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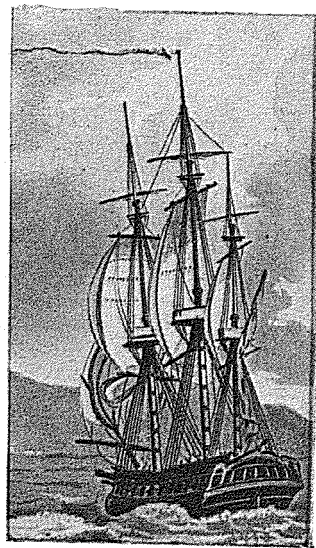
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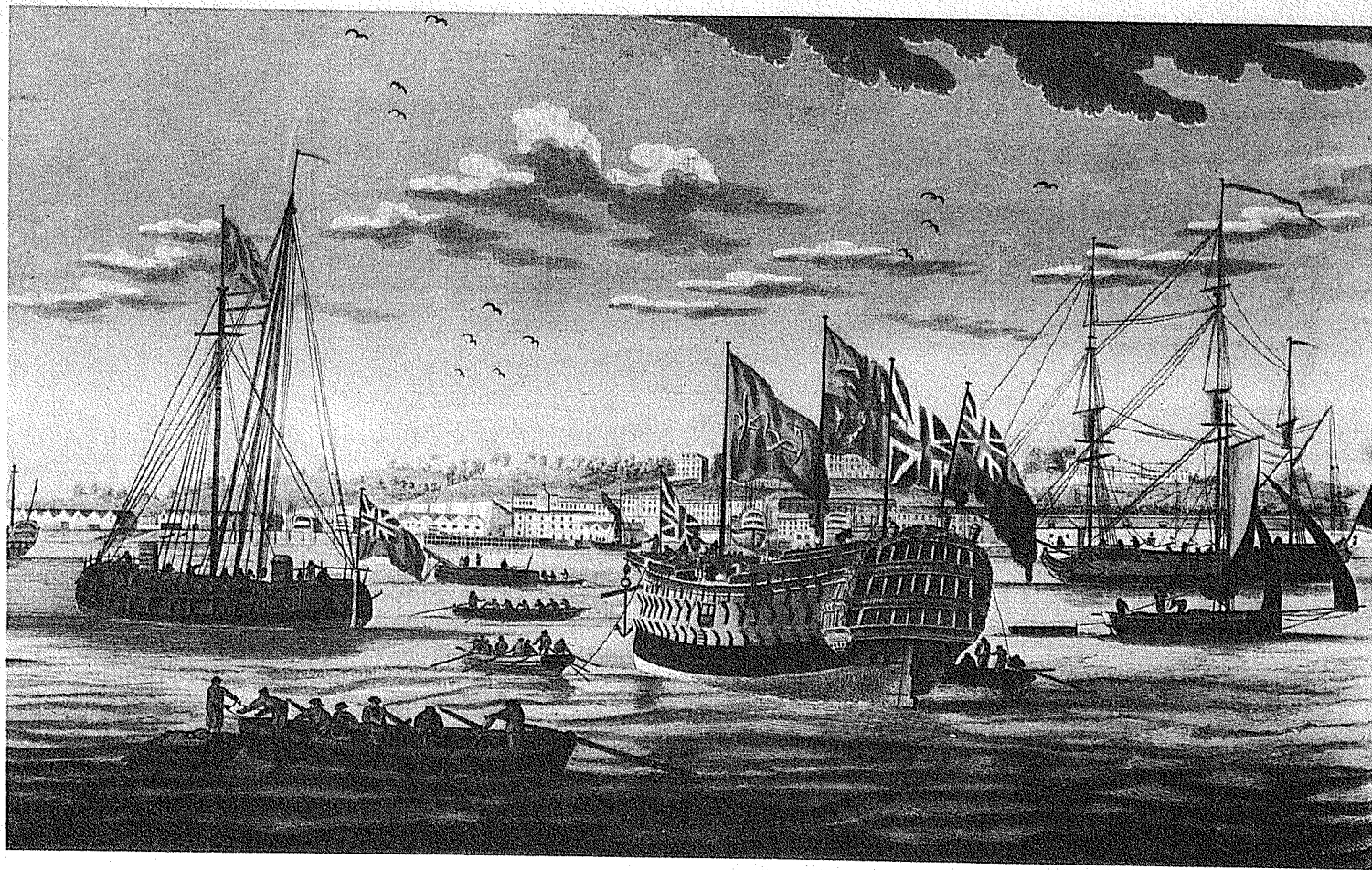
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From June 29, 1775, to Aug. 9, 1775



Chatham Dockyard, England, 1772.

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SUMMARY

Even the news of Lexington had not aroused George III or his Ministers to the seriousness of the revolt in the American colonies. Were not three major generals and three more regiments of infantry already on the high seas to reinforce Thomas Gage's force? And had not the Admiralty been ordered to augment Samuel Graves's squadron by such a number of frigates as would suffice to secure obedience to the Restrictive Acts recently enacted, and prevent succour from the Southern colonies reaching New England? Here seemed little doubt in the British mind that with "One tolerable Drubbing," rebel resistance would collapse. Warnings from Whig leaders that conquest would not be so simple, and that possible loss of the American colonies would leave the Empire an easy prey to revengeful France, were discounted as political clap-trap. France was in no position to capitalize upon the American troubles, and her partner, Spain, engrossed in the Mediterranean, could be discounted entirely. So thought the Ministry.

As far as concerned Spain, this conclusion was justified. Charles III had spared no pains to let the world know that he was preparing to annihilate the Barbary pirates. At Alicante by mid-June he had gathered an imposing armada – fifty-one fighting ships, including six ships of the line – and three hundred and forty-four transports to convey thirty thousand men to the conquest of Algiers. This great force would sail before the month of June was ended.

Not so with France! In April, 1775, with the approval of the French Court, a keen observer had spent three weeks in London studying the American situation. He was Caron de Beaumarchais, courtier, composer and adventurer, who, upon his return to Paris informed Louis XVI that "I am in a position to give the soundest information on the action of the English Government regarding the English colonies and the effects of the upheaval in the Colonies on England; on what must be the consequences of one and the other; on the supreme importance of these events to French interests; on what we have to hope or fear for our sugar islands; on what can give us peace or bring about war." That information was imparted to M. de Vergennes, who sent Beaumarchais back to London with the injunction to continue his observations and report again in July.

29 June

"ABSTRACT OF THE MOST MATERIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THIS [BRITISH ADMIRALTY]
DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO NORTH AMERICA"¹

[1775] The Kings pleasure was signified by Lord Dartmouth for 2. Vessels
29th [June] – to be taken up to carry Arms, Cloathing and Military-Stores to
Virginia and Quebec, And Orders were given next day accord-
ingly.

N. B.

In consequence of the above the *Maria* storeship was taken up
for Virginia, & the *Jacob* for Quebec, the first of which went out
under the Convoy of the *Liverpool*, and the other under that of
the *Lizard*.

The *Elizabeth* Storeship was afterwards taken up to carry such
of the Arms &c. as the *Jacob* could not receive, and sailed without
Convoy; soon after which 3 of the Ships going to Boston were
order'd if they fell in with her to see her safely into the River St
Lawrence.

1. Germain Papers, CL.

JOHN POWNALL, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PHILIP STEPHENS, SECRETARY
OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY¹

Sir,

Whitehall, 29 June 1775

I am directed by Lord Dartmouth to desire you will acquaint me for his
Lordship's information, what steps have been taken for augmenting the Squadron
under the command of Vice Admiral [Samuel] Graves, pursuant to His Majesty's
Pleasure signified to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in Lord Dart-
mouth's Letter of the 17th Instant.

I am &ca

J. Pownall

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

PHILIP STEPHENS TO JOHN POWNALL¹

Sr

Admiralty Office 29th June 1775

In return to your Letter of this date, desiring to be acquainted, for the Earl
of Dartmouth's information, what Steps have been taken for augmenting the
Squadron under the Command of Vice Adml Graves, pursuant to his Majesty's
Pleasure signified to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in Lord Dart-
mouth's Letter of the 17th Instant, I am to acquaint you, that their Lordships
gave immediate directions for fitting out, with the utmost expedition, the five
Frigats mentioned on the other side in order to be sent out to Boston as soon
as possibly may be.

I am Sir [&c.]

Php. Stephens

[Verso]

	Guns	
<i>Milford</i>	28	at Chatham
<i>Solebay</i>	28	at Plymouth
<i>Lizard</i>	28	at Portsmouth
<i>Actaeon</i>	28	at Woolwich ²

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.
2. Although Stephens's letter says five frigates, only four are listed

EDWARD MONTAGU, LORD SANDWICH, TO LORD DARTMOUTH ¹

My Dear Lord

Plymouth June 29, 1775

Not having heard, or imagining that there will be any alteration in the measures relative to North America, I have written a letter to Mr [Philip] Stephens which I have desired him to communicate to your Lordship, directing some farther reinforcements which are pointed out by Admiral [Samuel] Graves as Necessary; and which if approved by your Lordship & the rest of His Majesty's confidential Servants, should be immediately carried into execution in my opinion.

I have the honour to be [&c.]

Sandwich

[Endorsed] Plymouth June 29, 1775 Ld Sandwich/R/June 30th 1775

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

"EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM LORD SANDWICH, TO MR STEPHENS, DATED
PLYMOUTH 29TH JUNE 1775" ¹

Hessom arrived here this Mornng and I now redispach him with Answers to such Parts of the Letters you have sent me, as require Measures to be immediately taken upon them.

Sir H[ugh] Palliser & I are of Opinion that in consequence of Adml [Samuel] Graves's Wish to have more Boats, the Navy Board should be directed to supply each Ship for America with a Cutter on [or] Yawl above the Established Number; and to send 20 Cutters by the first Transports that go to America, to be delivered to the Storekeeper at Boston, to be disposed of as Adml Graves shall direct. Also to prepare an additional Assortment of Stores to be immediately sent to Halifax, suitable to the Ships employed in America.

Admiral Graves should be told that his Idea of putting additional Marines into the Schooners & Small Vessels, is in our Opinion very proper; but as that we have none to spare as yet from hence, he must lend them from the Compliments of the Ships now with him, and he may depend upon it, that all the Ships that are coming out to him shall bring as many supernumerary Marines as we can possibly get; but he should at the same time be told, that he must not break into the Marine Battallions on Shore.

