

## Department of Agriculture—Archives.

1799.

West Arm, for the convenience of farmers bringing their produce to market; the roads were finished in a month, without expense to Government. Sends letter from Mathews; shall send Ball's answer to charges against him when it is received. Steps should be taken to stop the folly and ambition of some characters, or Cape Breton can never prosper. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 76, p. 313

*Enclosed.* Letter from Mathews in answer to charge by Smith against him. 317

(A duplicate of enclosure, dated August — is at p. 379.)

August 20,  
Sydney.

McKinnon to Murray. Hogan, as ordered, had discontinued teaching. His (McKinnon's) reasons for employing Hogan to teach his children. 799

August 26,  
Sydney.

Murray to Secretary of State (Portland). Ball has handed in answers to exhibits furnished by Smith; recommends an investigation as requested. Attempts have been made to draw him into the quarrel, which he has avoided by desiring all complaints to be made in writing to be forwarded to His Grace. Serious illness of Miller; in case of his death, shall appoint Lieut. Bourke of the 7th to act until His Majesty's pleasure be known. Has just learned that McKinnon, Dodd and some others are setting up an Irish Roman Catholic schoolmaster in opposition to the one appointed with the unanimous consent of Council. 329

*Enclosed.* Letters to Ball, exonerating him from charges and his answers to the exhibits of Smith. 333 to 371

September 3,  
Sydney.

Mathews to King. Accuses Smith of an intrigue to ruin the character of Ball and injure the reputation of two of his (Mathews') sons. Sends copy of letter on the subject, addressed to Murray to be laid before Portland. 375

(Duplicate of letter to Murray, enclosed in his letter to King of 13th August, where it is dated 9th August. The duplicate is dated August only.)

September 29,  
Whitehall.

Secretary of State (Portland) to Murray. On the lease of the coal mine. Enclosed in Tremain & Stout's of 10th July, which see.

October 9,  
Sydney.

Murray to Secretary of State (Portland). His endeavour to promote cordiality among the inhabitants of Cape Breton; the factious conduct of Mathews and McKinnon, the latter of whom he was obliged to suspend from his office of clerk of the Council. The frequent change of Governors from his office, responsible to a large extent for the bad state of affairs; he will be responsible for the good government of Cape Breton if continued in office. The letter gives details of the quarrels. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 76, p. 387

*Enclosed.* Address to Murray by the clergyman, church wardens and inhabitants of Cape Breton, in open vestry, expressing their gratitude for exertions to promote the interest of the settlement, &c. 399

(Duplicate at p. 535.)

Minutes of Council, 22nd June (two), 27th June, 6th July, 13th, 17th and 26th September and 5th, 7th and 17th October. 403 to 465

October 11,  
Whitehall.

Secretary of State (Portland) to Murray. The necessity of putting an end to disorders and re-establishing the due administration of justice in Cape Breton; Smith to be Chief Justice; Ball dismissed; the appointment of Mathews, Attorney General, to be revoked; a successor will be appointed. Is persuaded that he (Murray) will prevent the contractors from removing all the coal to the injury of the mines. If a proper person can be found to enter into a lease an agreement may be made, subject to approval; in the mean time the mines may be worked by government and such portion as may be necessary to be taken from the £1,600 duty money to be used for the purchase of implements. In case an increase of the force should render it necessary for him (Murray) to give up the guardhouse, a house may be built for his occupation, the cost not to exceed £1,000, to be defrayed from the revenues of the coal mines. 295

(Copy in Col. Off., C.B., vol. 1, p. 143.)