

## Department of Agriculture—Archives.

1800.

that people are afraid to have intercourse with him or even to sell him the necessaries of life. Will do his duty as if in a siege, which his state resembles. Asks that Smith and Baker may be examined on oath before the Privy Council, so that full information may be obtained. Had conducted all operations without drawing from the Treasury, but Despard having taken the profits of the mines, the source of payment, he (Murray) is obliged to draw the bills enumerated. The unfitness of the "Hope," which he had exchanged for a better vessel, to which had been transferred all the best stores from the "Hope" when the exchange was made.

Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 77, p. 543

*Enclosed.* Agreement for the repair of the schooner "Polly." 551, 553

Acknowledgment of receiving the "Hope" for the "Polly" and for the repairs, &c., done to the latter. 557

November 10,  
Kensington  
Palace.

Gordon to King. Sends by order of the Duke of Kent extract from letter from Bowyer, commanding in Nova Scotia, relative to the extraordinary conduct of Murray in Cape Breton. A. & W. I., vol. 598

The extract is enclosed.

November 12,  
Sydney.

Despard to Secretary of State (Portland). Reports that having received the books from Murray, he has examined them and finds that the entry was improperly made in the case of Macarmick, which formed part of the charges against Mathews, the entry being agreed to by all the Council except Dodd, who opposed it, stating his opinion. Sends extract from minute. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 77, p. 571

*Enclosed.* Extract from minute of Council of 12th November, 1799. 575  
State of the Council, 1st November, 1800. 579

November 12,  
Sydney.

Despard to Secretary of State (Portland). Has received dispatches, two for Murray, which he had sent him; these inform him that His Grace had sent to him (Despard) copy of letter to him (Murray) of 20th September, ordering him to deliver up all papers relating to the government of Cape Breton. Murray sent that evening the seals of the island and of the Supreme Court and next day the Council and Register books and a number of letters. The trouble given by Murray was largely due to the confidence he placed in Smith and Cossit; Campbell is well qualified to be Attorney General. The distress caused to McKinnon and his family from his suspension by Murray and the refusal to grant certificates for his salary; asks for a decision on McKinnon's case; believes his suspension was made on groundless pretences. Sends petition from Ball, who, he thinks, has been hardly treated. 561

*Enclosed.* Petition from Ingram Ball. 567

November 15,  
London.

Hames to King. Applies to be appointed naval officer in Newfoundland, or superintendent of mines in Cape Breton, as it would be pleasant to return there, where Despard has made him his confidential friend. A. & W. I., vol. 598

Memorandum by Hames enclosed, respecting Despard's sentiments on the government of Cape Breton.

November 15,  
Whitehall.

Secretary of State (Portland) to Despard. Since instructions were sent on 20th September, his (Despard's) dispatches have been received. The improper conduct of Murray shall be represented to the Duke of York, so that notice of it may be taken in a military point of view. Authority given to suspend all members of Government who refuse to do their duty. Sends copy of memorial from Tremain & Stout. Murray to be called on to account for £2,131, 11s. 5d. paid by them into his hands. Sends copy of letter to Murray, written in consequence of his representations of the misconduct of Tremain & Stout, which authorized him to acquire from them the implements necessary for working the coal mine and also giving him authority to expend not more than £1,000 in building a Government House. Murray to be compelled to repay any sums in his hands unac-