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1796. September 28, Coal Mines.

Miller to King. Represents the present Government of Cape Breton as resembling strolling players of whom he gives the dramatis personæ. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 72, p. 551

September 29, Coal Mines.

Same to the same. Has been engaged in a literary altercation with Mathews; sends copies of letters in case his were garbled. The cause of the rancour of the Governor towards him; he (Miller) opposed by a power-The little use made of the "Hope." ful faction. 555

(At the end of the letter the date is written Sept. 31st; the enclosures are dated in October, the last being the 24th ; the word Sept. would seem to be incorrectly written for Oct.)

Enclosed. Correspondence with Mathews.

560 to 577 Memorial of Tremain & Stout. Enclosed in Ogilvie's of 30th October. 1798, which see.

Kingto Spiller. He may pay two bills drawn by Mathewsfor £181 14s.10d. Čol. Off., C.B., vol. 1, p. 116

Ball to King. Has not heard since November, 1795, when he was instructed still to act as supreme judge. States the condition of affairs on the Bench and applies to succeed Gibbons as Chief Justice ; in the belief that he would receive the salary, he had drawn on Spiller, but his bills were protested. Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 72, p. 579

Mathews to Secretary of State (Portland). Received accounts from Miller for the expenditure of £150 advanced him, but not proper vouchers; Miller's explanation. Accounts and vouchers transmitted, and an additional amount advanced, with instructions how to prepare the accounts. The works on which Miller is engaged; his unpleasant conduct since the instructions from the Secretary of State were shown him.

Enclosed. Miller's letter of 24th October, with accounts, &c.; the original is in Miller's of 29th September.

Vouchers. 11 to 41 Miller to Secretary of State (Portland). Recapitulates contents of letter of 20th September. Recommendations for carrying on work at the mines and for a change of regulations and conditions. 595

Tremain & Stout to Mathews. Request he will inform Prince Edward of the exposed position of the coal mines; a very small hostile force could destroy the works and thus deprive the garrisons of Halifax and Newfound: Col. Cor., N.S., vol. 30, p. 118 land of their supply of coal.

Mathews to Prince Edward. Requests that a company may be sent for the protection of the coal mines; also that a small breast work may be erected at Arichat, where the principal fishery is carried on. Encloses letter from the contractors of the coal mines. 116

Miller to Mathews. Answer to objections to accounts and vouchers. Enclosed in letter of Miller to King of 1st February, 1797, which see.

Mathews to Secretary of State (Portland). Has drawn for the expenses of the "Hope"; how she has been engaged during the summer: she has captured the only two vessels engaged in illicit trade. Sent her off to Prince Edward with report of the arrival of the French fleet at Newfound-Col. Cor., C.B., vol. 72, p. 43 land. 47 to 53

Vouchers. Pay list of the "Hope."

55Mathews to Secretary of State (Portland). Sends account current, vouchers, &c., for the coal mines ; the plentiful supply of coal at Halifax for the garrison and inhabitants. 57

Enclosed. Account of coal, shipped from 1st July to 30th November. 63 Vouchers. 67 to 79

Mathews to Secretary of State (Portland). The "Nancy" sold and the proceeds deducted from the expenses of the "Hope." 81 Account of sale. 85

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