As Adml Graves mentions his Wish to have some 50 Gunships, and gives very substantial Reasons in my Opinion for such a Requisition, ² which it is

hoped would enable him to send home the three Guard ships, which should not be withdrawn from the defence of this Country but in a Case of Necessity; we think it advisable that the *Experiment* a small 50 Gunship, & the *Phoenix* & *Roebuck* of 44 Guns (which will answer the same purpose) be immediately commissioned; but upon this point you will ask Lord Dartmouth, to whom I have now written, & to whom you will communicate everything in this Letter that relates to America, whether he approves of this additional Reinforcement, before you lay the Commissions before the Admiralty, and send the proper Orders to the Navy Board.

[Endorsed] Ext. of Letter from/ Lord Sandwich to/ Mr Stephens, dated/ Plymouth 20th June 1775/ In Mr Stephens's Letter/ to J. P. of 1st July 1775.

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

2. Graves's requests were contained in his letters to the Admiralty of May 18-19, 1775.

1 July

KING GEORGE III TO LORD SANDWICH ¹

[Extract]

Kew, 1st July 1775.

Lord Sandwich – Your letter accompanying those received from Major Pitcairn is just arrived: that officer's conduct seems highly praiseworthy. I am of his opinion that when once those rebels have felt a smart blow, they will submit; and no situation can ever change my fixed resolution, either to bring the colonies to a due obedience to the legislature of the mother country or to cast them off!

The admiral's dispatches convince me that 50-gun ships would be more fit for that service than the larger ones: I have therefore proposed that the three guardships should be recalled, and the fleet in America strengthened by fitting out six ships of fifty guns. I have observed to Lord North that this equipment will require the raising all the men necessary to man those ships, for that you cannot from any of the ships in commission furnish a single man.

1. Barnes and Owen, eds., *Sandwich Papers*, I, 63.

LORD DARTMOUTH TO GENERAL THOMAS GAGE ¹

[Extract]

Whitehall 1st July 1775

(No 21) On the 10th of last Month in the Morning, Lieut Nunn arrived at my Office with your dispatch containing an Account of the Transaction on the 19th of April, of which the public had before received Intelligence by a Schooner, to all Appearance, sent by the Enemies of Govt on purpose to make an Impression here, by representing the Affair between the King's Troops & the Rebel Provincials in a light the most favorable to their own Views.

Their Industry on this Occasion had its Effect, in leaving for some days a false Impression upon Peoples Minds; and I mention it to you with a Hope that, in any future Event of Importance, it will be thought proper, both by yourself and the Admiral, to send your Dispatches by one of the light Vessels of the Fleet

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/92.

PHILIP STEPHENS TO VICE ADMIRAL SAMUEL GRAVES¹

Sir,

[Admiralty Office] 1st July 1775

The Lords Commissrs of His Majts Treasury having transmitted to my Lords Commissrs of the Admty an Extract of a Letter from the Collector & Comptroller of the Customs at Rhode Island to the Commissrs of the Customs in America, relative to the introduction of Military Stores from Holland or St Eustatia; and offering their Opinion that no check can possibly be put thereto, but by an Armed Vessel being placed in each of the Channels leading to Providence; I am commanded by their Lordships to send you herewith a Copy of the said Paper, and to recommend it to you to take such steps as shall appear to you the most effectual for preventing the introduction of Guns, Powder or Military Stores to Rhode Island. I am &c

Ph^p Stephens(By the *Raven* at Spithead.)

1. PRO, Admiralty 2/548, 467, NYHS Transcript.

LORD DARTMOUTH TO THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY¹

Whitehall July 1st. 1775

My Lords The King having received Advices that not only the 4 New England Governments are in open and actual Rebellion, & that the People have been daring enough, amongst other Acts of Hostility to make Seizures of several Vessels, and to send the Crews to Prison, but also that the Flame has extended itself to most of the other Colonies, in which the greatest Violences have been committed, the Constitutional Authority of Government trampled upon, & the People armed & arrayed with an avowed Intention of Resistance by force to the Measures His Majesty has ordered to be pursued for restoring the public Peace and for protecting the Commerce of His Subjects, it is His Majesty's firm Resolution of which I am directed to acquaint your Lordships, that every measure be pursued for suppressing, by the most vigorous Efforts, by Sea and Land, this unnatural Rebellion which menaces the Subversion of the present happy Constitution. To this end it is His Majesty's Pleasure that the Admiral commanding upon the Boston Station, do carry on such Operations upon the Sea Coasts of the 4 Governments in New England as he shall judge most effectual for suppressing in Conjunction with His Majesty's Land Forces, the Rebellion which is now openly avowed and supported in those Colonies, and that he do seize and detain, untill His Majesty's pleasure be known, all Ships & Vessels belonging to the Inhabitants of those Colonies, such only excepted as he shall find upon good Evidence and Information to be bona fide the sole property of persons who have been in no shape concerned in the Rebellious Proceedings within those Colonies and have given Proof of their attachment to the Constitution by refusing to concur in the unwarrantable Measures which have been adopted to subvert it. —

It is His Majesty's further pleasure that the utmost Expedition should be used for sending out the four Frigates now preparing in Consequence of my Letter to your Lordships of the 17 Ultó & that Vice Admiral [Samuel] Graves

be instructed to make such a disposition of his Fleet as that, without crippling the Force necessary for the Service upon the Station where he commands in Person, a small detached Squadron under the Command of an able and discreet Officer, may be stationed at each of the following places Vizt at New York, in Delawar Bay, in Chesapeak Bay and within the Bar of Charles-Town, the Commanders of which Squadrons are to be instructed to do all that in them lays to prevent any Commerce between the Colonies of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland and the Carolinas, and any other places than Great Britain, Ireland, or His Majesty's Islands in the West Indies, including the Bermuda & Bahama Islands; to search every Vessel going into & coming out of any of the Ports of those Colonies, and to seize & detain them in every case in which they shall make any discovery of Contraband Trade, or Conveyance of Arms & Ammunition or military Stores of any kind. —

It is His Majesty's further pleasure that the Commanders of those detached Squadrons should be instructed to receive on board His Majesty's Ships and to afford every reasonable accommodation to the Governors, or other Officers of the Colonies within their respective Stations who may be compelled by the Violence of the People to seek such an Asylum, and generally to afford every protection in their Power to any of His Majesty's Subjects who may require it, and further that the said Commanders do cause it to be publicly signified in all such Sea port Towns as are accessible to the King's Ships, that if any Violences shall hereafter be offered therein to any Officers of the Crown, or other peaceably disposed Subjects to His Majesty or if any Bodies of Men shall be raised and armed in the said Towns, or any Military works erected, otherwise than by order of His Majesty, or those acting under His Majesty's Authority, or if any attempts shall be made to seize or destroy any public Magazines of Arms, Ammunition, or other Stores, it will be the Duty of such Commander to proceed by the most vigorous Efforts, against the said Town, as in open Rebellion against the King; and it is His Majesty's Pleasure, that the Commander of each Squadron be further instructed, that if, after such Signification, any Town shall persist in the rebellious Acts above stated, he do proceed accordingly.

What further may be necessary must depend upon the Activity and Discretion of the Admiral, and of the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships in Events as they shall arise, And I have only to add that it is His Majesty's Pleasure that Your Lordships do lose no time in transmitting to Vice Admiral Graves such Instructions as shall correspond with the Directions contained in this Letter, giving him ground to expect that a further Augmentation, over and above the four Frigates, will be sent to him as soon as His Majesty's Service will permit.

I am &ca

Dartmouth

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

PHILIP STEPHENS TO JOHN POWNALL, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE ¹

Dr. Sir I have just now received the enclosed from my Lord Sandwich ² by a Messenger, & am to beg you will lay it before my Lord Dartmh & favor me with

his Lordships Sentiments thereupon – I shall be in Town early on Monday morning, or sooner if I learn from you that it is necessary – I am ever Dr Sir [&c.]

Ph^p Stephens

Admiralty 1 July 1775 near 3 o'clock

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.
2. Extract of Lord Sandwich's letter of June 29, 1775.

2 July (Sunday)

JOHN POWNALL TO PHILIP STEPHENS ¹

[Extract]

Greenwich July 2d 1775.

The Augmentation of Vice Admiral [Samuel] Graves's Squadron by an Addition of 50 Gun Ships as he proposes & which I see Lord Sandwich approves, corresponds exactly with the Wishes of the rest of the King's Servants, and Lord Dartmouth would have received The King's Pleasure upon it, with the other Matters contained in his Letter to the Lords of the Admiralty of yesterday's date, but that both he and Lord North did not think it proper to give such Orders without first consulting Lord Sandwich; His Lordship's Letter to you decides upon the Matter, and Lord Dartmouth directs me to say he entirely approves what Lord Sandwich proposes and will take The King's Pleasure for the necessary Orders as soon as possible; In the mean time you will perhaps think it adviseable to press forward the Preparation.

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

5 July

"ABSTRACT OF THE MOST MATERIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THIS [BRITISH ADMIRALTY] DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO NORTH AMERICA" ¹

1775. Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy were order'd to
5th July – send out 4. Months more provisions, for 6,000, Men, of all Species.

1. Germain Papers, CL.

LORD DARTMOUTH TO WILLIAM TRYON, GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK ¹

[Extract]

Whitehall 5th July 1775

. . . it is the King's firm Resolution that the most vigorous efforts should be made both by Sea and Land to reduce his rebellious subjects to obedience and the proper measures are now pursuing not only for augmenting the army under General [Thomas] Gage but also for making such additions to our Naval Strength in North America as may enable Admiral [Samuel] Graves to make such a disposition of his Fleet as that besides the Squadron necessary for the New England Station there may be separate Squadrons at New York within the Bay of Delaware, in Chesapeake Bay and upon the Coast of Carolina.

After what has passed there can be no doubt what ought to be the Plan of Operations for the Squadron upon the New England Station, and I think it necessary to acquaint you, for your own information, that Admiral Graves will be instructed to exert the most vigorous efforts, for suppressing the Rebellion now

Openly avowed & supported in that Country and to seize & detain all ships and Vessels belonging to the Inhabitants thereof, such only excepted as are the property of Persons who are friends of Government & have shewn an attachment to the Constitution.

There is still some room to hope that the Colonies to the Southward may not proceed to the same lengths with those of New England, it is however His Majesty's intentions that the Commanders of the separate Squadrons I have mentioned should be instructed to prevent all Commerce between the Colonies within their respective stations and any other places than Great Britain Ireland and His Majestys Islands in the West Indies. That they should receive on Board and give protection to any officers of the Crown who may be compelled by the violence of the People to seek for such an Asylum and to proceed as in the Case of a Town in actual Rebellion against such of the sea port Towns being accessible to the Kings Ships, as shall hereafter offer any violence to the Kings officers or in which any Troops shall be raised or military works erected, other than by His Majestys authority, or any attempts made to seize or plunder any public Magazine of Arms or Ammunition

1. O'Callaghan, ed., *Colonial New York*, VIII, 591, 592.

LORD DARTMOUTH TO ROBERT EDEN, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND¹

(No 4:)²

Whitehall July 5th 1775.

