

1801.

Council, owing to the illness of members; was obliged to fill up vacancies. Two privateers on the coast, suspected to be in search of two mast ships; the "Earl of Moira" sent for intelligence and to take the mast ships in charge. Col. Cor. N. S. vol. 35, p. 33

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July 3,
Halifax.

Wentworth to Secretary of State (Portland). Is sending accounts by Bingham, Reynett having been prevented from going; there has been no avoidable delay. A large ship from Boston, loaded with flour, wrecked on Sable Island; relief sent; sends copies of instructions to Coleman, his report, &c.; he is fully persuaded that a light-house of wood can be erected with safety on Sable Island, the same as those on Nantucket; shall send description and estimate of cost. The Assembly has voted £600 to maintain three families on the island to give assistance to shipwrecked people. Shall get two cannon, one to be placed at each end of the island to be used as signals. Report from the "Earl of Moira" of her timely arrival at Annapolis, to repress the misconduct of American fishermen who carry on an illicit trade, which should be suppressed conformably to the treaties between Great Britain and the United States. Col. Cor. N. S. vol. 35, p. 49

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Halifax.

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July 8,
Halifax.

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July 18,
London.

Croke to the same. Has reason to believe he will be appointed judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court at Halifax; asks that he be appointed to a seat in the Council. A. & W. I. vol. 598

July 8,
Kensington
Palace.

Duke of Kent to the same. Sends an extract from Despard's letter, which will show Murray's conduct to have been worse than believed.

Extract follows. A. & W. I. vol. 598

July 27,
Halifax.

Wentworth to Secretary of State (Portland). Close of the session of the legislature; the harmony that prevailed; liberal grants made for roads, bridges and other accommodation. A committee appointed to prepare buildings for Sable Island; preparations also making for means of communication, for provisions, &c.; hopes to have the establishment completed by 10th October. Five hundred people who were prepared to emigrate from Scotland to the United States have resolved to come to Nova Scotia; 120 are arrived; many are employed and others settled on lands in convenient situations. To open roads, &c., the Assembly has voted £1,000 currency. St. George's chapel opened for public worship.