

tain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Leeward Charibee Islands in America, and Chancellor of the same," directing "James George Douglass, Fernando John Paris, John Baker, and Thurstan Blackman" to take the answer of Ralph Payne to "a Bill of Complaint" before him in the Court of Chancery of the Island of St. Christophers, exhibited by John St. Leger Douglass . . . and Drewry Ottley . . . against Lieut.-General Gilbert Fleming and Ralph Payne. Dated at Antigua, 29th August, 1759, and signed and sealed by Geo. Thomas, Governor, and "W. Smith, Dep. Secretary."

1759

NOTE.—These signatures are genuine.

- 15 **Cape Charles, St. Lawrence Grant**, for four years from James Murray, Governor of Quebec, to William Brymer, merchant of Cape Charles, opposite the mouth of the straits of Belleisle, for the purpose of seal fishing. Given under the Hand and Seal of Governor Murray on the 26th of April, 1763, and signed by H. T. Cramahie (who was then President of Quebec in 1770-73). Note on grant: "This paper writing was shown to John Gray."

1763

- 16 **Governor Hugh Palliser**. Proclamation by Hugh Palliser, Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Newfoundland, granting permission "to all the King's British Subjects, in preference to all others," for fishing and trade under "Rules, orders and regulations to be observed on the Coast of Labrador, the Islands of Anticosti and Magdalines," and "ordained by that Excellent Act of the 10th and 11th of William the Third . . . for the encouragement of the Trade and Fisheries." Given under my hand this 8th April, 1765. Signed Hugh Palliser. This paper writing was shown to John

J. Y.

1765

- 17 **Sales of the Sloop 'Esquimaux'**. With all her Tackling Apparel, fit for sea, with all her provisions and stores, and other necessities, fit for fishery at Cape Charles, on the Coast of Labrador; Sold this day at Public Vendue—Quebec, 26th Oct'r, 1765—Sam'l Morin, Auctioneer. This paper writing was shown to John Gray.

1765

- 18, 19 **Original Letter to Sir Hugh Palliser**, from Adderly and Jenkins of London, dated "New Inn, 1st Dec., 1766," stating that they had sent out a writ for damages sustained at Cape Charles, Labrador, by Bayne and Brymer, and asking Hugh Palliser the Governor, to name an Attorney to whom a copy of the writ may be sent.

1766

A copy of Governor Palliser's reply is appended.

- 20 **Original Letter of Sir Hugh Palliser** "to Mr. Sharp," stating that every step he took and every order issued by him while Governor of Newfoundland were "strictly conformable to the statute for regulating the Fisheries."

1768

Mr. Sharp apparently represented the Board of Trade.

- 21 **Original Letter of Charles O'Hara** to John Boddington, of the Board of Ordnance,

dated Fort Lewis, March 11th, 1775, making certain recommendation to the ordnance in favor of Mr. Stanlon and J. P. Collin for promotion in the garrison of Fort Louis.

1775

- 22 **Thomas Gamble's Memorial to Lord Harrington**, His Majesty's Secretary at War, dated Boston, 7th April, 1776, praying that he may be allowed "the purchase of a company in one of the Regiments serving in America." He complains that "a junior officer from another corps was put over his head." He describes himself as Captain serving as "Assistant Quartermaster General," and "Lieut. in the 16th Regt. of Foot." (The memorial is unsigned.)

1775

- 23 **Original Letter of Captain Gamble**, addressed to "Ant. Chamier" of the War Office, dated "Head Quarters," Boston, May 10th, 1775, in which he is thankful to be assured "that the Secretary at War has not forgot his "application, and encloses the counterpart of a Memorial that Gen. Page has desired me to give in," etc. He then goes on to state that he was made a Lieut. in 1765, and then he recounts his varied service in the army.

1775

- 24 **Original Letter from Col. Robert Prescott**, who became a Major-General in 1759, and in 1796 succeeded Gen. Lord Dorchester, as Governor-in-Chief of Lower Canada. This letter is addressed to the "Rt. Hon. Sir Jeffery (afterwards Lord) Amherst," and is dated "Portsmouth, Feb'y 2nd, 1776." He details the particulars of an effort of Brookley, an emissary of the "Rebels in America," to take out ordnance stores on board the *Hope* Transport, and gives the particulars of Gen. Montgomery's abortive attack upon Quebec, in which Montgomery, his Secretary, and about 80 men were killed, and 300 were wounded and taken prisoners.

1776

The signature of "Robert Prescott" is genuine.

- 25 **Original Letter of G. Curtis**, Master of the ship *Nottingham*, dated Halifax, Sept. 6th, 1779, reporting his arrival at Halifax, and discharge of his cargo of gunpowder, etc. He says that "Geo. Collier has made havoc among the Rebel Fleet at 'Ponobscut."

1779

- 26 **Original Letter of N. Laban**, Superintendent of the ship *Nottingham*, to Mr. Boddington of the Board of Ordnance, dated the 9th of September, 1779, reporting the safe arrival of the ship at Halifax, after many privations, etc.

1779

- 27 **Original Letter of G. Curtis**, Master of the ship *Nottingham*, dated "Down, Nov. 12th, 1779," reporting his arrival there, after a 25-days' passage from Halifax. He said: "Nothing particular happened, saving a few shot put into a second-rate privateer's coop . . . on leaving the Harbour."

1779

- 28 **Original Letter of N. Laban**, dated 12th Nov., reporting to Mr. Boddington of the Board of Ordnance the arrival of the ship