Sir. Your brother³ has been so obliging as to communicate to me from time to time, such Intelligence as you have transmitted to him respecting the State of affairs in Maryland, and about 10 days ago I had the Satisfaction to receive your Letter of the 5th. of May.

I sincerely wish you may not have been too sanguine in your hopes that the time is not far distant when Peace & Harmony will be restored, and Confidence re-established on a permanent Basis; At the same time I observe with Satisfaction, what you say of the Temper and Moderation of the Persons chosen to represent the Province of Maryland in the Continental Congress, & I am not without some reason to believe that there may be others in that Congress of the same Disposition.

At present however, the rebellious proceedings of the people in most of the Colonies, wear the Appearance of an actual Revolt, & it is his Majesty's firm Resolution, in consequence of the Advices which he has received, that the most vigorous Efforts should be made both by Sea and Land, to reduce his rebellious subjects to Obedience, and the proper Measures are now pursuing, not only for augmenting the Army under General [Thomas] Gage, but also for making such Addition to our Naval strength in No. America as may enable Adml. [Samuel] Graves to make such a Disposition of his Fleet as that, besides the Squadron necessary for the New England Station, there may be separate squadrons at New York, within the Bay of Delawar, in Chesapeake Bay, & upon the Coast of Carolina.

After what has passed there can be no doubt what ought to be the Plan of Operations for the Squadron upon the New England Station, & I think it necessary to acquaint You, for your own Information, that Admiral Graves will be instructed to exert the most vigorous Efforts for suppressing the Rebellion now openly avowed & supported in that Country, & to seize & detain all Ships & Vessels

belonging to the Inhabitants thereof, such only excepted as are the property of persons who are friends of Government who have shewn an Attachment to the Constitution.

There is still some room to hope that the Colonies to the Southward may not proceed to the same Lengths with those of New England: It is however, His Majesty's Intentions that the Commanders of the separate squadrons I have mentioned should be instructed to prevent all Commerce between the Colonies within their respective Stations & any other places than Great Britain, Ireland, or his Majesty's Islands in the West Indies; that they should receive on board; and give Protection to any officers of the Crown who may be compelled by the Violence of the People, to seek for such an Asylum, & to proceed, as in case of a town in actual rebellion against such of the Seaport towns, being accessible to the King's ships, as shall hereafter offer any violence to the King's officers, or in which any troops shall be raised, or Military works erected, other than by his Majesty's Authority, or any Attempts made to seize or plunder any public Magazine of Arms or Ammunition.

With regard to the Plan of operations to be adopted by General Gage, it must depend upon his own Judgment, & the opinion of the able Generals⁴ with him; and I have only to add, that it is His Majesty's express Command that you do exert every Endeavour, & employ every Means in your power to aid & support him & Admiral Graves in all such operations as they may think proper to undertake for carrying the King's Orders into full Execution, and restoring the Authority of his Majesty's Government.

The Attention you appear to have given to the Preservation of peace & good Order in your Government, is very much approved of by the King, and I have his Majesty's Commands to assure You of his Royal Acquiescence in your wish to return to England when the State of Affairs in your Government will admit of it.

In the mean time I hope your private Affairs here will not suffer by the very honourable Resolution you have taken of remaining in Maryland so long as the present Disorders continue.

1. PRO, Colonial Office 5/1286, LC Transcript.

2. A copy of this letter was intercepted by Captain James Barron, in a Virginia armed vessel, and a copy sent to the Maryland Council of Safety in April 1776.

3. William Eden, Under Secretary of State.

4. The "able Generals" were William Howe, Henry Clinton, and John Burgoyne.

LORD DARTMOUTH TO LORD DUNMORE¹

(no 21)

Whitehall 5th July 1775

My Lord Your Lordship's dispatches of the 1st & 15th of May have been received and laid before the King, and it is with the greatest Satisfaction that I transmit to your Lordship His Majesty's Approbation of the Spirit and Fortitude with which you resisted the Attempts to compell you by force to restore the Gunpowder which your Lordship so prudently and properly had put on board the *Fowey*.

Your Lordship's Conduct on this trying Occasion does you the greatest honor, but it is impossible to reflect upon the distress it has occasioned to Lady Dunmore & the rest of your Family without very painfull feelings.

The Madness of the People of Virginia exceeds all bounds, & leaves no room for any other Consideration than that of the means of suppressing by the most vigorous efforts a Rebellion which (united as all America is against Us) threatens to overturn the Constitution.

We have the Satisfaction to find that General [Thomas] Gage had, upon your Lordship's Application, taken Steps for giving Your Lordship every Assistance which his Situation would afford. It is upon him alone that Your Lordship must now depend for any small body of Troops, but I have not failed to take the proper measures for sending you, by a Ship that will be ready in a few days 2000 Stand of Arms and Ammunition in proportion.

I shall write more fully to Your Lordship by that Ship, in the mean time it is proper I should acquaint Your Lordship that it is the King's firm Resolution that the most vigorous Efforts should be made, both by Sea and Land, to reduce his Rebellious Subjects to Obedience, & the proper measures are now pursuing, not only for augmenting the Army under General Gage, but also for making such Addition to Our Naval Strength in No. America as may enable Admiral [Samuel] Graves to make such a disposition of his Fleet as that, besides the Squadron necessary for the New England Station, there may be separate Squadrons at New York, within the Bay of Delaware, in Chesapeake Bay, & upon the Coast of Carolina.

After what has passed there can be no doubt what ought to be the plan of Operations for the Squadron upon the New England Station, & I think it necessary to acquaint you, for your own Information, that Admiral Graves will be instructed to exert the most vigorous Efforts for suppressing the Rebellion now openly avowed & supported in that Country, & to seize and detain all Ships & Vessels belonging to the Inhabitants thereof, such only excepted as are the Property of persons who are friends of Government, & have shewn an Attachment to the Constitution.

There is still some room to hope that the Colonies to the Southward may not proceed to the same lengths with those of New England, It is however His Majesty's Intentions that the Commanders of the separate Squadrons I have mentioned should be instructed to prevent all Commerce between the Colonies within their respective Stations & any other places than Great Britain, Ireland, or His Majesty's Islands in the West Indies; That they should receive on board & give protection to, any Officers of the Crown who may be compelled by the Violence of the People to seek for such an Asylum, & to proceed, as in the case of the Town in actual Rebellion, against such of the Seaport Towns, being accessible to the King's Ships, as shall hereafter offer any Violence to the King's Officers, or in which any Troops shall be raised, or military works erected, other than by His Majesty's Authority, or any Attempts made to seize or plunder any public Magazine of Arms or Ammunition.

With regard to the Plan of Operations to be adopted by General Gage, it must depend upon his own Judgment & the Opinion of the able Generals with him, & therefore I have only to add that it is His Majesty's express Command that you do exert every Endeavour & employ every means in your power to aid & support him & Admiral Graves in all such Operations as they may think proper to

undertake for carrying the King's Orders into full Execution, and restoring the Authority of His Majesty's Government. I am &ca.

Dartmouth

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/1353, 303-310, LC Transcript.

LORD DARTMOUTH TO JOSIAH MARTIN, GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA¹

Whitehall, July 5th 1775.

I shall hope to be able by a Store Ship that will sail for Virginia in a few days to write you fully upon the state of the Province under your Government and upon the variety of matters contained in your late Dispatches Nos 29, 30, 31 & 32.

In the mean time I take the chance of a Conveyance to you by the Carolina Packet, to acquaint you, that in consequence of the Advices received from all Quarters, that not only the four New England Governments are in Arms, but that almost every other Colony has caught the flame, and a spirit of Rebellion has gone forth that menaces the subversion of the Constitution, it is the King's firm resolution, that the most vigorous efforts should be made, both by sea and land to reduce his Rebellious Subjects to obedience, and the proper Measures are now pursuing not only for augmenting the Army under General [Thomas] Gage, but also for making such addition to our Naval strength in North America as may enable Admiral [Samuel] Graves to make such a Disposition of His Fleet, as that besides the Squadron necessary for the New England Station, there may be seperate Squadrons at New York, within the Bay of Delaware, in Chesapeake Bay, and upon the Coast of Carolina.

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There is still some room to hope that the Colonies to the Southward may not proceed to the same lengths with those of New England, it is however His Majesty's Intention, that the Commander of the separate Squadrons I have mentioned should be instructed to prevent all Commerce between the Colonies within their respective stations, and any other Places than Great Britain Ireland and His Majesty's Islands in the West Indies, that they should receive on Board and give protection to any officers of the Crown, who may be compelled by the violence of the People, to seek for such an Assylum, and to proceed as in the case of a Town in actual Rebellion against such of the Seaport Towns being accessible to the King's Ships, as shall hereafter offer any violence to the King's officers, or in which any Troops shall be raised or Military Works erected other than by His Majesty's Authority or any attempt made to seize or plunder any public Magazines of Arms or Ammunition. With regard to the plan of opera-

tions to be adopted by General Gage, it must depend upon his own Judgment, and the opinion of the able Generals with him, and therefore I have only to add, that it is His Majesty's express Command, that you do exert every Endeavour, and employ every means in your power to aid and support him and Admiral Graves, in all such operations as they may think proper to undertake for carrying the King's orders into full execution, and restoring the Authority of His Majesty's Government.

1. Saunders, comp., *Records of North Carolina*, X, 66-68.

6 July

"ABSTRACT OF THE MOST MATERIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THIS [BRITISH ADMIRALTY] DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO NORTH AMERICA"¹

[1775] Vice Admiral [Samuel] Graves was directed in pursuance of the Kings
6th July pleasure signified by the Earl of Dartmouth in his Letter of the 1st to carry on such Operations upon the Coasts of the four New England Governments as he should judge most effectual for supressing, in conjunction with His Majesty's Land Forces, the Rebellion which is openly avow'd and supported in those Colonies and to seize and detain till His Majesty's pleasure should be known all Ships & Vessels belonging to the Inhabitants of these Colonies such only excepted as should be found upon good Evidence and Information, to be, bona fide, the sole Property of Persons who have been in no shape concerned in the Rebellious proceedings in those Colonies, &c.

