2000 for the purpose. Signed. (Dupl. at 160). Vol. 224, doc. 158.
- 1808  
2 Jan  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). The Assembly convened on the 3rd December. He encloses the opening speeches. "The first week or more of the Sessions Mr. Tonge patronised by Vice Admiral Berkeley engaged the attention of the House in procuring an Address and vote of One hundred Guineas to buy a piece of Plate for the Admiral, after much contention among them a Vote was obtained, the next day it was rescinded, the third day, recovered in a very thin House and sent up to the Council where the Vote for a Gift of one hundred Guineas prevailed by one only—But as it is evidently appears to be far from a general sentiment... I have not concurred the Vote more especially as the Address from the Assembly and the Admiral's answer... involve in them an opinion upon a subject now negotiating by His Majesty's Ministers with a Foreign Nation." (The United States). After this was over the business of the session was completed without further trouble, the particulars of which will be transmitted as soon as the Journals are ready. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 1.
- 2 Jan  
Halifax Affidavits of Samuel and Edward Baker to the truth of the facts stated in the petition of Ebenezer Crosby. (see Crosby's petition, 24 Dec. 1807). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 3 Jan  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). The arrival of information of unfriendly activities towards Great Britain in the United States has caused Gen'l Hunter and himself to take counsel as to improving the badly depleted defences of the province. On the Lt.-Governor's representations, the Admiral has allowed a twenty-gun ship and a ten-gun brig to remain in the harbour. Two thousand militia have also been ordered to assemble and will be embodied at Halifax and Annapolis. The brig *Emulous* has also been detained in the harbour, but is expected to sail soon. The Indians having "manifested a disposition to be considered of some importance" he has directed the Supt. of Indians to distribute clothing, provisions etc. among them, for which he has drawn £100 on the Treasury. The militia are loyal and well behaved but lack arms and ammunition. He encloses newspaper and letter announcing the American embargo. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 2.
- 4 Jan  
Halifax Resolutions of the House for appropriations for provincial services. Signed. (As in Assembly Paper, Vol. 14). Vol. 287, no. 167.
- 4 Jan  
Halifax Resolution of the House for granting £1600 for the purpose of providing great coats for the embodied militia. Agreed to. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 6 Jan  
Halifax Draft of report of the committee on the petitions of Ebenezer Crosby and Rufus G. Taylor, recommending that both be given the compensations they asked. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 7 Jan  
Halifax George Boyle's account for victualling and lodging the Liverpool Militia under the command of Capt. Freeman.
- Overleaf. Note that account was not presented at the Treasury until July 1808.
- 10 Dec. Resolution for granting £7. 14. 1. in payment of his account. Agreed to by the Council. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 8 Jan  
Halifax 9 resolutions for granting sums for various provincial services. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 8 Jan  
Halifax Two drafts of the address of the House to the Lt.-Governor declining to carry out his suggestion of augmenting the salary of the Treasurer. (Compare with final address as in Assembly Journal, 1807-8 p. 47). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

1808  
8 Jan  
Halifax

Letter from the Secretary of the province to the Speaker in answer to the request that a new writ be issued for Sydney County. "His Excellency requires that He should be informed by what means a vacancy has arisen, that He may be able to judge if under the circumstances of the Case he may consider the Seat as legally vacated." Until he hears from the Home Government he cannot issue a new writ for the township of Annapolis. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

(9 Jan)  
Halifax

The petition of John Taylor and other proprietors of negroes in the province. Petitioners were inhabitants of the revolted colonies. "That, when His Majesty's authority began to be opposed in those Colonies, your petitioners adhered to their allegiance, and received the Royal assurance of full protection to their persons and security to their properties; That, at that period, throughout all His Majestys Colonies (without any exception) a property in Negroes was maintained and acknowledged if not encouraged; And your petitioners know not of any public act since that time, whereby such sort of property has been declared untenable—On the contrary, the Royal Proclamations and the Acts of Parliament admitting and encouraging persons of Your petitioners political principles to remove out of the United States into this province, expressly authorise them to bring their Negro *Slaves*,—Your petitioners are far from pretending to advocate Slavery as a System—With the creation of that System they had nothing to do—The introduction of Negro Slaves into His Majestys Colonies was at a time long before Your petitioners were born—It was authorised by the controuling authority of Parliament, in which authority the Colonies had not by representation any share—But, when Your petitioners came to the age of discretion, they found that His Majestys Colonial subjects possessed the right of holding a property in Negroes upon the same grounds that they possessed the right of holding any other species of property, and concieved that right to be as strongly guarded by law as any other of their rights or priveleges whatsoever—

But, unfortunately for Your petitioners, owing to certain doubts now entertained by the Kings Courts of Law in this Province, such property is rendered wholly untenable by Your petitioners, whose Negro Servants are daily leaving their service and setting Your Petitioners at defiance. For, if it be no longer incumbent upon the Negro who claims his liberty within a Colony, to produce the Certificate of his emancipation; or to shew that he was born of free parents—or, at the least to prove that at some former period of his life he exercised the rights of a free person, it is in vain that his possessor attempts to litigate with him—Negroes, universally thro the Colonies, passed like other chattels; sometimes by Bills of Sale, at other times by mere tradition. As in the case of other chattels, possession was a proof of property till the contrary was shewn—And Your petitioners are prepared to prove their property in the Negroes they possess against all adverse claimants—But, as Negroes are transitory, Your petitioners *are not* (nor from the nature of the thing is it possible they should be) prepared with a legal course of testimony, for deducing such negros Pedigree from an African Slave Ancestor,—Much less (as Colonists) are prepared, or (as they humbly concieve) in reason called upon, to maintain the legality of a System which the Parliament of Great Britain has authorised, and the Parliament of The United Kingdoms doth still allow. Leaving all subtle reasonings to better heads; Your petitioners rely, and must rely, in this, as in many other cases, upon the long established usage in His Majestys Colonies, and must humbly hope for the same rule and measure of justice here, as might, in their case, be hoped for by His Majesty free colonial subjects of any



other of his transmarine dominions—Perhaps however, the peculiar circumstances of this Province, or perhaps the true interests of Humanity, may require in this Colony, the abolition of that particular species of property claimed by your petitioners, (these however are problems that your petitioners presume not to solve) But if so, it seems but reasonable and just, that your petitioners, and others under like circumstances with them, should bear only their proportional parts of the loss or expence attending such abolition—

Upon the whole therefore, Your petitioners confiding in the chaste manly and deliberate wisdom of this House; and fully relying upon the justice integrity and honor of this Assembly, Most humbly pray: That their Case may be taken under Your Consideration, and that either such regulations may be made as in your wisdom shall be deemed expedient for securing Your petitioners property in their Negro Servants,—Or, that, if such property is to be sacrificed to the public good, Your petitioners may, from that public, receive their equitable compensation". 26 names signed. (See Bill no. 56, for regulating negro servitude in the province, deferred). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

1808  
9 Jan  
Halifax

Petition of John Leggett of Country Harbour, asking for compensation for salvaging part of cargo of brandy and wine from which the province realized a good sum in duties. Signed. Approved and recommended by the Lt.-Governor. Certificate of Excise Officer. Granted, 11 Jan.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

11 Jan  
Halifax

Report of the committee of the House on John Leggett's petition, recommending that £18. 1. 3 be granted him for salvaging part of the brandy and wine cargo. (Draft).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

11 Jan  
Halifax

Report of committee on John Hall's petition, recommending £25 compensation. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

11 Jan  
Halifax

Report of committee on petition of Wm. Blair whose contract they recommend to be renewed, and Robert McElhinney, whose petition they would dismiss. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vo. 14.

(11 Jan)  
Halifax

Explanation and recommendation of the Lt.-Governor for ordering the health officer for Halifax to inspect certain vessels, accompanying the second presentation of the health officer's accounts to the Assembly. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

*Overleaf.* "Dismissed 13 Jany 1807".

11 Jan  
Halifax

Reply of the Lt.-Governor to Assembly's address refusing to augment the Treasurer's salary.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

11 Jan  
Halifax

A contract, with all the papers pertaining thereto, made by John McMonagle for repairing the Road and Bridges on the west side of Ardoise Hill.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

12 Jan  
Halifax

54 Resolutions of the House for votes for road services. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

12 Jan  
Halifax

22 Resolutions of the House for votes for the service of roads and bridges. Not agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

13 Jan  
Halifax

1. Letter from Foster Hutchinson, chairman of the committee of privileges, to Attorney-General Uniacke, asking him whether, during the time he was Speaker, it was usual to give the reasons for the House declaring a seat vacant, when applying to the Governor for a new writ.

2. *Overleaf.* Uniacke's reply that he "never considered it as any part of my Duty to state to the Governor the reasons which Induced the house to declare any Election void".

3. Copy of the Attorney-General's Opinion on the subject of the Annapolis election. (See Assembly Journal p. 61). (Enclosed in committee report, 14 Jan.)

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

1808  
(14 Jan)  
Halifax Opinion of the Solicitor-General James Stewart, that the proceedings of the House on the Annapolis election have been constitutional and regular and Thomas Walker's seat legally vacated thereby. (See Assembly Journal, p. 62).  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

14 Jan  
Halifax Report of the committee on privileges on the Secretary's letter concerning the Sydney County election, defending the rights of the Assembly. They enclose the opinions of the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General, supporting the position of the House. They recommend two resolutions, "That all attempts to draw the examination, discussion, or determination of the Qualifications of Electors, or Persons elected, or the proceedings of Sheriffs on the returns of writs for the Elections of Members, are unconstitutional attacks upon the most undoubted Rights of the People of Nova Scotia," and that a writ for Sydney County be demanded of the Governor by address. (See Assembly Journal, pp. 57-62).

*Enclosed.* References to similar election cases in N. S. Correspondence with the Attorney-General. Opinion of the Solicitor-General.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

14 Jan  
Halifax Draft of the address of the House to the Assembly in reply to the Secretary's letter of 8th Jan. concerning the Annapolis election. They express "their alarm at the disclosure of principles and expressions of claims in the Secretary's letter, which tend directly to the subversion of one of the best established rights and privileges of the House, on the maintenance of which the Independence and even the Existence of this Branch of the Legislature depend." House declare "by the principles of the Constitution, the general Law of Parliament, and the uniform and hitherto undisputed practice of the House of Assembly of this province since its first formation the privilege of judging and deciding the rights of Electors and Elected and on all questions relating to Elections, was and is solely and exclusively vested in the House of Assembly, without appeal or reference to the ulterior judgment of any authority whatsoever." They demand a writ for Sydney County. "in the name and behalf of the people of Nova Scotia, with all due respect, but with that freedom which becomes this Assembly when claiming their undoubted rights." With regard to the Annapolis township writ "the Assembly lament that your Excellency should have been induced by any advice whatever to adopt a measure by which the Freeholders of that Township have been so long deprived of their right of representation, more especially as the advice proceeded from those who, in another capacity have made repeated attempts to invade the privileges of the Assembly"....they await with confidence the determination of the Home Government on the subject. (Also in Vol. 287, no. 166). (See Assembly Journal, pp. 63, 64.)  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

15 Jan  
London Printed and signed notification from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Governor or Lt.-Governors of the British North American provinces, enclosing an additional instruction to be furnished to all persons taking out Letters of Marque from the Vice-Admiralty Court at Halifax.

*Enclosure.*

Vol. 61, doc. 25.

(15 Jan)  
1807  
19 Dec  
London Printed copy of additional instruction to commanders of men of war and privateers, with regard to the trade between Newfoundland, St. Domingo and Great Britain.  
Vol. 61, doc. 26.

16 Jan  
Halifax Road votes for £5000 arranged according to counties.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

16 Jan  
Halifax Draft of report of the committee of the House on the subject of a lighthouse for Briar Island.



- (Compare with the finished report, Assembly Journals, p. 65).  
 1808 Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 17 Jan Instructions to the Assembly's committee for the conference with  
 Halifax the Council on appropriation. (Printed *in extenso* in Assembly Journal,  
 pp. 98, 99). Vol. 287, no. 181.
- 18 Jan Draft of report of the committee on roads and bridges.  
 Halifax Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 18 Jan Draft of report on conference with Council, giving message from the  
 Halifax Council, explaining why Council have sent down copies instead of originals of the Assembly's resolutions. . . . "this mode is rendered necessary on the part of the Council by the practice of the House of so connecting long Strings of different Resolutions together that the Originals cannot be sent down without great risk of mistake, where part only are Agreed to part be for further Consideration and part are disagreed to. But if the Assembly will send each several Resolution to the Council by itself it would be severally Considered. And the original sent down if the House wished it." Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 18 Jan Resolution of the House regarding the resolutions sent down by the  
 Halifax Council for their concurrence. Part of this included in Assembly Journal, p. 67. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 19 Jan Copy of message from the Lt.-Governor to the Assembly, announcing  
 Halifax his intention of sending their request for a new writ for an opinion to the Home Government. (As in Assembly Journal, pp. 68, 69).  
 Vol. 287, no. 178.
- 19 Jan Reply of the Lt.-Governor to the address of the Assembly of 14 Jan.  
 Halifax "The claim of the House of Assembly stated in their Address relative to new Writs of Election appearing to be subversive of the powers vested in the Governour, by His Majesty's Royal Commission and Instructions, it is my duty to submit the Subject to His Majesty's Government in England. When differences of opinion arise between the several Branches of the Legislature, the ultimate resort is to the King, from whom we all derive our powers; But such differences do not authorise asperity of sentiment or expressions." (Holograph). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 19 Jan Notice by L. M. Wilkins that he intends to move for sums to be granted  
 Halifax in the committee of supply. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 19 Jan Draft of resolution for an additional grant for repairing the old Govern-  
 Halifax ment House. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 22 Jan Resolution of the House appointing a committee to join a committee  
 Halifax of the Council to consider the expediency of erecting a lighthouse near Canso and report at the next meeting of the legislature. Signed.
- 23 Jan Report of the committee on the subject of the expenditure of monies  
 Halifax for roads and bridges. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 23 Jan Copy of Tonge's motion that "Committee for reporting on the Ex-  
 Halifax penditure of Monies for roads & Bridges do add to their report a Statement of all Sums heretofore appropriated to that Service and not duly accounted for" . . . . Rejected on division. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 23 Jan Draft of resolution in favour of Geo. LeRoy, commissioner for a bridge  
 Halifax over the French River. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 23 Jan Draft of report of the committee of privileges recommending that  
 Halifax the House make application to the Lt.-Governor for a copy of "that part of the Royal Instructions and Commission to which his Excellency was pleased to refer." Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 24 Jan Copy. Castlereagh to Sir George Prevost. Signifying the King's  
 Down- command that he recommend to the Assembly that they provide part  
 ing St of sum for Wentworth's retirement. Vol. 303, no. 95.

- 1808 Draft of report of the committee that waited on the Lt.-Governor  
25 Jan regarding the Licence Duty accounts. (See Assembly Journals, p. 85).  
Halifax Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 26 Jan Message from the Lt.-Governor to the House, asking that some pro-  
Halifax vision be made for the care of arms and accoutrements for the militia,  
and also to pay for some warm clothing to be issued to the militia when  
embodied. Signed. (As in Vol. 303, no. 96). Vol. 287, no. 169.
- 26 Jan Report of the committee on the accounts of Caleb Forsyth and Daniel  
Halifax Dewolf and the contract of John McMonagle. (Draft).  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 26 Jan Report of committee appointed to wait upon the Lt.-Governor *re*  
Halifax the Royal Instructions; the Governor "informed the committee that  
His Majesty's Commission to His Governor General was lodged in the  
Office of the Secretary of the Province and that any Gentleman be-  
longing to the House who wished to examine it, might do so by calling  
at that office, which information was communicated to the House by  
the Committee at the time the written Answer was delivered Although  
it does not appear upon the Journals." Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 26 Jan Message from the Lt.-Governor to the Assembly, "His Majestys  
Halifax Commission & Instructions remain in the Custody of the Governour  
for his guidance and direction, and cannot be communicated to the  
Assembly as a matter of right. I have already directed Copies of such  
part of the Instructions as respect your Legislative duties to be commu-  
nicated to you, and untill it appears to me that His Majestys Service  
requires it I can make no further Communication." (Holograph).  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 7-27 Jan Copies of resolutions of the committee of the whole House on supply,  
Halifax for various provincial services. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 27 Jan Resolution for granting £3. 10. 0 for each deserter from the army or  
Halifax navy "who shall be apprehended and secured between the first day of  
February and the thirty first day of December next to be paid to the  
person or persons by whom any such Deserter shall be apprehended  
and secured" . . . sum not to exceed £300. Agreed to. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 27 Jan 6 Resolutions for granting votes for certain provincial services. Signed.  
Halifax Agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 28 Jan Draft of resolutions respecting private accounts and petitions, that  
Halifax they are hereafter to be presented to the House within the first fourteen  
days of the session or they will not be considered by the House.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 28 Jan Draft of resolution for a committee to approach the Governor on the  
Halifax expediency of relinquishing the plan of "Erecting a Stone LightHouse  
on Briar Island, and building one of Wood." Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 29 Jan Report of the committee who attended the Lt.-Governor on the sub-  
Halifax ject of making the Briar Island lighthouse of wood instead of stone.  
"His Excellency was pleased to say that he preferd stone for all Public  
buildings but in consideration of the Present State of the Province and  
as he was desirous to meet the wishes of the House of Assembly, he would  
relinquish the Plan for a stone building and would take the proper Steps  
for Erecting a LightHouse of Wood on the said Island." N. B. was  
not to have any control over the lighthouse. (Draft).  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 29 Jan Fifteen resolutions of the House for granting sums for various pro-  
Halifax vincial services. Agreed to by the Council. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.



- 1808 Resolution and draft of resolution for granting sum not exceeding  
29 Jan £450 for transporting arms and ammunition for the use of the militia  
Halifax to the different parts of the province, for providing suitable places of  
deposit for such arms and ammunition, and for keeping such arms in  
good order and repair. Agreed to by the Council. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 29 Jan Ten resolutions for granting money for certain provincial services.  
Halifax Not agreed to by the Council. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 30 Jan Message from the House to the Council regarding the Bill for laying  
Halifax an additional duty on wine. (Printed *in extenso* in Journal of Assembly  
p. 100). Vol. 287, no. 168.
- 30 Jan Copy of paper received from the Council on the conference respect-  
Halifax ing the wine duty bill. Printed in the Assembly Journal, pp. 98, 99.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 30 Jan Copy of answer of the House of Assembly to the written paper re-  
Halifax ceived on this date from the Council. See Assembly Journal, pp. 99,  
100. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 30 Jan Report of the committee relative to the Old Government House.  
Halifax Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 1 Feb Draft of address of the House to Sir James Craig offering congrat-  
Halifax ulations on his appointment, and informing him of the attack upon  
the independence of the House which has been made "by an attempt  
to draw the final decision of Cases of Election to another tribunal."  
See Assembly Journal, p. 104. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 1 Feb Message from the Lt.-Governor on the proposed vote for a presenta-  
Halifax tion to Vice-Admiral Berkeley, stating that "it appears" . . . "objection-  
able in so many respects, That I feel it my duty to decline giving my  
Assent to it." Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 1 Feb Draft of report of the committee of the House on privileges, on the  
Halifax Lt.-Governor's refusal of their application for a copy of parts of the  
Royal Instructions. In view of the fact that the Lt.-Governor has  
referred the Annapolis election case to the Home Government and is  
about to refer this case to the same authority, the committee recommend  
"that the whole matter should be laid before His Excellency the Gov-  
ernor-General, and recommend that a suitable Address be presented  
to His Excellency, and that it be accompanied with Copies of all the  
Letters, reports, and proceedings on this Subject: and that His Ex-  
cellency be requested to interpose his authority, to protect the priv-  
iledges of this House;" Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 1 Feb Draft of memorial referred to in the address of the House of Assembly  
Halifax to His Excellency Sir James Craig. "The Impolicy of the Advice which  
has induced the Lt.-Governour to agitate a Question of privilege in  
Times like the present, is so obvious that the House avoid all Obser-  
vations on this Part of the Subject." Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 1 Feb Five resolutions of the House for granting sums for various provincial  
Halifax services. Agreed to by the Council. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- (2 Feb?) Draft of message from the House to the Council, raising a constitu-  
Halifax tional point following the Lt.-Governor's rejection of the resolution,  
passed by both House and Council, for granting a sum for a present  
to Admiral Berkeley. ". . . for if they include the said Vote in the Approp-  
riation Bill his Excellency may think foul Scorn in regard he had no-  
tified the House that he disapproved thereof—And if they omit to in-  
clude the said Vote in the Appropriation Bill, His Majesty Council will  
be obliged to dissent therefrom, or to depart from that resolution of  
theirs, which was communicated to the House on the 22 day of July

- 1808 1803 in which H M C say they cannot consent to the omission of votes agreed to by the Council. . . . Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 2 Feb Resolution for granting £380 for repairing three roads. Not agreed  
Halifax to. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 2 Feb Resolution for granting £25 for repairing the Lunenburg-Shaffel-  
Halifax burgs Mill road. Signed.
- Resolution for granting £25 for repairing bridge over Cooks Mill Brook on the road to Lahave from Lunenburg. Signed. Not agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 2 Feb Two resolutions for granting sums for repairing roads from Lunen-  
Halifax burg to Lahave. Signed. Not agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 2 Feb Resolution for granting £15 to the widow of each non-commissioned  
Halifax officer or soldier of the embodied militia "who has already died or who may hereafter die while employed on actual Service." Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 2 Feb Resolution of the House that £450 be granted for the repair of Sambro  
Halifax and Shelburne lighthouses. Signed. Agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- (3 Feb) Reason given by the Council (to the Lt.-Governor?) for not agreeing  
Halifax to the Bill for giving a tonnage Bounty on vessels employed in catching fish. "Because experience had proved that it was liable to much fraud, and so far from ensuing a certain and regular Supply of fish to our Islands in the West Indies, It was in fact giving a Bounty to His Majesty's Subjects to furnish the Americans with an Essential Staple Article of Export:—For, the Contiguity of the American Shipping Ports, and the high prices which their Neutral Situation and Superior advantages in carrying on Navigation enabled them to give for the Article, naturally induced the Catchers of Fish, as soon as they had landed them in Nova Scotia and obtained the Necessary Certificates to entitle them to re-ship the fish themselves, or to sell them to others who did so, in small craft for the American Market, bring back in return Foreign Articles to the great injury of the fair Trader—
- "Whereas the Bounty p Quintal on the actual export of the fish in our vessels, put on board and cleared out under the eyes of our Custom House Officer and a Certificate returned of its being actually landed in some one or other of our Islands is not so liable to fraud and is undoubtedly a more Certain method of ensuring the supply Wished for.
- The disagreement on this Bill with the House of Assembly, arose from the wish of the Council to have the Bounty on the export to the West Indies, and the House insisting on its being Payable on the Out-fitt of the Vessels, And, to the disposition which ever has and will continue in a greater or less degree in popular Assembly's.
- His Majesty's Council nowise engaged in the fisheries, could have no Interest or views in opposing the System, but such as in their Judgment were best calculated to promote the general interests of the Province and His Majestys Dominions, and to Comport with the Statutes made in England for that purpose—a Bounty of 1/6 p. Quintal on export, is now in Course of Payment under an Act passed in 1806/7." (See resolutions of House re fisheries, 3 Feb., Assembly Journal, p. 112). Vol. 287, no. 172.
- 3 Feb Draft of six resolutions moved by Mr. Tonge concerning the encourage-  
Halifax ment of the fisheries. (See Assembly Journal, p. 112). The following page or pages are missing from the Journal, on which are latter part of the fifth and the sixth resolutions. "(fifth)... Which experience



has proved to be useless the House is obliged to decline the application of any publick Money to this purpose—

Resolved That these Resolutions be transmitted by a Committee of this House to the agent of the province to be laid before his Majestys Ministers with an assurance that this House will cheerfully appropriate a part of the publick Revenue upon any rational System by which a Branch of Business may be established & improved which will tend to promote the general Interests of the British Empire”—

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

1808

3 Feb  
Halifax

Resolution for voting a sum to the Lieutenant-Governor for defraying the expenses of repairing bridges in case of an accident to one of them. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. A. P., Vol. 14.

3 Feb  
Halifax

Resolution for granting £80 to Thomas Carswell for materials and workmanship for the new Government House. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

3 Feb  
(Halifax)

List of appropriations for the civil establishment.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

3 Feb  
Halifax

Draft of Mr. James' resolution "That the Clerk be directed by the Speaker to inform the Members who have been absent during the Whole of the last and present Session, that if they Neglect to Attend the Services of the House, when next convened, their Seats will be . . . Vacated."

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

3 Feb  
Halifax

Speech of Lt.-Governor on closing session of Assembly. (In Wentworth's hand). Vol. 287, no. 179.

3 Feb  
Halifax

Attendance of Members for Session 3 Dec.—3 Feb. 1808. Blank certificates to be filled in by members in applying for their pay.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

22 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He regrets to announce the death of Benning Wentworth, Secretary and Register of the province and Register of Annapolis, on the 18th instant. On the 19th he appointed his only son, Chas. Mary Wentworth to those offices, making Michael Wallace his deputy for the time being, Wentworth being in Europe. He asks urgently that the appointment be confirmed. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 3.

27 Feb  
High  
Seas

Sir George Prevost to Sec'y of State Castlereagh. The troops under his command have proceeded thus far, Lat. 37.15 Long. 27 W., under very favourable circumstances except that the Harriet transport, which parted company the third night after the convoy sailed from Spithead, is still missing. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 11.

2 Mar  
London

Printed and signed notification from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Governor or Lt.-Governors of the British North American provinces, enclosing an additional instruction to be furnished to persons taking out Letters of Marque from the Vice-Admiralty Court at Halifax. The instruction gives protection to neutral vessels trading in the Mediterranean. Vol. 61, doc. 27.

*Enclosure.*

(2 Mar)  
24 Feb  
London

Printed copy of additional instruction for commanders of men of war and privateers, that neutral vessels trading between the ports of the United Kingdom and any port of Africa, Asia, or within the Mediterranean, are entitled to the same protection as British vessels.

Vol. 61, doc. 28.

3 Mar  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (Michael Wallace) to the Speaker of the House. The Lt.-Governor has received a despatch from the Sec'y of State "communicating His Majesty's pleasure that a Writ may be issued for the Election of a Member to represent the Town of Annapolis in the General

- Assembly of this Province, in the room of Thomas Walker." The writ has been ordered and also one for Sydney County. (As in Vol. 303, no. 97). (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 41.
- 1808  
12 Mar  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to the Attorney-Gen'l. He encloses a letter from Messrs. Millidge and Jones which he is to consider and "report to His Excellency as soon as you conveniently can, what measures ought to be taken with those people who appear to have conducted themselves in so Extraordinary and Unwarrantable a manner." (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 41.
- 14 Mar  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to Thos. Millidge and Josiah Jones, in reply to their reporting the "Unwarrantable and reasonable Expressions made use of towards His Majesty's Government" by John Burrell and James Webber. The Attorney-Gen'l has prepared the enclosed directions for taking the affidavits necessary before any prosecution may be instituted. "If the affidavits are still to be procured as the Attorney General describes, His Excellency is of Opinion the Parties should immediately be taken up and confined, unless they find ample security for their appearance when called upon. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 42.
- 14 Mar  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to F. J. Rudolf, Lunenburg. The Lt.-Governor has appointed him one of the justices of the Court of Common Pleas, and requires that he deliver over the charge of the prothonotary's office to some other properly qualified person, since he cannot hold both offices. (Draft). Vol. 139, pp. 42, 43.
- 24 Mar  
Halifax Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He is in receipt of certain despatches from Lord Hawkesbury written during Castlereagh's absence, to which due obedience shall be paid. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 4.
- 26 Mar  
Halifax Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He encloses the accounts, vouchers etc. for the expenses of the armed schooner Hunter in the service of the Supt. of Trade and Fisheries up to 5th Jan. 1808. She has brought the December mail from England since her last cruise in the Superintendent's service, and is now about to proceed to New Brunswick with money to defray the expense of the embodied militia of that province. She will then return to the use of Mr. Leonard, who will probably have even greater need of her since the American embargo will "probably throw an irresponsible spirit of trade and navigation on the Coasts of these Provinces which may require strong and discreet control." He has drawn on the Treasury on this account and asks that the bill be paid. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 5.
- 26 Mar  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). The three regiments of embodied militia continue to "exert the greatest diligence in acquiring Military discipline, manifesting entire obedience and orderly conduct in the most exemplary manner, and highly to the approbation of Major General Hunter." Part of them has been made into a troop of light horse, who will be valuable in securing and driving cattle, in moving artillery and in the normal function of cavalry. 120 militia artillerists are ready to reinforce the regulars. The militia strength fit for active service instantly is about 1800 men. The relations between them and the regulars are harmonious. He has drawn bills for their subsistence, clothing etc. beyond the April muster, the accounts for which will be transmitted by the next packet. He has succeeded in obtaining a grant from the House of Assembly for great coats and billeting expenses for the militia. So far exchange has been kept at par. He is gratified by Castlereagh's support. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 6.
- 28 Mar  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). The session of the General Assembly was concluded on the 4th February. The



decision of the Crown lawyers as to vacating seats did not arrive until the Assembly had prorogued; meanwhile another case had arisen which he could not accede to until the arrival of the decision. "This, however just and reasonable, was embraced as an opportunity to display great pretension to patriotism in popular speeches, declamations and addresses." The revenue bills passed, after the usual delay. On the advice of the Council writs were issued for elections in the two vacated seats and the Speaker informed thereof. The Council and House differed concerning the appropriating of the grant for bounties to encourage the fisheries, the Council holding out for the method of the previous year of a bounty on the number of quintals exported to the British colonies, the Assembly wishing to revert to that preceding last year, of bounties on the tonnage of vessels engaged in fishing. Consequently no bounty was finally granted. "The mode preferred by the Council is without all doubt most eligible, because with the encouragement and aid to fishing, it also conveys an aid and encouragement to export and secure the supply to the British colonies instead of carrying a large proportion to the United States, from whence it is exported and affords a very interesting supply to foreign and now hostile Colonies. The evil still proceeds, the produce in the United States furnishing the means of payment for East India and foreign European Goods to be smuggled into these Provinces, which is indeed profitable to the Schooner interest contended for but obviously detrimental to every other British interest upon which it bears. These however have such an increased connection that it was agreed by the Assembly to instruct the provincial Agent to address your Lordship praying a direction to the Council to consent to the mode required by the house only—which would further gratify those who seek to subvert the influence and independence of the Council. . . . Upon a steady support of this body, their selection and rank among themselves and in society, will greatly depend the peace, prosperity and proper attachments to Great Britain of this, and all the other Colonies on this Continent. The political influence which has for several years past excited an enthusiasm in the public mind in most countries, under the specious name of amendment of constitutions of Government require only a firm support of the measures and members of Government to prevent the nominal amendments from extending into actual prostration of legitimate authority. This will be found to be peculiarly applicable to Colonial establishments."

There are plenty of provisions in the province, so the American embargo has brought no inconvenience. A large supply is also being prepared for exportation to the Windward Islands. There could have been a surplus of flour and bread, if the Contractor had been supplied by the manufacturing merchants of Halifax. Advantages that would accrue if this were the case. Lawrence Hartshorne, appointed Agent to the Contractor for supplies in the Windward Islands, will need a licence to import salt provisions, which will go with the other provisions from this province. The bad effect of the American embargo on their fisheries may determine many fishermen to remove to Nova Scotia, if they should be allowed to register their vessels and import their household goods. Comments on timber supply. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 7.

1808  
29 Mar  
Halifax Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He encloses copies of letters from President Winslow of New Brunswick and from Major-Gen'l Hunter, stating the need of money to pay for the subsistence of the embodied militia. He has sent £4000 in specie to N. B. to meet this demand, and encloses Mr. Winslow's twelve Bills of Exchange and the receipt therefor. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 8.

- 1808  
31 Mar  
Halifax Copy of letter from the Lt.-Governor (Wentworth) to the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs for Halifax, ordering them, in view of the necessities created by the recent embargo placed by the United States on exports, to admit all naval stores and salted provisions into the province under the same regulations as the articles previously admitted by proclamation. Vol. 139, pp. 43, 44.
- 2 Apr  
Halifax Five slips of paper with bills for Indian expenses, variously dated and undated. Vol. 430, doc. 1483.
- (3 Apr)  
Halifax Receipted account of Hartshorne and Tremain for provisions supplied to various specified families of Indians during the winter. Vol. 430, doc. 1474.
- 8 Apr  
Halifax Sir George Prevost to Sec'y of State Castlereagh. The *Penelope* arrived in Halifax Harbour the previous night, after calling at Bermuda, where they left the 13th Regt, as directed. All the transports have either arrived or are now arriving in the harbour. He has not learned of any change in the American situation, but encloses a pamphlet by Col. Pickering which has had an uncommon circulation. The last reports from Quebec are that Sir James Craig has considerably recovered from his illness. He has heard nothing further of the Harriet transport, reported missing in his letter of 27 Feb. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 12.
- 19 Apr  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to the Clerk of the Assembly. The Lt.-Governor wishes to convene the General Assembly on 19th May, and desires that he notify them by circular letter to each member "informing him, that as the business for which the Legislature is called to meet is Special, His Excellency will expect a punctual attendance, that the public business may be dispatched without delay, and as little inconvenience to the Members as Possible." (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 44.
- 21 Apr  
Bermuda Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, transmitting a copy of a letter received from Mr. Erskine relating to the departure of Mr. Rose from America. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 23.
- (21 Apr)  
27 Feb  
Washington *Enclosure.*  
Copy of letter from D. M. Erskine, British Envoy to the United States, to Admiral Sir John Warren, acquainting him with the state of Anglo-American relations for his own information and that of the Governors of the British West Indies. He thinks that Mr. Rose is not likely to succeed in his mission as special envoy from England to the United States, but that war will not be declared on that account. There is no prospect of a relaxation of the embargo which is now being carried on by the United States. He therefore asks the Admiral to inform the Governors of the West Indies islands of the contents of this letter. Vol. 225, doc. 22.
- 22 Apr  
Bermuda Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, commenting on Anglo-American relations and the departure of Mr. Rose from America. He will be sailing for Halifax in a month's time and will pay his personal respects. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 24.
- 23 Apr  
Halifax Report by G. H. Monk, Supt. of Indian Affairs, on the state of the Indians of the province. Since the province was divided into twelve Indian districts and a correspondent appointed for each in October 1807, he is able now to make an authoritative report. He encloses a copy of the circular letter he dispatched to each of the correspondents. He hears that there is a general expectation among them that the province will shortly be attacked, and that they have been holding meetings. He reports the different attitudes of the various communities. They move about so continually that it is very difficult to estimate their number, but from the sources at his command he states that "the Men and Lads now within the present limits of Nova Scotia, able to use Arms,



are reckoned to be from 350 to 400." He gives the outline of a plan of management of them which could be effected without great expense. Signed. Vol. 430, doc. 145.

1808  
(23 Apr?)  
Halifax

Summaries of the answers of eight correspondents to the question asked them by the Supt. of Indian affairs whether the Indians in their respective districts would be favourable to the government in the event of an American war. Unsigned. Vol. 430, doc. 147.

26 Apr  
Halifax

Sir John Wentworth to Sec'y of State Castlereagh. In receipt of letter notifying him of the appointment of Sir George Prevost to the Lt.-Governorship of Nova Scotia in his place. This information had been previously communicated by Prevost on his arrival on the 7th inst. and immediately obeyed. He is "unable to express" his "humble and deep sense of His Majesty's condescending favor in His Royal consideration and intentions... suggested in such obliging terms in your Lordship's letter as demand my best thanks and encourages me to hope for your Lordship's further goodness to present me penetrated with the highest sensibility and most humbly at his Majesty's feet.

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 9.

27 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke. On arrival he found the Lt.-Governor totally unprepared for him. "In consequence it was only a few days ago I assumed the Civil Administration nor have I as yet taken possession of the Government House—an Edifice out of all proportion to the situation, and the cause of my predecessor's reduced circumstances, notwithstanding the increase his income derived from his situation of Surveyor of Woods." He hopes his salary will be made as much as that of the Lt.-Governor of Lower Canada. Since Mr. Uniacke has withdrawn from the House he has appointed him a member of Council. He asks that Cooke have his mandamus made out, "in conformity to the arrangement made respecting this event, some years ago." The Assembly is to meet on the 19th May to revise and amend the militia law. He has had the province divided into districts to enable the inspecting officers to attend to the training and instruction of the militia. 3000 is about the effective strength of the militia in N. S., 700 in N. B. and 400 between C. B. and P. Edward Islands. "That part of the Militia Forces which I found embodied promises to be of great utility (if properly trained) in the hour of danger." Although Wentworth's financial arrangements with regard to them were expensive, according to Government standards, he cannot see that there was any possible way of lessening them. He has sent a sloop of war with letters to Boston and "a respectable and intelligent Inhabitant of Halifax, first to Boston, then Washington, Norfolk, and New York, with the Instructions contained in no. 1" (Enclosure). He wishes Mr. George to be appointed Secretary, Registrar and Clerk of the Council, but does not want those offices combined with that of Secretary to the Governor of Annapolis, a military post which he wishes Capt. Ligertwood to fill. He will report to Lord Chatham on the state of the defences, of which "Ruin and desolation is the characteristic feature." He encloses the Supt. of Indians' report and wishes to know if Government approves making occasional presents to them. He has not "lost sight of your suggestions respecting the advantages which may be taken of enmities, of factions, of civil dissensions, of private ambition and the jealousy conceived by the States; and... have taken steps to foment those various passions as they arise. "The Floridas are represented as weak and almost defenceless. Might not the possession of them thwart some of Bonapartes political designs? If hostilities with the United States do not take place, the force for such an operation might be drawn from hence." Information regarding the

ownership, situation, and size of Moose Island in Passamaquoddy Bay. "The Americans have a Custom House, and other Establishments there. A considerable Trade is carried on in Fish, which they purchase uncured from our Fishermen and pay for in adulterated Brandy, bad Tea, and other refuse goods; the place being peculiarly well situated for a smuggling Trade."

P.S. Mr. Uniacke had just informed him of an arrangement made for his son to succeed to three of the posts vacated by the death of Benning Wentworth (Sec'y, Registrar and Clerk of Council). "I can only say that, in the event of that Gentleman succeeding to those Offices without adverting to the circumstances I have stated or communicating with me thereon, he will be less objectionable than Mr. Wentworth."

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2 May  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to the Bishop of Nova Scotia, enclosing a copy of the proclamation for a general fast, which the Lt.-Governor has directed to be issued in consequence of the Bishop's letter of 18th April. (Draft). Vol. 58, doc. 13. Vol. 139, p. 45.

4 May  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to Jeffery, Customs Collector. In rec't of letter to the Lt.-Governor and the memorial of the merchants enclosed in it. "In consequence thereof, a Proclamation is directed to be issued and will appear in Friday's Paper, Authorizing the Admission into this Province of various Articles the Produce of North America, not heretofore Enumerated; and also the Exportation thereof to His Majesty's North American Colonies and the West India Islands." (Draft). Vol. 139, pp. 45, 46.

7 May  
Halifax

Copy of letter from Sir George Prevost, Lt.-Governor, to Capt. Chas. E. Leonard, giving him instructions for a journey in the schooner *Hunter* to Saint John, N. B. Vol. 139, p. 47.

9 May  
Halifax

Circular letter from the Provincial Secretary to the sheriffs of the different counties, requiring them to give securities or take out new commissions for their offices. Vol. 139, p. 47.

10 May  
Windsor

Letter from three Justices of the Peace to the Lt.-Governor, enclosing a petition from a prisoner, George Suggate, convicted of horse stealing. They recommend him for pardon. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 17.

*Enclosure.*

(10 May)  
13 Apr  
Windsor

Petition of George Sugat, convicted of horse-stealing, to three magistrates of Hants County, asking for mercy and offering to serve in the Navy and to give evidence that will lead to other convictions for felony. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 16.

14 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh), stating that he has appointed Attorney-Gen'l Uniacke to membership in the Council. "He is a Man of good Estate, and good character, and will I hope be confirmed in his Seat by His Majesty." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 14.

16 May  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to Capt. Douglas. By command of the Lt.-Governor he encloses protective papers of two American seamen impressed on the ship *Latona*, who have been examined and whom the Lt.-Governor wishes to be discharged. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 48.

19 May  
London

Under-sec'y Cooke to Lt.-Governor Sir George Prevost, enclosing a copy of the parliamentary estimate for the province for 1808. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 29.

19 May  
Halifax

Speech of Lt.-Governor Sir George Prevost on opening legislature. Measures that His Majesty has taken to defend province against possible attack; he hopes that legislature will reciprocate by revising militia laws. Although accustomed only to military command, he will seek to perform his civil duties with strict justice and equity. Signed.

Vol. 303, no. 98.



- 1808  
20 May  
Halifax Address of House in answer to Lt.-Governor's speech. Congratu-  
lations on appointment. Assurances of support. Vol. 303, no. 99.
- 21 May  
Halifax Lt.-Governor's answer to Assembly's address. Vol. 303, no. 100.
- 23 May  
Halifax Message from Lt.-Governor Sir George Prevost to the Assembly recom-  
mending to them the measure suggested by the Secretary of State, pro-  
viding for the retirement of the late Lt.-Governor, Sir John Wentworth.  
Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 23 May  
Halifax Message from Prevost recommending that the time for appointing  
commissioners for roads and bridges be extended. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 24 May  
Halifax Draft of report of the committee of the House on the militia laws,  
recommending a committee to wait on the Lt.-Governor and ask him  
to communicate "what executive measures he has in contemplation,  
for the improvement of the Militia, in which he will require the aid of  
the Legislature." Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 25 May  
Halifax Sir John Wentworth to Under-sec'y Cooke. He has drawn Bills of  
Exchange for defraying the expenses incurred by Lt. Gerod, referred  
to in his despatch of 26 Oct. 1807. Lt. Gerod has returned, and a du-  
plicate of his report will be transmitted by Lt.-Gov. Prevost when he  
has completed it. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 10.
- 25 May  
Halifax Draft of Mr. Lawson's motion for a committee to request the Lt.-  
Governor for an account from the Treasurer of the expenditure of £500  
granted for purchasing furniture for the new Government House "to-  
gether with a list of such Articles as have been purchased therewith."  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 26 May  
rec'd  
Halifax List of furniture purchased by the commissioners for the new Govern-  
ment House, amounting to £536. 19. 9 1/2. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 26 May  
Halifax Resolution for granting £500 to Sir John Wentworth for one year.  
Signed.
- 28 May. Not agreed to. See Assembly's reply to Council's message  
regarding this vote, 27 May. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- (26 May)  
Halifax Draft of resolution to accompany grant for one year for Sir John Went-  
worth. First draft: "Resolved that in compliance with his Majesty's  
gracious Recommendation a Sum of Money be granted to Sir John Went-  
worth for one year—Resolved that an humble address be presented to  
his Excellency the Lt. Governor stating that from a dutiful Respect  
to his Majestys royal Recommendation the House have made the fore-  
going Provision for Sir Jno. Wentworth, but in faithfulness to their  
Constituents they desire to decline making a permanent establishment  
until they have taken their Sence on the Subject".
- Second draft the same until the word "Provision", after which "but  
they desire to defer making a more permanent establishment for further  
consideration."  
(See Assembly Journal, p. 11, for final resolution). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- (26 May)  
Halifax Proceedings of House and divisions thereon. Rough draft. Compare  
with Assembly Journals, pp. 10, 11, and 12. A. P., Vol. 14.
- 27 May  
Halifax Reply of the Council to the resolve of the House for granting an allow-  
ance of £500 for one year to Sir John Wentworth. They suggest "that  
unless the Grant should be made by a Bill and during the natural life  
of Sir John Wentworth, it might instead of promoting eventually tend  
to defeat the object recommended by His Majesty." Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

1808 Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He encloses a  
 28 May copy of a letter to the military and naval commanders of the United  
 Halifax States in Passamaquoddy Bay, sent after a body of soldiers and sailors  
 had arrived on that station and committed an act of violence by seizing  
 a boat "after it had touched the shore at Deer Island, an acknowledged  
 possession of His Majesty." He also sends copies of his communications  
 to Gen'l Sir James Craig and Gen'l Hunter on the subject. Points out  
 the discontent likely to arise in the United States from the embargo law  
 augmented by a minute of the Nova Scotia Council allowing "the ad-  
 mission of various articles the produce of the United States into Nova  
 Scotia, and afterwards to be exported to our West India Colonies. . . . The  
 attempts of the preventive Officers to check this intercourse will infal-  
 libly increase the discontent and clamour against the now importation  
 Law." He cannot find a supply of flour or lumber in B. North America  
 sufficient to provide for all the plantations. 15 vessels now sailing with  
 them to the W. Indies. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 15.

28 May Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). The Assembly  
 Halifax has been convened and made most of the alterations in the militia law  
 which he recommended for "the conversion of the Militia Force into a  
 more useful and less expensive part of the resources of this Settlement."  
 He recommends the issue of twenty-eight days of army pay and rations  
 for this year to all belonging to the militia who have trained and instructed  
 for that length of time, an expense considerably less than that incurred  
 by the old law. Permanent pay should be issued to a few drill sergeants  
 who are to instruct about 3500 militia men. "In the event of the approach  
 of Hostilities I shall feel it necessary to augment the land defences. I  
 shall do so with infinite reluctance. Those Works have been allowed  
 to fall into such a state of ruin, as to allow of nothing short of total re-  
 form." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 16.

28 May Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke. Refers to his public letter  
 Halifax of this date for news concerning Moose Island. He encloses letters from  
 secret service agent, from the officers on Moose Island, and several pam-  
 phlets and newspapers. Since there is no provision made for a private  
 secretary he will make the same arrangement for paying Mr. George  
 that is used in Dominica. He has just received word that Bills on Gov-  
 ernment command a premium of nine percent. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 17.

28 May Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He has delivered  
 Halifax the Mandamus placing Major-Gen'l Hunter at the head of the New  
 Brunswick Council. "It became highly expedient that the General  
 should assume the Civil Military command of the Province of New  
 Brunswick without delay as the Militia forces had when assembled  
 disembodied themselves in a very lawless manner previous to the arrival  
 of the Forces sent by me to reinforce it." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 18.

28 May Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). In reply to his  
 Halifax letter enclosing a petition for permission to work a copper mine in the  
 province, he encloses information by the Attorney-Gen'l "by which it  
 appears no such person as Mr. Tunstall ever resided in this Province  
 or were Copper Mines ever before heard of." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 19.

(28 May) Mr. Robie's motion regarding the written paper sent down on the  
 Halifax 27th May regarding the Assembly's vote to Sir John Wentworth. "Re-  
 solved that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Majesty's Coun-  
 cil and humbly to inform their Honours that this House confesses its  
 ignorance of the proper Mode of settling an Annuity upon Sir J Went-  
 worth that the House thanks His Majesty's Council for the Lesson sent



yesterday—And that the House profiting thereby has immediately passed a Bill for the purposes and in the manner ordered by H Majesty, Council."

1808 The above was apparently expunged from the Journal, and the report of the committee substituted. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

(29 May) Draft of answer of the House to message from the Council regarding the vote for an allowance for Sir John Wentworth. "The House of Assembly do not conceive that H.M. Council had any intention, in their message of yesterday to prescribe the mode which the House should adopt for carrying into effect the object recommended to the House of Assembly by his Majesty. If, therefore H.M. Council will not assent to the Resolve now before them but return it not agreed to, it is probable the House will take the Subject into further consideration."

30 May Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to Major-Gen'l Hunter. He encloses a copy of letter from the Lt.-Governor to Mr. Haslock, and a copy of one from Phineas Bond, H.M. Consul at Philadelphia, to the Lt.-Governor. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14. Vol. 139, p. 51.

30 May Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Unde-sec'y Cooke, informing him that "this morning (not without some difficulty) I have obtained from the House of Representatives a vote of a Pension to Sir John Wentworth of £500 per annum during life, in conformity to His Majesty's Instructions..." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 20.

30 May Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). Mr. Halliburton has retired from the Council board, and Prevost recommends the appointment of Chas. Morris to his seat. "He is a man of good estate and good character and being His Majesty's Surveyor General will be of great assistance in Council, in correcting the abuses heretofore practised in the grants of land and carrying into force the additional instructions relating to them." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 21.

30 May Lt.-Governor (Prevost) to the Major-Gen'l (Hunter). An application has been made by an English merchant to load a Swedish brig with lumber and produce at Passamaquoddy and sail for the West Indies. In view of the reported lack of supplies in those islands and the calamitous situation of the inhabitants of Trinidad because of the late fire, he recommends the merchant's request to the General's consideration. (Copy). Vol. 139, pp. 49, 50.

31 May Copy of letter from Lt.-Governor Prevost to Major-Gen'l Hunter. A Trinidad merchant has applied for permission to freight an American ship with lumber, fish and other provisions for Trinidad. Since he cannot hire a British vessel of sufficient burden, Prevost has given him the necessary permission, and recommends that he be given a similar indulgence in New Brunswick, if he should find it necessary to go there.

31 May Receipted account of Hartshorne and Boggs for sundries supplied to the Indians during 1807 and 1808. Vol. 139, pp. 52, 53. Vol. 430, doc. 146.

31 May Draft of resolve for a committee to examine the state of the new Government House and report what repairs are necessary and what materials belonging to the province are still unapplied. A. P., Vol. 14.

1 June Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Governor (Prevost). In receipt of despatches. Since there is nothing new with regard to British relations with the United States, Prevost is to use his judgment and the more recent news to guide his actions. He has ordered the Bills drawn by the late governor on account of the militia to be paid. He does not understand the footing upon which the embodied militia have been placed in N. S. In New Brunswick they are at an advantage compared

- with the regular troops. He wishes Prevost to take the matter into his serious consideration and come to some satisfactory arrangement with Major-Gen'l Hunter. Censure of the N. B. Council's interpretation of the instructions on this matter. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 30.
- 1808  
2 June  
Halifax Report of committee on buying furniture for Govt. House. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 101.
- 2 June  
Halifax Draft of minutes of the Assembly following the report of the committee on the expenditure for the furniture of the state rooms. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 2 June  
Halifax Resolution of the House for appointing a committee to wait on the Lt.-Governor with the report on the expenditure of £500 for furniture for state rooms in the new Government House. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 3 June  
Halifax Answer of Lt.-Governor to committee on expenditure for furnishing Govt. House. (Holograph). Vol. 303, no. 103, doc. 2.
- 3 June  
Halifax Message from Lt.-Governor to Assembly, stating the conditions on which he will order issue of arms. Incomplete. Vol. 303, no. 103, doc. 1.
- 3 June  
Halifax Minutes of the Assembly respecting the hearing of witnesses at the Bar of the House on the subject of the petition of Isaac Hatfield, complaining of an undue election for Annapolis County. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 4 June  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to Capt. Leonard. The Lt.-Governor wishes him to receive Capt. Nicholls on board the armed schooner *Hunter* and transport him to whatever ports in the Bay of Fundy he may require. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 54.
- 4 June  
Halifax Draft of Mr. Haliburton's motion for a committee to wait on the Lt.-Governor and ask for a copy of the royal instructions relating to the granting of lands and the collection of quit rents for the House. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 7 June  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to the Speaker of the Assembly. In reply to the request of the House the Lt.-Governor acquaints him "That the additional Instruction of 29 Aug. 1807 for regulating the future granting of the Waste Lands of the Crown in this Province being by His Majesty's orders made of Public record in this office His Excellency has no objection on the present occasion to their being sent to the House for the perusal of the Members." (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 54.
- 11 June  
Halifax Draft of resolution proposed by Mr. Tonge when an amendment was proposed to the militia bill, "that such Members as are interested in the Decision of the Clause under Consideration of the House be not allowed to debate or vote thereon." Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 14 June  
Halifax Draft of Council's message re the militia regulations proposed to be incorporated in a bill. (The same as the final message, for which see Assembly Journal, p. 26.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 14 June  
Halifax Amendments proposed to the militia bill by the Council. Draft. (See Assembly Journal, pp. 26, 27, where above amendments were received by the House). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 15 June  
Halifax Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, announcing that he has received word from the Post-master Gen'l of the arrival of fifty British seamen in Liverpool from Boston. He takes "the liberty of applying to your Excellency that you may make such arrangement as you may judge proper upon the occasion for their being secured for the Navy." Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 25.
- 15 June  
Halifax Instructions to the committee of conference on the militia bill. (On Tonge's motion).



- 1808 (See Assembly Journal, pp. 28, 29, for instructions being presented to the House). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 15 June  
Halifax Three resolutions of the House for granting sums of money for various services in the province. Signed. Two agreed to, one not. Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 16 June  
Halifax Draft of address of the House to the late Lieutenant-Governor, on presenting him with the act providing for his annuity. (See Assembly Journal, pp. 30, 31, when this was passed by the House). Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.
- 17 June  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh), announcing the arrival of Aaron Burr under the adopted name of Edwards. "After he had made himself known to me, as the Ex Vice-President of the United States, he communicated several projects relating to the Floridas and other Settlements appertaining to Spain. In consequence I deemed it proper to communicate the circumstance of his arrival to Vice Admiral Sir John Warren that we might confer on the best mode of rendering his disposition an useful accessory to the views of His Majesty's Government in this part of the World. His original intention of proceeding to England we have confirmed; as he will there lay before your Lordship his designs and plans, as well as his means of carrying them into execution with the assistance of His Majesty's Ministers." (Private). (Copy). Vol. 58, doc.22.
- 17 June  
Halifax Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, signifying his complete agreement with the Lt.-Governor with regard to admitting American merchandize into Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 26.
- 18 June  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke. (Private). His disappointment at the non-arrival of Lord Castlereagh's private and secret letter of 23rd January, which would have advised him as to his line of conduct in the governorship. He regrets that his information relating to the Floridas was incorrect. "A few days proved it a fabrication of Halifax." He has given an introduction to the Sec'y of State and to Cooke to Aaron Burr, who proceeds to England immediately. He transmits a newspaper and some information sent by Mr. Howe from the United States. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 23.
- 18 June  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh), announcing that he has given his assent to a bill for granting an annuity of £500 per annum to Sir John Wentworth during his natural life. (As in Vol. 139, p. 55). (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 24.
- 19 June  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). Letters have been sent to the naval and military commanders of the United States forces stationed on Moose Island after alterations had been made in them following the Americans taking possession of the island. He encloses a copy of the alteration and copies of the instructions to the bearer of the letters. He encloses also letters from Mr. Howe and Mr. Allen (copies) relative to the American situation. "As the late Proclamation facilitating the intercourse of British Ships between the United States and this Province... will contribute much to conciliate the trading part of the adjacent States; and as it has already greatly increased the supplies wanted in His Majesty's Southern and Northern Colonies, I propose adding to this measure, permission for a limited time, to American Shipping to bring the produce of those States into this Province and recommending a similar measure for New Brunswick and the neighbouring Islands and to carry from thence in return such Articles as could be spared. It would probably very much encrease the supply of Lumber, Flour, Corn and Provisions for the West India Market; and by extending the Commercial intercourse with the Northern States, greatly strengthen and

confirm the growing disposition to a re-union or intimate alliance with Great Britain." To the objection that thereby British shipping would lose its exclusive rights he points out that "admitting the good policy of an absolute prohibition of Foreign Shipping and Foreign Goods in time of Peace when the Commercial interest between the Parent Country and the Colonies is liable to no restraint... yet under the existing circumstances such prohibition cannot, without manifest injury to the Nation, be persisted in. And if the measure proposed should on trial be found more injurious than beneficial, which can hardly happen, it may be relinquished altogether, or be modified, or controled by protecting duties..." The Admiral concurs with him, and he will secure the obedience of the Customs officers. "It may perhaps be better to do this by assurances given to such British Merchants, as may be desirous of engaging in this trade, or by particular License; as a Proclamation, or any public declaration from Government, might excite immediate alarm on the part of the United States, and subject those concerned in the Trade to prosecution and defeat the object aimed at." He is in expectation of instructions from England. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 25.

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20 June  
Halifax

Resolution for granting provision "at the next Sessions of the General Assembly, for defraying the expenses of all such Arms and Accoutrements as shall be furnished from His Majestys Stores by the Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the use of the Militia of the Province." Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

20 June  
Halifax

Sir John Wentworth's answer to the Assembly's address, and acceptance of the provision made for him by them. (Holograph).

Vol. 303, no. 102.

21 June  
Halifax

Six resolutions for granting sums for the various provincial services. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

22 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). In receipt of two despatches, one private and confidential. He wishes to know whether Government wants the ship *Hunter* kept on in its service. He thinks the service would be done more efficiently and at less cost by an armed, fast sailing coppered schooner furnished by contract. "For £1500 per annum a Vessel properly found and appointed might be obtained on calling for Tenders... whilst the present system opens to an expense incalculable and on which I shall not venture to touch until I have your Lordship's commands." The Council refused to concur in the Assembly's vote for a bounty on vessels engaged in the cod fishery, because that method was open to fraud and "far from ensuring a certain and regular supply of fish to our Islands in the West Indies, it was in fact giving a Bounty to His Majesty's subjects to furnish the Americans with an essential staple article of export." Defense of the Council's plan of a bounty on each quintal of fish exported to the W. Indies. Impartiality of the Council. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 26.

23 June  
Halifax

Copy of certificate of the Lt.-Governor (Prevost) that the brig John is carrying a cargo of fish from Halifax to New Providence and is entitled to protection during the voyage.

Below.

23 June  
Halifax

List of men serving on the brig John.

Vol. 111, pp. 1-3.

List showing the members of the House, the number of days when they attended, and the amount of pay due them.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 14.

23 June  
Halifax

Speech of Lt.-Gov. Prevost on closing the session. Signed.

Vol. 303, no. 104.



- 1808 Lt.-Gov. Prevost to J. Hames, Customs Collector at Shelburne. The  
24 June port of Digby has been declared open to neutral vessels by proclamation  
Halifax of this date. Since it is within Hames' district and he has no commissioned  
officer there, he is to send the Surveyor and Searcher of Shelburne to  
Digby, to remain there as long as that port shall remain open.  
(Copy). Vol. 111, p. 4.
- 24 June Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, asking for a copy of his pro-  
Halifax clamation for admitting certain articles from the United States, so that  
he may make his orders conformable with the provisions of the pro-  
clamation. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 27.
- 26 June Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, enclosing two letters from Capt.  
Halifax Shortland at Passamaquoddy. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 28.  
(No enclosures).
- 26 June Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost. He acknowledges receipt of  
Halifax letter. He will order H.M. schooner *Porgey* to carry the usual supplies  
to Sable Island. He will consult the proper officers with respect to the  
importation of naval stores and communicate their conclusions to the  
Lt.-Governor. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 29.
- 27 June Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to Major-Gen'l Hunter. By the Lt.-  
Halifax Governor's command he encloses a copy of the proclamation intended  
to obviate the inconveniences resulting from the American embargo.  
(Draft). Vol. 139, p. 56.
- 28 June Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, stating that he has given direc-  
Halifax tions for Capt. Burton to be conveyed to Sable Island when the *Porgey*  
sails. Signed. (Copy). Vol. 225, doc. 30.
- 29 June Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to Geo. Hulbert Esq. He encloses, for  
Halifax the information of the Admiral, Sir John Borlase Warren, the explanation  
to the Proclamation of the 23rd June. The explanation is now in the  
press and he will send copies of it to be substituted for the proclamation,  
when they are ready. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 57.
- 29 June Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, announcing that the *Porgey*  
Halifax is ready to sail for Sable Island and wishing to know whether she is to  
convey any vessels carrying provisions or to convey the provisions.  
Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 31.
- 4 July Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to Major-Gen'l Hunter, enclosing a printed  
Halifax copy of the militia act, of which the Lt.-Governor has just sent written  
extracts. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 57.
- 4 July Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, enclosing a letter from Capt.  
Halifax Shortland at Passamaquoddy which he considers shows "that the em-  
bargo law will render a work at Campo Bello more necessary every Day."  
(Holograph). (No enclosure.) Vol. 225, doc. 32.
- 6 July Under-sec'y Cooke to the Lt.-Governor (Prevost), enclosing a copy  
London of the Speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament and a copy  
of an Order-in-Council ordering the cessation of hostilities against Spain.  
Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 31.  
*Enclosure.*
- (6 July) Copy of London Gazette, in which is printed the Speech with which  
5 July the Lords Commissioners opened Parliament. Vol. 61, doc. 32.  
London
- 6 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Adjutant-and Quarter-Master-  
Halifax Gen'l of the Militia, notifying them that the Lt.-Governor has ordered  
that they should be allowed forage for two horses (each) until further  
orders. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 5.
- 6 July Prov. Sec'y (M. Wallace) to Andrew Belcher, Lawrence Hartshorne  
Halifax and John Black. He has recommended them as respectable merchants  
to the Lt.-Governor, who is desirous of getting advice as to the amount

- of fees to be asked for licences to trade from Nova Scotia to St. Domingo. (Draft). Vol. 139, p. 59.
- 1808 Lt.-Governor Prevost to R. A. Tucker, Deputy Paymaster-Gen'l. He approves of Mr. Freer's offer and would not alter the form of instructions presented in any particular. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 6.
- 9 July Halifax James Morris to Michael Wallace, reporting on the state of the island. He wishes to leave for a few months, in the hope of regaining his health. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 64.
- 10 July Sable I. Copy of report from Capt. Burton on the subject of Sable Island and his recent visit there. Vol. 424, doc. 65.
- 20 July Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He has written the barrack department for a supply of barrack bedding to be sent out for 5000 men in Halifax, and has been referred to the Sec'y of State. "I have therefore to request that your Lordship will be pleased to give effect to my wishes upon this head, if it has not already been done." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 27.
- 28 July Halifax Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke. He encloses a copy of Howe's latest communication and a New York newspaper. The embargo is expected to continue until Congress meets. "I cannot dissemble that I have received with satisfaction intelligence that my Proclamation admitting neutral Vessels into the Ports of Nova Scotia with Provisions of every description, has been a great annoyance to the *Executive* of the United States, it having produced numerous attempts, and uncommon exertions on the part of the residents on the Sea Coast of the adjacent States, to evade and violate the non-importation Law; and also obliged the President to resort to coercion in a manner unfavorable to his popularity and contrary to his natural disposition." At the request of the Governor of Bermuda 300 barrels of flour are being immediately shipped there. Although he has hopes of instructing a large part of the militia, he finds them very defective, "which I can only ascribe to the jealousy manifested against measures emanating from Government and to tendency of democracy imbibed from our neighbours." He hopes the allowance of forage he has recommended for the Adjutant and Quarter-Master-General of the Militia will be approved. He has received information of the arrival of a French vessel and rumours of proposals respecting Spanish America. "Such a bait will, I think, be irresistible and Jefferson will have a good excuse for following his propensity towards our enemy."
- 30 July Halifax He and the Vice-Admiral and the Major-Gen'l have concurred in the propriety of occupying the islands of Grand Manan and Campo Bello, as counter movements to the Americans occupying Moose Island. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 28.
- 1 Aug Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He encloses the report of Capt. Nicolls, the officer whom he sent to reconnoitre Moose Island and the nearby country, also a copy of the reply made by the commanding officer of the United States force stationed there to the letter on the line of demarcation between the possessions of Great Britain and those of the United States in the Bay of Fundy. "The plaintive lamentations of Mr. Jefferson's adherents on the disaffection of Massachusetts have not been uttered without effect, notwithstanding the irritation caused by the destruction of the commerce of the New England States. His evident partiality and Mr. Maddisons to France through all her changes, their hatred to England, their continued fear of Bonaparte's long sword and at the same time the necessity they are under to dissemble their sentiments in the prosecution of their design calls for such easy dupes as the citizens of the United States." Remarks of the



Governor of Massachusetts to the legislature on the opportunity given to France and England by dissensions among the states such as those upon the embargo law. Protests in the Mass. legislature against the embargo. The proclamation allowing neutral vessels to carry provisions to Nova Scotia ports "has had *all* the effect that could be expected from it." He encloses a copy of the resolution of the House of Assembly to pay for all arms and accoutrements he may issue to the militia. "The abuse which attended the preceding issues was an evil I knew not how otherwise to surmount than by holding over the Province the apprehension of payment, and thereby obtaining a greater attention to the preservation of the Arms as well as some more efficient regulations respecting them." News from Passamaquoddy that a British vessel has been detained and that two armed vessels are to cruise off the coast of the adjacent states to "counteract the disposition that has been manifested by the Bostonians and others to take advantage of our Proclamation." He has recommended forage for the horses of the Adjutant and Quarter Master-Generals, and appointed a new inspecting field officer for Hants, for which he gives his reasons. Particular recommendation of the latter. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 29.

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1 Aug  
Halifax

Same to same. Since, according to the new arrangement, the Bishop will reside in Halifax, the Lt.-Governor thinks it will be "for the advantage of His Majesty's Government in this province, that the Bishop should belong to His Majesty's Council." He therefore recommends that he be made a member, and placed next to the Chief Justice.

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 30.

1 Aug  
Halifax

Same to same. In receipt of despatch, he is glad to find that the provisions of the new militia act anticipate the Secretary's commands respecting the pay of the embodied militia. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 31.

5 Aug  
London

Printed and signed notification of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Governor or Lt.-Governors of the British North American provinces, enclosing an instruction to be furnished to all persons taking out Letters of Marque from the Vice-Admiralty Court at Halifax, enjoining as strict obedience to licences granted under the King's Order-in-Council as those granted under the Sign Manual. Vol. 61, doc. 33.

*Enclosure.*(5 Aug)  
27 July  
London

Copy of additional instruction to commanders of ships of war and privateers to pay as strict obedience to licences issued under an Order-in-Council as those under the Sign Manual. Vol. 61, doc. 34.

6 Aug  
London

Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Governor (Prevost), enclosing a copy of a letter from the secretary to the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations to the Under-sec'y for the Colonies relative to supplies for the Navy. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 35.

*Enclosure.*(8 Aug)  
30 July  
London

Copy of a letter from the Sec'y to the Committee for Trade and Plantations (Cottrell) to the Under-sec'y for War and the Colonies (Cooke). In response to a request from the Council of the island of Bermuda the Lords have decided to allow provisions to be carried in neutral vessels from the United States to Nova Scotia, under certain conditions and for His Majesty's service only. Vol. 61, doc. 36.

22 Aug  
Shelburne

Letter from John Hames to Lt.-Gov. Prevost. He writes of various local matters and concludes with hoping that "your Excellency and staff &c. will get safe to Government House in a few days after a Tour that will never be forgotten by the Inhabitants of this County..." Signed.

Vol. 225, doc. 19.

24 Aug  
Halifax

Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost. He has directed Mr. Leonard concerning the flag he may carry and other matters. He wishes to have

- 1808 Prevost's opinion as to sending a vessel to Quebec for a cargo of provisions for the winter. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 33.
- 24 Aug Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He is in receipt of despatch and an enclosure dealing with the first article of the proposed Treaty of Boundaries between the British and United States governments. He now encloses a copy of a letter from the commanding officer on Moose Island relating to his instructions from the United States government with respect to what should be considered the boundary line of the American territory in Passamaquoddy Bay. Since it obviously emanated from the executive of the United States he makes no comment. The boat lately seized after its arrival off Deer Island was restored. The conciliatory nature of Major-Gen'l Hunter's instructions would lead him "to forbear from any act which could carry the construction of hostility, notwithstanding a contrary conduct being observed by the Forces of the United States." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 32.
- 24 Aug Same to same. In receipt of secret despatch, in accordance with which he is making preparations to have the 7th, 8th and 23rd Regiments ready for foreign service in three weeks' time. There will be no difficulty in transporting them or the 13th Regiment, which is to go to Bermuda. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 33.
- 25 Aug Same to same. The acting Provincial Secretary has transmitted the Journals and the Acts passed in the recent session of the Assembly. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 34.
- 25 Aug Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke, advising him that he had drawn Bills of Exchange for the expenses of secret service amounting to £150 stg. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 35.
- 25 Aug Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke. He encloses a copy of Mr. Howe's last letter from New York, and a few Bostonian pamphlets which reached him on his return from the interior districts of the province. He is following Lord Castlereagh's commands to prepare the troops he brought for foreign service. He asks the Under-sec'y to inform his wife, who, with their children, is now en route to Nova Scotia, whether it is Government's intention that he return to Nova Scotia after the service he is about to embark on is concluded. If he is not to return she will return to England. He fears Brig-Gen'l Nepean's conduct in Cape Breton has not been correct. "You will not allow Lieutenant Colonel Desbarres to assume the command of Nova Scotia, better it should fall during my absence to the Senior Member of Council." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 37.
- 29 Aug Copy of letter from Sir Geo. Prevost (Lt.-Governor) to Capt. Leonard, commander of the armed schooner *Hunter*, directing him to proceed to Quebec, deliver despatches, wait for the answers and any other letters the Governor may wish to send, and return as quickly as possible to Halifax. Vol. 139, pp. 60, 61.
- 1 Sept Letter in French from Abbé Sigogne to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, asking that he grant the petition of certain *habitans* of Argyle for a tract of land of about 700 acres situated behind their houses. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 18.
- 3 Sept Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost), enclosing an extraordinary Gazette giving an account of two victories by the English forces under Wellesley in Portugal. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 37.
- Enclosure.*
- 3 Sept Copy of extraordinary Gazette giving an account of two English military victories over the French in Portugal. Vol. 61, doc. 38.
- 6 Sept Lt.-Governor (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). In accordance with the commands of Castlereagh's secret despatch of 6th July,



- he and the Vice-Admiral have concurred in addressing a letter to Mr. Erskine, of which he encloses a copy. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 37.
- 1808 Lt.-Governor Prevost to the Chief Justice. Mr. C. Uniacke will notify the Governors of the College of the date of their next meeting. The Lt.-Governor intends and hopes to attend. He is inclined to think that Capt. Dimock has behaved with great impropriety, but suspends judgment until the civil suit against him shall be completed. (Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 7, 8.
- 7 Sept Halifax Extract of letter from Castlereagh, stating that he concurs with Council on advising Assembly to grant bounties for fishery. Vol. 303, no. 110.
- 8 Sept London Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh), transmitting a copy of a letter from Capt. Shortland of the *Squirrel* at Campo Bello. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 38.
- 17 Sept Halifax Same to same, giving an account of the allowance for tonnage for the transportation of the troops and other arrangements he has made. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 39.
- 22 Sept Halifax Same to same, transmitting an extract from a letter stating the sentiments entertained in New York on his Proclamation regarding commercial intercourse with Nova Scotia. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 40.
- 22 Sept Halifax Same to same. Since he has had no answer to his questions concerning the arrangements for a government armed vessel, he has drawn Bills of Exchange on the Government Agent, on the account of the service of the Supt. of Trade and Fisheries. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 41.
- 23 Sept Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to (Under-sec'y Cooke?) He encloses a copy of Mr. Howe's last report and two Boston newspapers one of which contains the President's answer to the Boston petition for the removal of the embargo. He has made every possible arrangement for the removal of his troops for foreign service. "You will of course advert to the Civil duties, which will devolve on an able tho' rather unpopular character the Judge of the Admiralty, and as he is a new man in this community I have reason to believe that on his assuming the Chair the Chief Justice will withdraw from the Council for the time. The Chief Justice being the Senior Counsellor his disqualification is unfortunate as he is most deservedly and universally esteemed." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 42.
- 3 Oct Halifax Circular letter from the Provincial Sec'y (S. H. George) to the senior justices of the peace in the different counties and districts of the province. The Lt.-Governor having received reports of the arrival of many foreigners in the province, wishes the laws of the province, particularly that of 1798 respecting the coming of aliens into the province, to be enforced. "If no particular cause of suspicion shall appear to you on examining of any Alien who shall come before you, . . . you will Grant him permission to sojourn on your District or County untill His Excellency's pleasure shall be known, taking care to report Constantly to the Secretary's Office the Name occupation and place of Nativity of such Alien . . . together with your own opinion of the Character of each person." U. S. subjects are to be considered as foreigners. (Copy) Vol. 140, pp. 1-3.
- 6 Oct Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Theophilus Chamberlain, Preston and Edward Mortimer, Pictou. He transmits a description of three deserters from the *Hussar*, and, in the Lt.-Governor's name, requests their best endeavours in searching for them and sending them back to Halifax. The description of the men follows. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 4, 5.
- 8 Oct Halifax Lt.-Governor (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). Previous to his last despatch he has all arrangements made for the troops he brought to Nova Scotia to go on foreign service, and now that the object of the expedition has been revealed he will change nothing. Should no re-

inforcement for Nova Scotia be forthcoming from Sir James Craig, he will leave 400 of the least effective of his troops, which with the six companies of the 101st Regt. coming from New Brunswick, will place it in a better state of defence than when Prevost arrived. He gives details of his military needs for the expedition, and asks for instructions. He hears of no change in the attitude of the executive of the United States, but that the public is becoming daily more desirous of friendly intercourse with Great Britain and consequently less anxious to support the President. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 43.

1808  
11 Oct  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Surveyor-Gen'l of Lands, enclosing papers, on which the Lt.-Governor wants his opinion. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 5.

15 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Prevost to the master of the schooner *Hunter*, ordering him to proceed to Sable Island with supplies, and to return, bringing whatever Mr. Morris may desire, at once. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 6.

15 Oct  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y to Mr. Morris, Supt. of the establishment on Sable Island. By order of the Lt.-Gov. he sends two packages of newspapers, and informs him that the Treasurer has been directed to send six dozen of porter in addition to the winter supply. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 7.

17 Oct  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to John Solomon, Deputy Registrar for Halifax County, requesting that he furnish the Secretary's office with the heads of each grant of land in the books of the Registrar of Deeds. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 8.

19 Oct  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the master of the schooner *Hunter*, asking the reason for the schooner's being detained. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 9.

19 Oct  
Halifax

Papers of Wm. Sabatier concerning the growing of hemp in Nova Scotia.

1. Copy of letter from Sabatier to the Sec'y of State, enclosing a plan for the growing of hemp in the province and commenting on the lack of any plan in previous attempts to grow it.

2. Observations on the culture of hemp in the northern colonies of America. On the means that have hitherto and those which he recommends.

3. Extract from Atcheson's "American Encroachments on British Rights."

4. Observations by Sabatier.

Vol. 225, doc. 15.

22 Oct  
London

Sec'y to the Committee on Trade and Plantations to Under-sec'y Cooke. He quotes the law to show that there was no authority for Prevost's proclamation of 23rd June allowing importation of provisions etc, in neutral ships into Nova Scotian ports. "The Lords of the Committee are however aware that the Embargo laid in the Ports of the United States may have made it difficult if not impossible to ascertain that the Ships importing articles of great Importance, were Ships which belonged to, and had cleared out from American Ports; and that the delay which would have been necessarily occasioned by waiting for the appointment by His Majesty of the Ports into which such Importations should be made would have materially retarded the Benefits to be expected from the Indulgence proposed." They think that Government should direct this trade, and transmit "the Heads of an order which their Lordships think may be proper to submit to the Consideration of His Majesty in Council." (Copy). Vol. 61, doc. 42.

22 Oct  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the master of the schooner *Hunter*, transmitting a letter from the Vice-Admiral. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 10.



- 1808 Petition of Lewis Antonia, on behalf of himself and other Indians, stating their distressed situation and asking for a gift of blankets, clothing etc. Signed with his mark. Vol. 430, doc. 146½.
- 22 Oct Dartmouth Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Vice-Admiral Berkeley. He has transmitted Berkeley's letter to the master of the *Hunter*, and the guns which were lent the *Hunter*, belonging to the store ship, have been ordered to be returned as soon as the ship shall have returned from Sable Island. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 11.
- 25 Oct Halifax Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Postmaster John Howe, directing that the mail for England be not closed until the 27th October, in accordance with the request of the merchants of Halifax. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 12.
- 26 Oct Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He has transmitted to Sir James Craig, who has not sent any reinforcement, the details of his final arrangement and copies of his return and distribution of troops, which he thinks cannot but be satisfactory. He leaves 500 more troops in Halifax than he found there, and also 26 battalions of militia "at present in the height of training and instruction." He encloses a complete return of this force, of whom two-thirds are armed and accoutred. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 44.
- 26 Oct Halifax Same to same. He encloses a statement of the expenses of the armed schooner *Hunter* from the time of her purchase until 17 October 1808. "As the charges attending her are exceedingly great, and much beyond the estimated Allowance" he suggests selling her on her return from her present service. "But as some Vessel will always be wanted for the protection of the Fisheries, the prevention of contraband Trade and other occasional purposes, I would suggest... the propriety of contracting for one on each (such?) conditions as will wholly exonerate the Government from every risk and enable me to ascertain at once, with the greatest precision, the full extent of the sum required for her. In pursuance of this plan I shall immediately advertize for Tenders to this effect"... and he will form a temporary contract until he has further orders from Castlereagh. Meanwhile he must draw Bills for expenses. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 45.
- 27 Oct Halifax Same to same. He encloses a letter of remonstrance from the commander of the *Lord Hobart* packet against the detention of the vessel on her way from New York to Halifax. In view of the hostility of the American government he thinks it would be advisable for the packets to continue to call at Halifax rather than go directly to New York as they usually do in winter. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 46.
- 27 Oct Halifax Same to same. Having found that none of the officers of the Commissariat can go on the forthcoming expedition, he has appointed Charles Stevenson and Cottnam Tonge to be assistants in that branch. He has also ordered twelve or fourteen horses for the service of the artillery when the troops reach their destination. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 47.
- 27 Oct Halifax Same to same, enclosing the report of a board of survey held on the bedding lately arrived from England for the use of the troops. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 48.
- 27 Oct Halifax Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke. Comments on the discord which is likely to arise in the United States when Congress assembles. He relates the circumstances of the brig *Sophia* being forced to pay duty on gin shipped at Rotterdam and detained in the Channel by British force, and the reception of the ship and cargo in Baltimore. He hopes Cooke will induce the Sec'y of State to consider his suggestion respecting the ship *Hunter*. "Sir Rupert George will have the goodness to take up the Bishop of Nova Scotia's Mandamus and send it out, as there

exists some difficulty respecting his precedence in Council, which it will remove." News has just come that the rumour of his expedition is current in the West Indies, which he regrets, and fears that, reaching the United States, it will cause the President to relax the embargo in favour of the W. Indies. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 49.

1808  
31 Oct  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Rev. James Sigogne. By the Lt.-Governor's orders he transmits a return of articles sent to the Commissary at Annapolis for the use of the Indians of that district, to whom Mr. Sigogne is to apply for the articles. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 13, 14.

*Overleaf:* Return of articles of supply.

1 Nov  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Mr. William Schmidt. He acknowledges receipt of petition and letter to the Lt.-Governor, who has it not in his power to grant the prayer of the memorial. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 15.

3 Nov  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Attorney-Gen'l, notifying him of the Lt.-Governor's order for the discharge of John Mittan from gaol. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 16.

3 Nov  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Capt. J. L. DesBarres. He acknowledges, on behalf of the Lt.-Governor, receipt of memorial asking for arms and accoutrements for a troop of Light Horse commanded by DesBarres in Prince Edward Island. The Lt.-Governor cannot comply, having disbanded a similar troop in Nova Scotia because he considered it more expensive than useful. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 17.

3 Nov  
Sable I.

James Morris to Michael Wallace, reporting on conditions on the island. He has decided, despite his poor health, to remain on the island until Spring. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 66.

4 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He encloses a comparative statement of the exports from Nova Scotia to the West Indies during the quarters ending on Lady-day, Midsummer and Michaelmas, 1807 and those for the same period for 1808, showing the beneficial effects arising to the province from the American embargo. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 50.

7 Nov  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Lawrence Hartshorne, Esq. The Lt.-Governor wishes him to know that the Council considers that "the proofs were not sufficient to authorize the recommendation of complying with the Petition of Abraham Peiteyseh otherwise Pritchard." (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 18.

7 Nov  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Commanding Engineer, enclosing a petition upon which he is to report. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 19.

