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the high cost of wages and provisions ; other branches have more than made this up, besides the value of the prizes brought in. Sends memorial from Tremain & Stout, lessees of the collieries ; the increased cost by the change of system ; how supplies of fuel are now obtained. Distress caused by the non-arrival of the estimate. The successful sale of the maroon estates. Offer by the maroons to supply slaves from Sierra Leone ; mistake of the philanthropists in importing these ferocious slave hunters in the hope of putting an end to the slave trade ; the grief of Thornton and Wilberforce when they discover their mistake. Remarks on the proper method of dealing with the maroons and the duty of Jamaica in their removal. A. & W. I. vol. 598

September 15,
Halifax.

Wentworth to King. Is going to Windsor in relation to the college and will afterwards make a tour of the province. Disputes relative to the issue of marriage licenses ; his good understanding with the Bishop of Nova Scotia and his efforts in favour of the Church of England. Col. Murray still refuses to transfer the civil government of Cape Breton to Despard. A report has been received from the United States that the people are waxing warm about the interruption to their trade.

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October 6,
Abingdon
Street.

S. Bernard to the same. As agent for Nova Scotia he has been instructed to point out the inconvenience of the present boundary between that province and New Brunswick. Encloses a question which might be submitted to Carleton so as to obtain the opinion of New Brunswick on the subject.

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Enclosed. The question proposed.

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October 17,
Whitehall.

Secretary of State (Portland) to Wentworth. The general tenour of the Acts passed last session conduces to the interest of the province. The discussion respecting the rights and privileges of the Assembly may have arisen from the present constitution ; hopes they are now so well defined as not to leave room for differences. His relief at the sailing of the maroons ; the enormous expense attending them, that and the incorrectness of the accounts are matters of serious import. The King's satisfaction at the loyal address on his escape. The proposal respecting Sable Island requires mature consideration ; the first step is to have it surveyed and a place looked out for a lighthouse &c. ; desires to have further information.

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(Copy in Col. Off. N. S. vol. 2, p. 357, where the day of the month is supplied.)

November 8,
Halifax.

Wentworth to King. Has returned from his tour ; the prevalence of small-pox. Arrival of the "Mary" in 18 days. Murray still refuses to give up the civil government ; he and Despard have both named Councils. The improved state of the college at Windsor ; improvement and prosperity throughout the province. Recommends the establishment of six new missions at the Church of England to encourage a spirit of loyalty. French interests prevailing in the political affairs of the United States. He (Wentworth) disapproves of the appointment to the Council of a commissary, although he has a great regard for Butler.

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November 10,
St. John, N.B.

Leonard to the same. Was gratified to learn that the sum of £600 was to be allowed for a vessel ; had hired one accordingly and proceeded to check the illegal traffic of the Americans. Will have a small vessel contracted for on his return and in the meantime has drawn for £400 in part of the first year's allowance.

Col. Cor. N. S. vol. 34, p. 513

Enclosed. Report by Leonard of his proceedings as superintendent of trade and fishery.

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Report by his son as deputy.

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Memorial of Leonard that his son may succeed him and that he may himself be appointed a consul in the United States. A. & W. I. vol. 598