To make such a Disposition of his Fleet as that, without crippling the Force upon the Station where he commands in Person a small detached Squadron under an able and discreet Officer, might be station'd (and to station the same accordingly) at each of the following places Vizt New York, in Delawar Bay, in Chesapeak Bay, and within the Bar of Charles Town; giving the Commanders of such Squadrons Instructions to do all that in them lies to prevent any Commerce between the Colonies of New York, New Jersey, Pensylvania, Virginia, Maryland, the Carolina's and any other Places than Great Britain or Ireland or His Majesty's Islands in the west Indies including the Bermuda & Bahama Islands; to search every Vessel going into, and coming out of, the Ports of those Colonies & to seize and detain them in every case in which they shall make discovery of contraband Trade or Conveyance of Arms, Ammunition or Military Stores of any kind; to receive on board the King's Ships, and afford every reasonable accommodation to, the Governors, or other Officers of the Colonies within their respective Stations who may be compelled by the Violences of the People to seek such an Asylum; and generally to afford every protection in their Power to any of His Majesty's Subjects who may require it, And further,

To cause it to be publickly signified in all such Sea Port Towns as are accessible to the King's Ships that if any violences shall hereafter be

VIRTUAL REPRESENTATION. 1775.



April 1. 1775

1. One String Jack Deliver your Property
2. Begar Just so in France? Accomplish
3. To Deum
4. I give you that man's money for my use

5. I will not be Robbed
6. I shall be wounded with you
7. I am Blinded
8. The French Roman Catholic Town of Quebec
9. The English Protestant Town of Boston

Price 6.

offered therein, to any of the Officers of the Crown or other peaceably disposed Subjects to His Majesty, or if any Bodies of Men shall be raised & armed in the said Towns or any Military Works erected otherwise than by order to His Majesty, or those acting under His Authority, or if any attempts shall be made to seize or destroy any public Magazines of Arms, Ammunition or other Stores, it will be the duty of such Commander to proceed by the most vigorous Efforts against the said Town: as in open Rebellion against the King; And, if after such signification any Town shall persist in the Rebellious Acts above stated, such Commander is to proceed accordingly.—

N. B.

The above Order was sent by the *Raven* Sloop.

1. Germain Papers, CL.

LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY TO VICE ADMIRAL SAMUEL
GRAVES ¹

By &ca

The King having received Advices that not only the Four New England Governments are in open & actual Rebellion & that the People have been daring enough, amongst other Acts of Hostility, to make Seizures of several Vessels and to send the Crews to Prison, but also that the Flame has extended itself to most of the other Colonies, in which the greatest Violences have been committed, the Constitutional Authority of Government trampled upon, and the People armed and arrayed with an avowed Intention of Resistance, by Force, to the Measures His Majesty has ordered to be pursued for restoring the Public Peace, and for protecting the Commerce of His Subjects; And it being His Majesty's firm Resolution that every measure be pursued for suppressing by the most vigorous Efforts by Sea & Land, this unnatural Rebellion, which menaces the subversion of the present happy Constitution; You are therefore, in pursuance of His Majesty's Pleasure signified to us by the Earl of Dartmouth, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in his Letter of the 1st Instant, hereby required & directed to carry on such Operations upon the Sea Coasts of the Four Governments in New England, as you shall judge most effectual for suppressing, in conjunction with His Majesty's Land Forces, the Rebellion which is now openly avowed & supported in those Colonies, and to seize & detain, until His Majesty's Pleasure be known, all Ships & Vessels belonging to the Inhabitants of those Colonies, such only excepted as you shall find, upon good Evidence & Information, to be bona fide the sole property of Persons who have been in no shape concerned in the Rebellious proceedings within those Colonies, and have given proof of their Attachment to the Constitution by refusing to concur in the unwarrantable measures which have been adopted to subvert it; And, in pursuance of His Majesty's further Pleasure signified as aforesaid, You are to make such a disposition of your Fleet as that, without crippling the Force necessary for the Service upon the Station where you Command in person, a small detached Squadron, under the Com-

mand of an Able & discreet Officer, may be stationed (and to station the same accordingly) at each of the following Places, Vizt at New York, In Delawar Bay, In Chesapeak Bay, And within the Bar of Charles Town; giving the Commanders of such Squadrons Instructions to do all that in them lies to prevent any Commerce between the Colonies of New York, New Jersey, Pensylvania, Virginia, Maryland & the Carolinas, and any other Places than Great Britain, Ireland, or His Majesty's Islands in the West Indies, including the Bermuda & Bahama Islands; To search every Vessel going into, and coming out of, any of the Ports of those Colonies, & to seize and detain them in every case in which they shall make any discovery of Contraband Trade, or Conveyance of Arms and Ammunition or Military Stores of any kind; To receive on board His Majesty's Ships, & to afford every reasonable accommodation to, the Governors or other Officers of the Colonies within their respective Stations, who may be compelled by the Violences of the People to seek such an Asylum, & generally to afford every protection in their power to any of His Majesty's Subjects who may require it; And further to cause it to be publickly signified, in all such Sea Port Towns as are accessible to the King's Ships, that if any Violences shall hereafter be offered therein to Any of the Officers of the Crown or other peaceably disposed Subjects to His Majesty, or if any Bodies of Men shall be raised & armed in the said Towns, or any Military Works erected otherwise than by Order of His Majesty or those acting under His Authority, or if any Attempts shall be made to seize or destroy any public Magazines of Arms, Ammunition, or other Stores, it will be the duty of such Commander to proceed, by the most vigorous efforts, against the said Town, as in open Rebellion against the King: And you are further to instruct the Commander of each of the said Squadrons that if, after such signification, any Town shall persist in the Rebellious Acts above stated, he do proceed accordingly.

What further may be necessary must depend upon the Activity and discretion of yourself & the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships in Events as they shall arise in carrying on the above important Services; the better to enable you to perform which, as well as the others entrusted to your care. We have ordered the three Ships named in the Margin to be fitted out, in addition to the four Frigates mentioned in our Secretary's Letter to you of the 24th Ultimo, and shall send them to join you at Boston with all possible dispatch.

Given &ca the 6th of July 1775.

Palmerston
C. Spencer
H. Palliser.

To Samuel Graves Esqr Vice Admiral of the White, & Commander in Chief of His Majts Ships & Vessels in North America. at Boston.

By &ca P.S. Sent by the *Raven* Sloop

1. PRO, Admiralty 2/1333, NYHS Transcript.

Guns
50 *Experiment*
44 *Phoenix*
44 *Roebuck*

PHILIP STEPHENS, TO VICE ADMIRAL SAMUEL GRAVES ¹

Sir

[Admiralty Office] 6th July 1775

Soon after I had dispatched to you by the *Viper* instead of the *Raven* Sloop, my Letter of the 24th. ultimo, I received by Lieutenant Merrick and immediately communicated to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your Letters of the 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th & 25th of May, giving an Account of the Rebellious Behaviour of His Majesty's American Subjects in several of the Colonies and of your proceedings since the 23d of April, Copies of all which have been sent to the Earl of Dartmouth for His Majesty's Information.

Their Lordships approve of your hiring Advice Boats to carry Dispatches to the King's Ships and Towns in the other Colonies as all communication by Land is stopt or at least very precarious.

The reasons you have given for desiring to have a few of the old 50 Gun Ships sent out to you are very substantial and as their Lordships, think that the *Experiment* a 50 Gun Ship built upon a new principle and of less burthen than any which have been built these many Years, and the *Phoenix* and *Roebuck* of 44 Guns, will answer the purpose to the full as well, and can be got ready much Sooner, they have ordered them to be fitted out and will send them to join you at Boston as soon as possible, which additional Reinforcement it is hoped will enable you to send home the three Guardships which should not but in a case of necessity be withdrawn from the defence of this Country; But as I said in my last this is a point that is left to your discretion according as the necessity of the times and the Service may require, and of which their Lordships wish to have your opinion by the very first conveyance that offers.

Their Lordships have in compliance with your request ordered the *Raven* Sloop to be supplied with an additional Boat, and will give the like directions for all other Ships that are going to you, as well as for sending some spare Boats to you by all opportunities that offer.

Your idea of putting small Detachments of Marines into the Schooners and small Vessels is in their Lordships opinion very proper; but as they cannot at present be spared from hence, Their Lordships recommend it to you to lend them from the Complements of the Ships now with you, and command me to acquaint you that you may depend upon receiving by every Ship coming out to you as many Supernumerary Marines as can possibly be got, which, from the number of Recruiting Parties that are now sent out, it is hoped will be sufficient to answer all your demands. But in all Events their Lordships command me to add you must not break into the Marine Battallions employed on shore.

Their Lordships have directed the Navy Board to send to Halifax immediately, such an assortment of Stores as may be necessary and proper for the use of the Squadron under your Command And as they do not think it safe to rely wholly upon the Contracts that have been made for supplying your Squadron with Provisions they will direct the Victualling Board to send out to you in due time a further supply of Provisions than those mentioned in my Letter of the 24th Ultimo.

Their Lordships are satisfied with your having permitted Lieutenant Merrick to quit the *Glasgow* for the recovery of his health, and have no objection to your giving Mr Pultney a Commission to be Lieutenant of her, in his room, who is now acting as such by your Order. I am &c

P: S:

(By the *Raven* Sloop)

1. PRO, Admiralty 2/548, 478, NYHS Transcript.

7 July

COUNT DE GUINES TO COUNT DE VERGENNES ¹

[Extract]

London, 7 July 1775

The news from America is not very good. You will find the detailed description of a military action, which is not very important in itself, but which shows the capabilities of the rebels. The Ministry insisted yesterday that it had not been informed of that action; I had it confirmed by the supporters of the Americans and the facts are true. I will do my best to arrange for some connections among these gentlemen. I believe that they inform me of what happens in America more promptly than Mylord Rochford.

This Minister, however, spoke to me yesterday freely and in great detail. The decision has been made and the order given to confiscate all the ships belonging to the American rebels or to those who would trade with them. The army will occupy New York, Boston and all the ports and there will be no action on land except in last resort. They are convinced that in this manner they will starve the Americans by blocking their access to the sea and reduce them to obedience. For this purpose they will recall the warships now used on the coasts of America and replace them with frigates, corvettes and other types of vessels more apt to keep close to the coast and seize shallow-draught ships. This solution which consists in starving the Americans, if it is at all possible, which I doubt very much, is certainly the best in as much as it will end the quarrel sooner. This endurance test will cause the loss of America to the mother country which needs a people of merchants, not warriors.