7 Nov  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Andrew Allen Esq. By order of the Lt.-Governor he encloses a statement with regard to the schooner *Trafalgar*, received from the Custom House. He wishes Allen to make inquiries as to the intentions of the master of the schooner on quitting Boston "which may assist His Excellency in elucidating such a nefarious transaction—If it is possible to obtain any evidence at Boston which would tend to implicate any person in this Province, I have to request that it may be forwarded to me." (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 22, 23.

11 Nov  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to John George Pyke, notifying him that the Lt.-Governor will receive his address on Monday next at 1 o'clock, at Government House. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 20.

12 Nov  
Halifax

Observations submitted by the Halifax Committee of Trade to Lt.-Gov. Prevost on the trade with the West Indies. In confirmation of the arguments they pursued in their memorial to Lord Hobart of 23rd March 1804, they point out the advantages that would accrue from the establishment of a free port in each of the British North American provinces. "The Committee would only multiply words, were they to repeat all the arguments contained in their memorial to the Right Honor-



able Lord Hobart. . . . The few years which have intervened, have stamped many of them with the broad Seal of truth, and the Committee, conscious of having then exaggerated nothing, beg leave at this crisis to ask in the very words of their Memorial "if at any time hereafter differences should take place between Great Britain and the American States, from what quarter are the Islands to obtain their supplies should the Americans obtain by treaty a right to trade with the West Indies. These northern colonies will remain in perpetual infancy; and, when-ever called upon in a time of emergency, may make, as they do at present a temporary effort, which will as often cease on the return of the same system." Signed with 7 names. Vol. 225, doc. 20.

1808  
14 Nov  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the clerk to the Commissioners of the Revenue, asking for an account of the state of the revenue for the past year. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 21.

23 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke. He encloses a copy of the message of the President of the United States to Congress. Unless some unforeseen information should arrive in the meantime, the expedition will sail early in December. He has sent the same agent who reported in June and July to return to Washington and provided him with a set of queries respecting the state of the parties there. "It is to be regretted that a few of the numerous Ships on this Station had not been allowed to cruise more to the Southward to intercept some of the French Running Vessels." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 52.

23 Nov  
New  
York

Agent for His Majesty's packets, to Lt.-Gov. Prevost. Having learned from John Howe, whose letter he transmits, of Prevost's desire to receive newspapers, he encloses pamphlets and sends a parcel of newspapers, and promises to send more. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 21.

24 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He transmits a list showing the distribution of the forces in Nova Scotia showing those who are remaining and those leaving for foreign service with him. Details of the arrangements for baggage, women and children of the troops and officers, and for certain offices for the expedition, of which he hopes Castlereagh will approve. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 51.

24 Nov  
Halifax

Sable Island accounts, including lists of articles sent there in June and October 1808 and accounts of sales of articles salvaged on the island. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

24 Nov  
Halifax

Long speech of Lt.-Gov. Prevost on opening legislature. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 108.

24 Nov  
Halifax

Accounts for the Sable Island establishment between 4 Dec 1807 and 24 Dec. 1808. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 67.

24 Nov  
Halifax

Sable Island accounts, including lists of articles sent there in June and October 1808 and accounts of sales of articles salvaged on the island. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

26 Nov  
Halifax

Minutes of proceedings of the House 24-26 Nov. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

26 Nov  
Halifax

Draft of answer of Assembly to Lt.-Governor's speech. Vol. 303, no. 109.

26 Nov  
Halifax

Return and Account of Arms and Accoutrements &c. issued to the Nova Scotia Militia between 30th August and 17th November, 1808. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

27 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). Having taken into consideration the reports of activities in the United States and the rapid advance of the winter he has determined to sail immediately to Barbados. Reports from the United States, as shown by the newspapers he has sent to Mr. Cooke, are "full of proofs of the weakness and instability of the American Constitution and of the incapability of the slender

tie which holds the States together to resist the tumult of War." In case Nova Scotia and New Brunswick should be endangered by an American declaration of war, he will hold the transports in readiness to carry reinforcements at any moment. He has sent the details of the arrangements he has made to Sir James Craig and also the division of ships, leaving three at Halifax and one in the Bay of Fundy.

1808 (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 53.

27 Nov Mr. John Howe to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, reporting on his journey to Wash-  
Wash- ington and what he found there. (Holograph). Vol. 385, doc. 3.

28 Nov Memorial of John Howe and Son presenting for payment their account  
Halifax for printing for the Government of the province since December last, and also an account of Mr. Henry, Government Printer, for comparison. (Recommended by the Lt.-Governor). Signed. *Annexed*: Account. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

29 Nov Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh), transmitting a  
Halifax memorial from the merchants and inhabitants of Halifax interested in the trade to the West Indies. Since it appears "to have in view a continuation of the indulgences granted to the prayer of their previous petition" which he has reason to believe are within their power to perform, he recommends that the prayer of the petition be granted.

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 54.

29 Nov D. M. Erskine, British Ambassador, to Lt.-Gov. Prevost. His opinion  
Wash- on the state of affairs follows, in cipher, of which Mr. Howe has the key.  
ington Signed. Vol. 385, doc. 4.

29 Nov Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh), enclosing a mem-  
Halifax orial from the merchants of Halifax interested in the trade with the West Indies, which he recommends. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 24.

29 Nov Lt.-Gov. Prevost to the Commissioners of the Audit, transmitting  
Halifax his accounts. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 25.

29 Nov Lt.-Gov. Sir George Prevost's message concerning the repairs he has  
Halifax ordered to be made to the new Government House. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

30 Nov Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke. He encloses Mr. Howe's  
Halifax first report from Boston and a letter from the British acting Consul there. He also sends newspapers and a copy of his instructions to Howe. The instructions, in the form of queries, have been sent to all the Consuls in the United States. He intended making a resumé of the replies, which task will now devolve upon Major-Gen'l Hunter. He is awaiting the General's arrival which "has been retarded in consequence of Sir James Craig's interference in a manner marked with peevishness and ill humour, the too common attendants of Age..." but he expects to leave on the 3rd December, whether Hunter arrives before then or not. Since, by the last reports Martinico and Guadaloupe are no longer in a distressed situation, much hard fighting may be expected. He requests that Cooke see to it that no inconvenience arises to Mr. Howe because of the mission he has undertaken "as his duty as Deputy Post Master at Halifax is diligently performed by his Son in his absence."

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 55.

30 Nov Answer to Lt.-Governor to Assembly's address. Signed.  
Halifax Vol. 303, no. 105.

1 Dec Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh), enclosing a mem-  
Halifax orial from Lt.-Col. Taylor of the province, the facts of which he believes to be correct. He thinks "it would be advisable that this piece of land should still continue as an appendage to the Fort at Annapolis to which



- it was originally attached until the late Governor Parr made the improvident Grant alluded to in this Memorial." He asks for specific instructions. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 56.
- 1808  
1 Dec  
Halifax Report of the committee of the House on the account of John Howe & Son, recommending that an extra £100 be granted them for printing 1000 books of Instruction for the militia, and £50 besides for their services occasioned by the extra meeting of the Assembly. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- (2 Dec)  
Halifax Estimate for support of govt. for 1809. (Includes road grants *in extenso* and other new items). Signed. Vol. 303, no. 116.
- 2 Dec  
Halifax Estimate for civil establishment for 1809. (Includes lump sum for road services). Signed. Vol. 303, no. 131.
- 3 Dec  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to S. G. W. Archibald, J. P. of Colchester district, notifying him that the Lt.-Governor has appointed Simon Fraser to be Judge of Probates for Pictou district. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 33.
- 3 Dec  
Halifax Petition of James Carty of Annapolis, asking for reimbursement of sum expended in repairing a causeway over and above sum granted by Government for that purpose. Signed.
- Overleaf.* Oath sworn by Carty to the truth of the above. Certificate, by 29 subscribers, that the work could not have been done well at any less expense. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 3 Dec  
Halifax Petition of Snow Parker, and Joseph Freeman of Liverpool, asking for a drawback of duties on rum and brown sugar exported to Boston. Signed.
- Overleaf.* Certificate (copy) of Boston Customs officers that said rum and sugar were received.
- Enclosed.* Affidavit of Simon Fraser that above merchandise was shipped as stated. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 3 Dec  
Halifax Petition of Wm. Blair of Onslow, asking to be reimbursed £67. 10 expended in building a bridge over the north river, Onslow, in excess of grant for that purpose. Signed. "Dismissed."
- Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 3 Dec  
Halifax Alexander Morrison's account for binding *Militia Rules and Regulations*. Payment voted 24 Dec. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 3 Dec  
Halifax Report of the committee of the House on Chas. Stephenson's account for repairs to the new Government House, stating that a further grant of £161. 15. is necessary to complete the repairs recommended in the last session. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- (5 Dec)  
Halifax Petition of James Gautier (two copies), stating that he has been in the service of the province 23 years, as clerk to different Secretaries, and Clerk of the Council. "That he continued to be a Clerk to the Secretary of the Province, until the appointment of Samuel Hood George Esq. to that Office, at which time your Petitioner was deemed on Account of his Age, which is now Sixty six years, and the infirmities natural to that Period of Life, unfit to discharge any longer the Duties of that Station; And the same infirmities which incapacitated him from performing those Duties have also rendered him unable to continue his attendance on His Majesty's Council as their Clerk. That your Petitioner hath carefully preserved all the Records and Papers committed to his Custody during the time he held the Offices above mentioned, and by his care hath preserved the Records of the Titles of Property from falling into the Confusion liable to be occasioned by the changes of Secretaries and hath delivered over to a Committee of His Majesty's Council every Paper and thing whatsoever belonging to the above mentioned Offices, and in his Custody at the time of his removal therefrom."

That the removal of your Petitioner from the Offices he held, hath left him entirely destitute of the means of procuring the common necessities of Life." Asking for relief. £30 granted, 24 Dec.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

1808  
5 Dec  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh), stating that, in accordance with the report of a board to consider the claims of inspecting Field Officers of the Nova Scotia militia, which report he omitted to enclose in his last despatch, allowances have been issued to these officers for the periods they have been employed to instruct the militia. He hopes that this action will meet with approval.

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 57.

5 Dec  
Halifax

Same to same, transmitting a letter from Mr. Belcher concerning his seat in the Council. "As it appears probable mistake and not design, misplaced his name" Prevost recommends that he be allowed to assume the seat his Mandamus gave him.

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 58.

5 Dec  
Annapolis

Amended return of the sheriff of the County of Annapolis to the writ for electing Phineas Lovett for that county. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

5 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of Isaiah Shaw, asking for the return of duties paid on rum exported by him to Passamaquoddy in the month of July, 1807, amounting to £14. Signed.

*Enclosed.* 3 papers connected with the exporting of the rum. Payment granted, 24 Dec.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

5 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of Edward Robinson, Charles Van Buskirk, John Cox, William Donnet and John Alpt, stating that they were confined to the hospital for six weeks after their regiment of militia was disbanded the previous Spring, and asking for compensation. Signed by Cox.

*Overleaf.* Certificate to the truth of the above statement. Signed. See resolution, 24 Dec.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

5 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of Lt.-Col. Wm. Robertson, stating that a detachment of militia from Digby, Clare, Yarmouth and Annapolis did duty from January till April 1808, "That the said Detachment consisted of two hundred men, many of whom being suddenly called on were indifferently prepared with suitable clothing for the Season, and were obliged to contract debts at Annapolis to place them in a suitable dress to perform the duty required of them."

He asks on behalf of the men that they be granted the bounty voted by the legislature to provide great coats for militia men. Signed.

*Enclosed.* Letter from John Stewart informing Robertson that his men have £1. 14. 0 coming to them for clothing. Signed.

*Overleaf.* Report of House committee, recommending vote to provide for Robertson's men. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

5 Dec  
Halifax

Memorial of Simon Fraser of Pictou, on behalf of himself and several persons of Liverpool, England, who have undertaken to build a salt works at Pictou, upon which they have already expended upwards of £1600. "That in addition to the great sum of money already expended, it will be absolutely necessary before any Service can be derived to your Memorialist and his Partners either to make from the Salt Spring to the Sea Shore, (which is a distance of about Four and an Half Miles,) a Road lined on each Side with Plank, on which the Wheels of the Waggon may run which are to convey the manufactured Salt to the Sea Shore; or to construct and lay Wooden Pipes the same distance, to convey the Brine from the Salt Spring to be manufactured into Salt at the Sea Side; The expence of either the Road, or Pipes, is estimated at Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds Currency," and asking for a grant to pay for such a road. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.



1808  
5 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of John and David Dill, stating that the new road on Ardoise Hill runs through their land, and they have the upkeep of it without its being of any more advantage to them than the old road, and asking for relief. Signed. See rejected resolution, 24 Dec.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

5 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of John Henderson, relating his efforts to build a bridge over Sackville River. After his first effort was washed away he constructed a temporary one, and then petitioned the House for compensation, and further orders as to whether he should proceed with the contract or be released from it. "but a difference of Sentiment Seemingly prevailed between his Majesty's Council and Assembly and prevented your memorialists from proceeding any farther in the business while at the Same time, they had a heavy bill of Expences to withstand". They have continued to keep the temporary bridge in repair. "They therefor pray the House will with its usual Generosity and Goodness take their Case into Consideration and relieve them from their Embarassed Situation, and devise some means of putting the said Bridge in the thorough State of permanance and Safety for the Honour of the House and the benefit of the public"... Signed.

(24 Dec). Resolve of the committee that the contract be renewed and Henderson be paid £300 on its completion. A. P., Vol. 15.

5 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of John H. Flieger, Weigher and Guager for "the collection of Impost and Excise Duties on the importation of Wines, Spirituous Liquors Molasses Sugar and Coffee into the Port of Halifax", stating that although the salaries of the other officers of the revenue have "since a general Reduction thereof took place, been gradually increased to what they at present enjoy" his own has remained at £80 a year. He has been Weigher and Guager for sixteen years. "That having a large Family, and the allowance at present made to your Petitioner being inadequate to their support, and also feeling his Health to decline He Humbly hopes for a favourable Consideration of the Premises, and that such compensation may be made to him as the Importance of his services, in your wisdom shall seem to merit." Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

5 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of Ebenezer Wheaton of Cornwallis, stating that while on duty with the militia he was taken ill and that as a result of the doctor bleeding his arm he has since lost completely the use of the arm, and asking for a yearly sum to help him support himself. Signed.

Certificate of the surgeon of the regiment in which Wheaton was enrolled. That Wheaton was bled by the assistant surgeon "& for all the time he remained in that capacity, either was or pretended to be disabled in his arm in consequence (as he said) of the operation; that last spring or Summer some Months after the Militia were discharged, sd. Wheaton applied to me for assistance & upon examination of his arm there appeared a rigidity proceeding from the place of incision upward which in all probability arose from the pricking of the tendon of the Biceps muscle." Certificate to the truth of the petition, by officers. £10 granted, 24 Dec.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

5 Dec  
New-  
port

Petition of Archibald Smith, asking compensation for injury done to his land through the running of the new road over Ardoise Hill, which crosses his land in three places. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

(5 Dec)  
3 Dec  
Windsor

Petition of Lodowick and James Hunter stating that "Your Honorable House have bin pleased to Lay out a new Road over Said Hill (Ardoise) at the distance of two Hundred Rods North from the old road, and one mile and a half distant from where your Petitioners are Settled towards Windsor and three fourths of a mile distant towards Halifax—

your Petitioners further State that they have no way of coming at the new road but by the old road, as their Land doth not join or come to the new road in any direction nearer than above stated, consequently your Petitioners must be at the heavy expense of keeping up a Road (and one Large Bridge) the distance of one mile and half to git to the County town, and half that distance to git to Halifax, your petitioners therefore beg leave to submit their case to your Honorable House to grant such relief as you in your Wisdom may think just and mete, and your Petitioners as in duty Bound will ever Pray." Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

1808  
7 Dec  
Halifax

Speech of Alexander Croke, administrator in Lt.-Gov. Prevost's absence, on opening legislature. Prospect that differences with the U. S. will subside. If not, regular troops and zeal of militia will protect province. Vol. 303, no. 88.

7 Dec  
Halifax

Memorial of Michael Wallace, asking compensation for his labours as commissioner for building the new Government House.... "your Memorialist devoted his whole time daily, early and late, for more than Eight Years, (when his official hours as Treasurer of the Province did not require his attendance), in Superintending and directing the various duties incident to a Work of such Magnitude in this Country, with that Zeal and fidelity the trust required, which has never been questioned to his knowledge." On the completion of the work he stated his account for a commission of 5% on £21,000, which the Assembly "passed over ad referendum to a Committee." Asking that his claim be considered. Signed. Recommended.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

7 Dec  
Halifax

Memorial of Lt.-Col. John Beckwith, Adjutant-Gen'l of the Militia, detailing his services in the Militia since August 1797, and asking for compensation for past services and allowance for the future, and also the assistance of a clerk and an office "which are now become absolutely necessary, for carrying on the Duty with punctuality and promptitude." Signed. Recommended by the President.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

7 Dec  
Halifax

Memorial of George Wright, master of the Halifax Grammar School, describing the conditions upon which he accepted the position, and stating that up to this year he has received annually the full salaries provided by the law for establishing the school, but "That the said Salaries not being included in the Estimate and Appropriation Act of the present year, cannot, on that account, be paid quarterly in the usual course of the other Provincial Salaries, but must remain unpaid, until all the Services actually provided for in the Appropriation Act are first discharged; and the Salary established for the support of the Public School must depend for payment on the surplusage of the unappropriated Revenue, which will be a great hardship to your Memorialist". Therefore asks that school salaries be borne on the annual estimate. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

8 Dec  
Halifax

Report of the joint committee on the public accounts. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

8 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of Isaac Hatfield and other inhabitants of Annapolis County, asking that the election of Phineas Lovett be set aside. "That your Petitioners verily believe that the said Majority of votes was not fairly Obtained, but that the same was Obtained by Corrupt and Unfair Management, some out of many particular Instances wherof your petitioners have Vouched by Affidavits herewith to be produced.—

"That both before and at the time of the said Election divers Rumours were industriously spread amongst the Electors by the said Phineas Lovett and his Agents tending to Inflame the minds of the Electors and Prejudice them against another Candidate Saml. V. Bayard Esq. as well as



to raise a Groundless Jealousy and Distrust of his Majesty's Government. That by the forementioned means as well as keeping Open Houses of Rendezvous where many of the Electors intermixed with divers Agents of the said Phineas Lovett where heated with large Quantities of strong liquors it has happened that too many of the said electors were deprived of that sober and Considerate state of mind so essential to the fair virtuous and Dignified exercise of that great Constitutional (sic) privilege of election." The poll was held at Sissiboo for only one day and all the electors did not have the opportunity to vote, only thirty out of a hundred and fifty having voted. "Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that as well on account of the unfair Management of one of the Candidates in the said Election as on account of the waste of time and Opportunity to the electors at large, the said Election may be set aside, and that this Honorable House will take such Measures as in its Wisdom shall seem fit, to cause a new election of a Representative for the County of Anapolis to be had in such Manner as will give the Electors at large a full and fair Opportunity of exercising their privilege of Election freely and as by law it ought to be done. Signed with 24 names including that of Thomas Walker, the member whose seat had been declared vacant.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

1808 Draft of address of the House to the President of the province on his  
8 Dec assuming that office. A few unimportant changes were made in the  
Halifax final speech, see Assembly Journal p. 19. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

9 Dec President's answer to House's address. Unsigned. Vol. 303, no. 111.  
Halifax

9 Dec Petition of Robt. Thompson, Health Officer for the port of Shelburne,  
Halifax asking compensation for his services since June 1805. Signed.

*Enclosed.* List of vessels visited and reported by him from foreign  
ports supposed unhealthy, from 13th June 1805 until 13th May 1807.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

8-10 Dec Minutes of the proceedings of the House.  
Halifax

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

(10 Dec Orders, certificates etc. for John Hechman to provide for the enter-  
voted on) tainment of militia men on the march, in Lunenburg. Signed.  
Halifax

Resolution for granting compensation for Hechman. Agreed to by  
the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

10 Dec Resolution that £15 be granted to improve the Prospect—St. Mar-  
Halifax garet's Bay road. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

10 Dec Petition of the Grand Jury of Halifax County praying for a site for  
Halifax their Court House. Signed with 13 names. A. P., Vol. 15.

10 Dec Report of the select committee on roads and bridges. Recommenda-  
Halifax tions for specific votes. Rough copy. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

10 Dec Report of the commissioners appointed to expend the sum of £250  
Halifax granted for providing furniture for the public rooms in the Government  
House. They find that "the Lt. Governor had already imported  
from England furniture suitable for those rooms to a considerable amount  
that he had also purchased some Articles of furniture proper for the  
same rooms from the late Lt. Governor and that several Articles  
were still wanting to complete the furniture of each of the before men-  
tioned rooms the Commissioners, finding the sum of money placed at  
their disposal totally inadequate to pay for the furniture already pro-  
vided proposed on the part of the Province to take on account of the  
Province of the furniture imported from England so much as would  
amount to the sum of £250...but...the Lt. Governor declined  
separating the furniture so provided from England". They therefore  
took an estimate of furniture imported, that purchased from the late

Lieutenant-Governor, and the probable cost of such as will still be wanting "which they submit to your Honour's Consideration that such steps may be taken respecting this business as shall be fit and proper and the Commissioners on consideration of the foregoing Circumstances have expended no part of the Sum granted finding it totally Inadequate to defray the Expence of furnishing those Rooms in a proper and Suitable manner." Signed. Recommended by the President.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

*Enclosed.* List of furniture purchased in 1808 and the property of the province. List of furniture purchased in England. Schedule and estimates referred to in the report.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

1808  
10 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of John Morehouse, asking for special consideration with regard to receiving drawbacks on duties. He was not entitled to the drawback legally allowed because he had not cleared the cargo at the office of any Collector or Comptroller of the Customs. He gives as excuse that "There is no Office of Impost and Excise at New Edinburgh, nor any Officer of the Provincial Revenue nearer that place than Digby which is at the distance of more than twenty miles and Your petitioner could not have traveled to Digby without causing great delay and hazard to his Voyage undertaken to Bermuda which was very urgent." He encloses documents to prove his statements.

*Overleaf.* "Granted."

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

10 Dec  
Halifax

Eighty-eight resolutions of the House of Assembly for granting sums for improving the roads and bridges throughout the province. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

14 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution for referring the petition of the Adjutant-General of the militia to a committee "and that that Committee be directed by the House to call upon the Adjutant Gen'l for an Acct. of the Expences incurred by him in the Exn. of the said Office".

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

(15 Dec?)  
Halifax

Resolution for granting £100 "to defray the expence of unforeseen publick services for the past year" to be placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief. (Not in the Journal for this date).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

15 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of Rufus G. Taylor, Rufus Fairbanks and John Osborn, praying for a drawback of the sunk duty on coffee imported from St. Domingo and exported to Great Britain, under special circumstances. Signed.

*Overleaf.* "Dismissed."

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

16 Dec  
Halifax

Memorial of G. H. Monk and Brenton Halliburton, Assistant Justices in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, stating their need of an augmentation of their salary. The prices of nearly every necessity of life having risen greatly since the salaries were established, the "support of that Independence which is necessary to the administration of Justice" requires that the salaries be made more competent so as "to render the situation an eligible preferment to Gentlemen of professional Abilities. The salaries of the assistant justices in N. B. has been increased by £200." (As in Vol. 287, no. 176). Signed. Recommended by the President.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

17 Dec  
Halifax

Extract from a letter written by Thos. Thomson to Mr. Miller asking him to support the project of completing the road between Chester and Hammond's Plains. (No sign of this in the Legislative Journal.)

Vol. 287, no. 162.

17 Dec  
Halifax

Report of the committee of the House on the accounts for taking returns of livestock in the province.



- List of men employed in taking the returns and the number of days engaged, with the amount due to each man. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 1808 Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Capt. Lawrie, enclosing, by the Lt.-Governor's orders, the petition of William Fagan. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 26.
- 19 Dec Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to J. P. Tinling Esq., requesting that the form of certificate used for the payment of rations of the troops be adopted for the night's lodging money "lately Authorized by an Act of the Province." (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 27.
- Halifax Draft of report of the committee of the House on sums voted for clothing the militia. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 19 Dec The Administrator of N. S. (Dr. Alexander Croke) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). Sir George Prevost having sailed for foreign service, the administration of the provincial government has devolved upon him. Prevost, after waiting for three days for good weather, sailed with the entire expedition on the 6th December, and has no doubt advanced far on his journey. Major-Gen'l Hunter arrived on the 30th November from New Brunswick. The General Assembly has been sitting since the 14th November. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 59.
- Halifax Four reports of the committee on petitions for drawbacks of duties. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 21 Dec Report of the committee of the House on the account of Mr. Minns, recommending that the account be paid. *Annexed.* Mr. Minns' account. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 22 Dec Draft of report of the committee of the House on the petition of J. H. Fleiger, recommending that the House pass an Act for establishing fees for the Gauger and for adding to the allowance for gauging. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- Halifax Minutes of House in committee on private petitions. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 12-23 Dec Administrator (Judge Croke) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). Within twenty-four hours of the sailing of Sir George Prevost's expedition despatches arrived from Sir Jas. Craig for him. He and Gen'l Hunter sent a fast sailing vessel immediately in hopes of overtaking Prevost or delivering the letters immediately after his arrival. No copy of Craig's letter to Prevost was taken but it was almost exactly like that to Hunter, of which a copy is enclosed. His good intentions, now that the administration of the province is in his hands. Comments on the American situation. "Nothing material has occurred in this Province since Sir George's departure. The Legislature is still assembled, and is very dilatory in its proceedings, as is always the case. No great difficulties or dissensions have arisen. The internal political state of the Province may be comprehended in few words: The lower House, is as usual, composed principally of farmers, who have a little leaven of American democracy amongst them. They are consequently as a body, suspicious of Government, jealous of their rights, and strongly retentive of the public purse. Little or nothing whatever of party division prevails amongst them. They are not at all under the control, or influence, of any individuals, either in, or out, of the House; but the Government of the Province has always a considerable power over them, from its means of bestowing little favours and advantages upon the members and their friends." By the increase of shipping caused by the embargo the revenue of the province has increased £3000 in the last year. Croke objects to the Bishop of Nova Scotia superseding him in the Council, as Prevost recommended. Having been appointed by a special Mandamus, he thinks

that should he be superseded "in that rank and situation, I cannot but consider it as derogatory from the high office which I hold as Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty with a jurisdiction extending over all His Majesty's territories on this side the Atlantic."

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(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 60.

23 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution for granting £20 to Archibald Smith in compensation for the injury to his land through the running of the new Ardoise Hill road. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. A. P., Vol. 15.

24 Dec  
Halifax

List of persons entitled to compensation for taking an account and making returns of the live stock in the several counties and districts in the province by order of government in 1808. Certified by the Speaker. Vol. 287, no. 182.

24 Dec  
Halifax

Part of the monthly returns of the embodied militia transmitted to the Speaker of the Assembly by the Adjutant-General.

1. Certificate of Maj. Robertson of the 3rd battalion that 203 officers and men were on duty at Annapolis.

2. Letter of the Adjutant-Gen'l transmitting all the returns except those for the 3rd battalion. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

24 Dec  
Halifax

Five resolutions for granting compensation for services in the province for the present year. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

24 Dec  
Halifax

Four resolutions for granting sums for certain provincial services. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

24 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution for granting sum to pay Wm. Minns' account for extra printing. Signed.

Attached: Minns' account. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

24 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution for granting compensation to Robt. Thompson for his services as health officer for Shelburne. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

24 Dec  
Halifax

Report of committee on the petition of the Adjutant-General of the militia, recommending that £95 be granted him to defray the expenses he detailed. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

27 Dec  
Halifax

Minutes of committee of the whole House on supply.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

27 Dec  
Halifax

Report of the committee of the House on John Hames' account for repairing the lighthouse on McNutt's Island, recommending that he be allowed 5% on the money he expended in the repairing. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

27 Dec  
Halifax

Draft of resolution respecting Mr. Wollenhaupts' account. See Assembly Journal p. 51 the final resolution, which is identical.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

28 Dec  
(High  
Seas)

One of several French letters found on a ship captured by the ships of the Navy en route to France. The signature is illegible.

Vol. 225, doc. 34.

28 Dec  
Halifax

Draft of report of committee to examine the expenditure of monies voted for roads and bridges. 38 pp. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

29 Dec  
Halifax

Report of the committee of the House on the accounts of Michael Wallace, Acting Commissioner for building the new Government House, recommending that he be paid a commission of two and one half percent on the amount originally voted to be expended for the building, £10,500, and not on the sum actually expended. Signed. See Assembly Journal, pp. 59, 60. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

29 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution for granting sum to repair roads and bridges from Fullerton to Nappan Bridge. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.



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30 Dec  
Halifax

Report of the committee on the proposed Cranberry Island lighthouse, that "they are of opinion the sum of £400 will be necessary for that purpose". Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

31 Dec  
Halifax

Petition of William Sabatier and five other merchants, a committee of the inhabitants of Halifax appointed to correspond with His Majesty's Ministers and to watch over and endeavour to promote the general commercial interests of the community. They recommend "that the General Assembly will be pleased to appoint a Person properly qualified to Act as a special Agent for this Province respecting its trade and fisheries and its intercourse with His Majesty's Islands in the West Indies.—and that he may be invested with full power and authority to communicate with His Majesty's Ministers upon those important subjects." Signed. See Assembly Journals, pp. 62, 63. As in Vol. 287, no. 171.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

31 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution for granting £400 for erecting a lighthouse on Cranberry Island. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

31 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution for granting £500 to Michael Wallace in compensation for his services as Acting Commissioner for building the new Government House. (Draft).

(1809 2 Jan.). Resolution for granting £361. 2. 10 to Michael Wallace in full for his account for his services as Acting Commissioner for building the new Government House. (Draft). A. P., Vol. 15.

31 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution for granting sums for improvement and repair of roads and bridges. Three resolutions. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

1808  
Halifax

"Whereas many Members have already left the House and returned home and several others have applied for leave and the distance by water to their Homes make it expedient that such leave should be granted them by reason whereof the House will not be well attended, Therefore resolved that no Question or subject which has been discussed and determined this Sessions shall be again altered or discussed and no new Business shall be introduced this Sessions without the Assent of three fourths of the Members then present."

*Overleaf.* Division on the resolution. Passed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

1808

List of grants of monies appropriated for session of 1808.

Document undated; apparently this is an early list which was revised in final draft of appropriation bill, see Assembly Journals for 1808. Vol. 303, no. 106.

1808  
Halifax

Memorial of Cassel Hians, butcher, to the Lt.-Governor, stating that, as contractor to supply the military and naval forces with fresh beef, he is under great difficulties, due to the great exportation of cattle and fresh beef from the province. He asks that measures to prevent such exportation be taken.

*Overleaf:* Note by Uniacke, Attorney-Gen'l, advising the Governor to consult the Council before reviving a prerogative to stop the exportation of cattle and beef. Vol. 224, doc. 152.

1808  
Halifax

Part of report considered in committee of the House for ways and means. Vol. 287, no. 183.

1808  
Annapolis

Petition of Daniel Toney on behalf of himself and seventeen Indian families who wish to settle permanently. They ask for a grant of land bordering on the seashore of Annapolis County, where they may fish and shoot porpoises and seals. Signed with Toney's mark.

*Overleaf.* Reserved for further investigation. Vol. 430, doc. 148½.

- 1809 Memorial of William Philipps to the President asking compensation  
for his services as health officer for Halifax between 20th July 1804 and  
2 Jan 20th November 1805. Signed. (Recommended by Administrator).  
Halifax *Overleaf*. "Dismissed." Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 2 Jan Resolution for granting several sums to be expended by Michael Wallace  
Halifax in payment of small debts against the new Government House. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 2 Jan Twenty-six resolutions for granting sums for roads, lighthouses and  
Halifax other services throughout the province. Signed. Agreed to by the  
Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 3 Jan Sir George Prevost to Sec'y of State Castlereagh. He arrived in Bar-  
Halifax bados on the 29th ultimo after a passage of 23 days. Since circumstances  
have changed in the islands of Martinique and Guadaloupe since he  
received his orders, the commander of the forces has decided to suspend  
operations, and unless there are further orders Prevost will sail to Ber-  
muda around the middle of January and then to Halifax as soon as the  
weather permits. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 61.
- 3 Jan Abstract of expenditures of the commissioners for the repairs of streets  
Halifax and roads out of the Licence Duty fund. (1804 to Dec 1807). Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 4 Jan Sir George Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke. His arrival. Because  
Halifax of the supplies France has been able to give the French West Indies  
the commander of the British forces has determined not to proceed  
against Martinique and Guadaloupe. Since the climate is unhealthful  
and the need for the troops in other parts of the world continues he will  
remain in Barbados only two weeks more, and then return to Bermuda  
and thence to Nova Scotia, if orders to proceed with the original purpose  
of the expedition are not forthcoming. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 62.
- 5 Jan Two resolutions for granting sums for erecting a lighthouse on Briar  
Halifax Island. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. A. P., Vol. 15.
- 5 Jan Report of the committee to examine the lighthouse on Briar Island  
Halifax and report on whether the contract has been properly filled. They  
approve of the work of the contractor, Isaiah Shaw. Unsigned.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 6 Jan Petition of G. P. Monk, Captain of H. M. ship *Centurion*, Stating  
Halifax that the officers of his ship, which is stationed in the port of Halifax,  
are the only officers on the station who have to pay the provincial duties  
on wines consumed on shipboard, and asking relief. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- (6 Jan) "Resolved that the Sum of two hundred Guineas be granted and  
Halifax placed in the Hands of a joint Committee of the Council and House  
of Assembly the same or such parts thereof as the said Committees  
shall think proper to be remitted to Nathaniel Atcheson Esquire the  
Special Agent of the province to enable him to defray any expenses  
that may be incurred for the Purpose of effecting such Objects as shall  
be deemed necessary and Advantageous to this Province." (Draft).  
Compare with the final resolution, Journal, p. 76.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 6 Jan Two resolutions for appointing and paying for a special agent to deal  
Halifax with trade matters. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 7 Jan Administrator Croke to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). Mr. Howe  
Halifax has arrived from the United States. Sir Robt. Lawrie has sent a schooner  
to Bermuda with the despatches he brought for Prevost and Admiral



Warren. He sends copies of these despatches and of a letter from Mr. Howe giving the substance of his information.

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(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 63.

7 Jan  
Guada-  
loupe

A letter in French to Mme. Saint Leon, Toul, from her son, concerning various family matters. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 38.

9 Jan  
Halifax

Draft of resolution and division on vacating Mr. Bolman's seat for failing to give reasons for not attending the House. The House resolves "That the Speaker be directed to take the Usual Steps for a new Writ for the election of a Member to represent the Town of Lunenburg".

*Overleaf.* Division on resolution: 4 for, 18 against.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

9 Jan  
Halifax

Two drafts of the reply of the House to the objections of the Council to the Bill for imposing an additional duty on liquors (which was to be applied to the debt accrued through supplying arms to the militia). Compare with the final resolutions, Assembly Journal, pp. 79, 80.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

9 Jan  
Halifax

Message from the House to the Council refuting their objections to the imposing of a new duty of fourpence a gallon on rum. (Copy). (Printed *in extenso* in Assembly Journal, pp. 78-80). Vol. 287, no. 177.

10 Jan  
Bar-  
bados

Sir George Prevost to Sec'y of State Castlereagh. He has just received despatches from Sir James Craig, of which he sends copies, which confirm him in his arrangements as reported in his letter of the 3rd inst. For, although he does not "entertain the same apprehensions as the Governor General does for Halifax, in consequence of the disposition of the Eastern States... and the measures of Defence established previous to my departure from thence; still the continuance of the Nova Scotia Armament in inactivity at Barbados whilst such alarms are abroad, might be considered by His Majesty's Government injudicious." He has again asked to be allowed to sail on the 16th instant.

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 64.

11 Jan  
Halifax

Account of Michael Wallace, Acting Commissioner for building the new Government House, originally rendered in October 1807 when the building was completed. Signed. Approved by the Governor, (Wentworth). Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

12 Jan  
Halifax

Resolution for granting £50 for purchasing the British Statutes at large and the Journals of the House of Commons to be placed in the Law Library. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. A. P., Vol. 15.

12 Jan  
Halifax

Three resolutions for granting sums for various provincial services. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

12 Jan  
Halifax

Resolution of the House for granting sums for compensating certain commissioners of roads. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

17 Jan  
Halifax

Copy of paper received from the Council after a conference with the Assembly's committee on the subject of a supply. (The same as the entry on p. 98 of the Journal.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

17 Jan  
Halifax

Reply of the House to the written paper received from the Council giving their reasons for not approving of the appropriation bill. With regard to the bill for imposing an additional duty on liquors, the House states "that the House of Assembly consider themselves to be the constitutional judges as well of the Articles on which a duty may be laid with least inconvenience to their Constituents, as of the amount of that duty, and whether or not it shall be made to operate retrospectively, and that if a difference of sentiment should unfortunately happen in this respect, between His Majestys Council and the House, the opinion

- of the latter, in a money bill, should prevail." (Identical with the final message, Journal p. 99). Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 1809 Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Will Campbell, Esq. He encloses a copy of a letter from Capt. Lawrie, and directs him, as a magistrate, to do his utmost to apprehend the parties and place them in jail. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 28.
- 20 Jan Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to the Administrator of Nova Scotia, transmitting a copy of a letter from Mr. Harrison to Mr. Cooke regarding the suggestion for paying over the monies in the hands of the Registrars of the Vice Admiralty Courts on foreign stations to the Commissaries, for the use of His Majesty's service, and enjoining him to pursue the measures pointed out in the papers enclosed for carrying the wishes of the Lords of the Treasury into effect. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 43.
- Enclosures.*
- (20 Jan) Sec'y to the Lords of the Treasury to Under-sec'y for War and the Colonies. (Copy). He encloses, by their Lordships' command, a copy of the report of the King's Proctor respecting the suggestion of paying over the monies in the hands of the Registrars of the Courts of Vice Admiralty on foreign stations. Their Lordships desire the Sec'y of State to give the directions therein recommended. Vol. 61, doc. 44.
- 14 Jan Copy of report of the King's Proctor (Chas. Bishop) to the Lords of London the Treasury on the suggestion that monies remaining in the hands of the Registrars of the Vice Admiralty courts on foreign stations be paid over to the Commissaries for the King's service. Since these monies belong to the suitors in the Court, it would not be proper to direct generally such monies to be paid over without the suitors' consent. But "as a very large Portion of these Monies is wished to be remitted to this Country, either by the Consent of Parties or under the authority of the Process of the Court of appeals, and as Govt. Bills are considered to be the best mode of Remittance, . . . if the Commissaries were directed to signify to the different Registrars that they had the authority of Government to furnish Bills for the Remittances . . . and if the Governors of the different Colonies were directed to make known the intentions of Government in this respect to the Judges of the Vice Admiralty Courts and . . . all other Persons concerned . . . it is apprehended that the object of Government would be in a great Measure answered." (Another copy: Vol. 225, doc. 49). Vol. 61, doc. 45.
- 20 Jan Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, enclosing a copy of a letter Bermuda from Sir James Craig, which he hopes will not arrive in time to prevent Prevost from carrying out his plan of attack. Signed. (No enclosure). Vol. 225, doc. 35.
- 21 Jan Account of President Croke's refusing the appropriation bill. Vol. 287, no. 154.
- 22 Jan Admiral Warren to Sir Geo. Prevost (Private). He encloses letters Bermuda and discusses their contents, relative to the war, the embargo and the state of affairs in the West Indies. (Holograph). (No enclosures). Vol. 225, doc. 36.
- 23 Jan List of the bills assented to by the President. Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 24 Jan Drafts of four resolutions and the preamble adopted by the House Halifax on the President refusing his assent to the appropriation bill. (See Assembly Journal, pp. 104, 105, for the other resolutions). Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.
- 24 Jan Resolution for a committee to correspond with the Agent of the Province with regard to the resolutions of the House on the President's refusing the appropriation bill. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.



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24 Jan  
Halifax

Resolution of the House "that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Honor the President; to inform His Honor, that the House of Assembly have used their utmost endeavours, during a long Session, to complete the important business of the Province; but observed with regret, His Honor assenting to the several Bills for raising Monies, and dissenting to the application of the same, for the publick purposes expressed in the Act of Appropriation, whereby their intentions are wholly defeated, and the best Interests of the Province neglected; and that the House, have no further business before them." Committee appointed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

25 Jan  
Halifax

Copy of instructions to committee to meet House committee on the subject of supplies to be granted for the government. The Council is ready to concur in any measure the House may propose for removing "the difficulties which are now in the way of concluding the Business of the Sessions—The Committee are therefore instructed to state that the President thinks the appropriations made the present Sessions considerably exceed the appropriations of former years & that the ways and means provided for the payment of such services are inadequate to that purpose & that the appropriations of the present Sessions if carried into effect would involve the Province in a Debt which he does not conceive himself authorized to incur—That the President also disapproves the Principle adopted in the appointment of a Special Agent & cannot agree to the clause in the appropriation Bill granting 200 guineas to certain Commissioners to give effect to such appointment as such Commissioners were unknown to him & that the regular way to make such appointment would have been by a special act of the Legislature". (As in Council Journal of this date). Vol. 287, no. 180.

23-26  
Jan  
Halifax

Proceedings of the House for these dates, following the refusal of the President of the Province to sign the appropriation bill.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

(24 Jan)  
26 Jan  
Halifax

Draft of resolution of Council for appointing Michael Wallace and the Attorney-General to wait on the President "and to request on behalf of the Council that he would be pleased to acquaint them if his dissent to the Bill (Appropriation Bill) was to the principle of the Bill generally or to particular Clauses therein, and if the latter that he would inform them what were the exceptionable Clauses, and the grounds of the exceptions, that if practicable the exceptionable parts might be removed—The Committee are also instructed to assure the president that the Council is disposed to do everything in its power to concur in any measure conducive to His Majestys Service that may be pointed out to them." (As in Legislative Journal for 24 Jan.). Vol. 287, no. 173.

26 Jan  
Halifax

Two lists showing the attendance of the members during the session.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 15.

27 Jan  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Major Bowyer, enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Campbell in answer to one he wrote him at the Major's request. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 29.

27 Jan  
Lunen-  
burg

A note from Mr. Shreve to S. H. George, Provincial Sec'y, asking for a blank licence and bond, which will be paid for when collected from the Sec'y's office. Vol. 225, doc. 50.

28 Jan  
Halifax

Mr. Wilkins to John Howe, directing him to print certain resolutions of House in the Royal Gazette. (Copy). Vol. 303, no. 115.

28 Jan  
Halifax

Copy. Wilkins to J. Howe, requesting him to print 100 copies of certain part of Journal of House, sent him by Mr. Francklin.

Vol. 303, no. 125.

29 Jan  
Bermuda

Private letter from Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost. In receipt of his letter. He discusses the complexion of American affairs, the pro-

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Halifax      babilities in the West Indies and Prevost's expedition there. Personal messages. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 37.  
John Howe to Wilkins. In receipt of letter. He encloses letter from President of Executive Council which prevents his complying with the Assembly's wishes. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 119.  
*Enclosure.*
- 30 Jan  
Halifax      Copy. Alexander Croke to John Howe, giving his opinion that certain papers should not be printed. Vol. 303, no. 118.
- 1 Feb  
Halifax      Copy. Wilkins to Wm. Minns, asking him to insert part of Journal in next edition of his paper. Vol. 303, no. 124.
- 1 Feb  
Halifax      Wm. Minns to Wilkins, stating that he cannot risk Council's displeasure by printing resolutions desired by House. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 120.
- 11 Feb  
Halifax      Administrator Croke to Sec'y of State Castlereagh, apologizing for the length of the accompanying letter. "Unconnected with any men or parties here, and without any personal views, or objects, in this Province but to perform my duty faithfully to His Majesty, I trust that your Lordship will find the representations which I have laid before you, impartial and perfectly disinterested." He refers Castlereagh to Lord William Scott for particulars concerning him. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 65.
- 11 Feb  
Halifax      Administrator Croke to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). Pending the transmission of the Acts and Journals of the legislature, he announces that "in obedience to His Majesty's instructions and for other reasons" he has been "under the necessity of refusing... assent to an appropriation bill, after it had passed the Council and House of Assembly." At a length of 58 pages he states his reasons for this action, discussing political and economic practice in the legislature, pointing out the pitfalls of republicanism into which Nova Scotia is likely to fall, and suggesting remedies. The reactionary tenor of his remarks is brought out quite clearly in the suggested remedies: 1st, to render the whole of the Civil Establishment independent of the Assembly by including in the British Estimate the Salaries of all the Officers of Government; 2nd, to direct the Governor not to assent to the pay of the Assembly members; 3rd "Perhaps, to direct the Governor not to assent to an appropriation bill." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 66.
- 13 Feb  
Halifax      Copy. Wilkins to Bernard. Transmits copy of Journal of Assembly. Peculiar action of Croke, administrator of government, in not passing Appropriation Bill. Assembly wishes Bernard to send Journal and copy of Croke's closing speech to proper offices. (See Bernard to Wilkins, 5 Apr. 1809, for reply.) Vol. 303, no. 121.
- 14 Feb  
London      Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost.) He requests a statement of the exports from the different ports of Nova Scotia to the West Indies for the years 1807 and 1808, with the names of the vessels and their tonnage in which the exports were shipped. Signed. (Circular). Vol. 61, doc. 46.
- 14 Feb  
London      Same to same, enclosing a memorial of W. Milnes, asking for confirmation of a grant of land which he has held by licence of occupation and improved at great expense. The Lt.-Governor is to report fully on the circumstances stated in the memorial and see that no one occupies the land until the case has been determined. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 47.  
*Enclosure.*
- (14 Feb)  
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19 Dec  
London      Copy of James Milne's memorial, asking confirmation of the grant of land promised him on Tony River, Nova Scotia, on which he has expended £10,000 in establishing a lumber establishment during the last five years. Vol. 61, doc. 48.



- 23 Feb  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Col. Archibald of Onslow. Sir Robt. Lawrie has just informed him of the presence of a deserter from the *Tartar* in the neighbourhood of Onslow. Col. Archibald is to do his best to have the man secured, and send word immediately to the Secretary's office. Signed. Vol. 140, p. 30.
- 25 Feb  
Pictou Edward Mortimer to S. H. George, Provincial Sec'y, asking for a dozen marriage licences and bonds, which his friend will pay for when he collects them. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 51.
- 27 Feb  
Halifax Capt. Lawrie to the Administrator, suggesting an arrangement for carrying supplies to the Bermuda squadron by means of the *Hunter*. Signed. (Copy). Vol. 225, doc. 39.
- 3 Mar  
Halifax Administrator Croke to Capt. Lawrie, Senior Officer of the ships on the station. In accordance with his request the Administrator has ordered the *Hunter* to be made over, for one trip, for the use of the Navy, but insurance must be taken out and lodged in the Secretary's office before the ship leaves the harbour. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 31.
- 3 Mar  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Edward Mortimer Esq. In answer to his request, twelve marriage licences have been given to Mr. O. Brien, which he is to return to the Secretary's office as soon as the bonds have been executed. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 32.
- 10 Mar  
London Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost), enclosing a copy of the report by the Crown lawyers on certain points which have arisen by the conquest of the Danish islands in the West Indies and another island, and directing him to communicate this to the Judge of Vice Admiralty. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 49.
- Enclosure.*
- (10 Mar)  
7 Feb  
London Copy of report of the Crown lawyers on certain circumstances raised by the capture of the Danish West Indies and the island of Marigalante, with regard to the booty allowed to be taken by the captors. Vol. 61, doc. 50.
- 14 Mar  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Attorney-and Solicitor-General, transmitting a question from the President-in-Council for their opinions. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 34.
- 17 Mar  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector for Halifax, announcing that the President has extended the provisions of the proclamation regulating the importation of American goods into Nova Scotia to the 20th May, 1809. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 35.
- 18 Mar  
Bermuda Private letter from Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, congratulating him on the capture of Martinique with such light losses. He encloses several letters, and comments on the state of affairs in the United States and Nova Scotia, where he has reason to think that Prevost will be welcomed heartily by the administrator. Personal messages. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 40.
- Enclosure.*
- (18 Mar)  
1 Jan  
Washington Copy of letter from the British Minister to the United States to Rt. Honble. Geo. Canning, giving his opinion on the state of Anglo-American relations as seen from Washington. He considers that the President and party would "seize with avidity any opportunity which might be afforded them of coming to a good understanding with great (sic) Britain, should His Majesty's orders in Council be removed..." Vol. 225, doc. 48.
- 21 Mar  
St. Christopher's Sir George Prevost to Sec'y of State Castlereagh. The arrival of himself and three regiments at St. Christopher's. His plans prior to departing for Halifax. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 67.

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26 Mar  
St.  
Thomas Sir George Prevost to Sec'y of State Castlereagh. Since he has not received the information with regard to the Spanish forces that he expected, he will proceed immediately to Halifax. (Copy).  
Vol. 58, doc. 68.
- 3 Apr  
Halifax Administrator Croke to Sec'y of State Castlereagh. He relates in detail the events which followed his refusal of the appropriation bill. The support of the Council has been given not to himself but to the Assembly in the answers they gave to his applications for confirmation of the power he claimed over the public monies. He encloses the several applications, and also the opinions on them of the Attorney and Solicitor-General, with his own remarks thereon. His opinion of the Crown lawyers. His conception of the Governor's powers and prerogative, of the policy that should be adopted by the Home Government and of the consequences that will otherwise follow. His refusal to call another House is merely in corroboration of his original stand. (Copy).  
Vol. 58, doc. 69.
- 5 Apr  
London Bernard to Wilkins, enclosing letter to Castlereagh and recounting what he has done in following up Assembly's action.  
*Enclosure.* Vol. 303, no. 123.
- (5 Apr)  
3 Apr  
London Copy. Bernard to Castlereagh. Transmits Journal of Assembly and explains Assembly's cause of complaint, as set forth by Wilkins (in no. 121).  
Vol. 303, no. 122.
- 7 Apr  
Bermuda Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, enclosing an extract from a Barbados paper. Signed.  
Vol. 225, doc. 41.  
*Enclosure.*
- (7 Apr)  
21 Mar  
Bermuda Extract from the Barbados *Mercury*, containing news of the departure of the Brest fleet and Lord Gambier's movements with the ships of the British Navy.  
Vol. 225, doc. 42.
- 8 Apr  
Halifax Administrator Croke to Sec'y of State Castlereagh, in receipt of despatches and circular letters, to which he promises due attention will be paid.  
(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 69½.
- 11 Apr  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector for Halifax, transmitting an extract from a letter from the Sec'y of State to the head of the government of Nova Scotia.  
(Copy).  
*Below.* Extract of letter from the Sec'y of State, approving of the comparative statement of exports from Halifax which the Lt.-Governor sent, and asking for similar returns every six months from all the ports in the province.  
Vol. 140, pp. 36, 37.
- 11 Apr  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Registrar of the Court of Vice Admiralty, transmitting a copy of the letter from the Sec'y of State for the Colonies.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 37.  
*Overleaf.*  
Copy of letter from Sec'y of State to Lt.-Governor Prevost, enclosing papers with regard to the Registrars of Vice Admiralty paying over their monies to the Commissaries.  
Vol. 140, p. 38.
- 11 Apr  
Halifax Capt. Pechell to the Administrator, asking for the *Hunter* to be used to carry the March mail, which has just arrived from England, to the Admiral at Bermuda. Signed.  
Vol. 225, doc. 43.
- 12 Apr  
Halifax Administrator Croke to Capt. Pechell, giving over the government schooner to his command for delivering despatches to the Commander-in-Chief.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 39.
- 18 Apr  
Halifax Richard John Uniacke to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, giving his opinion as Attorney-Gen'l with regard to entering a small quantity of cotton wool brought from the United States. He thinks, despite the illegality of its being brought in, that, in the interests of good relations with the



- 1809 United States, it should not be seized and prosecuted by the Customs officials. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 52.
- 18 Apr Surrogate-Gen'l (Chas. Morris) to Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) in explanation of his action in appointing Maj. Fraser to be Judge of Probates for Pictou district while Mr. Archibald was nominally Judge of Probates for Pictou and Colchester. The second appointment was made when it was expected that Pictou would be made a separate district. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 53.
- 19 Apr Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Collector of Customs at Halifax, enclosing the opinion of the Attorney-Gen'l with regard to the importation of cotton wool from the United States into the province. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 40.
- Below.* Letter and opinion of the Attorney-Gen'l on the propriety of importing cotton wool from the United States. It is unlawful, but in the present instance he does not advise prosecuting. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 41, 42.
- 22 Apr Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to S. G. W. Archibald, Judge of Probates for Pictou and Colchester districts. He transmits the explanation of the Surrogate-Gen'l and Mr. Archibald's commission, by the Lt.-Governor's order. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 43.
- Below.* The explanation of the Surrogate-Gen'l, (Chas. Morris), of the appointment of Mr. Fraser to an office already performed by Mr. Archibald. (Original in Vol. 225, doc. 53).
- 22 Apr Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to John Hames Esq. In reply to his memorial asking to be paid the balance of the sum expended in repairing the McNutt Island lighthouse, the Lt.-Governor replies that, as the sum was included in the appropriation bill that did not pass, no warrant can be issued for it at present. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 44-47.
- 24 Apr Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Collector of Customs at Shelburne, asking, on the Lt.-Governor's behalf, for "the most correct accounts that can be made up" of the exports from the ports under his jurisdiction to the West Indies during 1807 and 1808. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 48.
- 24 Apr Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Hon. D. M. Erskine, acknowledging the receipt of despatches. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 49.
- 24 Apr Lt.-Gov. Prevost to P. Bond, Philadelphia, in receipt of despatch containing the provisions of a bill for lifting the embargo. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 50.
- 24 Apr Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Thos. Barclay Esq., acknowledging receipt of letter and enclosures anent the non-intercourse bill. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 51.
- 24 Apr Lt.-Gov. Prevost to T. W. Moore, Agent for His Majesty's packets, acknowledging receipt of letter and enclosures of Nov. 1808, which he had not received previously because of his absence from the province. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 52.
- 3 May Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). His arrival, and the state of the soldiers under his command. His satisfaction that the King has approved of the arrangements he made before leaving for the West Indies for the protection of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He is collecting reports on trade from the outports of the province, which he will send as soon as possible. He now encloses a statement of exports from Halifax for 1805, 6, 7, and 1808. P.S. He encloses statement of exports from Shelburne for 1807-8. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 70.
- 3 May Copy. Mr. Speaker Wilkins to Prevost, notifying him of the death of the member for Falmouth township. Vol. 303, no. 130.

- 1809 Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). With reference to the Administrator's letters of 11th Feby. and 3rd April, he submits the Council's advice "on the subject of the difficulties the President has created from not having kept up that good understanding with it which so materially influences its proceedings when acting as one of the branches of the Legislature" and by refusing the appropriation bill. "As the King's Service as well as the best interests of this Province would suffer materially from the want of an appropriation of the monies in the Treasurer's possession" he has convened the Gen'l Assembly and proposes "leaving untouched the nice and difficult constructions on Colonial Legislation which have arisen out of this measure." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 71.
- 4 May Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Speaker Wilkins, notifying him of issue of a new writ for election of member for Falmouth township. Signed. (As in Vol. 140, p. 53). Vol. 303, no. 126.
- 4 May Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke, describing the confusion and loss to individuals caused by the bills of exchange for the civil establishment having been returned protested by the Crown Agent, and citing the case of the missionary of Shelburne, whose memorial he encloses. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 72.
- 5 May Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). On arriving from foreign service he received his despatch enclosing an Order-in-Council of 26 October 1808 "appointing certain Ports in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to be Ports for the importation from and exportation to the United States of America, of the goods and Commodities mentioned in An Act of the 47th year of His Majesty's Reign." He has had it made as public as possible. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 73.
- 8 May Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Collector of Customs for Shelburne, enclosing proclamations. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 54.
- 8 May Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the sheriff of Halifax County, in answer to his letter requesting military aid in the execution of his duty. The Commander-in-Chief will send such assistance on his specifying the number of men he needs. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 55.
- 12 May Under-sec'y Cooke to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, enclosing the estimate for 1809. (By mistake he has written 1802). Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 55.
- 12 May Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost), enclosing Order-in-Council repealing the embargo laid on vessels belonging to the subjects of the Grand Signior, and requiring that it be made public. Signed. Circular. Vol. 61, doc. 56.
- 15 May Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Custos Rotulorum or chief magistrate of each of the counties and districts of the province. The Lt.-Governor intends issuing a new commission of the peace throughout the province and wants a correct return of all the persons holding commissions of the peace, their ages, ability, and degree of attention to duty, and also a list of persons who might be granted commissions. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 56, 57.
- 15 May Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Lt.-Col. Crane. In reply to his letter of 8th May, the Lieu-Governor states that he will defer the consideration of the object of his letter until he has convened the parties concerned, after 7th June. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 58.
- 16 May Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Lord Wm. FitzRoy, in command of the ships in the harbour, asking that the officer and crew which took the schooner *Hunter* to Bermuda be allowed to remain in her and take supplies to the establishment on Sable Island. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 59, 60.
- 19 May Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke. He transmits copy of Mr. Howe's last report, showing the results of his secret mission. He takes



the opportunity of pointing out "the merit of Mr. Howe who has traversed the United States from North to South, in pursuit of intelligence, and has proved himself an industrious gleaner and a judicious observer. The information I received from Mr. Howe in December, respecting the disposition of the Eastern States, was so satisfactory, that on it I decided on proceeding to the West Indies, I therefore recommend him to the favorable consideration of His Majesty's Ministers." He has replaced Mr. Howe's bill of £200 for expenses with a bill of exchange on Cooke. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 74.

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19 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). In response to the letter with regard to James Milnes' memorial, he now encloses the information required. In consideration of the spirited exertions of Mr. Milnes and the sums of money he has expended on the lumber establishment, Prevost recommends that the grant of 5000 acres be confirmed and that 5000 acres more of the land adjoining be reserved for him for ten years, to be later granted if his improvements continue. He recommends that the applications from Capt. Lawrie and Capt. MacKellar for one thousand acres of land and from Mrs. Moody for the 2000 promised her husband, be allowed.

*Enclosures.* Nos. 51-54 bound in Vol. 61 (Despatches from Whitehall to the Governors of Nova Scotia). Vol. 58, doc. 75.

(19 May)  
Halifax

Opinion of the Attorney-Gen'l as to the proper procedure to be followed by the Governor and Council in the consideration of Mr. Milne's memorial. Vol. 61, doc. 51.

(19 May)  
Halifax

Statement of James Milnes of his activities in making a lumber establishment in the district of Pictou between 1803 and 1805, with an account of the memorials he presented for a grant of 5000 acres of land there, and of his travels through the province in search of timber.

Vol. 61, doc. 52.

(19 May)  
Halifax

1. James Milnes' petition to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, enclosing the proofs of his claims with regard to a grant of 10,000 acres of land, half held by licence of occupation, in the vicinity of Pictou.

2. Affidavit of Milnes, certified by Geo. Deschamps J. P., to the truth of his statements with regard to making an establishment for carrying on a timber trade between Pictou and English ports.

3. Affidavit of T. J. Plucknett, descriptive of the establishment Milnes has begun at Pictou, testifying to the truth of his statements. (Certified as above.) Vol. 61, doc. 53.

(19 May)  
Halifax

Licence of occupation for James Milnes to occupy 5000 acres of land on Tony River, and plan of tract of land. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 54.

19 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He encloses a memorial of the merchants and others in Halifax, whose increased prosperity "will as suddenly decline unless the King's Government interposes in their behalf." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 76.

20 May  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Surveyor-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor requests him to inquire into the particulars of an encroachment said to be made on lands granted to Philip Barnard and certain Indians at St. Margaret's Bay. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 61.

22 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke. He relates his action in drawing bills for the expenses of the armed schooner used by the Supt. of Trade, under the plan he had outlined to the Sec'y of State. Subsequently he found that the Supt. of Trade and Fisheries had unwarrantably drawn on the Crown Agent for the same service, and that the Agent had, equally unwarrantably, honored the Superintendent's bills,

- and afterwards returned the Lt.-Governor's, protested. He trusts for some measure to obviate the embarrassment to which it has given rise. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 77.
- 1809 Lt.-Gov. Prevost to John Hames, Collector of Customs at Shelburne, in reply to his letter *re* six months' leave of absence. He approves of all the nominations for deputies that Mr. Hames has made. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 62, 63.
- 22 May Lt.-Gov. Prevost to John Hames, Collector of Customs at Shelburne, in reply to his letter *re* six months' leave of absence. He approves of all the nominations for deputies that Mr. Hames has made. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 63, 64.
- Halifax
- 24 May Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Collector of Shelburne, in receipt of letter enclosing the comparative statement. It is to be done in duplicate henceforth. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 63, 64.
- Halifax
- 25 May Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Postmaster, expressing the Lt.-Governor's wish that the packet for England be detained until 6 p.m. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 64.
- Halifax
- 26 May Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector at Halifax. The Lt.-Governor in Council has decided to allow the landing of corn and flour from a vessel carrying tobacco, on the owner taking security that the tobacco will be immediately carried out of the province in the same vessel. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 65.
- Halifax
- 31 May Andrew Belcher to the Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George), making tender for supplying the provincial government with an armed vessel, at the rate of £250 stg. per month. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 54.
- Halifax
- 2 June Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Capt. Lloyd, in answer to his application of 1st June. He encloses copy of a letter from the Collector of Impost and Excise, and conveys the Lt.-Governor's decision that "if the Sugar is unquestionably *public* and not *private* property" he will order it to be restored. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 66.
- Halifax
- Below.*  
Copy of letter from the Collector of impost and excise. Vol. 140, pp. 67, 68.
- 6 June Provincial Treasurer's account of state of Treasury. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 114.
- Halifax
- (1809 Address of Lt.-Governor on opening legislature. (As in Vol. 288, doc. 3). Vol. 303, no. 129.
- 7 June)
- Halifax
- 8 June Col. John Burnet to Lt.-Gov. Prevost. He explains the circumstances of the grant he holds in Nova Scotia, on the Tusket River, and the reasons he has not been able to improve it as thoroughly as he intended. His service in the army has prevented him from carrying out the provisions of the grant, and he hopes that, in consideration of the importance to the empire of military service, the Lt.-Governor will stop any prosecution that may have been begun to escheat the land. (Holograph). Vol. 61, doc. 59.
- London
- 8 June Commander Inglefield to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, enclosing: *Doc. 70*: Report of a survey of the revenue schooner *Hunter* signed by the master shipwright and the master attendant of the Careening Yard. *Doc. 71*: Certificate of T. N. Jeffery, Customs Collector, to the fitness of the *Hunter*. Vol. 248, docs. 69-71.
- Halifax
- 8 June Reply of Lt.-Governor Sir George Prevost to Council's address at beginning of session. Signed. Vol. 287, no. 161.
- Halifax
- 8 June Address of the Council in answer to the Lt.-Governor's speech on opening the special session. (Copy). Vol. 288, no. 4.
- Halifax
- 8 June Address of the House to the Lt.-Governor in reply to his speech on opening the special session of the legislature. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 5.
- Halifax
- 8 June Resolution for granting 200 guineas for a sword or piece of plate to be presented to Sir George Prevost "as a Testimony of the High Opinion entertained by the House of His Excellency's Conduct at the Capture



- 1809 of the Island of Martinique from the French." Signed. Agreed to by the Council. (Copy in Vol. 288, no. 1). A. P., Vol. 16.
- 8 June Nine resolutions of the House for grants for extra expenses of the legislature, and various services of the province. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 9 June Address of the House to Sir George Prevost, on presenting him with a testimonial of the Assembly's regard. Signed. (As in Vol. 303, no. 127). Vol. 288, no. 2.
- (9 June) Lt.-Governor's answer to Assembly's address. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 117.
- (10 Jan) Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost). In receipt of despatches reporting on his return from foreign service. "His Majesty approves of the measure you adopted upon your arrival at Halifax of calling an early meeting of the assembly in order to obviate the inconvenience which had arisen from the appropriation act not having been passed, & His Majesty Trusts that the line of conduct it was your intention to pursue will have due effect in reestablishing Harmony & good understanding between the different Branches of the Legislature." Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 57.
- 10 June Same to same. He directs Prevost to allow no proceedings of escheat to be directed against Col. Burnet's grant for nonfulfilment of conditions without a statement of the circumstances of the case being transmitted. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 58.
- 10 June Address of thanks from Sir George Prevost to the House for their address and testimony. Signed. (As in Vol. 303, no. 113). Vol. 288, no. 6.
- (10 June) Address of Lt.-Governor at close of session. Signed. Vol. 303, no. 128.
- 14 June The Lords of the Admiralty to the Governor of the British American provinces, enclosing copy of instructions to the commanders of ships of war and privateers, which he is to furnish to all persons taking out letters of marque from the Vice Admiralty Court at Halifax. (Printed). Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 60.
- Enclosure.*
- (14 June) Instructions to the commanders of ships of war and privateers drawn up by Order-in-Council, with regard to American ships trading with certain ports of Holland. The instructions have been drawn up as a result of the provisional agreement between Great Britain and the United States. Vol. 61, doc. 61.
- 31 May London
- 14 June Petition of Henry Siteman of Ship Harbour, describing how his brother was impressed, and asking that he be released. If his brother, who is also his assistant on board his vessel, should not be released he will not be able to return to his home and it will be a blow to the coasting trade, since no man will be willing to come to Halifax, for fear of being impressed. Certificate by John Lawson to the truth of Siteman's statement. Vol. 225, doc. 57.
- 14 June 1. List of claimants to land in the Philadelphia Grant, the number in each family, the quantity of land claimed, location, and improvements made by each. 2. Report of the commissioners appointed by Lt.-Gov. Wentworth on the claims to that land. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 98.
- 15 June Admiral Warren to (Prevost), notifying him that certain Nova Scotians have been set at liberty by the Captain of the *Squirrel*. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 44.
- 17 June Lt.-Gov. Prevost to....(someone in connection with the Under-sec'y (Cooke) for the Dept. of War and the Colonies). He encloses

- a newspaper containing the particulars of the last session of the General Assembly. . . "a more favorable and expeditious Session has not been witnessed in the Province." "Our measures were conducted without retrospect or reference to the events which had marked Dr. Croke's administration. The prerogative of the King's representative was I hope duly maintained." He desires his correspondent to communicate the result of the extra meeting to Mr. Cooke. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 78.
- 1809  
19 June  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Simeon Perkins and Thos. Cutler, transmitting descriptions of two deserters from the Halifax company of Royal Military Artificers, whom they are to apprehend if possible. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 69.
- 19 June  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Acting Deputy Quarter-Master-Gen'l, transmitting an account so that a warrant may be made out for the amount. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 70.
- 19 June  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to all the sheriffs throughout the province. The Lt.-Governor wishes them to post notices so that all proprietors of marsh and dyke lands etc. may see them, that the commission for appointing commissioners of sewers is to be superseded. Since new commissioners, in addition to the old, are to be appointed for dyking, etc., they are to hold a meeting and recommend persons to the Lt.-Governor for this duty, recommendations to be returned to the Sec'y's office. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 72, 73.
- 21 June  
London Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost). In conformity with the demand of the House of Commons he requests a return of all officers in the colonies and plantations, and sends the form of a letter and return to be sent to each officer of His Majesty's Government employed in the government of Prevost's command, to be returned by 1st Dec. 1809. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 62.
- Enclosures.*
- (21 June)  
London Form of letter to be returned by each officer of His Majesty's Government in the colonies and plantations. Vol. 61, doc. 63.
- (21 June)  
London Form of return to be transmitted, filled in, by each officer of His Majesty's Government in the colonies and plantations. Vol. 61, doc. 64.
- 22 June  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Crofton Uniacke Esq. By command of the Governor he transmits copies of extracts from the Sec'y of State for the Colonies relating to the offices of Auditor-Gen'l of Grants and Receiver-Gen'l of Quit Rents. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 75.
- 23 June  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Admiral Warren, asking protection to prevent "molestation or detention" of the *Hunter*, which he has lately hired as the government schooner. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 76.
- 26 June  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke, informing him that he has drawn a bill on him of £225 to replace the money expended on secret service. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 80.
- 26 June  
Halifax John Liddell & Co. to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, enclosing proof that Thos. Murphy is an inhabitant of the province and asking that he be released from service in the Navy into which he has been lately impressed. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 55.
- 27 June  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). In conformity with instructions the Lt.-Governor offered the armed ship *Hunter* for sale on her return from Sable Island, in which sale she brought £701. 5. Mr. Belcher, who bought her, has offered her service to Government at a price which will mean a saving of £1200 per annum over her previous cost. Since there is need of her to prevent illegal intercourse between Nova Scotians and Americans, he has accepted Belcher's offer. He hopes for some measure from the Home Government that will make



- up the deficiency of funds for the maintenance of the vessel since the beginning of the service, and for an adequate allowance for its future service on the new terms. (Copy). (See Vol. 225, doc. 54 for Belcher's offer). Vol. 58, doc. 79.
- 1809  
27 June  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Commander Inglefield, in answer to his letter of 24th instant. Directions will be given to the Adjutant-Gen'l of the Militia to exempt the Navy pilots from serving in the embodied Militia on their enrolling themselves in the company formed by the people of the dockyard. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 71.
- 28 June  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh), transmitting the Journals and Proceedings of His Majesty's Council in Legislative Assembly, for the last two sessions. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 81.
- 28 June  
Halifax Same to same, enclosing the information from the Receiver-Gen'l of Quit Rents required by Mr. Harrison. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 82.
- 28 June  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Lt.-Col. Smith. The Lt.-Governor wishes the apprentices bound to James Lemmons, of Rawdon, to be exempted as much as possible from militia duty, on account of the age and infirmities of Lemmons. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 77.
- 28 June  
Halifax Proclamation by Vice-Admiral, allowing the master or commander of the revenue schooner *Hunter* to hoist a pennant, and ordering all British commanders not to impress any men or detain the ship except under certain circumstances. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 79, 80.
- 1 July  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Prevost to the Collector of the Customs, asking him to inspect the revenue schooner *Hunter*, which is now ready for service, and report on her fitness. He is to do the same every three months. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 78.
- 6 July  
London Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost), transmitting a copy of a letter from the Lords of the Privy Council relative to the mode of carrying on trade between Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the United States. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 65.
- (6 July)  
16 June  
London *Enclosure.* Stephen Cottrell to Under-sec'y Cooke. The Lords of the Privy Council desire the Sec'y of State to point out the existing state of the laws regulating trade between the British North American provinces. Pending the issue of an Order-in-Council carrying out a late Act of the Commons for allowing trade in neutral vessels, the old laws (restricting the trade to British vessels) are now in force. (Copy). Vol. 61, doc. 66.
- 15 July  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). In receipt of despatch of 25th May, which arrived on 11th June. In conformity thereto he has made arrangements for the transportation of the 101st Regt. to Jamaica, which arrangements he details. He expects the whole regiment to have departed within ten days from the date of writing. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 83.
- 17 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Lt.-Col. Mortimer. The Admiral has promised to comply with his request with regard to releasing two men impressed on one of the ships of the Navy. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 80, 81.
- 17 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Dr. Cochrane of King's College, acquainting him that the Lt.-Governor has ordered bills for the June quarter to be made out for him for his services in the church of Rawdon. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 81.
- 17 July  
Halifax Two of three receipts signed by John Taylor, for sets of exchange compensating him for a piece of land at Annapolis Royal. Vol. 225, doc. 56.
- 19 July  
Halifax General Instructions from the Lt.-Governor to the master of the government schooner, regulating his conduct in that capacity. Ten articles. (Copy). Vol. 111 A, pp. 1, 2.

- 1809 Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to John O'Brien, master of the government revenue schooner, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's orders for him to proceed to Boston, taking Gen'l Hoghton and Capt. Prevost, and to return. (Copy). Vol. 111 A, p. 3.
- 19 July Halifax
- 22 July Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He transmits the memorial of the merchants of Halifax asking that fish be added to the prohibited articles of foreign import into the West Indies, and that other restrictions be placed on foreign trade with the West Indies. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 84.
- 22 July Halifax
- 22 July Same to same. In reply to his letter relating to Col. Burnet's land, he states that, Col. Burnet having had a clear original title to the land, and having settled some families on it, has an unquestionable right to it. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 85.
- 22 July Halifax
- 22 July Same to same. He encloses letters and a memorial from Ann, daughter of Frederick William Hecht, late Commissary of Musters at Annapolis. He considers the widow and daughter of Mr. Hecht worthy of some provision from Government. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 86.
- 22 July Halifax
- 22 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Hector McLean, Esq. Since certain lands are in process of escheat before being regranted to him, he is to warn persons from cutting timber or trespassing on the land. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 82.
- 24 July Halifax
- 24 July Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh), notifying him that the Provincial Sec'y has transmitted to him the Journals and Acts of the last two sessions of the General Assembly. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 87.
- 24 July Halifax
- 24 July Same to same. He suggests that many advantages to the province and a material increase of the revenue might result if private individuals were allowed to work the mines of the province, under conditions imposed by Government. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 88.
- 29 July Halifax
- 29 July Memorial of Robert Pagan and Michael Wallace, on behalf of the heirs of John Pagan, stating their original claim to lands in the Philadelphia Grant through John Pagan and by purchase, their attempts to improve the land and what it cost them. Following the escheat of the Philadelphia Grant Robert Pagan received only 3000 acres of land, and the other heirs nothing. They ask for some compensation of their efforts. Signed.
- Annexed. Surveyor-Gen'l Morris' report on the petition, recommending that 2500 acres be granted to all the heirs but Robt., who should be given 5000. (See documents 146-150 for later developments.) Vol. 226, doc. 147.
- 29 July Sable I.
- 29 July Edward Hodgson to Michael Wallace (apparently), reporting that a brig from Newfoundland has been stranded on the island. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 69.
- 31 July Halifax
- 31 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the magistrates of Colchester district, notifying them that the Lt.-Governor has extended the time for rebuilding the bridge over Salmon River at Truro till the 1st November. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 83.
- 3 Aug Pictou
- 3 Aug Dr. Thomas McCulloch to Lt.-Gov. Prevost. He encloses his application to four magistrates of Pictou for a testimonial of his character, their reply, and a copy of a publication of his, all of which show the complexion of his political convictions. He makes this representation because of the malicious attacks of certain persons against his character and loyalty. "It originates merely in a wish to secure a reputation which I have done nothing to forfeit; and to share in that approbation,



which your Excellency indiscriminately bestows upon every quiet member of society whom you have occasion to observe." (Holograph).

1809 *Enclosures.* Vol. 225, doc. 60.

(3 Aug)  
22 July  
Pictou Letter of Dr. Thomas McCulloch to the magistrates of Pictou, asking for a statement of character, and explaining why he has been obliged to make the request. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 58.

(3 Aug)  
24 July  
Pictou Reply of the magistrates of Pictou, Hugh Denoon, John Hanson, Ed. Mortimer and Robt. Lowden, to Dr. McCulloch's letter. They give him a reputation for complete loyalty and are greatly "surprised, that any person in this Parish, should attempt to charge you with Disloyalty to our Sovereign, or even with disaffection, respecting particular measures of Government." Further testimonials. Signed.

Vol. 225, doc. 59.

4 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to J. N. Shannon Jr., notifying him that the Lt.-Governor has extended the time for erecting the bridge over OEconomy river. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 84.

4 Aug  
Halifax Report of the Council on the petition and claims of the heirs of John Pagan to lands in the Philadelphia Grant, reviewing the conditions of the case, but coming to no unanimous decision as to compensation. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 148.

7 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to H. Gesner, Cornwallis. The Lt.-Governor cannot grant him an extension of time for repairing the road he is making, but he approves of the repairs being made by days' work. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 85.

8 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Edward Hodgson, in charge of Sable Island. He encloses the invoices and bill of lading of articles shipped there, and transmits the Lt.-Governor's orders that he send the articles salvaged from the Prince Edward brig by the vessel that carried the supplies. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 86, 87.

8 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to W. Martin Molloy, transmitting, through the Lt.-Governor's orders in answer to Molloy's letter, information about John Molloy, his property and his widow. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 88, 89.

10 Aug  
Halifax Instructions to the commander of the hired government schooner to proceed to the Bay of Fundy, etc. (Copy). Vol. 111 A, pp. 4, 5.

10 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to W. H. Shey, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's directions with regard to certain repairs to be made out of the casualty grant. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 90.

10 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to W. H. O. Haliburton, in answer to the petition of the settlers of the shore district of Man of War's Land. The Lt.-Governor has determined to make an appropriation from the casualty grant to complete the Cockmagun bridge. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 91.

10 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to George Leonard, Supt. of Fisheries. The schooner has been sent to New Brunswick and on arrival will be placed under Leonard's orders as Supt. of Trade and Fisheries. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 92.

14 Aug  
London Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost), enclosing an extraordinary Gazette containing the report of the British victory over the French forces near Madrid, which has been accomplished only by the loss of many officers and men. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 68.

16 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Capt. Mackellar, notifying him that the Lt.-Governor has ordered £15 to be paid him out of the grants for roads for repairing the road leading by Prior's farm to the ferry to Melville Island. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 93.

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16 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collectors at Halifax and Shelburne, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's proclamations with regard to the trade with the West Indies, which are to be made as public as possible. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 94.
- 16 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to W. R. Boylston Esq. The Lt.-Governor regrets that he is unable to comply with the request expressed in his memorial. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 95.
- 16 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Postmaster, reporting the Lt.-Governor's request that the packet be detained until the after noon, so that it may carry important despatches to the British Ministers and Consuls in the United States. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 96.
- 17 Aug  
Halifax Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost. He acknowledges receipt of Prevost's letter enclosing one of the proclamations regulating the intercourse between Nova Scotia and the United States. He has issued general orders to the ships under his command in conformity thereto and encloses a copy. He desires forty copies of the proclamation to be sent to the commanders of the various ships. Signed.  
*Enclosure.* Vol. 225, doc. 45.
- 17 Aug  
Halifax Copy of general orders issued to the naval ships on the North American Station by the Admiral, Sir John Borlase Warren, enjoining officers to respect and aid the execution of Sir. Geo. Prevost's proclamation regulating the trade between Nova Scotia and the United States. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 46.
- 19 Aug  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He requests to know the King's pleasure with regard to the late Administrator's claim to half his pay. "Mr. Croke...not satisfied with having received the whole of the Fees arising as an emolument to the Governor during the time I was absent, now expects the half of my Salary...if he succeeds in his claim the only recompense my services at Martinico, will have met with, will be a diminution of an income already inadequate to the due maintenance of my appointment." "Mr. Croke has since my return from the expedition against Martinico evinced a total disregard for his duty as a Member of His Majesty's Council, by absenting himself from every meeting that has taken place for the furtherance of His Majesty's Service since I declined pursuing the line of conduct he recommended in respect to the misunderstanding which had arisen between him (whilst administering the Government) and the other branches of the Legislature." He awaits the King's orders before reproving Croke. Procedure when he was Governor of Dominica did not deprive him of either salary or fees. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 90.
- 19 Aug  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke. He has referred Dr. Croke's claim for one-half the Lt.-Governor's salary to the Sec'y of State... "considering that there is nothing more unbecoming than that His Majesty's Representative in a Colony should permit pecuniary objects of a personal nature to form a ground of difference or of altercation. If my sentiments on this subject, together with my observations on the impropriety of Mr. Croke's conduct, as a Member of the Council meet with your concurrence, I request the accompanying letter may be laid before Lord Castlereagh, and at the same time I would humbly suggest the propriety of removing the inhibition to the Chief Justice succeeding to the administration of the Government in the absence of the Lt. Governors particularly if the King's Government contemplates another temporary employment of my exertions...or else to affix to the Judge of the Admiralty's situation the same prohibition as it equally deserves it." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 89.



