1796. February 24, Whitehall.

March 2.

London.

King to Spiller. To pay to Wolfe a moiety of Hurd's salary for one year to 24th June, 1795. Col. Off., C.B., vol. 1, p. 112

DesBarres to Secretary of State (Portland). Asks for copies of reports to the Treasury on the expenditures of Cape Breton from 1784 to 1787, as these have prejudiced the Treasury against him and he has been refused copies or leave to peruse the reports, when he applied at the office.

Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 71, p. 269

March 7, London.

Strongly recommends the case of Dr. Smith. Freeman to King.

March 9, London.

Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 73, p. 251 Suggests that some subordinate situation might be Mitford to the same. given to Dr. Smith, who must otherwise literally starve.

March 20, Halifax.

Miller to the same. Recapitulates contents of his letters to the Secretary The relations between him and the President of the Council. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 71, p. 289

March 22. Chiswick.

Macarmick to Secretary of State (Portland). An emigration being about to take place to the United States, offers his services to assist in settling the emigrants on lands in Cape Breton.

March 22. Sydney.

Mathews to Secretary of State (Portland). Circulars received; sends minute of Council on the establishment of a school and letter respecting fees; shall communicate instructions on that subject to Miller on his return. The care taken to arrange about the building of a school-house; has written to the Bishop of Nova Scotia about a schoolmaster; the emoluments should secure a fit person. Repeats the information in letter of 8th December, respecting Miller's movements. The decrease in the export of coal in the half-year ending in July as compared with the preceding half year is because the shipping season does not begin till July. The excessive price and scarcity of flour; the farmers have not yet been able to raise more grain than is sufficient for their own use, but their industry will in a short time overcome their difficulties.

Enclosed. Minutes of Council 12th and 22nd March.

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Letter from officers of Customs, 12th March, in relation to fees, maintaining that Miller's proposal for a change in the method of collecting them would be injurious to the coal trade.

April 5, Whitehall. April 15,

Halifax.

King to Spiller. To pay Macarmick a moiety of his salary as Lieutenant-Governor till further orders. Col. Off., C.B., vol. 1, p. 113

Miller to Secretary of State (Portland). Sends abstract of the sale of coals from Spanish River; the growing importance of the trade; its disadvantages from the importation of coal from Liverpool and the heavy charges the vessels are exposed to in the American States. Has received orders for Criticises the conduct towards him of the President of the his salary. Council. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 71, p. 293

Abstract of coals shipped. Enclosed.

April 30.

R. P. Anderson to Secretary of State (Portland). Transmits memorial from Susannah, widow of Chief Justice Gibbons, and recommends that she be paid her late husband's full salary, he having been fully punished for any offence he had committed, by his suspension and subsequent misfor-273 tunes.

Memorial from Mrs. Gibbons.

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May 6, Sydney.

Mathews to Secretary of State (Portland). Letter received in time to prevent contracts being entered into for the court-house and gaol. courts at present accommodated in Government House; its unsuitableness; proposes temporary arrangements for a gaol. On what terms a site for a mill should be granted and the encouragement that might be given towards building one. Sends naval officer's answer on Miller's proposal to rearrange the fees on vessels carrying coal; the general opinion is, that Miller's plan Wrote to Miller, but no answer is yet received; the would be hurtful. views of the contractors enclosed. His private as well as public interests