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Report of the Health office.

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July 22,
Halifax.July 23,
Halifax.

Wentworth to Secretary of State (Portland). Transmits loyal address on the escape of the King from the attempt on his life. (The attempt was that made by Hadfield, a discharged soldier, who fired at the King in Drury Lane Theatre, in May.) The "Earl of Moira," after landing Despard and family on Cape Breton, proceeded to the coast to protect the trade, fishery and revenue, defrauded by smugglers from the United States, two of whom were seized and are now on trial; other movements of the "Earl of Moira." The injurious effects of the clandestine trade on the merchants of the province. Some men obtained for the "Asia" and a detachment of invalids to serve as marines. The maroons are to begin to embark on the 28th, and it is hoped will sail on the 2nd of August. 311

Enclosed. Address of the Lieutenant Governor and Council to the King. 319

August 1,
Halifax.

Memorial of Boadicea, widow of Arthur Goold, stating her husband's services and asking for part of his pension. A recommendation from Wentworth is attached. 505

August 6,
Halifax.

Wentworth to Secretary of State (Portland). The maroons are embarked on board the "Asia," 551 persons, all in good health except three and some suffering from the infirmities of old age; sends list of the property carried with them. Since the "Asia" arrived in Quebec and they knew they were to sail in her; they have been careless of their tools and have clandestinely sold some, but they still have an abundant supply for three years. Sends copy of letter written to Gray, acting Governor, and to Ludlam, of the Council of Sierra Leone. If the wind permit, the ship is to sail to-morrow; shall at once proceed to dispose of the estates and place the amount in the Treasury, as directed, and close and settle the accounts. 323

Enclosed. Return of baggage belonging to the maroons. The names and property belonging to each are given. At the end are receipts, certificates of packers &c. 327

Wentworth to Gray, 5th August. Sends receipt for the stores for maroons. States that they believed the people of Jamaica were to maintain them in idleness and that in Sierra Leone they might obtain slaves, women and labourers by their own valour. 419

August 6,
Halifax.

Same to King. The maroons embarked and ready to sail; their gratitude and apprehension for the future. Prince Edward is probably now in London; he says vehemently he will never return to Nova Scotia. The satisfactory manner in which Hartshorne & Tremain completed the flour contract last year; the unsatisfactory contract, this year with the additional cost of importing and the uncertainty of receiving the flour in proper time; the cost of the existing system for the supply of other stores. Sends information relative to the maroon war, obtained with difficulty after the embarkation of the maroons. A. & W. I. vol. 598

Enclosed. Newspaper, with account of the sailing of the Duke of Kent.

Deposition of Robert Fowler respecting the origin of the maroon war in Jamaica, made at Dartmouth, 4th August.

August 29,
Halifax.

Wentworth to King. Fires in the wood near the town; precautions to prevent the explosion of 1,000 barrels of powder stored in an old dry wooden barn. Has removed to Bedford Basin to escape the smoke &c. A fishing village has been destroyed; York redoubt is surrounded by fire, but the powder there is stored in a good stone magazine. In spite of the drought and fires, chiefly on the coast from Cape Sable to Halifax, the crops generally promise to be good. The fisheries are restricted by