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- 22 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Surveyor-Gen'l, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's request that he give Capt. Skinner authority to cultivate the island of "Cariboo". (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 97.
- 22 Aug  
Frederic-  
ton Maj-Gen'l Hunter to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, acknowledging receipt of his letter of 12th Aug. He heard from Lord Castlereagh with respect to commercial relations with the United States by the same post. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 61.
- 24 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Agent of the officers and company of the sloop *Bonne Citoyenne*, transmitting the report of the Commissioners of the Revenue to his memorial. (Copy).  
*Below.* Copy of report of Commissioners of the Revenue. Vol. 140, pp. 98, 99.
- 24 Aug  
Sable I. Edward Hodgson to (Michael Wallace), reporting, in Supt. Morris' absence, on the state of the island. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 70.
- 25 Aug  
St. John  
N. B. George Leonard, Supt. of Trade and Fisheries to S. H. George, Prov. Sec'y. He acknowledges receipt of letter of 10th inst, to which every attention will be paid. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 66.
- 28 Aug  
Halifax Extract of a minute of Council ordering the Surveyor-Gen'l to lay out land for all the people actually settled on the Philadelphia Grant, in certain proportions. Vol. 225, doc. 62.
- 29 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to L. M. Wilkins Esq. In reply to his letter, the Lt.-Governor cannot accede to his application for a special trial for certain persons on a charge of capital felony, but recommends that he apply to the Chief Justice for them to be released on bail. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 100.
- 30 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Dr. Bolman, reassuring him as to the land which he holds by licence and settlement. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 101.
- 30 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Mr. Vaughan, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's directions for continuing work on the roads until the first of October under special conditions. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 102.
- 30 Aug  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Messrs. Thomson and Crandel, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's directions to continue working on the Chester-St. Margaret's Bay Road until the 1st October under certain conditions. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 103.
- 30 Aug  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Lt. Col. Uniacke, stating that he will direct a commission to be issued to Lt. Carey, since he has recommended him so highly. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 104.
- 31 Aug  
Halifax Warrant to the Surveyor-Gen'l to lay out to Wm. McKay and others 2300 acres, in all, at St. Mary's. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 64.
- (Aug?)  
Halifax Unsigned list of duties imposed on foreign fish imported into the United States of American in foreign vessels. Vol. 225, doc. 65.
- 1 Sept  
Halifax Surveyor-General's description of lots surveyed as a result of the Lt.-Governor's warrant of 31 Aug. for grants for the settlers on the Philadelphia Grant. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 63.
- 4 Sept  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Lt. Col. Crane, Horton. In reply to the representation of the Horton magistrates, the Lt.-Governor has appointed Arannah Rathbun to expend £12. 10. in repairing the bridges specified. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 105.
- 7 Sept  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Messrs. Robt. Letson & Son, Sadlers and Harness Makers. The Lt.-Governor can assume no liability for the debt which was the subject of their memorial. He suggests that they apply to Sir John Wentworth that he include their demand in his unsettled accounts. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 106.

- 1809 Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Joshua Newton. The Lt.-Governor has forwarded his memorial to the Commissioners of the Customs with his recommendation. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 107.
- 7 Sept Halifax Sec'y of State (Castlereagh) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost), enumerating the Acts passed in 1807, to which the Privy Council find no objection. (Signed). Vol. 61, doc. 67.
- 8 Sept London Letter from Chas. Inglis, Bishop of Nova Scotia, to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, in reply to his letter. In compliance with the commands of the King, he has filled the schedule stating the tenure, duties and emoluments of his office, and encloses it. (Holograph). Vol. 433, doc. 14.
- 11 Sept Clermont Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Comptroller of the Customs, asking for a return similar to that sent in by the Collector. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 110.
- 14 Sept Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Collector of License duties, asking for a report on the duty collected out of the bounds of Halifax. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 111.
- 14 Sept Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Mr. John Brown, Contractor for lighting the Sambro Light House, referring to him the petition of the keeper of the lighthouse, Mathew Pennell. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 112.
- 16 Sept St. John N. B. George Leonard, Supt. of Trade and Fisheries, to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, reporting on the Bay of Passamaquoddy, particularly the lessening of contraband trade in European and East Indian articles between the subjects of the United States and the British inhabitants of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia since the American restrictions came into force. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 68.
- 25 Sept Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Postmaster, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's directions that the packet be detained until the 29th. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 114.
- 29 Sept Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the master of the *Windsor Castle* packet, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's request that he take a distressed British subject on board the vessel and allow him to draw the King's subsistence allowance. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 113.
- (Sept?) Halifax List of petitions for land with the quantities as voted by the Council and recommended to the Lt.-Governor. 102 names. Vol. 225, doc. 67.
- 2 Oct Halifax Instructions to the commander of the hired government vessel to take Capt. Nicolls to Sydney, Cape Breton. (Copy). Vol. 111 A, pp. 6, 7.
- 4 Oct Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the commander of the government schooner, directing him to take five men with him to Cape Breton and to bring back the five they are replacing. (Copy). Vol. 111 A, p. 8.
- 4 Oct Country Harbour Letter from James Morris to Michael Wallace. He is about to embark for Sable Island. Comments on conditions there. (Holograph). *Annexed*. 1. Rough sketch-map of Sable Is. 2. List of articles bought by Morris in Halifax. Vol. 425, doc. 1.
- 12 Oct Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh), in receipt of commands for sending all troop ships not employed in transporting the 101st Regt. to England. He communicated the command to the Senior Agent of Transports. "The cause which the Vice Admiral proposes assigning to the first Lord of the Admiralty for the detention of several of the Troop Ships on the present occasion, will I hope when submitted to Your Lordship prove satisfactory." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 92.
- 14 Oct Halifax Same to same. In obedience to the King's command he transmits an abstract of the returns of the officers within the province and the original returns from the officers in the civil government. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 91.



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23 Oct  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Lt. Col. McMonagle, acknowledging receipt of the memorial of the Hants County freeholders, which has been referred to the Speaker, to be read in the House of Assembly.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 115.

29 Oct  
Sable I.

Edward Hodgson to Michael Wallace, announcing the arrival of Mr. Morris, Supt. of the island and his death, almost immediately after he arrived. He will carry on the establishment until Spring to the best of his ability. (Holograph—almost illegible in places). Vol. 424, doc. 71.

1 Nov  
London

Lord Liverpool to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, announcing that he has succeeded Viscount Castlereagh as Secretary of State for the Colonial and War Departments. Signed.

Vol. 61, doc. 69.

1 Nov  
Onslow

The petition of the proprietors of Onslow to the Lt.-Governor, announcing that they have appointed trustees to look after the school lands of the township, and asking him to issue their commissions. Signed.

Vol. 225, doc. 70.

2 Nov  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Wm. Sabatier, transmitting an extract of a letter from the Vice-Admiral to the Lt.-Governor. (Copy).

Extract of letter from the Vice-Admiral, citing the order he has issued with regard to impressment.

Vol. 140, pp. 119, 120.

9 Nov  
Halifax

Petition of Jame Gautier to the Council, recounting his services as Clerk of the Council and of the Prov. Sec'y, and asking for some provision for his old age. Signed.

Vol. 225, doc. 73.

9 Nov  
Halifax

Speech of the Lt.-Governor on opening the legislative session. Signed. (As in Vol. 303, no. 112).

Vol. 288, no. 8.

9 Nov  
Halifax

Estimate for civil establishment for 1810. (Includes £1000 for materials for Province Building). Signed.

Vol. 303, no. 132.

9 Nov  
Halifax

Petition of Wm. Sabatier and other merchants of Halifax, that a special agent be appointed "invested with full powers and authority to communicate with His Majesty's Ministers upon... important subjects now depending, and which promise so essentially to affect the general interests of these Northern Colonies." Signed. (As in Assembly Papers, Vol. 16).

Vol. 288, no. 16.

9 Nov  
Halifax

Estimate of sums needed for the service of roads and bridges for the province 1809-1810. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

9 Nov  
Halifax

Account of Maj.-Gen'l Pyke of expenses for carriage of arms and other expenses of the embodied militia. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

9 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). In conformity with their promise to repay the money paid out for arms and accoutrements by the Lt.-Governor, £700 has already been paid into the Military Chest by the Provincial Treasurer, and £2300 more is expected by 10th Dec. He asks for commands as to its disposal and recommends "a proportion of it being appropriated to the maintenance of the Established Religion by aiding the Parishioners of remote and poor Parishes to complete in some instances and repair in others their churches, and by enlarging the King's College at Windsor on such a plan as shall hereafter be submitted..."

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 93.

The same bound as doc. 70 in Vol. 61.

10 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Cooke, requesting his advocacy of the cause "of the suffering Clergy of Nova Scotia", as set forth by the Bishop and his Commissary in the letters he encloses.

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 94.

10 Nov  
London

Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. Prevost. In receipt of despatches. He encloses letter from the Treasury agreeing to the grants of land Prevost recommended for Milnes, Capt. Mackellar, Sir Robt. Lawrie and Col. Moody's family. They also approve of his arrange-

ments with regard to the government armed vessel, and will propose the amount he suggested for this purpose in the next Parliamentary Estimate. He encloses copy of letter from Sir Stephen Cottrell with regard to the memorial of the merchants of Halifax. Signed.

Vol. 61, doc. 71.

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(10 Nov)  
7 Sept  
London

Copy of letter from Sir Stephen Cottrell, Sec'y or Clerk to the Commissioners of the Privy Council for Trade, to the Under-sec'y, with regard to the prayer of the Halifax merchants' memorials. The despatch from the Committee of Trade of 16th June answers part of their requests. Moreover, "their Lordships, after a careful and attentive examination, were of opinion that the period had not yet arrived when His Majesty's Possessions in the West Indies could be adequately supplied with Fish if the Importation from the United States... were altogether prohibited." They have placed a duty of 1 shilling per quintal on fish imported into the W. Indies from the United States and also a duty of 5 shillings per ton on American vessels trading there, both being new duties.

Vol. 61, doc. 72.

(10 Nov)  
25 Sept  
London

Copy of letter from George Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Under-sec'y Cooke. The Lords of the Treasury approve of the measures Lt.-Gov. Prevost has taken with regard to providing for the service of a government vessel, and have ordered the necessary change to be made in the parliamentary estimate for Nova Scotia.

Vol. 61, doc. 73.

(10 Nov)  
26 Sept  
London

Copy of letter from Mr. Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Under-sec'y Cooke, informing him that the Lords of the Treasury have no objection to the grants of land which Lt.-Gov. Prevost recommended for Mr. Milnes, Sir Robt. Laurie, Capt. McKellar and Col. Moody's family.

Vol. 61, doc. 74.

(11 Nov)  
Halifax

Draft of address of the House in answer to Lt.-Governor's speech on opening the sessions.

(Almost identical with the final address, see Journal p. 7.)

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

11 Nov  
Halifax

Petition of Richard Curry and other inhabitants of Kings and Hants Counties, asking for £150 to help them in rebuilding a bridge which recent floods have destroyed. Signed with 50 names.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

11 Nov  
Halifax

Petition of John Parker and other inhabitants of Hants County, asking for the bounty for raising wheat on new land, and detailing special circumstances which prevented their claim from being considered.

*Enclosed.* Vouchers, certificates etc. to the truth of the claim.

*Overleaf.* Granted.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

(13 Nov)  
Halifax

Reply of the Council to the speech of Sir George Prevost on opening the session. (Copy). (Draft no. 10.)

Vol. 288, no. 7.

13 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor's reply to the address of the Council answering his speech at opening of session. (Signed.)

Vol. 288, no. 11.

14 Nov  
Halifax

Report of the committee on public accounts. Signed. (Part in Vol. 303, no. 133. Vol. 288, nos. 13, 14.)

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

16 Nov  
Cornwallis

Memorial of Wm. Canady, stating that his son Denison became deranged while undergoing treatment during militia duty in Halifax, and has remained so, and asking for some allowance from the legislature, considering that he was the sole support of his parents. Signed.

Certificate of the Field Officers of Denison Canady's regiment to the truth of the petition. Recommended by the Lt.-Governor.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

17 Nov  
Windsor Rd.

Petition of Thos. Mitchell and other innkeepers on the Halifax—Windsor Road, asking the Lt.-Governor to recommend that the Assem-



bly define more clearly the rations that inn-keepers are supposed to supply to the troops billeted on them. Signed by eight persons.

- 1809 Vol. 225, doc. 69.  
(18 Nov) Account of expenditure of monies voted in 1808 and 1809 for furnish-  
Halifax ing Govt. House. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 4.
- 18 Nov Petition of Jas. McCurdy, asking restitution of money expended in  
Halifax fortifying the bank surrounding a bridge which he built on contract  
for the province. Recommended by the Lt.-Governor. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 18 Nov Abstract of road and bridge votes remaining unpaid the 31st October  
Halifax 1809. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 18 Nov Petition of Comfort Haley, asking for a drawback of the duty he paid  
Halifax on goods imported which he attempted to export but failed to do when  
the ship that carried them went down. Signed. Schedule of duties,  
Certificate, and affidavits, annexed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 18 Nov Petition of Samuel Marshall, asking the legislature to indemnify him  
Halifax for the loss sustained through not being able to sell the salt he imported  
into the province when the legislature placed a bounty on it.  
Affidavit to the truth of the statements in the petition.  
*Overleaf.* Dismissed, 27 Nov. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 18 Nov Petition of Jas. Leaver, asking for the drawback on rum imported  
Halifax into Halifax and exported to Cape Breton, for the exportation of which  
he was unable to obtain regular certificates, due to the port into which  
the rum was carried not having a Customs establishment. Signed.  
*Enclosed.* Certificates, vouchers, recommendations etc. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 20 Nov List of ships that will be left in Halifax Harbour for the ensuing winter,  
Halifax as directed by Vice-Admiral Warren. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 47.
- 20 Nov Petition of Archibald Smith asking again for compensation for in-  
Halifax juries to his land on the Ardoise Hill through the running of the new  
road.  
*Annexed.* Plan showing how the road cuts up his land. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 21 Nov List of votes for roads and bridges. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.  
Halifax
- 21 Nov Ninety-eight votes of the House for roads and bridges throughout  
Halifax the province. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 21 Nov Four votes for roads and bridges throughout the province. Signed.  
Halifax Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 22 Nov Petition of Nathaniel Parker detailing his exertions in arranging for  
Halifax the cutting and settling of the Liverpool—Annapolis road. "The Mem-  
orial of Nathaniel Parker humbly sheweth that your Memorialist in  
February A.D. 1798 went through the woods to Liverpool for the pur-  
pose of soliciting the people of that township to assist in making a Road  
from thence to Annapolis township—That the said people of Liver-  
pool furnished him with an Indian for a Guide and two men to mark  
said road and agreed to cut half way if it should be found practicable  
to make a road—That your Memorialist after his return from Liver-  
pool, by his exertions procured a Subscription from the inhabitants  
of Annapolis amounting to about one hundred pounds for the purpose  
of cutting said road—That he spent Seventeen days in exploring and  
making necessary alterations in said road, lest the labour should be  
expended in places where it must necessarily be lost by reason of altera-  
tions after the expenditure—That your Memorialist with Mr. Foster  
Woodberry of Willmot, and another man with them, went thro' on the

marked line and bargained with the Committee, appointed by the inhabitants of Liverpool, whereby it was agreed that the inhabitants of Liverpool should cut one half, and the people of Annapolis the other half of said road, a day being agreed upon for the completion of said work—That your Memorialist superintended the opening of the Annapolis part of said road, and that by reason of the insufficiency of the Subscription-money to complete the work he paid more than Fourteen pounds of his own money towards the completion of the same—That in the year 1798 your Memorialist paid the sum of Four pounds, twelve shillings and eight pence towards procuring a plan of said road—That in the year 1802 your Memorialist attended the whole time a survey was made by virtue of a warrant from Government, to lay out lots on said road—for which he got but little recompence—That in May A.D. 1803 your Memorialist went to Halifax and made proposals to Government for procuring Settlers on said road which being complied with, he received a Commission for that purpose by which means 44 persons have been induced to settle thereon, 28 of which are married men, and that the present number of inhabitants on the said road (including men, women and children) amounts to one hundred and Sixty one—That your Memorialist has spent much time in going to said road for the purpose of shewing the Settlers their Lots, and otherwise to assist and encourage the said Settlement—That your Memorialist having never received any compensation for his said Extra Services, Therefore humbly prays that his said services may be taken into consideration, and rewarded by granting him the sum of Fifty pounds, or in such a manner as to the honble house of Representatives in General Assembly convened may appear most proper—And your Memorialist, as in duty bound will ever pray.”

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Certificate of J. P. to truth of petition. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

22 Nov  
Halifax

Memorial of Adolphus Vieth, Clerk to the Adjutant-General of Militia. He was first appointed to his office in 1797, after which he gave his account for services annually, “until some Years ago when the late Secretary (Mr. Wentworth) thought it unnecessary to receive Your Memorialists annual Account, after which he discontinued submitting it, but continued to receive payment annually for his services up to the 27th June 1807. That agreeably to the Vote of the Honble. House at their last Session, wherein they grant the Adjutant General a certain sum of Money for defraying the expenses of this Office, this Gentleman will not be authorized to pay him for any past services, but only for those of the ensuing Year commencing in December 1808, by which Your Memorialist will loose the payment for 18 Months labour vizt. from 27th June to 26 December 1808, during which period the business of the Office was so pressing as to oblige him to hire assistance.” Asking relief.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

22 Nov  
Halifax

Two resolutions in favour of appointing “a Special Agent to communicate with His Majesty’s Ministers respecting the trade and fisheries of this Province conformably to the prayer of the Petition of Wm. Sabatier and others” and that Nathaniel Atcheson be the man. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

23 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec’y of State (Castlereagh), drawing his attention to the report on the state of Fort Cumberland, which he encloses, and stating that the land defences of Halifax are falling rapidly into decay. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 95.

23 Nov  
Halifax

Prov. Sec’y (S. H. George) to Wm. Sabatier. The Lt.-Governor has received his letter on behalf of the committee of merchants. He has communicated its contents to the Vice-Admiral and has received



"an assurance that if any Seamen have been taken from the Merchant Service, who either by Law or the regulations of Government are not liable to impress, such act was contrary to his orders."

- 1809 (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 117, 118.
- 23 Nov Petition of James Gautier, asking compensation for his services as  
Halifax Clerk of the Council. (Compare with his petition of 5 dec. 1808).  
*Overleaf.* £30 granted. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- (23 Nov) Account of John Howe for extra printing for the government. Signed.  
Halifax Recommended by the Lt.-Governor. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 24 Nov Letter from Wm. Sabatier to Mr. James Stewart, giving the opinion  
Sack- of the former as to necessary changes in the militia law and the waggon  
ville law.  
Notes on imperfections in the waggon law, sent to Mr. Stewart at  
an earlier date. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 24 Nov Resolution of the House for appointing committee to meet Council's  
Halifax committee to procure plans for a Province House. Signed.  
Vol. 288, no. 12.
- 24 Nov Draft of resolution for appointing a committee to procure plans for  
Halifax the erection of a Province House and report thereon to the House.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 25 Nov Resolution of House for expunging from Journal the proceedings  
Halifax relative to granting £50 to Mr. Gautier. Division.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 21-28 Minutes of part of the proceedings of the House. Resolution for  
Nov granting £50 to James Gautier. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.  
Halifax
- 27-28 Minutes of the proceedings of the House on private petitions.  
Nov Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.  
Halifax
- 28 Nov Report of the committee on the accounts of John Howe and Wm.  
Halifax Minns for printing. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 29 Nov Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Lt. Lee, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's  
Halifax directions for landing John Kelly. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 118.
- 29 Nov Report of the committee on the petition of Comfort Haley, recommend-  
Halifax ing that he be paid a drawback on the goods he imported. (Draft).  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 30 Nov Draft of Bill for erecting the districts of Colchester and Pictou into  
Halifax counties brought in by Council in lieu of Assembly's bill for appoint-  
ing sheriffs for those districts. Vol. 288, no. 9.
- 30 Nov Petition of Robert Pagan and other inhabitants of the district of Pic-  
Halifax tou describing the impressing of Edward McCray and Matthew Allen  
while they were going peacefully about their own affairs. "Your Peti-  
tioners have the fullest Confidence in the Justice and Humanity of Our  
most Respected Governor Sir George Prevost and in his uniform dis-  
position to guard his Majesty's Subjects in this highly favored Colony  
from Oppression; and they trust that the Honorable House, upon in-  
vestigating the Facts involved in this affair, will take such way to make  
them known to his Excellency as may seem to them most proper, Earnest-  
ly soliciting, That the Honorable House, whose Duty it is, to watch  
over all attempts to destroy our Liberties, will institute an inquiry and  
minute investigation of this iniquitous Transaction and take such meas-  
ures as may cause two of their fellow subjects to be restored to their  
Liberty; and direct punishment upon all the Members of this illegal  
Conspiracy and finally to prevent the recurrence of such unprincipled  
and malicious outrages in future." Signed with 42 names.  
*Attached.* Certificate of the magistrates to the truth of the petition.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

- 1809 Report of the committee on the amendments necessary to the militia law. Signed.  
 30 Nov Halifax *Annexed.* Observations on the present militia law by the inspecting Field Officers, with marginal comments by the Adjutant-Gen'l and the Commander-in-Chief. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- (Nov?) Copy of address delivered to Lt.-Gov. Prevost by the inhabitants of Cumberland County on the occasion of his visiting the county. Names of signers obliterated. Vol. 225, doc. 71.  
 Cumberland Co.  
 (Nov?) The Collector and Comptroller of the Customs to the Lt.-Governor. In view of the alarming increase in the export of flour from Halifax to the West Indies they recommend that flour be shipped only under a special licence or accompanied by a special certificate. Signed. Vol. 222, doc. 72.  
 Halifax
- 1 Dec Draft of report of the committee on the petition of Adolphus Vieth, recommending that he receive more than his usual stipend as Clerk of the Adjutant-General of the Militia because of his increased activities during the period the militia was embodied. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.  
 Halifax
- 2 Dec Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y for War and the Colonies, asking that his bill for secret service be honoured. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 96.  
 Halifax  
 (4 Dec Letter from Hugh Macdonell to Edward Mortimer, enclosing a petition from the inhabitants on the Gulf shore, which he hopes will receive the attention of the House so that a commissioner can be immediately appointed and the logs hauled during the winter. (Signed.)  
 rec'd) Halifax  
*Enclosure.* Petition from the inhabitants, dated October, 1809. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 4 Dec Petition of Alexander MacDonald and other inhabitants on the shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, stating the inconvenience and danger they suffer from having no harbour nearer than the Bay of Antigonish, and suggesting that a pier be built, with their assistance, at Arisaig Point. Signed with 98 names, subscribing 645 days' work. (Above petition enclosed in a letter from Macdonell to Edward Mortimer, 16 Nov. 1809). Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.  
 Halifax
- 5 Dec Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State for the Colonies, transmitting a comparative statement of the export from Halifax to the West Indies of certain articles in the Midsummer and Michaelmas quarters. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 97.  
 Halifax
- 5 Dec Petition of John Taylor, David Archibald and John McKeen on behalf of themselves and thirty other settlers on St. Mary's River to the Lt.-Governor, asking for a grant of £100 for opening a road from their settlement to the head of the tide of the river. Signed. Overleaf. £100 granted. Recommended by the Lt.-Governor. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.  
 Halifax
- 6 Dec Instructions to the commander of the government schooner for his voyage to New York, made out by the Provincial Secretary. (Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 9, 10.  
 Halifax
- 6 Dec Report of joint committee on expense of a building suitable for meetings of Governor, Council and Assembly and for courts of justice. Cost of brick building, stone building, finishing. Recommend one member of Council, one of Assembly, with Winckworth Allan, John Stayner and John Merrick to be commissioners to prepare plans and estimates when Assembly have decided whether building is to be brick or stone. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 3.  
 Halifax
- 8 Dec Report of the committee of the House on the petition of Robt. Pagan and others *re* McCray and Allen. The committee substantiate the statements made by the petitioners and add "It also appears to the Committee



that since this unjustifiable Transaction many young Men Natives of the Province and not subject to impressment, have been alarmed least they should have the same fate and frequently have fled from their Homes and Occupation on that Account". Signed.

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Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

8 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution of the House on receiving the report on McCray and Allen (petition of Robert Pagan and others):

Resolved unanimously that the taking detention and Transportation of Edward McCray & Mattw. Allan from this Province is highly illegal, unconstitutional and oppressive and is productive of great injury to this Province by creating a constant alarm and Suspension upon the Minds of many of its Inhabitants and that therefore an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lt. Govr. to request his immediate interference to procure the Return of the said Edwd. and Matthew—to their country and Friends." Draft. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

9 Dec  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Halifax Customs Collector, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's opinion that "he feels disposed to receive as legally imported whatever Articles of Provisions appear under that head." (i.e. from New Brunswick). (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 121.

9 Dec  
Halifax

Draft of resolution of the House disagreeing with all the amendments, except one correcting a clerical error, made by the Council to the Bill for altering the militia law. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

11 Dec  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He submits the particulars of "an affair of difference" between the Judge of Vice Admiralty and himself on the subject of Dr. Croke not attending the trial of piracy in Halifax. Although he complied eventually with the Lt.-Governor's opinion he retains his objections and Prevost submits "the expediency of having all doubts removed upon the subjects in difference in such way as to your Lordship may seem most effectual."

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 98.

(11 Dec)  
8 Dec  
Halifax

Letter from Attorney-Gen'l Uniacke to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, detailing the conversation between him and Dr. Croke, the Judge of Vice-Admiralty on the subject of his attending the special court for the trial of Edward and Margaret Jordan for piracy. Signed.

(Bound in the wrong volume. It was obviously sent by Prevost to England in his letter of 11 Dec., which is document 98 in Volume 58).

Vol. 61, doc. 76.

11 Dec  
Halifax

Report of the committee of the House recommending that the prayer of the petitioners for a pier at Arisaig Point be granted. (Draft).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

(12 Dec  
acted on)  
Halifax

Estimate of Dechman and Spike for putting up a fence round the Govt. House. Grant made 12th Dec. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

13 Dec  
Halifax

Report of the committee on the subject of the bill to authorize the sale of the lands and tenements of Samuel Hart, a lunatic. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

12-14  
Dec  
Halifax

Resolutions of the committee of supply for the service of roads and bridges. Draft. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

15 Dec  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Adjutant-Gen'l of Militia. He returns Lt.-Colonel Sargent's letter and has the Lt.-Governor's permission to issue his commissions as soon as the fees shall be paid.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 122.

15 Dec  
Halifax

Message from Lt.-Governor to Assembly, recommending provision for Nathaniel Atcheson as joint agent with Bernard. Signed.

Vol. 303, no. 134.

- 1809  
15 Dec  
Halifax Resolution for granting bounties on wheat grown on new land to six claimants. Draft. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 15 Dec  
Halifax Accounts, abstracts etc. of the expenses attending the trial of Edward and Margaret Jordan and John Kelly and the execution of Edward Jordan. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 15 Dec  
Halifax Nineteen votes of the House for roads and bridges, drawbacks and various services of the province. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 16 Dec  
Halifax Draft of resolution of the House "that the House having already adopted two different Modes of appointing a Special Agent, both of which have been rejected by H. M. Council, it is inexpedient to propose any further Measures for that Purpose this Session." Compare with final resolution which added a clause regarding the constitutional aspect of a third attempt. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 16 Dec  
Halifax Draft of resolution of the House for granting £25 to Denison Canady, who became deranged while in militia service and has remained so. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 16 Dec  
Halifax Committee resolution "that the sum not exceeding £1500 be Granted and Paid to Commissioners Hereafter to be appointed for Purchasing Materials for Building a Province House—" passed committee but not received by the House. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 16 Dec  
Clare Petition of François Como and other inhabitants of Clare, asking for a grant for repairing the Meteghan bridge, which they state will otherwise soon fall to pieces. Signed with 19 names and marks. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 16 Dec  
Halifax Notice that a grant will be moved for on the ensuing Monday to repair the bridge over Ardoise river on the old road to Halifax. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 16 Dec  
Halifax Resolution for contingency vote for the service of roads and bridges. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 16 Dec  
Halifax Twenty resolutions for granting certain sums for various provincial services. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. A. P., Vol. 16.
- 16-18  
Dec  
Halifax Resolution for granting £250 for extending a pier at "Arisack Point", when the Lt.-Governor will make the necessary grant of the land which the pier would cover. Signed.  
Not agreed to by the Council. Draft of preliminary resolution. (See petition of Alex. MacDonald and others.) A. P., Vol. 16.
- (19 Dec)  
Halifax List of Bills assented to by the Council. A. P., Vol. 16.
- 19 Dec  
Halifax Motion for petitioning the King and addressing the Lt.-Governor on the subject of Quit Rent. "A Committee to be Appointed to prepare an Address to his Majesty upon the Subject of the Quit Rents, Stating the Situation of the Province and praying a Suspension thereof for some years—also an Address to his Excellency praying he will be pleased to Lay the Same before the Throne." Unsigned.  
*Note.* There is no sign of this in the Journal. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.
- 20 Dec  
Halifax Further report of the committee on the public accounts on the expenditure for roads and bridges. Signed. A. P., Vol. 16.
- 20 Dec  
Halifax Resolution for legislature to appoint three commissioners to hire a suitable place for holding the General Assembly and fit it up for the meetings. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.



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20 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution of the House for granting sum to Clerk of Council for fuel for the session. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

20 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution for granting sum to John Howe and Son for printing for government. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

21 Dec  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He points out the situation of the Chief Justice of the province, whose already inadequate allowance has been made less adequate still by the late Act of the Assembly increasing by one-fourth the salaries of the assistant justices. Prevost proposes that an addition to the salary of the Chief Justice be recommended to the King, and he wishes to say "in justice to the Gentleman who now holds the office, that from his great zeal and integrity in the execution of it" he could not have recommended it "at a more favorable moment."

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 99.

21 Dec  
Halifax

Resolutions for granting sums for special services. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

21 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution of the House for granting sum to defray expense of trials of Edward and Margaret Jordan and John Kelly and the execution of Edward Jordan for piracy and felony on the high seas. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

22 Dec  
Halifax

Resolution for declaring the seat of John Bolman for the town of Lunenburg vacant for non-attendance. And for directing the Speaker to take the usual steps for procuring a writ for the election of a new Member. Draft.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

22 Dec  
Halifax

Draft of resolution "the Clerk do make a Correct Index of the Journals of the House of Assembly, to the present Time and procure the same to be handsomely bound and lettered each Volume to contain the Journals of one Assembly and that this House will provide payment for the same."

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

22 Dec  
Halifax

List of members of the House and the amount of pay owing to each. (As in Vol. 304, no. 5).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 16.

22 Dec  
Halifax

Address of Lt.-Governor on closing legislature. Signed.

Vol. 303, no. 135.

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1 Jan  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Wm. Winniett. The Lt.-Governor has appointed a Judge of Probates for the townships of Digby, Clements and Clare, and directs him to send in his Commission of Judge of Probates for Annapolis County so that a new one may be made out in conformity with the new appointment.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 123.

1 Jan  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Rev. Roger Veits, asking him to deliver to Mr. Elkanah Morton, the commission of Judge of Probates which he encloses.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 124.

1 Jan  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Elkanah Morton, Digby, notifying him of his appointment as Judge of Probates for the townships of Digby, Clements and Clare, and that his commission has been sent to Mr. Veits.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 125.

5 Jan  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). The legislative session closed on the 22nd December, after sitting since 9th Nov. He encloses a list of Acts passed, copies of which, with the proceedings of the House and Council, will be transmitted as soon as they are complete.

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 100.

5 Jan  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor has given his approval for certain processes of escheat to be instituted for the revesting of certain (specified) grants of land to the Crown, and

- requests that the Attorney-Gen'l "will take the necessary steps with as little delay as Possible." (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 126, 127, 128.
- 1810 Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Castlereagh). He transmits, under separate cover, the proceedings of two special courts of Admiralty held in Halifax for the trial of Edward and Margaret Jordan and John Kelly for piracy. In accordance with the verdict of the courts, Jordan has been executed and his body exposed in chains, his wife discharged, and the Lt.-Governor now recommends Kelly for mercy. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 101.
- 10 Jan Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Government printer, directing him to begin printing the form to be observed for the fast. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 129.
- 12 Jan Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Auditor of Grants, transmitting the grants to Isaiah Smith and others, and to Wm. Smith, to be audited. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 130.
- 26 Jan Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Postmaster, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's directions that the Canadian post be detained. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 132.
- 27 Jan Halifax Instructions to the commander of the government schooner for his voyage to Boston, made out by the Provincial Secretary. (Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 11, 12.
- 29 Jan Granville 1. Petition of John Healy, Silas Hardy, James Reid and Charity Cornwell to the Lt.-Governor, asking for a grant of a fishing bar on Goat Island, upon which they have erected a weir. A description of the circumstances, number in family, etc. of each of the petitioners. They petitioned for the grant to Lt.-Gov. Wentworth, and were unable to find out the reason for his refusing them. Signed.  
2. Affidavit of each petitioner to the truth of the statements of the petition. Sworn before a J. P.  
3. Special affidavits of Healy, Mrs. Cornwell and Tho. Robble. (Note by Chas. Morris on the back of Healy's affidavit.) Vol. 225, doc. 75.
- 5 Feb Digby Triplicate of two letters from John Warwick to John West, commander of H.M.S. *Sultan*, asking him to have Warwick's runaway son removed to the Halifax station from the Mediterranean fleet. (The second letter is dated 10 May, 1811.) Vol. 225, doc. 76.
- 19 Feb Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to J. McMonagle. On his recommendation the Lt.-Governor has inserted Wm. O'Brien's name in the Commission of the Peace for Hants County. The commission will probably be forwarded to McMonagle about the end of the month. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 131.
- 23 Feb Halifax Petition of James Gautier, describing his decrepit and dependent condition, and asking for some relief to enable him to repay the friends who care for him for their kindness and the expenses they have incurred. Signed with his mark. Vol. 225, doc. 74.
- 28 Feb Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Mr. M. Forrestall. In reply to his letter the Lt.-Governor regrets that it was not received in time for Mr. Forrestall's name to be included in the Commission of the Peace lately issued for the County of Halifax. At a future time he will be glad to make the desired appointment. Meanwhile he hopes the newly appointed magistrates will "exert themselves for the suppression of those great evils, which he is sorry to hear are so prevalent." (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 133, 134.
- 2 Mar Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Rufus Fairbanks. In reply to his letter, the Lt.-Governor has no objection to his loading boats with ballast from



- 1810 the wharf at Point Pleasant within certain limits and in the month of March only. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 135, 136.
- 3 Mar Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the commander of the hired government schooner *Hunter*, giving him directions for his impending voyage to New York. (Copy). Vol. 111A, p. 13.
- 7 Mar Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Lt.-Col. Smith, expressing the displeasure of the Lt.-Governor with his correspondence with Dr. Cochrane on the subject of a marriage solemnized by Smith in Rawdon. He considers it "an Act of unnecessary interference", and reproves him strongly. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 137, 138.
- 10 Mar Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor has given his approval for certain grants of land to be proceeded against in the Court of Escheats, and requests that suits may be instituted without delay to revest this land in the Crown. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 139, 140.
- 12 Mar Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Thos. Ritchie of Annapolis. He explains the Lt.-Governor's reasons for appointing Henry Gesner commissioner for roads in a county (Annapolis) to which he did not belong. If he should be unable to perform the duty satisfactorily or should decline, Mr. Ritchie's suggestion will be considered. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 141, 142.
- 13 Mar Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), on the subject of his salary. Mr. Croke, the Administrator of the province during Prevost's absence, demands one-half the salary and emoluments of the Lt.-Governor during his term at the head of the government. Considering that his absence was caused by the necessities of military service, Prevost thinks his salary should not be curtailed and has written to Lord Castlereagh to this effect. The need for a larger salary for the Governor of so important and promising a colony is obvious. Compared with the salaries of the Lt.-Governors of inferior possessions of North America and even with those of certain civil officers in Nova Scotia, that of the Lt.-Governor is proportionally very low "and must render his means of support very inadequate to the ceremonious and social duties of his high station." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 102.
- 13 Mar Same to same. He encloses the statement by the acting Treasurer of the Parliamentary Grant showing the inconveniences and loss suffered by individuals receiving Governor's Bills for the King's service through the Provincial Agent's action respecting the payment of the monies he handles for the province. "The discredit inseparable from such irregularities arising perhaps from the negligence of the Agent in not communicating either with the Governor direct, or thro' the Treasurer respecting the period and mode of drawing for the several Sums in the Estimate has induced me to decide on not again offering my signature to any Bill of that nature until I am honored with Your Lordship's commands." (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 103.
- 18 Mar Resolution of Assembly of New Brunswick to join with that of N. S. in encouraging gypsum trade. Vol. 304, no. 1.
- 15 Mar Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), enclosing a return of the Nova Scotia Militia forces who have been organized and received their first training, and about half of whom are provided with arms and accoutrements. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 104.
- 19 Mar Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Messrs. Robertson, Ritchie and Winniett of Annapolis. In reply to their letter, he transmits the Lt.-Governor's answer that it was on the Council's advice that Peter de St. Croix's

- name was omitted in the Commission of the Peace for Annapolis. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 143.
- 1810 Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Peter de St. Croix, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's reasons for not including his name in the new Commission of the Peace for Annapolis County. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 144.
- 19 Mar Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Jas. Hall, Granville. In reply to his letter, the Lt.-Governor states that it was at the request of the Council that his name did not appear in the Commission of the Peace for Annapolis County. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 145.
- 20 Mar Geo. Leonard, Supt. of Trade and Fisheries, to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, notifying him that, due to the Americans taking advantage of the unprotected state of the coasts of N. S. and N. B., smuggling has increased enormously in these districts. A similar notice will be sent to the President of the New Brunswick Council. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 78.
- 26 Mar Sec'y of State Liverpool to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, enclosing copy of a report made by the Crown lawyers on the subject of the non-attendance of the Judge of the Admiralty at the courts for the trials for piracy. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 75.
- (No enclosure).
- 30 Mar H. Richmond of the Custom House, London, to Lt.-Gov. Prevost. He relates the conditions under which a preventive officer's commission may be granted to the commander of the ship hired for the use of the Superintendent of Trade and Fisheries. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 79.
- 2 Apr Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Rev. Mr. Sigogne, directing him to apply to the postmaster at Digby for money to be expended on the Indians. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 146.
- 2 Apr Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to John Warwick, postmaster at Digby, directing him to advance \$40 to Mr. Sigogne, on his applying for it, to be expended for the Indians. He will be reimbursed on drawing a bill on the Prov. Sec'y. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 147.
- 2 Apr Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Josiah Jones, Esq. explaining the mistake which led to the inclusion of Jones' name among the Justices of the Inferior Court in the *Royal Gazette*. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 148, 149.
- 6 Apr Reply of the Council to the Lt.-Governor's message with regard to land grants and the fees chargeable by the Deputy Receiver of Quit Rents. They are "unanimously of opinion that in Grants made to different persons of specific quantities of Land to each of them, each person is to be considered as a separate Grantee for the number of Acres specifically allotted to him therein, and chargeable only for fees payable to the Receiver General as a Grantee for that quantity." The Council think that such fees in excess as have already been collected should be refunded. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 82.
- 9 Apr Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Capt. McDonald, notifying him that the land he petitioned for is now vested in the Crown, and advising him to petition again for it to be granted to him. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 150.
- 9 Apr Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector. In reply to his letter inquiring whether it is legal for American provisions to be imported from New Brunswick into the province, the Lt.-Governor refers the Collector to the Attorney-Gen'l. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 151.
- 9 Apr Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Ed. Morgan and Sam. Henshaw. He transmits a copy of a Minute of H.M. Council on the subject of their petition, by order of the Lt.-Governor. (Copy).
- Below.* Minute of Council ordering that the proceedings to sell George Morgan's estate be stopped until the petition be considered by the Council, and a further order formulated. Vol. 140, pp. 152, 153.



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13 Apr  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Lt.-Col. Archibald. In response to the complaint of Robt. Miller, that he is obliged to attend the muster of the militia although an injured forefinger prevents him from doing what is required of him, the Lt.-Governor refers Col. Archibald to the militia act p. 578. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 154.

13 Apr  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Messrs. McCurdy, Dickson, Prout, Archibald and Archibald, in reply to their letter. The Lt.-Governor wishes them to furnish him with an estimate of the cost of the alteration they proposed in the road from Truro to Onslow, before he can come to any determination as to their suggestion. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 156.

19 Apr  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Deputy Paymaster-Gen'l, directing him to pay for the subsistence of the troops out of the monies in the military Chest arising from the additional duty on spirits. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 158.

20 Apr  
Pugwash

Petition of Stephen Seamans, praying for a grant of land already surveyed and ordered to be made to him by Lt.-Gov. Wentworth.

*Annexed* Testimonial of 8 persons that Seamans was the original settler in Pugwash and has not spared time or expense in making improvements there. Vol. 225, doc. 83.

21 Apr  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Capt. McDonald, notifying him that a warrant of survey has been issued for a grant of the land lately escheated, for which he petitioned. The warrant has been forwarded to the Surveyor-Gen'l, so that it is now out of the Secretary's power to "advance" his grant. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 157.

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23 Apr)  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He wishes to know whether he is to continue to countenance the intercourse between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in salted provisions admitted, illegally, from the United States, and sent to the West Indies through Nova Scotia. "Hitherto, in consequence of the private instructions I received from Your Lordship's Predecessor in Office, I have considered it a part of my political duty, insensibly to favor the Eastern States of America in their violation of the restrictions imposed on their Trade by Congress." Since he thinks circumstances may have changed the disposition of Government in this respect, he asks for instructions. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 105.

23 Apr  
Halifax

Same to same, notifying him that he is making transport arrangements for the immediate conveyance of the 8th Regt. to Quebec. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 106.

24 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He encloses a memorial from Mrs. Jane Moody, widow of Col. Moody, which he recommends to Liverpool's consideration, she being a woman of exemplary character. (Copy). (Copy of memorial is in Vol. 225, doc. 81, also copy of above letter, doc. 80). Vol. 58, doc. 107.

24 Apr  
Halifax

Copy of letter from Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Sec'y of State Liverpool, enclosing and recommending a petition from Mrs. Jane Moody. *Enclosure*. Vol. 225, doc. 80.

(1810  
24 Apr)  
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6 Nov  
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mouth

Copy of petition of Mrs. Moody, widow of Col. James Moody, loyalist, detailing the services of her late husband, and asking that the pension he received be continued to her, since otherwise she will be without means of livelihood.

27 Apr  
Halifax

*Annexed*. Recommendation by the Bishop. Vol. 225, doc. 81.  
Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector, transmitting an order of the Lt.-Governor in Council that beef and pork imported into New Brunswick may be admitted into Nova Scotia until the first of June only. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 159.

- 1810 Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to James Kent, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's order for him to expend £25 out of the vote for casualties in rebuilding the bridge over the St. Andrews river. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 160.
- 2 May Halifax List of articles shipped to Sable Island on this date. Vol. 424, doc. 72.
- 3 May Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Jos. Norman Bond. The Lt.-Governor has received a commission appointing him preventive officer for Yarmouth district. It will be delivered to him after he has taken the oaths of office before the Prov. Sec'y. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 161.
- 5 May Halifax Lt.-Gov. Prevost to the Attorney-and Solicitor-General, asking for their opinions on the case of the American ship wrecked near Tusket Islands, with a cargo of iron, hemp etc. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 162.
- 7 May Halifax Lt.-Governor Prevost to the Attorney-and Solicitor-General, transmitting papers relating to the seizure lately made at Yarmouth for their opinion and advice. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 163.
- 7 May Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Josiah Jones Esq. In reply to his letter the Lt.-Governor states that Mr. Snodgrass' name was omitted intentionally from the list of Justices of the Inferior Court. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 164.
- 7 May Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Thos. Millidge. In receipt of letter. The Lt.-Governor wishes to know whether £50 will be sufficient to make the proposed alteration in the road and whether compensations will be expected by the proprietors of the land through which the new road will pass. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 165.
- 7 May Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to H. Gesner, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's orders to delay expending the £50 granted for the post road between Gouger's blacksmith and Mr. Pineo's house in Wilmot, until further orders. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 166.
- 9 May Halifax Prov. Sec'y to the Collector and Comptroller of Customs at Shelburne, enclosing the opinion of the Attorney-Gen'l on the case of the shallop *Columbia*, on the cargo of the Harriot, and enclosing certain other papers. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 167.
- 9 May Halifax Letter from J. L. DesBarres, Agent for Gov. DesBarres, to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, asking that the process of granting certain lands be delayed until Gov. DesBarres' claims to them shall have been elucidated. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 84.
- 10 May Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Collector and Comptroller of Customs at Halifax. The Lt.-Governor has decided, in consideration of the special circumstances, to allow an American ship which came into harbour in distress to remain until Monday. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 168.
- 10 May Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs at Halifax, transmitting a letter from the officer in charge of the ships of the Navy in the harbour and asking if there are any precedents for granting the request therein made. Copy.
- Below.* Copy of letter of the contractor's agent to the senior officer of the fleet at Halifax, asking him to obtain the Lt.-Governor's permission to import bread for the Navy in an American ship from the United States. Vol. 140, pp. 169, 170.
- 11 May London Cecil Jenkinson (Under-sec'y) to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, transmitting a letter and the King's pardon for John Kelly, convicted of piracy. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 77.
- (11 May) Copy of letter from J. Beckett to Mr. Jenkinson, enclosing the King's pardon to John Kelly, and requesting that it be transmitted to the Lt.-Governor of Nova Scotia. Vol. 61, doc. 78.
- 19 Apr London



- (11 May)  
14 Apr  
London Copy of the King's Pardon granted to John Kelly, convicted of piracy in Halifax. Vol. 61, doc. 79.
- 11 May  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Hugh Denoon, Esq. The Lt.-Governor wishes him to rectify a mistake made in the name of Mr. James Skinner in the Commission of the Peace for the district of Pictou (County of Halifax). (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 171.
- 11 May  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to James Milnes Esq. The Lt.-Governor has been authorized to make out a grant of 5000 acres for him on Tony River, and to reserve another 5000, which will be granted after ten years, if his improvements keep pace with his projects. The first grant will be forwarded to Milnes as soon as the official fees (amounting to between eighty and ninety pounds) are lodged in the Sec'y's office. (As in Vol. 225, doc. 85). (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 172, 173.
- 11 May  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Alexr. McDougal and other inhabitants of Halifax, in reply to their memorial. The Lt.-Governor approves the prayer of the petition and has recommended it to the commissioners of streets and highways upon the memorialists' undertaking to pay all the expenses that may be incurred. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 177.
- 11 May  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the commissioners of streets and highways in Halifax. The Lt.-Governor recommends the prayer of the memorial of Alexr. McDougal, that thirteen feet be taken off the Parade for the purpose of widening Duke Street, on condition that the memorialists undertake to defray the expense. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 178.
- 12 May  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the commander of the government schooner, giving him directions for a voyage to the Bay of Fundy as a preventive officer. (Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 14, 15.
- 12 May  
Halifax Lieu-Gov. Prevost to Sir Robt. Lawrie, Senior Officer of the ships at Halifax, transmitting a letter from the Customs officers in reply to the letter Lawrie wrote him. (Copy).  
*Below.* Copy of letter from the Collector and Comptroller of Customs, stating that there is no precedent for allowing the importation of bread for the Navy from the United States in an American ship. Vol. 140, pp. 174-176.
- 18 May  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Daniel Wood, giving the Lt.-Governor's consent to a six months' leave of absence on his suggesting an efficient deputy. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 179.
- 18 May  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Messrs. Prout, Archibald, Archibald and McCurdy of Truro, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's reply to their letter, that the contingent expenses already accruing and the smallness of the casualty grant prevent him from acceding to their request. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 180.
- 23 May  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Edward Langley, notifying him of the Lt.-Governor's refusal to comply with his request. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 181.
- 23 May  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to John Smith, commissioner of roads in Cumberland, in reply to his letter. The Lt.-Governor advises him to expend the money as it was voted and wait until the next session when the alteration he suggests will be attended to. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 182.
- 23 May  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to John Warwick Esq. The Lt.-Governor intends to grant the prayer of the petition from the rector, church-wardens and vestry of Trinity Church, Digby, for a piece of marsh land at the head of St. Mary's Bay for the benefit of the church, if it does not interfere with other promises of Government. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 183, 184.

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24 May  
Sable I.

Report from Edward Hodgson of the arrival of the vessel and details of the articles he sent back to the mainland in her. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 73.

1 June  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the deputy Receiver-Gen'l of Quit Rents. The Lt.-Governor "is of opinion that in Grants of Land to different persons of specific quantities of Land to each of them, each person is to be considered as a separate Grantee for the Number of Acres specifically allotted to him therein & chargable only for fees payable to you... as a Grantee for that quantity." He is to refund any fees already taken over and above those indicated in this letter.

(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 186, 187.

2 June  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the commander of the government schooner *Hunter*, ordering him to proceed immediately for Halifax, stopping at certain ports on the way for the purpose of preventing illicit trade.

(Copy). Vol. 111A, p. 16.

2 June  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to C. Morton Esq., of Digby, enclosing a letter for the commander of the government schooner.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 187.

5 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). Several Council members being absent, the Lt.-Governor found it necessary to appoint James Stewart, the Solicitor-Gen'l, and Thomas N. Jeffery, Collector of Customs, to make a quorum. He recommends these men highly.

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 108.

5 June  
Halifax

Same to same. Sec'y George will send the Acts and the Journals of the last legislature by the next packet. He has filled the new post provided by the legislature of additional assistant justice by appointing Foster Hutchinson, senior barrister at the Nova Scotia Bar, to the position. Description of Mr. Hutchinson's valuable services to the province and Government.

(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 109.

5 June  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Clerk of the Peace for Cumberland County. He encloses petition of Stephen Seaman which is to be laid before the Justices in the sessions. The Lt.-Governor requests from them information as to the particular claims of Brundidge, and whether the grant Seaman wants can be made without prejudice to his claims.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 188.

5 June  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Collector of the Customs, asking him to furnish the Clerk of the Peace with a list of vessels registered and owned within the township of Halifax. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 189.

5 June  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector, transmitting for his opinion a letter from Mr. Barss of Liverpool.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 190.

7 June  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Joseph Cochran, Agent for Prisoners of War. The Lt.-Governor wishes the Vice-Admiral to know that it is proposed to allow the prisoners who work on the roads to Ketch Harbour and St. Margaret's Bay fifteen pence per day. An officer will take charge of them.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 191.

8 June  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Col. Campbell, returning the papers which accompanied his letter of the 19th ult. which cannot properly be received by the Lt.-Governor, since they are to go to a court of justice.

(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 192, 193.

9 June  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Military Secretary, enclosing papers and Mr. Harris' survey and plan of the engineer's lot at Annapolis, which are to be forwarded to Col. Darling and deposited in the engineers' office at Annapolis.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 194.

10 June  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Lt. Col. Darling, Field Officer of the Western District, enclosing a petition from some militia men at Gran-



- 1810 ville, on which he is to report. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 195.
- 11 June Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to David Whidden Esq. He encloses a  
Halifax permit and bond which, when executed, will allow Joshua Brundige, an alien, to reside in the township of Cornwallis. The bond must be returned to the Secretary's office and the fees (£1. 8. 4) paid. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 196.
- 11 June Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Officers at Halifax and  
Halifax Shelburne, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's orders for them to clear no vessels carrying dried or pickled fish unless certificates are produced of the fish having been put up agreeable to the terms of the Provincial Statute 29 Geo. III cap. II, and to inform their deputies of this order. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 197, 198.
- 12 June Under-Sec'y Robert Peel to the Administrator of Nova Scotia, en-  
London closing a copy of the parliamentary estimate for the Civil Establishment of Nova Scotia. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 80.
- 13 June John Halleday's bill for ferrying 139 officers and men of the militia  
Gran- from Granville to the training ground in Annapolis. Certified by officers. Vol. 225, doc. 88.
- 15 June Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Officers at Halifax, en-  
Halifax closing a copy of a letter just received from the Governor of Martinique. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 199.
- 23 June Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), stating that, in  
Halifax accordance with orders to the Vice-Admiral, the 7th Regt. will be embarked for Lisbon on the 27th instant. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 110.
- 23 June Same to same, transmitting the memorial of Sir J. B. Warren, praying  
Halifax for a grant of 4000 acres of land in Nova Scotia, and recommending it for favourable consideration. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 111.
- 23 June Lt.-Gov. Prevost to Under-sec'y Jenkinson, acknowledging the re-  
Halifax ceipt of the letter enclosing the King's pardon to John Kelly and announcing that, in accordance with it, he has been liberated. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 112.
- 27 June Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the commander of the hired govern-  
Halifax ment schooner, directing him to go to Pictou, report to the Vice-Admiral, and, after obeying his orders, proceed to Charlottetown, P. E. I. (Copy). Vol. 111A, p. 17.
- 2 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Henry Gesner, Cornwallis, transmitting  
Halifax the Lt.-Governor's directions as to expending the Legislature's grant of £50 for road repairing. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 200.
- 3 July Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost), transmitting an  
London additional instruction rectifying the error made in Sir James Craig's Instructions with reference to the precedence of the members of Council. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 81.
- 9 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Andrew Snodgrass, Digby, transmitting  
Halifax the Lt.-Governor's decision not to change the Commission of the Common Pleas for Annapolis County. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 202.
- 10 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector, notifying him  
Halifax that permission has been granted for the schooner Friendship to remain in the harbour until the 17th inst. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 203.
- 10 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Trustees for the Government School  
Halifax at Lunenburg. The Lt.-Governor cannot appropriate the grant for the school at Lunenburg because of the absence of the schoolmaster. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 204, 205.
- 12 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to J. Woodin of St. Margaret's Bay, en-  
Halifax closing the description of two deserters from H.M.S. *Penelope*, who went in the direction of St. Margaret's Bay. (Copy).

- Below.* Description of John Henniker and Nicholas Brown, deserters from the *Penelope*. Vol. 140, pp. 206, 207.
- 1810  
16 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Elkanah Morton, deputy Collector, in receipt of letter. "Joseph Mason Moulton owner of the shallop Myrrh, petitioned His Excellency during his stay at Windsor requesting that he would cause the said shallop, papers and cargo to be restored to him and His Excellency at that time gave Mr. Moulton a verbal answer to this effect, that he intended to encourage by all means in his power the fair trader, and let no opportunity escape of detecting and bringing to justice the smuggler—and in this instance would by no means interfere but allow the law to take its course." If he needs military aid in the performance of his duty he will obtain it on applying to Col. Darling at Annapolis. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 208, 209.
- 18 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor has given his sanction to the process of escheat being instituted against several grants of land, which he names and describes, and desires the Attorney-Gen'l to proceed with the cases as soon as possible. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 210-215.
- (20 July)  
1809  
27 July  
Pictou Petition of inhabitants of East River, Pictou, for certain grants of land. Accompanied by a table showing the names, number of family, place of birth and number of years spent in Nova Scotia, lands already received, land prayed for and details concerning it, compiled by the deputy surveyor of the district. Petition signed by 52 persons. Vol. 225, doc. 87.
- Overleaf.* "Approved."
- 21 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector, notifying him that the master of the packet-boat has been given permission to remain in the harbour until the following Thursday. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 216.
- 21 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Hugh Denoon, Pictou, enclosing descriptions of five deserters from the King's schooner *Chub*. If any knowledge of them comes to him, he is requested to let the Sec'y know. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 234.
- 23 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Custos Rotulorum of Hants County, in answer to his two letters. The Lt.-Governor has postponed adding Mr. John Manning's name to the list of Hants County magistrates, since the appointment of Constant Church will remove the inconvenience he complained of. As soon as the Chief Justice submits his list of persons for sheriffs a proper one will be selected for the coming year. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 217, 218.
- 25 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Commissioners of the Revenue, acquainting them that he is unable to give them a list of Collectors of Impost and Excise, their districts, etc., which the Treasurer has. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 219.
- 23 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Acting Collector of Customs at Shelburne, requesting a list of the seizures made in that port since April 1808. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 220.
- 25 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the magistrates and militia officers at Ship Harbour, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's directions that every assistance be afforded Lt. Proctor towards securing all deserters from the Navy. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 221.
- 26 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collectors, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's desire that certain books on board the schooner *Dane*, intended to be used for prizes in King's College, be admitted to an entry. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 222.



- (1810  
27 July  
London) Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost), enclosing a letter in explanation of the refusal of the Crown Agent, Richard Cumberland, to honour the Lt.-Governor's bills. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 82.  
*Enclosures.*
- (27 July)  
22 June) Copy of letter from Geo. Harrison to Under-sec'y Peel, enclosing a copy of one from Mr. Cumberland to Harrison relating to the non-payment of Prevost's bills. Vol. 61, doc. 83.
- (27 July)  
11 June  
London) Copy of letter from the Crown Agent, Richard Cumberland, to the Sec'y to the Treasury, explaining that Sir George Prevost's bills were refused because they had not been accompanied by the correct vouchers. The vouchers having since arrived, the bills were then being paid. Vol. 61, doc. 84.
- 27 July  
Halifax) Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Judge Hutchinson, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's request that he procure the books, voted by the legislature, to complete the set of British Statutes and House of Commons Journals in the Law Library. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 223.
- 30 July  
London) Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost). He transmits letters from the Privy Council and memorial from merchants interested in the trade of British North America on the subject of the postal communications in Nova Scotia. He recommends the subject to the Lt.-Governor's attention and requests every assistance "towards the accomplishment of any measures which may be proposed or undertaken for the purpose of remedying the delays and inconveniences represented to exist." Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 85.  
*Enclosures.*
- (30 July)  
26 June  
London) 1. Copy of letter from the Sec'y to the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations to Under-Sec'y Peel. He transmits memorial from the merchants interested in the trade of the British North American colonies representing the inconveniences they suffer because of the inferior postal communications in the provinces, and asks that the Sec'y of State write to the Lt.-Governors of the provinces asking their assistance in remedying these defects. Vol. 61, doc. 86.
- (30 July)  
26 Jan) 2. Copy of memorial of the British merchants interested in the trade with the British North American colonies. They complain of the lack of "proper and adequate Regulations of the Post Office in respect to the Winter Communications of the said Provinces," citing particularly the great delays in carrying the mails between Halifax and Quebec, and between Quebec and York. Due to these delays merchants do not forward one-tenth of their letters through the Post Office. If proper regulations were made and these defects remedied, there would be a tremendous increase in the business of the Post Office. They suggest that an intelligent Surveyor be sent out to travel through the provinces "to carry into effect a comprehensive and enlarged plan of general improvement...adequate to the present State of the colonies." "Your Memorialists therefore flatter themselves that the advantages already derived by the Empire from the increasing Trade of the British North American Provinces and the still greater Benefits that may be expected from the further improvement of the Resources which recent political Events have shewn them to possess, render it necessary for them to dwell upon the importance of the Subject; They however humbly presume to state that no Circumstance could have so beneficial an influence in accelerating the progress of their improvement as a proper and liberal regulation of their interior Post Office." Vol. 61, doc. 87.
- 30 July  
Halifax) Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Elisha Budd, Digby, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's answer to his letter. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 224, 225

- 1810 Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He transmits a  
31 July memorial from John N. Inglefield, Commissioner of the Navy, asking  
Halifax for a grant of two thousand acres of land in the province, and recom-  
mending the request for consideration. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 113.
- 11 Aug Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the commander of the hired govern-  
Halifax ment schooner, directing him to go on a cruise for the protection of the  
revenue to Shelburne, calling at all the ports on the way.  
(Copy). Vol. 111A, p. 18.
- 11 Aug Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the five men nominated to act as com-  
Halifax missioners of lands in Chester. The Lt.-Governor has been pleased  
to approve the nominations and wishes them to supply him with certain  
details of all the grants of land held in the township. He recommends  
that Mr. James Thompson be appointed by the inhabitants to receive  
from Mr. John Prescott the papers and records which appertain to their  
Grant as proprietors in the township, and of preserving them.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 226, 227.
- 14 Aug Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the acting Deputy Commissary-Gen'l,  
Halifax transmitting the Lt.-Governor's permission for a ship lately seized to  
be kept at the King's Wharf. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 228.
- 14 Aug Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Brigade Major, transmitting the  
Halifax directions of the Lt.-Governor with regard to the small vessel lately  
seized at the Custom House which is to remain at the King's Wharf.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 229.
- 14 Aug Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Collector of Impost and Excise,  
Halifax stating that the necessary directions have been given by the Lt.-Governor  
for the schooner *Polly* to be kept at the King's Wharf.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 230.
- 17 Aug Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to J. G. Pyke, Custos Rotulorum, trans-  
Halifax mitting the Lt.-Governor's answer to the memorial of the magistrates  
for certain lands to be escheated and regranted in trust for the town.  
The Lt.-Governor requests that a diligent inquiry be made into the  
lands that might be liable to escheat, so that an appropriate allotment  
may be made to the township of Halifax to support the police.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 231-233.
- 21 Aug Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the magistrates and militia officers  
Halifax at Chizencook, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's directions for them  
to do everything in their power to assist Lt. Proctor in procuring the  
deserters from the Navy. If any suspicious persons should appear after  
the departure of Lt. Proctor they are to be taken in charge by a magis-  
trate or militia officer and notice is to be sent to the Secretary's office.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 235.
- 22 Aug Sec'y to the Audit Office to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, notifying him that  
London his public accounts for 1808 and 1809 have been passed by the Com-  
missioners for Auditing the Public Accounts, and that the state of his  
account will be laid immediately before the Lords of the Treasury.  
Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 88.
- 22 Aug Lt.-Governor Prevost to Edward James, enclosing the Secretary's  
Halifax report on the representations of James' letter. The necessary correc-  
tion will be made as soon as possible. (Copy).
- Below. Copy of the Prov. Secretary's report on Mr. James' letter.  
Vol. 140, pp. 236-238.
- 22 Aug Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Rev. J. M. Sigogne, stating that the  
Halifax Lt.-Governor has directed his order on Mr. Ritchie to be paid but will  
not sanction any further payment on that account.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 239.



1810

28 Aug  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor has given his approval for processes of escheat for several specified grants of land, and desires the cases to be tried without delay.

(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 240-243.

31 Aug  
London

Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost). He encloses a copy of a representation respecting the late Major John Skinner's land, and requests Prevost to make inquiry into the circumstances, and give appropriate orders. He also encloses a memorial respecting a tract of land granted to Maj. James Grant. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 89.

*Enclosures.*

(31 Aug)  
26 June  
London

Copy of letter from John Burnet to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, asking him to stop any proceedings of escheat against the lands of the late Stephen Skinner, in Shelburne and Annapolis, and enclosing a letter from Lawrence Hartshorne on the subject. He quotes ex-Governor Wentworth in recommending the justness of Skinner's right to the land. Vol. 61, doc. 90.

(31 Aug)  
7 May  
Halifax

Copy of letter from Lawrence Hartshorne to Col. Burnet on the subject of the land left by Col. Stephen Skinner in Nova Scotia. He wishes to interest the friends of the Colonel in making some attempt to prevent the land from being escheated in order that Mrs. John Skinner (daughter-in-law of Col. Stephen) and her mentally subnormal daughter be not left destitute. Suggestions as to the action that may be taken.

Vol. 61, doc. 91.

(31 Aug)  
7 July  
London

Copy of memorial of Col. Wm. Grant, asking for confirmation of the grant of land made to his deceased brother James in Nova Scotia, and detailing his brother's and his own services in the King's forces as reasons for having the grant confirmed to him.

Vol. 61, doc. 92.

3 Sept  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the commander of the hired government schooner, directing him to go to St. John, N. B. with certain passengers, return to Windsor, and there await further orders.

(Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 19, 20.

11 Sept  
London

Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost). He transmits letter from the Treasury, concurring in Prevost's suggestion for appropriating the surplus in the military chest caused by the province paying for the arms and accoutrements issued for the use of the militia. He is to transmit an exact account of how the money is expended. (Copy: doc. 94). (Signed.) Vol. 61, doc. 93.

*Enclosure.*

(11 Sept)  
28 Aug  
London

Copy of letter from Mr. Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Under-Sec'y Peel. He reports that the Lords of the Treasury approve of Lt.-Gov. Prevost's suggestion of applying the surplus money in the Military Chest to the maintenance of the Established Church by aiding the parishioners of poor and remote parishes to repair and complete their churches, and to other necessary purposes. He is to be instructed to transmit an account of the detailed appropriation as soon as the money has been expended. Vol. 61, doc. 95.

12 Sept  
London

Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost). In receipt of despatches. After due consideration it has been determined to augment Lt.-Governor Prevost's salary since his appointment by £1000 a year, making it the same as that of the Lt.-Governor of Upper Canada. Signed.

Vol. 61, doc. 96.

16 Sept  
Windsor

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the commander of the hired government schooner, directing him to proceed to Digby, Snug Cove and Barrington en route to Halifax, for the purpose of assisting the Customs Officers.

(Copy). Vol. 111A, p. 21.

- 1810 Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Custos Rotulorum of King's County  
18 Sept in reply to his letter. The Lt.-Governor will place Mr. Chipman's name  
Halifax on the list of magistrates for King's County at a future period.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 244.
- 21 Sept Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector, transmitting  
Halifax the Lt.-Governor's directions to restitute the vessel of John Hinkle,  
whose intentions seem not to have been fraudulent. The contraband  
articles in his vessel are to be prosecuted.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 245, 246.
- 25 Sept Customs Collector Jeffery to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, giving the report  
Halifax requested by Prevost. There have been three licences for importing  
hemp granted in the province between June, 1802 and October 1807.  
Great objections were made to the granting of such licences by importers  
of British cordage. Signed.  
*Annexed.* Note by Prevost authorizing the importation of ten tons  
of hemp, part cargo of a vessel wrecked off the coast of the province.  
Vol. 225, doc. 89.
- 25 Sept Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Hon. Andrew Belcher. The Lt.-Go-  
Halifax vernor has just learned from Mr. Henderson of the accident that happened  
to the bridge he was building over Sackville River. He wishes Mr.  
Belcher to inspect the bridge and to meet three masons who will be sent  
out the next day to decide the cause of the bridge's fall, and report on  
what steps had best be taken for a temporary bridge over the river.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 248-250.
- 26 Sept Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to J. N. Shannon, Parrsboro; asking him,  
Halifax in the absence of the Surveyor of Lands, to settle John Bobbett on the  
land he claims, if not to the injury of others. (By order of the Lt.-  
Governor).  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 247.
- 26 Sept Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector. The Lt.-Gov-  
Halifax ernor has been pleased to authorize the importation of ten tons of hemp,  
part of the cargo of a vessel wrecked off the coast of the province.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 251.
- 28 Sept Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Messrs. Tremain, stating, in answer  
Halifax to their letter, that the Lt.-Governor has given the proper instructions  
for the importation of the hemp which was in the vessel wrecked off  
the coast.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 252.
- 30 Sept Letter from Edward Hodgson to Michael Wallace, reporting on the  
Sable I. general state of the island, and especially on the provisions and the  
cattle. One of the men, Myers, wishes to leave the island in the Spring  
and Hodgson wishes to have someone to take his place, preferably Capt.  
Darby's son. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 74.
- 3 Oct Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to J. G. Weaver, Sole Bay, enclosing, by  
Halifax the Governor's orders, the petition of Peter Lynch, upon which he is to  
report.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 253.
- 6 Oct Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He transmits a  
Halifax report of the trial of Patrick Holland for murder, the petition of the  
magistrates and a minute of Council, in concurrence with which he recom-  
mends that Holland be presented as a fit object for the King's pardon.  
(Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 114.
- 6 Oct Same to same. He has signed bills for the payment of salaries and the  
Halifax hire of the *Hunter* from the parliamentary grant, which he hopes the  
Crown Agent, Cumberland, will be instructed to honour. Particulars  
of the expenses of the *Hunter*, which account he encloses. He asks for  
instructions as to paying the account and also as to the disposal of the



- monies in the military chest accruing from the provincial payments for arms and accoutrements issued to the militia. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 115.
- 1810  
6 Oct Halifax Same to same, reporting the arrival of two ships of the Navy with the 2nd battalion of the 8th Regt. The 1st battalion of the 23rd Regt, will be embarked on them on the 10th instant. He encloses a return of the probable strength of the battalion. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 116.
- 15 Oct Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Peter De St. Croix, Esq. In answer to his memorial the Lt.-Governor states that he was not included among the magistrates for Annapolis County because he was not recommended by the Council, to whose recommendations he always adheres. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 254, 255.
- 16 Oct Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor has approved of a process of escheat being commenced against certain specified grants of land, and desires that he will proceed with the prosecution as quickly as possible. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 256-258.
- 22 Oct Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the commander of the hired government schooner, directing him to proceed to Little Canso, assist in conveying a detachment of the 98th regiment to Halifax, and "look into" the harbours on the return voyage. (Copy). Vol. 111A, p. 22.
- 24 Oct Pictou Petition of George Smith to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, stating that he has been in the province six years, has decided to settle here with his family, and asking for a grant of land either in the Philadelphia Grant or somewhere else near Pictou. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 92.
- 27 Oct Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Mr. B. Bent of Annapolis, in receipt of letter. He regrets that, owing to another man having been paid for the duty, he cannot pay his bill for his services as adjutant of the 20th battalion of militia. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 259.
- 30 Oct Halifax Customs Collector, T. N. Jeffery, to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, giving his reasons for demanding that the schooner *Harmony*, whose owners receive £50 a year from the provincial legislature for her services as a ferry between Windsor and Parrsborough, be regularly entered at the port. He requires an entry of her because she is a trading vessel. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 93.
- 1 Nov Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the High Sheriff of Halifax. The Lt.-Governor is pleased to order the release of James Cullen, in prison on a criminal charge, on condition that he enter on board one of the ships of the Navy. The sheriff is to take the necessary steps. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 260.
- 6 Nov London Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, communicating the news of the death of the King's youngest daughter, Amelia, after a long and painful illness. Signed. Vol. 61, doc. 98.
- 10 Nov Halifax Vice-Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, offering to have any letters conveyed to England by one of the ships of the Navy which is about to sail. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 90.
- 12 Nov London Sec'y of State (Liverpool), to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, enclosing a copy of an extraordinary Gazette, containing an account of the surrender of the Island of Bourbon to the British forces. Signed. *Circular*. Vol. 61, doc. 101.
- 15 Nov Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). In receipt of letter signifying the concurrence of the Lords of the Treasury in his suggestion "that the amount of the value of Arms and accoutrements issued for the use of the Militia should be appropriated to the maintenance of the established Religion." When he shall have consulted the Council and produced a plan for the appropriation of the money he will transmit an account of it. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 117.

- 1810 Account of the province of Nova Scotia with Government in pay-  
 (15 Nov?) ment for arms and accoutrements issued for the use of the militia. Signed.  
 10 Apr (Possibly enclosed in original of doc. 117 of Vol. 58, Prevost to Liver-  
 Halifax pool, 15 Nov. 1810.) Vol. 61, doc. 97.
- (15 Nov) Speech of Lt.-Governor Prevost to the Council on reading to them  
 9 Nov the Secretary of State's despatch of 11th Sept. (Vol. 61, doc. 93) approv-  
 Halifax ing of Prevost's suggestions as to appropriating the money repaid to  
 the military chest by the province for arms and accoutrements issued  
 for the militia. He asks the advice of the Council for assistance in mak-  
 ing the appropriation. Signed. (Probably enclosed in Prevost's letter  
 to Liverpool, 15 Nov. See Vol. 58 doc. 117.) Vol. 61, doc. 99.
- (15 Nov) State of the fund arising from the duty for the payment of arms supplied  
 9 Nov the militia. Total £4604. (Probably enclosed in Prevost's letter to  
 Halifax Liverpool, 15 Nov. 1810, No. 117 in Vol. 58.) Vol. 61, doc. 100.
- 15 Nov Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), transmitting the  
 Halifax Surveyor General's report on Col. John Burnet's representation respect-  
 ing lands in Nova Scotia, and another on Col. Grant's memorial.  
 (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 119.
- 16 Nov Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), thanking him for  
 Halifax his favourable consideration of Prevost's representation of the inadequacy  
 of his salary. He transmits a comparative statement of the imports of  
 British manufactures and colonial produce into Nova Scotia, and has  
 called on the Collector of Customs for further reports, which he hopes  
 to transmit. (Copy). Vol. 58, doc. 118.
- 26 Nov Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Wm. Bremner. The Lt.-Governor  
 Halifax has no jurisdiction over the circumstances related to the subject of his  
 memorial. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 261.
- 28 Nov Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the commander of the hired govern-  
 Halifax ment schooner, enclosing a letter from the Collector of the Customs  
 by which he is to be guided on his next cruise. (Copy).
- Below.* Copy of letter from the Customs Collector to the commander  
 of the schooner. He is to follow strictly the instructions he has pre-  
 viously received, especially "as many complaints have been made to  
 this office of an illicit trade by American vessels, which is carried on to  
 a great extent in...Margarets Bay." He sends a list of 15 vessels em-  
 ployed in trade between Halifax and the United States, some of which  
 are known to be illicit traders, resorting to Yarmouth, Barrington and  
 LaHave, Lunenburg and Margaret's Bay. He is to pay particular atten-  
 tion to these ports. List of vessels follows. Vol. 111A, pp. 23-27.
- 30 Nov Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Attorney and Solicitor-General.  
 Halifax He encloses, by the Lt.-Governor's order, letters from the Bishop and  
 the President of King's College, complaining of an irregularity com-  
 mitted by a layman in solemnizing marriages. He wishes a marriage  
 bond and licence to be framed which will put a stop to such proceedings,  
 and asks them to consult with the Bishop and frame one. The enclosures  
 are to be returned. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 262, 263.
- Nov Letter from Edward Hodgson to Michael Wallace, relating the cir-  
 Sable I. cumstances of the wreck of the brig *Adamant* on the island. (Holo-  
 graph—partly illegible.) Vol. 424, doc. 74½.
- 3 Dec Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Collector of Impost and Excise.  
 Halifax In receipt of his memorial, the Lt.-Governor regrets that he is unable to  
 grant the prayer of it. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 264, 265.
- 4 Dec Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost), announcing the  
 London appointment of three commissioners for carrying into effect the Act  
 of 49th Geo. 3rd cap. 66, for authorizing the Customs Officers in the



- British colonies and the West Indies to examine witnesses on oath. He requests every possible assistance and protection to these commissioners. Signed. Circular. Vol. 61, doc. 108.
- 1810  
6 Dec  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Thos. Thomson, Chester. In receipt of his letter the Lt.-Governor approves the repairs he has made in the road. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 266.
- 8 Dec  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Prevost to the Chief Justice, in receipt of his letter. He will consider the application of the Chief Justices and Assistant Justices favourably. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 267.
- 8 Dec  
Newport Petition of Wm. Wier Jr. and Sr. and eighteen other inhabitants of Newport to the Bishop of Nova Scotia. They have built a church and wish for the township to be erected into a parish so that they may choose a vestry and church wardens. They wish the parish to be named St. James' parish. They also recommend that Wm. Wier Jr. and Wm. Mumford to be appointed commissioners for the management of school lots. Signed with twenty names. Vol. 433, doc. 15.
- (27 Dec)  
12 Oct  
Halifax Petition of the inhabitants of Fox Island, Sydney County, to the Lt.-Governor, protesting against John Newton's attempts to oust them from the mackerel fishery, which they have always pursued off the island. Signed by 120 persons. The Attorney-Gen'l's opinion at the end of the petition. Vol. 225, doc. 94.
- Dec  
Halifax List of warrants paid to the Sec'y of the province between December 1808 and December 1810. Vol. 225, doc. 96.
- 1810  
Digby A list of the magistrates of Annapolis County, compiled, with comments, by Thos. Millidge, Custos Rotulorum. Also a list of persons he recommends for future appointments, with his reasons for recommendation. Vol. 225, doc. 95.
- 1811  
2 Jan  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the commander of the hired government schooner, giving him orders for a voyage to New York. (Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 28-30.
- 3 Jan  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Mr. Hugh McMillan. He encloses a copy of the Attorney-Gen'l's opinion on the memorial of the inhabitants of Sydney County with regard to fishing rights on Fox Island. (Copy.) Below. Copy of the Attorney-General's opinion that his grant of land gives Mr. Newton no right to prevent any other subjects of the King from fishing off Fox Island. Vol. 140, pp. 268, 269.
- 5 Jan  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Halifax Committee of Merchants. With regard to the founding of a bank the Lt.-Governor thinks the project very advantageous, but does not see sufficient stability and security in the present plans. He considers it the "primary duty of the Legislature to create and preserve the increase of Money in the Province." (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 270, 271.
- 7 Jan  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Lt.-Col. Robertson. The Lt.-Governor has received his memorial and will transmit it, accompanied by his recommendation, to Government. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 272.
- 7 Jan  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Revenue Commissioners asking, on the Lt.-Governor's behalf, for an account of the revenue of the province from 30 Sept. 1809 to 31 Dec. 1810. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 273.
- 14 Jan  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Acting Customs Collector at Shelburne. In rec't of account of imports and exports. He returns six certificates of registry signed by the Governor. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 274.
- 14 Jan  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y to the Commissioners for building a Court House. The Lt.-Governor will give directions for £640 to be advanced them out of the arms fund, on their lodging a bond for repaying it on 1 Jan. 1812. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 275.

- 1811 Surveyor-Gen'l Morris to his deputy, ordering him to lay out certain quantities of land, therein stated, to five persons within the limits of the Philadelphia Grant. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 100.
- 15 Jan Halifax Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost), transmitting a copy of the speech of the Lord High Chancellor on opening parliament. Signed. Circular. Vol. 62, doc. 1.
- 17 Jan London Enclosure.
- (17 Jan) Copy of part of Chancellor's speech on opening Parliament. Vol. 62, doc. 2.
- 19 Jan Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), transmitting a petition from the people interested in trade in Halifax, asking the King's permission to open the coal mines of the province. Some of these mines are worked, illegally, by the proprietors of the land in which they are situated. Prevost recommends the prayer of the petition. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 1.
- 19 Jan Halifax Same to same, transmitting a comparative statement from the Customs Collectors at Halifax and Shelburne of the exports from the ports in their respective districts for three quarters of the years 1809 and 1810. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 2.
- 20 Jan Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to John Howe Esq. He encloses a copy of a letter from the Sec'y of State for the Colonies announcing the death of Princess Amelia, which the Lt.-Governor wishes to be published in the *Halifax Gazette*. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 277, 278.
- 21 Jan Halifax Below. Copy of letter from the Sec'y of State to Lt.-Governor Prevost. Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Mr. John Bolser, Annapolis. In receipt of his memorial and certificates of service. The Lt.-Governor has referred his claim to the Commissioner of the Naval Yard, and will transmit the answer. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 276.
- 21 Jan Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector. He encloses a letter and asks, on the Lt.-Governor's behalf, for the Collector's reasons for not carrying into effect the arrangements he proposed regarding Mr. Wallace Junior. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 279.
- 22 Jan Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), enclosing copies of memorials from Dr. Croke and Mr. Butler, Councillors, asking for grants of 4000 acres each. Prevost recommends that all the Councillors be given such grants, since they wish it and since they receive no other remuneration for their services in Council. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 3.
- 22 Jan Quebec Petition of John and Edward Hale to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, on behalf of themselves and their three brothers, heirs of Gen'l John Hale. They ask the Lt.-Governor to stay proceedings to escheat the 10,000 acres grant of land their father held near Beaver Harbour until they can communicate with their brothers, two of whom are in the East Indies. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 99.
- 27 Jan Yarmouth Petition of S. S. Poole and others, subscribers of the Yarmouth Company, asking for a law to secure their property. They are a company for building a canal to connect a chain of lakes emptying into Yarmouth harbour with each other. Signed with 111 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 4 Feb Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor approves of a process of escheat being commenced against certain specified and described lots of land, and wishes the proceedings to be instituted as soon as possible. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 280-284.
- 5 Feb Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Mrs. Ann Phelon. In answer to her petition, the Lt.-Governor instructs her that she must obtain a commission of lunacy before Mrs. Alicia Phelon can be committed to custody or guardians appointed to manage her estate. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 285.



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6 Feb  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the merchants of Halifax. In consideration of their petition the Lt.-Governor has directed the Government schooner to proceed to New York. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 286.

7 Feb  
Halifax

Instructions from the Provincial Secretary to the commander of the hired government schooner for his impending voyage to New York. (Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 31, 32.

8 Feb  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector, forwarding papers for a report. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 287.

