

Department of Agriculture—Archives.

1824.
April 20,
York. Maitland to Bathurst (No. 132). Sends memorial from Joseph Spragge, schoolmaster at York. Cannot in his case set aside the rules as to grants, but recommends that he get 500 acres, subject to the expenses of the patent only. Page 350
- April 21,
York. *Enclosed.* Memorial of Joseph Spragge for a free grant of lands. 351
Maitland to Bathurst (No. 133). Reports the case of Angell, whose application for land was not acceded to, he having been removed from the service owing to causes not creditable to him. 353
- April 22,
York. The same to the same (No. 134). Instead of a grant of lands reserved for the St. Regis Indians being granted to William McGillivray, he has been given 6,000 acres in the township of Plantagenet. As McGillivray is solicitous to be put in possession without delay, asks if he is to issue the deed without waiting for the fulfilment of settlement duties. 356
- April 23,
York. The same to the same (No. 135). Small, clerk of the Crown and Pleas, handed him (Maitland) a dispatch on the subject of a memorial for clerks and stationery presented by Small on account of the reduction of fees. Had submitted the memorial to the judges on their return from circuit and transmits their report. A motion in relation to the reduction was made in the Assembly, but dismissed, as was a similar motion in the session of 1823. 359
- Enclosed.* Report of the judges, the summing up of which is as follows: "Nothing is done in the office of clerk of the Crown and pleas "without a competent charge to the public or individual and the "allowance of clerk's wages and other items to a large amount "appear as incompatible with an office in which nothing is done "gratuitously." 362
- May 11,
Queenston. Maitland to Bathurst (No. 136). Has received circular respecting duties to be levied on American vessels in colonial ports to meet a similar duty imposed on British vessels in American harbours. This has already been provided for as far as regards Canada. The validity of the other object, that of imposing ten per cent additional duty on goods from the United States can be inferred from the order in council, but he is advised that it would not be safe to strain it as the clause of the Act refers to particular ports. 366
- May 12,
York. The same to the same (No. 137). Orders have been given, according to instructions, to enter a Nol. Pros. on the indictment preferred against John Macdonald for high treason. 369
- May 13,
York. The same to the same (No. 138). Transmits memorial from Baby, inspector general of public accounts, and the documents which accompanied it and recommends the petition to favourable consideration. 371
- Enclosed.* Memorial for arrears of salary being only paid £182 10s. currency as provided by the first appointment, which was joined to other offices, instead of £365 as settled by Sir Gordon Drummond. 373
- Extracts from letters from Sir Gordon Drummond and Lord Bathurst, dated in 1814. 375, 376
- April 14,
Queenston. Maitland to Bathurst (No. 139). Sends additional information in respect to the proposals of the Laird of McNab to bring out emigrants. Understands that the feeling in the Colonial office is rather favourable than otherwise to McNab's proposal. The desire of his people in Scotland to emigrate to Canada. Had consented to appropriate to them a township on the Ottawa on certain conditions of which he sends copy; the class of people the McNab proposes to bring are most desirable settlers, and the land could not be better disposed of, and if he fail it can be easily resumed by government. The question of this settlement had, as the attorney general remembered, been discussed informally, but as there was nothing in official shape before Mr. Wilmot Horton it may not have been impressed on his mind. 378