Mylord Dunmore, Governor of Virginia, was threatened by the rebels. In his turn he threatened to free all his slaves if they did not carry out his orders to the smallest detail. This threat made them come to their senses; but is it not a pity that a Nation of Merchants be reduced to freeing the slaves in order to protect its Colonies against its own Colonists!

They expect to draw many recruits from Ireland, maybe two thousand men within a month at most. Mylord Rochford told me that a regiment, among others, cut down to 20. men was being recalled from America with only its officers and colors in order to be brought up to strength with these recruits. This is the major drawback of regiments as weak as these British regiments. The smallest defeat is a fatal blow to them, and they are destroyed, so to speak, before they even go into action. If they send for Hanoverian troops, they will send them to relieve the garrisons at Gibraltar and even Minorca which they will then use in America.

The Ministry is relying entirely on the Canadians. I do not doubt in the least that all necessary steps have been taken to this effect. I had not yet heard such positive statements on this subject. . . .

News concerning the Ports.

The five reserve vessels in Plymouth have only four hundred and six men in their crews. As a matter of fact, none of these ships has on board more than the required number of men to man her boats.

All the carpenters of Portsmouth and Plymouth are refusing to work. After firing all shipwrights the Count of Sandwich now has to negotiate with them. He has asked their Committee to send their requests in writing. They are asking for about two shillings and six pence per day. Captain Bennet has sent a message to Portsmouth from Newfoundland saying that the supplies are very scarce. The garrison had only four pounds of bread per man per week, and at the time the letter was sent, there was enough bread left to last a week. Chicken cost one guinea each. A marine writes from Boston that there is no bread and that mutton costs one shilling per pound. In Plymouth, the ship chandler has received the order to bake biscuit in all his ovens for the ships in America.

Arethuse and *Lizard* are in dry-dock and have the greater part of their crews; *Marlborough* and *Resolution* are ready to sail for Spithead. These two ships and the corvette *Alderne* are the only vessels laid up in Plymouth. *Barfleur*, *Centaure*, *Kent* and the corvette *Raven* are in Spithead. The ships *Phoenix* with 44 cannons, *Roebuck* with 44 cannons, *Experiment* with 50 cannons are being laid up. The first in Portsmouth, the second in Chatam, the third in Deptford. There are six Russian ships in Motherbane.

The 40th regiment is going to be increased from 477 men to 1164. It is certain it will be sent to Northern America as soon as it is brought up to strength.

[Enclosure] Description of an Action in America.

In the morning of 27 May, around 11 o'clock, a party of provincials were carrying out their orders which took them from Chelsea to the Islands of Hogg and Noddle in order to remove the livestock from the said islands. They were interrupted on their way by a schooner and a corvette detached from the fleet stationed in front of Boston and by about forty marines who were under orders to keep watch over the live-stock. Nevertheless, the Provincials managed to take a few cows and horses, killed a few and set fire to a barn and a farm. Meanwhile, the two warships and a large detachment of marines from these ships which had been lowered in boats fired upon the Americans. The latter took refuge in a ditch near a marsh and remained hidden there until they had the opportunity to fire on the marines, which they did, killing three and wounding one of them. They proceeded then to the Isle of Hogg where they were joined by the other members of their party and where they drove away all the live-stock: three or four hundred sheep, a few cows, horses, etc. Both camps kept on exchanging gunfire.

After cleaning up the Island of Hogg, the Provincials marched to the Point of Chelsea where they drew up in battle array and sent for a reinforcement of three hundred men and two four pounders. This reinforcement arrived around nine o'clock in the evening, and a while later, General Putnam shouted to the schooner saying to the men who manned this ship that if they wished to surrender

they would be granted quarter. He was answered by two cannon shots which were immediately returned. Then violent firing opened on both sides which lasted until eleven o'clock in the evening when the schooner stopped firing. The crew had to abandon ship and take to the boats which had been sent in great number to their rescue along with a large detachment of marines which had taken position on the Island of Noddle with two twelve pounders.

Without her crew, the schooner ran aground and, at daybreak, the Provincials set fire to her. At this time the two twelve pounders opened a violent fire.

For his part, General Putnam blazed away at the corvette and battered her to such an extent that the greater part of her crew was killed and she had to be towed by boats. All firing ceased then except for a few random shots between Chelsea and Noddle Island.

During this long action, the Provincials did not lose a single man. They had only four wounded, one of them by his own gun which exploded. They removed from the Schooner four four pounders, twelve blunderbuss, most of her sails and rigging, also clothes and money, etc. On the other side there were 20. killed and fifty wounded.

1. AMAE, Correspondance Politique, Angleterre, vol. 511, 282, LC Photocopy.

8 July

WILLIAM LEE TO WILLIAM HICKS ¹

Dear Sir!

London 8 July 1775

I only recd yr oblig: favor of the 1st Inst on the 6th & note its contents. A Duplicate of yr Occot: agst my Nephews shall be sent to my Br as soon as an oppty offers which may not be these 9 or 12 Mos, therefore if any quicker conveyance to the Virga side of Poto [mac] or Rap[hannoc]k shd happen from yr Port, it will be esteemed very obligd: in you to forward a duplicate yourself. The dft: to S. Potter £45.11.3 is this day paid. The price of Tobo is already so high that a speculation is dangerous, for if a moderate qty is imported, the value cannot increase – Sir Robt Herries is now selling merchantable at 3 3/8 & good at 3 5/8 P lb: he has abt 1000 hhds on hand; no other person has any thing worth mentioning, still the demand is so small owing to the State of the European markets, that Sr Robts Tobo goes off slowly. Notwithstanding I am of opinion something may be made of Mr Chambre's Tobo at the price of 3 1/2 P lb; deld at the Kings Scale in London allowing as is usual 12 dft & Sample with the Trett. The Buyer to appoint his own Cooper & Broker – to abate 1/4 P lb on the price for every Hhd that is cut 100lb & upwards – 2 P Ct Disct to be allowed on the purchase & to be paid by bills at 60 daies after the delivery in London or 3 Mos after the Ships Arrival & report here – Bills on me acceptd at 3 Mos will be readily discd On this plan you will observe the Ship must not enter at Whitehaven but come round immediately to London & the supposition is, that her whole Cargoe is from the upper Warehouses on Jams River none below Appomattox. I expect a Ship of my own in 15 or 20 daies from Virga therefore shall fear being pushed in the paymt for Messrs Chambre & Cos. Cargoe, unless you can help me out of it shd be requisite; for most of my Tobo will be for Home Consumption &

will consequently require a large Sum for paymt of the Duties. If on maturely considering what is premised you chuse to engage on the terms mentioned, with Messrs Chambre & Co I will be one half concerned with you in the same Should it be absolutely required to name a Broker, *before* the Bargain is compleated – You may mention Mr T. Williams who is well known to many Gent in Whitehaven.

The papers will tell you our proceedings in Common Hall, Yesterday for the first time, the Common Council of London agreed to address the Throne on American Grievances & to pray a Suspension of Hostilities – Their address &c will be delivered some time next week – The truest & latest American intelligence you will find in the Public Ledgers of this Week I am &c –

1. William Lee Letter Book, VHS.

“EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM PLYMOUTH, JULY 8 [1775].”¹

The *Solebay* man of war lately put into commission, and one of the ships ordered for the American station, upon a survey was found to be rotten, and it is said will be put out of commission, and some other appointed in her room.

1. Reprinted in *Connecticut Gazette*, Sept. 29, 1775, from an unidentified London newspaper.

9 July (Sunday)

“EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM PORTSMOUTH, JULY 9 [1775]”¹

Since my last sailed from Spithead, the *Raven* man of war for Boston. . . .

1. *London Chronicle*, July 8 to July 11, 1775.

10 July

“EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM GOSPORT, JULY 10 [1775].”¹

The *Renown* and *Phoenix*, each of 40 guns, are commissioned at this port, and the *Rainbow* at Sheerness; they are ordered to America to relieve the *Boyne*, *Somerset* and *Asia*, of 64 guns each; these being found to be too large for that country, and that 40 gun Ships will answer the purpose better.

1. Reprinted in *Connecticut Gazette*, Sept. 29, 1775, from the *London Chronicle*, July 11–13, 1775.

11 July

PHILIP STEPHENS TO JOHN POWNALL, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE¹

Sir

Admty Office 11 July 1775

My Lords Commissrs of the Admty having in pursuance of the King's Pleasure signified by the Earl of Dartmouth in his Letter of the 29th of last Month, directed the Navy Board to hire two Vessels the one of about 150 Tons, the other of about 100 Tons to carry Stores to Quebec and Virginia; And the said Board having informed my Lords that they have hired the *Jacob* Thomas Brown Master to carry Stores to Quebec, and the *Maria* to carry the like to Virginia and that they

are both ready to receive the same; I am commanded by their Lordships to acquaint you therewith for the Earl of Dartmouth's information And am

Sr [&c.]

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

VICE ADMIRAL WILLIAM PARRY TO PHILIP STEPHENS ¹

Sir I desire you will please to acquaint the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that Vice Admiral [James] Young arrived in English Harbour in His Majesty's Ship *Portland* on the 8th of June last, and likewise the *Pomona* Sloop and the next day I waited on him and received their Lordships Orders of the 15th of April last for my return to England, Agreeable to which, I delivered to him all such orders as remained unexecuted, and informed him of every particular respecting the State and Disposition of the Squadron, and of every other matter relative to the Command.

On the 11th I sailed in His Majesty's Ship *Chatham* from St. John's Road for England, as did His Majesty's Sloop *Favorite*, with Orders to stop a few hours at St. Christophers to take in some sweet Water, her Captain having represented to me that great part of what they had on board was stinking and unfit to drink.

I wrote to you by His Majesty's Ship *Deal Castle*, which dispatches Captain [James] Cummings put in the Post this day; I anchored at Spithead Yesterday at 4 O'Clock in the afternoon, and the *Deal Castle* at 5.

On Saturday last [July 8] about 8 O'Clock in the evening I spoke with Sir Peter Parker in His Majesty's Ship *Royal Oak*, in Company with three other Ships of the Line, and a Frigate about 22 Leagues West of Scilly.

I am Sir [&c.]

Chatham at Spithead the 11th of July 1775

Will^m Parry

1. PRO, Admiralty, Class 1/309.

12 July

JOHN POWNALL TO PHILIP STEPHENS ¹

Sir

Whitehall 12th July 1775

The Stores to be carried to Quebec & Virginia by the Ships taken up for that purpose, are as follows – Vizt

For Quebec	{	3000 Stand of Arms, with 200 rounds of
		Powder & Ball for each Musket.
		4 light Field-Pieces – 3 Pounders.
		Cloathing for 3000 Men.
		Accoutrements for 3000 Men.