8 Feb  
Halifax

Customs Collector, T. N. Jeffery, to Lt.-Gov. Prevost. He has examined the petition and other papers relating to the seizure of the American schooner *Ruby*, and is of opinion that the owners deserve no special consideration by the Lt.-Governor. He asks that the papers be kept in the Secretary's office, so that he may have access to them and take some action with regard to the scandalous assertions contained in them against himself. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 101.

13 Feb  
London

Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost), enclosing a copy of the Gazette containing the proceedings of the Council during which the state oaths were administered to the Prince Regent, and a copy of the speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament. Signed. *Circular*. Vol. 62, doc. 3.

10 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Caleb Nickerson and other inhabitants of the fishing districts around the N. S. coast, asking that the bounty on fishing vessels be extended to include their smaller craft, and that they be given a bounty on mackerel. Signed with 90 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

14 Feb  
Douglas

Copy of a petition of Alexander Scott and others to the Lt.-Governor, Council and Assembly. They explain why they took no action to hold the land they had improved in the Douglas when it was being escheated, and ask that the legislature vote a sum to defray the expense of revesting them with this land, which they were given every reason to expect would be confirmed to them. Signed with 57 names.

*Annexed.* Certificate of Maj. John Small that Dugald McDougall is entitled to a grant of land by his services in the Royal Regt. of Highland Emigrants. Dated 18 Dec. 1775. Vol. 225, doc. 102.

14 Feb  
Halifax

Address of Lt.-Governor on opening legislature. Review of events in Europe etc. Signed. (As in Vol. 288, no. 29). Vol. 304, no. 6.

14 Feb  
Halifax

Estimate for civil establishment of province for 1811. Vol. 304, no. 22.

14 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Wm. Sabatier and the committee of merchants of Halifax to the Council asking for the appointment of a special agent for the province in England, to look after the commercial interests of Nova Scotia. Signed. (Identical with petition to Assembly, see Assembly Papers, Vol. 17). Vol. 288, no. 55.

14 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Wm. Sabatier and the committee of merchants of Halifax to the Council, asking for a grant to remunerate Nathaniel Atcheson for his past services for the province as employed by the committee. Signed. (Identical with petition to Assembly of same date, see Assembly Papers, Vol. 17). Vol. 288, no. 56.

14 Feb  
Halifax

Estimate of the Lt.-Governor for roads and bridges for the province. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

16 Feb  
Halifax

Resolution of the House for appointing a committee to join a committee of Council "in order to ascertain if a more convenient place, for the sitting of the General Assembly, during the present Session, cannot be procured"... Signed. (Drafts of above resolution in Assembly Papers, Vol. 17). Vol. 288, no. 23.

16 Feb  
Halifax

Draft of Assembly's answer to Lt.-Governor's address. Vol. 304, no. 7.

- 1811 Memorial of John Martin and other debtors in the Halifax jail. "That your Memorialists Labour under the great disadvantages from . . . being neither able to provide for themselves (while confined) in Jail nor for their Familys without—And . . . people have been put in Jail who either had no friends in Town or whose place of Residence were in some distant part of the Country; destitute of Money to Subsist themselves and unprovided with Bed Cloathing, such People have been dependant upon their fellow Prisoners for a Share of the Provisions their friends have with difficulty been able to send them—and their Bed Cloaths to the risk of their Health." Asking relief. Signed with 6 names. Grant made, 20 Mar. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 16 Feb 1811 Petition of George Roy to the House (first addressed to the Lt.-Gov., which is marked out), stating that in ignorance of the law which directed road commissioners to retain 5% of the money expended, he had not done so, and asking for some compensation for his work. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 16 Feb 1811 Petition of Wm. Logan and three others, asking for the bounty on wheat which they grew on new land. Signed. A. P., Vol. 17.
- 18 Feb 1811 Under-sec'y Peel to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, enclosing a copy of a Gazette announcing the capture of the Isle of France by the British forces. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 4.
- 18 Feb 1811 Circular. Lt.-Governor's reply to the address of the Council at the opening of the session. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 25.
- 18 Feb 1811 Petition of Benjamin Dodge and others of the township of Granville, stating that they have formed a settlement on the Bay of Fundy in the township, and asking that a small grant be made to enable them to clear a road across the mountain to connect with the main road leading through Granville. 38 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 18 Feb 1811 Petition of Samuel N. Bayard and other inhabitants of Wilmot township, asking for a grant of £60 to help to erect a new bridge across the Annapolis R. near Dodge's Tavern. Signed with 5 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 18 Feb 1811 Petition of Theophilus Chamberlain and other inhabitants of Dartmouth and Preston, stating the bad state of the road between Creighton's Ferry and Preston, and asking for a grant of £120, which they estimate will repair the road. Signed with 13 names. Recommended by the Gov. Two copies, one to Lt.-Governor, the other to the Assembly. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 18 Feb 1811 Draft of Mr. Archibald's motion that Council be asked for co-operation with regard to a place for the General Assembly to sit. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 18 Feb 1811 Petition of Elijah Phinney and other inhabitants of Wilmot, asking for a grant for making a road from the post road in Wilmot to the Bay of Fundy. The road has already been laid out, but the limited circumstances of the people who live on it have prevented their completing it. 14 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 18 Feb 1811 Petition of Nathaniel Parker of Annapolis, stating his exertions in promoting settlement in Annapolis and Wilmot by exploring and surveying a road from Nictau to Liverpool, "in consequence of which settlements are now formed through a Tract of Country, which before was a pathless desert, and the wilderness in some degree has become a fruitful field." Encloses account. Signed. Grant made 23 Mar. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 18 Feb 1811 Petition of Henry Moser and others, settled on the coast between Beaver Harbour and Mary Joseph, asking for a grant to help them make



- 1811 a road from their settlements to the main road from Sheet Harbour to Halifax. Signed with 13 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 19 Feb Reply of Lt.-Governor to Assembly's address. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 11.
- 19 Feb Halifax Petition of Thos. Parker and others, asking for a grant to help them make a road "from the Meeting House, near Mr. John Ellis' on the River Chebbanaccadie, both ways, to the Road Leading from Halifax to Truro." Signed with 12 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 20 Feb Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Acting Customs Collector at Shelburne, asking for an account of sales of the vessels and cargoes condemned and the costs of the prosecution in each case. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 288.
- 20 Feb Halifax Instructions to the Council for the conference on the proposed new Province House. (Copy). (As in Council Journal for this date.) Vol. 288, no. 26.
- 20 Feb Halifax Copy of resolution for appointing committee to join Council Committee and procure plans for the proposed new Province Building. Signed. (As in Assembly Papers, Vol. 17). Vol. 288, no. 27.
- 20 Feb Halifax Observations by Council on new Province House. Vol. 304, no. 12.
- 20 Feb Halifax Minute of Council setting the boundaries of the new parish of St. James, in Newport township. Signed. Vol. 433, doc. 16.
- 20 Feb Halifax Drafts of resolutions of the Assembly regarding the new proposed Province Building. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 20 Feb Musquodoboit Petition of Miles McInnes and other inhabitants of middle Musquodoboit, asking for a grant for a bridge over the river, which would connect their settlement with the main Halifax-Manchester road. Signed with 21 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 21 Feb Halifax Petition from Marble Wood, stating that he has entertained various contingents of the militia at his inn on the Windsor-Halifax road, and that he has received no payment for it. He encloses four certificates, showing when the soldiers were billeted on him. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 21 Feb Halifax *Enclosed.* Four certificates.
- 21 Feb Halifax Petition of Wm. Sabatier and other merchants of Halifax, asking that a special agent be appointed by the province to look after the commercial concerns of Nova Scotia. Signed with 6 names. (Compare with similar petitions of 1808, 1809). Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 21 Feb Halifax Petition of Wm. Sabatier and other merchants stating that they employed Nathaniel Atcheson as a special agent to promote the commercial concerns of the province, and asking for a remuneration for him. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 21 Feb Halifax Draft of message from the Council, stating that they had appointed Uniacke and Morris to the joint committee on the proposed Province Building. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 21 Feb Parrsboro Petition of George Newcomb of Parrsborough, asking for £12 compensation for the bridge he built at his own expense after the freshet of 1808 carried away the old one over Partridge River. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 21 Feb Dorchester Petition of Nathaniel Brown, asking for compensation for exploring for a road between Dorchester, Sydney County, and Merigomish. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 22 Feb Halifax Petition of John Parker and other inhabitants of Petit, asking for a grant to help them make a road from Petit settlement to the main road at the north side of the Kennetcook River. The petitioners promise

each a sum of money or its equivalent in day labour on the road. Signed by 12 persons. Recommended by the Lt.-Governor.

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Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

22 Feb  
Cornwallis

Memorial of William Canady, of Cornwallis, asking for a further grant to provide for expenses incurred by the illness and demise of his son, who became deranged through the administration of wrong medicine while on duty in the militia at Halifax. Signed. Grant made, 23 Mar.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

22 Feb  
Douglas

Petition of Evan MacPhee and other "of his Majestie's loyal Subjects Inhabitants of Nine-mile-river in Douglass"; they state that "when they were discharged from the (84th) Regt. they were settled in the Interior part of the Country, that they had neither roads nor water carriage that they underwent very Great difficulties before they had any roads or Horses & were forced for Several Years to carry Seed and Provision on there backs through the woods with onely the help of blased trees. That through the assistance of Almighty god, the aid of Government and their own very Great Exertions their roads are opened and a small part plowed and throwed up: that owing to the badness of near four miles of their road between the Covagate road and their settlement, they are forced to go to market on Horseback; and by that means cannot get their meat, and other articles to Town in near so good order for market, nor will a Small load on horse back much (more) than defray the Expences." They promise certain sums of money or day labour. Signed with 34 names. (names copied).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

23 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of James Gautier, asking for a grant to support him in his declining years and destitute condition. His mark and witness' signature.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

23 Feb  
Yarmouth

Petition of J. N. Bond and others who have formed an association for building a lock in opening a communication from "the Waters lying in the interior of the Township of Yarmouth and Cape Fourchu". They have subscribed £500 for building the lock, and ask a law from the legislature "to legalize the proceeding and to secure to the Associators and their representatives the fair and equitable advantages resulting therefrom". They also suggest the advisability of opening a passage from Lake George to Moulton's Lake "which would furnish an abundant supply of Water at all seasons and greatly contribute in rendering the advantages of the Lock below less precarious". and would cost about £250. Signed with 34 names.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

25 Feb  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Elkanah Morton, Deputy Customs Collector at Digby. Col. Darling has orders to recall the party of soldiers he sent to Digby at Morton's request. If he needs them, however, the soldiers will assist in removing the vessel he has seized from Digby to Annapolis.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 289.

25 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Henry Taylor, stating the impossibility of distilling good rum profitably in Nova Scotia, and urging his reasons for thinking it would be to the interests of the province to encourage distilling. Signed. *Overleaf*. Deferred.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

25 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Charles Prescott, Wm. Lawson and Joseph Allison, merchants, asking for a drawback on coffee imported and lost at sea on route from N. S. to England. Signed. Certificates annexed.

Granted: 23 Mar.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

25 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of William Salter of Newport asking for reimbursement of money expended on a bridge built under his direction over the Kennetcook River, and explaining the circumstances. Signed. Granted: 23 Mar.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17



- 1811 *Enclosed.* Valuation of completed bridge. Deposition of Salter.  
 25 Feb Resolution for granting £15,000 to be appropriated for the service  
 Halifax of roads and bridges for the province. Signed. Not agreed to by the  
 Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

26 Feb Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Wm. Sabatier. In answer to his letter  
 Halifax the Lt.-Governor sees no reason for changing his interpretation and  
 practice regarding the Alien Act. Proper attention should be paid to  
 all permits issued from the Secretary's office. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 290, 291.

26 Feb Petition of Arunah Rathbun, commissioner of roads in Horton Town-  
 Halifax ship, asking for an additional grant (on behalf of the inhabitants of the  
 township) to rebuild a bridge over Gaspereau River and repair a road.  
 Signed. Recommended by Lt.-Governor. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

27 Feb Report of joint committee on public accounts. (As in Assembly Papers,  
 Halifax Vol. 17). Signed. Vol. 288, numbers 19, 20, 21.

27 Feb Petition of Jacob Withrow and other inhabitants of Rawdon, asking  
 Rawdon for a grant to make the road leading to the main road passable. Signed  
 with 21 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

28 Feb Copy of Judge Monk's application for compensation for his services  
 Halifax at a court of Oyer at Terminer in Queen's County the previous September.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

1 Mar Draft of Mr. Robie's motion for a committee on the advisability of  
 Halifax altering the road from McAlpine's to Halifax. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

1 Mar Draft of report of select committee on expenditure for roads and  
 Halifax bridges. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

2 Mar Message from the Lt.-Governor to Assembly, recommending grant  
 Halifax to pay travelling expenses of lawyer serving Crown. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 25.

2 Mar Message from Lt.-Governor to Assembly *re* settling the titles to lands  
 Halifax of Philadelphia Grant, and of township of Douglas. Progress of com-  
 missioners previously appointed leaves only the passing of grants from  
 the Crown in due form to perfect the titles of the inhabitants. Estimates  
 expenses. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 26.

2 Mar Message of Lt.-Governor to Assembly, transmitting Cochrane's letter,  
 Halifax in answer to their address of previous session. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 28.

1810 *Enclosure.* Vol. 304, no. 28.  
 24 Feb Copy. Admiral Cochrane to Prevost, relating what happened to a  
 Guada- seaman impressed in Halifax. Vol. 304, no. 27.  
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2 Mar Message from Lt.-Governor Sir George Prevost to the Assembly trans-  
 Halifax mitting and enclosing the memorials of Flieger and Wallace. Signed.  
*Enclosures.* Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

2 Mar Petition of John H. Flieger, Weigher and Gauger for the port of Halifax,  
 Halifax detailing the duties of his office, stating that the salary has not been  
 increased for thirty years, although living expenses have risen and other  
 officers have been better paid, and asking for an increase. Signed.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

2 Mar Memorial of Michael Wallace, Provincial Treasurer, stating his ser-  
 Halifax vices in that office for the previous thirteen years, that his salary has  
 remained at £400 per annum "without any Fees or Emolument what-  
 ever appertaining thereto or ever received by him; and without any  
 allowance for a clerk, office rent, fuel or stationary."  
 "That for some Years after Memorialist was appointed, the duty  
 was not so considerable, as to prevent him from occasionally attending

to such Commission business as his Commercial friends and correspondents put in his way to increase his income, without which he could not have lived upon his Sallary with any degree of decency or Comfort. That of late years, the Revenues and expenditures of the Province, have so much increased the business of the Treasurer's Office, that your Memorialists' whole time and constant daily attendance is required to discharge the duties thereof".... This and the increased expense of everything prompts him to suggest an increase of salary. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

1811  
2 Mar  
Halifax

Resolution for granting £50 to encourage the running of a packet between Windsor and Partridge Island. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

4 Mar  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Officers at Halifax and Shelburne. The Lt.-Governor directs them not to grant clearance to vessels having dried or pickled fish unless certificates that the fish have been put up according to the terms of the provincial Act of 29th Geo. III cap. 11, are produced. They are to notify their deputies.

(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 292, 293.

4 Mar  
Halifax

Petition of Thos. Carswell, upholsterer and cabinet-maker, asking for payment of his account for work done at Government House. Signed.  
*Overleaf*. Dismissed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

4 Mar  
Halifax

Petition of John Steele and other inn-keepers of Halifax, complaining of the execution of act for repairing etc. the Halifax streets. "By the first section of the above recited Act all Persons in the Town of Halifax are bound to keep the Gutters and Streets before the Houses and Land occupied by them clear and free from nuisances, under a penalty of twenty shillings for each and every offence, That there are at particular Seasons great number of Farmers and Countrymen with their Teams, Sleds &c. at the houses of your Petitioners, That your Petitioners have not, nor can they procure places in the Town of Halifax for the accommodation of the Sleds and Teams of the Farmers... That the Farmers and Countrymen are therefore under the absolute necessity of leaving their Sleds in the Streets before the Premises of your Petitioners which the magistrates of Halifax have considered to be nuisances and have fined some of your Petitioners pursuant to the said Act, that unless your Petitioner can obtain relief they must give up. innkeeping." Signed with 5 names.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

4 Mar  
Halifax

Petition of John Archibald of Truro, Gentleman, asking for re-imbursement of money expended on road work, which reimbursement had been voted by the House in a former session but not allowed by the Council. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

*Overleaf*. Dismissed.

4 Mar  
Halifax

165 resolutions of the House for votes for the service of roads and bridges, both for work done and to be done. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

6 Mar  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Mr. John Hinkle. In answer to his memorial the Lt.-Governor does not feel disposed to interfere in a case "so replete with suspicious circumstances."

(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 294, 295.

6 Mar  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Charles Morris and Thomas Boggs, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's request that they submit an account of their expenditures as commissioners for escheating the Philadelphia Grant.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 296.

6 Mar  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to J. McMonagle and J. B. Francklin, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's request that they render an account,



- to be presented to the House of Assembly, of their expenditures as commissioners for escheating the Douglas Grant.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 297.
- 1811  
6 Mar London Scrope Bernard Morland to Wilkins. Has joined with N. B. agent in transmitting memorials to Committee of Privy Council for Trade, asking for N. S. the privileges accorded to Lower Canada in trade with the West Indies. Hopes N. S. legislature will approve. (Holograph). Vol. 304, no. 17.
- 6 Mar Halifax Draft of report of committee on Flieger's petition, recommending that the salary of the office of Weigher and Gauger be augmented. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 7 Mar London Under-sec'y Peel to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Beckett relative to Patrick Holland's pardon from the Prince Regent. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 5.
- (7 Mar) 23 Feb London *Enclosure.* J. Beckett to Under-Sec'y Peel, enclosing the pardon which the Prince Regent has granted to Patrick Holland. (Copy). Vol. 62, doc. 6.
- 7 Mar Halifax Petition of Luke Upham and other inhabitants of North River in Onslow township, asking for a grant for improving the main road through their settlement and the township. Signed with 12 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 8 Mar Halifax Petition of Richard John Uniacke Jr., asking for compensation for his services while accompanying Judge Monk to Queen's County to hold a court of Oyer and Terminer. Signed. *Enclosed.* Letter from Monk to Atty-Gen'l asking for services of a lawyer to prosecute case for Crown. Certificates to R. J. Uniacke's doing the duty satisfactorily. List of expenses. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 7-9 Mar Halifax Minutes of the committee of the whole House on private petitions. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 9 Mar Halifax Draft of opinions of the Council with regard to the proposal of an especial agent.  
"His Majesty's Council are of opinion the services of Mr. Bernard will still continue to be useful and beneficial to this Province and that any alteration whereby he might be displaced would be prejudicial to the Interests of this Province. 2d. His Majesty's Council are fully satisfied of the many important Services rendered to this Colony by Mr. Atcheson and that he is now through the Solicitations of the London Committee of Merchants of which he is secretary endeavouring to procure many objects of the first importance to the interests of this Province. 3rd. His Majesty's Council consider the meritorious exertions of Mr. Atcheson highly beneficial to all ranks and descriptions of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province as well as to the Merchants, and it is the opinion of His Majesty's Council that Mr. Atcheson ought not to be paid for his services at the expence of a few public spirited individuals but that the sum which shall be considered a Compensation for his services ought to be paid by the province at large. 4th. That the most eligible mode of continuing the beneficial services of Mr. Atcheson is to obtain the approbation of His Exy. the Lt. Governor to a vote of both Houses granting such sum as the Assembly may think proper to Mr. Atcheson as a reward for the services he has rendered this Colony in soliciting and obtaining from his Majesty's Government many great advantages to the Trade and fisheries of this Province. lastly His Majesty's Council consider this Mode of proceeding would Effect the Object which is wished by both Houses without interfering with the established agent and particularly as Mr. Atcheson does not stand in need of any Credential from the Government of this Province to obtain the atten-

- tion of His Majesty's Government to any representations he may make in our behalf." Then crossed out "They have communicated their opinion which they have stated to us to His Excellency who is pleased with the Measure proposed and will give his assent to granting Mr. Atcheson a Sum of Money for his services." (There is no sign of this in the Journal.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 1811  
9 Mar  
Halifax Resolution that it is expedient to make a further grant for the services of roads and bridges. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 11 Mar  
Halifax Copies of agreement made between the government and John Howe and Son for printing for the government. A. P., Vol. 17.
- 12 Mar  
Halifax Alexander Morrison's account of the disposal of the laws of the province. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 12 Mar  
Halifax Notices from members of the House for the committee of supply, that certain sums are going to be moved for. 4 in number. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 14 Mar  
Halifax Letter from Mr. George, Provincial Secretary, to the Lt.-Governor, stating that "Upon my receiving the appointment of Secretary and Registrar of the Province, the public Records and the Registers of that office were delivered over to me in a very ruinous and defective state, and unless measures are speedily taken to place the same in a better state the public is likely to suffer much inconvenience. I therefore conceive it to be my duty to represent the situation of those Records to Your Excellency; and to request Your Excellency's direction as to what mode should be adopted to secure them from total loss, and to render them of greater public benefit—" (Holograph). (As in Assembly Papers, Vol. 17). Vol. 140, pp. 298, 299.
- 15 Mar  
West-  
morland  
N. B. Speaker of New Brunswick Assembly to Wilkins. Resolution of Assembly that N. S. Assembly be asked to suggest measures for deriving best benefits from plaster of Paris trade. (Holograph). Vol. 304, no. 19.
- (15 Mar)  
14 Mar  
Halifax Message from the Lt.-Governor, recommending to the House to consider the bad state of the public records, "I request you will take the same into consideration and take such measures as may be necessary to provide a remedy for an evil that is highly inconvenient and prejudicial to the public interest"—and asking for payment of sheriff's bill for bread supplied to John Kelly. Signed. A. P., Vol. 17.
- 15 Mar  
Halifax List of persons and firms who have pickled fish on hand. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 15 Mar  
Halifax Nine drafts of resolutions for votes for roads and bridges. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 16 Mar  
Truro Petition of Wm. Falkner, contractor, who built a bridge over the Stewiack River on contract and finds that the bridge far exceeds the cost he had anticipated. He encloses statement of his expenses and asks for a grant to recompense him. Signed. Certificate of the commissioner of the roads for that district to the truth of Falkner's statement. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 16 Mar  
Halifax *Annexed.* Statement of costs. Resolution of the House for granting money to build a pier from Arisaig Point on the Gulf shore. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.
2. Draft of above.
  3. Estimate of expense of pier if carried out 150 yds. from the shore.
  4. Estimate of expense of pier if carried out 100 yds. from the shore.
- Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 18 Mar  
Halifax Report of committee to prepare plans and estimates for building new Province House. Four reasons why one building should be made to



- accommodate Council, Assembly, executive offices, courts of justice and public records. Necessity of large building to be of use in future. Reasons for recommending only three commissioners. Plans for various parts of building. (Unsigned). Vol. 304, no. 8.
- 1811  
18 Mar  
Halifax Estimate of expense of building new Province House, according to report of committee (in no. 8). Signed. Vol. 304, no. 9.
- 18 Mar  
Halifax Report of the committee of the House recommending that Andrew Belcher be allowed a drawback of duties on imports for the Navy, according to the prayer of his petition. Draft. A. P., Vol. 17.
- 19 Mar  
Halifax Certified copy of commission to Michael Wallace, appointing him commissioner of Escheats Court. Certifying that it is a true copy. Vol. 304, no. 16.
- 20 Mar  
Halifax Copy of bill for appointing a special agent to look after the commercial concerns of the province. (Passed by the Council on the date given, but did not receive the Lieu-Governor's assent). Vol. 288, no. 43.
- 18 Mar  
Halifax Draft of report of the joint Committee on plans for the proposed new Province Building. They conclude with: "Your Committee consider it of the first Importance that Men of Integrity Diligence & Capacity to make the necessary purchases & provide all Materials upon the best Terms shd. be appointed Commissioners to Execute the task... it is not necessary the Commrs. have any great Skill in Architecture Honest Men with a Plan & all the Sections of the Work Calculated for them can with the Assistance of a Good & Skillful Builder as their foreman carry on such a Work without Difficulty"....  
*Annexed.* Estimate of expenses. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 20 Mar  
Halifax Resolution for granting £50 to assist the inhabitants on the Cornwallis River to lower the bed of the river. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. (See petition of Stephen Harrington.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 14-21  
Mar  
Halifax List of bills assented to by the Lt.-Governor, on the 14th and 21st March. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 16-21  
Mar  
Halifax List of resolutions for granting sums for roads and bridges and other provincial services. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 21 Mar  
Halifax Account of Wm. Minns for printing done for the government between 22 Apr. 1808 and 1 Sept. 1809. Signed. Certified by the Provincial Secretary and recommended for payment by the Lt.-Governor. Payment made 23 Mar. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 21 Mar  
Halifax Report of the committee of the House on the petitions of Garret Miller, Prescott and Lawson, and Enos Collins. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 21 Mar  
Halifax Resolution of the House regarding the dimensions of the proposed new Province Building. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. (See Journal p. 76 for identical wording.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 21 Mar  
Halifax Account of Wm. Minns for printing done for the government 1808-1810. Certified by the Provincial Secretary, the then Acting Secretary, and recommended by the Lt.-Governor. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 22 Mar  
Halifax Report of the committee of the House on the propriety and cost of altering the road near McAlpine's. Signed. A. P., Vol. 17.
- 22 Mar  
Halifax Petition of Enos Collins, asking for drawback on coffee imported from the W. Indies, landed in Halifax, shipped for Great Britain and captured by the French. Signed.
- Enclosed.* Two certificates to the truth of the statements. Granted 23 Mar. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

- 1811 Resolution of the House for granting compensation to Wm. Campbell  
23 Mar for his services as a road commissioner in 1799. Signed. Agreed to  
Halifax by the Council.
2. Certificate of the Clerk of the Peace for King's County that Camp-  
bell's work was satisfactory. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 23 Mar Resolution for granting sum to reimburse Jones Fawson, Provost  
Halifax Marshal, for supplying John Kelly with bread during his imprisonment.  
Signed. Agreed to by the Council.
2. Fawson's account. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 23 Mar Petition of John Osborn asking for drawback of duties on coffee bought  
Halifax at a sale of prizes in Halifax and re-exported to a place in the United  
States where there was no British Consul to sign the certificates which  
are necessary to obtaining a drawback. Signed.
- 23 Mar 7 Resolutions of the House for granting sums for various provincial  
Halifax services, printing etc. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.
- Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 23 Mar Resolutions for granting sums for clearing away obstructions in the  
Halifax Annapolis River and for granting the prayer of Marble Wood's peti-  
tion. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council.
- Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 21-25 Draft of resolutions of Assembly on report of Province House com-  
Mar mittee. Size and cost of building, and recommendations for commission-  
Halifax ers. Vol. 304, no. 10.
- 25 Mar Mr. John Cunningham to Mr. Francklin, asking for his pay as a member  
Halifax of the House. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- Overleaf.* Received payment. (6 April).
- 25 Mar Two resolutions of the House for granting sums to pay bounty on  
Halifax salt imported into the province, and for granting a premium for the  
making of a furnace for smelting iron from provincial ore. Signed. Not  
agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 25 Mar Draft of two resolutions respecting the plan for the new Province  
Halifax Building. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 26 Mar Certified list of pieces of furniture belonging to province which were  
Halifax in Govt. House when Prevost took possession. Signed.
- Vol. 304, no. 24.
- 26 Mar Draft of report of committee on John Osborne's petition, recommend-  
Halifax ing that the prayer of the petition be granted. (See petition, 23 March.)  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 26 Mar Petition of Archibald Gray and the other Commissioners of the Poor  
Halifax for Halifax, stating the decrease and finally the stopping of the revenue  
whereby the poor were cared for, due to a change in the Act which pro-  
vided for the poor by imposing certain duties on imports, and asking  
for some allowance. Signed by 11 persons. A. P., Vol. 17.
- 26 Mar Draft of report of the committee of the House on the provision for  
Halifax the accommodation of lunatics and transient poor, recommending that  
a grant be made for building an addition to the poor house. (See resolu-  
tion of House, 27 Mar.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 26 Mar Draft of report of the Speaker giving the Lt.-Governor's approval  
Halifax of the resolutions respecting the new Province Building.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 23-27 Entries regarding the votes of the committee of supply.  
Mar Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.  
Halifax
- 27 Mar Three resolutions for granting sums for providing knapsacks for the  
Halifax militia, for an addition to the poor house, and for granting the prayer



- 1811 of Fleigher's petition for compensation for road work. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 27 Mar Resolution of the House for granting £200 to help the Yarmouth Halifax lock proprietors make a communication between Lake George and the lakes connected with Cape Fourchu Harbour. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 27 Mar Mr. Archibald's motion respecting the payment of bounties on salt Halifax beyond the period covered by the act which has not been renewed this session. Division thereon. (See Journal, p. 89, for the same.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 27 Mar Expenses of surveying and escheating the Philadelphia Grant and Halifax the Douglas Grant and making out grant of confirmation. Signed. Six papers. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 27 Mar Resolutions for granting three premiums for forges, furnaces and Halifax fineries for the manufacture of iron from the ores. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 28 Mar Resolution for granting a drawback to Andrew Belcher on articles Halifax imported and issued to the Navy. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 29 Mar Report of committee on building market house. Signed. Not received by Assembly. Vol. 304, no. 13.
- 29 Mar Resolution for granting £50 for building a bridge over the Meander Halifax River, instead of for repairing the old one. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 30 Mar Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Michael Forestall. In answer to his Halifax letter the Lt.-Governor informs him that the grant of 1801 for paving the streets of Halifax has been satisfactorily expended and the accounts for the expenditure approved. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 300
- 30 Mar Draft of report of committee of House on the escheating and regrat- Halifax ing of the Philadelphia and Douglas grants; they consider that the work should be done without any expense to them, since the escheating was promised by the crown officials. (See Assembly Journal 1, p. 99.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 30 Mar Report of committee on the furniture in the Government House. Halifax (Schedule of furniture.) (See Journal, pp. 96, 97, 98.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 30 Mar Four resolutions of the House for granting sums for expenses of clerks, Halifax building, etc. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 30 Mar Draft of Haliburton's motion respecting market houses. (See Assem- Halifax bly Journal p. 100). Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 1 Apr Resolution of the House for appointing a committee to join a Council Halifax committee to procure part of Cochran's Building for the accommodation of the legislature and other public purposes. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 1 Apr Twelve resolutions of the House for votes for provincial services. Halifax Signed. 6 agreed to and 6 not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 1 Apr Draft of committee report of the public records, estimating that it Halifax will cost the province at least £150 to put them in good condition. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.
- 1 Apr Report of committee of public accounts recommending that Elijah Halifax Crane be paid the commission due him. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

1811 Draft of resolution of the House that the Lt.-Governor be requested  
2 Apr to call the Assembly earlier for the next session.  
Halifax

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

2 Apr Draft of report of the committee of privileges giving its opinion that  
Halifax the seat of Foster Hutchinson should be vacated, in accordance with  
the determination of the Assembly the previous session. (See Assembly  
Journal p. 105.)

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

2 Apr Two resolutions of the House for granting sums for building to be  
Halifax used for sittings of the legislature, and for money payable as a result  
of the new schools act. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

(2 Apr) List of grants to be included in the appropriation bill.  
Halifax

Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

pre Unsigned resolution to instruct committee *re* offices to be accom-  
3 Apr modated in new Province Building.  
Halifax

Vol. 304, no. 14.

pre Recounting, apparently by a Treasury clerk, of a case of evasion of  
3 Apr laws controlling granting of a bounty on salt.  
Halifax

A. P., Vol. 17.

3 Apr Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Richard Cunningham of Windsor, ask-  
Halifax ing him to produce his title to certain land originally granted to Mrs.  
M. M. Howe, for which Darius Pace has petitioned. (Copy). (See  
Pace's petition in Land Papers, 1810.)

Vol. 140, p. 301.

3 Apr Attorney-Gen'l Uniacke's protest against passing the Appropriation  
Halifax Bill. "First.—Because it is a known and established principle of the  
british constitution, that the parliament cannot grant the public money  
but for those services pointed out by the crown; & it is a parliamentary  
rule, from which there has been no departure for upwards of a Century,  
that a Motion for granting Money for public or private service, cannot  
be received or acted upon, before the House be made acquainted that  
the King recommends the same to their consideration. In my opinion  
therefore, should this Bill pass into a law, it will be a violation of the  
King's prerogative, as it applies several sums of Money to services, which  
have not been recommended to the consideration of the General Assem-  
bly by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor"....

"Secondly—The practice of the Council, in agreeing to Votes of the  
house of Assembly for granting Monies before the same have been recom-  
mended by the Governor is Contrary to the Principles settled between  
the Council and house of Assembly so long ago as when Sir Thomas  
Andrew Strange was President of the Council; when, to obviate the  
inconvenience of their being no public officer in the house of Assembly  
authorised to make the house acquainted with the opinion of the Gov-  
ernor on any motion for granting Money; and to avoid any infringe-  
ment on the prerogatives of the crown, it was agreed, that the house  
should in future send to the Council every Vote for granting Money  
distinct & separate, whereby the Council from its more intimate connec-  
tion with the Governor, would previous to acting on such Votes be enabled  
to know his pleasure as to each particular service; and would govern  
themselves accordingly. In consequence of this adjustment, the House  
of Assembly ever since have sent all votes of Money for any new ser-  
vice to the Council, distinct & unconnected with any other service, and  
in my opinion the Council by acting upon such votes or resolutions,  
before they have been officially informed of the opinion of the Governor  
as to the service proposed, does in that respect depart from the good  
understanding which had taken place between the two houses, and,



to have a tendency to prevent the house of Assembly in future from sending its resolutions separately to the Council."

"Thirdly: This Bill contains the grant of Monies for all services which... the Lieutenant Governor has thought proper to recommend for the support of His Majestys' Government, during the present session; and also contains large appropriations of Money for divers other services, which so far as I can obtain information, have not been recommended to either house by His Excellency." The passing of a bill in this form "is in my opinion a proceeding highly dangerous, and unconstitutional... and has an obvious tendency to compel him (the Lt.-Governor) either to give his Assent to Measures such as he May disapprove of, or... to reject the whole supply which the public necessities of His Majesty's Government demand." The latter "Course of proceeding is liable to great objection at all times, but particularly so, at the present, as the Province by a similar measure, was but lately involved in very great embarrassment & Confusion."

Fourthly, he has urged these reasons in Council constantly. "All my representations... have failed, from an opinion which prevails that the freedom and independence of the Council in its legislative capacity, would be violated were it restrained from taking into Consideration votes of money for the public service, Until the same had been recommended by the Governor. This is an opinion I think highly erroneous and unconstitutional, and I have with grief observed the weight it has had with most of His Majesty's Council, who I firmly believe to be faithful servants of the crown, & zealous supporters of the King's just prerogative." He produces this protest "Not with an intention to induce any honourable Member to Vote against passing the Bill, but solely with a view to my own justification, & to submit my opinion to liberal and Candid investigation in the hope that such inquiry may produce good & salutary measures to govern our future practice". Signed. (As in Legislative Council Journal for this date.) Vol. 288, no. 15.

1811  
3 Apr  
Halifax

Draft of resolutions of the Assembly, disapproving of trying certain causes in the Vice-Admiralty Court, taking steps to remove this evil, and appointing a committee to obtain relinquishment of the quit rents. (Undated: see Assembly Journal for 1811, pp. 107, 108.)

3 Apr  
Halifax

Draft of report of committee of privileges on Vice-Admiralty Court. Recommends certain resolutions. Vol. 304, no. 2. Vol. 304, no. 29.

3 Apr  
Halifax

Report of the committee of public accounts on public markets and licence and road accounts. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

3 Apr  
Halifax

Speech of Lt.-Gov. Prevost on closing legislature. Signed.

3 Apr  
Halifax

Roll of members of Assembly attending during session. Vol. 304, no. 23.

1811  
Halifax

William Minns' account for stationery for Assembly and Council. Paid, 18 June. Vol. 304, no. 15. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

(post  
3 Apr)  
Halifax

Memorandum of papers required to make up the Journals for the Session of 1811. Assembly Papers, Vol. 17.

6 Apr  
London

Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost), enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Fawkener and directing him to carry the suggestion of the Lords of the Privy Council into effect. Signed.

*Enclosures.*

(6 Apr)  
London

Copy of letter from W. Fawkener, Sec'y of Committee of the Privy Council for Trade, to the Under-sec'y for the colonies. In answer to the merchants' memorial asking for the prohibition of importation into Canada from the United States of East India and other foreign goods. Vol. 62, doc. 7.

1811  
(6 Apr)  
London

Their Lordships consider that the strict enforcement of the Act of 7th Geo. I will have the desired effect, and desires the Earl Liverpool to give the necessary instructions to the Governors of the British North American colonies. Vol. 62, doc. 8.

1. Copy of memorial from the Committee of British merchants to the Lords of Trade and Plantations, asking for imperial legislation to prevent trade in East India goods between the United States and Canada.

2. Extract of a letter from the chairmen of the Committees of Trade at Quebec and Montreal to Nathaniel Atcheson, pointing out that the treaty of 1794 has been abrogated by the American Non-Intercourse Act and explaining their attitude on this point in a former letter.

Vol. 62, doc. 9.

6 Apr  
London

Copy of letter from Nathaniel Atcheson to Thos. Lack, enclosing a letter which the Committee of Merchants wishes the Lords of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations to consider along with the memorial now before them. Vol. 62, doc. 10.

6 Apr  
London

Copy of letter from Wm. Goodall to Nathaniel Atcheson, Agent to the colonial committees of trade. Being unable to attend the Committee he sends information which Goodall and Turner have received from Nova Scotia about smuggling from the United States. The Nova Scotians state that "Unless some Steps are taken to prevent the Smuggling Trade from the American States, we shall soon be without a Customer for the principal part of the Articles that we deal in; ever since the Removal of the Embargo and non-intercourse Acts, great quantities of Teas and all sorts of India Goods...Gin, American Rum and many other Articles, are daily & illicitly brought into this Province by the Americans as well as by British Subjects residing in this Country." They suggest using the small government schooners to detect American vessels.

Vol. 62, doc. 11.

6 Apr  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector. The Lt.-Governor requests that they allow Messrs. Temple and Lewis Piers a clearance for 250 barrells of tar and 150 barrells of pitch to be exported to Newfoundland. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 302.

8 Apr  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to D. C. Jessen, Lunenburg. The Lt.-Governor wishes to rectify the mistake made in the Commission of the Peace for Queen's County, has issued a new Commission for that purpose, and requires the return of the old one. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 303.

9 Apr  
Halifax

Report of the Council committee on the Bishop's statement of the conditions of churches and parsonages of the Established Church, recommending that the Bishop's estimates and suggestions be adopted. Signed. (This original paper seems to have been sent by Lt.-Gov. Prevost to the Sec'y of State with his despatch No. 24 of 25 May 1811. It should be bound with the Colonial Sec'y of State's correspondence in England. For copy of its covering letter see Vol. 59 doc. 7.) Vol. 62, doc. 12.

22 Apr  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Sheriff of Queen's County, transmitting a copy of the King's pardon to Patrick Holland, convicted of murder. He is to put into effect the pardon.

(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 304, 305, 306.

*Below.* Copy of free pardon to Patrick Holland.

23 Apr  
London

Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Prevost), enclosing a copy of a letter from the Lords of the Privy Council relative to granting licences for the exporting of gunpowder to the British North American provinces. Signed.

Vol. 62, doc. 13.

*Enclosure.*



- (23 Apr)  
21 Mar  
London Copy of letter from Chetwynd, Privy Council Office, to Peel, Under-sec'y for the colonies. Relative to their decision to grant licences for the export of gunpowder to the British North American colonies, their Lordships recommend that gunpowder for the Northwest and Machillimackinac companies be issued from the King's stores in Canada. Vol. 62, doc. 14.
- 23 Apr  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas at Shelburne. On the opinion of the Crown lawyers the Lt.-Governor has decided that the case of the Inferior Court of Shelburne versus John Totty shall be tried by a jury. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 307.
- 25 Apr  
Halifax Copy. Speaker Wilkins to Wm. Sabatier. Transmits copy of Morland's letter and asks opinion of committee of merchants. Since House is not sitting, members cannot be consulted, but he will accept committee's opinion. Vol. 304, no. 18.
- 26 Apr  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Adolphus Veith, returning the declaration of the elders, Churchwardens and pewholders of St. George's Chapel (German Congregation), with an additional sentence which the Lt.-Governor considers necessary to be inserted in the declaration. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 309.
- 27 Apr  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Attorney-and Solicitor-General. The Lt.-Governor desires them to take legal steps to put the Crown in possession of all the estate and property of Jonathan Clarke, convicted of self-murder, and to ascertain to whom he was indebted. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 310, 311.
- 1 May  
Halifax Wm. Sabatier to Wilkins. In receipt of letter and enclosure. Indebtedness of the merchants to Mr. Morland and Mr. Wilkins. Encloses extract of memoranda of Lords of Trade granting prayer of Morland's memorial *re* trade with West Indies. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 20.
- 4 May  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Prevost to Col. Barclay, Consul-Gen'l at New York. He has ordered the government schooner to proceed to New York and wishes to have her back in Nova Scotia as soon as possible. (Copy). Vol. 111A, p. 33.
- 4 May  
Halifax Instructions to the commander of the hired government schooner from the Provincial Secretary, directing him to go to New York. (Copy). Vol. 111A, p. 34.
- 7 May  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the High Sheriff of Halifax County. The Lt.-Governor authorizes his offering to Thomas Murray, a convict under his charge, his release on condition that he consent to serve "for ever" in the Navy. Directions for his conduct if the offer is accepted. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 312, 313.
- 8 May  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to D. S. Clarke, Clerk of the Peace. The Lt.-Governor, on the representations of the Justices, recommends that the fine Mrs. Clements was to pay be remitted. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 314.
- 10 May  
Digby Letter from John Warwick to S. H. George, Prov. Sec'y. He encloses a copy of his letters written about his son to the son's commanding officer and the purser of the ship and asks George to use his influence to have the young man discharged or advanced. Vol. 225, doc. 103.
- 12 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). Previous to the meeting of the new Assembly the Lieu-Governor wishes to obtain the Prince Regent's commands with regard to "certain abuses grown familiar to the Legislation of this Province." The greatest arises from the contingent vote of £800 which cannot be rejected without vitiating the appropriation act and "thereby creating great confusion in the Pro-

vince." "It must be observed that this sum of £800 is not to cover the Speaker's Salary, nor that of any other Officer belonging to the House of Assembly, neither any one specific contingent expense, as all those objects are in the very same Bill, particularly enumerated, and distinctly provided for, leaving the whole sum obtained from the King's Treasury by this Vote, to be divided among the Members of the House of Assembly *ad libitum*. . . . As the sum taken from the Revenue for this purpose has gradually increased the provision not being governed by any fixed principle, it may justly be apprehended that under many circumstances the operation of such a mode of voting the public money to themselves might subvert the tranquillity of the Province, unless a wholesome and moderate corrective is administered at this favorable crisis gently to remove an evil highly dangerous to the prerogative of the Crown." He encloses a copy of Uniacke's protest, as a Council member, against the passing of the appropriation act, which will elucidate "the other objects for Your Lordships consideration." "When the spirit and democratic forms of the Government of our immediate neighbours are considered, the prevailing disposition to encroachment in the Representative Branch of the Provincial Legislature upon the rights of the Crown, is readily accounted for."

"My observation leads me to believe that as Nova Scotia becomes sensible of her adolescence, her dislike to control will become more evident, and her attempts to shake off the restraints of the Mother Country more frequent.—In short her ties in my estimation are those of necessity and convenience, more than of gratitude and affection." (Copy). (For Uniacke's protest see Vol. 288 doc. 15.)

- 1811 Vol. 59, doc. 4.
- 20 May Under-sec'y Peel to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, enclosing the estimate for the  
London parliamentary grant for the civil establishment of Nova Scotia. (£12,-  
965). Signed. (For estimate see Vol. 344, doc. 24.) Vol. 62, doc. 15.
- 20 May Copy. Wilkins to Morland. In receipt of despatch. Has sent it  
Halifax to committee of merchants, who are highly gratified. Although Assem-  
bly could not be consulted, he feels sure that they would all approve  
of Morland's efforts, and thanks him on their behalf. Vol. 304, no. 21.
- 24 May Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Rev. J. M. Sigogne. By command  
Halifax of the Lt.-Governor he encloses a letter from the Surveyor-Gen'l of Lands  
on the subject of his letter to the Lt.-Governor.
- 25 May Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), enclosing the address  
Halifax of the House of Assembly respecting the suspension of quit rents in the  
province. He suggests "the propriety of connecting with the suspension  
of Quit Rents, a recommendation from the Throne, that . . . provision  
be made for the Clergy" (of the Established Church).
- 25 May (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 5.  
Halifax Same to same. He prorogued the Assembly on the third of April  
after a session "conducted with propriety". He has enclosed a list of  
the acts he assented to and the bills which he refused, with his reasons.
- 25 May (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 6.  
Halifax Same to same. He has communicated to the Council the King's pleas-  
ure that the money arising from the arms and accoutrements fund should  
be appropriated to the maintenance of the Established Church, and  
received the reports of the Bishop of Nova Scotia and the Council com-  
mittee on the condition of churches and parsonages in the province.  
He encloses these reports, which, with one addition, he has confirmed.  
"The Bill which passed in the last Session of the Legislature for encourag-  
ing the establishment of Schools throughout the Province renders it



- unnecessary to divert any portion of His Majesty's bounty for their establishment." (Copy). (Council report on Bishop's statement is doc. 12 in Vol. 62). Vol. 59, doc. 7.
- 1811  
25 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), transmitting an abstract of the grants for land docketted in the offices of the Receiver-Gen'l of Quit Rents and the Auditor of Grants between 3 Jan. 1809 and 25th Dec. 1810. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 8.
- 28 May  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to D. C. Jessen, Lunenburg. He transmits the Lt.-Governor's commands that the depositions taken previous to the commitment to gaol of Frederick Sallar be forwarded to the Secretary with any other particulars of the case. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 316.
- 29 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He describes the incident which took place off the coast of New York between the American frigate *President* and the British sloop of war *Lille Bell*. "Notwithstanding the clamour this circumstance may excite in the United States by misrepresentation I continue convinced there is a large proportion of the people of America, who are conscious their country can only rise to eminence under the wings of Great Britain, and that in their political infancy prematurely to contend for all their commercial rights, will cause the loss of all their commercial advantages. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 9.
- 3 June  
Sable I. Report of Edward Hodgson to Michael Wallace, on the state of the island and on the wreck of a brig sailing from Philadelphia to Russia. If he had two horses he would be able to save a great deal of valuable salvage off this ship. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 76.
- 13 June  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Lt. Col. Purdy, West Chester, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's request that he follow his own judgement with regard to expending the money on the road for which he was appointed commissioner. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 317.
- 14 June  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Prevost to the officer commanding the King's ships in the Harbour. He requests that the necessary orders be given for twelve of the French prisoners to work on the Dartmouth road. A party of soldiers will be ready to escort them from Melville Island to the other side. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 318.
- 14 June  
Shelburne 1. Description and affidavit to its truth by Wm. Pendlebury of his services on board the sloop *Lapwing*, Capt. Hitchcock master.  
2. Information about "Frederic Prince de Bundo". Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 112.
- (14  
June?)  
Halifax Note by the Prov. Sec'y that the ensuing papers (111 to 116) came from Gideon White of Shelburne and relate to a black man who calls himself the Prince of Bundo. Vol. 225, doc. 110.
- 15 June  
Shelburne Note from Frederic Prince de Bundo to the Chief Magistrate of Shelburne, asking why he has been thrown into prison. Vol. 225, doc. 111.
- 17 June  
Halifax Agreement between Capt. Seely and Michael Wallace for the hire of Seely's vessel to go to Sable Island and back and bring salvage from the brig *Hard Times* to Halifax.
- 22 June  
London 18 June. Wallace's acceptance of Seely's terms. Vol. 424, doc. 80.  
Circular letter from the Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to the Lt.-Governor. In response to representations of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, annuities of £100 per year will be provided for all missionaries serving in the colonies for ten years. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 16.
- 23 June  
Shelburne Information taken by the Chief Magistrate of Shelburne from John Williamson about "Frederic Prince de Bundo". Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 113.

- 1811 Letter from Edward Hodgson to Michael Wallace, reporting on the  
 26 June state of the island, and explaining why he is unable to send a full cargo  
 Sable I. back to the mainland. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 75.
- 28 June Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Messrs. Forman and Grassie, enclosing  
 Halifax a letter from their English partners Messrs. Goodall and Turner respect-  
 ing the trade carried on between Nova Scotia and the United States.  
 A copy of this letter "has been forwarded to His Excellency by His Maj-  
 esty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and I am desired by His Ex-  
 cellency to request you will have the goodness to state the particular  
 facts on which the general statements in Mr. Goodalls letter are founded;  
 and I am further directed to acquaint you that this application is made  
 by His Excellency from a sense of justice due to the Officer, whose par-  
 ticular duty it is to execute the Laws of Trade and Navigation... as  
 well as from a sincere desire on the part of His Excellency to do every-  
 thing in his power to protect the fair trader of this Province."  
 (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 319.
- 28 June Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector, enclosing a  
 Halifax copy of a letter from the Sec'y of State to the Lt.-Governor with one  
 from Mr. Goodall. The Lt.-Governor wishes him to report on the sub-  
 ject matter of Mr. Goodall's letter. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 320.
- 29 June Instructions from the Provincial Secretary to the commander of the  
 Halifax government hired schooner, directing him to take money from the Dep-  
 uty Paymaster Gen'l to St. John, N. B. and gun carriages to Digby.  
 "The Lieut. Governor has commanded me in an imperative manner to  
 prohibit you from receiving on board the Hunter any Article in the  
 shape of Merchandize without a special order from His Excellency...  
 or in an American Port, without a written order from the British Consul."  
 Other directions. (Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 35-37.
- 1 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to W. H. Shey, commissioner of roads,  
 Halifax notifying him that a party of soldiers will arrive on the ninth of the  
 month to work on the roads. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 321.
- 2 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Joshua Newton Esq. The Lt.-Governor  
 Halifax authorizes him to expend £50 on repairing the great bridge near the  
 Falls out of the fund for road emergencies. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 322.
- 3 July Receipt of Capt. Caleb Seely for hire of his schooner going to Sable  
 Halifax Island and back. Vol. 424, doc. 78.
- 6 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Lt.-Col. Fitzherbert. The Lt.-Gov-  
 Halifax ernor has given directions to the Customs officers to allow the wine be-  
 longing to the 99th Regt. to be landed, on his producing a certificate  
 showing that the duties have been paid on it at Bermuda.  
 (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 323.
- 6 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector, transmitting  
 Halifax the Lt.-Governor's recommendation to release, upon certain conditions,  
 a vessel under seizure in the Harbour. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 324.
- 8 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor  
 Halifax has approved of a process of escheat being commenced against certain  
 specified lots of land and wishes the cases to be instituted without de-  
 lay. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 328-331.
- 9 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Trustees of the Halifax Grammar  
 Halifax School, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's message that he approves of  
 £300 out of the arms fund being appropriated to the repair of the school  
 and expended by them. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 325.
- 10 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Collector, transmitting  
 Halifax the Lt.-Governor's request for registry papers for the brig *Margaret*.  
 (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 326.



- 11 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Leonard Vogler, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's answer to his letter. The money for the road must be expended agreeable to the instructions of his commission. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 327.
- 11 July  
Cornwallis Gideon Harrington to Lt.-Gov. Prevost. He states that he was the first person to import a carding machine into Nova Scotia from the United States, that it has been burned, and asks permission to bring in another. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 104.
- 12 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Richard Brazel, Acting Collector at Shelburne, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's request that he forward the amount of the Lieutenant-Governor's third on the three vessels he seized in 1810, "the Year and a day having by this time most probably expired." (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 332.
- 13 July  
Halifax Thos. Wallace to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, notifying him that twenty of the prisoners are willing to work on the Truro road for the sake of receiving fresh instead of salt provisions. He encloses a list of them. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 105.
- Enclosure.*
- 13 July  
Halifax List of twenty French prisoners who are willing to work on the Truro road, and the ship in which each serves. (Copy at Vol. 140, p. 334). Vol. 225, doc. 106.
- 13 July  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Prevost to Rear-Admiral Sawyer. Twenty French prisoners have volunteered to work on the Truro road, and, arrangements having been made for a guard to accompany them while they work, he asks for an order for the prisoners to leave Melville Island. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 333, 334.
- Below.* List of prisoners to work on road.
- 15 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the rector and church wardens of St. Paul's. In answer to their letter, the Lt.-Governor states that he has referred their application to the Bishop, and, as soon as his report is received they will be informed of the amount of aid they will receive from the Arms fund for the repair of the church. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 335.
- 15 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Bishop of Nova Scotia. He encloses, by the Lt.-Governor's order, copy of an application from the rector and church wardens of St. Paul's, upon which he is to report. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 336.
- 15 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Elkanah Morton, Digby, transmitting orders for the Government schooner in case she should arrive at Digby. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 337.
- 15 July  
Halifax Account of province with Govt. for arms and accoutrements. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 33.
- 16 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Officers at Shelburne, calling on them to enforce the laws forbidding trade between the United States and Nova Scotia. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 338.
- 17 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to H. H. Shey, road commissioner. A party of the 98th Regt. will halt at Wood's Tavern on their way from Annapolis to Halifax, and he may employ twenty of them on the road if he will give notice of his intention, so that the proper orders may be given and tools sent, if necessary. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 339.
- 17 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to G. S. Harrington, Cornwallis. In reply to his letter the Lt.-Governor has given the Customs Officers at Halifax directions for allowing a breaking and carding machine to be entered from the United States. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 340.
- 17 July  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Customs Officers at Halifax, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's request that they admit the breaking and

- 1811 carding machine that Mr. Gideon Harrington is about to import from the United States. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 341.
- 28 July Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). In receipt of despatch notifying him of the Prince Regent's commands for him to assume the government of Lower Canada upon the death or resignation of Sir James Craig. He is grateful for the honour thus conferred upon him, and, having received word that Craig resigned on 19th June, has taken measures for his immediate removal from Nova Scotia to Quebec. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 10.
- 28 July Letter from Edward Hodgson to Michael Wallace, discussing affairs connected with the island and naming the articles and supplies he wishes sent to the island by the next boat. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 77.
- 29 July Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Capt. O'Brien, directing him to proceed immediately for Halifax, and bring the vessels he has detained with him if he can do so without losing time. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 342.
- 30 July Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), transmitting a certified copy of the Journal and Proceedings of the House of Assembly in their last session. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 11.
- 30 July Same to same. In preparation for his departure to Quebec Prevost has called Major-Gen'l Hunter to assume the military command in Nova Scotia, which leaves Major-Gen'l Balfour holding both military and civil commands in New Brunswick. To prevent the civil government of N. B. from devolving on a military officer of inferior rank he suggests that no officer under the rank of a General be required to assume the civil government, although holding the military command. He also suggests "in order to unite the Civil and Military power of Nova Scotia in one person, for the better supporting His Majesty's service... the expediency of an Instruction... to place the Senior Officer commanding His Majesty's Forces in this Province (not under the rank of a General Officer) at the head of the Council, to enable him to take upon himself the charge of the Civil Government in the absence of the Lieut. Governor." (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 12.
- (July?) 1. Letter from Frederic High Priest de Bundo to Chief Magistrate Gideon White of Shelburne, asking to be provided with the means of reaching Halifax. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 114.
- Shelburne 2. Same to same, describing his wanderings before reaching the West Indies, whence he came to Nova Scotia. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 115.
- (July?) Frederic Augustus Prince de Bundo to Lt.-Gov. Prevost, asking for his "gracious protection", his good offices in having justice done him, and promising that "the favors you accord me will be rewarded in heaven." (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 116.
- Shelburne Memorandum of Frederic Prince de Bundo as to the bad character of the master of the sloop in which he came from the West Indies to Nova Scotia. (Holograph). Vol. 225, doc. 116.
- 2 Aug Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), notifying him that, under the present instructions, the civil administration of Nova Scotia will devolve upon Dr. Croke when Prevost will have departed for Quebec. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 13.
- Halifax
- 13 Aug Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Thos. Compton, Sam'l Hodgson, J. B. Smith, Robert Harris, Richd. Stockton and David Rhea of Philadelphia. In reply to their representation of 25th May, 1811, the Lt.-Governor wishes them to know "that the Philadelphia Grant was escheated in the Year 1803, and since that the whole of the lands comprised in that Grant have been granted to those persons who were settled upon it prior



to the Escheat, and to others who then made it appear that their claims were such as to entitle them to the favour of Government".

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(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 343, 344.

15 Aug  
London

Sec'y of State Liverpool to the Officer administering the N. S. government, enclosing a memorial from Mr. John Harvey Tucker, and requesting that he institute an inquiry upon it, and if it seems well-founded, redress it as far as possible. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 17.

*Enclosure.*

(15 Aug)  
7 Aug  
London

Copy of memorial of John Harvey Tucker to the Sec'y of State, describing and complaining of the conduct of the Chief Justice and Crown lawyers in Nova Scotia in refusing him the rank to which he was entitled as Barrister at Law of the Middle Temple, and asking redress.

Vol. 62, doc. 18.

15 Aug  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the commander of the hired government schooner, directing him to take certain persons as passengers to Quebec. (Copy). Vol. 111A, p. 38.

15 Aug  
Halifax

The Bishop of Nova Scotia to the Lt.-Governor of Nova Scotia. He asks Prevost to notify the Sec'y of State that for several years he has not received official notice of the public fasts and thanksgivings and accompanying forms of prayer, and that it is essential that he should. Signed.

Vol. 433, doc. 17.

16 Aug  
Halifax

Report on the case of The King Vs. Alexander McIntosh, resulting in McIntosh's conviction for murder. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 107.

16 Aug  
Halifax

Memorandum by C. A. Prevost with regard to some of the furniture, the property of the province, in the Government House.

Vol. 225, doc. 109.

16 Aug?  
Halifax

List of articles of furniture belonging to the Military Dept. now in the Government House. Vol. 225, doc. 108.

18 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Prevost) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He encloses a judge's report of a trial for murder involving several legal points. He has relieved the prisoner for the moment, and, on the recommendation of the judge and with the advice of the Council, Prevost recommends the prisoner, Alexander McIntosh, for a pardon. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 14.

18 Aug  
Halifax

Same to same. The Bishop has written him that for several years he has not received official intelligence from England of all public fasts and thanksgivings. On his behalf the Lt.-Governor asks that the previous custom be renewed. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 15.

26 Aug  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Bishop of N. S., enclosing the copy of a despatch from Lord Liverpool received yesterday from England.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 345.

*Overleaf.* Copy of letter from Liverpool to the Lt.-Governor, notifying him of the arrangement of pensions of £100 p.a. for British missionaries after ten years' service in the colonies. pp. 346, 347.

30 Aug  
Halifax

Administrator Croke to Sec'y of State Liverpool. Sir Geo. Prevost sailed for Quebec on the 25th August, and the administration of the province has devolved upon Croke, as "President and Commander in Chief." Prevost fell in with the packet and transmitted part of the mail. The hired government schooner *Hunter* has been seized and condemned by the Customs Collector for importing tea and other prohibited articles. The former owner re-purchased her and she is again in the employ of government. "It will remain for your Lordship's consideration how far it may be proper, that a person who has thus been convicted of violating the navigation laws should be continued a Member of His Majesty's Council." (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 16.

13 Sept  
Sable I.

Letter from Edward Hodgson to Michael Wallace, reporting the wreck of a vessel going from St. Andrew's to Newfoundland with a cargo

- 1811 of timber. He and his men are salvaging as much as they can. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 79.
- 3 Oct Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), desiring that  
London he institute an enquiry on the memorial he transmits from Rear-Admiral Graves. (Copy). Vol. 62, doc. 19.
- (3 Oct) *Enclosures.*  
28 Sept Copy of memorial of Rear-Admiral Graves to Sec'y of State Liverpool.  
London He desires remuneration for a tract of land of 20,000 acres, part of a grant to his uncle and inherited by him. These 20,000 acres have been granted to others and settled, and he asks for compensation. (Copy). Vol. 62, doc. 20.
- (3 Oct) Map of section of Nova Scotia showing the location of the tract granted  
London to Admiral Graves, uncle of the memorialist. Vol. 62, doc. 21.
- 7 Oct Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to S. V. Bayard. In receipt of his letter  
Halifax enclosing an account of the money he expended on the bridge over the Annapolis River. The overplus will be paid to his order, and the legislature will probably consider favourably granting the sum necessary to repair the damage done by the late storms to the bridge. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 348, 349.
- 10 Oct List of Members elected to Assembly. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 50.  
Halifax
- 12 Oct Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Joshua Newton, chairman of trustees  
Halifax of the Liverpool grammar school. His letter containing the bye-laws and ordinances for the government of the school has been laid before the Administrator, who approves of them. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 350
- 19 Oct Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), notifying him  
Halifax of his arrival in Nova Scotia on the 16th instant. He has directed Major-Gen'l Hunter to return to New Brunswick. Since the Assembly is not in session he has not had an opportunity to communicate the message from the King's government with regard to suspending the quit rents. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 17.
- 19 Oct Same to same, transmitting and recommending Col. Colin Campbell's  
Halifax memorial for 2000 acres of land in Nova Scotia. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 18.
- 23 Oct Report by the Chief Justice on the case of Sarah Wilson and Lucy  
Halifax Cornicks, indicted for burglary. He recommends Sarah Wilson for mercy. Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 91.
- 29 Oct Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting a  
London letter from the Clerk of the Council relative to the intercourse of certain ports of N. S. and N. B. with the United States. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 22.
- (29 Oct) 1. Copy of a letter from Chetwynd, Clerk of the Council, to the  
7 Oct Under-Sec'y for the Colonies. He encloses an Order-in-Council allow-  
London ing a commercial intercourse between certain ports in N. S. and N. B. and the United States, which is to be put into execution by the Governors of the British North American colonies. Vol. 62, doc. 23.
- (29 Oct) 2. Copy of Order-in-Council allowing commercial intercourse be-  
1 Oct tween the United States and the ports of Halifax, St. Andrew's and St.  
London John's from 1 Nov. 1811. Regulations covering trade. Vol. 62, doc. 24.
- 30 Oct Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to John Walker Esq., Falmouth, directing  
Halifax him to proceed with the repairing of bridges on the Chester Road with as little delay as possible, and using as much economy as possible, and draw on the Secretary for the amount of money expended as soon as the work is done. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 351, 352.
- 4 Nov Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Geo. Leonard Esq. In receipt of his  
Halifax letter to the Lt.-Governor. The Government schooner was damaged



- 1811 in a gale and will take so long repairing that the season will probably be too far advanced for her to go to St. John. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 353.
- 7 Nov Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting  
London a letter from the Duke of Kent relating to Lt.-Pringle Green and the papers therein mentioned. He desires the Lt.-Governor's opinion whether the services of Lt. Green's family in Nova Scotia "give him a Claim to the Interference of His Majesty's Government for the purpose of preventing the Escheat of the Grant of Land referred to in his Memorial." Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 25.
- Enclosures.*
- (7 Nov) 1. Copy of the Duke of Kent's letter to Lord Liverpool. He trans-  
19 Oct mits Lt. Green's memorial and "hopes, His Lordship will find it feasible  
London to acquiesce with his application." Vol. 62, doc. 26.
- (7 Nov) 2. Copy of letter from Lt. Pringle Green, Royal Navy, to the Earl  
15 Oct of Liverpool, asking that, in view of his and his family's exertions in  
London the King's service, his land in Nova Scotia be protected from escheat. Vol. 62, doc. 27.
- 8 Nov Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor  
Halifax has approved a process of escheat being instituted against certain lots of land, described, and wishes the proceedings to begin without delay. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 354-358.
- 13 Nov Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). In receipt of  
Halifax letter transmitting copy of John Harvey Tucker's memorial. He has sent it to the Chief Justice and encloses a copy of his answer and copies of the rule of Court for admission of attorneys and of the Prothonotary's affidavit when Tucker was admitted. He has examined the roll signed by Tucker and declares "that the signature and the words and figures Attorney at Law October 16th 1807 are in the same hand writing." (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 20.
- 14 Nov Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Hon. Andrew Belcher. The Lt.-Gov-  
Halifax ernor wishes to know how soon the armed schooner will be ready for inspection by officers appointed by the commissioner previous to her sailing. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 359.
- 16 Nov Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He has drawn  
Halifax bills for the King's College allowance and the hire of the government armed vessel. There is an "alarming" discount on government and all other bills which can only be disposed of "at a loss of from 15 to 20 P cent." (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 19.
- 20 Nov Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Major Ligertwood. The Lt.-Governor  
Halifax wishes to know when it will be convenient for Major Ligertwood to give him possession of the North Farm, which the Major holds on lease. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 360.
- 26 Nov Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to (Customs Officers). The Lt.-Governor  
Halifax requests that Mr. Minns be permitted to import thirty reams of paper and a small keg of ink from the United States. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 361.
- 5 Dec Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), transmitting  
Halifax the Surveyor-Gen'l's report on the memorial of Rear Admiral Richard Graves. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 21.
- 5 Dec Same to same. He has heard that Michael Wallace is appointed  
Halifax secretary to the Lt.-Governor of Nova Scotia and expresses his "very deep regret that a situation purely confidential should have been disposed of to a person with whom I was at the time totally unacquainted, and more particularly so as I was given to understand when I left England that the recommendation was vested in me". Further reasons.

- In a postscript he asks to have his pay for his Annapolis Royal appointment through the deputy Paymaster-General in Halifax.  
(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 22.
- 1811  
16 Dec  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to Messrs. Fraser, Dawson, and Adamson. By order of the Lt.-Governor he encloses John McKeel's petition, upon which a report is desired. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 362.
- 31 Dec  
Halifax Prov. Sec'y (S. H. George) to the Collector of Customs. The Lt.-Governor, agreeable to his report, orders the prosecution of the schooner *William* and her cargo to be stopped. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 363.
- 31 Dec  
Halifax Abstract of general expenditure for Poor House for 1811. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 99.
- 31 Dec  
Halifax Account of the debt of the province to Michael Wallace for expenditures for the Sable Island establishment. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 81.
- 1811?  
Halifax Statement of the specific appropriations made by His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir George Prevost Bart. out of the arms fund. (Copy). Vol. 288, no. 18.
- 1812
- 13 June  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Under-sec'y Peel, requesting to be informed of "the proper channel thro' which to make an application for the working of Coal Mines" in Nova Scotia. He has received several requests and does not know whether to address the Sec'y of State or the Duke of York. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 23.
- 13 Jan  
Halifax Instructions to the commander of the hired government schooner, to cover his impending voyage to New York. Unsigned, but dated from the Provincial Secretary's office. (Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 39, 40.
- 14 Jan  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), enclosing an application from the Bishop of Nova Scotia. Since it complains of a most serious evil, like applications may be expected from all the officers whose salaries are paid by bills on England. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 24.
- 14 Jan  
Halifax Same to same. In receipt of letter enclosing Order-in-Council allowing a commercial intercourse between certain ports in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and the United States. He asks that copies of Acts of Parliament relative to the trade between Nova Scotia and other places be forwarded immediately that they receive the royal assent, before they are generally published. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 25.
- 14 Jan  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Under-sec'y Peel. He wishes to submit to the Sec'y of State's consideration whether Dr. Croke should be allowed half of the Lt.-Governor's salary while he administered the government, and if so, whether that should be deducted from the Lt.-Governor's salary. "Upon a former occasion when Sir George Prevost was absent from the Province... a similar application was made by Dr. Croke and was then rejected." "I trust there will be no deduction from my Salary, more particularly as the Commander in Chief's share from the seizure of a cargo of flour made during the short administration of Dr. Croke, will exceed five hundred pounds." (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 26.
- 14 Jan  
Halifax Request and statement from Franklin Etter and other inhabitants of Chester, Chester Road, Windsor and Falmouth to the Members for Lunenburg and Hants Counties. They state the public benefits and benefits to themselves that would accrue from having the new Chester-Windsor road made passable for carts. Signed with 37 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 15 Jan  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), enclosing the report of the Surveyor-Gen'l of lands on Lt. Pringle Green's memorial, by which it appears that his lands have not been affected by any recent proceedings. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 27.



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(15 Jan)  
11 Jan  
Halifax

Report of the Surveyor-Gen'l of Lands to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke on the memorial of Lt. Pringle Green with regard to the lands left by his father in Nova Scotia. Those lands have not been threatened with escheat, and may be protected by government from any future action. (Holograph). (This original letter is bound incorrectly. It was enclosed by Sherbrooke to the Sec'y of State, see Vol. 59, doc. 27).

Vol. 62, doc. 28.

16 Jan  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He has given the Provincial Secretary, Mr. George, six months' leave of absence in which to attend to his private concerns in England. Mr. H. H. Cogswell has been sworn in as his deputy. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 28.

16 Jan  
Halifax

Same to same, transmitting a letter from Dr. Croke claiming an allowance for services performed by him in carrying on the government of Nova Scotia from the time Sir George Prevost sailed for Quebec until Sir John Sherbrooke arrived to assume the government.

(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 29.

3 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Robert Hartshorne to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, asking to be given the oath of allegiance and the rights of a British subject. He removed from the United States to the province ten years ago and has lived in Dartmouth, being connected with Hartshorne and Tremaine's grist mill and bakery. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 3.

Overleaf: statement that Hartshorne was given the oaths on the 12th Feb.

5 Feb  
Halifax

The Collector of Customs (Jeffery) to Dep'y Sec'y of the province (Cogswell). He encloses Stephen Binney's commission as Surveyor of Shipping for Halifax district and his resignation. He recommends Wm. Newton, son of the late Surveyor and Searcher, for the appointment. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 2.

6 Feb  
Halifax

Speech of Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, Lt.-Governor, on opening the legislative session. Signed. (As in Vol. 304, no. 30). Vol. 288, no. 44.

6 Feb  
Halifax

Commission granted by Sherbrooke to Uniacke and Stewart, appointing them commissioners to issue oaths to all persons elected to Assembly. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 32.

6 Feb  
Halifax

Draft of first paragraph of Journal.

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6 Feb  
Halifax

Draft of Lt.-Governor's request that Assembly choose a Speaker, and the words spoken by the Lt.-Governor approving their choice.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

6 Feb  
Halifax

Draft of the Speaker's speech accepting the appointment, asking for his own privileges and demanding those requested by the Assembly.

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6-7 Feb  
Halifax

Draft of the Assembly Journal for these dates.

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7 Feb  
Halifax

Draft of reply of the House to the Lt.-Governor's speech on opening the session.

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8 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He has received orders to send the rest of the 98th Regt. to Bermuda, but has not fully complied with it because of the smallness of the regular force at present in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He points out the necessity of reinforcements in the event of hostilities with the United States, and the delapidated state of the fortifications of the province.

(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 30.

8 Feb  
Halifax

Same to same. He announces his intention of extending the leave of absence granted to William Thompson, Prothonotary and Clerk of the Crown, since he has a very efficient deputy doing the duty during his absence. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 31.

- 1812 Copy. Wilkins to Botsford (Speaker of N. B. Assembly). In reply  
8 Feb to letter *re* plaster of Paris trade, Assembly wish him to state that they  
Halifax are considering it, and will keep N. B. Assembly informed of progress  
they make; asks Botsford to do the same for N. S. Assembly. Vol. 304, no. 52.
- 8 Feb The Lt.-Governor's answer to the House's address in answer to his  
Halifax speech on opening session. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 10 Feb Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The  
Halifax Lt.-Governor approves of several tracts of land, herein described, being  
prosecuted in the Court of Escheats, and wishes the legal steps to be  
taken without delay. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 364-367.
- 10 Feb Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Collector of the Customs.  
Halifax In receipt of the Collector's letter enclosing the resignation of Mr. Binney,  
Surveyor of Shipping, and his recommendation of Mr. Wm. Newton for  
Binney's office. He has accepted Binney's resignation and appointed  
Newton to the office. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 368.
- 10 Feb Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Receiver-Gen'l of Quit  
Halifax Rents (Crofton Uniacke). The Lt.-Governor requests an account of  
the sums he has received in quit rents and also what sums have been  
paid to him on account of the fee or reservation in all grants, of five  
shillings on every fifty acres of land exceeding 200 acres to each person.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 369.
- 10 Feb Message from the Lt.-Governor to Assembly, stating that in answer  
Halifax to Assembly's memorial asking suspension of Quit-rents, the King 'will  
suspend any demand for Quit Rents now due or that may hereafter  
be due in respect of lands held of His Majesty in Nova Scotia *on con-  
dition* that some suitable provision be made for the clergy of the Estab-  
lished Church in this colony; And that such suspension will take place  
immediately on the completion of Measures on the part of the Provincial  
Legislature providing an annual allowance for such clergy.' Signed.  
Vol. 304, no. 34.
- (10 Feb) Estimate of civil government for 1812. Signed. (As in Vol. 288,  
Halifax no. 58, no. 59). Vol. 304, no. 48.
- 10 Feb Petition of Abraham Webster of Cornwallis, asking for compensation  
Halifax for injury to his land through the running of the post road through it.  
He also asks that the road may be completed. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 10 Feb Letter from the Sheriff of King's County to the House of Assembly,  
Halifax enclosing returns of a scrutiny taken on the late election. (Holograph).  
(See report of Committee, 16 Mar.).
- Enclosed.* Lists of legal, illegal and doubtful votes. Affidavits, in-  
dentures etc. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 10 Feb Petition of Enos Collins and Joseph Barss of Liverpool, asking for a  
Halifax return of duties on rum etc. imported from the West Indies under special  
circumstances. Signed.
- Annexed.* Certificate of clearing, affidavit of master of ship who was  
agent. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 11 Feb Petition of John D. Hawthorn and James Barss, describing how they  
Halifax went on a fishing voyage to the Straits of Belleisle, returned to Guys-  
borough, "made" their fish, and then had them all swept away by a  
tremendous storm, and asking for the bounty for which they had ex-  
pected to qualify. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 12 Feb Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to John Chipman, Cornwallis.  
Halifax The Lt.-Governor laid his letter, suggesting some additions to the Com-  
mission of the Peace for King's County, before the Council, who thought



- 1812 it unnecessary to change the Commission at present. He cannot therefore accede to Mr. Chipman's request. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 370.
- 12 Feb Message from the Lt.-Governor pointing out the damage done to  
Halifax the roof of Government House and asking that a survey be made to ascertain the repairs necessary to save the building. Signed. (As in Assembly Papers, Vol. 18). Vol. 288, no. 52.
- 12 Feb Petition of Jared Ingersoll Chipman and David Borden, claiming  
Halifax an undue election for King's County. Signed. (Printed *in extenso* in Journal.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 12 Feb Petition of Wm. Parker and other inhabitants of Petit, stating their  
Halifax need of a road from there to Newport, their inability to pay for one, and asking for a grant for that purpose. Signed with 20 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 13 Feb Petition of Archibald Smith, complaining of an undue election for  
Halifax the township of Newport. Signed. (Printed *in extenso* in Journal.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 14 Feb Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), enclosing a Nova  
Halifax Scotia Gazette containing the speech he delivered on opening the General Assembly. In order to avoid discussion he refrained from mentioning the message from the Sec'y of State in answer to the Assembly's memorial with regard to quit rents in his opening speech, but made it the subject of a special message three days afterward. He will submit any communication they may make as soon as possible. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 32.
- 14 Feb Petition of John Higgins and other inhabitants of upper Rawdon,  
Halifax asking for a small grant to help them make a road to connect their settlement with the main road through Rawdon. Signed with 15 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 14 Feb Copy of summons sent by the House to the Sheriff of King's County  
Halifax and other witnesses to appear against the election for King's County. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 14 Feb Petition of Thomas Pearson, complaining of an undue election for  
Halifax the township of Truro. Signed. (Printed *in extenso* in the Journal.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 14 Feb Petition of Leonard Mixner, asking reimbursement for money expended in excess of what had been paid him for road work on Tanner's Hill, Windsor. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 14 Feb *Annexed.* Certificates of commissioner and J. P.'s to truth of petition.  
Halifax Petition of Terence Cockran, complaining of the sheriff of Hants County using undue influence against him in the late election. The sheriff wrote this letter to the schoolmaster at Nine-mile-river:  
"Dear Sir/ I hear that Tery Cochran has been Canvicing for the ensuing Election on the Nine mile river and he reports that the people unanimously has promised him their voats tel them they dont Know the man—he is a profesed Roman Cathelick and for fear that Might be a Bar in his Way he found means to Jump over it he has come forward as I hear to Doctor Cochran and Said he had just found out his Error and would turn to the Church of England and Came forward to the Lords Table with two of his boys and I hear the Docter admitted them What have we to Expect if an Irish Roman Catholick has the rule over us read the History of the Irish Rebellion and you may there See a Cathoulge (catalogue?) of as Bloody deeds as ever was acted by the Wildest Savages the Scotch Roman Catholicks are a difrent people they are loyal and a man that Wont be true to his God will never be true to man no further than serves his own interest "I will be over your Way before the Election and will Give the people such Advice as I would

give to my own Children" signed W. Smith, and with a postscript "I lent the magazine that had the history of the Irish Rebellion to Carpenter John McDonald Get it & read it to your neighbors."

As a result of this letter "and very improper and illegal interference of the said Sheriff many persons were induced not to vote for your Petitioner, and declared to him, that the reason they did not vote for him, was the interest the said Sheriff had taken in the Election and the apprehension they were under of displeasing him knowing that his influence was very great, and that he had it in his power to injure them, and prevent their getting land, which they were afraid he would do, if they acted Contrary to his wishes." He presented himself at the hustings and lost the election; he asks that seats of members be declared vacant. Signed. (For action of House, see p. 39 of Journal.) (Dismissed.)

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15 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of James Ewing, stating that he was obliged, through a mistake, to take out two bonds for furniture imported from Greenock, and asking relief. Signed.

4 Apr. Granted.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

15 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Thomas Scott of Montrose, Scotland, asking for the bounty, hitherto granted on salt imported into the province for the fisheries, on a cargo he brought from Portugal to Newfoundland and thence to Halifax under the inducement offered by the bounty. (Holograph).

*Enclosed.* Certificates of entry, lists of sales of hogsheads of salt, etc.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

15 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Joseph Frampton, of Poole, asking for the bounty on salt which he brought from St. Ube's to Nova Scotia expressly for the fisheries. Signed.

*Annexed.* Certificates re entry and sale of salt.*Overleaf.* "Dismissed."

Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

15 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Forsyth Black & Co. and foreman, Grassie & Co. asking for the bounty due them on salt imported in 1810 and sold in the province at a low price for the fisheries. Signed.

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15 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of George Baine and 33 other inhabitants on the road over the South Mountain to Broad Cove, stating that they have cut out the road leading to Grand Passage, but cannot afford to make it, and asking for about £100 for that purpose. Signed: 34 names.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

17 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Rufus G. Taylor and John Osborn asking for a return of the sunken duty paid on coffee exported under special circumstances to Great Britain. Signed.

*Annexed.* Certificates, letter from Agent etc. to the truth of the petitioner's statements. Granted, 4 Apr.

A. P., Vol. 18.

17 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of George Mordaunt Haliburton, asking for the drawback of duties paid on prize goods exported by him, for which he had been unable to obtain certificates. Signed.

*Annexed.* Certificates etc. Granted, 4 Apr.

A. P., Vol. 18.

17 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Charles Prescott, Wm. Lawson and Jos. Allison, asking to be relieved, for the present, of paying for the duties on large quantities of sugar etc. imported by them and stored, and intended to be re-exported. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

20 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Robert Thomson and other inhabitants of Hammond's Plains, asking for a grant to help them repair the road leading through the settlement and the bridge. Signed with 19 names.

Certified by the Justices of the Peace, Wm. Sabatier and Benjamin Gerrish Gray.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.



