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Murray on account of the coal mines till his accounts are finally settled. The Government House not being fit for that or any other purpose, the materials are to be removed to a proper site. Has no better hopes that Murray has acted with discretion about the Government vessel; the sum allowed is £600 per annum, for which he must hire a suitable vessel. Transmits warrant for the unexpired sentence on Ball to be remitted, and for him to be released; Smith cannot return to Cape Breton as Chief Justice; a suitable person shall be selected. Refers to letter to Murray on the irregularity of McKinnon's suspension; his full salary shall be paid on certificate of his acting; during the time another person acted, he is only entitled to half salary. Col. Off., C.B., vol. 1, p. 158

February 28,
London.

Hames to King. A friend going to Jamaica would take dispatches. Applies for a situation in an active office, for the stoppage from Murray's salary of the £18 forced from him (Hames), and for the expenses he incurred in bringing Despard's dispatches. A. & W. I., vol. 598

Enclosed. Memorial from Hames for payment of the expenses for bringing Despard's dispatches.

May 9,
Whitehall.

Secretary of State (Portland) to Despard. Whilst the restraining instruction continues, he is not authorized to grant lands in permanency; he may grant allotments to proper persons as tenants at will, subject to the terms established for making future grants; approves of constituting courts of escheats. Is happy to learn that Murray's attempt to disturb the peace has been attended with so little success. Has referred to the Council his proposal for a duty on rum to raise a revenue for building mills and making roads. Refers to directions in letter of 18th February, respecting the hire of a vessel; that is to be done till an opportunity occurs to purchase, when he can draw for the amount above the money in his hands from the coal mines. Should Murray have money in his hands unaccounted for, or have drawn for unauthorized expenditures, he is to be compelled to refund. Facts relating to smuggling vessels should have been communicated to Leonard.

Col. Off., C.B., vol. 1, p. 163

May 22,
Sydney.

Despard to Secretary of State (Portland). Has received orders to lay an embargo on all vessels belonging to Russia, Denmark or Sweden.

Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 78, p. 93

May 22,
Sydney.

Same to the same. Has received instructions for settling the royal style and title. 89

May 22,
Sydney.

Same to the same. Shall advertise the coal mines, as directed; expects that the lessee may obtain possession before the 1st October, but shall not conclude any agreement till it is approved by His Grace. Has given directions to release Ingram Ball from the remainder of his punishment, and has restored McKinnon to his office of Secretary, etc. Cannot hire a suitable vessel; has made some repairs to the vessel taken over by Murray. He may have an opportunity of purchasing a vessel this summer; wishes she could be approved and fitted up by the officers of the naval yard; her bottom must be coppered, owing to the river being infested with worms. Recommends Dodd to be Chief Justice, in room of Smith; his qualifications. 97

May 30,
Sydney.

Same to the same. Has, as directed, called on Murray for an account of the expenditure of the revenue from the coal mines, and sends copy of answer to the second demand, showing no intention to comply; he afterwards sent a number of confused accounts and vouchers, which he had referred for audit, and enclosed report of the auditors. From the number of items disallowed, Murray is considerably indebted to the Crown, but as he has no property in Cape Breton no steps could be taken to enforce payment; has, therefore, permitted his return to England. 101

May 30,
Sydney.

Same to the same. Reports the steps taken to encourage the culture of hemp, and encloses the report of the Council on the subject. The advanced