

Department of Agriculture—Archives.

1799.

McKinnon to Murray, 7th October. In consequence of the name "Thomas" for "John" in the commission, is of opinion that no ordinances can be passed in the meantime; see also enclosure, 12th October, from Mathews to King. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 76, p. 807

(Duplicate at p. 897.)

Copy of the question. Duplicate; see enclosure in letter of 12th October, from Mathews to King.

McKinnon to Murray, 12th October. Will submit to suspension, but it is illegal and contrary to instructions. The step taken to forward his (Murray's) private views. He (McKinnon) refused to insert in the journals what did not take place. Cossit not legally qualified to certify any acts of the Council, &c. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 76, p. 815

(Duplicate at p. 905.)

October 25,
Sydney.

Miss Miller to King. Death of her brother, leaving her without provision. Offers by his expected successor (if appointed) and by a contractor tendering for the work, to provide for her; asks for his (King's) good offices. 839

October 25,
Sydney.

Murray to Secretary of State (Portland). Death of Miller on the 5th; has called on Tremain & Stout to enter into a formal agreement as tenants at will of the coal mine, which they had informally accepted; sends copy of correspondence. Bourke, whom he had intended to place in charge of the mines, not being allowed to leave his military duties, he must himself take charge and would in the meantime employ Campbell, a half-pay officer. The forlorn situation of Miller's sister, a woman of uncommon abilities, who acted as her brother's clerk. Has arranged with Campbell to divide the salary (£200) with Miss Miller. Has at last driven Tremain & Stout to an agreement. Campbell appointed to act as Solicitor General till the King's pleasure is known, the salary to be provided by his appointment to be Superintendent of the Mines. Understands that Despard is to relieve him; if he is also to act in a civil capacity the change will be productive of mischief. Has received from Tremain & Stout £1,950 6s. 11½d. of coal duties. His endeavours in various places to save money to the Crown have brought on him the vengeance of contractors, but his purity of motive supports him. 483

Enclosed. Correspondence with Tremain & Stout on the tenancy of the coal mines, and agreement to sink a new pit. 487 to 517

Minute of Council, 22nd October, on the death of Miller; correspondence with Tremain & Stout laid before the Council. 521

Affidavit of Alexander McCowen of the necessity, if a supply of coal is to be continued, of at once opening a new pit. 525

October 25,
Sydney.

Murray to Secretary of State (Portland). Sends proposal for the lease of the coal mine at Spanish River, showing the advantage to be derived from the mines. Does not think the offer equal to the advantages these mines are capable of producing to the Crown. 527

Enclosed. Offer from James Kavanagh to lease the mine for ten years, paying seven shillings sterling for every chaldron raised, and allowing Miss Miller £75 a year during the continuance of the lease. 531

Address by the clergyman, etc. Duplicate, see enclosure in Murray's letter of 9th October; another copy with all the signatures is at p. 547.

Address of the Grand Jury to Murray (undated). 539

Agreement with Tremain & Stout for the working of the coal mine on Spanish River. 543

October 26,
Sydney.

Correspondence between Murray and Tremain & Stout of 1st, 17th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 26th October, respecting the coal mine, enclosed in Murray's letter of 10th July, 1800, which see.

October 29,
Sydney.

Memorial of Hames. Prays to obtain a more lucrative office than that of Provost-marshal of Cape Breton. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 76, p. 781