- 21 Feb  
Halifax List of expenses incurred by the commissioners for building the Province House. Vol. 288, no. 30.
- 21 Feb  
Halifax Report of joint committee on the public accounts. Signed. Vol. 288, nos. 31, 32, 33.
- 21 Feb  
Halifax Expenses incurred and estimate for further expenditures on the Province Building. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 34.
- 21 Feb  
Halifax Part of report of joint committee on the public accounts. (As in Assembly Journal p. 30). Vol. 288, no. 60.
- 21 Feb  
Halifax Abstract of grants for roads and bridges remaining unpaid the 31 Dec. 1811. (Printed *in extenso* in Journal.) A. P., Vol. 18.
- 21 Feb  
Halifax Resolution that member for Truro be given until 3 Mar to produce evidence in his own favour with regard to the election. Compare with final resolution, Journal p. 29. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 22 Feb  
Halifax Report of the joint committee on the public accounts. Schedule of monies appropriated for the militia. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 22 Feb  
Halifax Copies of three resolutions, with two divisions thereon, determining the legality of three votes in the election for the representative of Truro. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 23 Feb  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), transmitting answers to the questions the Sec'y of State asked in his letter of 25th Nov. 1811. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 33.
- 23 Feb  
Halifax Petition of David McLelan of Londonderry, stating his exertions in erecting wheat and oat mills, and asking for encouragement in making further improvements. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 24 Feb  
Halifax Petition of Henry Taylor, asking the House to remit the duties on sugar long since imported from the West Indies, so that he may distill it into rum. Unless the duties are removed there is no possibility of the sugar being sold. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 24 Feb  
Halifax *Overleaf*. Dismissed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 24 Feb  
Halifax Account of work done in repairing 110 feet of Maccan bridge which was carried away by the freshets in September 1811. Certificate of Thos. Roach, Henry Purdy, Jonathan Crane and Edward Baker to the damage done the bridge, and recommendation that the money for repairing it be taken out of the casualty vote. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 24 Feb  
Aylesford Petition of William Morton and other inhabitants of Aylesford, asking for a grant to help them make a road, which has already been laid out and opened between Aylesford and the Bay of Fundy. Signed with 27 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 24 Feb  
Douglas Petition of Alexander Scott and seven others of Douglas, asking for £100 to enable them to improve their road to the capital, without which they are unable to market their produce. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 24 Feb  
Halifax Petition of Charles Baker and others, asking for a grant for making a public highway between the bridge over the Napan River to the road leading from Amherst to Cobequid. Signed with 12 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 21-25  
Feb  
Halifax Proceedings of the House in determining the various controverted elections. (See Assembly Journal pp. 29 to 39.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 25 Feb  
Halifax Petition of Wm. Robertson, merchant of Sissiboo, objecting to having been obliged to pay two light duties for the Briar Island lighthouse, one at Yarmouth and one at Sissiboo, on the same voyage. Signed. *Overleaf*. Dismissed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

- 1812  
25 Feb  
Halifax      Petition of George Troop and other inhabitants near the post road in Granville and the Bay shore settlement opposite, asking for a further sum for completing the road from the post road to the Bay shore, in addition to what has already been done. Signed with 21 names.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 25 Feb  
Halifax      Copy of resolution that the sheriff of Hants County is highly reprehensible for having written the letter to Archibald Fraser quoted at length in Terence Cockran's petition. The final resolution was a modified form of the following:  
Resolved that William Smith Esq. Sheriff of the County of Hants is highly d-e-s-e-r-v-i-n-g o-f t-h-e C-e-n-s-u-r-e o-f t-h-i-s H-o-u-s-e for having written a Letter previous to the late election for... that County, directed to one Archibald Frazer, of a tendency to affect the said election, (and of a further tendency to promote religious heats & parties amongst the several sects of His Majestys Christian Subjects in this Province; to the manifest injury of the fairness & freedom of elections, and to the danger of disturbing the harmony & peace of private society)—which seconded and put and the House dividing thereon there appeared for the Motion 22 against it 11. (Compare with Journal p. 39).  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 25 Feb  
Granville      Petition of Ezekiel Foster and other inhabitants of Granville township, stating that they are beginning settlements on the Bay of Fundy shore, and asking for a road to the shore to make settling possible. Signed with 20 names.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 26 Feb  
Halifax      Petition of Isaac Smith and other inhabitants on the west side of Shubenacadie River, asking for £100, "which sum together with a spirited subscription which hath been made & will be obtained from the people with their statuate labour will enable the commissioner to compleat the Road, build a Bridge over Rines's crick etc." Signed with 14 names.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 26 Feb  
Halifax      The account of John George Pyke for carriage of arms etc. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 27 Feb  
Newport      Petition of Jeremiah Baker and other inhabitants on the Newport-Rawdon road, asking for aid in making passable the above road. Signed with 32 names.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 27 Feb  
Halifax      Resolution and division on the legality of John Johnston's vote in the township of Truro. Although deaf and dumb, he is adjudged to be capable of voting because he is in possession of his other senses and can communicate his meaning by signs. Copy. A. P., Vol. 18.
- 27 Feb  
Halifax      Petition of John Osborn, asking for the drawback of duties he paid on prize coffee, which he afterwards exported to the United States, and for which he had been prevented from getting the certificates. Signed.  
*Annexed.* Certificates showing lading etc. of coffee. Granted, 4 Apr.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 28 Feb  
Onslow      Petition of Thomas Lynds and others of Onslow stating the great need of making an alteration in the road from North River to Truro, and asking for a grant for that purpose. Signed with 28 names.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 29 Feb  
Wilmot      Petition of John Wheelock and others settled on the New Canaan Road in the township of Wilmot, Annapolis County, asking for a small grant, (£10 or £15) for repairing the west end of the Canaan Road. Signed with 5 names.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 29 Feb  
Wilmot      Petition of Lott Phinney and six others, asking for £60 to help finish the road from Wilmot to the Bay of Fundy shore which Gen'l Ruggles had cut. Signed with 8 names.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.



2 Mar  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Thos. Ritchie, Esquire. His letter soliciting some aid for the support of the Annapolis County schools from the Arms fund has been laid before the Lt.-Governor. As soon as the duty applied to the payment of arms furnished the militia shall furnish him with funds to accomplish "so desirable a purpose" he will consider the application favourably. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 371.

2 Mar  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Surveyor-Gen'l of Lands (Chas. Morris) and the Receiver-Gen'l of Quit Rents (Crofton Uniacke). By order of the Lt.-Governor he encloses a copy of a resolution of the House and requests his attendance on the House at noon the following day. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 375.

2 Mar  
Halifax

*Below.* Copy of resolution of the House of 2 March, 1812. Two papers with regard to the collecting of quit rent. 1. Resolution of House for committee to deliver request to the governor for accounts of the quit rent payable yearly and now due. (Draft.) 2. The Lt.-Governor's answer, acquiescing. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

3 Mar  
Halifax

Report of committee of Council appointed to search the Journals and report information respecting the appointment of a special agent.

1. The present provincial agent, Scrope Bernard, was appointed in 1800 with full powers to represent the province and to "act on behalf of the Province in all causes Matters and things wherein the Interests of the Province may be concerned" at a salary of £116. 13. 4.

2. Bernard's exertions have been to the benefit of the province.

3. Some years ago merchants in England interested in the trade of the N. American colonies appointed a committee to make solicitations of the government in the interests of the trade of the N. American colonies, which has acted to the great benefit of the colonies.

4. Nathaniel Atcheson is the secretary of this committee, and he, with the chairman and deputy chairman have been soliciting objects of great interest to Nova Scotia.

5. The London committee has called on the merchants of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to co-operate to obtain necessary laws and regulations for extending and securing the trade and commerce, and has recommended that they all employ Atcheson as their agent.

6. Halifax merchants have done this.

7. The merchants and their agents have effected many benefits already. They have carried on correspondence with London and New Brunswick committees.

8. The merchants of Halifax have paid Atcheson 200 guineas a year and have contributed 100 pounds towards the expenses of the central London committee.

9, 10. Abortive attempts of the legislature to provide for the employment of such an agent, made in response to petitions from the Halifax merchants urging the legislature to ensure a continuance of Atcheson's services.

11. The committee think that the payment of Atcheson should not be by a "few public-spirited individuals"—but by the province.

12. They are not in favour of the means used last sessions (by Bill).

13. They consider the most satisfactory means to be "to obtain the approbation of... the Lt.-Governor to a vote of... £344. 8. 10... 200 guineas to Mr. Atcheson as a reward for the services he has rendered the Province the present year in soliciting & obtaining from His Majesty's Government many great advantages to the trade and fisheries of the Province & £100 Sterling to pay the contribution of this Province towards the expence in England." Signed. (Draft: 288 no. 45).

Vol. 288, no. 46.

- 1812 Surveyor-Gen'l of Lands to Deputy-Sec'y. True sources of information  
 3 Mar re quit-rents not his office, but that of Receiver-Gen'l and Registrar  
 Halifax of Grants. Estimates arrears at £40,000, and annual quit-rent at £3250.  
 (Holograph). Vol. 304, no. 39.
- 3 Mar Draft of resolution for appointing a special agent for the province.  
 Halifax Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 3 Mar Copy of petition of John Killam and the Yarmouth Lock and Canal  
 Yarmouth Proprietors, stating that the expense of their undertaking has already  
 been double their expectations, that it is necessary to rebuild a bridge  
 at the head of Cape Fourchu Harbour, and asking for a grant of £300  
 for building the bridge. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 3 Mar Petition of Samuel and Joseph Peppard, contractors for building a  
 Halifax bridge over Great Village River, explaining why they have been delayed  
 in finishing the bridge, and expressing the hope that the House will make  
 the necessary grant of money. Signed.  
 Certificates of the truth of the petition are on the other side of the  
 paper. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 4 Mar Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the House of Assembly. Re-  
 Halifax port on the amount of quit rent now payable, the amount received and  
 the amount of fees already taken on lands granted in the province, as  
 shown by the records in the Secretary's office. He gives his estimates  
 and refers the House to the Receiver-Gen'l of Quit Rents for detailed  
 account, and to the Surveyor-Gen'l of Lands for further information.  
 (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 372-374.
- 4 Mar Statement of Receiver-Gen'l of His Majesty's Quit Rents in the pro-  
 Halifax vince, giving the number of acres of land granted since 1809, and amount  
 of quit-rents due, and fees due him as receiver-gen'l. Signed.  
 Vol. 304, no. 35.
- 4 Mar Deputy Sec'y (Cogswell) to Assembly. Account of lands granted,  
 Halifax lands escheated, amount of quit-rents in arrears, and amount payable  
 yearly. Encloses table of fees. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 37.
- Enclosures.*
- 4 Mar Table of fees paid on grants of land issued in Nova Scotia. Fees paid  
 Halifax to Governor, Register, Attorney-Gen'l, Surveyor-Gen'l of King's Woods,  
 Receiver-Gen'l of Quit Rents, Auditor, and Surveyor-Gen'l of Lands.  
 Certified. Vol. 304, no. 38.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar Petition of John Inglis and other inhabitants of Aylesford, pointing  
 Ayles- out the need that exists for a carriage road from the township to the  
 ford Bay shore, since settlements have begun to be made there, and the in-  
 habitants of Aylesford have no other way of getting fish. Signed with  
 40 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- Overleaf.* Undertaking that John Inglis will contribute £50 for every  
 £100 granted by legislature, and see that each settler on the road will  
 do £10 worth of labour. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 4 Mar Petition of Nathaniel Randal and other settlers in the township of  
 Ayles- Aylesford, asking for a grant to make the road cut between Aylesford  
 ford and the Bay of Fundy shore. Signed with 20 names.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar Petition of D. Macfarlane and five other settlers at Fox Harbour,  
 Fox asking for a grant to help them cut a road which will connect their settle-  
 Harbour ment with the Cumberland road. Signed. A. P., Vol. 18.
- 5 Mar Message from the Lt.-Governor, transmitting memorial of the Grand  
 Halifax Jury with regard to the bad condition of Water Street, and recommend-  
 ing it to the consideration of the House. Signed.  
*Enclosure.* Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.



5 Mar  
Halifax

Petition of the Grand Jury of Halifax County to the Lt.-Governor, drawing to his attention the bad state of Water Street "for want of paving and repairing". "...It is the principal Street or Thoroughfare in this Town for wheel Carriages loaded with heavy goods and stores of all descriptions, both for His Majestys Sea and Land Service, and also of the Imports and Exports of this Town." "...the constant passage of heavy carriages" has rendered inadequate the amount of statute labour allotted to Water St. by the road commissioners. They recommend paving the street. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

*Enclosure.*

5 Mar  
rec'd.  
Halifax

Petition of Jonathan Tremain and other inhabitants of Water St., Halifax, to the Grand Jury of Halifax County, asking that some measures be adopted for improving the deplorable condition of Water Street. Signed with 39 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

5 Mar  
Halifax

Petition of William Hill, stating his services as Crown lawyer at the sitting of two courts at Lunenburg and Liverpool, and asking compensation. Signed.

*Annexed.* Certificate of Justices and Attorney-Gen'l as to Mr. Hill's services. Recommendation of Lt.-Gov. Granted, 4th April.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

5 Mar  
Halifax

Rough copy of Haliburton's motion that provincial officers be requested to lay before the House a statement of the revenue for the past three years. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

6 Mar  
Digby

Letter from John Hughes to Messrs. Wiswall and Warwick, members for Annapolis County, informing the public through them "that in consequence of one or Two Acres of soft wood now standing on Briar Island, that all Vessels that make a strait course from Yarmouth through the Grand Passage is prevented from having the benefit of the Light, and if the said Woods are cut down the Light may be seen at Cape St. Mary's, but as it now is, it cannot be seen unless you are some distance from the Land." Important to coasting craft. "Some persons below have requested me to state the Necessity of some Public Money on the road between Little River and Petite Passage." Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

7 Mar  
Halifax

Committee on Province Building to Wilkins. Their readiness to answer for their accounts to House. Seriousness of conditions if they are not granted money on their Treasury warrants to pay wages etc. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 53.

7 Mar  
Halifax

Draft of resolution for granting £34,000 for the public services of the province. (With headings which were omitted in the final resolution, see Journal p. 58.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

9 Mar  
Halifax

Estimate of repairs etc. needed at the Government House. Signed. (Sum voted, 4 Apr.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

10 Mar  
Halifax

Abstract of accounts for work done on Government House in 1811. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 22.

10 Mar  
Halifax

Resolution for granting £34,000 for the general service of the province under eight headings. Signed. (As in Vol. 304, no. 47).

Vol. 288, no. 39.

10 Mar  
Halifax

Accounts, abstracts and estimates of commissioners for building Province Building. Vol. 304, no. 44.

10 Mar  
Halifax

Report of Michael Wallace, Auditor of the Public Accounts, on the expenditure of monies granted by the legislature for making and repairing roads and bridges throughout the province in 1803, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 1810. Done in columns, giving sums, year applied, name of commissioner and where applied. Signed. At the end are suggestions for

- making permanent the price of day labour etc. (Report printed, except for suggestions, see pp. 63-71 in Journal.) A. P., Vol. 18.
- 1812  
10 Mar  
Halifax Rough copy of resolution of House dividing into headings the previous estimate of £34,000 for the services of the province. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 10 Mar  
Halifax Report of the committee of the House on the petitions for drawbacks of duties. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 10 Mar?  
Halifax Petition of the Grand Jury for Halifax County, "That the great increase of Tavern Licences have in great degree been owing to the trifling tax of Six Pounds pr. Annum; and as many evils are produced, and as one among the greatest is the Poor House filled with Paupers, from the excessive use of liquors" they recommend an increase in the tax. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 11 Mar  
Halifax Resolution of the House making provision for the expense that will be incurred should an emergency require the calling out of the militia. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 50.
- 12 Mar  
Halifax Report of the committee of the House on the subject of roads and bridges. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 13 Mar  
Halifax Report of committee of Council (Wallace, Uniacke and Morris) on resolution of Assembly for appropriating £34,000 to the general services of province and on conference which followed resolution. Services are necessary but means provided by Assembly inadequate. Committee cannot recommend larger sum than £28,000. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 45.
- (3 Mar)  
Halifax List of bonds in the hands of the collectors, etc. and estimate of monies to be paid out of the Treasury in 1812. Vol. 288, no. 28.
- 13 Mar  
Halifax Message from the Council on the subject of the vote for £34,000 for provincial services. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 13 Mar  
Halifax Amendments to the bill respecting the highway leading from Fort Massey, proposed by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 13 Mar  
Halifax Resolution of the House for defraying the expense of arms and accoutrements issued to the militia. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 14 Mar  
Halifax Rough copy of Mr. Haliburton's motion respecting the petitions and message asking for consideration of the bad state of Water Street. (For final resolution see Journal p. 77.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- (14 Mar)  
Halifax Draft of order of the House that the Collector of Impost and Excise for Halifax district be called before the House to give an account of his collections and other information. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 16 Mar  
Halifax Two copies of proceedings of the House with regard to the "insulting" words spoken by Mr. Lawson with regard to the Speaker in the hearing of Mr. Creighton and Mr. Purdy. Mr. Lawson apologizes and promises to be more careful. (See Journal p. 81). Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 16 Mar  
Halifax Petition of the magistrates and Grand Jury of Halifax County, asking for the repeal of the Act for building and regulating the Halifax markets. 22 signers. Vol. 288, no. 53.
- 16 Mar  
Halifax Report of the committee of the House on the subject of the King's County election. Three schedules, showing the committee's determinations concerning the legality of votes. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 17 Mar  
Halifax Two copies of address to the Lt.-Governor in answer to his message regarding Water St. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 17 Mar  
Halifax Resolution of the House for granting £300 for the past and present services of Nathaniel Atcheson in the commercial interests of the province. Draft. Passed and approved by Council. (4 Apr.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.



- 18 Mar  
Halifax Report of Michael Wallace, acting commissioner for Sable Island affairs, to the Council and Assembly on the general state of the establishment. He goes into the various factors which must be considered in keeping up such an establishment, points out its shortcomings, its absolute necessities, and the means of obtaining them. He explains how £150 will have to be added to the yearly allowance for this service to insure the saving of more lives and much more property. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 83.
- 21 Mar  
Halifax Resolution of the House asking for the return of money resolves agreed to or rejected. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 42.
- 21 Mar  
Halifax Rough copy of resolution of the House respecting the King's County election. (For final resolution see Journal p. 87.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 21 Mar  
Halifax Report of the committee on the subject of the Province funds. With erasures etc. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 23 Mar  
Halifax Draft of message from the Council with regard to their message of the 13 March, in which they disagreed to the Assembly's resolve of £34,000 for the general services of the province. (Fair copy: Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.) Vol. 288, no. 48.
- 24 Mar  
Halifax Report of the committee of the Council from conference on the general state of the province. The House "from an earnest desire to dispatch the public business of the Session were desirous of ascertaining by friendly Negotiation, thro their Committee, the amount of the probable Sum which might be agreed upon by His Majesty's Council for the various public Services of the ensuing Year—that they conceived from the information they had obtained from the Committee of Public Accounts... and other sources... on which they placed much confidence they might safely calculate upon a sum not less than twenty five thousand pounds to be appropriated for the above Services—and that H. M. Council having rejected their Vote for the sum of £34,000 they conceived it would have a tendency to forward the business of the Session, if they could be inform'd of the Sum to which his Majestys Council might be disposed to give their concurrence in order to the House framing a Resolution comporting with it." They suggest that perhaps £25,000 would be a satisfactory sum. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 47.
- 24 Mar  
Halifax Resolution respecting message from the Council of 23rd, and suggesting conference on general state of the province. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 24 Mar  
Halifax Unanimous resolution of the House that the Council's resolution on the 13th March "is unusual and unparliamentary and highly derogatory to the rights and Privileges of this House" etc. (Draft). Printed in Journal p. 99. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 24 Mar  
Halifax Proceedings of the House on the Council's message of the 13th March. (See Assembly Journal p. 99). Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 25 Mar  
Halifax Message of Lt.-Governor to Assembly, stating that he has directed report of militia officers to be laid before House. Recommends higher rewards for apprehension of deserters and grant for the carriage of arms and ammunition. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 46.
- 25 Mar  
Halifax Message and copy of message from the Lt.-Governor to the House transmitting the opinions of the militia officers as to improvements needed in the militia act, and asking for an addition to the reward for apprehending deserters. Vol. 288, nos. 40 and 41.
- (25 Mar)  
Halifax Suggestions of the officers of the militia as to changes that could profitably be made in the militia laws. Enclosed in the Lt.-Governor's message of this date to the House. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

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25 Mar Letter from the Adjutant-Gen'l of militia to the Speaker transmitting  
Halifax a copy of the N. B. militia law. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

25 Mar Petition of Amos Gates and ten other inhabitants of a settlement  
Halifax in the township of Wilmot between the top of the North Mountain and  
the Bay of Fundy, asking for a grant for a road to connect them with  
the main post road. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

25 Mar Report of the committee on the accounts of the commissioners for  
Halifax the new Province Building. (Copy). (Report printed on p. 105 of  
Journal.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

25 Mar Resolution for providing the members of the Council and the House  
Halifax who have not got them with a set of the laws of the province. Signed.  
Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

28 Mar Draft of resolution for granting a sum not exceeding £200 for the  
Halifax apprehension of deserters. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

28 Mar Petition of Alexander Cocken, keeper of the lighthouse on McNutt's  
Halifax Island stating how he has laid out a small sum on the road across the  
island and asking for £30 or £40 more, which will make the road passable.  
Signed. Certified by Geo. White, Colin Campbell and Van Buskirk.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

28 Mar Message from the Council, agreeing to three of the resolutions for  
Halifax granting sums for miscellaneous services, the Province House, repairs  
to the Government House etc. but disagreeing to the rest of the £34,000.  
Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

28 Mar Resolution for granting £100 to provide for the transportation of  
Halifax arms and accoutrements for the militia. Draft. Passed, 4 Apr.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

30 Mar Report of committee on roads and resolutions of committee of supply.  
Halifax Drafts, mostly figures. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

30 Mar Account of monies expended by the commissioners of roads from 6th  
Halifax Apr. 1811 to 14th March 1812. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.

31 Mar Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He encloses  
London copies of correspondence between Major Fraser and himself and Under-  
sec'y Peel. He wishes Sherbrooke to make due inquiry into the cir-  
cumstances under which Major Fraser's grant was laid out and the  
reason that it was not suspended upon the receipt of Lord Castlereagh's  
letter of 31 Aug. 1807. He also desires the Lt.-Governor's opinion on  
the claim in general. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 29.

### 3 Enclosures.

(31 Mar) 1. Copy of letter from Major S. Fraser to the Earl of Liverpool. He  
17 Mar wishes an answer to a communication he transmitted in January 1811  
London from the Lt.-Governor of Nova Scotia. In the event of an American  
war he offers his services to raise a regiment in Nova Scotia for which  
province he expects to embark in April. Vol. 62, doc. 30.

(31 Mar) 2. Copy of letter from Under-sec'y Peel to Major Fraser in answer  
21 Mar to his letter to Liverpool. By an instruction of approximately the same  
London date as Castlereagh's recommendation to Lt.-Gov. Wentworth of a  
grant for Fraser, the Sec'y of State specifically set 500 acres as the greatest  
amount to be granted to any one person. Liverpool therefore cannot  
consent to the confirmation of more than 500 acres to Fraser. The gov-  
ernment, while giving him credit for his zeal, cannot accept his offer  
of raising a regiment in Nova Scotia. Vol. 62, doc. 31.

(31 Mar) 3. Copy of Major Fraser's reply to Peel's letter. He shows that  
26 Mar his grant was laid out before Wentworth received Castlereagh's instruc-  
London tion and also that 5000 acres were granted to Jas. Milne at the same  
time and later confirmed. Since he has sent out twelve persons to settle



- on his land and thinks he has as good a claim as Milne, he asks Peel to submit his case again to Lord Liverpool. Vol. 62, doc. 32.
- 1812  
31 Mar  
Halifax Petition of Enos Collins and Andrew Wright, asking for a suspension of the duties payable by them on a cargo of sugar imported from Brazil and to be exported. Signed. Certificate of the Clerk of the Revenue Board. Granted, 31 Mar. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 31 Mar  
Halifax List of votes for the services of roads and bridges for the ensuing year. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 1 Apr  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He encloses a Nova Scotia *Gazette* containing his Proclamation for continuing the port of Halifax open until the 25th May for the intercourse permitted by the Order-in-Council of 29th October. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 34.
- 1 Apr  
Halifax Draft of report of committee in answer to messages received from Council on appropriations. Unconstitutional efforts of Council; resentment of House at Council's proposing taxation and splitting resolution of House. Vol. 304, no. 42.
- 1 Apr  
Halifax Resolution of the committee of the House *re* quit rents. "that as the Inhabitants of this Colony are composed of Persons professing various religious Sentiments all of whom since the first Settlement of this Province have been exempt from yielding any support to the Church of England, except such as profess to be Members of that Church, the House of Assembly anxiously desirous of preserving harmony among all denominations of Christians cannot agree to make provision for the Clergy of the Church of England out of the Public Treasury or in any way raise money by Taxes on other classes of Christians for Support of that Church." Draft. (As in Journal p. 117). Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 1 Apr  
Halifax 115 votes for the services of roads and bridges in the province for the ensuing year. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 2 Apr  
London Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting Sir George Prevost's commission as Captain-General and Governor in Chief of Nova Scotia and the islands of Prince Edward and Cape Breton, together with the usual Instructions. Signed. (For Commission see Map Case; for Instructions see Vol. 350 doc. 20). Vol. 62, doc. 33.
- 2 Apr  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Grand Jury of Halifax. In answer to their application the Lt.-Governor wishes him to enclose a copy of his message to the House on the subject of the Grand Jury's letter, together with the House's address in answer. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 376.
- 4 Apr  
Halifax Draft of resolution for having an index made of laws passed since 1804. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 4 Apr  
Halifax Seven votes of the House for various provincial services. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 4 Apr  
Halifax Thirteen votes of the House for provincial services. Signed. Two accounts annexed. Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 4 Apr  
Halifax Resolution of the House for appropriating £283 for repairs to the Government House. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 6 Apr  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the sheriff of Halifax County, enclosing a copy of the free pardon granted by the Prince Regent to Alexander McIntosh, which he is to put into execution. (Copy).  
Below. Copy of the pardon to Alexander McIntosh, convicted of murder. Vol. 140, pp. 377-380.

- 1812 Copy of address of Assembly to Lt.-Governor, in answer to his message  
7 Apr *re* quit-rents (in no. 34). Assembly cannot comply with the King's  
Halifax conditions because the inhabitants have always been free from taxation  
for a state church, and because the majority of Nova Scotians would  
object to the Assembly providing for the support of the Anglican church,  
whose doctrines they do not profess. The collection of quit-rents would  
be a great burden to the inhabitants. Draft: no. 40. Vol. 304, no. 41.
- 7 Apr Report of the committee on the Sable Island accounts. Signed.  
Halifax Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 7 Apr Five resolutions of the House for grants for various services. Signed.  
Halifax Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 7 Apr Resolutions of the House for granting sums for seven services of the  
Halifax province. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 7 Apr William Minn's account for stationery for the use of the House and  
Halifax Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 8 Apr Resolution for appointing a committee to inform the Lt.-Governor  
Halifax that the House has no intention of forming a new life-saving station  
on Sable Island. Also draft of resolution. A. P., Vol. 18.
- 8 Apr Resolution of the House for adding clause to appropriation bill to  
Halifax compensate the representatives of a deceased road commissioner. Signed.  
Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 9 Apr 1. Testimonial of James Flemming Jr. to the good character of Henry  
Halifax Bateman. Dated 8 April.  
2. Statement by the Chief Justice that Henry Bateman had taken  
the oath of allegiance and the state oaths. Vol. 226, doc. 4.
- 9 Apr List of people recommended to the Lt.-Governor to be appointed  
Halifax road commissioners by the committee of the House of Assembly, all  
approved by the Lt.-Governor. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 51.
- 9 Apr Reply of the Lt.-Governor to the address of the House with regard  
Halifax to the collecting of quit rents and the providing for the clergy of the  
Church of England. Signed. (As on p. 133 of Journal.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 10 Apr Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He wishes to  
Halifax know whether it would not be advisable for him to have the official  
cypher, and suggests that it be sent by the first opportunity. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 35.
- 10 Apr Same to same. He encloses copies of his message to the House relative  
Halifax to quit rents and of their answer to it. The Lt.-Governor's expectations  
with regard to their reception of any suggestion for supporting an estab-  
lished church have been realized, as shown in their address declining  
the conditions offered by the Home Government. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 36.
- 10 Apr Speech of Lt.-Governor on closing legislative session. Signed.  
Halifax Vol. 304, no. 54.
- 10 Apr List showing the number of days' attendance of each of the members,  
Halifax the amount of pay due them and the number of day's travel. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- pre Petition of John and Henry Newton to the Assembly, relating the  
10 Apr trouble they have had with regard to their land on Fox Island, and ask-  
Halifax ing that the House will not amend the provincial act to encourage the  
fisheries so that it will operate to their disadvantage. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 18.
- 21 Apr Invoice and bill of lading of supplies shipped to Sable Island. Both  
Halifax signed. Vol. 424, doc. 87.



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22 Apr  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). In addition to calling the Sec'y of State's attention to the dilapidated state of the fortifications of the province, Sherbrooke points out the lack of naval defence. "In the latter end of November or in the beginning of December I find it is the custom for the Admiral to leave Halifax and with the whole of the Squadron to proceed to the Bermudas; where he remains till the beginning of June in the ensuing year. This has been the case this winter and no Ship of War was left here except the *AEolus*, and she only to complete her repairs." The *Atalanta* is the only naval vessel at present defending Halifax. He trusts "that such a system of Naval Defence may be established as will in the event of hostilities with America, always leave a sufficient number of Ships of War constantly on this station, to protect the Coast from insult, and the trade from molestation." There are excellent relations between the military and naval commands in the province. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 37.

23 Apr  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor has remitted the sentence adjudged to John Stewart on condition that he serve in the Navy, to which he has consented. The Attorney-Gen'l is take the necessary legal steps to release him from jail and deliver him to the captain of one of the King's ships.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 381.

24 Apr  
London

Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) or the Administrator of Nova Scotia, transmitting a copy of the Order-in-Council permitting and regulating a commercial intercourse between N. S., N. B. and the United States. He is to see that the regulations are enforced in Nova Scotia. Signed.

Vol. 62, doc. 34.

*Enclosures.*(24 Apr)  
8 Apr  
London

1. Copy of Order-in-Council permitting trade between the ports of Halifax, St. John and St. Andrew's with those of the United States in certain enumerated articles.

Vol. 62, doc. 35.

(24 Apr)  
London

2. Copy of Act of 1809, renewed in 1812, allowing commercial intercourse under certain regulations to be made by Order-in-Council between N. S., N. B. and United States ports.

Vol. 62, doc. 36.

1 May  
London

Commissioners of H. M. Customs to the Lt.-Governor of Nova Scotia. They enclose, and request him to deliver, their commission permitting Richard Chapman, Acting Tide Surveyor at Halifax, to act as a preventive officer. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 5.

1 May  
Argyle

Petition of Mrs. Letitia McKinnon, widow of Capt. Ranald McKinnon, asking for a grant of confirmation of the land granted to her husband and left by him for the support of their children. The original grants were destroyed by rats and her husband was unable to obtain certified copies from the Secretary's office. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 6.

*Overleaf.* Note that certified copies are available.6 May  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to L. Hartshorne, Esq. The Lt.-Governor has received his letter and accepts the resignation of his appointment as Commissioner of Streets and Highways in Halifax.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 384.

7 May  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the commander of the hired government schooner, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's orders that he take on board the Attorney-and Solicitor-General and transport them to Lunenburg and such other ports on the coast as the Attorney-Gen'l may desire.

(Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 41, 42.

7 May  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Custos Rotulorum of each of the counties of Lunenburg, Hants, and Shelburne. By order

- of the Lt.-Governor he encloses the commissions for road work for their counties, which they are to have delivered to the various commissioners. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 382, 383.
- 1812 Letter from M. Sigogne, missionary, to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. In reply to the Governor's request he sends a copy of the treaty with the Indians made in 1761. He relates an anecdote regarding the signing of the treaty. He makes comments on the state of the Indians and the measures which might be taken to improve it, and encloses a bill of his expenditures on their account. (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 21.
- 9 May  
Clare *Enclosure.* No. 20 Copy of Indian Treaty.
- 12 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), enclosing a letter addressed to the Lt.-Governor by the Bishop on the subject of the want of a suitable provision for the clergy and "the deplorable state of the established Church in this Province." He is "induced to coincide in opinion with the Bishop that the allowance to the Clergy is inadequate to their support, and from the great increase of Sectaries of various descriptions in this Province I must also confess that the established Religion is very far from being in a flourishing state at present in Nova Scotia." Cannot propose any immediate remedy, but recommends the Church and its ministers strongly for provision. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 38.
- 12 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Under-sec'y Peel, in receipt of the free pardon for Alexander McIntosh, which he has ordered to be executed. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 39.
- 12 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He is in receipt of his letter of 4th March in answer to Dr. Croke's application for instruction relative to the administrator's share of the Lt.-Governor's salary and fees. The orders therein will be implicitly obeyed. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 40.
- 12 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Under-sec'y Peel. In receipt of his letter of 4th March. By the latest news from the United States it appears that recruiting is going on rapidly, although there is still a large body of opinion opposed to war against England. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 41.
- 13 May  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Henry Wright, Shelburne Collector of Customs. By the Lt.-Governor's order he encloses a representation relating to a seizure lately made at Shelburne, in consideration of which the Lt.-Governor recommends that the property may be immediately restored. If the prosecution is proceeded with he is to furnish a statement of all the circumstances under which the seizure was made. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 385.
- 14 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), acknowledging receipt of his letter with the estimate for the civil establishment of Nova Scotia for 1812. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 42.
- 14 May  
Halifax Same to same. In receipt of letter relating to the 5000 acres of land ordered to be laid out for Maj. Fraser. He will order an enquiry into all the circumstances and forward its results and his own opinion as to the validity of Fraser's claims by the next packet. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 43.
- 18 May  
Halifax Same to same, in reply to his request for information as to what regulations have been hitherto established and observed in N. S. in regard to the arrival of foreigners without a pass from Great Britain. He encloses a copy of the provincial act empowering the Lt.-Governor to grant a permit to any alien he will allow to remain in the province. Few permits have been granted and no aliens removed from the province by Lt.-Gov. Prevost. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 45.



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21 May  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Customs Collector, Halifax. The Lt.-Governor, anxious to ascertain the number of foreigners in the province, requests copies of all reports the Collector has received from masters of all vessels which have arrived in port since 1 Nov. 1811, with the particulars required by the provincial statute 38 Geo. III cap. 1.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 386.

23 May  
London

Sec'y of State (Liverpool) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He transmits a copy of a letter from the Sec'y of the Treasury suggesting an arrangement whereby bills may be drawn more regularly and conveniently on the Agent in England. This arrangement is to be adopted in Nova Scotia unless the Lt.-Governor sees some serious objection to it. Signed.

*Enclosures.*

Vol. 62, doc. 37.

(23 May)  
18 Mar  
London

1. Copy of letter from the Sec'y of the Treasury to Under-sec'y Peel, enclosing an extract of a letter from the Provincial Agent, and desiring that Lord Liverpool have his suggested arrangement put into effect.

Vol. 62, doc. 38.

(23 May)  
17 Mar  
London

2. Extract of a letter from Mr. Mathias, Agent for Nova Scotia, recommending that the Lt.-Governor of Nova Scotia be directed to draw bills only from the 1st January and from the 1st July. "By this regular method being adopted much trouble in every point of view will be saved."

Vol. 62, doc. 39.

23 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke to Gen'l. Hunter, Pres. of New Brunswick. In receipt of his letter of 13th instant "upon the subject of allowing during the continuance of the American Embargo Law the importation of Salted Provisions of all Kinds, Cotton, Pot and Pearl Ashes and Leaf Tobacco into the Ports of the Province of New Brunswick and also to allow the same to be exported to the United Kingdom Spain and Portugal". As he wished to know Sherbrooke's opinion of its being adopted in Nova Scotia, "I beg leave to observe that altho no one more deeply regrets the difficulties which commerce has to struggle with, from the various restrictions to which it is subjected and altho' I am sincerely disposed to give every facility to a legitimate course of Trade, yet nothing but imperious necessity, of which I must have good proof shall induce me to relax the Laws of Navigation and Trade, from the strict observance of which I am convinced the evils of the Embargo Law must fall with greater force upon the people of the United States than upon the subjects of Great Britain."

(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 387, 388.

25 May  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Customs Collector, Halifax. In reply to his letter on the subject of the Alien Law, the Lt.-Governor requests that the master of every vessel arriving in Halifax be required to make a written report of all passengers on board his vessel, giving the particulars required by the provincial Alien Act. Copies of these reports are to be sent to the Lt.-Governor. "His Excellency not having received official notice that the British Act of the 49th Geo. 3d. opening the Port of Halifax has been continued; is not aware of any legal impediment to your complying with the Provincial Statute respecting Aliens."

(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 389, 390.

28 May  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Sabatier. In receipt of his letter and report on the state of the Long Bridge, the Lt.-Governor authorizes him to expend £8 in making the bridge safe, and to do it soon.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 391.

30 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), transmitting the printed acts of the legislature during his administration. As soon as they are printed the Journals will be sent. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 44.

30 May  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs. By order of the Lt.-Governor he submits the

application of the contractor for supplying rice for the troops, and recommends that the expected cargo of rice be admitted to an entry if it arrives under ordinary circumstances. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 392.

30 May  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Deputy Commissary-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of the memorial submitted by him, which was favourably received. He encloses a copy of the letter which he wrote to the Customs officers recommending that the prayer of the memorial be granted. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 395.

2 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Justice Monk. The Lt.-Governor wishes him to visit and report on the Grammar School in Guysborough and the pier at Arisaig, while he is in Sydney County. He wishes to know "the number of Scholars, their names and ages, and what branches of education they have been instructed in, together with any other incidental information respecting the School generally which may tend to shew the advantages or inutility of that establishment." As an unprejudiced observer he is to inspect the pier and the harbour formed by it, and "Report upon the advantages which the public may probably derive from what has already been done, and the practicability utility and expence of forming a safe and commodious Harbor there." (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 393-395.

4 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the agent of the contractor, desiring that the government hired schooner be provided with a cutter boat. (Copy). Vol. 111A, p. 43.

5 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the commander of the hired government schooner, directing him to take certain persons on board and proceed to Lunenburg and such other points on the coast as Capt. Nicolls shall wish. (Copy). Vol. 111A, p. 44.

9 June  
Halifax

George Grassie to Dep'y Sec'y Cogswell, asking for four warrants on the Treasury on behalf of himself and the other Commissioners of the Poor House. Approved by Lt.-Governor. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 7.

11 June  
London

The Earl of Bathurst to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, announcing that he has succeeded Liverpool as Sec'y of State for War and the Colonies. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 40.

16 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Edward Mortimer and John Dawson of Pictou. He encloses a petition for a certain piece of land which is described in the accompanying papers, upon which he wishes the gentlemen to report. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 396.

16 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Joseph Allison, Halifax. The Lt.-Governor submitted his letter, asking for permission to export flour and other American produce to the West Indies, to the Council and they advised against granting such permission. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 397.

16 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Enos Collins, Halifax. The Lt.-Governor submitted his memorial, requesting a licence and passport to carry flour imported from the United States to Spain and Portugal without obtaining the regular Custom House papers, to the Council and they advised him not to grant such licence, as it would be "nugatory and afford no protection to the property in case of seizure." (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 398.

16 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Jas. Rammage. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his memorial, which he has submitted to the Council. They advise him, that, since Mr. Rammage's ship is under libel in the Court of Vice-Admiralty, his application should be to that Court and not to the Lt.-Governor. "His Excellency hopes and trusts that you will have no just cause to complain of the decision of your cause in a British Court of Justice." (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 399.



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18 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He transmits a copy of the Surveyor-General's report on Maj. Fraser's memorial concerning a tract of 5000 acres. He cannot comply with Major Fraser's desires. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 46.

18 June  
Sackville

Wm. Sabatier to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, reporting on his survey of the road to Windsor and the proposed alterations. With a map. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 9.

22 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to J. G. Pyke, Custos Rotulorum. Previous to granting permission for a wax-work exhibition to be shown in Halifax, the Lt.-Governor wishes to know "whether the Magistrates are of opinion that the proposed Exhibition can be in the smallest degree prejudicial to the Morals or interests of the Inhabitants." (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 400.

25 June  
London

Under-sec'y Peel to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, enclosing a copy of an Order-in-Council revoking, as far as regards American property, the Orders-in-Council of 7 Jan. 1807 and 26 Apr. 1809. Signed. Circular. Vol. 62, doc. 41.

*Enclosure.*

(25 June)  
23 June  
London

Copy of London Gazette containing the Order-in-Council revoking the American property provisions of the Orders-in-Council of 7 Jan. 1807 and 26 Apr. 1809. Vol. 62, doc. 42.

25 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool). He has just had a letter from Washington stating that the resolution to declare war against Great Britain has passed in the House of Representatives and is expected to be carried in the Senate. Referring to his previous letters regarding the defenceless state of the province he points out the necessity of sending out immediate reinforcements. He cannot detach the remainder of the 98th Regt. until more troops have arrived. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 47.

25 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Collector of Customs, Halifax. The Lt.-Governor, having read the papers submitted for his consideration, entirely approves of the Collector's restoring the vessel of Henry Schneider, lately seized. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 401.

25 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Chief Justice. He encloses 5 papers respecting the murder of a child in Shelburne. The Lt.-Governor wishes to know his opinion thereon, and what judge and associates he would nominate to compose the court of oyer and terminer to try the mother. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 402.

26 June  
Sable I.

Letter from Edward Hodgson to Michael Wallace, reporting on the state of the island, which is lower than it has ever been, due to the death of several of the horned cattle and the mare. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 91.

28 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), giving an account of a naval encounter between five American vessels and one British ship, by which it appears that the United States has declared war on Great Britain. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 48.

29 June  
Guysborough

Report by Thos. Cutler of conversations he had with Walter Lee, convicted of murder, and other matters which convince him that Lee is a fit object for mercy. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 15.

29 June  
Halifax

Report by Judge Monk of the trial of Walter Lee for the murder of Nicholas Wright, which resulted in Lee's conviction. Signed.

*Annexed.* Note by the Chief Justice that he sees no ground for lenity to the prisoner. Vol. 226, doc. 16.

(29 June?)  
Guysborough

Petition of Walter Lee, convicted of the murder of Nicholas Wright, asking the Lt.-Governor to grant him mercy. He explains the accidental

- nature of the affair in which he killed Wright and offers to go into the army or navy if his sentence be remitted. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 17.
- 1812 Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Lawson, Halifax. In  
30 June reply to the memorial of H. Denoon, R. Pagan, and J. Milnes respecting  
Halifax expenses incurred in apprehending Matthew Reynolds and conveying  
him to gaol in Halifax. The Lt.-Governor has no funds, but recommends  
their applying to the House of Assembly. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 403.
- June Recommendation of Walter Lee for mercy by the jury that convicted  
Sydney him of murder. Recommendation addressed to the Judges of the court  
Co. that tried him. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 8.
- 1 July Petition of Henry Taylor to Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke, stating his  
Halifax financial difficulties, and asking for three month's grace to enable him to  
find the £555 for which an execution is now in the hands of the sheriff.  
(Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 10.
- 2 July Application of the Speaker of the House of Assembly to the Lt.-Gov-  
Halifax ernor for a writ for the election of a member for Sydney County. Signed.  
Vol. 226, doc. 11.
- Overleaf:* Governor's order.
- 2 July Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to each Custos Rotulorum of  
Halifax the counties and districts of the province, communicating the Lt.-Gov-  
ernor's orders for carrying into effect the provisions of the alien act.  
They are to assemble the magistrates of their county or district and  
agree upon the most advantageous steps to be taken. "His Excellency  
considers it of great importance in the present time, that the Act should  
be diligently executed. You will therefore make particular inquiry, whether  
there are any Aliens within your County or District, who have not per-  
mission to remain therein." Reports of passengers must be obtained  
from all masters of ships, and notices posted that there is a fine of £100  
for harbouring aliens without giving notice to a magistrate.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 404-406.
- 4 July Under-Sec'y Peel to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, enclosing a copy of a letter  
London just received from the Lords of the Admiralty on the subject of the  
defence of Nova Scotia. Vol. 62, doc. 43.
- Enclosure.*
- (4 July) Copy of letter from the Sec'y of the Admiralty to Under-sec'y Peel  
3 July in reply to Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke's urgent request for reinforcements  
London in N. S. A copy of Sherbrooke's letter has been forwarded to Admiral  
Sawyer "with a desire that he will give his best attention to the pro-  
positions of Sir. J. C. Sherbrooke on the subject." Vol. 62, doc. 44.
- 4 July Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), enclosing a copy  
Halifax of the manifesto and declaration of war published by the American  
government. He describes the preparations he has made for the pro-  
tection of the province with the limited means at his disposal. He has  
issued two conciliatory proclamations, copies of which he encloses, in  
hopes of encouraging "a friendly disposition which appears inclined  
to manifest itself in some of the States in our more immediate neighbour-  
hood", and of assuring the eastern provinces of necessary supplies of  
provisions. Discontent of the eastern and northern states over the war.  
He requests authority to issue letters of marque. Referring to his pre-  
vious letters, he urges the immediate and pressing necessity of reinforce-  
ments to the troops in the province. A remittance of specie would fill  
an urgent need. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 49.
- 6 July Elkanah Morton to the Deputy Prov. Sec'y, reporting on the general  
Digby state of the district he lives in and the probabilities of the war. He  
thinks the Americans will be much more inclined to smuggle than to  
fight. But he fears, with good reason, that privateering Americans will



- do considerable damage to coastal towns. Given the necessary arms and ammunition, however, the inhabitants could be depended upon for their own defence. For himself, although he lost a leg in the American War, he is "cordially willing to risk the other" in any way he can be of service. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 18.
- 1812 Invoice of supplies and other articles sent to Sable Island. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 89.
- 7 July Halifax D. C. Jessen to Dep'y Sec'y Cogswell, notifying him of the committing to jail of Stanislaus Peter a native of Poland for treasonable utterances, and asking for the Lt.-Governor's commands relating to him. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 12.
- 13 July Lunenburg Report of five magistrates that, upon examination, Stanislaus Peter denied the charge of treasonable utterances made against him by Jacob Simmons and Elizabeth Wagner. Signed with Peter's mark. Vol. 226, doc. 20.
- 13 July Lunenburg Deposition of Jacob Simmons as to the treasonable utterances of Stanislaus Peter. Taken before five Lunenburg magistrates. Vol. 226, doc. 21.
- 13 July Lunenburg Deposition of Elizabeth Wagner as to the treasonable utterances of Stanislaus Peter. Taken before five Lunenburg magistrates. Vol. 226, doc. 22.
- 15 July Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Rev. Wm. Cochran, Windsor. In receipt of his letter recommending three aliens for licences, the Lt.-Governor grants them permission to remain in the province six months. The licences have been forwarded and will be delivered on the recipients taking the proper security. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 407.
- 15 July Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to John Lawson, George Grassie and R. Tremain, Halifax. In receipt of their letter complaining of the conduct of a naval impressing party, the Lt.-Governor states his regret and his intention to communicate with the Vice-Admiral on the subject. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 408.
- 16 July Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), in receipt of his letter enclosing a circular letter from the Secretary at War regulating the pay and allowances to officers acting as Deputy Judge Advocate on Courts Martial. These regulations had previously been followed in Nova Scotia. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 50.
- 16 July Halifax Same to same, in receipt of his letter of 25th April. The commands of the Prince Regent shall be carried out. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 51.
- 16 July Liverpool Petition of James Rogers to the Lt.-Governor. He recounts his services for King and country, the many local and unremunerative offices he has held in the town and county in the twenty-two years of his residence, and asks the Lt.-Governor "to be pleased to appoint him to some one or more such offices that may turn up & found Necessary in this Town, such as Commissary of Provisions, or of Accounts, Storekeeper, Barrack Master, Paymaster, Superintendent or such like as his Excellency may see proper... which would so far compensate for the deficiencies of or rewards not before granted your Petitioner by Government." (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 19.
- 18 July Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), in receipt of a box and the commission and instructions of Sir George Prevost. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 52.
- 18 July Halifax Same to same, in receipt of his letter and enclosure of 29th April. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 53.
- 18 July Halifax Same to same, acknowledging receipt of his letter enclosing an Order-in-Council permitting, under imperial act, a commercial intercourse between Nova Scotia and the United States. Since the outbreak of

- hostilities between the two countries these regulations cannot be carried into effect. Sherbrooke has called out a part of the militia and convened the legislature for the purpose of providing funds for the militia and the general defence of the province. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 54.
- 1812  
18 July  
Halifax Same to same. He encloses papers prepared by the Deputy Paymaster Gen'l containing his plan for the payment of part of the militia. The Lt.-Governor requested him to prepare some plan, and as he thinks it the most efficient system for the purpose, he will act upon it until he shall have received orders from the Sec'y of State. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 55.
- 18 July  
Halifax Same to same, representing once again the urgent necessity there is for adequate reinforcement of the defences of the province. The Admiral has made a similar representation. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 56.
- 20 July  
Quebec Sir George Prevost to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, in reply to Sherbrooke's letter. He encloses a copy of his letter to the Sec'y of State on the subject of grants for the Council members. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 45.
- Enclosure:* Copy of Vol. 59, doc. 3. (This letter and enclosure are bound in the wrong volume).
- 20 July  
Halifax Lt.-Governor's warrant to the commander of the government hired schooner to proceed on a cruise with the schooner *Paz* to Prince Edward Island. Directions governing his conduct on the cruise. (Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 49, 50.
- 20 July  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Col. Stewart of Cole Harbour. By order of the Council he encloses a copy of the petition of Samuel Bisset for an island in Cole Harbour, on which the Council desire him to report. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 416.
- 21 July  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the commander of the government schooner *Alalanta*, giving the Lt.-Governor's orders regarding the soldiers which have been detailed for service on the schooner. (Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 45, 46.
- 21 July  
Halifax Speech from the Lt.-Governor, announcing that the government of the United States of America had declared war on the King, and opening the special session of the Assembly convened to consider this event. (As in Vol. 304, no. 31). Signed. Vol. 288, no. 49.
- 21 July  
Halifax Abstract of payments made at Treasury between 31 Dec. and 21 Jul. 1812. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 43.
- 21 July  
Halifax List of members, 27 in number, attending session. Minutes of proceedings. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 22 July  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), transmitting copies of papers relating to the capture by the Americans of the *Samuel and Sarah* Transport, with a detachment of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Scots on board. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 57.
- 22 July  
Halifax Lt.-Governor's licence to Edward Perkins to import provisions and naval stores from any port of the United States into the province, in any "ship or vessel." Vol. 226, doc. 13.
- 22 July  
Halifax Account of J. G. Pyke, Adjutant-Gen'l of militia, for arms and accoutrements. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 22 July  
Halifax Two copies of address of the House in answer to the Lt.-Governor's speech on opening the session. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 23 July  
Halifax Lt.-Governor's reply to Assembly's address. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 49.
- 23 July  
Halifax Resolution of House for appointing committee to ask Lt.-Governor for estimates of services he anticipates. (Copy). Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.



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25 July  
Halifax Proceedings of committee on supply, with resolutions for militia and other services connected with the war. Two drafts. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.

25 July  
Halifax Resolution of the House for raising a loan of £30,000 for the defence of the province. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

27 July  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Christian Muller, Manchester, transmitting, by Capt. O'Brien, a warrant for the execution of Walter Lee, which he is to carry into effect exactly as required by the warrant.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 409.

27 July  
Halifax *Below.* Receipt of letter and enclosure by John O'Brien.  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the commander of the government schooner *Atalanta*, directing him to receive Capt. Collyer on board the schooner for the trip to Prince Edward Island.

29 July  
London Sec'y of the Audit Board to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, notifying him that there is a charge of £75 against him, and desiring him to comply with the regulations controlling such an exigency. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 47.  
(Copy). Vol. 111A, p. 51.

29 July  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Justices Monk, Haliburton and Hutchinson. The Lt.-Governor desires their opinion on a legal point which arose in the Court of Marriage and Divorce, when the Governor's vote was in the minority.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 410.

29 July  
Horton Elisha Dewolf to Depy. Prov. Sec'y, asking for a bond and licence which he will use to allow two Americans to remain in his neighbourhood, and a *dedimus* for him to administer the oath of allegiance to another. He recommends all three men. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 14.

29 July  
Halifax Resolution of the House for appointing a committee to join Council committee for the purpose of obtaining a loan of £30,000 for the province. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 38.

29 July  
Halifax Copy of advertisement for provincial loan of £30,000. Book to be placed in coffee house for subscriptions. Vol. 304, no. 63.

29 July  
Halifax Petition of Louis Tony and Peter Maurice on behalf of themselves and other Indians to the Lt.-Governor, asking for provisions and clothing and promising to fight for the government when called. Written for the two Indians by another person, who does not sign his name.

*Overleaf.* Sherbrooke's order for clothing for the two Indians, and warning that they would only receive provisions and arms if they were called out to fight. Vol. 430, doc. 148.

29 July  
Halifax Letter from Wm. Sabatier, Chairman of the Committee of Trade to the Halifax members of the House. He states the necessity that existed last year for some authentic account of the exports and imports of the province, and asks them to introduce the subject to the House "that the House should, before they rise, request of the Governor to direct the different Collectors of the Customs to furnish the House with such returns annually." Signed. See resolution of 7 August, carrying this into effect. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.

29 July  
Halifax Petition of John Hall, explaining the circumstances which led to his not obtaining certificates from the Collector of Impost for duties paid on goods imported from Great Britain to Lunenburg, and asking for the goods to be freed. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.

31 July  
London *Annexed.* Certificates to the truth of his petition.  
Sec'y of State Bathurst to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, transmitting letters relating to the mode of assessment of the salaries of civil officers in Nova Scotia. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 48.

*Enclosures.*

- 1812  
(31 July)  
15 July  
London 1. Copy of letter from the Sec'y to the Treasury to Under-sec'y Peel, enclosing a report of the Commissioners of Taxes. The Lords of the Treasury request that the Sec'y of State for the Colonies have the report and affidavit form communicated to the colonies whose civil establishments are provided by Parliament. Vol. 62, doc. 49.
- (31 July)  
18 May  
London 2. Copy of letter from the Commissioners of Taxes to the Sec'y to the Treasury, detailing the procedure to be followed by civil officers in drawing their salaries so that exemptions from property duties may be made. The form of affidavit to be used by the officers follows. Vol. 62, doc. 50.
- 31 July  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Justices Monk, Haliburton and Hutchinson. The Lt.-Governor thanks them for their readiness in giving their opinion on the legal point submitted to them that arose in the Court of Marriage and Divorce. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 411.
- July  
Yarmouth Petition of the magistrates of Yarmouth to the Lt.-Governor, asking for the necessary arms for the four gun-boats they are building in preparation for a possible attack from the United States. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 36.
- 1 Aug  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting a copy of an Order-in-Council directing the detention of all American vessels coming into ports of Great Britain and the colonies. Signed. Circular. Vol. 62, doc. 51.
- 3 Aug  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), notifying him of the treaties of peace which have been concluded between Russia and England and between Sweden and England. Signed. Circular. Vol. 62, doc. 52.
- 4 Aug  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), acknowledging receipt of his letter announcing his appointment as Secretary for War and the Colonies. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 59.
- 5 Aug  
Horton Declaration of Jonathan Graham and others that they are perfectly satisfied with the services of George Johnson and David Harris as commissioners of sewers for the township, and have entire confidence in their ability. Signed by 83 persons. Vol. 226, doc. 24.
- 5 Aug  
Halifax Resolution for granting bounties for volunteers in the Navy.
- 6 Aug List of votes for service of General Assembly. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 6 Aug  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Liverpool), in receipt of his letter relative to the alteration proposed in the mode of drawing bills on the Provincial Agent. He has transmitted it to the Provincial Treasurer, and assures the Sec'y of State of its being carried into effect. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 58.
- 6 Aug  
Halifax Same to same, enclosing a letter from Mr. Allen, lately British Consul at Boston, which he considers important. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 60.
- 6 Aug  
Halifax Same to same. He encloses extracts from the minutes of the Court of Marriage and Divorce and from the provincial statute by which the Court is constituted. A point of constitutional importance has arisen. "The Members of His Majesty's Council who voted that a Commission should issue contended that the whole Court were bound by the act of the majority and the Lieutenant Governor had a vote only equal to that of a Member of Council, and consequently that the Commission should issue." He wishes to know "whether the Lieutenant Governor is on all occasions, where the advice and consent of the Council is necessary to give validity to executive acts of Government, not merely to be controlled by the opinion of the Majority but absolutely under



- 1812 an obligation to carry into effect measures which have received his un-qualified disapprobation." (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 62.
- 6 Aug  
Halifax Seven resolutions of the House for granting sums for the services of the General Assembly, bounties for seamen etc. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 6 Aug  
Halifax Resolution for applying the rents of the Market House in Halifax to the defence of the province. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 6 Aug  
Halifax Unanimous resolution of the House for a committee to request the Lt.-Governor to take measures to protect the coast of the province from American privateers. (Part of resolution only; see Journal, p. 16 for entire resolution). Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 6 Aug  
Halifax Copy of report of committee to request the Lt.-Governor to take measures to protect the coast from American privateers, giving Sherbrooke's reply, that he will consult with the Commander. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 6 Aug  
Halifax Additional clause to the appropriation bill providing for the pay of the embodied militia. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 7 Aug  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). Since he responded to Sir George Prevost's request for arms the supply at his disposal in Nova Scotia is much too low to fill his needs. He again urges the necessity of sending reinforcements. He has embodied a fifth of the militia and, unless reinforcements soon arrive, will be obliged to call another part of that force to arms, which would be expensive for government and bad for the province, it being harvest time. There is also urgent need for a supply of specie. He made application for specie "laying under the charge of the Judge of the Admiralty", but was refused by Dr. Croke. He suggests that an order for using this specie be sent out. A postscript states that there is already a demand for British manufactures in the United States, which might, if encouraged, lead to an illegal trade between the province and the United States which would be of great profit to Nova Scotia. He wishes to know if illegal traders should be protected by the Navy and the Customs Officers for the purpose of fostering this trade. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 61.
- 7 Aug  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to J. G. Pyke, Custos Rotulorum of Halifax County. Having had information that the coast on the east side of Halifax Harbour is very exposed to predatory attempts of the enemy, the Lt.-Governor directs him to assemble the sessions and Grand Jury and make provision for the purchase of Armed Boats for the defence of that part of the Coast." (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 412, 413.
- 7 Aug  
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burg D. C. Jessen to the Deputy Prov. Sec'y, enclosing depositions and other papers relating to Stanislaus Peter and the deserter John Lovick. He hopes a reward for apprehending the deserter will be paid to Francis Rudolph for him to pay to the people who apprehended him. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 26.
- 7 Aug  
Halifax Account for drafting and printing Articles of war and proclamations. Signed. Recommended by the Lt.-Governor. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 7 Aug  
Halifax Draft of resolution respecting a committee to request Lt.-Governor to have delinquent outport collectors of impost and excise prosecuted. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 7 Aug  
Halifax Message from the Lt.-Governor asking for provision for counsel used at various criminal prosecutions throughout the province. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.

- 1812 Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). Dr. Inglis, the Bishop, has suffered a paralytic stroke and is expected not to recover. Since he considers it "of the greatest importance to the welfare of this Province that in the event of the Bishop's death a proper person should be appointed to succeed to that High Office" he makes a few remarks on church matters. Because of the large number of dissenters in the province the Bishop needs to be a "person of great coolness moderation and good sense to sooth (sic) and conciliate rather than irritate and disgust the dissenters." "The greater part of the Clergy are uneducated men who require to be formed by the example of the Bishop and the due exercise of his pastoral care. In addition to his ecclesiastical duties there is another part of the episcopal office here of the greatest consequence. As patron and one of the Governors of the college. . . . I need not suggest to Your Lordship the powerful influence of such an establishment upon the religion, morals, and loyalty of the people of this Country and the necessity of its being under fit directions. . . . I must be candid enough with Your Lordship to confess that I know of no divine now resident in this Province who in my opinion is perfectly qualified for the duties of this high office." Of the provincial ministers Dr. Robert Stanser, Rector of St. Paul's, has the best claims to the bishopric, and his appointment would give general satisfaction. His own opinion of Stanser is high. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 63.
- 8 Aug Halifax Copy of Mr. Robie's motion and the division on it, "that the Sense of the House should be taken whether any further attempts should be made by the House to Effect the Issue of Paper in the Province." For the motion: Pryor, Dimock, Lawson, Ritchie, Freeman, Marshall, Shaw, Manning, Pyke, Parker, Mortimer, Lent, Bishop. (13) Against the motion: Creighton, Rudolph, Purdy, Haliburton, Marsters, Fleming, Dewolf, Harris, Chipman, Allison, Baker, Kent, Sargent (13). "So Mr. Speaker gave his Casting Vote agt. Motion." (Nothing of this in the Journal). Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 8 Aug Halifax Draft of answer of the House to the Lt.-Governor's message regarding the payment of counsel in criminal trials. (See Journal, p. 20). Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 11 Aug Halifax Resolution of the House for granting £15 to the Keeper of the House of Assembly for her services during the session. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 13 Aug Halifax Amendment proposed by the Council to be made to the Appropriation bill, which the Assembly refused to consider. The amendment proposed is a change in the appropriation for the pay of the members, substituting for a lump sum voted by the Assembly an allowance of 10 shillings per day during the session and fourpence a mile for the distance they traveled to reach Halifax. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 13 Aug Halifax Paper received from the Council in conference asking why the House would not consider their amendment to the appropriation bill. Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- 13 Aug Halifax Reply of the House to the written papers from the Council, giving their reasons for not considering the amendment proposed by the Council to the Appropriation Bill. (Printed *in extenso* in Journal, p. 25). Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.
- (13 Aug) Halifax Copy of reply of the House to papers from the Council regarding the Assembly's refusal to consider the amendment made by the Council to the appropriation bill. (Printed *in extenso* in Assembly Journal, p. 25). Vol. 288, no. 54.
- 14 Aug Halifax Copy of resolutions of the House anent their attitude towards the Council amending a money bill.



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14 Aug  
Halifax

"Resolved unanimously That the House of Assembly in refusing to consider the Amendment proposed by His Majesty's Council to the Act of Appropriation exercised their Constitutional right and did not assume a power which they do not possess.

Resolved unanimously that this House can never admit it to be the right of his Majesty's Council to amend a Money Bill." (Printed *in extenso*, Journal p. 26). Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.

14 Aug  
Halifax

Account of attendance of members, with number of days in session and in travel, and amount due each, total amount, £485.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 19.

14 Aug  
Halifax

Draft of message from Council to Assembly on agreeing with appropriation bill, declaring unanimously that 'the consideration of the present state of the province alone induces them to submit to measures so subversive to the principles of constitutional legislation, Vol. 304, no. 51.

14 Aug  
Halifax

Speech of Lt.-Governor on closing special session of legislature. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 55.

15 Aug  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to John Black and L. Hartshorne, notifying them that the Lt.-Governor has appointed them to be a commission to issue £12,000 under the act of the legislature. They are to nominate a third commissioner. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 414.

16 Aug  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to James Foreman. The Lt.-Governor has appointed him commissioner, with J. Black and L. Hartshorne, to issue Treasury notes to the amount of £12,000 under the late Act of the legislature. As soon as word is received from him of his acceptance the commission will be made out. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 415.

20 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), enclosing two lists of vessels entered and cleared at the Naval Office, Halifax, between 5 July 1811 and 5 January 1812. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 64.

24 Aug  
Halifax

Same to same, notifying him of the remarkable recovery of Bishop Inglis from his attack, which was apoplectic and not paralytic. He does not consider that the recovery can be expected to last for any considerable length of time. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 65.

24 Aug  
Halifax

Same to same, enclosing the Journals and proceedings of the House of Assembly during the Spring session of 1812.

(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 66.

24 Aug  
Halifax

Same to same, enclosing printed copies of the two acts of the special session convened, to provide supplies, on the declaration of war by the United States. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 67.

27 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke to the Customs Collector, Halifax. He has given Edward Blackford permission to export a quantity of British merchandise from Halifax to New Brunswick, and wishes the Collector to clear out the vessel in which they are loaded

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 417.

29 Aug  
Montreal

Sir George Prevost to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, forwarding a letter from the Sec'y of the Treasury and requesting Sherbrooke to supply the necessary information. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 53.

*Enclosure.*

(29 Aug)  
6 June  
London

Sec'y of the Treasury (R. Wharton) to Sir George Prevost, Governor-General, wishing to know the origin and annual amount of the pensions allowed to M. Danséville and Rev. John Inglis by the British Government. (Copy). Vol. 62, doc. 54.

2 Sept  
Halifax

Petition of Edward Perkins, stating that he has just imported a cargo of American provisions, and asking for permission to carry lumber, fish and staves on the return voyage to Havana. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 27.

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*Overleaf.* Opinion of Council against granting permission.

4 Sept  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Miller, Agent for prisoners of war. He encloses a petition from two Americans at Annapolis to the Lt.-Governor, also a letter from the sheriff of Annapolis respecting some prisoners in his custody. How are they to be supplied with provisions? (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 418.

8 Sept  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Admiral's Secretary, enclosing letters to be forwarded by the King's ships to the Collectors of the different ports they will visit. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 419.

*Below.* Copy of letter to be sent to each Collector, directing him to clear out all vessels ready for sea when this letter arrives without waiting for convoying ships. Vol. 140, pp. 420, 421.

14 Sept  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Collectors of the Customs at Halifax and Shelburne. In compliance with the enclosed resolution of the House, the Lt.-Governor requests that they furnish the House, at the periods required, with the return of ships, vessels, crews and exports from the province to Great Britain, the West Indies and elsewhere. (Copy). p. 422.

*Below.* Copy of resolution of House of Assembly for asking Governor to direct the Customs Collectors "to lay before this House, at their next sessions, and annually thereafter, a Return of the Number of Ships, Vessels and Crews and the exports from the Province of all denominations to Great Britain the West Indies and Elsewhere."

Vol. 140, pp. 422, 423.

14 Sept  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Attorney-Gen'l, enclosing a copy of a resolution of the House of Assembly, which the Lt.-Governor wishes him to carry into effect. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 424, 425.

*Below.* Copy of resolution of the House of Assembly for asking the Lt.-Governor to direct the Attorney-Gen'l "to prosecute all such Collectors of Impost and Excise at the Out Ports of this Province, who are reported by the joint Committee of the Council and House of Assembly last Session as Delinquents, and who shall fail to close their accounts, and secure the Balances by the thirty first day of December next."

16 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He describes the recruiting methods adopted by the President of the United States to provide soldiers in the region contiguous to New Brunswick. He considers that the troops are more likely to be used to "overpower" the Governor of Massachusetts, who has refused to place any of the state militia under the government orders, than to be employed against New Brunswick. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 68.

23 Sept  
Halifax

List of articles shipped to Sable Island by order of the Acting Commissioner Michael Wallace. Vol. 424, doc. 84.

23 Sept  
Halifax

Invoice of articles sent to Sable Island by order of the Lt.-Governor. Signed by Michael Wallace. Vol. 424, doc. 85.

1 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), in receipt of four despatches and two circulars, to which due attention will be paid. He is gratified that the measures he took in consequence of the American declaration of war were approved by Government. He will always be ready to embrace every measure tending toward conciliation with the United States, but sees no corresponding disposition in that country's rulers. The 97th. Regt. will be a "seasonable" reinforcement. The difficulties of obtaining specie are increasing and the demand also, so that the military chest is almost exhausted. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 69.

3 Oct  
Halifax

Same to same. He encloses a copy of a letter from the Sec'y to the Auditors of Public Accounts relative to the allowances hitherto made to M. Danséville and Rev. John Inglis. He explains the circumstances



and protests against the charge for the last quarter having been placed at his account. "I can with great truth assure both them (the Auditors) and Your Lordship that it was by no means necessary to resort to the harsh measure of charging the amount of the Bills against me to obtain the end proposed." He hopes that the Government will continue to pay the allowances, but cannot be responsible for them if it does not.

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(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 70.

5 Oct  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Enos Collins, owner of the schooner *Liverpool Packet*. The Lt.-Governor directs that he return to the Secretary's office as quickly as possible the commission he holds for capturing American vessels, so that the commission may be changed and new instructions given.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 431

6 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), enclosing and recommending a copy of a letter from the Secretary on behalf of the Governors of King's College to the Sec'y of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. He also encloses a copy of a letter to the Rev. Mr. King of Windsor from his parishioners.

(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 71.

6 Oct  
Halifax

Same to same, reporting on military and other arrangements relating to the war. Several of the militia men have offered to work, free of charge, on the repairs at Fort Cumberland. Since it will expedite the work and save expense he has accepted, and ordered rations to be issued to them. He again points out the necessity of small armed vessels being provided for the defence of the province against American privateering craft, and the urgent demand for arms and accoutrements for the service of the militia.

(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 72.

7 Oct  
Halifax

Same to same. He fears the trade which has lately been carried on between the United States and Nova Scotia, by which supplies have been brought to Nova Scotia and then exported to the West Indies, Spain and Portugal will be stopped by measures of the Congress now in session. If Congress succeeds in its attempts to hinder this trade Nova Scotia will be in serious want of supplies.

(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 73.

7 Oct  
Halifax

Same to same, relative to Indian policy. Since his suggestion of giving presents to the Indians has been approved he will carry it out. He suggests further that a part of the amount authorized for the service be spent on purchasing a cheap kind of gun, which he thinks would be more acceptable to the Indian than most presents, especially when combined with occasional gifts of small quantities of gunpowder. He has ordered a quantity of blankets, which had been condemned in the barrack department as worn out, to be issued to the Indians. This will be of considerable benefit to them although practically no expense to Government.

(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 74.

7 Oct  
Halifax

Same to same, requesting that camp equipage and other articles of field equipment be sent out for the supply of the embodied militia.

(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 75.

7 Oct  
Halifax

Same to same, announcing the arrival of Mr. Mitchell, appointed by the United States government to superintend the concerns of American prisoners of war in Nova Scotia. He will reside in Halifax. Sherbrooke's opinion of Mitchell. Thanks for Gazette containing account of Wellington's victory.

(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 76.

12 Oct  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor approves processes of escheat being commenced against certain tracts of land, herein specified, and wishes him to take the necessary legal steps without delay.

(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 428-430.

13 Oct  
London

Circular despatch from the Acting Sec'y of State to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, enclosing a copy of an Order-in-Council allowing the issue of

- 1812 Letters of Marque against the shipping of the United States. Signed.  
*Enclosure.* Vol. 62, doc. 55.
- (13 Oct) Copy of Order-in-Council premitting the issue of Letters of Marque  
 London and Reprisal against "the ships, goods and citizens of the United States  
 of America". Vol. 62, doc. 56
- 15 Oct Memorandum of Admiral Warren that he "has no objection to the  
 Halifax Shallop *Porgey* proceeding to the Gut of Canso without Convoy." Signed.  
 Vol. 226, doc. 29.
- 17 Oct Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Customs Collector at  
 Halifax Shelburne. In receipt of his letter. The Lt.-Governor grants him the  
 discretionary power to clear out certain vessels without convoy for which  
 he asked, but warns him to be "extremely careful to prevent valuable  
 Vessels and Cargo from Leaving any Ports...without convoy."  
 (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 426, 427.
- 19 Oct Acting Sec'y of State Sidmouth to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, transmitting  
 London Order-in-Council for granting licences for exporting and importing  
 certain articles to and from the United States. Signed.  
*Enclosure.* Vol. 355, doc. 54. Order-in-Council and forms of licences.  
 Vol. 62, doc. 57.
- 20 Oct Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He encloses a  
 Halifax copy of a letter, to which no reply has been received, addressed by Lt.-  
 Gov. Prevost to Earl Liverpool on 22 June 1811. The Council of Nova  
 Scotia desire an answer, and Sherbrooke adds his recommendation to  
 that of Prevost that they be granted the land they request.  
 (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 77.
- 22 Oct Vice-Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He is in receipt of  
 Halifax Sherbrooke's letter and enclosure, and regrets that he cannot comply  
 with the request of Mr. De. Blois contained therein. Signed.  
 Vol. 226, doc. 28.
- 26 Oct Warrant from the Commissioners of the Admiralty to the Governor-  
 London Gen'l, allowing the issue of Letters of Marque and General Reprisals  
 against ships, vessels and goods belonging to the United States.  
 (Copy). Vol. 62, doc. 58.
- 28 Oct Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to all the sheriffs in Nova Scotia,  
 Halifax notifying them of their appointment to that position, and instructing  
 them as to taking the oath of office etc. Circular. Vol. 140, p. 432.
- Oct John George Pyke's bill to the province for services in the Adjutant  
 Halifax and Quarter-Master-Gen'l's Department from 1st July to 1st October.  
 Signed. Vol. 225, doc. 117.
- 3 Nov Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke to T. T. Mathias, Agent for the province  
 Halifax in London. He has drawn a set of exchange payable to the Governors  
 of King's College for a quarter of the parliamentary grant. If there  
 are no funds in his hands for its payment he is to communicate with  
 Dr. Inglis. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 433.
- 3 Nov A. St. John Baker to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, enclosing a copy of a letter  
 Wash- from the Sec'y of State to him. (Holograph). Vol. 385, doc. 13.  
 ington
- (3 Nov) Copy of letter from Sec'y of State Monroe to A. St. John Baker, stat-  
 30 Oct ing that, in consideration of Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke's request, American  
 Wash- ships will be instructed not to molest ships going to Sable Island with  
 ington supplies or returning from there to Halifax. Vol. 385, doc. 12.
- 4 Nov Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), enclosing a copy  
 Halifax of a letter from Bishop Inglis to him announcing the departure of Dr.  
 Inglis to represent his case in England. Sherbrooke states the younger  
 Inglis' ability to give full information with regard to the Church in Nova  
 Scotia. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 78.



4 Nov  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Jones Fawson, Sheriff of Halifax County. The Lt.-Governor has pardoned Philip Cottenburg and Samuel Fleet from serving sentence on condition that they enter the King's naval service, and has pardoned Hannah Humphries and Catherine Ray. He is to discharge them from gaol accordingly.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 437.

5 Nov  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to John Beckwith, Naval Officer. He transmits the Lt.-Governor's directions for the Naval Officer to make a return of all vessels and cargoes which have cleared out from the Naval Office at Halifax since 1 Jan. 1812, and in future to return quarterly lists as his instructions direct.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 434.

5 Nov  
Halifax

Gideon White to Chief Justice Blowers. He points out that there is only one magistrate in Barrington township, and no justice of Common Pleas and only one such justice for that district. He recommends certain persons and urges that appointments of two magistrates, one justice of Common Pleas, a sheriff and a coroner be made. Signed

*Annexed.* Note by the Chief Justice approving the persons recommended by White.

Vol. 226, doc. 30.

6 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He describes the difficulties of trade with the United States, increased by the state of war. "As the greatest efforts of the Enemy are directed against our commerce their whole art and energy will no doubt be employed to prevent our receiving such supplies of Provisions as we stand in need of from that Country and from introducing our manufactures among them." If neutral ships might be allowed, under licence, to carry fish and lumber to the West Indies, they would import provisions into Nova Scotia from the United States and clear out with British and colonial exports for the West Indies. Nova Scotia would then be assured of provisions. He recommends that such licences be allowed. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 79.

6 Nov  
Halifax

Same to same. Despite the lenient attitude of British masters of ships towards American unarmed coasting and fishing vessels, Nova Scotian craft of that description has not met with a similar reception by the Americans. He describes a case of acts of depredation committed on the Nova Scotian shore and transmits papers relating to it.

(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 80.

9 Nov  
Halifax

Same to same. He encloses a Halifax newspaper containing an account of "an affair at Queenstown" in which the United States forces were defeated and the British General Brock killed. (Copy).

Vol. 59, doc. 81.

11 Nov  
Halifax

Same to Same. Recommending the merchants' request that the packets be allowed to continue to come direct to Halifax during the winter months instead of "going round by the Bermudas, as has been the custom for some years past." Freeness of Harbour from ice in winter.

(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 82.

11 Nov  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Attorney-Gen'l. He encloses, by the Lt.-Governor's order, a description of lands which he approves being tried in the Court of Escheats. He wishes the necessary legal steps to be taken without delay. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 435, 436.

11 Nov  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Customs Officer at Shelburne. In reply to his letter of 23rd. October anent an American subject wishing to bring in American goods either in an American vessel under a neutral flag or in a British vessel. The Lt.-Governor will only grant him a licence restricted to the port of Halifax. During the war the Lt.-Governor "does not conceive it proper that Citizens of that country should be at Liberty to travel through this Province or engage in any commercial pursuit without a Special Licence for that Purpose".

- 1812 which he only has authority to grant. All unlicensed Americans are to be sent directly to Halifax. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 438-440.
- 12 Nov Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), enclosing a newspaper from Quebec describing the "late very brilliant affair at Queens-town". (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 83.
- 12 Nov Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting the copy of a letter from the Treasury signifying that a grant of 5000 acres should be made to Lt.-Col. Fraser, to which the Prince Regent has given his consent. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 59.
- Enclosures.*
- (12 Nov) 1. Copy of letter from the Sec'y to the Treasury to Under-sec'y  
9 Nov for the Colonies, signifying that the Lords of the Treasury consider  
London that a grant of 5000 acres should be made to Lt.-Col. Fraser in accordance with his memorial. He encloses a copy of a letter from Fraser. Vol. 62, doc. 60.
- (12 Nov) 2. Copy of letter from Lt.-Col. Fraser to Richard Wharton, asking  
13 Oct for further consideration of his claim for confirmation of the 5000 acre  
London grant he was promised in 1807. Vol. 62, doc. 61.
- 12 Nov Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, enclosing three sets of descriptions of four men who have deserted their ship-master and gone into Cumberland County. Since the ship-master has turned over their indentures to him, the Admiral desires the Lt.-Governor to do everything in his power to recover the men. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 34.
- 12 Nov Descriptions of four deserters, from a ship-master who has turned over their indentures to the Admiral, who have gone to Londonderry, Cumberland Co., and engaged as labourers. Their present employers are named. Vol. 226, docs. 31, 32.
- 13 Nov Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He has submitted the case Sherbrooke presented, relative to the decision in the Marriage and Divorce Court, when the Governor's vote is in the minority, to the Law Officers of the Crown, and encloses a copy of their opinion. He is glad that the action of the Governor in his executive and legislative capacities is not affected by this decision. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 62.
- Enclosure.*
- (13 Nov) Copy of report of law officers of the Crown on a case submitted by  
28 Oct Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. Their opinion is that it is not necessary that  
London the majority vote in the Court of Marriage and Divorce include that of the Lt.-Governor to be valid. "It by no means follows from this opinion (which relates only to the Judicial Acts of the Court of Governor & Council) that the Governor is liable to be controuled in matters of Legislation or acts of executive Government which stand upon Grounds of a very different nature." Vol. 62, doc. 63.
- 13 Nov Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He directs the  
London Lt.-Governor to recognize Mr. John Dougan as Agent in Nova Scotia to take charge of captured American property on behalf of the Commissioners of American property. Sherbrooke is to give Dougan every assistance and support he can in the execution of his duty. He transmits a copy of a letter on the subject from the Commissioners. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 64.
- Enclosure.*
- (13 Nov) Copy of letter from the Commissioners for American property captured  
3 Nov in Great Britain and the colonies, to the Sec'y to the Treasury, explaining the duties of their agent and naming the man they have appointed for Nova Scotia. Vol. 62, doc. 65.



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17 Nov  
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Sec'y of New Brunswick to Deputy Prov. Sec'y of Nova Scotia, requesting a copy of the Acts of the last session and information with regard to the method of issuing provincial notes. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 35.

17 Nov  
Halifax

Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, stating that the expense of bringing the four apprentices from Londonderry to Halifax will be defrayed by the Naval Officer of the Careening Yard, on presentation of affidavit to the charges. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 37.