For Virginia	{	3000 Stand of Arms, with 200 Rounds of
		Powder & Ball for each Musket.
		4 light Field Pieces – 3 Pounders

And I am directed by Lord Dartmouth to desire that the proper Orders may be given for receiving the said Stores on Board.

The Board of Ordnance furnish the Arms, Ammunition and Field Pieces, Mr Alderman Harley provides the cloathing, and Sir James Esdaile the Accoutrements, & directions are given to each respectively to ship the Stores with all possible dispatch.

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

LORD DARTMOUTH TO LORD DUNMORE ¹

(No. 22)

Whitehall, 12th July 1775

My Lord, This Dispatch accompanies a triplicate of my Letter to your Lordship of the 5th Instant, and is intrusted to the Care of Capt Dodsworth who has on board 3000 Stand of Arms with two hundred rounds of Powder & Ball for each Musket, and 4 light Brass 3 pounders to be delivered to your Lordships order.

Captain Dodsworth has my Instructions that he do immediately upon his arrival on the Coast of Virginia put himself under the Protection of one of His Majesty's Ships of War and having sent his Letters on shore that he do wait your orders for the disposal of the Arms and other Military Stores, Your Lordship will therefore give him those Orders and discharge the Ship as soon as you conveniently can.

His Majesty hopes that this supply of Arms will arrive Seasonably for those Objects pointed out in your Lordship's Dispatch of the 1st. of May, and that with the Assistance of the Detachment of the 14th Regiment, which I see General [Thomas] Gage has authorized your Lordship to send for, and the Men you say you can raise from among Indians, Negroes, & other Persons, you will have Force enough if not to reduce the Colony to obedience, at least to Act upon the Defensive, and withstand those Attacks with which yourself and the rest of the Officers and Friends of Government are menaced.

Your Lordships fortitude has already been put to a very severe Trial, and the Sacrifice you have made of your own Safety to the Dignity of Government does you the greatest honour, it is not however the King's desire that your Lordship should abide all Extremities & the order given to the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships to receive on board His Majesty's Governors in Case of necessity implies His Majesty's Permission to those Governors to avail themselves of that Asylum whenever their personal Safety requires it.

The situation of Governor [Josiah] Martin in the neighboring Province of North Carolina is in many respects similar to that of your Lordship; the Violences, however, there are not so great as in Virginia, and we have reason to hope that some of the Western Counties are firm Friends to Government and ready to Associate against Rebellion, every thing therefore in Our Power has been done to improve that advantage, the Governor is Authorized to encourage the raising a Battalion of Highlanders under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel McLean and lest Governor Gage should not have it in his power to furnish Arms for that purpose it will be proper that your Lordship should from the supply now sent you, deliver to Governor Martin's Order, such a portion of them as he shall want, and your Lordship may be able to spare him.

The Support your Lordship met with from the Gentlemen of the Council who attended you on the 2d of May does them much honor, and I think it affords good ground to hope, that Men of Spirit and property will at length be awakened to a sense of their Situation and of the inevitable ruin which must follow from such a State of total Anarchy and Confusion, as your Lordship represents the Colony to be in. I am &c

Dartmouth

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/1353, 311–318, LC Transcript.

LORD DARTMOUTH TO JOSIAH MARTIN, GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA ¹

[Extract]

Whitehall, 12th July, 1775

This dispatch which encloses a triplicate of my letter of the 5th instant will be transmitted to you by Lord Dunmore under whose care it is sent by a Store Ship having on Board 3000 stand of Arms with Ammunition and other Military Stores, a part of which arms His Lordship is instructed to deliver to your order from a hope on one hand that Lieutenant Colonel [Allen] Maclean will be able with your assistance to raise a Battalion from amongst the Highlanders in North Carolina, and an apprehension on the other hand that General Gage may not be able to supply all the Arms that may be necessary on such an occasion.

1. Saunders, comp., *Records of North Carolina*, X, 89–91.

13 July

WILLIAM LEE TO RICHARD HENRY LEE ¹

My Dear Brother,

London 13 July 1775.

Capn [Nathaniel] Falconer delivered me safely your favour of May the 10 from Phila – The insurances you ordered are made. The uncertainty of this reaching you at Philadelphia, or indeed at all, will prevent me from being so full as I shd otherwise be. Our Br A[rthur] has wrote I believe pretty largely. Notwithstanding the base & wicked attempts of our Ministry & Genl. [Thomas] Gage to disguise the truth 9 tenths of the People here are fully convinced that the Civil War was commenced by Genl Gage. – I can with truth & pleasure assure you that the repeated success of the Provincials since the 19th of April gives almost universal pleasure here, but still you are not to expect any really spirited exertions on the part of the people untill they feel, which they do not at present, because large remittances have been made to the Merchts in generall & unfortunately chiefly to the most ministerial ones; who besides it is said, have privately negotiated with the minister to prevail on the Bank to lend them £300,000 – part of which a Tobo Mercht is to share, who has made a great parade to his correspondents of his services last winter. – Indeed if things are ever settled a reform must be made respecting the American Merchts for half the present mischeif has arisen from their Villainy & Treachery to you. –

The Governor of Virginias conduct in robing you of yr powder & the Proclamation agt [Patrick] Henry, with the Councils contemptible & stupid address to the people, makes a fair opening for a reform in your constitution & Government which is founded on as arbitrary & tyranical a system as can well

be contrived; the mode of summoning Juries is open to ten thousand objections & in process of time will be a dreadful engine of oppression in the hands of a Tyrant.

The late constitution of Massachusetts or the present of Connecticut & Rhode Island seem the most eligible. —

Now is the time to form a proper mode of internal Government which may last for many Centuries, & if 'tis lost or disregarded, the opty may never occur again.

We have various reports of what the Congress is about but nothing shall I believe that is not authenticated with the name of Charles Thomson. Capn Falconer has all the papers, there are no publications worth sending which you have not already had. The Corporation of London has at last agreed to Petition the King in your behalf a copy of which I inclose, it is to be delivered on Friday [July 14] & perhaps you will get the answer with this. The Ministers have however sent orders to Genl Gage to persevere & to go out of Boston to dispossess the Provincials of their strong places, Genl [Guy] Carlton is ordered to send down on the back Country the 3,000 Canadians, which he has wrote he can spare for Gages assistance (blessed fruit of the Quebec Act) & a highland regiment is to be compleated to 1000 with highlanders under a Ld John Murray, to be sent as soon as compleated to America. From Quebec they expect to be able to get fresh provisions sufficient for the Army & fleet at Boston.

If they get men at all, it must be from Scotland or among the Irish Roman Catholics, for the American War is really so odious & disgusting to the Common people in England that no Soldiers or Sailors will inlist, for without pressing they cannot in two months man two twenty gun ships, nor have they for 3 Months past inlisted 20 Soldiers in all England, tho' recruiting parties are all over the Country. Added to this the Shipwrights at Plymouth, Portsmouth, Gosport, Chatham & Sheerness to amt of 3000, have all left off work, on Acct of their ill usage, when they have not 3 ships in all the yards fit to put to sea. These Men call'd on me yesterday with their petition which they are to present to the K--g tomorrow. 'tis spirited & bold. to compleat the affaire two daies ago an express arrived from Gibralter, by a Man of Wars cutter the Capts. brother I have seen, who says, they expected the same wind which bro't him to England wd bring the Spanish fleet & Army from Carthagen to Gibralter, that the works on the Sea side were quite in ruins & that he does not doubt the place surrendering if attacked.

Europe has not seen such an Armament, since the famous Armada in Queen Elizabeths time, 60 Sail of the line, besides smaller vessels & transports, with 30,000 land forces all collected within a days sail of Gibralter.

Under these difficulties with every thing in confusion in the East Indias, our Mule & his Drivers B[u]te & M[a]nsf[iel]d are determined to ruin America, if they can — Things look very well — You have nothing to do but to persevere, as we are told you are proceeding — prepare for a vigorous defence at the same time hold out your plan of accomodation in the form of an American bill of rights in which you shd not forget to new model the several arbitrary Colonial constitutions, such as Virginia, New York &c. — the people shd choose all their

own Officers annually (unless the appointment of the Commander in chief remaining in the Crown) as in the New England Provinces. Canada shd be reduced to its Antient boundaries where religions shd be tolerated as in Pennsylvania but none established. Assemblies shd of right be held every year & a Genl Congress annually or once in two years at least to consider & settle the common interest of all the Colonies. Tis reported, the Genl Congress are about publishing a Manifesto to all the World & to open yr ports to all nations; shd this prove true the maritime powers of Europe must fight in yr cause for the benefit of yr commerce. Shd Spain attack Giberalter, you may immediately settle yr own terms – if they do not, the Ministers are determined to try the issue of this campaign, if they are unsuccessful, they must yield the contest; if successful they will go on, but even then, I am satisfied they will not be able to add 2000 Men more Next year to the present force they have in America – You know whether that will be sufficient to subdue you. – The public prints you will see if in Phila if you are not they will be too bulky to forward with this.

We are all well –

Vale.

1. William Lee Letters, VHS.

WILLIAM LEE TO SAMUEL GRIFFEN ¹

Dear Sir!

London 13 July 1775

I have before me yr favr of May 6 & June 3d – none of my Lrs from Virga mention yr having any Tobo on board the *Adventure* therefore none is insured. The Underwriters that stand out will not settle without a law Suit wch shall be commenced as soon as Mr Browne returns, as he is a material witness; I do not therefore send yr Acct Currt the Ball: of wch is in yr favr but very triffling; if your Tobo comes the price proceeds must be apply'd to pay Fisher, yr Brs bill being already to yr debt. In this transaction of yr affairs I shall give the same attention as to my own. I have no doubt of the Americans proving themselves worthy descendants of Englishmen. Capt [Nathaniel] Falconer will tell you the news we have here. I am &c

P.S. You had a copy of yr Acct Curt sent last month since wch there is no alteration

1. William Lee Letter Book, VHS.

WILLIAM LEE TO ANDREW ALLEN ¹

[Extract]

London 13 July 1775

'Tis a lamentable circumstance that a set of miscreant ministers shd have forced us into a Civil War; but as they have begun, I hope the Amerins. will remember the advice of Polonius to his Son Laertes in Hamlet "Beware of entrance into a quarrel, butt being in, bear it that the opposer may beware of thee." Capt [Nathaniel] Falconer has all the Public News which is not very material, as this is a dead season of the year in London, except that we have great reason to believe that the Spaniards are now, or will be very soon besieging Gibraltar.

1. William Lee Letter Book, VHS.

WILLIAM LEE TO GEORGE MASON ¹

Dear Sir!

