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December 13,
Whitehall. Secretary of State (Portland) to Mathews. Trusts that the utensils of husbandry supplied to the Indians may enable them to provide for themselves. The contingent account consists of many unusual charges, several of which are not supported by vouchers. Miller's accounts should be accompanied by his report of how the amounts were laid out and the progress of the work. To report on the case of Tremain & Stout. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 71, p. 247
(Copy in Col. Off., C.B., vol. 1, p. 116, where the date is supplied.)
- December 16,
Whitehall. King to the same. Portland's satisfaction at his having obtained a proper teacher; sends estimate for 1797-8 in which is included a salary of £40 to a teacher, but as one had been previously engaged he is to be paid at that rate from the date of engagement, the amount to be charged to contingencies. Bills amounting to £181 14s. 10d., ordered to be paid notwithstanding the objections. 117
- December 24,
Sydney. Mathews to Secretary of State (Portland). Sends account of allowances to Clarke, commissary of French prisoners and to McIntosh, commissary of provisions at St. Pierre, which Prince Edward has directed to be paid from the contingencies of the army. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 72, p. 87
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- December 26,
Sydney. Mathews to Secretary of State (Portland). Has drawn for salary of Dodd, his private secretary. 95
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- December 30,
Sydney. Mathews to Secretary of State (Portland). Sends minutes of Council for the last half year. 99
Minutes for 5th July, 16th September and 9th December, 1796. 103 to 109
- No date. Miller to Secretary of State (Portland). Remarks on the statement by Tremain & Stout of the great loss sustained by them on the coal contract. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 71, p. 443
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January 7,
Coal Mines. *Enclosed.* Correspondence and accounts. 449 to 455
Miller to Secretary of State (Portland). Description of the adit to the new level (coal mines) and of the store-house. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 74, p. 35
(Extracts are given in reports of 20th September and 8th November, 1797.)
- January 7,
Coal Mines. Miller to Secretary of State (Portland). The increase of the coal trade in spite of drawbacks; the reduction of expense in consequence of the greater employment of small vessels, counterbalanced by misfortunes to the contractors from various causes. Hears nothing of the intention to sink another pit; about 40 men are engaged on the present works. Has closed a contract for work preparatory to entering the level. Describes at some length the works he has undertaken. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 72, p. 599
Abstract of coals shipped in 1796. 610
- January 25,
Sydney. Ball to King. Renews his request to be appointed Chief Justice. (The first part of the letter is almost a duplicate of that of 24th October 1796). Has reported that Dodd, acting Collector of Customs, continues to practice as an attorney and notary public. Justice obstructed by the absence of the Attorney General and of the Provost marshal who neglects to attend the court. It is needless to apply to Mathews, as the Attorney General is his son and the Provost marshal his son-in-law. Has represented the want of accommodation for the jury in the Court-house, but without effect. Disappearance of the court roll. 611
- January 25,
Sydney. Same to Secretary of State (Portland). Of a similar nature to the letter of same date addressed to King. 619
- January 27,
Coal Mines. Miller to the same. The contractors will no longer bank the proceeds of the coal duty being alarmed at the danger of a conflagration; they propose to send the duties direct to the President, as was done with the Lieut.-Governor before he left; but the duties should be in the hands of the collector, whose deputy has not yet given security. No steps yet taken to erect mills or to lay out roads as authorized. Proposes a road from Sydney