18 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). Since he and Major-Gen'l Smyth disagree with regard to the defences required for the city and river St. John, Sherbrooke sent Capt. Nicoll, the Commanding Royal Engineer, to inspect and report on it. He encloses Nicoll's report and has directed him to state the particulars of the projected work on the Washademoiac to Lt.-Gen'l Manne, Inspector Gen'l of Fortifications, who will determine whether it should be done and send instructions. Field works and batteries etc., which will cost comparatively little, he has directed Nicoll to begin. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 84.

18 Nov  
Halifax

Same to same. He agains calls Bathurst's attention to the subject of his letter of the 6th November. Pending instruction, he has encouraged the importation of provisions "so far as to allow Neutral Vessels bringing such Cargoes, licences to export lumber to our West India Islands." He hopes an Order-in-Council will be passed "to enable us in this Colony to obviate some of the evils to which we are exposed to by a War with the United States of America." (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 85.

19 Nov  
Halifax

Same to same. He encloses the official returns of the Naval Office of the province for three quarters of 1812. He has the assurance of the Naval Officer that the returns will be made regularly henceforth. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 87.

20 Nov  
Halifax

Same to same, transmitting a copy of the speech of the President to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States at the meeting of Congress on the 4th inst. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 86.

21 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Vice-Admiral Warren on the subject of granting licences for importing provisions from the United States. Hitherto, because of the improper uses that might be made of them, he has refused all applications for these licences. Now, however, when the United States government is expected to prevent exportation of supplies very shortly "it appears... a matter of so much importance to secure if possible a supply of Flour & other necessities of Life... that I shall feel it my duty to grant Licences/to the persons whose Names are contained in the enclosed List/to import provisions from the United States into Halifax in any vessel not belonging to the Subjects of France" providing the Vice-Admiral will protect them from capture." Awaits his reply. Draft: Vol. 226, doc. 39. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 441-443.

21 Nov  
Halifax

Admiral Warren to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, assuring him of his co-operation in carrying into effect the licences he may grant for allowing provisions to be imported into the province. Copy: Vol. 140, p. 444. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 38.

24 Nov  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Mr. Wm. H. Roach, Annapolis. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his memorial of the 9th instant. He regrets that Mr. Roach has suffered through his attachment to the British Government "but does not know of any office or situation at present vacant which he can offer... as any compensation"... but will bear him in mind. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 447.

25 Nov  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to John Black, Lawrence Harts-horne and James Fraser. The Lt.-Governor has notice from the Treasurer that province notes to the value of £2000 have been returned to his

- office. He wishes them to cancel the notes received by cutting out their Christian names from them, preparatory to issuing a warrant to replace the amount. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 445.
- 1812  
25 Nov  
Halifax Petition of Thos. Lowden for the Lt.-Governor's licence to allow him to take his ship, laden with lumber, to England with or without convoy. Signed. Postscript that the Admiral has refused him a convoy because of the lateness of the season.
- 26 Nov  
Halifax *Overleaf*: "granted." Vol. 226, doc. 40.  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Surveyor-Gen'l of Lands (Chas. Morris). Pending a Council meeting, the Lt.-Governor wishes him to prepare all the plans of land upon which the warrants of survey have been returned, so that they may be signed.
- 30 Nov  
Halifax (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 446.  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Odell. For the information of the President of New Brunswick he encloses a copy of the act of the last session of the legislature for authorizing the issue of province notes, and a blank like the notes now in circulation, of which the smaller denominations circulate most freely.
- 5 Dec  
Halifax (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 448, 449.  
Two letters of the same tenor, one from the agent for prisoners of war, the other unsigned. They both ask the Lt.-Governor to apply to the Admiral for the liberation of a French prisoner who has married a woman from Herring Cove.
- 9 Dec  
Halifax Vol. 226, docs. 41, 42.  
Petition of Amelia Ann McColla, asking to be appointed to the office of Keeper of the Council Chamber, the duties of which she has performed for many years while her mother was the nominal Keeper. Signed. Recommended by Pres. of Council and Speaker of House.
- 14 Dec  
King- Vol. 226, doc. 33.  
ston Two papers taken by a notary public of Kingston, Jamaica, registering the protest of Sam'l Green and James Hunter against their schooner being captured by an American privateer.
- 15 Dec  
Halifax Vol. 226, doc. 1.  
Michael Wallace, auditor of Public Accounts, to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, reporting on the accounts of John Thomas, Collector of the province duties at Liverpool. Signed.
- 23 Dec  
Halifax Vol. 226, doc. 43.  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Jones Fawson, Sheriff of Halifax County, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's orders for him to discharge Daniel Holmes from his custody immediately.
- 23 Dec  
Halifax (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 450.  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to G. Chipman, Sheriff of King's County. The Lt.-Governor authorizes him to propose naval service instead of the sentence he has been adjudged in gaol in King's County to Lothrop Parker. If the prisoner accepts he will be safely delivered in Halifax to serve on the ship to which he will be appointed.
- 23 Dec  
Halifax (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 451.  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to James Congdon and Thomas Lothrop. Their petition of this date has been received by the Lt.-Governor, who considers that their crimes are of so heinous a nature that he refuses to grant the prayer of their petition.
- 29 Dec  
Halifax (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 452.  
Petition of Robert Holmes, master of the brigantine *Economy*, trading in provisions from the United States. He is trading on the Lt.-Governor's licence and asks that his vessel, which was captured by an English ship, be restored. Signed.
- 31 Dec  
Halifax Vol. 226, doc. 45.  
Table showing the materials used in building the Province House in 1812, and abstract of demands on the Province House not paid on the 31st Dec. 1812.
- Vol. 288, no. 36.



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31 Dec Halifax Abstract of general expenditure for Poor House for 1812. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 98.

31 Dec Halifax Account of the province with Michael Wallace for expenditures for the Sable Island establishment. Signed. Vol. 424, doc. 86.

31 Dec Halifax Account of the province of N. S. with the Commissioners for the new Province House. Vol. 288, no. 35.

31 Dec Halifax Estimate for workmanship and materials for the Province House for 1813. Vol. 288, no. 37.

1812 Halifax Summary of proposals relating to the regulation of schools in the province, with a list of persons recommended for commissioners for each county. Vol. 226, doc. 44.

1813

2 Jan Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to the Collector of the Customs. Reviewing the circumstances he strongly recommends that a quantity of candles seized on a vessel carrying provisions to Nova Scotia be returned. Since the importers have proved to his satisfaction that they did not intend defrauding the Customs and "with a view to promote a friendly disposition on such of the American Citizens as may be desirous of carrying on a Commercial intercourse with us" he makes the recommendation. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 453.

4 Jan Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Vice-Admiral Warren. He encloses a copy of an Order-in-Council of 13 Oct. 1812 regulating a commercial intercourse between the United States and Nova Scotia, to be carried on by licences granted by Sherbrooke. He has published the Order and requests the Vice-Admiral to give the necessary order to the officers under his command that the licences he grants may be respected. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 455.

6 Jan Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y to the commissioners for issuing province notes, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's orders for cancelling returned notes, that new ones may issue. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 456.

8 Jan Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). In receipt of circular letter of 12 Sept, which he transmitted to the Judge of Vice-Admiralty. In reply Dr. Croke sent a copy of a letter from the King's Proctor on the same subject, which restricts the application of the circular letter to captures of which the sole interest is vested in the King. "In a conversation I have since had with Dr. Croke he appears to think that as the proper authority is now arrived. . . there is very little chance of any more money being obtained by the Deputy Paymaster General from the Vice Admiralty Court here." If this is so the public service will be greatly impeded. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 88.

8 Jan Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Wm. Miller, Agent for Prisoners of War. Since insufficient evidence will be forthcoming to try James Congdon and Thos. Lothrop at the next sitting of the Supreme Court, he has ordered the sheriff of Halifax County to deliver the two men to Miller as prisoners of war. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 457.

8 Jan Granville Thos. Millidge to the Deputy Prov. Sec'y, explaining the circumstances and desiring an order from the Lt.-Governor for a court to try Putnam Leonard. Leonard was committed to jail for theft and has no means of providing for his subsistence there pending trial, since his relations will not be responsible for providing for him and he will not ask any of his friends for help. An early trial is therefore necessary. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 46.

12 Jan Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He acknowledges receipt of circular letter enclosing Order-in-Council directing general reprisals against the ships and property of United States citizens. He

- encloses a copy of the *Royal Gazette* which contains his proclamation on the subject. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 89.
- 1813  
13 Jan  
Halifax John Mitchell, Agent for the Exchange of American Prisoners of War to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, protesting against the detention of certain individuals as prisoners of war who do not come within that category. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 47.
- 16 Jan  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to John Mitchell, Agent for American Prisoners. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his letter of the 13th instant on the subject of the exchange of prisoners. On legal points of difference he refers Mitchell to the Attorney-Gen'l; on points of complaint as to carrying out the exchange, to the Vice-Admiral. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 458, 459.
- 18 Jan  
Halifax John Mitchell, Agent for American prisoners of war, to the Deputy Prov. Sec'y, acknowledging receipt of his reply to Mitchell's letter to the Lt.-Governor. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 48.
- 21 Jan  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. F. Odell. In reply to his questions of 6th instant with regard to the payment of the militia for their services, the length of service and the manning of the government vessel. He will send the Nova Scotia Code of Militia Laws, the articles of war establishing and regulating the militia and any other information Maj.-Gen'l Smyth would like. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 460, 461.
- 27 Jan  
Halifax Same to same, relative to Indian affairs. He wishes to know whether the £200 per year which Bathurst's letter of 26th August authorized him to use in making occasional presents is to be included in the parliamentary grant for the province. Pending a reply, he has expended out of his private purse half that sum for supplying the Indians with warm clothing and other provisions. The other £100 he hopes will be used to provide them with guns, as he previously suggested. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 90.
- 28 Jan  
Halifax Same to same. He details a special case of Americans importing provisions into Nova Scotia and having part of their cargo seized by the Customs Officers, and his own action. He suggests "the expediency of sending special instructions to the Collectors, for their guidance at those Ports, where the commercial intercourse with the Americans, is allowed to be carried on by licences, as, if the revenue laws were to be rigidly enforced here, an immediate stop would be put to our communication with the states upon which we must now so much depend for our supplies of flour and other necessities of life." (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 91.
- 28 Jan  
Halifax Same to same, acknowledging his letter of 19th October enclosing a copy of the Order-in-Council authorizing the granting of licences for commercial intercourse between Nova Scotia and the United States. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 92.
- (28 Jan)  
Halifax Account of notes delivered to Treasury between 12 Sept 1812 and 28 Jan. 1813. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 69.
- 31 Jan  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting a copy of a letter from the Committee of Trade and Plantations answering Sherbrooke's letters relative to encouraging trade between Nova Scotia and the United States. Vol. 62, doc. 66.
- Enclosure.*
- (31 Jan)  
9 Jan  
London Copy of letter from the Sec'y to the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade to Under-sec'y Goulburn. With regard to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke's two letters describing Nova Scotia's needs with regard to trade with the United States, the committee do not consider that the measures



- he suggested and partially adopted should be applied. They conceive that the Order-in-Council of 13th October will afford considerable relief. Vol. 62, doc. 67.
- 1813  
1 Feb  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). In receipt of two despatches. Comments on military arrangements which have left the province with an entirely inadequate defence. Sir Geo. Prevost has ordered more troops from Nova Scotia. The Ordnance stores which he sent to protect the New Brunswick frontier were lost when the store ship foundered on the American coast. He has ordered certain guns and ammunition to be supplied to the packet to replace those lost in a gale en route. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 93.
- 2 Feb  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting copy of an Order-in-Council altering the Order-in-Council of 11 Nov. 1807. He is to have it executed. Circular. Vol. 62, doc. 68.  
*Enclosure.*
- (2 Feb)  
1 Feb  
London Copy of Order-in-Council confining the operation of the Order-in-Council of the 11th November to vessels belonging to France or states annexed or incorporated with France. Vol. 62, doc. 69.
- 6 Feb  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He propounds three questions as to the rights of the Lt.-Governor as Vice-Admiral which have arisen out of a case recently tried in the Vice-Admiralty Court at Halifax. Important. He encloses a report on the case from Crofton Uniacke, the legal adviser he retained, and a petition from the owners of the privateer in the affair. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 95.
- 8 Feb  
Halifax Same to same. Because of the protracted absence of two Councillors and the illness of another the Lt.-Governor has appointed Foster Hutchinson and John Black to the Council. The frequency with which he has had to consult the Council makes the duty very onerous when there are few attending members. He hopes these men will have their appointments confirmed. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 94.
- 8 Feb  
Halifax Same to same, acknowledging receipt of six despatches by the last packet. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 96.
- 8 Feb  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y to Foster Hutchinson and John Black, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's orders for them to attend him to take the oaths that will make them members of His Majesty's Council. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 462.
- 9 Feb  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Under-sec'y Goulburn, acknowledging receipt of his letter relative to requisitions for ordnance stores. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 97.
- 10 Feb  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Lt.-Col. Fraser. The Lt.-Governor has received word from England that the Sec'y of State approves the grant of land of 5000 acres for which he and his associates applied. As soon as he sends in the names of the associates and the fees, which amount to about £80, the "grant will be proceeded in without delay." (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 463.
- 11 Feb  
Halifax Speech of Lt.-Governor on opening legislature. Signed. Draft: Vol. 288, no. 72. Vol. 304, no. 56.
- 11 Feb  
Halifax Estimate of civil establishment of province. Incomplete. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 74.
- 12 Feb  
Halifax Address of the House in answer to the Lt.-Governor's speech on opening the session. (Copy). (As in Assembly Papers, Vol. 20). Vol. 288, no. 73.
- 1814  
12 Feb  
Halifax Address of the House in answer to the Lt.-Governor's speech on opening the session. (Copy). Vol. 288, no. 77.

1813 Wm. Sabatier to Wilkins. In receipt of letter of 7th instant and enclosure, which have been communicated to the committee. Transmits extracts of Committee minute book showing circumstances of applications to ministers. Signed.

*Enclosed.*

(1) Extract from memorial to Castlereagh, dated 28 Nov. 1808, praying that foreigners be prohibited from carrying fish to West Indies, and that protecting duty on lumber be paid by foreigners to be given in bounties to British subjects importing it.

(2) Extract from memorial to Castlereagh, dated 17 Jul. 1809, claiming equal consideration *re* fish to W. I. that has been extended to British merchants importing beef, pork etc. into W. I. (by the King prohibiting foreign importation of these articles). Vol. 304, no. 62.

14 Feb Reply of the Lt.-Governor to the Assembly's address at opening of session. (Copy). (As in Assembly Papers, Vol. 20). Vol. 288, no. 64.

Halifax 11-16 Feb Rough Journal of the Assembly Session.

Halifax 16 Feb Account of expenditures for the Province Building between 4th Jan. and 31st December, 1812. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

Halifax 17 Feb Copy of letter from Christopher Robinson to Lord Castlereagh, giving his opinion on the cases of two American vessels carrying goods from the United States to the West Indies that were captured by English ships and condemned in the Vice-Admiralty courts. He upholds the verdict of the courts, since the British licences upon which the vessels were trading should not have been issued, but recommends that the King's share of the proceeds be relinquished. Vol. 226, doc. 49.

17 Feb Abstract of notes signed and delivered to the provincial Treasurer between 12 Sept. 1812 and 28 Jan. 1813. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 76.

Halifax 17 Feb Petition of Garrett Miller, merchant, to Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke, asking for permission to import white oak staves and planks and some tobacco from the United States into the province.

*Overleaf.* Council's advice that the petition should not be complied with. Vol. 226, doc. 51.

17 Feb Lt.-Governor's estimate of expenses for the civil establishment for 1813. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 61.

(17 Feb) Estimate of sums necessary for roads for 1813: for principal roads, to be expended under Lt.-Governor's direction £3500, for roads and bridges, of secondary importance—(no sum stated). Signed.

17 Feb Vol. 304, no. 68.  
Halifax Petition of Joseph Toler, Donald Grant and James Barratt, extra waiters for Halifax district, asking for an increase in their pay, during the days they are not employed from 2/6 to 5 shillings. Signed.

Recommended by Michael Wallace, R. J. Uniacke, James Stewart, Lawrence Hartshorne, S. B. Robie, and H. N. Binney.

17 Feb Motion of Mr. Archibald for an account from the Collector of Impost and Excise for Halifax. (Copy). Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

Halifax "Musquodoboit Mill

17 Feb To Mr. Robie Mr. Lawson Esqrs, our Representatives And to the Rest of the honourable Members of the honourable House of Assembly Greeting we the Subscribers beg leave to Have A Share and an Ample Share of the publick money to clear the Road from Chizencook to the head of Said Musquodoboit Being encumberd by Rocks & Stumps between the two Afforesaid places and being a very Publick and Usefull Road to go to the eastward we humbly Solicit Gentlemen A Liberal Share of Money this ensuing Summer and to be Laid out by Some fit or proper



- person to See the work done faithfully for heretofore It have been badly done the Swamps wants to be Longard as they are in Some places very bad and at entervals of Season not passable by no means Safe. We remain Gentlemen yours" Signed with 12 names copied. (There is no sign of this in the Journal.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 1813  
17 Feb  
Halifax Petition of John Hawthorn and James Barss, asking for the provincial bounty on their vessel and on the fish caught in her, both ship and fish having been lost in the gale of 30 September, 1811. Signed. Certificate annexed. Granted, 31 Mar. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 18 Feb  
Halifax Petition of Bardin Turner to the Lt.-Governor. He is an American who has traded a great deal in the province of late. He wishes to become a resident and British subject, and asks to be allowed to bring in 20 hogsheads of tobacco and about \$4000 worth of other property on his becoming a British subject. Vol. 226, doc. 50.
- Annexed.* Recommendation of Turner by Jonathan Crane, Henry Purdy and John Wells.
- Overleaf.* Council's advice to refuse Turner's application.
- 20 Feb  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), transmitting for his consideration a copy of a letter from Dr. Croke containing suggestions which appear to be of considerable importance. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 98.
- (20 Feb)  
Halifax Petition of Lawrence Hartshorne and Thomas Boggs, asking for the return of duties paid on goods imported from Quebec, re-exported to Surinam and lost at sea. Signed. Certificates by Hartshorne Junior and the Collector of Excise. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- (20 Feb)  
Clem-ents Petition of Edward Morgan, adjutant of the 14th battalion of militia, asking for an increase in pay to correspond with the increasing duties incumbent upon him. Signed. Certified and recommended by three officers of militia. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 20 Feb  
Halifax Petition of Charles Hill, George Grassie and John Howe Jr., administrators of Cassel Hians, asking that the interest due on bonds owed the province be remitted, in view of the insolvency of the deceased. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 20 Feb  
Halifax Account of J. G. Pyke, Adjutant-Gen'l of Militia, with vouchers etc. for expenses of provincial sloop "Gleaner". Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- (20 Feb)  
Halifax Account of J. G. Pyke, Adjutant-Gen'l of Militia for carriage of arms etc. for the militia, for period from 5 Mar. 1812 to 5 Jan. 1813. With vouchers, bills etc. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 20 Feb  
Halifax Account of J. G. Pyke, Adjutant-Gen'l of Militia, for victualling part of the militia from 18 Nov. 1812 to 16 Feb. 1813. With bills, vouchers, etc. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 22 Feb  
Halifax Part of report of joint committee on the public accounts. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 65.
- 22 Feb  
Halifax Part of report of the joint committee on the public accounts, showing sums appropriated but not drawn from the Treasury, and the cash and securities in the hands of the various provincial officers. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 66.
- 22 Feb  
Halifax Part of the report of the joint committee on the public accounts. Signed. (Monies in hands of Treasurer and Collectors). Vol. 288, no. 74.
- 22 Feb  
Halifax Wm. Sabatier to Wilkins. Success of solicitations of Committee of Trade, who have kept three objects in view: Protection of coasts, procuring convoys for trade and securing interests of colonies in case of treaty between Great Britain and United States. Their plan for protection is to receive ministerial consideration; solicitations of the London

committee of merchants trading to northern colonies have obtained convoys; Mr. Atcheson (sec'y of London committee) has convinced Commons that they should prohibit importation of foreign fish into the West Indies. Committee lay before Assembly nine acts of Parliament, four of which were solicited by London committee; calls attention to no. 6 "by which the British colonies are now able to extend the whole of their importations to and from each other, an indulgence, as is also that of trading to the Mediterranean without touching at an English Port, often solicited by, but never granted to the old colonies." Since their abilities are being fairly advocated in England, prospects of prosperity for northern colonies are good. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 61.

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22 Feb  
Pictou

Petition of Hugh Denoon, Robert Pagan and James Milnes of Pictou, stating how they apprehended, examined and sent under guard to Halifax an Irishman, Mathew Reynolds, lately arrived from Portugal, where he had murdered several Portugese, and whom they consider to be a dangerous man. They ask compensation for the expenses, amounting to about £32, which they incurred in keeping and transporting him. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

*Enclosed.* Letter from Prov. Sec'y to the petitioners, recommending that they apply to the House for compensation, the Governor and Council knowing of no fund for reimbursing them.

22 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Joseph Langley to the legislature, asking for assistance to make it possible for him to keep open his establishment for entertaining travellers on the road from Halifax to Guysborough. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

(22 Feb)  
Halifax

List of bonds and securities given by the Collector of Impost and Excise to the Attorney Gen'l between 31 Dec. 1808 and 31 Dec. 1812, account of monies paid in the same way, and abstract of funds remaining in the hands of the Attorney-Gen'l to liquidate the Balance unaccounted for by him at the 20th Feb. 1813. Signed.

A. P., Vol. 20.

22 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Matthew Richardson, asking for a drawback of duties paid by him on goods exported to Boston. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

*Annexed.* List of goods, records of landing, sale, etc.

22 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Hugh Denoon and other inhabitants of the north shore, asking further aid from the legislature towards completing the pier from Arisaig Point. They hope "as the foundation of so useful a work is laid, and its solid benefits experienced, by so large a portion of his Majesty's Loyal Subjects, that the Legislature will not be induced to withdraw its aid, on unfounded suggestions made by persons under the influence of prejudice or wholly incompetent to give a correct opinion on the importance and utility of this beneficial Establishment." Signed with 40 names and "official orders from all the Inhabitants amongst the Coast from Marygomish to the extreme point of Cape George". £300 granted, 31 March.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

22 Feb  
Halifax

Report of the joint committee on the public accounts. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

23 Feb  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State Bathurst, announcing the capture by the Americans of the Lady Johnson transport, carrying ordnance stores "of every description particularly wanted here." The two other transports that sailed with her are also missing. Urgent need of stores.

(Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 99.

23 Feb  
Halifax

Resolution for granting 11/8 per day to Assembly members for attendance in the general assembly—providing the whole sum shall not exceed £900 for any one session.

(Copy). Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.



23 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Jacob Rude, asking for the bounty on his fishing vessel, and also on the fish he caught in the past season, during which his fishing was interrupted by threats of capture by American privateers so that he was not able to complete the period necessary before applying for a bounty. Signed. Bounties granted, 31 March.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

23 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of James Wallace and other inhabitants of Douglas and Rawdon, asking for £40 for improving the road to Nine-Mile-River and making some small bridges. Signed with 29 names.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

23 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Wm. Kidston and his partners, asking for the return of duties, which had been twice paid, on merchandise imported from Greenock and reshipped. Signed. Repayment granted, 31 March.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

23 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Wm. Carter, staff sergeant of the middle district of militia, asking for some provision for his travelling expenses, which greatly exceed the allowance. Signed. Grant made, 31 March.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

24 Feb  
Halifax

Message from the Lt.-Governor to the Council recommending a provision for pay for the militia on an extended scale. Signed. (As in Vol. 304, no. 58).

Vol. 288, no. 75.

24 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Charles R. Fairbanks, asking for compensation for his services in prosecuting for the Crown two cases at Annapolis. Certificates by the Attorney-Gen'l and justice, and recommendation by the Lt.-Governor. Signed. Dismissed, 2 March.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

24 Feb  
Newport

Petition of Joshua Sandford and other settlers on the north side of the Kennetcook River asking for a grant for rebuilding the bridge over the river. Signed with 14 names.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

24 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of John H. Fleiger, Gauger and Weigher, asking for more adequate compensation for his services. Signed. Granted, 31 March.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

24 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of Nicholas Mosher, asking for compensation for building the Avon River bridge three feet higher than the contract required, and pointing out the advantages that had resulted. Signed.

*Overleaf.* Deferred.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

25 Feb  
Halifax

Petition of the chairman and Commissioners of the Poor of Halifax, asking for some additional provision to be made for the poor. (Printed *in extenso* in the Journal p. 25). List of paupers cared for in 1812 annexed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

26 Feb  
Halifax

Memorial of Jonathan Graham and other innkeepers complaining of being obliged to lodge militiamen on the march. "That in times past when Meat and other provisions were Cheapest and in the greatest plenty, Every notice to provide for a large party on its March Became to the Inholder an assurance of certain loss, Accompanied with More or less Apprehension of Waste and harm according to the Character of the Troops and the Reputation of the Officer Commanding, On Whose Discipline Justice and Humanity, the Innholder placed his chief Reliance—

And although Compensation has Been Divers times Encreased It ever pressed hard the Innholder who must find it hard and Difficult to procure Refreshment from a line of Far Distant Dwellings Where Plenty is Almost a Stranger. Or Purchase at Reasonable Rates Any Provisions Destined for the Better Market of the Metropolis.

But now your Memorialists find their Prospects Changing from Bad to Worse, as Flour Is at Seventeen Dollars the Barrel and the Price of all Provisions will be doubled by an unexpected War with our neighbour—

ing Colonies that will Convert many Cultivators into Soldiers—And Require provisions for many more Thousand Consumers Expected in the Ships, Troops and Captured Vessels—

Under Such Circumstances how can Your Memorialists Provide Entertainment For Troops and at What Price, This is a Subject of which Merits the Most Serious Consideration, On Which Your Memorialists will not Now enlarge.

But with all Due Submission They trust that the Honorable Legislature will take into Consideration This their Humble Petition and Representation and Ordain it Compinsation Adequate to the Burden Imposed, with protection for their Property, Against Licentious Behaviour On a March." Signed with seven names.

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- Minutes of committee of the House on ways and means.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.  
Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill to regulate the expenditure of monies for roads and bridges. A. P., Vol. 20.  
Resolution for granting £50,000 for extra pay of the militia and other defensive services of the province. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.  
Report of the committee of the House on private petitions. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.  
Resolution for asking the Attorney-General to give an account of the services he performed for the province for the year 1812. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.  
Petition of Thomas Robertson and other inhabitants of Onslow, asking for a grant to help them to complete the road from North River in Onslow to Samuel Rude's on the Chiganois River. Signed with 33 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.  
Resolution for granting £8000 for the service of roads and bridges for the ensuing year. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.  
Message from Council relinquishing their last amendment (to which the House did not agree) to the Bill for the improvement of the great roads throughout the Province. (Copy). A. P., Vol. 20.  
Two affidavits, two lists and a receipt for bounties relating to twelve men who entered into service on board the sloop of war *Nova Scotia*. Vol. 226, doc. 119.  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Miller, Agent for Prisoners of War. The Lt.-Governor wants a report on H. Reed, one of the passengers on an American brigantine that was captured. Reed professes a desire to settle in the province. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 464.  
Petition of Henry Taylor, distiller, praying the House not to impose a duty on rum distilled in the province, for the reasons stated. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.  
Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). Since he will probably be obliged to keep part of the militia embodied he wishes to know if and how they are to be provided with clothing. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 100.  
Draft of report of committee on lighthouse accounts stating that there is a balance of funds, although money has not been economically expended. Vol. 304, no. 64.



- 10 Mar  
Halifax Report of the committee from waiting on the Lt.-Governor on the subject of the payment of arms heretofore issued and that may be issued to the militia. (Copy). (Printed *in extenso* in Journal p. 41).  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 11 Mar  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). In receipt of seven despatches. He approves of the measures Sherbrooke has taken with regard to presents for the Indians and his ready compliance with the Governor-General's requests for reinforcements. The greater need for reinforcing the Canadian frontier has made it the object of the Home Government's concern before Nova Scotia. The Regent has approved the appointments of Hutchinson and Black to the Council in N. S. Encloses list of equipment being sent directly to N. S. Signed.  
Vol. 62, doc. 70.
- (11 Mar)  
London *Enclosure.* List of articles of equipment to be sent directly to New Brunswick.  
Vol. 62, doc. 71.
- 11 Mar  
Halifax Report of the Attorney-General of the services performed by him in his office for the province, and his estimate of the fees that would be due him if it were a private practice. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 11 Mar  
Halifax *Enclosed.* Copy of letter from the Attorney-General to the Lt.-Governor, giving an account of the emoluments of his office.  
Resolution for allowing a commission for the Collector of Impost and Excise. (Copy). Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- (12 Mar)  
London Estimate of the parliamentary grant for defraying the civil establishment of Nova Scotia.  
Vol. 344, doc. 26.
- (11 Mar)  
Halifax Account of receipts and expenditures of monies on account of the public markets from 1 Jan. to 31 Dec. 1812. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 12 Mar  
London Two interdepartmental letters relative to the action to be taken with regard to the schooner *Sally Ann* and the brig *June*, operating under a special license. (Copies).  
Vol. 226, doc. 120.
- 12 Mar  
Halifax Mr. Wiswall's motion that the committee of the House inform the Council of what has happened in the House with regard to the Bill to authorize the county engineer to enclose a part of the highway leading from Fort Massey, and to carry Bill and plan in their present state to the Council. Division. (No sign of this in the Journal.)  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 12 Mar  
Halifax Petition of John Cann, John Rose and David Rose, asking for a bounty on their schooner employed in the fishery, and for a bounty on fish caught in the last season. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- Annexed.* Certificates of J.P.s and Fish Surveyor. (Granted, 31 March.)
- 13 Mar  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to J. N. Bond, Yarmouth. The Lt.-Governor approves of Lieutenant Kent's desire to have the property seized from Enoch Stanwood restored to him.  
(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 465, 466.
- 13 Mar  
Halifax Petition of William Rudolph, asking for a drawback of duties on rum exported by him to Newfoundland and landed where there was no Customs establishment, so that he could not obtain the usual certificates that would entitle him to the drawback. Signed.  
A. P., Vol. 20.
- Overleaf.* Granted, 31 March.
- 13 Mar  
Halifax Resolution for granting £200 to the Collector of Impost and Excise for Halifax for his services for 1813, in addition to commission of 1%. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

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13 Mar Halifax Memorandum concerning the cost of distilling rum from sugar, submitted at the request of the House, and to be kept as private as possible. No signature, but in Henry Taylor's writing. A. P., Vol. 20.
- 18 Mar Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Thos. Millidge, Custos Rotulorum of Annapolis County. He encloses a commission of oyer and terminer for the trial of two persons in the jail of Annapolis, the commission to be executed in such time and manner as he and the other magistrates of the County shall see fit. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 466-468.
- 18 Mar Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Thos. Millidge. In consequence of his favourable report on them, the Lt.-governor has consented to allow two aliens, Silver and Patten, to remain in the province. He transmits the Dedimus for administering the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and the bonds. After these are executed and the fees paid Millidge is to deliver their licences to them. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 468, 469.
- 19 Mar Halifax Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke to Admiral Warren, enclosing a memorial, on the subject of the protection of the Labrador fishery, which he earnestly recommends. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 470.
- 22 Mar Halifax 138 resolutions for grants for the service of roads and bridges. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 22 Mar Halifax List of votes for the service of roads and bridges throughout the province, divided according to county and district. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 24 Mar Halifax Report of joint committee on public accounts on lighthouses. (Part). Vol. 304, no. 72.
- 25 Mar Halifax Message of Lt.-Governor to Assembly, recommending provision for support of the transient poor. Signed. (As in Vol. 288, no. 71). Vol. 304, no. 59.
- 26 Mar Halifax Resolution for making provision for the arms and accoutrements to be used by the militia during the forthcoming year. (Copy). Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 4-28 Mar Halifax Minutes of committee of supply. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 30 Mar Halifax Ten additional resolutions of the House for grants for various provincial services. Drafts. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 30 Mar Halifax Resolutions for sums for cutting down trees around the lighthouse on Briar Island and putting up a railing. Drafts. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 31 Mar Halifax Drafts of three resolutions of the House for grants for special purposes. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 31 Mar Halifax Additional clause proposed for the Bill for the summary trial of actions. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 31 Mar Halifax 31 resolutions for grants for drawbacks, stationery, Assembly expenses and other services. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 31 Mar Halifax Account of monies expended by the commissioners for roads and bridges from 11 April 1812 to 30 March 1813. Unsigned. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 1 Apr Halifax 5 papers containing resolutions for various provincial services, some copies, some originals. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 2 Apr Halifax Draft of Assembly's answer to Lt.-Governor's message, concerning the prosecution of criminal offenders, with which they disagree. Vol. 304, no. 57.
- 2 Apr Halifax Accounts for stationery, fuel etc. for the Assembly, for which grants were voted on 2 April. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.



- 2 Apr  
Halifax Seven resolutions for granting sums for expenses of the Assembly and other services. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 2 Apr  
Halifax Two resolutions for the defence of the province and the payment of members. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 3 Apr  
Halifax Speech of Lt.-Governor on closing session. Vol. 304, no. 75.
- 3 Apr  
Halifax Resolution of the House approving of their former resolution (of 3rd April, 1811) with regard to the Instance Court of Admiralty. (Printed in Journal p. 87.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 3 Apr  
Halifax List of members attending the session 11 Feb.—3 April, 1813, with number of days attended, and amount of pay due each. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.
- 4 Apr  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), reporting that he has made arrangements to bring the remainder of the 98th Regt. to Halifax, from which port they will depart for Canada as soon as the 64th shall arrive at Bermuda. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 101.
- 6 Apr  
Halifax Petition of Samuel Harris for himself and others, owners of the schooner *Crown*, applying for letters of marque and reprisal for the schooner against the Americans. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 61.
- 7 Apr  
Halifax Commissioners of the Province House to (Deputy Prov. Sec'y?) They ask for another warrant for the balance of the vote of the legislature last session. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 54.
- 13 Apr  
Halifax Petition of Jesse Woodward, owner of the schooner *Lark*, to the Lt.-Governor, explaining the circumstances of the capture and sale without trial of the vessel in St. Domingo, a neutral port. He has had word, since the return of the master of the vessel that both the vessel and its cargo have been secured by a General Petion, who would restore it to the owners if the British Government made a request for it. The petitioner asks the Lt.-Governor for whatever documents would effect this. Signed. (For papers concerning this case see doc. 1 in this volume.) Vol. 226, doc. 52.
- 14 Apr  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Lt. Col. Fraser, Pictou. A review of the preceding circumstances and in repetition of his previous letter of 10th Feb. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 471-473.
- 14 Apr  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Jones Fawson, Sheriff of Halifax County. He transmits the Lt.-Governor's directions as to the disposal of a sum of money and a silver watch belonging to the late master of the Spanish schooner *Serifina*. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 473, 474.
- 17 Apr  
Halifax The Provincial Treasurer's receipt for money and a silver watch delivered to him by the Sheriff to remain with him until called for by the heirs of the owner. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 474.
- 20 Apr  
London Under-sec'y Goulburn to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He transmits a copy of a petition from some Germans who wish to settle in Nova Scotia, and asks the Lt.-Governor to communicate information as to what are the allowances and encouragements to which they would be entitled on arriving in the province. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 72.
- (20 Apr)  
21 Mar  
London *Enclosure.* Copy of petition of eight Hanoverians, who have escaped from Hanover and are thinking of settling in Nova Scotia, wishing to know what encouragements will be given them on their arrival in the province. Vol. 62, doc. 73.
- 22 Apr  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to W. A. Chipman, Cornwallis. In receipt of his letter. He encloses the report of the Attorney-and

Surrogate-General on the case of the late Darius Brown. In accordance with it certain steps must be taken before the final order of sale can be made out. He is to acquaint the parties interested with these facts. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 475, 476.

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26 Apr  
Pictou

Petition of Hugh Denoon and Robt. Pagan, magistrates of Pictou, repeating their application for remuneration of expenses entailed in conveying Matthew Reynolds to Halifax, and pointing out that unless the expenses are paid they will be sued by the persons they employed to apprehend and convey him. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 53.

26 Apr  
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Six documents connected with the proposed postal service between Halifax and Digby and between Digby and St. John, New Brunswick.

1. Thos. Ritchie to John Howe, enclosing the succeeding papers for the consideration of the Lt.-Governor. doc. 55.

2. Thos. Ritchie and John Warwick to Wm. Pagan, of New Brunswick, suggesting that N. B. contribute, as N. S. has done, towards the expense of a packet to sail between Digby and St. John. doc. 56.

3. Wm. Pagan to Ritchie and Warwick, acquiescing with Nova Scotia's proposal. doc. 57.

4. N. B. Committee to N. S. Committee. doc. 58.

5. Wm. Black and Co. to John Warwick, expressing approval of the proposals. doc. 59.

6. John Warwick to Thos. Ritchie, enclosing letters from St. John and discussing the possibilities for packet-master. doc. 60.

Vol. 226, documents 55-60.

27 Apr  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to G. McKay, Truro, notifying him of his appointment as supervisor of the main road from the Windsor Road to the Bridge at McKeen's near Truro, and asking him to send his acceptance or refusal as soon as possible so that repairs may be commenced on the road. (Copy). (Similar letter sent to Loran DeWolf and, 1 May, to W. Smith) Vol. 140, p. 476.

27 Apr  
St. John,  
N. B.

Petition of Robt. Shives, James Hay Jr. and J. T. Hanford, owners of the sloop *Dart*, recently condemned in the Vice-Admiralty Court at Halifax. They apply for letters of marque and reprisal for her against the Americans. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 68.

29 Apr  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to John Black, Lawrence Harts-horne and Jas. Foreman. The Lt.-Governor has appointed them commissioners for issuing Treasury notes to the value of £20,000 and wishes £10,000 to be issued at once. He encloses the commission. They are to return a report to the Secretary's office as soon as the emission is completed. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 477.

Apr  
Argyle

Memorial of five justices of the peace for Yarmouth district in Shelburne County, pointing out that five men appointed to be magistrates in the last commission of the peace are either incapable or unwilling to do the duty, and recommending that six others be appointed. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 62.

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*Overleaf.* Council's opinion, against appointing more justices.

Memorial of three magistrates of the Yarmouth district, pointing out the necessity of appointing two justices of the peace to take the place of Samuel Marshall, deceased, and Benjamin Barnard, who is too infirm to attend the duty. They recommend that Benoni D'Entrement and Henry G. Farish be appointed. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 66.

4 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), notifying him of the change in military arrangements whereby the 104th Regt. was sent to Canada. It has arrived there safely. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 102.

4 May  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Ed. Mortimer, Pictou. In reply to his letter of the 26th April the Lt.-Governor regrets that he has



- not sufficient funds from the casualty vote of the legislature to enable him to grant Mortimer's request for a sum to be expended in repairing the bridge over the East River, Pictou. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 478.
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4 May  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to N. Tupper, Liverpool. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his memorial asking for a sum out of the casualty vote to repair a bridge over Liverpool damaged by a freshet. The Lt.-Governor does not think that such an application comes within the intent and meaning of the legislature in making the casualty vote, and has no funds anyway. The commission for repairing the bridge will be forwarded in a few days. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 480, 481.
- 5 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He nominates Brenton Halliburton, Assistant Justice, Hon. P. Wodehouse, Commissioner of the Dock Yard, and Rev. R. Stanser, Rector of St. Paul's, as persons fit to fill vacancies in the Council. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 103.
- 5 May  
Halifax Same to same. He relates the events leading to an investigation on the circumstances preceding the relief of the Spanish schooner *Seraphina* by a colonial vessel, and encloses a copy of the report on the investigation and of the examinations taken. On the Council's advice no trial was instituted. Some money and a watch belonging to the captain of the *Seraphina* were in possession of one of the passengers and are now in the Provincial Treasury. If the Sec'y of State were to communicate with the Spanish Minister in London the person entitled to receive the money and watch might be found. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 104.
- 5 May  
Halifax Same to same, in receipt of despatches. The February packet has not arrived in Halifax, although it reached Bermuda at least a month ago. It is of great detriment to His Majesty's service and to the inhabitants of Nova Scotia having no communication with England during the winter. Sir George Prevost's despatches are still awaiting transport. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 105.
- 5 May  
Halifax Same to same, transmitting a copy of the case of the vessel *Little Joe* which Dr. Croke has had printed. He sends it as throwing light on his previous letter and enclosures. (of 6th Feb. 1813). (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 106.
- 5 May  
Halifax Same to same, acknowledging receipt of letter of 12th March, enclosing the estimate of the civil establishment. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 106½.
- 5 May  
Windsor Benjamin Dewolf to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, enclosing information relative to an inhabitant being forcibly taken away by a recruiting party. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 63.
- 5 May  
Halifax Petition of Robt. Shives, Jas. Hay Jr. and J. T. Hanford of New Brunswick, to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke asking to be allowed to borrow guns from the ordnance in N. B. to replace those on their privateer, found to be defective. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 67.
- 6 May  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Hugh Denoon and Robert Pagan, Pictou. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of their letter of 26th April. He regrets that their application for compensation for carrying Matthew Reynolds to Halifax has been unsuccessful in the Assembly, and recommends applying to the justices in the county sessions. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 479.
- 6 May  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to B. DeWolf, Windsor. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his letter relating to the conduct of a recruiting party in Windsor, for which he thanks DeWolf. The matter will be considered. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 482.
- 8 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He regrets that the arrangement he made for the removal from Bermuda of three com-

- panies of the 98th Regt. met with Bathurst's displeasure. The letter is in explanation of this action. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 107.
- 1813 Lt.-Governor's mandamus to N. R. Thomas and W. H. O. Halliburton, church wardens, to induct Rev. Wm. Colsel King to the benefice of the parish of Christ Church, Windsor. Signed. Vol. 433, doc. 18.
- 8 May Halifax Instructions from the Sec'y of State, on behalf of the Regent, to commanders of vessels having Letters of Marque and Reprisal against the vessels and goods of United States citizens. Copy made in Nova Scotia. (Bound in the wrong volume.) Vol. 62, doc. 74.
- (8 May Halifax)  
13 Oct London Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), announcing the arrival of the March packet, and before it got away, the April Packet. He acknowledges receipt of circular letters. The February packet has not yet arrived. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 108.
- 9 May Halifax Michael Wallace to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, offering his resignation as a commissioner for the improvement of the streets and roads of Halifax. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 64.
- 10 May Halifax Schedule of bounties claimed by inhabitants of Hants County for raising wheat and rye on new lands, proved and allowed at a special court of sessions. The names are alphabetically arranged. 166 claims. (Examined by Michael Wallace). Vol. 226, doc. 25.
- 11 May Windsor Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Capt. Geo. McKay. By order of the Lt.-Governor he encloses McKay's commission as supervisor of the part of the public road leading from Windsor Road to McKeen's Mill, and the laws and instructions which govern the office. Because his "appointment has taken place under a Law made for the express purpose of introducing a better mode of road making" he is given special directions. (Copy). (Letter in same form sent to Wm. Smith, Rawdon). Vol. 140, pp. 483-486.
- 12 May Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). The General Assembly has met and passed 19 Acts. He encloses copies of the acts and will send the Journals as soon as they are printed. The militia laws have been much improved and an increase of duties has provided for extra pay for the militia. "The sums appropriated, when compared with the means of raising them in the present embarrassed state of trade, I think very liberal and affords a strong proof of the Loyalty and attachment of the Inhabitants of this Colony to our Most Gracious Sovereign. . ." (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 111.
- 13 May Halifax Same to same. He describes and explains the military arrangements he has made and hopes they will be satisfactory. The Nova Scotia defences are reduced to a very low state. This is made the more alarming by the news of an American victory at York. The newspaper he encloses contains a description of the battle. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 113.
- 14 May Halifax Same to same, transmitting a letter from Rev. Robert Stanser and another by way of testimony from several "very respectable gentlemen", to the truth of which he testifies. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 109.
- 15 May Halifax Same to same, announcing the arrival of the February packet, which took twenty days to come from Bermuda, while the April packet took only nineteen days from England. Vol. 59, doc. 110.
- 15 May Halifax Same to same, transmitting official returns from the Naval Office for the quarters ending 31 Dec. 1812 and 31 March 1813. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 112.
- 17 May Halifax S. B. Robie to Deputy Prov. Sec'y Cogswell, asking that the Lt.-Governor accept his resignation as commissioner of the highways. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 65.



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15 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), relating information he has gained from a convoy ship which has just arrived, with regard to movements of troops. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 114.

18 May  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Messrs. Howe and Son, enclosing a copy of an Order-in-Council which is to be published in the next *Royal Gazette*. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 490.

20 May  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Miller, Agent to Prisoners of War. In reply to his letter, the Lt.-Governor approves of the permission granted to nineteen American prisoners to remain on parole at Dartmouth. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 487.

21 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to the Senior Officer on the Station. Having had reports of a privateer lurking near the harbour he submits the expediency of ordering one of the King's ships to cruise in the offing to afford protection to the ships that separated from the convoy. Since the small cruisers have had to leave the Bay of Fundy for repairs etc., he recommends that others may be sent to replace them. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 488, 489.

22 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He announces the arrival of the troops in transports conveyed by one of the ships of the Navy, en route to Quebec. Hearing that they were in danger of being intercepted by the Americans, Sherbrooke applied to the Admiral for more protection for them, which was granted. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 115.

25 May  
Halifax

Capt. Lloyd to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, notifying him that he has ordered two ships of the navy to take convoy to St. John, N. B., sailing on Sunday. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 69.

25 May  
Halifax

Wm. Sabatier, on behalf of the Committee of Trade, to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, on the subject of the impressing of seamen on shore, a practice forbidden by the King's Instructions and Admiral Warren's late orders. He encloses a copy of those orders and requests that the Lt.-Gov. take steps to prevent the evil. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 74.

*Attached.* Copy of orders and a post-script.

26 May  
Halifax

Petition of Joseph Hamilton for himself and the other owners of the armed schooner *Weazle*, to the Lt.-Governor, asking for letters of marque and reprisal for the schooner against the Americans. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 71.

*Overleaf.* Granted.

26 May  
Halifax

Deposition of J. W. Morris describing the impressing of four men who were absolutely necessary to him in taking a cargo of fish and other supplies to the West Indies. Vol. 226, doc. 83.

27 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He has detained the packet, in hopes of receiving an official account of the late operations in Canada, but none has arrived. He transmits a newspaper, containing Major-Gen'l Dearborn's report of the "affair at York", in the absence of official accounts. He has had no word from Bermuda and the 64th Regt. has not arrived. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 116.

31 May  
Halifax

Michael Wallace, Prov. Treasurer, to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, asking for an order for issuing the £2 notes directed by the Act of the last Assembly session. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 70.

*Below.* Sherbrooke's order.

1 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y to the commissioners for issuing province notes. The Lt.-Governor directs them to issue 3000 forty shilling notes with as little delay as possible. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 491.

2 June  
Manchester

List of persons to whom bounties are due for raising wheat and rye, and the amount due each. 132 persons, in the district of Manchester, Sydney County. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 73.

- 1813 Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to J. G. Pyke, Jas. Foreman and Winckworth Allan. The Lt.-Governor wishes them to return an account of the market houses during the time they have been under their management. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 499.
- 5 June Halifax
- 10 June Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), in reply to his letter of 20th April with regard to encouragements that may be offered to settlers in the province. The only encouragement he is allowed to offer is a grant of land to each person or family. Remarks on provisions, tools etc. issued to early settlers. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 117.
- 10 June Halifax
- 11 June Same to same. He announces the arrival of the *Shannon* and the *Chesapeake* in the harbour, and encloses a copy of an important document taken on board the *Chesapeake* before the officers had time to destroy the public papers. He refers Bathurst to Capt. Capel's despatches to the Lords of Admiralty for particulars of the *Shannon's* brilliant victory. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 118.
- 11 June Halifax
- 11 June Same to same, announcing the arrival in Halifax of the 13th and 64th Regiments. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 119.
- 15 June Halifax
- 15 June Same to same, enclosing a packet to be forwarded to the Spanish Secretary of State at Cadiz. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 120.
- 15 June Halifax
- 15 June Same to same, transmitting despatches taken from an American vessel brought into Halifax for adjudication. They are letters from the American Ambassador in Russia and the Consul in Sweden to the American Sec'y of State. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 121.
- 16 June Halifax
- 16 June Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Thos. Barclay, Supt. for exchange of British prisoners of war in the United States. He encloses a copy of a petition from some inhabitants of Halifax respecting William Bowie, and requests him to make inquiries and, if he finds the cause of Bowie's detention to be improper, try to obtain his release. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 9.
- 18 June Halifax
- 18 June Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to B. DeWolf, Windsor. By the Lt.-Governor's orders he encloses a paper from John McCallum relating to his enlistment. DeWolf is to report on McCallum and inform the Lt.-Governor whether he has been fairly enlisted, so that he may be ordered to join the New Brunswick Fencibles. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 492.
- 19 June Halifax
- 19 June John Homer to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He is a native of the province, born in Barrington, and has been engaged in trade which carried him frequently to the United States. Now, however, that England and the United States are at war with each other, he wishes to remove his wife and family, who are in Boston, to Nova Scotia, and asks permission to go to Boston for that purpose. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 72.
- 21 June Halifax
- 21 June Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to H. G. Farrish, Yarmouth. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his letter on the subject of paying a courier from Digby to Yarmouth district. He has directed the Post-Master Gen'l to carry into effect the arrangement he suggests, and the first quarterly payment will be made in July "upon your producing a certificate of having performed the service necessary to entitle you to it." (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 500.
- 24 June Halifax
- 24 June Wm. Sabatier, on behalf of the Committee of Trade, to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, with regard to the sailing of convoys. The merchants now stand greatly in need of a convoy, and none seems to be ready. "The Committee, Sir, are of opinion, that it is not good policy to give public notice, in the manner of the present instance, of the sailing of convoys, or to fix upon the time too long beforehand; and the Committee respectfully, submit that should your Excellency have the opportunity, that



you would be pleased to inform the senior officer of the following passage from Mr. Atcheson's letter to me dated March 6th '13.

"The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having intimated their wish that the Convoy instructions should not be printed or circulated I am, therefore, to request you not to deliver copies of the inclosed official letters on that subject, but merely to show them to the merchants in your Province." I beg leave, Sir, to add, that the general meeting of Merchants &c. held on tuesday last, did suggest that it would, probably, be agreeable to Your Excellency and the Commanding Officer of the port that all communications on mercantile affairs, of a general nature to the trade, should be transacted through this Committee, which would tend to establish uniformity, and save trouble to all concerned; and would prove, generally, acceptable to the community, if it were agreeable to Your Excellency." (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 75.

1813  
25-27  
June  
Halifax

Copies of letters between Mr. Wm. Sabatier, on behalf of the Committee of Trade, and Capt. R. D. Oliver, Senior Officer of the Navy at Halifax, on the subject of convoys for the trade to the West Indies and England. 5 letters. In Sabatier's hand. Vol. 226, doc. 77.

28 June  
Halifax

Wm. Sabatier to H. H. Cogswell, Deputy Sec'y. In receipt of letter inclosing copy of one from Capt. Oliver to the Lt.-Governor. He explains the action of the Committee of Trade, and the arrangement arrived at, with regard to convoys for trade, between the merchants and the Senior Officer of the Navy on the station. He encloses a copy of his letter to Capt. Oliver on the subject. "If, however, His Excellency is pleased to give any directions whatever, the Committee will govern themselves accordingly, thoroughly sensible from experience, that his better judgment will direct the Committee to their destined object in the mode best calculated".... (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 78.

30 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He encloses a return of detachments of the Nova Scotia militia embodied for the service of the province since the beginning of the American war. "The situation of the Province, in respect to its Agriculture and Fisheries, rendered it inexpedient to call out greater numbers of the Militia, than was absolutely necessary, beyond the number of days for training, prescribed by the law of the Province, for which they receive no pay." He will continue to exercise such economy. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 122.

30 June  
Halifax

Same to same, transmitting papers, found on an American vessel brought into Halifax for adjudication, for the Sec'y of State's disposal. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 125.

30 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y to H. G. Farish, Yarmouth. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of the memorial of the justices of the peace residing in Yarmouth, asking that certain persons be appointed justices in that district. The Council has advised against increasing the number of magistrates in that district; therefore he cannot comply with the prayer of the memorial. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 495.

1 July  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), announcing the arrival of two skeleton companies of the 10th Royal Veteran Battalion from Canada. He has just received a letter from Gen'l Horsford stating that he had received Bathurst's commands. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 123.

1 July  
Halifax

Same to same, asking that he direct nine hundred fuses to be sent out for the sergeants of the militia of the province. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 124.

1 July  
Halifax

Same to same, transmitting a newspaper containing extracts from Quebec papers relative to the fighting in Canada. He congratulates Bathurst on the British successes. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 126.

- 1813 Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Surveyor-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his report on Mr. McGilvray. He wishes the Surveyor-Gen'l to take Mr. Mortimer's depositions before proceedings to cancel Morrison's grant are begun. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 493.
- 1 July Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Lt.-Col. Rudolf and Lt.-Col. Creighton of Lunenburg. The Lt.-Governor approves of their action with regard to the privateer *Young Teazer* and gives them directions for their course of action until the vessel shall have been tried in the Court of Vice-Admiralty. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 494.
- 1 July Abstract of bills of exchange drawn by the Lt.-Governor on the Provincial Agent in London to pay the salaries of officers of Government, missionaries etc., for the two quarters ending 30 June 1813. Signed. Vol. 433, doc. 19.
- 2 July Wm. Sabatier, Chairman of the Committee of Trade, to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, stating the necessity of a convoy for the Labrador fishing vessels, and asking him to apply for one. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 80.
- 2 July Wm. Sabatier, Chairman of the Committee of Trade, to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He requests that the Lt.-Governor apply for a convoy to the commander on the Newfoundland station for the fishing fleet on its return voyage from Labrador to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He encloses the plan for the conducting of the fishery, formulated by the Committee of Trade. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 81.
- Enclosure.*
- 2 July "Plan submitted for the present and future conducting of the Labradore fishery." It gives the route which the fishing vessels should take en route from ports of N. B. and N. S. to the rendezvous at Ship Harbour, thence to Labrador, and the times for sailing there and back. (In Wm. Sabatier's hand.) Vol. 226, doc. 79.
- 2 July Phineas Lovett's petition to the Lt.-Governor for letters of marque and reprisal against the Americans for his schooner, which he describes. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 87.
- Overleaf:* Governor's order.
- 4 July Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He describes a memorial he has received from persons interested in the trade, fisheries and agriculture of the province, which he is requested to transmit to the Admiral on the Station and the Sec'y of State. Since the Admiral can remedy the grievance especially complained of, he will carry out the request. They ask for more protection of the trade and enforcement of the regulations against impressing British seamen outward bound, foreign seamen in the merchant service and fishermen and landmen belonging to the province. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 127.
- 5 July Benjamin Dewolf to Deputy Prov. Sec'y, asking him to notify the Lt.-Governor that a certain recruit has enlisted voluntarily and is quite satisfied. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 86.
- 5 July Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to T. Millidge, Granville. He encloses the pardon which the Lt.-Governor has granted to Putnam Leonard on condition that he enlist in the New Brunswick Fencibles. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 498.
- 6 July Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Lt.-Col. James Cunningham, Halifax. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his letter asking for a grant of land. It is not in his power to grant more than 500 acres to any individual, but he will grant that amount on Cunningham taking out the necessary papers. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 496, 497.
- 6 July Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Admiral Warren. He encloses a copy of a letter he received from the Committee of Trade with an enclosure on the Labrador Fishery. He will transmit the enclosed plan for the con-



- 1813 sideration of the King's Ministers but thinks that certain particulars should first have the Admiral's approbation. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 10.
- 8 July Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Vice-Admiral R. G. Keats. He has received Halifax a representation from the Committee of Trade asking that he solicit a convoy for the Nova Scotian vessels employed in fishing on the Labrador coast. He submits and recommends the subject to the Vice-Admiral's consideration. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 11.
- 8 July Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Sabatier, Chairman Halifax of the Committee of Trade. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his letter and will take the earliest opportunity to communicate its contents to the Vice-Admiral, commanding on the Newfoundland station. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 501.
- 8 July Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to M. M. Richardson. By the Halifax Lt.-Governor's order he encloses a copy of a letter from Thos. Barclay answering one from the Lt.-Governor with regard to Mr. Bowie. He hopes that an investigation will result in Mr. Bowie's release. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 502.
- 10 July Winckworth. Allan, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Public Halifax Building, asking for the Lt.-Governor's warrant for the month's expenditure. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 85.
- 13 July Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), announcing the Halifax arrival of two independent companies of foreigners serving under Admiral Warren, and asking for orders relating to them. (Copy). Vol. 59, doc. 128.
- 11 July Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting the London Prince Regent's directions that he make up and transmit accounts of the "Nature & Quantity of Goods exported & imported from & into Halifax and the United States of America under the Licences of the Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia." Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 75.
- 14 July Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Thos. Stoughton, Spanish Consul at New Halifax York, in reply to his letter of 19th June. The letters about which he asked were transmitted to the British Sec'y of State, to be forwarded to the Spanish Sec'y of State at Cadiz. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 12.
- 14 July Letter from the firm of Collins and Allison to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, Halifax asking him to use his influence to have Capt. Barss, of the privateer *Liverpool Packet*, released from prison and sent in the next cartel to Nova Scotia. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 88.
- 15 July Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Will Cox, Sheriff for Shel- Halifax burne County. By the Lt.-Governor's order he incloses a writ for an election to fill Samuel Marshall's place in the Assembly. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 503.
- 16 July Extract from a letter to the New Brunswick Committee of Correspondence Halifax from the Nova Scotia Committee, on the subject of regulating the gypsum trade. Vol. 226, doc. 89.
- 21 July Sec'y to the Treasury (Harrison) to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. The Lords London of the Treasury have decided to grant £150 to Dr. Inglis as compensation for his extra services as the Bishop's commissary during the Bishop's illness. The Provincial Agent has been notified to make this payment. (Copy). Vol. 62, doc. 76.
- 26 July Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Vice-Admiral R. G. Keats. In receipt of Halifax letter of 15th June. The exportation of provisions from Halifax has not been prohibited during his administration. Report on trade. Should the Vice-Admiral fear a scarcity of provisions in Newfoundland he suggests that an agent be employed in Halifax "to procure such articles as our market affords." (Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 13-15.

- 1813 Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Thos. Barclay, New York, requesting that Joseph Barss, a British prisoner of war confined in Portsmouth, be exchanged. (Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 16, 17.
- 27 July Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y to Elisha DeWolf, Horton, in reply to the application of the magistrates of Horton for money from the casualty vote for repairing the bridge in Horton. The Lt.-Governor will grant them enough for half the expenses of the repairs providing the whole is not more than £80. (Copy). Vol. 150, pp. 504, 505.
- 27 July Halifax
- 28 July Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Nathan Tupper, Liverpool. By the Lt.-Governor's orders he encloses a writ for the election of a member in the place of George Collins, late member. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 506.
- 28 July Halifax
- 29 July Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He encloses the Chief Justice's report on the case of Richard Hart, convicted of murder. The court have unanimously recommended him for mercy and the Lt.-Governor adds his recommendation. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 1, (pp. 18-28)
- 29 July Halifax
- Annexed.* Chief Justice's report on the case.
- 30 July Capt. Talbot, Senior Officer of the Navy, to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, making a complaint against Mr. Tremain and others who interfered in the apprehending of a deserter by three sailors, and asking the Lt.-Governor to take steps to "punish the offenders and reaprehend the deserters". Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 91.
- 30 July Halifax
- 30 July Statement of the three sailors implicated in the affair concerning the apprehending of a deserter, taken down by Capt. Talbot and signed by him. Vol. 226, doc. 93.
- 30 July Halifax
- 30 July Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Capt. J. Talbot. He regrets that Capt. Talbot has found it necessary to make so serious a charge against some of the inhabitants of Halifax for their rescue of a deserter. He has given an order for a diligent search for the deserter and inquiries pending a prosecution against the rescuers. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 30.
- 30 July Halifax
- 30 July Letter from Richard Tremain to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, explaining his conduct in an affair which has resulted in Capt. Talbot charging him with heading a mob in rescuing a deserter. He denies the charge and tells his story of what happened. "Your Excellency will at once see the difficulty a Magistrate has to perform his duty if sailors arm'd with Clubs are allowed to range the streets of Halifax, take hold of whom they please, call them deserters, and at once take upon them to beat those or others that interfere without controul." Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 90.
- 31 July Halifax
- 31 July Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Capt. Talbot, Senior Officer of the Navy at Halifax. He encloses a report of an inquiry on the subject of complaint mentioned in Talbot's letter. He recommends that the three sailors who complained of the conduct of one of the Halifax magistrates attend the court on the following Tuesday when a particular inquiry will be instituted. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 29.
- 31 July Halifax
- 31 July Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Joshua Quereau, Granville. The Lt.-Governor thanks him for informing him of the seditious conduct of Richard Gridley. He is to communicate his information to Mr. Millidge and confer with him in case of further cause of complaint. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 507, 508.
- 31 July Halifax
- 31 July Deputy Prov. Sec'y to Thos. Millidge, Custos Rotulorum of Annapolis County. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his letter and entirely approves of his action respecting Putnam Leonard. Millidge is to investigate the charge against Richard Gridley which has been received from Joshua Quereau. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 509, 510.



2 Aug  
London

Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He transmits a copy of a letter from Charles Mary Wentworth asking that his claims be considered before a grant of land he has spent much time and money in improving be escheated and regranted. Sherbrooke is to consider his claim favourably unless some circumstance of which he knows renders it inadvisable. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 77.

*Enclosure.*

2 Aug  
London

Copy of letter from Charles M. Wentworth to Earl Bathurst, laying claim to a certain tract of land in Nova Scotia which he has expended much time and money in improving. He hopes that Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke will be directed either to confirm his grant or escheat it, and be relieved from the partial reservation now existing.

Vol. 62, doc. 78.

31 July  
Halifax

Capt. Talbot to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. In answer to the suggestion made in the letter Sherbrooke sent him from the magistrate accused of interfering in the apprehending of a deserter he will see that the three sailors implicated will attend at the Court House at the time appointed. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 92.

*Overleaf.* Lt.-Governor requests the Attorney-Gen'l to attend the examination of the sailors.

31 July  
Halifax

John McColla, Town Major, to Major-Gen'l Saumarcz, in reply to his orders of the previous day, relative to the interference in apprehending a deserter from the Navy. He shows that the evidence given by the sailors was incorrect. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 95.

31 July  
Halifax

Application of Thos. Mason and the other owners of the schooner *George*, for letters of marque and reprisal against the Americans. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 23.

*Below.* Order by Lt.-Gov. for a commission to issue.

4 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Capt. Talbot. He is in receipt of his letter enclosing a complaint made against one of the Halifax magistrates. He will transmit it to the Attorney-Gen'l and direct him to hear the magistrate's explanation.

(Copy). Vol. 111, p. 35.

4 Aug  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Attorney-Gen'l. He encloses the papers relating to Lt. White's complaint as to the conduct of one of the magistrates of Halifax. The Lt.-Governor wishes to know how reprehensible the magistrate was for his conduct.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 512.

5 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to the Sec'y to the Admiralty, desiring to be sent twelve more Mediterranean Passes and the blank forms pertaining to their issue, since there are but three now in his hands.

(Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 2, (p. 36).

5 Aug  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Lt. White. According to his request an inquiry into the conduct of Mr. Fairbanks, of whose conduct he complained, will begin at the County Court House on 6th August. Lt. White is requested to attend and bring his witnesses.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 511.

9 Aug  
Martinique

Chas. Wale to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, describing the great damage done by the recent hurricane, and the consequent prospect of starvation of the inhabitants. The object of the letter is "that it may encourage the Merchants, within your Government, to come to our relief with provisions and lumber." Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 98.

10 Aug  
Halifax

Winckworth Allan to Deputy Prov. Sec'y Cogswell, asking for the Lt.-Governor's warrant for £150 for the commissioners of public building. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 97.

14 Aug  
Halifax

Alexander Croke, Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court, to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, enclosing papers relating to the case of the *Sally Anne*,

- 1813 whose cargo has been delivered up to Messrs. Hartshorne and Boggs. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 99.
- 5 Aug  
Halifax Petition of Caleb Seely, for himself and the other owners of the schooner *Starr*, to the Lt.-Governor, asking for letters of marque and reprisal against the Americans. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 104.
- 7 Aug  
Halifax Below: Governor's order for a commission to issue.
- 7 Aug  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Rear-Admiral Griffith. He encloses papers relating to an inquiry on a charge made by Capt. Talbot against a Halifax magistrate. By the inquiry it appears that the magistrate was only doing his duty and that the seamen "have undertaken to exercise a power of impressment on shore without authority and have disturbed the peace and tranquility of the Town by their improper Conduct." He gives the proper procedure to be followed when a supply of seamen is needed. "It has been observed and I believe with great truth, that His Majesty's Service here during the present War with the United States would be much benefited by the entire discontinuance of impressment in this Port." He transmits a volume of the provincial statutes for the Admiral's information. (Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 31-34.
- 7 Aug  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Capt. Talbot. He encloses a copy of the report on the enquiry made relating to the complaint of the three seamen against the Halifax magistrate, the result of which was a surprise to the Lt.-Governor. He hopes that Capt. Talbot "will feel satisfied that the facts have been fairly and truly ascertained by the enquiry." (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 37.
- 8 Aug  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), transmitting the Journals and proceedings of the House of Assembly during the previous session. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 3, (p. 39).
- (8 Aug?)  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Rear-Admiral Griffith. He encloses a petition from Nathaniel Brown and submits his case for redress to the Admiral's consideration. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 38.
- 9 Aug  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He communicates the command of the Regent that he transmit a list of all Acts passed by the legislature of Nova Scotia, specifying the dates of them and distinguishing those expired and those in force. He is also to collect all the acts and transmit them, filling in gaps in the printed ones with manuscript copies, and henceforth to send six printed copies of the acts of every session. Signed. Circular. Vol. 62, doc. 79.
- 9 Aug  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), enclosing a letter from the Sec'y of the Treasury and directing him to follow the measures indicated by him for preventing frauds connected with the Vice-Admiralty Court. Signed. Circular. Vol. 62, doc. 80.
- (9 Aug)  
2 Aug  
London *Enclosure.*
- (9 Aug)  
2 Aug  
London Copy of letter from Harrison, Sec'y to the Treasury, to Under-sec'y Goulburn. He suggests measures to prevent the substitution of vessels not condemned in lieu of such as have been regularly condemned in the Vice-Admiralty Courts "whereby such first mentioned Vessels obtain British Registers to which they have no right." Vol. 62, doc. 81.
- 16 Aug  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Rear-Admiral Griffith. He encloses copies of letters he has received from Capt. Stackpole and Lt. White. An enquiry has been made by the Attorney-Gen'l on the subject of the complaint of Lt. White against Mr. Fairbanks, and that officer's report received. The Lt.-Governor's general remarks on the case and impressment etc. follow. "And now Sir in Submitting this case to your consideration permit me to express my earnest wish that the orders which Subaltern Navy Officers are directed to execute upon shore within this Province may be so given as not to lead to similar unpleasant results."



- 1813 He recommends that the rules for searching for deserters and impressing seamen be followed. (Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 40-45.
- 17 Aug Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He acknowledges receipt of his letter of 20th May. He has transmitted the directions therein contained relative to the American schooner *Sally Ann* to the Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court, and encloses a copy of a letter from the Judge to the Lt.-Governor. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 4, (p. 46).
- 17 Aug Same to same. He acknowledges receipt of his letter directing a grant of confirmation of 4000 acres to Mr. Butler, which he has ordered to be put into effect. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 4½, (p. 47).
- 17 Aug Same to same. He acknowledges receipt of letter promising a removal of difficulties in the Nova Scotia-American trade. "The experience of every day confirms me in the Opinion of the propriety of having such instructions given." He remarks on the great benefits the province has obtained from this trade both in itself and because it diverted so many of the inhabitants of the United States from participation in the war. He suggests a further discretionary power vested in himself to prevent masters of vessels trading under licences from being prosecuted for slight or unintentional deviations from the terms of the licences. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 5, (pp. 48-51).
- 4 Sept Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Attorney-Gen'l. He encloses a description of several tracts of land for which applications for escheat have been made. The Lt.-Governor wishes the proceedings to be instituted without delay. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 513-515.
- 4 Sept Depositions of Hillary Langlois and Philip Hamon, that great numbers of American fishermen frequent and plunder the coast of Labrador, Magdalen Islands, Gaspé and Gulph of St. Lawrence, hoist the American flag, abuse England etc. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 76.
- 7 Sept Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Collector of Customs, Halifax. The Lt.-Governor, in response to a despatch from the Sec'y of State, requires monthly accounts of goods exported and imported from and into Halifax and the United States under licences which he has issued. He wishes the last month's accounts to be transmitted as soon as possible. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 516, 517.
- 8 Sept Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Sabatier, Chairman of the Committee of Trade, enclosing a copy of letter received by the Lt.-Governor from the Vice-Admiral. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 518.
- 8 Sept Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He acknowledges receipt of circular letter relative to precautions to be taken against the plague, which is raging in Malta. The provincial law allowing him to make regulations to prevent the plague coming in and the cool and healthful climate of the province will be sufficient to achieve this essential object. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 6, (p. 52.)
- 8 Sept Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), transmitting an account of the nature and quality of goods exported and imported from and into Halifax and the United States, which he hopes will meet with approval. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 7, (p. 53.)
- 8 Sept Same to same. He encloses a copy of a memorial from merchants of Halifax relative to the exportation of prize goods from Halifax to the United States. Although Sherbrooke, contrary to the opinion of the Crown lawyers, does not think that the present regulations allow such exportation, he recommends that it be made legal by the Home Government. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 8, (pp. 54, 55).
- 11 Sept Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Attorney-Gen'l. He encloses descriptions of three lots of land for which applications for

- 1813      escheat have been made. The Lt.-Governor wishes the proceedings to  
be instituted without delay. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 519, 520.
- 15 Sept      Draft of letter to Col. Smith, Windsor Rd., giving instructions with  
Halifax      regard to the feeding and other expenses of the militia. Unsigned.  
Vol. 226, doc. 105.
- 16 Sept      Wm. Trowbridge, merchant, to the Lt.-Governor, stating that he is an  
Halifax      American who has been trading in the province for some time, and now  
wishes to become a British subject. He asks to be given the oath of  
allegiance. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 108.
- 18 Sept      Report of Michael Wallace, James Stewart and John Black on the  
Halifax      petition of Patrick Heffernan concerning the tract of land for which he  
paid £100 in 1799 to a person to whom the land did not legally belong.  
They recommend that Heffernan be granted 500 acres elsewhere in  
the province in compensation for this grant, which has been escheated  
and re-granted. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 109.
- 20 Sept      Advertisement of Don Jose De Villalave for an exhibition of acro-  
Halifax      batics and dancing. On the back:
1. Letter from the Deputy Prov. Sec'y to the Custos Rotulorum  
relative to the propriety of allowing such an exhibition in Halifax.
2. Reply of the Custos Rotulorum, that the Sessions Court "do  
not conceive that the Public Peace or Morals will be endangered by an  
allowance of the Exhibition proposed." Vol. 226, doc. 107.
- 22 Sept      Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He acknowledges  
Halifax      receipt of letter with order allowing him to grant licences for the  
exportation of gypsum from Nova Scotia to the United States, which  
shall be duly obeyed. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 9, (p. 56).
- 22 Sept      Same to same. He acknowledges receipt of letter asking for a list  
Halifax      of the Acts passed by the General Assembly of Nova Scotia. He has  
given the necessary orders to the Provincial Sec'y, who will have the  
list prepared as soon as possible. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 10, (p. 57).
- 22 Sept      Same to same, in receipt of letter relating to extra allowance for the  
Halifax      Bishop's commissary. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 12, (p. 58).
- 22 Sept      Same to same, acknowledging receipt of letter relative to frauds com-  
Halifax      mitted to secure registers of vessels tried in the Admiralty Court. He  
regrets that the enclosure sent by Bathurst was missing.  
(Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 11, (p. 59).
- 22 Sept      Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Geo. Harrison, Sec'y to the Treasury. He  
Halifax      acknowledges receipt, with thanks, of letter directing the payment of  
the allowances to M. Danséville and Dr. Inglis in a new and more satis-  
factory manner. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 13, (p. 60).
- 23 Sept      Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He encloses peti-  
Halifax      tion from Halifax merchants representing that a scarcity of salted beef  
and pork is likely to be dangerous unless their importation by licence  
from the United States be permitted. Hitherto the Lt.-Governor has  
refused all applications for such licences.  
(Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 14, (p. 62).
- 23 Sept      Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Committee of Trade,  
Halifax      Halifax. In receipt of their letter representing the serious nature of  
the anticipated shortage of salted beef and pork in the province, the  
Lt.-Governor can make no change in the navigation regulations. He  
will transmit their application to the Sec'y of State, however, without  
delay. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 522, 523.
- 24 Sept      Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to H. Hotham, Captain of the fleet. In receipt  
Halifax      of his letter. If he will furnish the Lt.-Governor with a list of the black  
people proposed to be landed from the King's ship under his command,



- they will be enabled to take the oath of allegiance before going into the country to look for work. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 61.
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25 Sept  
Windsor  
Rd. Memorandum of expenses of party escorting prisoners of war from Cornwallis to Halifax, amounting to £12. 10. 2. Certified before Wm. Smith, J. P. Vol. 226, doc. 96.
- 25 Sept  
Windsor  
Rd. Affidavit of John Mason, sworn before Wm. Smith, J. P. He describes the treatment he received at the hands of some sailors while he was helping to escort a deserter back to his ship. Vol. 226, doc. 100.
- 25 Sept  
Halifax Petition of Andrew Wright for himself and Andrew Belcher, owners of the brig *Eleanor*, to the Lt.-Governor, asking for letters of marque and reprisal against the Americans for her. Signed. (Granted). Vol. 226, doc. 110.
- 27 Sept  
Halifax Petition of Phineas Lovett's lawyer to the Lt.-Governor for letters of marque and reprisal against the Americans for Lovett's schooner *Broke*. Signed. Granted. Vol. 226, doc. 113.
- Sept  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Rev. John Millidge, Rev. C. Perkins and Thos. Ritchie, Annapolis. In reply to their letter asking for a grant from the militia arms fund to enable them to erect a suitable building for the grammar school of Annapolis County. The Lt.-Governor is anxious to help, but he has had so many applications of a similar nature that there will not be enough money in the fund to provide for all. He will come to a decision after the memorialists submit an estimate of the expense and a list of the subscriptions for the schoolhouse. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 520-522.
- 4 Oct  
London Unsigned letter from Under-sec'y Goulburn to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, transmitting the Regent's free pardon to Richard Hart. Vol. 62, doc. 82.
- (4 Oct)  
17 Sept  
London *Enclosure*. Copy of free pardon granted to Richard Hart. Vol. 62, doc. 83.
- 8 Oct  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He acknowledges receipt of Sherbrooke's letter announcing the arrival of more prisoners of war from Canada and lamenting the loss of services of the soldiers who would be required to act as guards. Since the prisoners will be removed from Nova Scotia as early as possible in the Spring the soldiers will be relieved. Impossibility of sending any reinforcements to remain in Nova Scotia. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 84.
- 8 Oct  
Halifax Copy. Petition of merchants to Bathurst. Since negotiations to end hostilities between England and United States are pending, committee wishes to make statement of facts regarding province which has been misrepresented in England, and therefore neglected. Barrenness of land around Halifax exaggerated to cover whole province, by those who want American trade with the West Indies to continue. Possibilities of N. S. as military and naval base, made necessary by enmity of U. S. Lack of regard for interests of North American colonies evinced in treaties between England and U. S. 1783-1806. Disastrous effect on province of Article 3 of 1783 treaty. Prays that this memorial may be taken into consideration when new treaty is made "that these colonies may henceforward be guarded from the effects of a changeable policy, than which nothing can prove more injurious to every pursuit, in their agriculture, fisheries or commerce." Doc. 1. Vol. 304, no. 66.
- 8 Oct  
Halifax *Enclosure*. Draft of memorial of Halifax Committee of Trade to Earl Bathurst. It is now 30 years since American colonies got independence, and "the seals of the definitive Treaty of Peace were scarcely dry, when they raised a Dispute on every article which admitted of cavil or evasion".

Review of articles of treaty: Art. 2, settling boundaries, has been a source of dispute, still unsatisfied, Art. 3, giving Americans fishing rights, has been grossly abused by U. S., Art. 4, allowing loyalists to recover debts, hindered in execution by U. S., Art. 5, *re* restoration of lost property, not carried out by U. S., Art. 6 of amnesty, followed by persecution, Art. 7 depended on Great Britain and was ultimately carried out, Art. 8, *re* Mississippi navigation, was subject of American aggression, Articles 9 and 10, not admitting of dispute, were fulfilled.

In 1794 East and West Indies were laid open to U. S., who took advantage by sending larger ships than were permitted. American aggression towards Louisiana and Florida, and American friendship for France prove her degradation. Prevalent idea that eastern section of U. S. is friendly to Great Britain shown to be false by their bad treatment of British soldiers and sailors. No hope of an election reversing policy, since parties are so nearly balanced. Committee hint that England should not trust U. S. who believe that the end justifies the means. Commercial eagerness of every American. Bad effect of competition between varied American cargoes, which can obtain cash, and British colonial cargoes, limited to fish, lumber and country produce. Progress of commerce with West Indies during three periods (1) 1783-1793, (2) 1794-1806, (3) 1807-1813, since Treaty of Versailles, shows harm that American intercourse does to British colonial trader. If Americans are admitted to W. I. by treaty, northern colonies "will remain in perpetual infancy, and not have the power to supply the Islands when a sudden fit of displeasure may seize hold of the Government of the United States." Special request that no repetition of Art. 3 of 1783 treaty be allowed. American intercourse fatal to morals of colonials since "the sentiments, habits and manners, both political and Moral of the lower Order of the Americans are dangerous and contaminating in a very great degree—It is the first wish of the Petitioners to see these Colonies completely, British; this will, ever, be found their surest defence and greatest blessing; *but* the intercourse permitted by that fatal article of the definitive Treaty was detrimental to their duty as Subjects and to every other object which in this address, the Petitioners have in view." Petitioners hope that possession by England of Passam Acadie (sic) islands will be insisted upon, according to Art. 2. They ask Govt. to initiate action in Cape Breton to prevent smuggling of gypsum, which N. S. and N. B. may follow. They urge that St. Pierre and Miquelon be not returned to France, and that Americans be not allowed on shores and surrounding waters. If Americans are prohibited from W. I. free ports might be made (as by Order-in-Council of 1809); if so, "every principle of sound policy will confine the intercourse within very narrow limits, which the Petitioners are of opinion ought not to exceed the ports of Saint John in N. B. and Halifax in N. S." doc. 2. Vol. 304, no. 66.