London 13 July 1775

I have just recd yr favor of May 20 & am greatly obliged by yr consignmt P the *Adventure*. In consequence of orders from my Br. R H Lee I had insured for you £1000 in the *Adventure* but on rect. of yrs. £145 more was added makg. in the whole £1145 wch. in case of loss will cover abt. £1100 nett, Unless yr Tobo is of a very good quality I cannot flatter you with the prospect of gaining as much by its safe arrival for notwithstanding the very alarmg. prospect of public affairs, the price of Tobo. is just as it was some months ago nor do I think it will rise till after Xtnas & then it will depend a good deal on the quantity that is actually made this year, for the buyers will never believe you are in earnest about not shipg, if you make it, untill they experience yr resolution by their want of the commodity; However you may be assured of my exerting myself to return you a pleasing Acct. of Sales. We every day expect to hear of the Spaniards besieging Gibraltar. Shd this be the case a Genl European war will take place in 12 Mos I am &c

1. William Lee Letter Book, VHS.

14 July

COUNT DE GUINES TO COUNT DE VERGENNES ¹

[Extract]

London, 14 July 1775

Mylord Rochford talked to the Ambassador of Spain of a coming impressment. As a matter of fact, since the reserve ships have crews only for their boats, an impressment seems to be the only way to send to the American Coast the frigates and other ships which are to intercept the trade of the Americans. Meanwhile it will provoke unfortunate circumstances on the English Coast where an impressment is always considered as a tyranny, unless it is based on patriotic reasons which would substitute a national enthusiasm for the real interests of trade.

A ship, arrived a few days ago, has seen along the New England coast the ships carrying the reinforcements for General Gage. The rebels made several proposals which were called inadmissible by the Government, to wit: the recall of the troops, the annulment as soon as possible of the four acts relating to America, the renunciation by the Parliament of all rights to tax the Colonies. The Government would be willing to enter into this last engagement; but to annul the Acts and leave to the Americans the freedom of trade, which is what they really want, this would mean losing America, even more, it would mean losing England whose population would leave everyday for America in larger number. The Minister hopes that these proposals are a step towards more acceptable ones. He is convinced that the Americans will give up. As for me, I cannot believe it. Encouraged and enlightened by most eminent leaders, they are sure of their success if only by temporizing.

P.S.

Ships in commission for Boston

<i>Experiment</i> -----	50 Guns	<i>Liverpoole</i> -----	28 Guns
<i>Roebuck</i> -----	44 -	<i>Milford</i> -----	28 -
<i>Phenix</i> -----	44 -	<i>Hazard</i> -----	Corvette.
<i>Action</i> -----	28 -		

The frigate *Milford* is not in any condition to sail.

The frigate *Liverpoole* replaces the frigate *Solebay* which will be under repairs for more than four months.

The corvette *Wolf* sailed for Ireland.

The corvette *Raven* sailed for Boston with dispatches for Admiral Graves.

The frigate *Enterprise* came into Portsmouth from the Dunes.

The cutter *Meredith* arrived from Gibraltar.

The ships *Chatham* and *Deal-Castle* came into Spithead from Antigua. They are finished with their cruise.

The carpenters have not returned to the ship-yards, and nothing has been decided about them.

1. AMAE, Correspondance Politique, Angleterre, vol., 511, 283, LC Photocopy.

17 July

JOHN CAMPBELL, EARL OF LOUDOUN, TO LORD DARTMOUTH ¹

My Lord

Loudoun 17 July 1775

I have just now received the Inclosed papers, which arived at Greenock by a Ship on Saturday last [July 15] which left Virginia on the 12 of June, the merchant has communicated them to me this morning with an Extract of his Letters from Williamsburg, in case your Lordship has not received so late an Inteligence I thought proper to forward them to you.

I have the Honour to be with great regard and Esteem My Lord [&c.]

Loudoun

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/154, 76a.

18 July

"EXTRACT FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED LONDON NEWSPAPER" ¹

London, July 18, 1775

Yesterday se'nnight [July 10] arrived at Whitehaven, the *Molly*, Captain Mitchinson, in twenty-six days from Norfolk, in Virginia. She was not suffered to land her cargo in Norfolk. The Committee was called and expresses sent to Alexandria where a Congress was sitting. The Captain was seized, and with much difficulty and solicitation escaped tar and feathers. One of the merchants, who resides at Norfolk, requested that the vessel might proceed with her cargo to Quebeck, which was refused; nor would the Committee suffer it to be transhipped into another vessel belonging to the Company, then loading for Whitehaven; nor allow the *Molly* to take in the tobacco which was prepared for

Liste des Vaisseaux de guerre Anglois de tout rang
qui sont présumés bons tant au dehors que dans les
ports, suivant leur répartition aux 1^{ers} Juillet 1775.

R.B. On a souligné ceux qui sont neufs ou qui ont été depuis
pu réparer.

Amerique Septentrionale

Boyne	70	28. Octobre 1774
Comerest	64	28. Octobre 1774
Asia	64	28. Octobre 1774.
Chasem	50	avril 1775
Briston	50	29. Avril 1774.
Cambray	50	avril 1775
Leghorn	44	avril 1775
Carlare	28	20. Juillet 1774.
Liverpool	28	avril 1775
Corbere	28	11. Avril 1775
Blackbuck	44	avril 1775
Ag	28	avril 1775

Noms des Vaisseaux	Canons	Dates de leur Départ
Lizard	28	avril 1775
Fowey	24	18. Mai 1772.
Cherbury	24	6. Mars 1774
Wind	24	4. Octobre 1774.
Glasgow	20	25. Décembre 1772.
Lively	20	16. Avril 1774.
Roe	20	7. Mai 1774.
Scarborough	20	14. Octobre 1774.
Mertin	18	20. Mars 1775.
Falcon	18	20. février 1775.

French intelligence on the disposition of ships of the British fleet, summer, 1775.

her, but compelled the merchant to send the cargo back in the same bottom, without diminution or addition, to be landed at Whitehaven; for the performance of which they obliged him to give a bond of three thousand Pounds.

1. Force, comp., *American Archives*, 4th, II, 1680.

19 July

EDMUND BURKE TO RICHARD CHAMPION ¹

[Extract]

Butlers Court July. 19. 1775.

If he [General Gage] should succeed and beat the raw American troops, which from his superiority in discipline and artillery, as well as his present considerable Numbers, I think he probably will; then we shall be so elevated here as to throw all moderation behind us, and plunge ourselves into a War which cannot be ended by many such Battles, though they should all terminate in so many Victories. If we are beat, America is gone irrecoverably.

1. Guttridge, ed., *Burke Correspondence*, III, 180. Champion was a British merchant and staunch political supporter of Burke.

LORD DARTMOUTH TO THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY ¹

My Lords,

Whitehall 19th July 1775

I am commanded by the King to signify to your Lordships His Majesty's Pleasure, that a Vessel of about 200 Tons Burthen be taken up by the Navy Board, to carry Arms and other Military Stores to Quebec, and also that one of His Majesty's small Ships, such as your Lordships think proper be forthwith prepared to carry dispatches to General [Thomas] Gage at Boston. —

I am &c.

Dartmouth

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY TO REAR ADMIRAL MOLYNEUX SHULDHAM ¹

By &ca.

Whereas we think fit that you shall proceed to Boston and serve under the Command of Samuel Graves Esqr. Vice Admiral of the White and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America; You are hereby required and directed to repair to Portsmouth and hoisting your Flag on board His Majesty's Ship *Chatham* at that Port, hold yourself in constant readiness to proceed to Boston accordingly, when you shall receive our further Orders for that purpose. Given &c the 19h. of July 1775

Sandwich
Palmerston
H. Palliser

1. PRO, Admiralty 2/550/544, NYHS Transcript.

21 July

“ABSTRACT OF THE MOST MATERIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THIS [BRITISH ADMIRALTY]
DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO NORTH AMERICA”¹

1775. The King’s pleasure was signified by the Earl of Dartmouth for a
21st July – Number of flat bottom Boats of a Size best adapted to His
 Majesty’s Service in North America to be forthwith prepared &
 sent out

1. Germain Papers, CL.

WILLIAM LEE TO JOHN BALLENTINE & CO.¹

Dr Gentn

London 21 July 1775

Inclosed you have Mr Jas Robinsons dft pble at 60 dys: sight in London to Hudson Muse for £90 wch please to get acceptd & return the same in course—

We have hand Intelligence from Boston so late as June 23 & nothing material had happened since takg the Hay & Horses &c from the Islands in Boston Harbour. – No advance in the price of Tobo as yet but from the appearance of things that Commodity in 6 or 9 Mos. must be higher than has been known in the present Century. We have so little on hand that a markt price for Virga cannot be mention’d – Our Ships are however daily expected & in a month or two, we may form some idea of a market price in London – Shd be glad to know how things rule in Glasgow & the latest American Intelligence you have particularly from Virga I am &c

1. William Lee Letter Book, VHS.

LORD DARTMOUTH TO THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY¹

My Lords,

Whitehall 21st July 1775.

I am Commanded by the King to signify to your Lordships His Majesty’s Pleasure that in addition to the Ships of War already ordered for North America, your Lordships do send such further reinforcement to the fleet under the command of Admiral [Samuel] Graves, as the state of His Majesty’s Naval Service will, in your Lordships’ judgement, admit of; and that your Lordships do also prepare forthwith, & cause to be sent out to North America, such a number of flat bottomed boats, & of such a size as your Lordships shall think best adapted to His Majesty’s Service in those parts.

It is His Majesty’s further pleasure that your Lordships do instruct Vice Admiral Graves to examine all Letters which he may find on board any ships which he may think fit to detain, & that he do transmit to your Lordships, to be communicated to me, all such Letters as shall, in his opinion, contain any matter tending to aid, abet, or advise the rebellious proceedings of His Majesty’s Subjects in North America.

And as there is ground to suspect that two Vessels that lately sailed from the Downs for Philadelphia – Vizt the *Mary & Elizabeth*, Capt. [Nathaniel] Falconer, & the *Pennsylvania Packet*² Capt [Peter] Osburn [Osborne]³ may have

Letters from persons here in England, who secretly hold a traitorous correspondence with the Rebels, it is His Majesty's further Pleasure that Vice Admiral Graves be instructed immediately to dispatch one of the small ships of his fleet to the Delawar River with orders, that if the above two Vessels shall not have then been arrived, upon their arrival to stop & search them, & in case any Letters of such a nature and tendency, as is above described, shall be found on board, to detain all such, & carry them to the Vice Admiral, who is to transmit them in like manner to your Lordships.