- 1813 Speaker of the Assembly to Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke, asking for a writ for the election of a member for Sydney County, to take the place of Samuel Hood George, deceased. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 111.  
 8 Oct  
 Halifax
- 16 Oct Letter from Edward Hodgson to Michael Wallace, reporting on the state of the island, their provisions, etc. and asking that certain things be done for him on the mainland. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 96.  
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- 17 Oct Declaration of J. F. de Arguil, captured by the English, concerning money and other articles taken from him by Capt. Olbrook. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 112.  
 Halifax
- 18 Oct Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), transmitting some papers, despatches from the Spanish Minister to his government, which  
 Halifax



- were found on board a detained vessel and came into the hands of the Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 15, (p. 63).
- 1813 Same to same. He acknowledges receipt of duplicate of letter relative to checking the fraudulent obtaining of vessel registers with its enclosure suggesting measures. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 16, p. 64.
- 18 Oct Same to same. He encloses an account of the nature and quality of goods exported and imported from and into Halifax and the United States under his licences. Because of a serious lack of onions in the Navy supplies Sherbrooke has been induced to authorize the importation of a quantity of them. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 17, (p. 65).
- 18 Oct Same to same. A number of negroes has arrived from the United States. He has had them take the oath of allegiance and sent them into the country to find employment. Their number is so small that they will have no difficulty, but if more should arrive during the winter they will suffer unless some provision is made for them. Should he issue some rations or clothing to them? (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 18, (p. 66).
- 20 Oct Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to the Judge of Vice-Admiralty. He encloses copy of a circular letter from Bathurst and of one from Mr. Harrison to Bathurst. He requests that the Judge adopt the mode of granting registers pointed out in the letters and take "such measures as may be most effectual to prevent the frauds complained of." (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 70.
- 20 Oct Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Officers of the Customs. By the Lt.-Governor's orders he encloses a copy of a letter from Mr. Harrison, which the Lt.-Governor received from the Sec'y of State. The Customs Officers are to be particularly careful with regard to the additional checks recommended by Mr. Harrison. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 524.
- 20 Oct Thos. Shreve to Deputy Prov. Sec'y Cogswell, returning an executed bond, and commenting on the various private affairs of interest to them both. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 101.
- 20 Oct Petition of Peter Le Lacheur to the Lt.-Governor for letters of marque and reprisal against the Americans for his lugger-rigged *Intrepid*. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 103.
- 20 Oct Report by Brenton Halliburton and Foster Hutchinson on the trial of John Pomp and Amy Pomp for the murder of their child. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 114.
- Annexed.* Opinion of Chief Justice against the verdict, which convicted Amy Pomp.
- 21 Oct Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Rev. John Millidge, C. Perkins and Thos. Ritchie. The Lt.-Governor approves of the bye-laws they have transmitted to govern the Annapolis County grammar school. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 525.
- 21 Oct Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Attorney-Gen'l. He encloses a certificate and transmits the Lt.-Governor's request for a legal opinion on it. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 526.
- 22 Oct Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He encloses a report of the case of the King versus Amy Pomp, in which the court's verdict convicted her of murder. He has postponed the execution, since both he and the Chief Justice are of opinion that there was not sufficient evidence for conviction, and recommends the prisoner to the Prince Regent as a proper object for mercy. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 19, (pp. 68, 69).
- 25 Oct Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to W. Chipman, Cornwallis. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of the certificates of the school trustees of Cornwallis. According to the legal opinion given on a similar set

of certificates and application from Horton the Lt.-Governor cannot issue warrants to more than four schools in one township. The trustees of Cornwallis are, therefore, to submit only four applications, accompanied by four certificates properly made out.

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(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 528, 529.

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Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He transmits a volume containing the titles of all the acts that were passed by the legislature of the province between 1758 and 1804, and the text of all acts that are still in force. He has given orders to have all acts subsequent to 1804 arranged and printed in a similar manner.

(Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 20, (p. 71).

29 Oct  
London

Private letter from Under-sec'y Goulburn to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, requesting him, on the Sec'y of State's behalf, to send every possible kind of news of the war whenever there is a vessel sailing. Signed.

Vol. 62, doc. 85.

29 Oct  
London

Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He acknowledges receipt of letter enclosing memorial from Halifax merchants. He encloses copy of a letter from the Committee for Trade in answer to their request, approving their suggestion. An Order-in-Council making exportation of prize goods to the United States legal will be issued as soon as possible. Meanwhile he may extend the licences to include such goods. Signed.

Vol. 62, doc. 86.

*Enclosure.*(29 Oct)  
15 Oct  
London

Copy of a letter from Thos. Lack to Goulburn, conveying the orders of the Committee for Trade with regard to exporting prize goods from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to the United States. The Sec'y of State is to have appropriate instructions sent to the Lt.-Governors of those provinces.

Vol. 62, doc. 87.

29 Oct  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to J. G. Pyke, Custos Rotulorum of Halifax County. He transmits the Lt.-Governor's directions that the Court of Sessions take action to prevent prisoners on parole in Dartmouth from coming to Halifax by the ferries that cross the harbour.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 527.

30 Oct  
Halifax

Certificate of the Chief Justice that the Crier of the Supreme Court, Solomon Ritchie, has six months' allowance due to him out of the casual revenue. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 106.

*Below.* Prov. Treasurer's request for an order for above.1 Nov  
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Petition of Peter Walker, relating his trials and tribulations as a supporter of the British Government against the rebels in America during the Revolution, and asking the Lt.-Governor to order a new trial of a cause in which his son has been fined £30. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 121.

4 Nov  
London

Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He transmits, in reply to his despatch of 23 Sept., a copy of a letter from the Committee for Trade. They think it inexpedient to allow beef and pork to be imported into Nova Scotia from the United States because "these Articles can be procured in any quantity from His Majesty's Dominions in Europe." Signed.

Vol. 62, doc. 88.

*Enclosure.*(4 Nov)  
20 Oct  
London

Copy of letter from Thos. Lack to Goulburn, transmitting the commands of the Committee of Council for Trade rejecting the proposal that salt beef and pork be allowed to be imported into Nova Scotia from the United States.

Vol. 62, doc. 89.

8 Nov  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Misses Powell. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of their letter, and gives them permission to open a school of dancing in Halifax "for the Instruction of youth of both sexes", provided they make the necessary regulations for the



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good conduct of their prospective pupils. (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 530.  
Wm. Sabatier, Chairman of the Committee of Trade, to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He encloses a petition from the Halifax merchants to Lord Bathurst "on the anticipated events which may take place on the renewal of peace with the United States." This and the accompanying documents sent to the London Committee form "a case so strong in favor of these Northern Colonies, and of Nova Scotia in particular, that, it is hoped, His Majesty's Ministers will be induced to extend to this portion of the British Empire, the encouragement and protection it long has sought in the face of very powerful interests, which have kept in the shade a loyal industrious people who, if duly appreciated would soon form a valuable appendage to His Majesty's colonial possessions." (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 82.

9 Nov  
Halifax

*Enclosure.* Petition of the merchants, Vol. 304, no. 66, doc. 2.  
Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Sec'y of State (Bathurst,) transmitting and recommending a memorial from the Halifax Committee of Trade. (For draft of memorial see Vol. 304, no. 66).

10 Nov  
Halifax

(Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 21, (pp. 72, 73).  
List of warrants issued by the Lt.-Governor for building the Province House, up to the given date. Vol. 288, no. 63.

10 Nov  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Jonathan Odell, New Brunswick. In receipt of his letter. He encloses a copy of a provincial Act of 1792 (32 Geo. III cap. 13) placing an excise duty on all goods imported into Nova Scotia, which has been continued ever since. "It appears that at the time of passing the Act the Finances of the Province were in a state of great embarrassment. An heavy and increasing debt was rapidly destroying the Public Credit, and as warrants upon the Treasury could not be paid in Specie they were sold by individuals at a great discount. Officers of Government who depended upon Provincial Salaries for their Maintenance were in consequence great sufferers. The Duties upon Liquors which had been the principal Source of Revenue at this Period produced but little, as there were but few Troops & I believe but one or two small Ships of War upon the Station the consumption of this description of dutiable Articles was much less then at present. Under these circumstances the Legislature ventured to pass the enclosed Act. I believe complaints were made against it by the Merchants, I am at a loss to know how the then Lieut. Gov. conceived himself justified in giving his assent to the Act notwithstanding the inhibition contained in the Royal Instructions. The Act was carried into effect and was not disallowed by His Majesty, was found productive, and considered equitable in its operation. The Law was continued, after the demands against the Province were paid off & discharged and the Duties imposed by this Act from long use are now considered among our regular Sources of Revenue." Unless the legislature of New Brunswick proceed "with great caution" he fears that they will not obtain the benefit of such an act and that the Nova Scotia act may be discontinued.

11 Nov  
Halifax

(Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 534-536.  
Letter from Winckworth Allan, asking for his monthly allowance as commissioner of the public buildings and for payment of bill for materials. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 62.

19 Nov  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Sir John Oldmixon. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his letter mentioning the damage done to the Colchester Road by the late storm. Since the whole province has probably been affected similarly, the Lt.-Governor is of the opinion that the damage can best be repaired through the Court of Sessions of each district. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 537, 538.

- 1813 Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Mr. Peter Walker, Annapolis.  
 19 Nov The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his letter and regrets that he considers  
 Halifax that he has been treated unjustly in the trials in the Inferior Court.  
 Since the case may be removed to a higher Court he would consider it  
 improper to interfere. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 538, 539.
- 22 Nov Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Mr. John Moody, Halifax.  
 Halifax The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his letter with regard to his ships. He  
 considers it improbable that the blockade of New Haven will be effective  
 by the time his vessels reach there. If Moody will provide the particulars  
 regarding each ship the Lt.-Governor will make a representation in  
 Moody's favour to the Admiral. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 541-543.
- 23 Nov Letter from Richard Tremaine, on behalf of the Halifax merchants,  
 Halifax to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, relative to the blockade of American ports  
 by the British Navy. He hopes that some arrangement may be made,  
 by means of special licences or otherwise, so that the trade of carrying  
 British goods to the American ports and bringing back flour to the pro-  
 vince, may be continued. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 117.
- 25 Nov Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Richard Tremaine, Halifax.  
 Halifax In reply to his letter, the Lt.-Governor communicated with Admiral  
 Warren, who intends to carry out a strict and unqualified blockade,  
 in compliance with the proclamation of the 16th inst.  
 (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 531, 532.
- 27 Nov Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Supervisor of the road  
 Halifax between Hall's and Gay's River Bridge, giving him directions for repair-  
 ing the road, which had been badly damaged by storms.  
 (Copy). Vol. 140, p. 533.
- 27 Nov Minute of Council referring the petition of Rev. John Sigogne, on  
 Halifax behalf of Indians praying for a grant of land, to a committee consisting  
 of Wallace, Uniacke and Morris. Vol. 430, doc. 149 $\frac{2}{3}$ .
- 6 Dec Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to John Lawson. The Lt.-  
 Halifax Governor is in receipt of his letter asking permission to resign his com-  
 mission as magistrate. The Lt.-Governor regrets that Lawson con-  
 sideres the duties too arduous for his age and state of health, and, under  
 those circumstances, gives his permission.  
 (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 539, 540.
- 6 Dec Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to J. G. Pyke, Custos Rotulorum  
 Halifax of Halifax County, notifying him that the Lt.-Governor has just accepted  
 John Lawson's resignation of his commission as magistrate.  
 (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 540, 541.
- 7 Dec Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The  
 Halifax Lt.-Governor wishes him to begin a process of escheat against the lots  
 of land herein described. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 543, 544.
- 9 Dec Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Attorney- and the Soli-  
 Halifax citor-General. The Lt.-Governor desires their opinions on a case herein  
 cited, of a merchant desiring an exporting licence under certain unusual  
 circumstances. The Lt.-Governor does not wish to clog the trade with  
 the United States with any regulations which are not legally necessary.  
 (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 545-547.
- 10 Dec Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Smith, Supervisor of  
 Halifax the road from Sackville to Horton, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's  
 orders for him to repair the damage done to the road by the late storms,  
 and not to exceed £60 in costs. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 548, 549.
- 15 Dec Transport Officer to Deputy Prov. Sec'y, giving directions with regard  
 Halifax to a Mr. Wick. (Holograph). Vol. 226, doc. 116.



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(20 Dec  
rec'd)  
Halifax

Petition of Gurdon Dewolf and the other owners of the vessel *Retaliation*, to the Lt.-Governor, asking for letters of marque and reprisal against the Americans for the vessel. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 118.

*Below:* Governor's order for a commission to issue.

20 Dec  
London

Under-sec'y Goulburn to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, enclosing a copy of the estimate of the parliamentary grant for the civil establishment of Nova Scotia for 1814. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 90.

*Enclosure.*

(20 Dec)  
London

Copy of estimate of the parliamentary grant for the civil establishment of Nova Scotia for 1814. Vol. 62, doc. 91.

20 Dec  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Thos. Cutler, Custos Rotulorum of Sydney County, transmitting a copy of the militia laws in force, for the use of the Sessions of the Peace for the county.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 549.

20 Dec  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Thos. Cutler, Sydney County. He transmits two copies of the militia laws now in force, one for his own use and one for that of the Adjutant of the battalion under his command.

(Copy). Vol. 140, p. 550.

31 Dec  
Halifax

Bill of costs of prosecution of the frigate *Chesapeake* in the Halifax Vice-Admiralty Court. Vol. 226, doc. 76.

31 Dec  
Halifax

Abstract of warrants paid by the Treasurer for erecting block houses, batteries etc. during 1813. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 123.

31 Dec  
Halifax

Abstracts of warrants paid in 1813 for drawbacks of duties on goods exported. Vol. 226, doc. 124.

31 Dec  
Halifax

List of warrants paid for repair of roads and bridges during 1813. Vol. 226, doc. 125.

31 Dec  
Halifax

Expense account for building Lunatic House.

Vol. 304, no. 36.

31 Dec  
Halifax

Abstract of general expenditure for Poor House for 1813. Signed.

Vol. 304, no. 97.

31 Dec  
Halifax

Account of the province with Michael Wallace for expenditures for the Sable Island establishment. Vol. 424, doc. 88.

1810-13  
Halifax

Extracts from the Minutes of Halifax Committee of Trade (established in 1804). Copy of petition to Lt.-Governor asking that he transmit annexed memorial to King's ministers, praying that collieries be opened. Further particulars showing need of opening them, location of mines, present high price of coal. King's Ministers reply that they will consider petition, but they need more details. Copy of Sabatier's letter supplying required information to Atcheson, their agent; summary of Atcheson's reply. (Enclosed in no. 82). Vol. 304, no. 79.

1813  
Halifax

Memorandum of travelling fees due to Judge Brenton Halliburton for the year 1813. For 33 days. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 102.

1813  
Halifax

Abstract of warrants for fish and tonnage bounties in 1812 paid in 1813. Vol. 226, doc. 122.

1813  
Halifax

Account of all securities due the province for the port of Halifax. Vol. 304, no. 65.

1813  
Halifax

Memorandum of notes cancelled in 1812 and 1813.

Vol. 304, no. 71.

Account of receipts and expenditures of money on account of public markets at Halifax. Assembly Papers, Vol. 20.

(1813?)  
Halifax

Petition of Samuel Paul and other Indians to the Lt.-Governor, describing their distressed condition and asking for relief. Undated and unsigned. Vol. 430, doc. 149½.

- 1814 Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting  
1 Jan Order-in-Council allowing the exportation of prize goods from Nova  
London Scotia to the United States by the Lt.-Governor's licence. Signed.  
*Enclosure.* Vol. 62, doc. 92.
- (1 Jan) Copy of Order-in-Council permitting the Lieutenant-Governors of  
1813 Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to grant licences for the exportation  
2 Nov of prize goods from those provinces to the United States.  
London Vol. 62, doc. 93.
- 2<sup>d</sup> Jan Nathaniel Thomas to H. H. Cogswell, in reply to his letter, whose  
Windsor directions he will follow. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 1.
- 3 Jan Rev. J. M. Sigogne to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, submitting his bill for  
Clare expenditures for the Indians, and asking for the release of an old French  
prisoner who is living in Clare. (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 149.
- 4 Jan Agent for prisoners of war to Deputy Prov. Sec'y, notifying the Lt.-  
Halifax Governor that the Admiral has directed him to send two masters and  
a chief mate, of ships captured by the British, on parole. Unsigned.  
Vol. 227, doc. 2.
- 5 Jan Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Crofton Uniacke, Receiver-  
Halifax Gen'l of Quit Rents. The Lt.-Governor has had word that the Prince  
Regent has ordered the 5/ fee usually charged on every 50 acres above  
200 in a grant of land to be remitted in the case of the grant for the use  
of King's College. The Lt.-Governor desires an account of the sums  
he has "hitherto received from this source" and a statement of his claims  
for collection. (Copy). Vol. 140, pp. 551, 552.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Wm. Moore, Wexford. In receipt of his letter  
Halifax dated 3 Oct. 1814. He relates the information concerning the estate  
of Capt. Allen which Moore desired. (Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 74, 75.
- 6 Jan Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke to Thos. Ryan, Ireland. In receipt of the  
Halifax memorial of him and his wife relating to the estate of the late Edmund  
Hassey. The Lt.-Governor gives the information asked for by Ryan.  
(Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 76, 77.
- 6 Jan Lawrence Hartshorne to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, on behalf of the com-  
Halifax mittee of underwriters, recommending that Mr. McNab of McNab's  
Island be made a magistrate. The committee considers that he has  
rendered them essential service when vessels have been cast away on  
his island. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 4.
- 10 Jan Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Bishop of N. S. The  
Halifax Lt.-Governor has appointed the 25th of February to be a public fast  
day throughout the province and wishes him to compose a form of prayer  
suitable to the occasion. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 1.
- 10 Jan 1. Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Sabatier, transmit-  
Halifax ting copies of letters which the Lt.-Governor has received from the Sec'y  
of State in answer to the memorial of the merchants respecting the im-  
pressment of seamen and fishermen. (Copy).
2. Same to same, transmitting copies of letters received from the  
Sec'y of State in answer to the merchants' memorial relating to the  
importation of salted provisions from the United States.  
(Copy). Vol. 141, p. 1.
- 11 Jan Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Andrew Wright. The Lt.-  
Halifax Governor desires an account of the cargo of salted beef and pork which  
has arrived in port from the United States, so that arrangements may  
be made for entering enough of it to fulfil the contract between Wright,  
Belcher and a Mr. Hews. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 2.
- 13 Jan Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Crofton Uniacke, Receiver-  
Halifax Gen'l of Quit Rents. The Lt.-Governor requires an account of all sums



- he has received on grants exceeding 200 acres, to be sent to England. If he has anything further to state concerning the grants, the Lt.-Governor will transmit the same with his letter. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 2.
- 1814
- 14 Jan  
London Printed circular letter from Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) defining the authority vested in the Governors over the Collector of Customs. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 94.
- 15 Jan  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting a copy of a letter from the Committee for Trade relative to importing beef and pork into Halifax. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 95.
- Enclosure.*
- (15 Jan)  
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29 Dec  
London Copy of letter from the Assistant Sec'y to the Committee for Trade to Under-sec'y Goulburn. The "Lords of this Committee trust that no importation of Articles of this description (beef and pork) will be allowed" except for the use of the garrison and navy. Vol. 62, doc. 96.
- 15 Jan  
Halifax Account of provincial notes issued under commission dated 20 Aug. 1812. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 73.
- 18 Jan  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Mr. John Hews. The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his letter applying for special protection from the Lt.-Governor of a vessel laden with salted beef and pork which he has brought in from the United States under a licence. Since the licence was granted for the importation of a limited quantity of these provisions only, the Lt.-Governor has given directions to the Customs Officer to enter that quantity and do as he thinks fit with the rest. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 3.
- 20 Jan  
Guys-  
borough Thos. Cutler to Acting Sec'y Cogswell. He returns a writ for the election of a new member for Sydney County not executed for lack of time, and requests that another may be sent back by the bearer. Due to the amount of time consumed in moving the poll to Country Harbour and Antigonish, the writ should bear test sixty days before the date of return. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 3.
- 20 Jan  
Guys-  
borough Christian Muller to H. H. Cogswell, reporting on the insufficient number of days allowed for the return of the writ for electing a new member for Sydney County. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 6.
- 21 Jan  
London Under-sec'y Goulburn to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, transmitting letter and pardon. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 98.
- Enclosure.*
- (21 Jan)  
20 Jan  
London Copy of letter from J. Beckett to Under-sec'y Goulburn, enclosing the Regent's pardon to Amy Pomp, convicted of murder in Nova Scotia. The pardon has been granted on the grounds advanced by Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, that the evidence produced at the trial was insufficient to warrant conviction. Vol. 62, doc. 97.
- 22 Jan  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting a copy of a note received by Viscount Castlereagh relative to the survivors of the Spanish vessel *La Serifina*. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 99.
- Enclosure.*
- (22 Jan)  
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31 Dec  
London Copy (translation) of a note from Count Fernan Nunez, Ambassador Extraordinary of the Spanish Court, to Viscount Castlereagh. In receipt of letters relating to the horrible occurrence on the Spanish vessel *La Serifina*, brought into Halifax. The Spanish Government accept the offer of the British Government to send the survivors and the effects of the deceased to Spain, and he requests that they be taken to Cadiz and delivered to the military commandant, so that they may be duly tried. Vol. 62, doc. 100.

- 1814 Letter in French from M. Danséville to Acting Sec'y Cogswell, asking  
22 Jan whether he will need to send a different form of receipt than the one he  
Dart- encloses for the set of bills he has just received. (Holograph).  
mouth Vol. 227, doc. 48.
- (22 Jan) *Enclosure.*  
1808 M. Danséville's receipt for a quarter's allowance ending 30 June.  
30 June Vol. 227, doc. 47.  
Halifax
- 24 Jan Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting  
London letter from Mr. Hamilton to Goulburn and its enclosures, relative to  
the capture of Swedish ships bound for the United States. He is to  
give the information requested. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 101.  
5 *Enclosures.*
- (24 Jan) 1. Copy of letter from Hamilton, Foreign Office, to Goulburn, Colonial  
21 Jan Office, transmitting a copy of a letter complaining of the capture of  
London certain Swedish vessels. "I am to request you will lay the same before  
Earl Bathurst and move his Lordship to cause such communication  
to be made to the Vice Admiralty Court at Halifax as he may judge  
expedient in order that His Majesty's Government may be enabled to  
understand the grounds upon which the particular Cases complained  
of have been decided." Vol. 62, doc. 102.
- (24 Jan) 2. Copy of address of Envoy Extraordinary of Sweden to Lord Cast-  
15 Jan lereagh, protesting against the detention and adjudication of Swedish  
London ships trading with the United States. He states that the trade is being  
carried on strictly according to the treaty between Great Britain and  
Sweden and asks that indemnification of those already captured be made  
and further captures prohibited. He encloses a list of ships captured.  
Vol. 62, doc. 103.
- (24 Jan) 3. Copy of letter from the Swedish Consulate to M. de Rehanson  
12 Jan giving a list of the Swedish ships which have been detained by ships  
London of the British Navy and either condemned already or placed on trial.  
Description of the ships. He hopes the property will be ordered to be  
restored by the British Government and further captures forbidden.  
Vol. 62, doc. 104.
- (24 Jan) 4. Copy of letter from Samuel Thompson to the Swedish Envoy  
12 Jan or the Swedish Consul, describing the loss sustained by the Stockholm  
London firm owning the ship *Charlotta* due to her detention by two British men-  
of-war. He subjoins a certificate in proof of his statements.  
Vol. 62, doc. 105.
- (24 Jan) 5. Copy of certificate (translated) of the Swedish Royal College  
1813 of Commerce of the losses of the firm of Kanbyou and Biel through  
21 Dec the detention of the frigate *Charlotta* by the British.  
Stock- Vol. 62, doc. 106.  
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- 24 Jan 1. Examination of John G. Smith before Rufus Fairbanks and Richard  
Halifax Tremain, in which he gave the details of his life.  
2. More comprehensive examination of the same man before the  
same Justices of the Peace. Signed.  
3. Note: "Passport for John G. Smith in the Swedish ship Re-  
solution bound for New Bedford United States to sail on the 30th. Jan-  
uary." Vol. 227, doc. 39.
- 25 Jan Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke to Michael Wallace, Provincial Treasurer.  
Halifax Pending the opening of the General Assembly he wishes the Treasurer  
to provide him with an account of the state of the provincial Treasury  
and a statement of the number of notes that have been issued under  
the Acts of 1812 and 1813. (Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 78, 79,



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25 Jan Report of the commissioners on the province notes issued in 1812.  
Halifax 1813 and up to date given. (Copy). Vol. 288, no. 94.

(25 Jan) Account of provincial notes issued under commission dated 28 Apr.  
Halifax 1813. Recapitulation of notes remaining outstanding, to 25 Jan. 1814.

Signed. Vol. 304, no. 70.

27 Jan Certificate of Wm. Taylor as to his knowledge of John G. Smith.  
Halifax Vol. 227, doc. 40.

28 Jan Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to G. Allan, G. Grassie and  
Halifax John Merrick, commissioners for the Province House, directing them  
to submit their accounts to the Auditor of the Public Accounts pre-  
vious to the meeting of the House. (Copy). Vol. 141, pp. 3, 4.

28 Jan Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Thos. Cutler, Sydney County.  
Halifax The Lt.-Governor is in receipt of his letter. He regrets that a difficulty  
has occurred in the election, but thinks that it cannot be remedied until  
the legislature shall have ordered a new writ. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 4.

29 Jan Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He encloses  
London a letter from the Sec'y to the Admiralty to Under-sec'y Goulburn. He  
is to comply with the suggestions contained therein relative to prisoners  
of war and the treatment of the American agent for prisoners. Signed.  
Vol. 62, doc. 111.

#### 4 Enclosures.

(29 Jan) 1. Sec'y to the Admiralty (Croker) to Under-sec'y Goulburn. He  
London transmits letters from Admiral Warren, Sir John Sherbrooke and the  
Transport Board relative to prisoners of war. In compliance with them  
the Lords of the Admiralty suggest that Lord Bathurst give orders  
"First—to remove all Prisoners on Parole from Halifax to Louis-  
bourg/

Secondly to send all other Prisoners to England by every opportunity—  
And lastly with reference to Mr. Mitchell, the American Agent of  
Prisoners, that as their Lordships understand Colonel Barclay, the  
British Agent in the United States, has been obliged by the American  
Government to reside in the Interior, Sir John Sherbrooke should be  
instructed to treat Mr. Mitchell exactly in the same manner in which  
Col. Barclay may be treated." Vol. 62, doc. 107.

(29 Jan) 2. Copy of letter from Admiral Sir John Warren to Croker, enclosing  
1813 one from Sir John Sherbrooke on the subject of removing the prisoners  
30 Dec of war depot from Halifax to Louisbourg, with which he agrees.  
Ber- Vol. 62, doc. 108.  
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(29 Jan) 3. Copy of letter from Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Admiral Warren,  
1813 asking him to urge the removal of the depot for prisoners of war from  
16 Dec Halifax. The latest news, of the condemnation of ten vessels carrying  
Halifax British goods from Nova Scotia to the United States by licence, after  
having been seized in consequence of information sent from the agent  
for American prisoners of war in Halifax, emphasized the need of re-  
moving the prisoners. If they remain the Melville Island prison will  
have to be enlarged, while this will not need to be done if a new depot  
should be established. Vol. 62, doc. 109.

(29 Jan) 4. Copy of letter from the Transport Board to Croker. They agree  
27 Jan with the suggestions made by Admiral Warren and Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke,  
London and recommend that Louisbourg be made a depot for prisoners of war  
instead of Halifax, if it would not entail too much expense. At any rate  
the prisoners and such an agent as the present one should be removed  
from Halifax. They recommend that directions be given to Admiral  
Cochrane to adopt "some Measures for this purpose, in concert with  
Sir. J. C. Sherbrooke." Vol. 62, doc. 110.

- 1814 Letter from John Black to Dep'y Prov. Sec'y on behalf of the commissioners for issuing province notes, enclosing accounts of notes issued since August 1812 and notes cancelled. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 100.  
1 Feb Halifax  
*Enclosures.* No. 94 Account of notes issued and cancelled.
- 2 Feb Report of Michael Wallace, Auditor and Comptroller of the Public  
Halifax Accounts, on the monies expended in repairing the roads to Windsor and Truro. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 9.
- 2 Feb Auditor's report on expenditure of monies granted, for repair of main  
Halifax roads leading to Windsor and Truro, in 1813. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 93.
- 8 Feb Petition of David McLean and others of the East River, Pictou, asking  
Halifax for a grant to build a bridge and clear windfalls on the road to Musquodoboit begun by Governor Wentworth. Signed with 16 names.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 8 Feb Letter from the Board of Revenue to the Lt.-Governor with recom-  
Halifax mendations regarding the office of Inspector and Searcher. They advise that the office be either given an adequate salary or be discontinued. They have appointed a clerk to the Commissioners of Impost and Excise in the meantime. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 10 Feb Letter from Mr. Pagan to Messrs. Ritchie, Wiswall and Warwick,  
Fredreic- stating that the New Brunswick legislature has voted £150 for the en-  
ton couragement of a packet between Digby and Saint John provided a similar vote is made by the Nova Scotia legislature. Signed. (Holo-  
graph). Vol. 288, no. 78.
- 10 Feb Speech of the Lt.-Governor on opening the legislative session. Signed.  
Halifax (As in Vol. 288, no. 77). Vol. 288, no. 81.
- 11 Feb Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), suggesting that  
Halifax he be allowed to grant licences for importing specie into the province from the United States. "As the commercial intercourse under Licences between this Province and the United States is almost entirely discontinued, I think the importation of Specie would be attended with advantage. The Discount upon Bills would become less & Government would probably be supplied with such sums as the public service might require upon much better terms than could be obtained since the commencement of Hostilities." (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 22, (p. 80).
- 12 Feb Copy of address of the Council in reply to the Lt.-Governor's speech  
Halifax on opening the session. (Slightly dissimilar draft: no. 70).  
Vol. 288, no. 79.
- 12 Feb Reply of the Lt.-Governor to the address of the Council at the opening  
Halifax of the session. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 80.
- 12 Feb Draft of Assembly's answer to Lt.-Governor's speech.  
Halifax Vol. 304, no. 78.
- 14 Feb Reply of the Lt.-Governor to the Assembly's address at the opening  
Halifax of the session. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 91.
- 14 Feb Resolution for a committee to bring in amendment to Act for regulat-  
Halifax ing expenditure for improvement of roads and bridges.  
(Copy). Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 15 Feb Report of Committee of House on commerce and fisheries of province  
Halifax as regulated by the treaty of 1783. Incomplete. Similarity of form and sentiment with memorial of Halifax Committee of Trade (no. 66, doc. 2) is marked. Vol. 304, no. 84.
- 15 Feb Sabatier to Wilkins, submitting substance of correspondence of Com-  
Halifax mittee of Trade, and transactions since Feb. 1813. They have made progress in attaining certain objects. (1) Appointment of Port Admiral resident in Halifax helps towards protecting coasts. (2) Committee has submitted plan for protecting and regulating Labrador fishery, of which Board of Trade approves; they have encouraged co-operation



- of fishermen by distributing handbills describing plan. (3) convoys for trade have been appointed. Short history of Comm. of Trade 1804-14. (4) Important Act of 1813 recognizes that N. S. can supply West Indies with fish. (5) Committee have petitioned Bathurst in anticipation of treaty, asking that Americans be excluded from fishing (Art. 3 of 1783 Treaty) and foreigners be excluded from West Indian trade. (6) Committee have transmitted report on coal mines required by Ministers. Committee wish to thank London Committee and their sec'y Atcheson for their exertions towards accomplishing objects recommended by Halifax Committee. (Holograph). Vol. 305, no. 11.
- 1814  
16 Feb  
Halifax A. Miller, Agent for prisoners of war, enclosing a list of prisoners who have applied for release. Three of them wish to take the oath of allegiance and settle in the province, the others ask for permission to reside in Halifax until the end of the war. They are all of good character. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 10.
- Annexed.* List of prisoners making the request.
- 16 Feb  
Yarmouth Petition of J. N. Bond, of Yarmouth, asking compensation for attending and giving medicine, "wine & other Cordials absolutely necessary to preserve Life" to four of the crew of a ship that was burned en route from Halifax to New Brunswick. Signed. Dismissed, 11 March. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 16 Feb  
Halifax Estimate for civil establishment for 1814. (With pencilled additions). Signed. Vol. 304, no. 94.
- 17 Feb  
Halifax Estimate from the Lt.-Governor of the expenses for the support of the civil establishment of the province. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 82.
- 17 Feb  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Customs Collectors, Halifax. He encloses a copy of a resolution of the House of Assembly, and transmits the Lt.-Governor's directions that they furnish the House with a return of the number of ships, crews, exports etc. from Halifax to Great Britain, the West Indies and elsewhere during the past year. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 4.
- 17 Feb  
Horton Petition of Caleb Forsyth, road commissioner, asking for money expended in an emergency, when the floods undermined bridges on the Halfway and Gaspereau Rivers. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 17 Feb  
Douglas Petition of Alexander Scott and others of a remote part of Douglas township, asking for grants amounting to £80 to connect their settlement by road with the capital. Signed with 52 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 18 Feb  
Halifax Copy of resolution for a report of the shipping and exports to be laid before the House. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 18 Feb  
Halifax Petition of Philip Roberts, Ordnance Storekeeper, asking an increase of his allowance for taking care of the powder belonging to the merchants of Halifax stored, for the safety of the town, in the army magazine. The amount of powder coming in each year has increased so much that the labour it involves is greater than that for the powder belonging to the military. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 18 Feb  
Rawdon Petition of Thos. Fenton and other proprietors of lands in Rawdon and Douglas, asking for a grant of £60 to help them repair the road between Mr. Ellis' sawmill and Stephen Tigers'. Signed with 27 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 18 Feb  
Halifax Account of expenditures by the commissioners of the Province Building between the 8th Jan and 31 Dec. 1813. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 19 Feb  
Halifax Calculations of joint committee on the public accounts. Unsigned. Vol. 288, no. 93.

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- Petition of Alexander Crawford and four others who are settling on Lake George (Lake Rossignol), asking for a grant for a road to connect with the Digby-Yarmouth road. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- Minutes of House for these dates. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- Report of the committee of public accounts. (As in Vol. 288, nos. 83, 84, 97). (Printed *in extenso* in Journal pp. 18-23.) Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- Petition of Jonathan Crane on behalf of James Noble Shannon and company of Parrsborough, asking that they be not obliged to pay more duty on a cargo imported from Guadeloupe than the usual amount, because of a mistake in making out the ship's papers. Signed. *Enclosures*. Five. Deposition, return of cargo, etc. and list of ships with details, entering King's Co. between 1 Mar. 1811 and 31 Dec. 1812. Granted, 24 March. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- Petition of Robert Thomson, of Hammond's Plains, asking for £5 to pay the men whom he engaged to clear the road after the gale in November. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- Overleaf*. Deposition and certificate. Dismissed, 5 March.
- Petition of Alexander Scott and other inhabitants of the Nine Mile River in Douglas, asking for a grant of £50 to help them improve their road to Halifax. Signed with 56 names, many of them the same who petitioned for £60 for the road connecting a remote part of Douglas township with the main road. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- Petition of John Stewart and other settlers in Cole Harbour, asking for some assistance in improving the road from their settlement to the Preston Road. Signed with 13 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- Petition of James Eager and other inhabitants resident in Annapolis County. "Whereas there has been a large Amount of money granted by the Legislature of this province for the purpose of making a road between Annapolis and Liverpool. A part of the Same having been layd. out on the barrens and as we are informed by such persons as are good Judges that the money already layd. out on the barrens is losst to the public—and as it is the Opinion of all that the road must be altdred, and we are informed that the road may be altdred and layd. out where the land will be much better for a road and Cultivation—Therefore it is the prayer of your Petitioners, that your Excellency and your Honors will direct Some persons that are acquainted with the Situation of the business to Examin the land and lay out the road where it shall be most proper both for a road and land for cultivation, before there shall be any more money layd. out on the barrens. Signed with 9 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- Petition of Miles McInnes and other settlers on the river Musquodoboit, asking for a grant to improve the road leading to the harbour, which is the only means of transporting their produce, and pointing out the very bad state of that and other roads in the vicinity. Signed with 50 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- Petition of Phineas Lovett, asking for the drawback on rum, coffee and molasses, imported from Jamaica in 1809 and purchased with the produce of Nova Scotia. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- Enclosures*. Affidavits and invoice. Granted, 24 March.
- Account of John Howe and Son for printing militia laws and prayers. Signed. Recommended by the Lt.-Governor. Granted, 28 Feb. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- Petition of Israel Fellows and other inhabitants of Granville township, asking for a grant to enable them to open a new road on the bay shore,



- 1814 made necessary by the great increase in settlement on that shore. Signed with 15 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 23 Feb Letter from Wm. Chipman, Clerk of the Peace, to the provincial  
rec'd Treasurer, explaining the circumstances and asking for the payment  
Halifax of bounty on wheat raised by John West on new land in 1812. Signed.  
Granted, 28th Feb. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 23 Feb Letter from Lt.-Col. Lloyd to Maj.-Gen'l Darroch, reporting the  
Halifax detention, on a charge of robbery, of one of the soldiers in his regiment.  
Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 7.
- 1815 Message of Lt.-Governor to Assembly, recommending that they make  
23 Feb provision for sick and old among the negro settlers. Signed.  
Halifax Vol. 305, no. 2.
- 23 Feb Petition of Stephen W. Deblois, asking for the drawback of duty  
Halifax on certain articles imported and re-exported to the United States, for  
which the petitioner was unable, due to conditions caused by the war,  
to obtain the landing certificates. Signed. Dismissed, 5 March.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 23 Feb Petition of Josiah Jones and others of Annapolis County, asking for a  
Halifax grant of £100 for completing the road and bridge between McConnells  
Mill Brook and the Sissiboo Bridge. Copy. 7 names.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 23 Feb Petition of John Harris on behalf of himself and others asking for the  
Halifax surveying and laying out of the proposed road from Annapolis Royal  
to Halifax. 83 names listed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 23 Feb *Overleaf.* Withdrawn, 8 March.  
Halifax
- 23 Feb Petition of Richard Tremain and company, asking for the drawback  
Halifax on goods imported and re-exported to the United States, for which the  
usual certificates could, not, due to war conditions, be obtained. Signed.  
*Enclosures.* N. S. Collector's account of exports. Affidavits, to fair-  
ness of transaction, Deposition before American Notary Public, and  
certificate of N. S. Board of Revenue (signed by Uniacke, Wallace,  
Stewart, Robie and Hartshorne). Dismissed, 5 March.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 23 Feb Petition of John Moody, merchant, asking for the drawback on sugar  
Halifax and molasses imported and re-exported to the United States, for which  
he was unable, due to war conditions, to obtain the usual certificates.  
Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 23 Feb *Enclosures.* As for Tremain's petition. Dismissed, 5 March.  
Halifax
- 23 Feb Petition of Thos. Boggs, commissioner for expending £50 on the Raw-  
don road in 1801, of which only £30 was expended in that year, and the  
rest in 1813. He asks for the £20 he expended in 1813. Signed. Granted,  
23 March. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 23 Feb Notice given by Mr. Marshall that he intends moving for grant for  
Halifax the relief of the inhabitants of Upper Canada.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 23 Feb Resolution for granting £75 to "the person who has the care of the  
Halifax Gunpowder at Halifax" for present year. Signed. Agreed to by the  
Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 23 Feb Resolution for granting £15,000 for the service of roads and bridges  
Halifax throughout the province for the present year, to be appropriated as  
later agreed on by the legislature. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 23 Feb Resolution for granting £5000 towards the building of the Province  
Halifax House. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 24 Feb Maj.-Gen'l Darroch to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He encloses a report  
Halifax from Lt.-Col. Lloyd regarding a soldier being arrested by a civil magis-

- trate. He points out that the manner in which the man was arrested may give "rise to some serious affray (easily avoided) between the soldiery & inhabitants—As no Military Officer was made acquainted with the intentions of the Magistrates, before the Man was actually their Prisoner." Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 8.
- 1814  
24 Feb  
Halifax Draft of petition of Assembly to the Prince Regent stating advantages in fishing trade granted to United States by treaty of 1783, which operates against the interests of British colonies, especially N. S., unpleasant dependence of N. S. on U. S. because of their superior advantages. Praying that when peace treaty is made U. S. will not be allowed to trade with the West Indies. Vol. 304, no. 60.
- 24 Feb  
Halifax Petition of committee of Royal Acadian Institution explaining the purpose of the school and asking for aid in carrying it on. Signed. (Printed *in extenso* in Journal pp. 31, 32). Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 24 Feb  
Halifax Petition of Richard Ryan, tradesman, asking for repayment of Treasury notes, received by him from the Ordnance Department and several merchants shortly before a fire consumed his house and the notes. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 24 Feb  
Halifax Resolution for granting contingency vote for roads and bridges for the ensuing year. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 26 Feb  
Halifax Copy of resolution for confining the object of the address to the Prince Regent to the exclusion of the American fishermen from the shores of Nova Scotia etc., and the capabilities of the northern colonies to supply the West Indies with the article of fish. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 27 Feb  
Halifax General report of the Surveyor-Gen'l of Lands, Charles Morris, to the Lt.-Governor, on the proposed new road between Annapolis and Halifax, which has been surveyed. Vol. 227, doc. 11.
- 28 Feb  
Halifax Message from Lt.-Governor to Assembly, recommending grant to help in building residence for naval commander. Signed. (As in Vol. 288, no. 96). Vol. 304, no. 87.
- 28 Feb  
Halifax Resolutions for grants to the printers, the agent in London and for building a residence for the naval commander on the station. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 1 Mar  
Halifax Petition of Christian Muller, asking for the refunding of £19 he expended in excess of the grant of the House for cutting and clearing the windfalls out of the road from Guysborough to the east branch of St. Mary's River in Sydney County. Signed. Dismissed, 3 March. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 1 Mar  
Halifax Copy of message from the Council requesting that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the state of agriculture and fisheries of the province. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 1 Mar  
Halifax Summarized report of the committee on the allotment of monies to be expended on roads and bridges. Signed. A. P., Vol. 21.
- 3 Mar  
Halifax Report of committee of whole House on state of agriculture and fisheries of province. Resolutions to instruct committee of Assembly to urge (a) bounty on salt imported into province (b) bounty to encourage agriculture (c) encouragement of emigration of settlers from Europe (d) bounty to encourage fisheries.
- This report appears to lead up to the joint address to the Prince Regent referred to in no. 90, for which address see Minutes of Legislative Council 7th March, 1814. Vol. 304, no. 88.
- 4 Mar  
Cornwallis Petition of James Allison and others of Cornwallis asking the aid of the legislature in securing the dykes at the Town Plot, for which £36 has been subscribed already by interested inhabitants. Signed with 10 names. Dismissed, 8 March. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.



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4 Mar  
Halifax Petition of the commissioners of the poor for the town of Halifax, asking for further pecuniary aid. (Printed *in extenso* in Journal, pp. 41, 42.) (Recommended by Governor). Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

5 Mar  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), relative to land granting in Nova Scotia. He acknowledges receipt of Sherbrooke's letter respecting a tract of land reserved for C. M. Wentworth. "I cannot avoid adverting to the very reprehensible manner in which the very large Tract, of which this Reservation is stated to form a part, appears to have been attempted to be alienated from the Crown, and transferred to Individuals, at a time when the Governor was expressly forbidden by his instructions to make any concessions of this nature." He thinks 2000 acres will be enough to grant Wentworth and objects to complying with Uniacke's application for 4000 acres in addition to the lands he already possesses. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 112.

5 Mar  
Halifax Report of the Council's committee of conference on the encouragement of the trade, agriculture and fisheries of the province. Signed. (As in Assembly Journal p. 43). Vol. 288, no. 86.

5 Mar  
Halifax Message to the Assembly from the Lt.-Governor recommending that they augment the salaries of the assistant justices and the provincial Treasurer. (Copy). Vol. 288, no. 87.

5 Mar  
Halifax Address of Council and Assembly to Lt.-Governor asking transmission of address to Prince Regent. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 90.  
(Draft: no. 89).

5 Mar  
Halifax Copy of the address of the House and Council to the Prince Regent asking, in view of peace being about to be declared, that the interests of the North American colonies be given consideration on several points. (Printed *in extenso* in Assembly Journal pp. 44-47). Vol. 288, no. 95.

5 Mar  
Halifax Draft of report of committee of House on joint action with Council committee *re* trade, fisheries and agriculture. Asks permission to deliberate further. Vol. 304, no. 81.

5 Mar  
Halifax Sabatier to Wilkins. Transmitting copies of proceedings of Committee of Trade *re* coal mines (in no. 79). (Holograph).  
*Enclosure.* No. 79 Extracts of minutes of Comm. of Trade.

5 Mar  
Halifax Assistant justices (Monk, Brenton, Halliburton and Hutchinson) to the Lt.-Governor, stating that, due to increased prices of everything, their salaries are inadequate, and asking him to suggest to Assembly that they increase salaries proportionately, according to British practice. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 91.

5 Mar  
Halifax Message from Lt.-Governor to Assembly recommending petition of assistant justices for higher salaries, and suggesting increase of Treasurer's. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 89.

5 Mar  
Halifax Message from the Council agreeing to the addresses to the Prince Regent and the Lt.-Governor reported from the joint committee on the state of the agriculture, fisheries and trade of the province. (Copy). Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

7 Mar  
Halifax Reply of Lt.-Governor to address of Council and Assembly, stating that he will forward their address, of which he approves, to the Prince Regent. (As in Vol. 288, no. 88). Signed. Vol. 304, no. 86.

8 Mar  
Halifax Report of the committee on the expenditures for roads and bridges for the ensuing year, according to county and district. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

8 Mar  
Halifax 216 resolutions of the House for votes for the service of roads and bridges in the province for the ensuing year. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

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8 Mar  
Halifax Account current of the province with the commissioners for roads and bridges. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 10 Mar  
Halifax Statement of Thos. Roach, Henry Purdy and Edward Baker to the House on presenting a bill to alter the time of holding the sittings of the Supreme Court and the sessions in Cumberland County. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 85.
- 10 Mar  
Halifax Account of exports from district of Halifax for year ending 31 Dec. 1813. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 67.
- 14 Mar  
Halifax Report of the joint committee on the agriculture trade and fisheries of the province, in addition to their former report of 5 March. Signed. (Printed *in extenso* in Assembly Journal pp. 79-81). Vol. 288, no. 90.
- 14 Mar  
Halifax Report of joint committee of Council and House on the state of agriculture, fisheries and commerce of the province. Recommendations for encouraging immigration etc. Signed. (Printed *in extenso* in Journal pp. 79-81). Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 15 Mar  
Halifax Description of a tract of land in Halifax County laid out on the 9th March by G. P. Brehm, Deputy Surveyor. Vol. 227, doc. 12.
- 18 Mar  
Halifax Notice that Mr. Archibald will move in the next sitting of the committee of supply for a grant to be made for finishing the work on the Shubenacadie River. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 20 Mar  
Halifax Copy of reply of the Lt.-Governor to the Council's address with the vote to relieve the distresses of the Upper Canadians in the war. Vol. 288, no. 69.
- 20 Mar  
Halifax Draft of resolution for granting £200 to the trustees of the Royal Acadian Institution to enable them to continue their plan of establishing a school for educating poor children in Halifax. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 21 Mar  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Sheriff of Annapolis County, transmitting a copy of the free pardon granted by the King to Amy Pomp, convicted of murder. Below. Copy of the free pardon, the original of which is in the Provincial Secretary's office. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 5.
- 22 Mar  
Halifax Twelve resolutions for votes for special services for the ensuing year. Also drafts of some of the same resolutions. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 22 Mar  
Halifax Five resolutions of the House for granting sums for special services for the ensuing year, with drafts of some of the resolutions. Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 22 Mar  
Halifax Resolution of House for granting to Mrs. Wood the quarter's salary due her deceased husband as Inspector and Searcher for Halifax. Annexed. Request from the Collector for above payment. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 28 Feb-  
23 Mar  
Halifax Minutes of committee of supply. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 3-23 Mar  
Halifax Resolution for granting sum to Wm. Hill for drafting bills during the session. (Draft). Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 23 Mar  
Halifax Resolution of the House for a vote to answer the prayer of Thomas Boggs' petition. Signed. Agreed to. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 23 Mar  
Halifax Minutes of committee on private petitions, third to twenty-third March. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.
- 24 Mar  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Customs Officers at Halifax and Shelburne, transmitting letters from the Sec'y of State and Richard Wharton respecting Custom House regulation. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 6.



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24 Mar  
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Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Customs Collector, Halifax. He encloses a copy of a letter from Mr. Moody regarding some Swedish property which has been seized. The Lt.-Governor wishes a report on this case and also on another, related in the enclosed letter from Mr. Miller. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 6.

24 Mar  
Halifax

Ten votes for sums for various services and for drawbacks of duties. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

24 Mar  
Halifax

Account of Wm. Minns for stationery for Council and Assembly. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

24 Mar  
Halifax

Further report of the joint committee on the public accounts. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

24 Mar  
Halifax

Auditor's report on accounts rendered by the commissioners for roads and bridges for 1813.

Consists of a copy of that part of the appropriation Act for 1813 which grants sums for roads, with the names of the commissioners in the auditor's hand in the margin, and the amounts expended in red ink. Signed by the Auditor, Michael Wallace. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

24 Mar  
Halifax

Resolution of the House for granting £2500 to relieve the sufferings of the inhabitants of Upper Canada, and in recognition of their loyal conduct during the war. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

24 Mar  
Halifax

Draft of part of address to the Lt.-Governor on the subject of creating new counties. (For final address, see Journal pp. 100-101.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

24 Mar?  
Halifax

Drafts of two resolutions for grants to encourage immigration into Nova Scotia and for the relief of the Upper Canadians. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

26 Mar  
Halifax

Report of the committee on expenditures for roads and bridges. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

26 Mar  
Halifax

Resolution for committee to ask Lt.-Governor to have copies of militia law distributed among the captains of militia. (Copy). Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

26 Mar  
Halifax

Draft of part of address of the House to the Lt.-Governor regarding the grant for the inhabitants of Upper Canada. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

26 Mar  
Halifax

Draft of resolution for requesting the Lt.-Governor to remove the name of one of the road commissioners from the commission, his work being unsatisfactory to the public. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

26 Mar  
Halifax

Resolution for printing and binding the provincial laws passed since 1804. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. A. P., Vol. 21.

28 Mar  
Halifax

Resolution for committee to correspond with the Provincial Agent during the recess. (Copy). Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

(28  
Mar?)  
Halifax

Drafts of two resolutions for censuring Mr. Mortimer for saying that certain merchants of England had been deceived by the Speaker. (No sign of this in the Journal.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

28 Mar  
Halifax

Speech of Lt.-Governor on closing session of legislature. Signed. (As in Vol. 288, no. 89). Vol. 304, no. 100.

28 Mar  
Halifax

List of members, with number of days' attendance in House and amounts due each for the session. Assembly Papers, Vol. 21.

30 Mar  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Terence Cochran, Newport, notifying him that he has been appointed supervisor of the main road from the Ardoise Hill to Halfway River in Horton, and asking for his acceptance or refusal of the appointment. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 7.

30 Mar  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Capt. McKay, Pictou and Wm. Smith, Douglas. The Lt.-Governor requires them to return their commissions and instructions, so that they may be changed to accord

- with the new laws regulating road expenditure. They are also to return a list of the articles they have bought for the labourers on the roads during the previous year. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 7.
- 1814  
31 Mar  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Col. Purdy, Cumberland. By the Lt.-Governor's order he transmits a copy of the report made on his petition by Mr. Roach, showing why the Lt.-Governor cannot grant the prayer of the petition. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 8.
- 2 Apr  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Chas. Kensington. The Lt.-Governor will consider his petition respecting the will of Lt.-Col. Jeppson when the necessary legal papers have been submitted with them. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 8.
- 2 Apr  
Frederic-  
ton Wm. Odell to H. H. Cogswell, acknowledging receipt of his letter. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 13.
- 6 Apr  
Halifax Public notice to the inhabitants of Chester that the Lt.-Governor "proposes at the expiration of three months from the date hereof (to) distribute the Lands lately escheated lying on the Road between Chester and Windsor to persons who will actually settle and improve the same." Persons having claims to any of the land are to apply for them within that time. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 9.
- 6 Apr  
Halifax Surveyor-Gen'l to Acting Sec'y, asking for the Lt.-Governor's warrant in favour of certain persons for land promised them. Six names follow. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 15.
- 7 Apr  
London S. B. Morland to Blowers and Wilkins, acknowledging receipt of copy of joint address of Council and Assembly to Regent, and stating that he will do his best to draw attention to its objects during peace negotiations. (Holograph). Vol. 305, no. 12.
- 11 Apr  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He acknowledges receipt of Sherbrooke's letter of 16 December. In answer thereto the Prince Regent has appointed Mr. Richard Uniacke to be Attorney-Gen'l of Cape Breton. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 113.
- 12 Apr  
London Same to same. In conformity with his own suggestion, the Lt.-Governor is now permitted to grant licences for the importation of specie into Nova Scotia from the United States. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 114.
- 12 Apr  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to J. G. Pyke. The Lt.-Governor has received a report from two of the Halifax magistrates on the petition of Christian Warner but the petition has not been returned. He wishes it to be returned and wants to know the reasons for its being kept. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 9.
- 12 Apr  
Halifax 1. Copy of commission issued to Wm. Smith, supervisor of the road between Sackville Bridge and Ardoise Hill.  
2. Form of letter giving instructions to the supervisors of roads in Windsor and Pictou districts from the Lt.-Governor.
- Both commission and instructions are modelled to conform with the laws passed in the previous session of the legislature for regulating the expenditure of monies on roads. Vol. 141, pp. 10-13.
- 12 Apr  
Halifax Letter from Richard Tremain to H. H. Cogswell, enclosing an affidavit and asking him to lay it before the Lt.-Governor. (No enclosure). Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 14.
- 13 Apr  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Attorney-Gen'l. He encloses a copy of a letter received from the Customs Collector at Shelburne, and transmits the Lt.-Governor's request for a copy of the legal opinion given by the Attorney-Gen'l therein mentioned. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 18.
- 14 Apr  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He acknowledges receipt of several despatches, and desires him to make known to the in-



- habitants of Nova Scotia the "sense which His Royal Highness entertains of this new instance of their spirit & liberality". He has ordered 5000 greatcoats for the use of the militia, in compliance with Sherbrooke's request. Signed. Vol. 62, doc. 115.
- 1814  
19 Apr  
Halifax Attorney-General's report on the Philadelphia Grant, and the claims of the original owner and squatters, advising delay until complete records shall be ready. (Holograph). (Documents 147-150 are papers concerning the Philadelphia and Douglas grants.) Vol. 226, doc. 146.
- 27 Apr  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), announcing that a convention for the cessation of hostilities with France has been signed. Signed. Printed circular. Vol. 62, doc. 117.
- 28 Apr  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), transmitting the returns of the Naval Officer for the quarter ending the 31 Dec. 1813. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 23, (p. 81).
- 30 Apr  
Halifax Same to same, transmitting the printed acts passed during the last session of the legislature. He will send the Journals as soon as they shall have been printed. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 24, (p. 88).
- 2 May  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), enclosing copy of Order-in-Council for resuming trade with the ports of Italy. Signed. *Enclosure*. Vol. 62, doc. 118.
- (2 May)  
21 Apr  
London Printed copy of Order-in-Council suspending the restrictions heretofore imposed on the ports of Italy and allowing a resumption of trade between them and the King's dominions. Vol. 62, doc. 116.
- 3 May  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to J. G. Pyke. By order of the Lt.-Governor he transmits a copy of an application he has received from Halifax inhabitants asking that he allow theatrical performances in Halifax. The Lt.-Governor wishes the opinion of the justices in the sessions and also their suggestions as to "what security should be required that peace good order and morality may not be violated." (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 14.
- 4 May  
Halifax Memorial of Andrew Wright, asking for a licence to import tobacco for the use of the Navy directly from the United States, since there is no possibility of his obtaining it from England now. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 35.
- Overleaf*. Council's opinion against granting licence because tobacco can be obtained through Bermuda from the United States.
- 5 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Rear-Admiral Griffiths. He submitted the memorial enclosed in Griffiths' letter to the Council for their advice. They consider that the issuing of a licence for the importation of tobacco from the United States into Nova Scotia would be illegal. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 82.
- 5 May  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to G. Jacobs and A. Smith, committee of St. George's chapel. In answer to their memorial the Lt.-Governor states that the money they applied for may be obtained on their producing the Bishop's certificate under certain conditions. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 15.
- 5 May  
Halifax Admiral Griffith to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, enclosing and recommending a memorial from the Agent to the Contractor for victualling the Navy. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 34.
- 6 May  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Miller, Agent for prisoners of war. The Lt.-Governor accedes to the request of the German and Dutch prisoners that they be allowed to take the oath of allegiance and to reside in the province. The oaths will be administered when the prisoners call at the Secretary's office. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 16.
- 7 May  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Roberts. In reply to his application for permission to open a theatre in Halifax the Lt.-Gover-

- nor has directed a copy of the magistrates' report on the application to be transmitted to him. "His Excellency declines granting any permission to open a Theatre until the application shall be sanctioned by the Magistrates." (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 17.
- 1814  
12 May  
Halifax Certified copy. Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Capt. McKay, enclosing his commission as supervisor of road from Windsor to Truro, the laws *re* that office, and general instructions to commissioners of roads. Special instructions. Vol. 304, no. 92.
- 14 May  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Henry Wright, Customs Collector at Shelburne. The Lt.-Governor having been supported by the Council in his orders respecting the disposition of the property saved from the wreck of the brig *Gattenberg* declines giving any further instructions upon the subject. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 19.
- 16 May  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Surveyor-Gen'l Morris. To remedy the evil of deputy-surveyors not returning the warrants of survey within six months, as the Royal Instructions demand, the Lt.-Governor wishes all warrants of survey which have been signed more than six months to be returned to the Secretary's office. He also desires instructions to be sent to deputy-surveyors not to act on any warrants that have been signed longer than six months. (Copy). Vol. 141, pp. 19, 20.
- 17 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Capt. Jane, requesting a list of the negroes to be landed from the ship under his command, so that they may be given the oath of allegiance previous to their going into the country to look for work. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 83.
- 17 May  
Sable I. Report from Edward Hodgson to Michael Wallace on the state of the island. There have been no wrecks on the island during the winter just past. Everyone is well and the animals doing well. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 97.
- 18 May  
Halifax Letter of Chas. Morris, Surveyor-Gen'l of Lands, to H. H. Cogswell on the subject of the land desired by certain Indians on the Shubenacadie River. The grant they have asked for has been greatly improved by the settlers on it and can only be obtained from them by purchase. He will visit Shubenacadie soon and investigate the possibilities of obtaining land in place of this tract; he thinks 20 acres will be all the Indians need for a burial ground and for their huts. A note, below this letter, asks for a pass for certain Indians to go to Passamaquoddy, and suggests that about \$30. be spent for provisions for them. (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 150.
- 24 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), transmitting copies of the proceedings with regard to a claim, refused by the Customs Collector of Shelburne, for some property saved from a vessel wrecked near C. Sable. The Collector finally obeyed the decision of the Governor and Council. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 23½, (pp. 84, 85).
- 25 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Rear-Admiral Griffith. He encloses a copy of a letter from Earl Bathurst granting him authority to grant licences for the importation of specie into Halifax from the United States. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 86.
- 26 May  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to the President of the Council and Speaker of the House of Assembly. He has received a letter from the Sec'y of State stating that the address of the Council and House was presented to the Prince Regent. He is to signify "that every consideration and attention shall be given to the representations therein made, which the Inhabitants of this Province so justly deem to be essential to their future Interests." (Original: Vol. 288, no. 92). (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 87.



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26 May  
Halifax

(Copy). Vol. 111, p. 87.  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Chief Magistrates of the counties of Annapolis and King's. He transmits the information that the Lt.-Governor has received from the Secretary of State assurances of the Prince Regent's pleasure at the loyal behaviour of the inhabitants of these counties in assisting the troops on their way to Canada. He is also to express the gratification the Lt.-Governor felt both on reporting their behaviour and receiving the Prince's approbation.

30 May  
Halifax

(Copy). Vol. 141, pp. 20, 21.  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Attorney-Gen'l. He transmits the description of two lots of land which the Lt.-Governor has ordered to be escheated, and desires that the proceedings be begun without delay.

(May?)  
Halifax

(Copy). Vol. 141, p. 22.  
Memorial of nine owners and masters of vessels to the Lt.-Governor, asking for an instruction to the Collector of Customs to authorize him to clear their vessels for Castine. They have cargoes of English, European and West India produce. Signed.

1 June  
Halifax

Vol. 227, doc. 16.  
Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), enclosing a copy of a petition from some Halifax merchants relative to the trade between Nova Scotia and the United States. He wishes to know whether the government intend to enforce the blockade rigidly or to allow a continuance of the trade under licence. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 25, (p. 89).

1 June  
Clare

Memorial of Mr. Sigogne, on behalf of John Devaut and other Acadians, to the Lt.-Governor, asking that the bridge previously planned to cross the Salmon River on the main road be now built. Otherwise a bridge now proposed, which will necessitate building a new road, will be erected. (Holograph).

1 June  
Halifax

Vol. 227, doc. 25.  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Speaker of the House, transmitting the report of the Customs Collector of Shelburne of the imports and exports of that district for 1813. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 21.

6 June  
London

Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He acknowledges receipt of several despatches. The Prince Regent is very pleased with the proceedings of the legislature in the last session. Due to the improved state of affairs in Europe "considerable reinforcements" have been ordered to Canada and Nova Scotia. If the two regiments from the Mediterranean are not needed in Canada, Sherbrooke is to occupy the part of Maine "which at present intercepts the Communication between Halifax and Quebec." Signed.

7 June  
Liverpool

Vol. 62, doc. 120.  
Memorial of Joseph Barss and Jas. Gorham, on behalf of themselves and the other proprietors of Liverpool township, requesting that the Lt.-Governor will consider the case of five persons who had improved certain lands on the western side of the harbour and now have lost the land by its being granted to four others. Signed.

9 June  
Halifax

Vol. 227, doc. 17.  
Petition of John Martins, of St. Bartholomew's. He states the circumstances leading to his bringing his ship into Halifax, and asks for permission to land her cargo, make repairs on her and sell enough of her cargo to pay for the repairs. (Referred to Customs Collector.) Signed.

11 June  
Halifax

Vol. 226, doc. 128.  
Collector of Customs to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, reporting on the case of the *Hedmora*, vessel belonging to John Martins and his brother. He has seized the vessel and cargo and it will be adjudicated. Signed.

11 June  
Halifax

Vol. 226, doc. 129.  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Messrs. Hartshorne and Boggs. He transmits the reply the Lt.-Governor received from the Admiral re the question brought up in the merchants' petition of 12th

May. The Vice-Admiral's "present opinion is that no Licenced Trade can be carried on with the Ports of the United States."

- 1814 . (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 22.
- 11 June Prov. Sec'y (R. D. George) to Rev. J. M. Sigogne, Clare. He encloses  
Halifax a petition and an order of reference to the commissioner of the roads,  
on which he is to obtain a report as quickly as possible and return it to  
the Lt.-Governor. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 23.
- 27 June Printed paper on the advantages of the owners of India-built ships  
London over the owners of British-built ships and the present state of ship-  
building in Great Britain. Eight pages. Vol. 227, doc. 52.
- 29 June Prov. Sec'y (R. D. George) to Mr. Baker, Cumberland. His letter  
Halifax describing the conduct of an alien, one Koening, under examination, has  
been laid before the Lt.-Governor. His Excellency directs that, unless  
he considers the man's insanity likely to become violent or the man to  
be a spy, Baker release him. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 24.
- 4 July John Homer to Acting Sec'y, asking to be allowed to take the oath  
Halifax of allegiance. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 20.
- Below.* Lt.-Governor's permission granted.
- 3 July Letter from Chas. McCarthy to H. H. Cogswell, relating to the sub-  
Meteghan ject of the petition of John Devaut and other Acadians. He explains  
why an alteration has been made in the road and states that the peti-  
tioner and his family, because they keep a tavern on the old road, alone  
are adversely affected by the alteration. He will send further details.  
(Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 26.
- 4 July Petition of Samuel Dexter and Stephen Gardner of Liverpool (through  
Halifax their agents), to the Lt.-Governor. They own the schooner *Lively*, which  
they are fitting out as a privateer, and they ask for letters of marque and  
reprisal against the Americans for her. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 27.
- Below:* Governor's order for Commission to issue.
- 5 July Printed instructions to the Customs Officers in the various colonies  
London to govern their behaviour with reference to the authority of the Gov-  
ernors. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 18.
- 6 July Prov. Sec'y (R. D. George) to Wm. Smith, road supervisor, trans-  
Halifax mitting the Lt.-Governor's orders regarding the repairing of the road  
between Pentz's and Mitchell's. (Copy). Vol. 141, pp. 24, 25.
- 7 July Abstract of bills of exchange drawn by the Lt.-Governor on the Pro-  
Halifax vincial Agent in London for the payment of salaries of officers of govern-  
ment, missionaries etc. for the two quarters ending 30 June 1814. List  
of missionaries, with allowance to each, crossed out. Signed.  
Vol. 433, doc. 20.
- 8 July Petition of Thos. Woodward and the other owners of the schooner  
Halifax *Retrieve* to the Lt.-Governor, asking for letters of marque and reprisal  
against the Americans for her. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 24.
- Below:* Governor's order for a commission to issue.
- 8 July Morland to Blowers and Wilkins, reporting on answers to address.  
London Ministers are quite alive to the importance of the objects pointed out  
in that address. "In the Foreign Department they indeed decline enter-  
ing into any details of the proposed Negotiation, but say generally that  
your Interests will not be overlooked." One of the under-secretaries  
in colonial department is to have part in negotiating the treaty. He  
(Morland) thinks their wishes *re* territorial boundary and fisheries will  
be acceded to, but conflicting interests may operate against attaining  
Nova Scotia's objects *re* West Indian trade. Signed. Vol. 305, no. 13.
- 9 July Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He encloses  
Halifax copies of letters with regard to an application by the American Agent  
for prisoners of war for the admission of a quantity of vinegar and to-



- 1814      bacco, represented as indispensable. He has allowed the articles to be admitted, but asks for instructions to guide his conduct on future occasions. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 26, (pp. 90, 91).
- 9 July      Same to same, desiring instructions as to how foreign vessels, prevented by the blockade from entering the ports of the United States, should be received at Halifax. He convened the Council and encloses copies of the minutes of the meeting. Until he hears from the Sec'y of State he will act on their advice with regard to foreign vessels entering Halifax. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 27, (pp. 91-93).
- 9 July      Petition of Manoel John Pereira, master of a Portugese ship, asking for an extension of the time he is allowed to remain in port so that he may complete the repairing of his sails. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 130.  
*Overleaf.* Granted.
- 9 July      Petition of Joao Garcia da Roraz, master of the Portugese ship *Carolina*, to the Lt.-Governor, asking for special permission to land his cargo, refit, and sell enough of the cargo to pay for the expenses he will incur. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 133.
- 9 July      Petition of Stephen Deblois, Richard Tremain and James and Michael Tobin, Agents for a number of Swedish, Spanish and Portugese ships forced into Halifax Harbour by the blockade of American ports. They ask the Lt.-Governor for permission for these vessels to remain in port and for the masters to sell enough of the cargo of each to pay for repairing and refitting. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 140.
- 9 July      Petition of Christian Berg, master of a Swedish vessel, explaining that the embargo of American ports has forced him out of his course and into Halifax, and asking that he be given permission to sell enough goods to pay for necessary repairs to his vessel, and that he be allowed to remain in Halifax until he shall have heard from the owners of his vessel. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 127.
- 10 July      Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Rear-Admiral Griffith. In receipt of his letter containing lists of the American negroes on board the *Lord Collingwood*. He requests that they be directed to attend at the Court House the following day to take the oath of allegiance. Vol. 111, p. 93.
- 11 July      Petition of Isaac Lillygoest, master of a Swedish vessel. He describes the circumstances which led to his entering the port of Halifax and asks for permission to remain there until he may communicate with the owners of his vessel and receive orders. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 126.
- 12 July      Petition of John L. Shannon to the Lt.-Governor, stating the connections he has with persons in the province, and asking to be given the oath of allegiance and to be allowed to bring his wife and family into Nova Scotia from the United States. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 23.  
*Below:* Governor's permission.
- 14 July      Report of the Council committee surveyors on the repairs necessary to the foreign ships in port and other expenses which will accrue to them. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 132.
- 14 July      Report of the surveyors appointed by the Council committee on the repairs necessary to the foreign vessels in Halifax Harbour and their cost. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 136.
- (14 July?)      Certificate of thirty-four merchants of Halifax that the supply of salt in the province is very deficient, and that the sale of foreign cargoes of salt would be of advantage to the fisheries. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 135.
- 15 July      Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He acknowledges receipt of several despatches. In reply to the memorial of the merchants desiring a relaxation of the blockade being carried on against United States ports he regrets that no relief can be granted. With refer-

ence to his previous orders for using the reinforcements to occupy part of Maine, Bathurst authorizes Sherbrooke "in the Event of your considering the Occupation of any other point as more advantageous to His Majesty's Interests, or more calculated to make the Enemy feel the Pressure of the War, to employ the Troops on that Service in preference to the one which I had previously specified." Signed.

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Vol. 62, doc. 121.

15 July  
London

Same to same. Since it would be a convenience to Governor Smith to be allowed to occupy the part of the Prince Edward Island barracks not used by the troops, Sherbrooke is to give directions for his accommodation there unless he has objections to the arrangement. Signed.

Vol. 62, doc. 122.

18 July  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He reports on his action with regard to selling part of the cargoes of foreign vessels sent into port by the blockade. He has directed that all the salt and sufficient other articles be sold to pay for repairs to enable the vessels to return to their home ports. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 28, (pp. 94, 95).

19 July  
Halifax

Petition of Manoel Joao Pereira, master of the Portugese ship *General Hill*, to the Lt.-Governor. He has had word from the owners of his vessel that there is a cargo awaiting him at Para, South America, and he asks permission to land his present cargo, store it with the Collector of Customs, and to land and sell sufficient salt to pay for his expenses in port. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 141.

*Overleaf.* Council's opinion that he be allowed to land only the salt. Sherbrooke's orders to this effect.

20 July  
Halifax

Petition of John Homer to Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke, asking for a licence for an American vessel which he wishes to send to Boston to fetch his family. Signed.

Vol. 227, doc. 21.

24 July  
Sable I.

Letter from Edward Hodgson to Michael Wallace. He acknowledges receipt of letter and provisions and other supplies. He thinks there are sufficient. (Holograph).

Vol. 424, doc. 98.

29 July  
Halifax

Petition of Christian Berg, master of the Swedish ship *Friexeten*, asking permission to land the remainder of the cargo, to sell it, and to return to Sweden, and explaining the special circumstances of his case. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 139.

*Overleaf.* Refusal of prayer of petition.

29 July  
Halifax

Petition of Samuel Low, an American house carpenter, to the Lt.-Governor, asking to be allowed to take the oath of allegiance and to settle in Nova Scotia. Signed.

Vol. 227, doc. 22.

*Below.* Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke's permission.

15 Aug  
Halifax

Joao X. C. da Cunha, Portugese master of the brigantine *Lastina*, to Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke. He explains how he came to Halifax and asks permission to remain there and sell part of his cargo, so that he may repair and refit his vessel. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 138.

18 Aug  
Halifax

Request of Robt. Stanyon, an Italian, that he may take the oath of allegiance and be allowed to settle in the province. Signed with his mark.

Vol. 227, doc. 19.

Aug  
Halifax

Report of the Council committee surveyors on the repairs necessary to the Portugese brig *Lastina*, and the probable expense incurred. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 137.

2 Sept  
Halifax

Petition of John Osborn to the Lt.-Governor, asking for letters of marque and reprisal against the Americans for his schooner *Ann*. Signed.

Vol. 227, doc. 31.

*Overleaf.* Granted.



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15 Sept  
Halifax

Report of the Council committee on the repairs necessary to the Portuguese ship *Lastina*, recommending that the master of the ship be allowed to sell sufficient of her cargo to defray these expenses. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 134.

22 Sept  
Halifax

Petition of John L. Shannon to Lt.-Governor, asking that the furniture and other household goods which he brought into the province under the Lt.-Governor's licence be released from the custody of the Customs Collector. (Holograph).

Vol. 227, doc. 36.

23 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), reporting on the Penobscot expedition. He was absent 26 days from the province. On his return he and the military and naval commanders conferred, after which he issued a proclamation making provision for the temporary government of the district occupied until the Regent's pleasure be known. Since "it has been deemed advisable to authorize a limited trade to the Port of Castine," he has requested the Collector of Customs to send someone to take charge of the Custom House at Castine.

(Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 29, (pp. 105-107).

26 Sept  
Frederic-  
ton

Maj-Gen'l Smyth to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He transmits a minute of the Council of the province showing the measures which have been considered appropriate relative to supporting the West Quoddy light, pending a meeting of the legislature. If the Nova Scotia authorities approve, he hopes that the trade in question from there will be put under a similar restriction. Signed.

Vol. 227, doc. 43.

*Enclosure.*

23 Sept  
Frederic-  
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Minute of the Council of New Brunswick, relative to the General Order of the Admiral proclaiming free trade with the port of Castine. In order to provide for the West Quoddy light house, hitherto kept up by the United States government, the Council recommend that the Customs Officers be directed to admit vessels to enter and clear for the trade with Castine only if they pay four pence per ton for the support of the light.

Vol. 227, doc. 41.

27 Sept  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Major-Gen'l Gosselen, Castine, detailing the civil arrangements that he has made for Castine. A Custom House has been established and he requires that every male above ten years of age take the oath of allegiance or become prisoners of war.

(Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 108-110.

30 Sept  
Halifax

Report of the Council committee on the amount of the cargo of the Norwegian ship *General Hill* that must be sold to pay for the repairing the ship needs. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 131.

(Sept?)  
Halifax

Amount of expenses for apprehending three French prisoners of war and sending them to Melville Island. Unsigned.

Vol. 227, doc. 28.

1 Oct  
Halifax

Petition of Carl Davis, master of the Swedish brig *Lycken*, forced into Halifax Harbour by the blockade, to the Lt.-Governor. He asks permission to sell enough of his cargo to pay for repairing and provisioning his vessel. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 142.

2 Oct  
Pictou

Petition of Margaret Milnes, widow of James Milnes, to the Lt.-Governor, praying to be granted a part of the 5000 acres ordered to be reserved for her late husband. Signed.

Vol. 225, doc. 86.

3 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to the Judge of the Vice-Admiralty. The Lt.-Governor wishes to know what steps were taken in the last Council upon his message concerning the Philadelphia Grant. If they should have been unable to take the subject into consideration, he requests that they will make the necessary investigation without delay.

(Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 95, 96, 97.

3 Oct  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to J. G. Pyke, Jas. Foreman and Crofton Uniacke, Commissioners of the Poor. Their resolution

- respecting the blacks has been laid before the Lt.-Governor, who will allow them soldiers' rations from the King's stores. He gives directions respecting the issue of these provisions to such blacks as are really destitute and admitted to the Poor House. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 27.
- 1814  
5 Oct  
Halifax Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, enclosing the proclamation he issued with regard to providing food and shelter for destitute negro families arrived in the province from the United States during the war. He hopes the Lt.-Governor will carry it into effect. (Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 97-100.
- Below.* Copy of proclamation. (This letter is bound in the wrong volume).
- 5 Oct  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Vice-Admiral Cochrane, in receipt of his letter. The Lt.-Governor has given the necessary orders to carry out the Admiral's proclamation, and will do everything in his power to aid the distressed negro refugees. (Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 101-103.
- 5 Oct  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Surveyor-Gen'l Morris. He encloses the reply of the senior member of the Council to the questions submitted to the Council and to him relative to claims to the lands of the Philadelphia Grant. The Lt.-Governor wishes him "with as little delay as possible (to) communicate to the Council such information upon this subject as they require." (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 28.
- 6 Oct  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Rear-Admiral Griffith. He encloses a copy of a letter from the President of New Brunswick relative to the proposed lighthouse at West Quoddy. He wishes to know whether the Naval service would be benefitted by such an establishment, and how "eligible" the regulations proposed are. (Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 104, 105.
- 7 Oct  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Vice-Admiral Cochrane. He encloses a copy of a letter from Mr. Wright, and requests that some uniform procedure be agreed upon with regard to registering or listing negroes who arrive from the United States, so that they may be prevented from behaving as those recently landed during the absence of himself and Rear-Admiral Griffith. (Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 112-114.
- 7 Oct  
Halifax Letter from George Wright to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, giving him information with regard to a resident of the United States who has just arrived in the province. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 37.
- 7 Oct  
Halifax Admiral Griffith to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He acknowledges receipt of Sherbrooke's letter and enclosures and expresses himself strongly in favour of the measures taken by the Governor and Council of New Brunswick to provide for the West Quoddy light. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 42.
- 8 Oct  
Halifax Report of the surveyors appointed by the Council's committee, on the cost of repairing and provisioning the Swedish brig *Lycken*. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 143.
- 10 Oct  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to President Smyth of New Brunswick, in receipt of his letter relating to the West Quoddy lighthouse. He encloses an extract from the minutes of Council of Nova Scotia on the subject. In accordance with it he has instructed Gen'l Gosselin to direct "that all Vessels (except those to & from New Brunswick) arriving at Castine or clearing out from that Port which may be benefitted by the West Quoddy light shall pay 4 d. per Ton for its support to be Collected at Castine." He suggests a similar ordinance for Moose Island. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 111.
- 10 Oct  
Halifax Letter from Richard Tremain to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He points out the scarcity of Indian meal in Halifax and asks permission to import some from the United States. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 29.
- Overleaf.* Sherbrooke's refusal.



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17 Oct  
Halifax

Report of the Council committee to the Lt.-Governor on the probable cost of repairs etc. to the Swedish brig *Lycken*. Signed.

Vol. 226, doc. 144.

26 Oct  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to General Gosselin. In receipt of a letter, a copy of which he encloses, from Earl Bathurst respecting the irregular manner in which American citizens have been coming into the British provinces. Especial care should be taken to prevent any Americans from passing to and from the British provinces without permission in writing. (Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 116, 117.

(Oct)  
Halifax

List of foreign vessels warned off the coast of the United States because of the British blockade, and arrived in Halifax Harbour.

Vol. 226, doc. 145.

31 Oct  
Halifax

Petition of James Tilton, an American who has resided in the province for five years, to the Lt.-Governor, asking to be given the oaths of allegiance. Signed.

Vol. 227, doc. 30.

*Overleaf.* Sherbrooke's consent.

2 Nov  
London

Nathaniel Atcheson to Blowers and Wilkins. He has sent Irish Customs Act which imposes duties, equal to those in force in England, on foreign wood imported into Ireland. Indications are that Great Britain will encourage British trade and navigation by duties on foreign imports and will favour North American colonial interests in treaty. Signed.

Vol. 305, doc. 16.

3 Nov  
Halifax

Petition of James Webster to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, asking to be allowed to take the oath of allegiance. Signed.

Vol. 227, doc. 44.

*Below.* Sherbrooke's permission.

4 Nov  
Halifax

Petition of David Walker to the Lt.-Governor, stating that he was born in the United States before the revolution, that he has never lost his British citizenship, and asking to be allowed to take the oath of allegiance, so that he may have the rights of British nationality now. Signed.

Vol. 227, doc. 46.

*Below.* Sherbrooke's permission.

4 Nov  
Halifax

Bishop of Nova Scotia to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, recommending that Mr. Jesse Lewis be authorized to solemnize marriages in Parrsborough. Signed.

Vol. 433, doc. 21.

5 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Rear-Admiral Griffith. He encloses an extract from the minutes of the Court of Sessions held as a result of certain outrages said to be committed by an impress party.

(Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 115, 116.

8 Nov  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to J. G. Pyke. He encloses a copy of the letter received by the Lt.-Governor in reply to one he wrote Admiral Griffith regarding the complaints made by the Court of Sessions of outrages "stated to have been committed upon the Inhabitants of Halifax by persons recently employed upon the impress service." The contents are to be communicated to the magistrates and the Committee of Trade. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 29.

14 Nov  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). M. Danséville, who is going to England, has asked for the usual allowance for the quarter ending 31 December. In consideration of his age and infirmities Sherbrooke has granted the request and hopes for Bathurst's approval.

(Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 30½, (pp. 118, 119).

14 Nov  
Halifax

Petition of Charles Frederick Hallberger, a native of Sweden who has determined to settle in the province, has married a native, and desires to take the oath of allegiance. Signed.

Vol. 227, doc. 45.

*Below.* Sherbrooke's permission.

- 17 Nov  
London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting a copy of an act of the last session of Parliament. Signed. *Enclosure.* Vol. 62, doc. 123.
- (17 Nov)  
27 May  
London Printed copy of act of this date "to amend an Act of the Twenty-second Year of His present Majesty, intituled An Act to prevent the granting in future any Patent Office, to be exercised in any Colony or Plantation, now or at any Time hereafter belonging to the Crown of Great Britain, for any longer Term than during such Time as the Grantee thereof of Person appointed thereto shall discharge the Duty thereof in Person, and behave well therein." Vol. 62, doc. 119.
- 17 Nov  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Geo. Oxley and to every person licensed to perform the marriage ceremony. The Lt.-Governor is instituting an inquiry into the irregularities reported in the solemnization of marriages by laymen in the province. To facilitate this inquiry he is to return an abstract of the marriages he has solemnized since 16 Oct. 1811, distinguishing those under licence from those under publication of banns. (Copy). Vol. 141, pp. 30, 31.
- 21 Nov  
Halifax Letter of James Vila, an American, to the Lt.-Governor, asking to be allowed to remain in the province or, if his affairs necessitate his doing so, to go to England. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 33.
- 22 Nov  
Halifax *Overleaf.* Sherbrooke's refusal of both requests.
- 22 Nov  
Halifax Petition of John Suckley to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, asking to be given the oath of allegiance, so that he may go to Castine and carry on trade there. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 38.
- 28 Nov  
Halifax *Overleaf.* Oath administered.
- 28 Nov  
Halifax Petition of Henry Moser and the other owners of the schooner *Lunenburg*, through their agents, to the Lt.-Governor, asking for letters of marque and reprisal against the Americans for their vessel. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 50.
- 2 Dec  
Halifax Reply of the Council to the Lt.-Governor's communication with regard to the claims of certain persons to lands in the Philadelphia Grant. They enclose two schedules, showing the report of commissioners appointed by Lt.-Gov. Wentworth at the time of the escheat on the claims of persons on the land and deriving from the original grantees. They advise the Lt.-Governor to ask for a remission of the 5/ per 50 acres fee, and for permission to disregard that part of the instruction of 1807 which prohibit the granting of larger grants than 500 acres. Signed. Vol. 226, doc. 150.
- 3 Dec  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He transmits papers relative to the claims for regranteeing a tract of land escheated in 1803. He has asked the Council's advice as to granting larger tracts than are allowed by the King's instructions. He transmits their opinion and recommends that he be allowed to make the grants under the conditions they name, despite contrary instructions. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 30, (p. 120).
- 9 Dec  
Halifax Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke to the Collector of the Customs. In receipt of his letter asking for an order in justification of his refusal to enter the schooner *Orient*. The Lt.-Governor, having consulted the Crown lawyers, does not consider it proper to grant the order. He is to admit the schooner and to send to the Customs Commissioners copies of all the papers connected with the case, so that they may furnish instructions for his guidance in the future. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 121.
- 10 Dec  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He has had applications from several persons in the United States who wish to take up residence in Nova Scotia. Present circumstances make it impossible



to admit them, but in the event of similar applications in the future he asks for instructions. Should they, as friendly aliens, be given privileges enjoyed by British subjects?

(Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 31, (pp. 122, 123).

10 Dec  
Halifax

Same to same. He encloses papers and explains his difficulties about the case of the schooner *Orient*, engaged in illicit trade and liable to be seized by the Customs, yet operating under a licence granted by Admiral Cochrane. In the dilemma Sherbrooke applied to the Crown lawyers and acted on their advice, allowing the vessel to enter. He hopes that this action will meet with approval.

(Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 32, (pp. 124-126).

17 Dec  
Guys-  
borough

Petition of Chas. William Weeks to the Lt.-Governor. He has taught a number of children in his grammar school since 1811 and regularly received the provincial allowance. Due to his isolated situation, however, he carried on his school the last sixth-monthly period without knowing of the new clause in the school bill. Since the conditions under which he carried on his school did not conform with the rules of this new clause he requests the Lt.-Governor to recommend to the Assembly that his case be given special consideration. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 50.

22 Dec  
Halifax

John Howe, Postmaster-Gen'l, to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He has received orders from England to send the Quebec mails by the old route at the close of the quarter. This will prevent his continuing the eastern route unless he should be authorized to appropriate the remainder of the money voted by the legislature for the western route to that purpose. This can be done without injuring the service of the western route until the 5th April. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 51.

Below. "Proposition agreed to."

24 Dec  
Halifax

Prov. Sec'y (R. D. George) to the Attorney-Gen'l. The Lt.-Governor has ordered certain tracts of land, herein described, to be escheated, and wishes the cases to be instituted without delay.

(Copy). Vol. 141, pp. 25, 26.

24 Dec  
Frederic-  
ton

Sec'y Odell to Sec'y George, requesting information about fees for granting land in N.S. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 49.

31 Dec  
Halifax

Eight receipts signed by M. Danséville for allowances received by him between 1802 and 31 Dec. 1814. Vol. 225, doc. 97.

31 Dec  
Halifax

Account of notes issued in 1812, 1813, 1814. Signed. (Including acct. of No. 93 and 94.) Enclosed in no. 99. Vol. 288, no. 98.

31 Dec  
Halifax

Abstract of general expenditure for Poor House for 1814. Signed. Vol. 304, no. 95.

31 Dec  
Halifax

List of transient poor supported in Poor House in 1814. Vol. 304, no. 96.

1814

Account of sums assessed for the poor of Halifax from 1811-1814. Vol. 304, no. 85.

1815

2 Jan  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to the Mayor of St. John, New Brunswick. In receipt of his letter indicating that there is likely to be a scarcity of flour of serious dimensions. He suspects that it may be a profit-making scheme of the city merchants, but he will communicate with the President of New Brunswick on the subject. (Copy). Vol. 111, pp. 127, 128.

5 Jan  
Halifax

Petition of the contractors for supplying fresh beef to the army and navy, to the Lt.-Governor. They point out the scarcity of the supply of beef, and ask the Lt.-Governor to take steps to prevent the exportation of cattle and fresh beef from the province. Signed by Starr and Shannon, contractors for the army, and Thompson and Parker, contractors for the navy. Vol. 227, doc. 53.

- 1815 Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). He asks for  
6 Jan instructions to guide his conduct in the case of alien goods imported  
Halifax with British merchandize and about to be exported to the United States,  
of which an example is that of Joseph Crumby. He encloses papers  
and Council minutes relative to it.  
(Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 33, (pp. 129-134).
- 6 Jan Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Nathaniel Thomas, Windsor.  
Halifax He transmits the Lt.-Governor's directions to allow certain goods, re-  
strained by his letter of 31 December 1814, to leave Windsor.  
(Copy). Vol. 141, pp. 29, 30.
- 17 Jan Letter from Rev. John Waddell to Deputy Prov. Sec'y, asking whether  
Truro he should execute two marriage licences, one to marry a man and his  
sister-in-law, the other to marry a man who has a wife from whom he  
has been separated for twenty years. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 55.
- 21 Jan Draft of Sec'y Cogswell's reply to Mr. Waddell's letter of 17 Jan.  
Halifax The minister was quite right to refuse to perform the marriages in ques-  
tion, since both would be against the law. Vol. 227, doc. 56.
- 23 Jan Petition of John Harvey, mariner, to the Lt.-Governor. He is an  
Halifax American resident and sailing out of Liverpool, N.S. and desires to take  
the oath of allegiance. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 54.
- Below. Lt.-Governor's permission.
- 28 Jan Report of John Black, on behalf of the commissioners for issuing  
Halifax province notes, to the Lt.-Governor, giving account of the notes issued  
and cancelled during the past year. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 99.
- Enclosure. No. 98 Account of notes issued and cancelled.
- 6 Feb Return of black residents in Preston, Dartmouth, South-east Passage  
Dart- and Cow Bay, sent in by Seth Coleman. Signed. (Same as in no. 5).  
mouth Vol. 305, no. 18.
- 9 Feb Speech of Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke on opening legislature. Signed. Copy  
Halifax of part of speech: Vol. 288, no. 68. Vol. 305, no. 1.
- 10 Feb Notes on proceedings.
- 10 Feb Account of Adjutant-General of militia for victualling and lodging  
Halifax troops in 1814. Also account for carriage of arms and for cost of arms  
issued. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 11 Feb Petition of Rev. John Waddell to the Lt.-Governor asking to be appoint-  
Truro ed by law to perform marriages by licences in his district. Recommended  
by S. G. W. Archibald and Edward Mortimer. Signed.
- Overleaf: Granted. Vol. 227, doc. 57.
- 11 Feb Copy of reply of the Council to the Lt.-Governor's speech on opening  
Halifax the session. Vol. 288, no. 105.
- 11 Feb Draft of House's address in answer to the Lt.-Governor's speech on  
Halifax opening the session. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 11 Feb Reply of the Lt.-Governor to the address of the House in answer to  
Halifax his speech on opening the session. Signed. A. P., Vol. 22.
- 13 Feb Petition of Simon Fraser, complaining of an undue election for Sydney  
Halifax County. Signed. (Printed *in extenso* in Journal p. 10).  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- Enclosed. Affidavit of Simon Fraser.
- 13 Feb Petition of John MacLeod and other freeholders of Sydney, com-  
Halifax plaining of an undue election for that County. Signed with 202 names.  
(Petition printed *in extenso* in Journal p. 9).
- Enclosed. Four affidavits. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 13 Feb Memorial of Edward Mortimer and others, "That a number of the  
Pictou Inhabitants of the District of Pictou, desirous of extending the System  
of Education to those higher branches of literature which are not taught



in the Provincial Grammar Schools, sometime ago formed themselves into a society for that purpose, under the annexed regulations;

That subscriptions were accordingly opened and from the liberal patronage of the Public, they conceive themselves enabled to proceed to a partial execution of their design, but from their legal inability to Hold such property as has already been, or may in future be entrusted to them for the purpose above mentioned, and also to make such arrangements and regulations as an establishment of this nature must unavoidably require, they are exposed to difficultys which tend to impede their intentions—For these reasons they have directed your Petitioners as a Committee, to lay their situation before this Honourable House, trusting that from Your former enlightened and Patriotic exertions for the advancement of literature you will be disposed to obviate those difficultys which impede its progress—In behalf of said society, therefore, we humbly request that this Honorable House will take our case into consideration and grant such relief as you in your wisdom shall judge most beneficial for the interests of learning, and your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever Pray". Signed by Mortimer, Thos. McCulloch, John Patterson and eight others.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

- 1815 *Overleaf.* Regulations proposed for the society.
- 15 Feb Halifax Copy of letter from the Clerk of the Assembly to Mr. Wm. Sterns, asking him to take with him to Pictou and forward to Manchester a public letter to the sheriff, Christian Müller. Copy of resolution of House demanding the sheriff's attendance. A. P., Vol. 22.
- 15 Feb Halifax Petition of John Higgins and other inhabitants of the north district of Rawdon, asking for a grant from the legislature for rebuilding the bridge over Glen's Creek. Signed with 15 names.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 15 Feb Halifax Letter from W. Sabatier to Thomas Ritchie, pointing out the changes which he thinks should be made in the sheriff's fees for various services. (Holograph).  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 15 Feb Douglas Petition of Alexander Scott and others in Nine-mile-river settlement, asking for a grant for improving their road. Signed with 38 names.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 15 Feb Douglas Petition of James Scott and others living in the Gore, in Douglas, asking for £75 for improving the Nine-mile-river road. Signed with 32 names.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 15 Feb Rawdon Petition of Alexander Scott and others on the Nine-mile-river, asking for a grant of £100 to help them finish the road connecting their settlements with the Nine-mile-river road. Signed with 26 names.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 16 Feb Halifax Estimate of civil establishment for 1815, including lump sum for road services and £450 for keeping up postal communications in province and with N.B. Signed. Vol. 305, no. 24.
- 16 Feb Halifax Letter from Wm. Smith to the deputy Provincial Secretary, giving his opinion as to advisability of repairing a bridge this year and rebuilding it next year, with estimates of the cost. (Holograph).  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 16 Feb Halifax Petition of Andrew Forshner, commissioner for roads, asking for the vote of money lost by him in a suit begun by one of the contractors for the road work because he had refused to pay the whole sum, the contract not being completed according to orders. The contractor having won the case, the commissioner prays for the House to pay the expenses. Signed.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- Overleaf.* Dismissed, 1 March.

- 1815      Petition of Wentworth Taylor and others of Dorchester, Sydney  
 16 Feb    County, detailing the advantages that would accrue to them and to the  
 Halifax    Halifax market if a road were made from Dorchester to the head of the  
             tide of St. Mary's river, and praying for a grant of £300 for effecting  
             it. Signed by 53 persons.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 17 Feb    Petition of Thomas Ellis and other inhabitants of Douglas, praying  
 Douglas    for aid in building a bridge over the Shubenacadie River, near Carroll's,  
             and for making a road from there to connect with the Halifax-Truro  
             road. Signed with 6 names.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 17 Feb    Petition of S. S. Poole and others of Yarmouth and Argyle stating  
 Yarmouth    the bad condition of the public road leading up the west side of the Great  
             Tusket River, and asking for a grant for repairing it from the lower  
             Tusket falls to the head of Lake Vaughan. Signed with 115 names.  
    Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 18 Feb    Message from the Lt.-Governor to the Assembly, detailing the measures  
 Halifax    he has taken to prevent the spread of small-pox, and recommending  
             that a suitable provision be made for the expenses. Signed. (As in  
             Assembly Journal p. 16).      Vol. 288, no. 104.
- 18 Feb    Message from Lt.-Governor to Assembly, recommending payment  
 Halifax    to Seth Coleman for his services in vaccinating and attending 400 per-  
             sons in Dartmouth and Preston. Signed.      Vol. 305, no. 32.
- 18 Feb    Petition of James Eager and other inhabitants of Annapolis township,  
 Annapolis    asking for a grant to improve the road leading from the town to the south  
             mountain settlements. Signed with 30 names.  
    Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 20 Feb    Copy of report of the supervisor of the Windsor Rd. and the Rawdon  
 Rawdon    township committee on the alterations proposed to be made to avoid  
             the hills in the main road leading through Rawdon. They approve of  
             the alterations proposed and enclose a plan. (The plan of the road and  
             alterations follows).      Vol. 227, doc. 58.
- 20 Feb    Report of joint committee on public accounts. (As in Vol. 288, nos.  
 Halifax    109-111). Signed.      Vol. 305, no. 20.
- 20 Feb    Petition of T. W. Hierlihy and others of the inhabitants of Dorchester,  
 Halifax    Sydney County, asking for a grant for making a bridge over the main  
             Antigonish River at Indian Gardens. Signed with 82 names.  
    Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 20 Feb    Two resolutions for granting sums to Seth Coleman and the Secretary  
 Halifax    of the province to pay for vaccinating 423 poor persons in Dartmouth  
             and Preston. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.  
    Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 20 Feb    Petition of Valentine Troop and other settlers in Parker's Cove, in  
 Granville    Granville township, on the Bay of Fundy, asking for a grant to help  
             them make a road from their settlement to the town. 13 signers.  
    Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 20 Feb    Petition of Lawrence van Buskirk and other inhabitants of Aylesford  
 Aylesford    township, asking for a grant of £50 to help them improve the road from  
             Ryerson's Mills to the public road at New Canaan. Signed with 16  
             names.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 20 Feb    Petition of John Burton and others of the district of Pictou, asking  
 Halifax    for a law to effect their intentions of forming congregations "for the  
             celebration of divine ordinances according to their religious principles".  
             Signed with nine names.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 20 Feb    Petition of Hugh Denoon and others of the town of Pictou, stating  
 Halifax    their fears that, due to the increase in the number of inhabitants and  
             dwellings, fires may become more frequent. They ask that the pro-



- visions for firewards and for better repairing the streets, of two acts of the province with regard to Halifax may be extended to Pictou. Signed with 41 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 1815  
20 Feb  
Halifax  
Petition of Joseph Fennel, asking for the drawback of duties on rum exported to Prince Edward Island. Signed. A. P., Vol. 22.
- 21 Feb  
Halifax  
Petition of Alexander MacLean and others of the east side of Pictou river, asking for a grant to improve the road from the upper line of lands belonging to Hugh Fraser to the upper line of Hector McKenzie's, a very useful stretch of road. Signed with 25 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- (21 Feb)  
Halifax  
Petition of Benjamin Dodge and other inhabitants of Granville township, asking for a grant for a road to connect their settlement on the Bay of Fundy shore with the township. Signed with 30 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 21 Feb  
(called  
for)  
Halifax  
Accounts, vouchers etc. of the commissioners for repairing the streets of Halifax. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 21 Feb  
Halifax  
Memorial of the Sessions, Grand Jury and Overseers of the Poor, asking for a division of the district of Pictou into townships, so that the laws of the province for laying out new roads and providing for the support of the poor may be more properly executed. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 21 Feb  
Halifax  
Resolution of the House for the contingency vote for roads and bridges. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 21 Feb  
Halifax  
Copy of resolution of House asking for a committee to inquire into the expenditures on the Windsor and Cobequid roads. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- Accounts, vouchers etc. connected with the work on the Windsor road. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 22 Feb  
Halifax  
Message from the Lt.-Governor to the House transmitting and recommending for consideration the petition of the commissioners of the Poor. Signed. Vol. 288, no. 106.
- 22 Feb  
Halifax  
Message from Lt.-Governor to Assembly, recommending petition *re* transient poor. Signed. Vol. 305, no. 31.
- 22 Feb  
Rawdon  
Petition of Michael Nix and other inhabitants of Rawdon, asking for a grant for improving the road from their settlement to the Rawdon road. 7 signers. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 22 Feb  
Halifax  
Petition of the commissioners of the Poor for Halifax, asking pecuniary aid. Signed. (Printed *in extenso* in Journal p. 27). Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 22 Feb  
Halifax  
Resolution for granting £500, to be placed at the disposal of the Lt.-Governor for the prevention of the spreading of small-pox. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 23 Feb  
Halifax  
Message from the Lt.-Governor to the legislature, recommending that some provision be made for negroes who came into the province during the war and are many of them quite destitute. Signed. (As in Assembly Journal p. 30). Vol. 288, no. 101.
- 23 Feb  
Halifax  
Petition of Alexander Henry and others on the Musquodoboit River, south side, asking for a grant for building a bridge over the river to communicate their settlement with the road to Halifax. 10 signers. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 24 Feb  
Granville  
Petition of Joseph Fellows and other inhabitants of the middle district of Granville, asking for further aid in improving the road from the main road to the settlement on the Bay Shore. 12 signers. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

- 1815 Petition of Henry Taylor, asking for a reduction of the duties on rum and other spirits made in the province. Signed. (Compare with his petitions of the two previous years). Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 24 Feb Halifax Petition of Stephen Dimock and other inhabitants of Hants County, stating that the new Ardoise Hill is impassable in the Spring and Fall, because of the nature of the soil and asking for a grant for mending the old road to be used at those seasons. 51 signers. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 24 Feb Halifax Petition of Samuel Prescott on behalf of residents on or near the road leading from the Dartmouth ferry to South-east Passage, asking for a grant in aid of their exertions to make the road passable. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 24 Feb Digby Petition of W. F. Bonnell and others of Digby, asking further aid in making passable the road between the town plot in Digby to Roger's Point on Annapolis Basin. Signed with 19 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 25 Feb Halifax Petition of Donald Fraser, Robt. McIntosh and Wm. Robertson, on behalf of the inhabitants on the East River of Pictou, thanking them for past favours and asking for further aid towards repairing the road and bridges from Abercrombey's Point to the Old Meeting House. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 25 Feb Aylesford Petition of Henry vanBuskirk and other inhabitants of Aylesford, praying for an aid to extend the road through Cornwallis and Aylesford to the western bounds of the county. Signed with 20 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 25 Feb Wilmot Petition of Nathan Randall and other inhabitants of Wilmot, stating that the settlement on the Bay of Fundy shore in the township is increasing and asking that the House grant a further aid towards making the road which connects it with the town. Signed with 11 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 25 Feb Rawdon Petition of Edward Rivers and other inhabitants in Rawdon, asking for a grant to make a road to connect them with the main road leading from Rawdon to Halifax. Signed with 12 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 27 Feb Halifax Chas. Morris (surveyor-Gen'l) to the Lt.-Governor, reporting on the best route for proposed road from Halifax to Annapolis. Plans for allotting land and placing settlers on road. (Holograph). Vol. 305, no. 10.
- 28 Feb Truro Letter from Mr. Waddell to Sec'y Cogswell, relating the train of events which led him to marry Capt. Kollock, although the latter has a wife living. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 59.
- 28 Feb Granville Petition of James Charlton and other inhabitants of a settlement in the township of Granville, asking for a grant to help them maintain the road running along the foot of the mountain and the cross-road leading to the main road. On the cross-road there are no inhabitants, and the expenses of keeping up both roads are beyond the means of the inhabitants. Signed with 10 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 28 Feb Halifax Petition of Samuel Morse and other inhabitants of Wilmot, Annapolis and Granville, asking for a grant for building a bridge across the Annapolis River at the head of the tide. Signed with 64 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 1 Mar Horton Rev. Theodore Harding's memorial to the Lt.-Governor, stating the loss that he has suffered through not being authorized to solemnize marriages by licence. Since there is no Anglican clergyman in the township he asks to be commissioned to perform the ceremony in this manner. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 62.
- Overleaf.* Granted.



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1 Mar  
Halifax

Copy of report of committee of whole House on private petitions.  
Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

1 Mar  
Ayles-  
ford

Petition of Henry vanBuskirk and others of Aylesford, asking for a grant of £25 for opening the road to Morristown in the township. Signed with 20 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

1 Mar  
Halifax

Petition of Samuel Head and William Anderson, surgeons, stating their efforts in establishing a hospital for seamen, and asking pecuniary aid towards completing the project. Signed. A. P., Vol. 22.

1 Mar  
Halifax

Petition of Wm. Sabatier and the other members of the Committee of Trade, asking the consideration of the House on the subject of the fisheries, and recommending that the bounty on imported salt be renewed. Signed. (Printed *in extenso* in the Journal, p. 36). Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

2 Mar  
Halifax

Petition of Richard Cunningham and other inhabitants of Hants County, asking for a grant of £100 to help them level Tanner's Hill, which is too high for heavy loaded carriages. Signed with 44 names. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

2 Mar  
Halifax

Report of manager of conference on state of the province. They consider that "it would be expedient to encourage the Agriculture of the Province by providing a fund to enable Commissioners to supply under proper Regulations poor Settlers with seed, grain and necessary implements of Agriculture" and recommend as a means of encouraging the fishery the providing a constant supply of salt at moderate rates. Signed. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

3 Mar  
rpt.  
Halifax

Copy of resolution for immediate report from committee on police of Halifax.

Copy of letter from the Clerk of the House to Wm. Sabatier Esq., requiring his attendance on the committee. A. P., Vol. 22.

4 Mar  
Truro

Letter from J. A. Dietrichsen to Chief Justice Blowers, complaining of the scandalous administration of the inferior courts and of the sessions of the peace in the district, arising from the fact that all the officials are more or less related, and most of them educated very little. He gives specific examples of bad administration from which the township has suffered as a whole and in its individual inhabitants. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 63.

6 Mar  
Halifax

Report by the Chief Justice of the case of James Fox, a soldier of the 98th Regt. convicted of stealing. He and the Attorney- and Solicitor-General recommend him for a pardon. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 64.

*Below.* Lt.-Governor's approval.

6 Mar  
Halifax

Report of joint committee on policing Halifax, recommending that magistrates should sit in rotation daily in some public office, to manage police of town. Signed. Vol. 305, no. 21.

7 Mar  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), relative to trade between Nova Scotia and the United States. He describes his procedure on receiving news from a small vessel from the United States that that country had ratified the Treaty of Ghent. Not knowing how the Home Govt. wishes to regulate trade he has made temporary provision for an import trade from the United States by licence lasting three months. He hopes for instructions on the subject before that time shall have elapsed. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 34, (pp. 134-136).

7 Mar  
Halifax

Report of Surveyor-Gen'l Morris to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke on Indian affairs, especially relating to land for them. He reviews the granting of land to Indians in explanation of his opinion that it is an unwise course of action, and recommends that it be merely reserved for their use. He urges that they be discouraged to continue meeting together, and recom-

mends offering them fixed prices for the articles they sell and passing a law to preserve the moose and caribou which are their chief source of food, as well as encouraging them to fish in boats. (Holograph).

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Vol. 430, doc. 151.

7 Mar  
Halifax

Report of the committee of the House on the petitions of Lydia Collins and J. Barss, and of Freeman, Newton, and Smith, recommending that the prayer of the petitions be granted. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

7 Mar  
Halifax

Report of the committee on the account for repairs to the Government House. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

7 Mar  
Halifax

Chairman of the Commissioners of the Poor to the Clerk, enclosing account of several sums assessed and collected for the support of the poor of Halifax. (No enclosure).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

7, 8 Mar  
Halifax

Resolutions of House on receiving reports of committees on the police of Halifax. (Copy).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

8 Mar  
Halifax

R. Fairbanks to Wilkins (?), telling how he settled 28 blacks on land at Porter's Lake, and stating their needs. (Holograph).

Vol. 305, no. 22.

8 Mar  
Halifax

Form of circular to be sent to doctors, announcing the appearance of smallpox in the province, and authorizing them to vaccinate persons who cannot afford to pay for it and send list of their names and certificates from the justices of the peace for the district, to the signer. They will receive a compensation of 2s. 6d. for each person thus vaccinated, and can obtain the "vaccine matter" from Dr. W. B. Almon of Halifax.

Vol. 288, no. 119.

8 Mar  
Halifax

Instructions of the Council to its committee on meeting committee of House on the vote for roads. "That the Council cannot agree to the Vote of the Assembly for Appropriating the gross sum of £25,000 to the Repair of Roads and Bridges without some Scale is submitted to the Council of the intended general Subdivision of such gross sum. The inconvenience of a general resolution for a gross sum merely, has been much felt in Council for some years past and the House must be sensible that such Resolutions after having been concurred in by the Council have been frequently exceeded by subsequent appropriations of money made by the Assembly to the same Service."

"That if the House of Assembly would prepare a general Scale of appropriation and send it to His Majestys Council for concurrence so that the Council could compare it with their calculations of the Ways and Means for defraying such expenditures it would tend to expedite that part of the business of the Sessions and facilitate the passing in detail the subdivisions of the monies which may be agreed on for general appropriation."

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

8 Mar  
Halifax

Rider proposed by Mr. Robie to be tacked to the Gypsum Bill. Rejected. (As in Journal, p. 46).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

9 Mar  
Halifax

Draft of address of Assembly to Lt.-Governor, stating the case of certain settlers on the Douglas and new Philadelphia Grants, and recommending that, since the non-confirmation of their titles is through no fault of their own, the fees ordinarily charged by officials be remitted.

Vol. 305, no. 29.

10 Mar  
Halifax

Copy of Mr. Mortimer's resolution for a further conference on the Gypsum Bill, and division.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

10 Mar  
Halifax

Petition of Edmond & Bedell and John Robinson of St. John, N. B. asking for a remission of duties paid on goods shipped from London to St. John, landed at Halifax, carried by land to Windsor, and thence to New Brunswick. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.



- 11 Mar  
Halifax      Petition of Edmond & Bedell of St. John, N. B. asking for the drawback on duties paid on goods bought of Halifax merchants and shipped to St. John via Windsor. Signed.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 13 Mar  
Halifax      Resolution of Assembly appropriating road money in detail. Signed.      Vol. 305, no. 23.
- 27 Feb—  
13 Mar  
Halifax      Copies of resolutions from the committee of the House on the state of the province.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 13 Mar  
Halifax      Resolution for repaying the sum (£5000) borrowed for the defence of the province, by 30th September, 1815. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 13 Mar  
Halifax      Minutes of committee of ways and means.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 14 Mar  
Halifax      Resolution in favour of making a road from Halifax to Annapolis. (Copy).      Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 14 Mar  
Halifax      Resolution for calling the sheriff of Sydney to answer charges of petitioners alleging an undue election at the Bar of the House. (Copy).  
Resolution for dismissing petitions alleging undue election for Sydney County. (Copy).  
Affidavits, and other evidence examined by the committee with regard to the charge against the sheriff.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 14 Mar  
Halifax      Copy of additional clause moved by Mr. Wiswall to be added to the gypsum bill, and accepted on division.      Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 15 Mar  
Halifax      Message from the Lt.-Governor to the Council, announcing that a treaty of peace has been signed between England and the United States. Signed. (As in Vol. 305, no. 28).      Vol. 288, no. 107.
- 15 Mar  
Halifax      Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). Since a treaty of peace has been signed between the British and United States governments, he suggests that such soldiers as are discharged here be encouraged to remain as settlers. If provision should be made for them as it was for soldiers after the American Revolutionary War they would make useful settlers instead of migrating to the United States. (Copy).      Vol. 111, doc. 35, (pp. 137, 138)
- 15 Mar  
Halifax      Mr. Shaw's motion for a further conference on the gypsum or plaster of Paris bill, with division thereon. (Draft). (See Journal p. 57 ff.)      Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 16 Mar  
Halifax      Report of the committee of the Council on the address of the House of Assembly with regard to the Philadelphia Grant. They give the history of the lands and conclude by recommending that the legislature make a grant of money sufficient to defray the expenses of passing grants of confirmation to persons whose rightful title was taken away by the escheating of the grant. In addition to the sums that have already been granted the object may be accomplished by £250. (Copy).      Vol. 226, doc. 149.
- 18 Mar  
Halifax      Message from Lt.-Governor to Assembly, stating that he has consulted Council with regard to Douglas and Philadelphia Grants and now submits their report. Recommends that Assembly finish good work by providing for completion of grants. Signed.      Vol. 305, no. 30.
- 16 Mar  
Halifax      *Enclosure.*  
Approved report of committee of Council to whom Assembly's address to Lt.-Governor on claims of settlers on Douglas and Philadelphia Grants was referred. Progress made towards settling titles. Committee hopes that provision will be made for paying for grants, which will probably cost only £250 in addition to what has already been expended.      Vol. 305, no. 19.

- 1815 Sabatier to Wilkins, reporting on transactions of Halifax Committee of Trade since Feb. 1814. London Committee obtained Act (54 Geo. 3rd cap. 125) allowing colonial timber into England duty free, and prevented relaxation of Act imposing same duties on timber imported into Ireland as in England. As result of urgings and publicity *re* American interference in the fisheries, public opinion in England is now against U. S. Prospect for similar treatment with Newfoundland as to oil and blubber is flattering. Subject of opening coal mines now before Committee. "The period is now arrived, when this Committee, pursuing their Original purpose, will be able to demonstrate, *this* most important position, that *the trading, the agricultural and the fishing interests of this Province, ought firmly to unite in one common exertion, towards effecting the prosperity of the whole Community.*" Main principle on which the Committee has acted is to convince succeeding administrations of Nova Scotia's ability to supply West Indies with nearly everything they require. Success with regard to fish. "It now remains to afford equal demonstrations in regard to other articles," such as cattle, sheep, horses, poultry etc. Committee intends to collect information on these matters to lay before Assembly at next meeting, so that Assembly may act on it. Signed. Vol. 305, no. 14.
- 20 Mar Under-sec'y Goulburn to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, pointing out the necessity of manuscript, rather than printed copies of the acts of the Assembly being sent so that they may be laid before the Regent for his approval. Signed. Vol. 63, doc. 1.
- 20 Mar Petition of the Grand Jury of Halifax County asking again for consideration of the bad state of Water Street. Signed. (Printed *in extenso* in Journal p. 69 ff.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 20 Mar Copy of message from the Council asking for a conference on the subject of the navigation of the Shubenacadie River. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 22 Mar Memorial of William Harding, lieutenant of militia, stating the circumstances under which he was shot in the leg while examining the arms of his company, and asking consideration by the House for his losses. Signed. Recommended by Lt.-Governor. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 22 Mar Account submitted by the Surveyor-General of Lands for employing deputy surveyors to mark the new Halifax-Annapolis road, and for running the dividing line between Lunenburg and Queen's Counties. Signed. Payment voted, 30 March. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 23 Mar Petition of Henry McDaniel and 23 other inhabitants of the district of St. Mary's River, pointing out the inconveniences they suffer from the lack of a registrar and asking the Registrar of the province to appoint Wentworth Taylor registrar for their district. Signed.
- Below. Recommendation of the prayer of the petition by Thomas Cutler. Vol. 227, doc. 61.
- 23 Mar Resolutions of the House for appropriating £24,500 for roads and bridges, with schedule of separate votes. Copies of same, and abridged list also. (As in Journal pp. 75-82). Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 23 Mar Letter from Mr. Sabatier to the Lt.-Governor, enclosing one from Mr. Seth Coleman, of Dartmouth, to him relative to the negroes at Preston, their condition and the means he has taken to relieve it. Sabatier reports on what is to be done for the negroes and professes himself as willing to do whatever the Lt.-Governor wishes. He suggests that Indian meal and molasses be distributed among them by Mr. Coleman as a personal favour, rather than as from any authority: "a little molass-



es and Indian meal will satisfy them, and induce them to exertion for the rest". (Holograph).

*Overleaf.* Order from the Lt.-Governor for the molasses and Indian meal.

1815

23 Mar  
Dart-  
mouth

*Enclosure.*

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

Letter from Seth Coleman to Wm. Sabatier, relating the distressed situation of the negroes at Preston, their absolute lack of food, the wrong opinion that has been circulated about them, and asking that something be done to prevent them dying of starvation before summer. "I found in them a disposition to labour, and to help themselves, but the fact is they have nothing to do, I found but four men that had Families, that had employment, others were making of Brooms or taking care of the Family, while the Mother was out to Seek a days work at Washing or Sewing on this Scanty pittance depended the subsistence of perhaps themselves and four or five Children. My feelings have been often hurt at the expressions of People who are ignorant of their Situations, they say Thievish Black dogs, they deserve this or they deserve that, I declare that considering their Ignorance I think them a Virtuous People," . . . "Place the same number of White People in the Same Situation under all the disadvantages that those have had to encounter what would of been the report of them" . . . "Since the 8th of last month I have paid attention to the sick and Administered as Sparingly as possible to their Several Necessaties" . . . rice and molasses to the most and a little meat and fish to convalescents. "There appears nothing so satisfactory to them that I have ever given out as Indian Meal & Molasses it seems pleasing to them when I name it. Should the Govenor be pleased to afford them Some Relief at this pinching Season, Meal can be had at our Mill in Dartmouth, or any other Supply he would bestow will be most greatly received by Some of those Suffering People." (Holograph).

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

25 Mar  
Halifax

Address of House and Council to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, on the subject of working the coal mines in the province. (Signed). (See Assembly Journals for this date.)

Vol. 458, doc. 1½.

25 Mar  
Halifax

Preamble moved by Mr. Roach to Bill in aid of the Inferior Court; on division rejected.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

27 Mar  
Halifax

Draft of address from Council and Assembly to Lt.-Governor, stating the sad situation of inhabitants of province dependent for their coal supply upon C. B. mines. Opening of provincial coal mines would be attended with great benefit. They ask that memorial be recommended to Ministers.

Vol. 305, no. 25.

27 Mar  
Halifax

Drafts of resolutions for various provincial services.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

27 Mar  
Halifax

Resolution for granting £200 to Walter Bromley, Keeper of the Acadian School "for his unwearied exertions in founding and effectually Establishing that School in the Province". Signed. Agreed to by the Council.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

(28 Mar)  
Halifax

Comparative statement of prices for materials, labour etc. for Province Building in 1811 and 1814. Endorsed "Mr. Merrick's Estimate." (Document is undated, but on the given date the Province Building committee presented its report).

Vol. 305, no. 15.

28 Mar  
Halifax

Minutes of committee of supply.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

28 Mar  
Halifax

Report of the committee on the public accounts, on the accounts of expenditures on the new Province Building. Signed.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

- 1815 Resolution of the House for paying back the £5000 borrowed for the  
 28 Mar defence of the province. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.  
 Halifax
- 29 Mar Draft of address of the House to Lt.-Governor regarding their attitude  
 Halifax towards his message *re* the Douglas and Philadelphia Grants. (This was  
 afterwards transmitted by committee to the Lt.-Governor). (As in  
 Journal, p. 96). Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 29 Mar Resolution of the House for granting £250 for defraying the expense  
 Halifax of confirming the settlers on the Douglas and Philadelphia Grants in  
 the titles to their land. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 29 Mar 29 resolutions of the House for granting sums for provincial services.  
 Halifax Signed. Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 29 Mar Three copies of resolutions of the House for granting sums for the  
 Halifax relief of various descriptions of the poor, and for orders for arms filled  
 after the signing of the peace treaty. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 29 Mar Report of the committee of the House on the expenditure for the  
 Halifax Windsor and Cobequid roads. The committee find several charges  
 which they consider improper. Vouchers etc. enclosed. Signed. (No  
 sign of this in the Journal.) Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 30 Mar Account of John Howe and Son for printing forms of Prayer for Thanks-  
 Halifax giving. Signed. (Payment voted on date given.)  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 30 Mar Resolution for granting £300 to complete the pier at Arisaig Point.  
 Halifax Signed. Not agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 30 Mar Six resolutions of the House for various provincial services. Signed.  
 Halifax Agreed to by the Council. Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 31 Mar Draft of resolutions of House leading up to their address to the Lt.-  
 Halifax Governor *re* preventing further influx of negroes into province. (For  
 address see no. 3). Vol. 305, no. 8.
- 31 Mar Petition of John H. Flieger, Weigher and Gauger, asking, in considera-  
 Halifax tion of his long term of service and advanced years, an assistant. Signed.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 31 Mar Bill for fuel for the House of Assembly and Council chamber during  
 Halifax the session. Payment granted on date given. A. P., Vol. 22.
- 31 Mar Resolution for granting £1000 for a service of plate or other testimonial  
 Halifax to Sir John Sherbrooke of the grateful approbation of the House of his  
 "great Care and Oeconomy" in administering the government of the  
 province during the war. Signed. Agreed to by the Council.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 31 Mar Letter from Mrs. McColla, Keeper of the House of Assembly, inform-  
 Halifax ing the committee for inspecting repairs of the insecure state of the  
 public property due to the condition of the doors and windows. Signed.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 31 Mar Draft of resolution moved by Mr. Marshall to be adopted by the  
 Halifax House disavowing any official connection with any other agent than  
 Moreland, the Provincial Agent in London. Negatived on division.  
 Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 31 Mar Six resolutions of the Assembly granting sums for various provincial  
 Halifax services. Signed. Agreed to by the Council. A. P., Vol.
- 1 Apr Draft of address of Assembly to Lt.-Governor, stating that a sum  
 Halifax has been granted for relief of negroes; that Assembly is unwilling to  
 encourage bringing settlers whose habits etc. are uncertain into province.  
 Already many negroes in N. S. Asks that Lt.-Governor will "endeavour  
 to prohibit the bringing any more of these people into this colony."  
 Vol. 305, no. 3



1 Apr  
Halifax

List of sums appropriated for the services of the year.

Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.

3 Apr  
Halifax

Protest of two Council members against passing into a law the resolution of the House granting £200 to pay for the establishment of the Acadian School.

1st.—Because if any school is to receive public support it should have the established religion as a foundation.

2nd.—Because the school does not require its pupils to attend any place of public worship on Sunday.

3rd.—Because "the Acadian school being formed upon the most latitudinarian principles, is calculated to create a laxity in religion and morals and a want of respect for the established forms of worship, and of the british Government & Constitution, which are closely connected with it, which tend to alienate the affections of the Colonies from the Mother Country, and to generate those principles which terminated in rebellion and final separation in the neighbouring states, and of which the baleful effects are there so severely felt at this day."

4th.—Because the encouragement of such a school in the face of the Prince Regent's avowed approbation of Church of England schools is quite opposite to the Prince's wish.

5th.—Because, despite large contributions and public help to the school for the past year and a half "no evidence of any sort has been produced to shew, that any Material improvement has been made, either in the learning or morals of the children attending that school."

6th.—Because the morals of the master of the school set a bad example to the pupils and would render such a grant a violation of public decorum "disgraceful to the Legislature of this province".

7th.—Because the whole Council had already refused a similar, though differently worded, resolution, and the present one has only passed in the absence of two of the members. This course of proceeding establishes a precedent "contrary to parliamentary rule, and which exposes the Legislature of the province to the intrigues of designing Man, and makes its proceedings liable to undue and improper influence."

8th.—Because of the anonymous letters, insulting to the members who had voted against the first resolution in the Council, "which letters we have good reason to believe have been composed by the... Master of said school", circulated in the province. Signed by Uniacke and Croke. (First two paragraphs, only, in Council Journal).

Vol. 288, no. 108.

3 Apr  
Halifax

Draft of report of committee who presented address on negroes (no. 3) to Lt.-Governor, that Sherbrooke will accede to their wishes.

Vol. 305, no. 4.

3 Apr  
Halifax

Rough draft of address from Assembly to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, presenting him with vote for £1000 for plate, in recognition of his services as Lt.-Governor of the province.

Vol. 305, no. 26.

3 Apr  
Halifax

Message from Lt.-Governor to Assembly, accepting provisionally the present from the Assembly. Signed.

Vol. 305, no. 27.

3 Apr  
Halifax

Speech of Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, after Treaty of Ghent, on closing legislative session. Signed.

Vol. 305, no. 33.

10 Apr  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Thos. Ritchie. By the Lt.-Governor's orders he encloses a copy of a representation of the officers of the 9th battalion of Militia relative to Ritchie's conduct as magistrate in certain cases brought before him by these officers. The Lt.-Governor directs him to transmit a transcript of his proceedings in those cases with an explanation of his conduct. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 33.

- 1814 Thos. Roach to Chief Justice Blowers, pointing out that there is no  
 10 Apr Justice of the Peace for a considerable part of Cumberland County and  
 Halifax recommending Mr. Luke Harrison for the commission. (Holograph).  
 Vol. 227, doc. 60.
- 14 Apr Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). The General  
 Halifax Assembly met on the 9th Feb'y and sat until the 3rd instant. Journals  
 and acts will be transmitted when printed.  
 (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 36, (p. 138).
- 18 Apr J. A. Dietrichson to Chief Justice Blowers. He acknowledges re-  
 Truro ceipt of Blowers' letter, replying to his own. Although he had no in-  
 tention of beginning a prosecution against the magistrates of Colchester  
 district when he wrote previously, he will supply proof of his complaints.  
 He encloses affidavit, copies of court records and other papers in sub-  
 stantiation of his charge of maladministration. (Holograph)  
 Vol. 227, doc. 73.
- Enclosures.*
- (18 Apr) Papers enclosed by J. A. Dietrichson to Chief Justice Blowers in sub-  
 Truro stantiation of his charges of maladministration against the magistrates  
 of Colchester district.
- No. 74* Affidavit of Samuel Soley, swearing to an act of injustice  
 done him by Matthew Archibald, J. P.
- No. 75* Record of case of the King vs. J. A. Dietrichsen, fined for  
 profane language by Matthew Archibald. (Copy).
- No. 76* Affidavit and deposition of J. A. Dietrichsen of injury done  
 him by Samuel Archibald 3rd.
- No. 77* Copy of Chief Justice Blowers' reply to Dietrichsen's first  
 letter. Blowers asks for specific charges against the magistrates, that  
 they may be tried in law.
- No. 78* Copy of a return of the sheriff and jury laying out a road in  
 Colchester district.
- No. 79* Copy of recognizance of Daniel Cock and Samuel Archibald  
 3rd, relating to roads. Certificate of the appointment of Robt. Berry  
 as Surveyor of Highways. Certificate of the assessment of the inhabitants  
 of Colchester district.
- No. 80* Copy of appointment of Samuel Archibald 3rd in the place  
 of Robt. Berry.
- No. 81* Record of summons of Dietrichsen before Matthew Archibald  
 for sum claimed by Samuel Archibald as Surveyor, and sentence, for  
 plaintiff. (Copy). Vol. 227, docs. 74-81.
- 21 Apr Accounts for stationery, coal etc. for the session of Assembly. (Paid  
 Halifax on the date given). Assembly Papers, Vol. 22.
- 1 May Rev. John Waddell to Deputy Sec'y Cogswell, requesting to be in-  
 Truro formed as to certain questions arising to him out of his commission to  
 perform marriages by licence. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 65.
- 2 May Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Under-Sec'y Goulburn. In receipt of his  
 Halifax letter of the 20th March asking why manuscript copies of the acts of  
 the Assembly are not sent to the Home Government. Sherbrooke ex-  
 plains that the manuscript acts have never been sent to England, but  
 have been retained in Nova Scotia for reference use. He suggests that  
 manuscript copies might be made, although it will subject the province  
 to more expense, which the department concerned can ill afford.  
 (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 36½, (pp. 139, 140).
- 4 May Letter from Wm. Sabatier to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He encloses  
 Halifax James Archibald's confession and a copy of it. "And as it may be con-  
 sidered to be in some degree his *last will*, I think it to be my duty to



- render it as extensively useful as possible;—the public will, therefore, have the benefit of it so far as relates to its moral tendency." (Holograph).  
 1815 *Enclosures.* Vol. 227, doc. 66.
- (4 May) Confession of James Archibald, convicted of murder and executed  
 30 Apr 1 May, of his crimes of stealing and murder. Badly written by himself.  
 Halifax Vol. 227, doc. 67.
- (4 May) Copy of the confession of James Archibald, with comments by Wm.  
 30 Apr Sabatier, High Sheriff. Vol. 227, doc. 68.  
 Halifax
- 8 May Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), giving Rupert  
 Halifax George, Provincial Sec'y, six months leave of absence, renewable at the  
 Sec'y of States's pleasure. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 37, (p. 141).
- 8 May Under-sec'y Goulburn to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, enclosing a copy of  
 London the estimate of the grant for the civil establishment of Nova Scotia.  
 Duplicate: doc. 4. Signed. Vol. 63, doc. 2.
- Enclosure.*
- (8 May) Estimate of the parliamentary grant for defraying the expenses of  
 London the civil establishment of Nova Scotia. Vol. 63, doc. 3.
- 10 May Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), transmitting copy  
 London of letter from the Committee for Trade approving of the importation  
 he allowed into Nova Scotia by proclamation in March. Signed.  
 Vol. 63, doc. 5.
- Enclosure.*
- (10 May) Copy of letter from the Sec'y to the Committee for Trade to Under-  
 6 May sec'y Goulburn, approving of Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke's permitting certain  
 London articles to be imported into Nova Scotia from the United States.  
 Vol. 63, doc. 6.
- 10 May Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He acknowledges  
 London receipt of Sherbrooke's despatch of 6th January 1815 relative to John  
 Crumby and goods sold him by Forsyth and Black. In reply the Com-  
 missioners of the Treasury consider that the goods should be released  
 and delivered to Forsyth and Black. Signed. Vol. 63, doc. 7.
- 10 May Same to same. He has submitted to the Regent the Assembly's address  
 London asking Sherbrooke to accept a sum for the purchase of plate, and the  
 Prince has sanctioned the Lt.-Governor's acceptance of "this tribute  
 of Respect and Approbation, which he cannot but consider to be most  
 justly due to the unremitted attention which you have uniformly paid  
 to the Interest and Security of the Province under your Government."  
 Copy: Vol. 305, no. 52. Signed. Vol. 63, doc. 8.
- 12 May Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Edward Mortimer, Pictou.  
 Halifax In receipt of his letter regarding the appointment of Archibald McLean  
 as justice, which was made on the recommendation of Hon. Charles  
 Morris. The Lt.-Governor will receive any representation the magis-  
 trates of the county wish to make on the subject of this appointment.  
 Specific charges will be necessary to effect McLean's removal.  
 (Copy). Vol. 141, pp. 33, 34.
- 12 May Letter of introduction for the Roman Catholic Bishop from Sir Gordon  
 Quebec Drummond to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. Signed. Vol. 430, doc. 152.
- 17 May Sec'y Odell to Sec'y George. The West Quoddy light has been dis-  
 Frederic- continued, and Maj-Gen'l Smyth requests Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to order  
 ton the dues collected for its support in Nova Scotia to be sent to the Treasurer  
 of New Brunswick. He also desires to have a copy of the Acts passed  
 the last session of the legislature of Nova Scotia. (Holograph).  
 Vol. 227, doc. 69.

1815

21 May  
Halifax

H. Wright, Customs Collector at Shelburne, to the Lt.-Governor, asking for instructions as to American vessels fishing on the coasts of the province. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 70.

*Enclosure.*

16 May  
Digby

Copy of letter from Elkanah Morton to H. Wright, his superior in the Custom House, relating his course of action in dealing with three vessels of American fishermen who arrived to fish on the coast. He sent them away, saying that, unless they were in real distress, they should not enter the port. Was his action correct?

*Below.* Copy of Wright's reply, that the Lt.-Governor, who is without instructions respecting this fishery, "is pleased to say, that he should have done, as you have." Vol. 227, doc. 71.

23 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst). In reply to his letter of 13th Feb'y asking certain questions relative to the coal mines in the province Sherbrooke encloses a copy of the Council's report thereon. He hopes that he will soon receive orders with regard to the coal mines. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 38, (p. 142).

23 May  
Halifax

Report of the committee of H. M. Council on the subject, referred to them, of opening the coal mines. (Copy enclosed in Vol. 111, doc. 38). Signed. Vol. 460, doc. 1.

23 May  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to the Commissioners of the Revenue, enclosing and recommending a petition on the subject of the despatch of vessels employed in the plaster of Paris trade. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 143.

23 May  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Customs Collector at Shelburne. In receipt of his letter asking for instructions as to his behaviour towards American fishermen who are coming into the bays and creeks of the province. The Lt.-Governor "has not received any instructions upon the subject referred to from His Majesty's Government." (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 34.

23 May  
Halifax

Opinion of the Crown Officers with regard to the complaints of Dietrichsen against the magistrates of Colchester district, "that Mr. Dietrichsen should first establish the facts in a criminal prosecution, by Information or otherwise," which will give the Lt.-Governor some grounds on which to exercise his discretion, as to removing the magistrates. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 72.

30 May  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Mr. Odell, in reply to his letter to Mr. George. The Lt.-Governor has not ordered tonnage duty to be levied in Nova Scotian ports for the support of the West Quoddy light, but has directed the General in charge at Castine to levy 4 pence per ton on all vessels benefitted by the lighthouse. From a "misconception" no light duty has been collected at Castine. He transmits a printed copy of the Acts passed in the last session of the Nova Scotia legislature. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 35.

7 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Rev. Mr. Waddell, replying to the queries with regard to the marriage ceremonies of the Church of England and the Church of Scotland, propounded in his letter of 1st May. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 36.

8 June  
Windsor

Letter from four magistrates of Windsor to the Lt.-Governor, pointing out that the revival of the gypsum trade has given the magistrates more to do, that some of those holding commissions of the peace are too infirm to do the duty, and recommending that at least two new magistrates be appointed. They recommend Benjamin Dewolf Jr. and Joseph Sentell for the honour. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 83.

*Below.* The Chief Justice's approbation. Sherbrooke's order to make out the commissions.



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12 June  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y to (Custos Rotulorum of each County), transmitting a copy of a general order to the officers commanding battalions of the militia, for the information of the magistrates. The Lt.-Governor asks for the co-operation of all magistrates in apprehending deserters. (Copy). Vol. 141, pp. 37, 38.

*Below.* Copy of general order cancelling order of 11 May, 1812, and detailing the procedure in apprehending deserters.

13 June  
London

Under-sec'y Goulburn to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, in reply to his letter of 4th May. The acts of the Nova Scotia legislature may be transmitted in the form of certified copies of the originals. Signed. Vol. 63, doc. 9.

13 June  
London

Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), enclosing a copy of a memorial from Lt. Howe. Is the land he claims of such a quality as to repay cultivation and will the colony give him the encouragement he asks? Signed. Vol. 63, doc. 10.

*Enclosure.*

(13 June)  
London

Copy of memorial of Lt. Alexander Howe R. N. to Sec'y of State Bathurst, proposing a plan of settlement which he desires to carry out on his lands on St. Mary's River. If he were given such assistance as a year's provisions he could settle 210 families on the banks of the river. They would trade directly with England, carrying fish and lumber there and supplying British merchandize to all the northern part of Nova Scotia. "That complying with your Memorialists Prayer would be amply rewarding the families of two Gentlemen of Nova Scotia now no more—the late Alexr. Howe & the late Benjm. Green whose whole lives were passed to drive the Yankee out & to establish in that Province, what ought to govern it, British opinions & British Interests."

Vol. 63, doc. 11.

13 June  
London

Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He acknowledges several despatches and approves his conduct in occupying part of Maine so promptly. Regarding the negroes whom Cochrane brought into the province, he suggests that they be given small grants of land to cultivate. Signed.

Vol. 63, doc. 12.

13 June  
Digby

1. Schedule of persons in the western district of Annapolis County to whom bounties are due for clearing and planting land, and the quantities of land they have improved. Totals: 216  $\frac{7}{8}$  acres, 39 persons. Certified by the Senior Justice of the Peace.

2. Second schedule showing lands improved by Alexander McIntosh and Chas. Tucker in the same district. Certified by the chairman of a special session of the Peace.

Vol. 225, doc. 7.

14 June  
Sable I.

Report of Edward Hodgson to Michael Wallace on the state of the island. He enumerates the articles of provision they will need before another winter, and suggests killing off the old stock, which are in a low state, and sending some fresh stock from the mainland. Details concerning the men on the island. (Holograph). Vol. 424, doc. 92.

16 June  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Under-sec'y Goulburn, acknowledging receipt of estimate of parliamentary grant.

(Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ . (p. 144).

16 June  
Halifax

Sherbrooke to Wilkins, signifying his acceptance of the pieces of plate voted him by Assembly. (Holograph).

Vol. 305, no. 17.

(16 June)  
Halifax

Letter from the Lt.-Governor to the Council, transmitting the reply of the Secretary of State to the addresses of the Nova Scotia legislature on the opening of the coal mines and the settlement of negroes in the province. Signed.

Vol. 288, no. 102.

*Enclosure.*

- (16 June)  
10 May  
Halifax Extract of despatch from the Secretary of State to the Lt.-Governor in answer to the two addresses of the Nova Scotia legislature on the subjects of opening the coal mines and preventing the further introduction of negroes into the province. He signifies the assent of the Prince Regent to the opening of the coal mines, and thinks the termination of the war will obviate the need of action with regard to the negroes. He suggests that such negroes as are at present in Nova Scotia and unemployed may be used in working the coal mines. Vol. 288, no. 103.
- 17 June  
London Copy of letter from Sec'y of State Bathurst to Vice-Admiral Keats dealing with the question of Americans fishing on the Grand Banks and using the harbours of British North America in their fishing operations. The war having abrogated the provisions of the Treaty of 1783 the Americans have no possible right to use either fishing-grounds or harbours. He is to notify them of this but not to send away any fishermen whom he may find when he arrives in Newfoundland. Vol. 63, doc. 13.
- 17 June  
London Copy of letter from Sec'y of State Bathurst to Admiral Keats relative to Americans fishing on the coasts of British North America. Despite the instructions of his previous letter of this date "it does not appear advisable to His Majesty's Government to press the principle of exclusion against those Fisherman who may subsequently (to this season) arrive on the Coasts." He is merely to notify them of the Government's "views" and intentions with regard to the trade in subsequent years. Vol. 63, doc. 14.
- 17 June  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Customs Collector, Halifax. He transmits a copy of a letter from the Earl of Bathurst to the Lt.-Governor, and the Lt.-Governor's order to release the property therein mentioned. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 39.
- 21 June  
Shuben-  
acadie Memorial of James Wardrobe and 15 other inhabitants of the Shubenacadie district to the Lt.-Governor. They object to the money voted by the legislature for a new bridge in their settlement being used for the repair of the old one. They point out that it will not only be an unsatisfactory piece of work, but that a bridge could be built in a much more advantageous position a few rods farther down the river. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 84.
- 22 June  
Anna-  
polis Schedule of persons in the eastern district of Annapolis to whom bounties are due for clearing and planting land, and the quantities improved by each. Totals: 1026  $\frac{7}{8}$  acres, 85 persons. Certified by the Custos Rotulorum and examined by Michael Wallace. Vol. 225, doc. 11.
- 23 June  
Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Messrs. Whidden and Wooden, road commissioners. He transmits a copy of the petition on the subject of the expenditure of £150 granted to aid the inhabitants to rebuild the bridge on the Shubenacadie River. The Lt.-Governor wishes them to report on the petition and not to proceed with the expenditure until further orders have been sent. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 40.
- 25 June  
Amherst Schedule of persons to whom bounties are due for clearing and planting land, and the quantities of land improved by each. Totals: 203 acres, 138 poles, 38 persons. The Justices nominate Thos. Roach to receive payment. Signed by the Clerk of the Peace. Vol. 225, doc. 9.
- 26 June  
Halifax Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), relative to Indian affairs. He has lately given a commission for declaring the authority of an Indian chief over the tribe that had chosen him. Since he is assured that the granting of commissions to good Indians tends to good behaviour in the tribe he suggests that in certain cases it be done. He asks for



- several of the silver medals which it has been customary to give these chiefs as tokens of their allegiance to the King and of their chieftainship. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 39, (pp. 145-147).
- 1815 Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Commissioners of the Province House. In answer to the representation made by them, the Lt.-Governor does not approve of allowing two shillings per day more to masons employed at the Province House. He has the support of the Council on this point. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 39.
- 26 June Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Hugh Denoon, Pictou. The Halifax Lt.-Governor considers that the reasons given by the magistrates who applied for a revocation of Archibald McLean's commission as magistrate are quite sufficient. He is to return the dedimus not executed and to name three persons from whom a justice of the peace for the east district of Pictou will be appointed. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 40.
- 26 June Draft of letter from Wilkins to A. Belcher, asking him to purchase Halifax the plate voted by the Assembly for the Lt.-Governor. Instructions as to pieces, inscription etc. Vol. 305, no. 55.
- 27 June Petition of Martin Thaxter to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He is an American Halifax subject, a baker, and wishes to take the oath of allegiance, to import his family and household goods into the province and to reside at Liverpool. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 85.
- Below. Sherbrooke's permission for him to take the oath of allegiance and receive a licence to import his family and effects.
- 3 July Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Under-sec'y Goulburn. He transmits printed Halifax copies of the acts made by the legislature during their last session, for the private information of Lord Bathurst, since manuscript copies are to be sent for the consideration of the Prince Regent. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 39½, (p. 147).
- 3 July Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the commissioners of the Halifax Province House. Their letter has been considered by the Governor and Council, and the Lt.-Governor recommends them to use their best efforts to retain the masons at the lowest possible rate, but on no account to exceed nine shillings a day for their wages. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 41.
- 5 July Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), announcing the Halifax departure of the Judge of Vice-Admiralty for England and his appointment of Crofton Uniacke as his Surrogate. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 40, (p. 148).
- 6 July Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke), directing him London to lay out a grant of 1000 acres for Col. Colin Campbell and family. The government does not approve of any larger grants being made. Signed. Vol. 63, doc. 15.
- 6 July Same to same. He transmits a copy of a letter from Mr. Simon Fraser London asking for permission to go to Nova Scotia in his capacity as a minister of the Church of Scotland. Before granting this permission Bathurst wishes to know whether the inhabitants of Pictou are desirous of having a pastor sent from Great Britain. Signed. Vol. 63, doc. 16.
- Enclosure.
- (6 July) Copy of letter from Simon Fraser to Under-sec'y Goulburn, relative 7 June to his going to Nova Scotia. He gives proof that the inhabitants of Halifax Edin- Pictou are desirous of obtaining his services as a pastor of the Church of Scotland, and he would like to know whether the salary of a missionary there is the same as in Canada. If so, he awaits instructions from Lord Bathurst. Vol. 63, doc. 17.
- (6 July) Rev. Thos. McCulloch to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, on the subject of Pictou the encouragement of schools and education in the province. He recounts his own efforts in opening and carrying on Pictou Academy, and the public response to it. Since the schoolhouse was burned, and a new

one built by the inhabitants, there are several items of expense which must be met before it can be used. He points out the need that exists for a small library attached to the school, especially since many of his books and those of the scholars were destroyed by fire. He hopes that the needs of the school will be considered by the Lt.-Governor when determining the expenditure of the sum placed at his disposal for the advancement of religion and good morals. (Holograph).

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Vol. 227, doc. 89.

6 July  
Pictou

Certificate of Edward Mortimer, sole surviving trustee, to the truth of Dr. McCulloch's statements. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 90.

8 July  
London

N. Atcheson to Blowers and Wilkins, reporting on objects supported by Council and Assembly. The law excluding Americans from carrying trade will probably be continued. "As to the fisheries the Americans are not considered to have any Right to fish within our Waters, nor is it likely that any such Indulgence will be granted them. The former treaty being, in that respect, abrogated, they are not on a more favourable footing than the Subjects of any other Foreign country." He will send copy of Naval Timber Act, which has been passed to continue for 5 years. "The consideration of the Gypsum Trade, the Re-export of East India Goods which it appears is allowed at present in the other Colonies, the Equalization of the Duty on Oil and Blubber exported from the British North American provinces will be resumed in the Course of the Summer." Encloses letter showing satisfactory attitude *re* emigration. Col. Barclay is appointed British Commissioner to settle ownership of Passamaquoddy Bay Islands. Signed. Vol. 305, no. 60.

*Enclosures.*

(8 July)  
29 May  
Downing  
St.

1. (Copy). Henry Goulburn to Atcheson, stating that, in answer to address of Council and Assembly on emigration Govt., because of change of affairs in Europe, "have for the present suspended the Encouragement originally intended to be given to persons desirous of emigrating to British North America, but whenever it is resumed" (i.e. Napoleon is disposed of) "Lord Bathurst will take into Consideration the Wishes of the Inhabitants of Nova Scotia." Vol. 305, no. 58.

(8 July)  
5 June  
London

2. (Copy). J. Inglis (Chairman of London Committee of Merchants interested in Trade and Fisheries of Brit. North America) to Bathurst. Since it is understood that a commercial treaty is pending between England and the United States, Committee wish to express "an Opinion very generally entertained by Merchants, that the safest policy for this Country will be to leave the Trade with the U. S. open to such municipal Regulation as may, from time to time become necessary—unfettered by any Treaty whatever"; if commercial treaty is made, Committee represents "Expediency of excluding all American vessels from the Harbours, Rivers, Creeks, Inlets and Coasts of Brit. North America, and that the Citizens of the United States shall be prohibited from fishing therein and on the Coasts of Newfoundland, Labradore, and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and that, in future, all Intercourse with the British West India Islands, in American vessels, be likewise prohibited".

Importance of prohibition to British ship-owners and merchants. Continuance and extension of timber trade from British colonies another object important to colonial and shipping interests of England; "the Committee therefore hope His Majesty's Government will not accede to any Alteration in the Duties imposed on Wood, Staves and Ashes imported here from the United States, but rather to increase the same on Staves and Timber." Vol. 305, no. 59.



- 10 July  
Douglas      Reply of the commissioners for building the Shubenacadie bridge, Jas. Whidden and Stephen Woodworth, to Sec'y Cogswell's letter. Whidden and Woodworth explain why they did not follow the directions of their commissions, protesting that their course of action in repairing instead of rebuilding the bridge will greatly benefit the public. Signed. *Overleaf*. Council minute disapproving of their action. Vol. 227, doc. 86.
- 12 July  
Halifax      Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Thos. Millidge. He encloses a copy of a petition to the Lt.-Governor praying for the appointment of two or more commissioners of sewers for Granville township. The Lt.-Governor wishes him to take "the most proper method of ascertaining of the general wish of the proprietors upon the subject, and request that they will suggest the names of six of the most creditable persons in the Township out of which number His Excellency will probably appoint two or three to be commissioners of sewers. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 41.
- 15 July  
Halifax      Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Mr. Newton. He transmits a copy of a letter from the Customs Collector at Halifax to the Lt.-Governor relative to Newton's conduct as acting collector at Castine. His Excellency requires him to make the return indicated by the Collector's letter and to take out his commission as surveyor of shipping for Halifax or state his reasons for declining. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 42.
- 18 July  
Halifax      Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the Customs Collector at Halifax, enclosing a copy of the return made by Mr. Wm. Newton. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 42.
- 22 July  
Halifax      Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke to the Catholic Bishop of Quebec in answer to his "Memoire" regarding land promised to Peter Borien and associates. He explains the cause of the delay and gives the Surveyor-General's assurance that the grant will be made out as soon as possible. (Copy). Vol. 111, p. 149.
- 25 July  
Halifax      List of criminals tried in the Supreme Court, Trinity Term 1815, at Halifax, showing the charges, the pleas, the verdicts and the sentences. (Trials between 17th and 19th July). Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 82.
- 26 July  
London      Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He transmits a copy of a memorandum from Sir Alexander Murray relative to his land in Nova Scotia. In consideration of his exertions in improving the land he is to postpone proceedings for the escheat of the land for four years. If no further progress shall have been made at the end of that time the land will then be escheated. Signed. Vol. 63, doc. 18.
- 26 July  
London      *Enclosure*. Memorandum by Sir Alexander Cochrane relative to his land in Nova Scotia. He has expended at least £10,000 on his land, but, owing to local circumstances and the places in which it was spent, he has not fulfilled all the conditions of the grant. He asks that the grant be declared free from escheat. Vol. 63, doc. 19.
- 26 July  
Shuben-  
acadie      Second petition of the Shubenacadie people on the subject of the expenditure of a sum for a bridge in their settlement. They thank the Lt.-Governor for interfering on their behalf and ask that he countermand the commission of the supervisors, who have determined to repair the old bridge, and stop the money from being paid out of the Treasury. Signed by 23 persons. Vol. 227, doc. 88.
- 27 July  
Halifax      Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Messrs. Moody and Stewart. The Lt.-Governor requires them to provide for the cleaning of the provincial Court House after they used it for holding an auction. (Copy). Vol. 141, pp. 42, 43.

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4 Aug London Andrew Belcher to Wilkins. In receipt of letter; has given order for plate to be made. Signed. (Duplicate). Vol. 305, no. 56.

4 Aug Clare

Letter from M. Plessis, Roman Catholic Bishop of Quebec, to Sir John Sherbrooke, enclosing his letter relating to the Indians. He asks that Sir John recommend his plan to His Majesty's Ministers. (The letter is written in French). (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 154.

*Enclosure.*

(4 Aug)  
27 July  
Halifax

Letter in French from the Roman Catholic Bishop of Quebec to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke on the subject of the Indians. He points out the sad and degenerate state of the Indians of the province and suggests that the Church be permitted to establish a Trappist community for the purpose of educating and instructing them. He asks for the permission of His Majesty's Ministers. (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 153.

8 Aug  
Shuben-  
acadie

Statement of James McLellan, offering a part of his land for the proposed road to run down to the new bridge across the river.

(Copy). Vol. 227, doc. 87.

14 Aug  
Shel-  
burne

Customs Collector Wright to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He has reason to expect to be made Customs Collector for the province of New Brunswick, and recommends that the Comptroller at Shelburne be promoted to the Collectorship, if his expectations are realized. Signed.

Vol. 227, doc. 91.

19 Aug  
Halifax

General instructions for the commander of the hired government sloop *Earl Bathurst* on taking over the vessel, by the Lt.-Governor. Ten articles of instruction. (Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 53-55.

19 Aug  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the commander of the hired government sloop *Earl Bathurst*, directing him to proceed off the Harbour and aid any distressed vessel he should fall in with.

(Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 55, 56.

20 Aug  
Halifax

Copy. Wilkins to Speaker of N. B. Assembly. Enclosing law passed by N. S. Assembly to regulate plaster of Paris trade. Comments on act which has fallen short of accomplishing its object, due to smallness of duty placed upon plaster of Paris. Suggests heavier duty which will give employment to large Nova Scotian vessels, and compel small vessels to engage in fisheries. Vol. 305, no. 57.

21 Aug  
Quebec

Sir Gordon Drummond (Administrator of Upper Canada) to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He transmits a copy of report of the committee that distributed £2500 donated by the N. S. legislature to relieve Upper Canadian sufferers from the ravages of the enemy.

(Copy). Vol. 227, doc. 95.

3 *Enclosures.*

(21 Aug)  
8 Aug  
Kingston

1. Robinson to Foster (Military Sec'y) requesting transmission to Drummond of enclosed report of the committee to distribute the Nova Scotian donation. (Copy). Vol. 227, doc. 92.

(21 Aug)  
28 June  
Stan-  
ford

2. Minutes of proceedings of the committee appointed to distribute the Nova Scotian donation for the Upper Canadians who suffered through the ravages of the enemy. (Copy). Vol. 227, doc. 93.

(21 Aug)  
28 June  
Stan-  
ford

3. List of sufferers on the Niagara frontier aided by the Nova Scotian fund. (Copy). Vol. 227, doc. 94.

23 Aug  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), relative to the employment of a schooner for the use of the provincial government and the protection of trade. He has employed one for the first time since the beginning of hostilities with the United States, and will draw bills



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28 Aug  
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for her expenses quarterly, as before. He asks for instructions on this head. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ , (p. 150).  
Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst), transmitting a petition from the Committee of Trade asking that the duties on oil and blubber imported into Great Britain from Nova Scotia may be made the same as on those imported from Newfoundland.
- 28 Aug  
Halifax  
Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke) to Sec'y of State (Bathurst) transmitting the Journals and Proceedings of the Assembly for the last session. (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 41, (p. 151).
- 30 Aug  
Halifax  
Petition of Phillip Woods, proprietor of the Boston Museum, to the Lt.-Governor, asking for permission to exhibit wax figures etc. in Halifax. (Holograph). (Copy). Vol. 111, doc. 42, (p. 151).
- Overleaf.* 1. Sec'y Cogswell asks magistrates if they have any objection to Woods' exhibiting in Halifax.  
2. Magistrates state that they have. Vol. 227, doc. 98.
- (1815  
Aug?)  
Halifax  
Cornelius Vandine's account of his travels and experiences and present condition. He is now at a loose end and would be glad to be of service in any capacity. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 96.
- 2 Sept  
Halifax  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the commander of the hired government sloop, directing him to take Capt. Ralph on board and proceed out of the Harbour to look for the British ship *Mulgrave Castle* and bring her into port. (Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 56, 57.
- 5 Sept  
Halifax  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the commander of the hired government sloop, directing him to proceed out of the Harbour and give aid to any distressed ship he may meet. (Copy). Vol. 111A, p. 57.
- 22 Sept  
Pictou  
Letter from W. Patterson to J. W. Nutting, enclosing his proportion of the fees for the May and July terms. He also asks him to obtain a licence to allow a friend of his who wishes to remove from Philadelphia to the province to bring in his family and £300 worth of household goods. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 100.
- 22 Sept  
Halifax  
Copy. Admiral Griffith to Sherbrooke, transmitting letter from Lockwood, Admiralty Surveyor, on the condition of Brier Island lighthouse. *Annexed.*  
Copy of Lockwood's letter to Griffith, showing bad state of lighthouse and suggesting remedial measures. Vol. 305, no. 51.
- 26 Sept  
Halifax  
Instructions from the deputy Prov. Sec'y to the commander of the hired government sloop *Earl Bathurst*, directing him to take on board a party of soldiers and proceed to St. John, N. B. (Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 58, 59.
- 2 Oct  
Halifax  
Lewis M. Wilkins to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, giving information against Wm. Smith, supervisor of the road between Sackville Bridge and the west side of Ardoise Hill. In Windsor he obtained information of Smith's having employed negroes to work on the road, paid them nine dollars a month and their food, and charged the province five shillings a day for their labour. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 99.
- 3 Oct  
Halifax  
Lt.-Governor Sherbrooke to the Speaker of the House. In receipt of his letter containing the charges against Wm. Smith, Supervisor of the Windsor Road. He has transmitted the charges to Smith, requiring him to give a full and explicit answer, and awaits hearing from him before determining the measures to be taken. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 45.
- 3 Oct  
Halifax  
Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Smith, supervisor of the Windsor road. The Speaker of the House has brought a serious charge against Smith in the execution of his commission. "It is alleged that you employ a number of Black Men as laborers on the Western side of Ardoise Hill at the monthly Wages of Nine Dollars and in your Account

- with the Province charge for each man 5/ per day by which means you derive a very large profit and most injurious consequences result to the Province by rendering it your interest to protract the Expenditure of the Sum voted by the Assembly to a distant period." The Lt.-Governor calls on him to answer the charge. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 43.
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5 Oct Windsor Rd. Wm. Smith, supervisor of work on the Windsor Road, to Sec'y Cogswell, in reply to the charge of misconduct made against him by Mr. Wilkins, Speaker of the House. He explains how the negroes he was forced to employ were paid. (Holograph). Vol. 227, doc. 101.
- 7 Oct Chester Letter from Jas. Walker to H. H. Cogswell, in reply to his letter relative to the complaint of an Indian that his land has been injured by an alteration in a road. He explains the slight nature of the injury, and proposes offering the Indian seven or eight pounds compensation. (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 155.
- 10 Oct London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He acknowledges receipt of several despatches. The sum arising from the duties collected at Castine while it was occupied by British troops will be "applied in defraying the Expence of any improvements which it may be deemed expedient to undertake in the Province." He awaits Sherbrooke's suggestions. He approves of the payment made to Gen'l Gosselin. Col. Fitzherbert will receive the same emoluments as Gen'l Swayne for his services in administering Cape Breton. He has given directions for a small supply of presents to be sent for the Indians in the neighbourhood of Nova Scotia. Signed. Vol. 63, doc. 20.
- 27 Oct Yarmouth Petition of twenty-six inhabitants of Yarmouth to the Lt.-Governor, on the subject of the Yarmouth grammar school. They explain how the ill-will of one of the trustees forced the school-master to resign. "Your Petitioners relying on your Excellency's earnest disposition to promote useful learning throughout this Province therefore humbly beg that your Excellency would be pleased to adopt some method for the reestablishment and continuance of an Institution so desirable and beneficial to the general Interest and welfare of the Country." Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 102.
- 30 Oct Halifax Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Wm. Sabatier, and all the sheriffs, notifying them of their appointments as sheriffs of the various counties. The commissions will be made out on their taking security. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 44.
- 10 Nov London Sec'y of State (Bathurst) to Lt.-Gov. (Sherbrooke). He acknowledges receipt of several despatches. He approves of the measures taken by the Lieutenant-Governor to provide for the negroes which have arrived in the province. If they would prefer a settlement in a warmer climate he will have them transported to Trinidad, where preparations have already been made for them. Signed. Vol. 63, doc. 21.
- 14 Nov London Same to same. He has transmitted Sherbrooke's letter containing one from Mr. Rotch relative to establishing a whale fishery to the Committee for Trade, and encloses a copy of their opinion. Signed. Vol. 63, doc. 22.
- Enclosure.*
- (14 Nov)  
13 Nov London Copy of letter from Viscount Chetwynd to Under-sec'y Goulburn. In reply to Mr. Rotch's proposal of establishing a whale fishery in Nova Scotia the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade cannot allow the main object of Rotch's application (permission to import the produce of the fishery into the United Kingdom duty free). They "do not think it advisable that any Encouragement should be given to Mr. Rotch which might lead him to expect to be eventually put upon the footing of British Subjects engaged in the fisheries." Vol. 63, doc. 23.



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15 Nov  
St. John

John Robinson (Speaker of N. B. Assembly) to Wilkins. In receipt of letter *re* plaster of Paris trade, which will be placed before Assembly of N. B. as soon as it meets. Importance of excluding Americans from carrying trade, and of encouraging owners of small vessels to employ them in the fisheries, so that northern colonies can make good their promise of supplying West Indies with fish. Signed. Vol. 305, no. 34.

16 Nov  
Halifax

John Black to Wilkins, presenting Assembly with a new map of the British provinces of North America, as a mark of respect from Mr. Belcher and himself. (Holograph). Vol. 305, no. 53.

17 Nov  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Hugh Denoon, Senior Magistrate at Pictou. In receipt of his letter relating to the immigrants from Scotland. The Lt.-Governor has taken the advice of the Council thereon, and directs the magistrates to defray expenses made necessary by sickness or "unavoidable distress" of the immigrants. He will recommend and the Council be ready to concur in a vote of the legislature to reimburse sums so expended. (Copy). Vol. 141, pp. 44, 45.

17 Nov  
Halifax

Copy. Wilkins to John Black, thanking him for map and letter, which will be presented to House when it meets. Vol. 305, no. 54.

20 Nov  
London

Under-sec'y Goulburn to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke, transmitting a printed copy of an act to regulate the trade between Malta and British America. Signed. Vol. 63, doc. 24.

*Enclosure.*

(20 Nov)  
23 Mar  
London

Printed copy of act to regulate the trade between Malta and the British American colonies, also between Malta and the United Kingdom. Vol. 63, doc. 25.

27 Nov  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to the commander of the hired government sloop *Earl Bathurst*, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's directions for him to proceed to Annapolis. (Copy). Vol. 111A, pp. 59, 60.

Nov  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Isaiah Smith, Sheriff of Hants County, transmitting the Lt.-Governor's order for him to send three deserters confined in the gaol in Windsor to Halifax—under guard—to the commanding officer of the 60th Regt. with as little expense as possible. (Copy). Vol. 141, pp. 45, 46.

4 Dec  
Frederic-  
ton

Maj-Gen'l Smyth (Administrator of New Brunswick) to Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke. He points out the 16th article of the King's Instructions, and asks whether Sherbrooke has had any correspondence with the Sec'y of State on the subject of passing temporary militia acts, which this Instruction forbids. Since these acts are commonly passed both in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, he wants to know if there is any justification of them. Signed. Vol. 227, doc. 104.

8 Dec  
Halifax

Letter from James Walker, Commissioner of the Hammond's Plain road, stating that an alteration of the road at Indian River has injured the property of an Indian who demands five pounds compensation, and asking that he be given the sum in exchange for the land. (Holograph). Vol. 430, doc. 156.

23 Dec  
Halifax

Deputy Prov. Sec'y (H. H. Cogswell) to Terence Cochran, Supervisor of Ardoise Hill Road. He transmits the Lt.-Governor's orders for him to expend £100 in placing a temporary bridge over the spot where the bridge that was carried away by the recent storm rested. (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 46.

24 Dec  
Halifax

Lt.-Gov. Sherbrooke to Maj-Gen'l Smyth, New Brunswick. In receipt of his letter of 4th instant. Replying thereto he states that "the Militia Laws of this Province were originally made with unlimited duration agreeably to the 18th Article of the Royal Instructions. Subsequent improvements of a permanent nature were made in these laws until the year 1795 when a more vigorous and efficient system better calculated

for a State of War and the situation of the Province at that Period was judged necessary, this I find was a temporary Law." "The Militia Code has since received much improvement but still continues temporary containing a clause repealing the perpetual Militia Law, by which means when the present Law Expires the former will again go into operation." (Copy). Vol. 141, p. 47.

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(24 Dec)  
Halifax

Wm. Sabatier to Lt.-Governor, reporting on provision made for newly arrived negroes at Dartmouth, Windsor Rd. etc. Encloses various returns, accounts etc. on subject. Vol. 305, no. 6.

*Enclosures.*(24 Dec)  
6 Feb  
Dartmouth

Seth Coleman to Wm. Sabatier, reporting on questions asked him by Sabatier *re* inhabitants of Dartmouth and Preston. Has vaccinated many people and put a stop to small-pox epidemic. Gives numbers of vaccinated and unvaccinated inhabitants; his ministrations to others. (Holograph). Vol. 305, no. 5.

(24 Dec)  
Halifax

List of black men, women and children arrived from the Chesapeake. Vol. 305, no. 7.

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Pictou

A list of emigrants from Great Britain in 1815, settled or settling in Pictou. (2 large sheets). 166 men and women, 200 children in all.

Vol. 227, doc. 118.

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Account of acting commissioner of lighthouses. Incomplete.

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Account of the province with Michael Wallace for expenditures for the Sable Island establishment for the past year. Signed.

Vol. 424, doc. 94.

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Petition of 34 inhabitants of Upper and Middle Stewiacke to the Lt.-Governor, asking that a deputy registrar be appointed for the two townships, and explaining why they need one. Signed by all.

Vol. 227, doc. 103.