I am &ca

Dartmouth

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.
2. The ship *Mary and Elizabeth*, Captain Nathaniel Falconer, arrived unmolested by the British in the Delaware about Sept. 15, 1775. *Pennsylvania Journal* Sept. 20, 1775.
3. The ship *Pennsylvania Packet* disappeared at sea, being last spoken with toward the end of August 1775, by a Captain Lee, who arrived at New York from Falmouth on Sept. 17, and who reported that "about three Weeks ago, he spoke Captain Osborn, from London . . . and kept Company with him 10 Days;" *Pennsylvania Gazette*, Sept. 20, 1775.

LORD GEORGE TOWNSHEND TO LORD DARTMOUTH ¹

My Lord,

Rainham 21st July 1775

By a Letter I have received from General [Thomas] Gage of the 10th last Month – He is well pleased with the arrival of Lieut Page the Engineer, as he says he may soon make use of his Abilities. from whence I infer that the two other Engineers His Majesty has ordered may be very acceptable. at that time the General says that only Majr Farrington, Engineer Page with the Recruits were arrived

I troubled Your Lordship before I left Town with a Circumstance which occur'd to me, vizt that There were at the Tower Plenty of Wall Pieces, extremely proper to hold an Enemy at a Distance from Covert ways & out Posts, & are more transportable than Light-Artillery, especially in service where Boats are Employed – these probably might be very usefull with Mr Gage in his future Operations. –

I see by the Papers that Lord Dunmore has determined to Embark. Does yr Lordship send the Artillery & Arms to Virginia? He has a Capt [Edward] Foy with him, of our Artillery esteem'd a Good Officer, that is the only person I believe his Lordp has with him, who understands a Gun.

I have received a Letter from a very Intelligent Gentleman in N: Carolina dated June 1st describing the Temper of the People in that Province, & mentioning that There are a body of Highlanders there would take up Arms for the Government, & that the chief Opposition rages with the People on the Coast, but that the back Settlers who are the most numerous, would be in general either Neutral or join Government. He called at [St.] Eustatia, there was but one Barrel of Gunpowder for sale left – the rest had all been ship'd for America – that The Island was full of Brittish Manufactures for the American Merchants –

Altho I conceive these Things have already come more fully before your

Lordp I thought They might not be altogether unworthy of transmitting –
begging Your Lordp Excuse for the interruption, I am [&c.]

Townshend

[Endorsed] Ld Townshend/ 21 July 1775,/ respecting the Transportation/ of
some Artillery

1. Dartmouth Mss., WSL.

24 July

“ABSTRACT OF THE MOST MATERIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THIS [BRITISH ADMIRALTY]
DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO NORTH AMERICA”¹

[1775] The Navy Board were directed to contract for building 20. such
24th [July] – [flat bottomed] Boats capable of carrying 40. Soldiers with 18.
Rowers each.

Do. Vice Admiral [Samuel] Graves was directed, in pursuance of the
Kings Pleasure—signified by Lord Dartmouth on the 21st to
order the Captains & Commanders of his Squadron to stop &
search all Merchant Ships & Vessels bound to, or from, North
America; to examine all Letters which they shall find on board
& to send to him all such as shall appear to contain any matter
tending to aid, abet or advise the Rebellious proceedings of
His Majesty’s Subjects in North America; And if he himself
shall be of opinion that they do contain any such matter to
send them home by the first Opportunity or Express if necessary,
in order that they may be communicated to his Lordship; And,
To send a small Vessel to the Delawar to look out for, stop &
search two Vessels which lately sailed from the Downes for
Philadelphia suspected to have on board Letters from Persons
in England who hold traiterous Correspondence with the
Rebels.²

1. Germain Papers, CL.

2. See footnote to Dartmouth’s letter of July 21, 1775.

LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY TO VICE ADMIRAL SAMUEL
GRAVES¹

By &ca.

The Earl of Dartmouth, One of His Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State,
having acquainted us, by his Letter of the 21st. Instant, that it is His Majesty’s
Pleasure that we should instruct you to examine all Letters which you may find
on board any Ships which you may think fit to detain and to transmit to us, to
be communicated to his Lordship, all such Letters as shall in your opinion, contain
any matter tending to aid, abet, or advise the Rebellious proceedings of His
Majesty’s Subjects in North America. You are hereby required and directed, in
pursuance of His Majesty’s said Pleasure to give strict Orders to the respective
Captains & Commanders of His Majesty’s Ships & Vessels under your Command
to stop & search all Merchant Ships & Vessels bound to, or from, North America,

And in case they shall find any such Letters on board them to send the same to you, And, if you shall be of opinion that the Said Letters do contain any matter tending to aid, abet, or advise, the Rebellious proceedings of His Majesty's Subjects in North America, You are to dispatch the same to us, by the very first safe Conveyance which may offer, or to send home one of the Ships or Vessels of your Squadron express with them if they shall appear to be of such moment as to require it; in order that we may communicate the same to his Lordship accordingly.

And, as there is ground to suspect that two Vessels which lately sailed from the Downes for Philadelphia, vizt the *Mary & Elizabeth*, Capt. [Nathaniel] Falconer, & the *Pennsylvania Pacquet*, Capt. [Peter] Osborn, may have Letters from Persons here in England who secretly hold a traiterous Correspondence with the Rebels. You are, in pursuance of His Majesty's Pleasure, signified as aforesaid, immediately to dispatch one of the small Ships of your Squadron to the Delawar River, with Orders to her Commander, that if the above two Vessels shall not then have arrived, upon their arrival to stop & search them, and, in case any Letters of such a nature or tendency as is above described shall be found on board, to detain all such & carry them to you to be transmitted to us in the manner abovementioned. Given &ca. the 24th. July 1775

Sandwich
Palmerston
H Palliser

Sent by the *Folkstone* Cutter, but she being disabled & obliged to put back, It was sent 23 Augt by the *Phoenix* with a Letter to him.

An attested copy was also sent by the *Cerburus*.

1. PRO, Admiralty 2/1333, NYHS Transcript.

LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY TO VICE ADMIRAL SAMUEL GRAVES ¹

By &c.

Lieutenant [Joseph] Nunn, who commands His Majesty's Cutter the *Folkstone*, by whom you will receive this, being directed to put himself under your Command and follow your Orders for his further proceedings; You are hereby required and directed to take him and the said Cutter under your Command accordingly and employ them as you shall find best for His Majestys Service entrusted to your care. Given &c the 24h. July 1775.

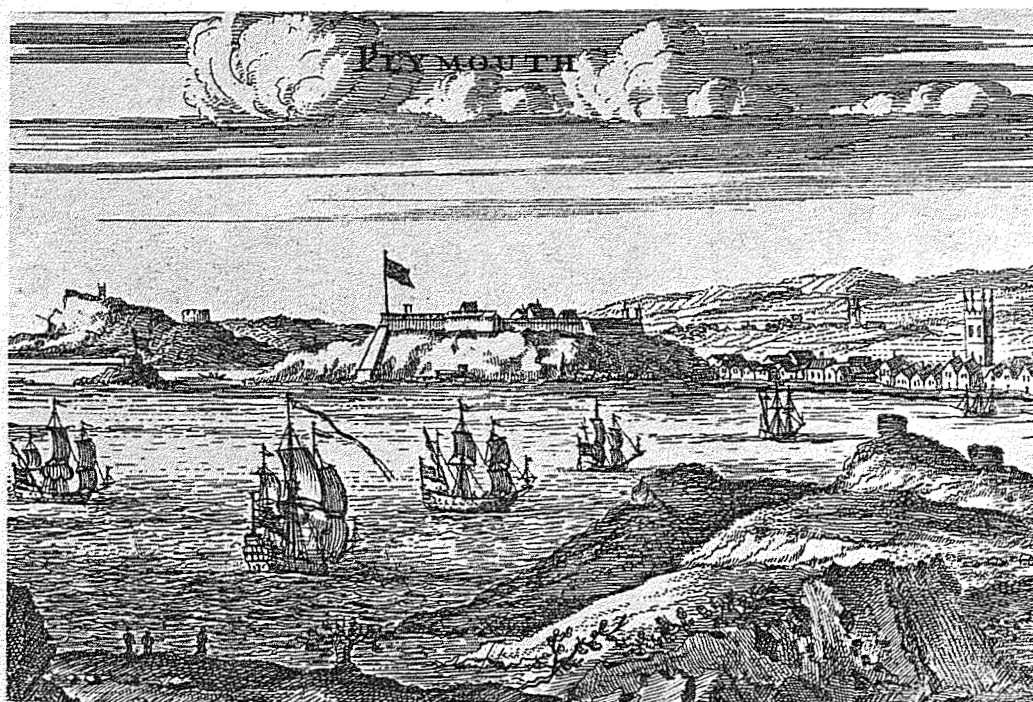
Sandwich
Palmerston
H. Palliser

1. PRO, Admiralty 2/99, 545, NYHS Transcript.

PHILIP STEPHENS TO VICE ADMIRAL SAMUEL GRAVES ¹

Sr [Admiralty Office] 24th July 1775

The Navy Board being directed to send on board each of the Vessels named on the other side hereof hired to carry Provisions to Boston, One of the Boats they were directed to provide, in order to be sent out to you; And the Masters of the said Vessels being directed to dispose of the same upon his arrival as you



(Top) Falmouth, England, 1778. (Bottom) Plymouth, England, 1778.

shall direct; I am commanded by my Lords Commrs. of the Admty to acquaint you therewith &c

(By the *Folkstone* Cutter 25h July 1775)

B. This Letter was returned to the Office, (as the *Folkstone* Cutter could not proceed on the Voyage,) and sent by the *Phoenix* 23d Augst

<i>Ships Names</i>	<i>Masters Names</i>
<i>British Queen</i> -----	Corns Burton
<i>King George</i> -----	Robt Thompson
<i>Hope</i> -----	John Hyde
<i>Resolution</i> -----	Geo. Richardson
<i>Hellespont</i> -----	Jno Lester
<i>Layton</i> -----	Robt Johnson

1. PRO, Admiralty 2/548, 509, NYHS Transcript.

"EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM PLYMOUTH, JULY 24 [1775]." ¹

This morning a snow arrived in the Sound from Boston; what news she has brought we cannot tell, no person belonging to her being suffered to come on shore; the Captain is gone for London in a post chaise and four. It is said here that Boston has been burnt down, but by whom we do not know.

1. *London Chronicle*, July 27 to July 29, 1775.

JOURNAL OF HIS MAJESTY'S SHIP *Cerberus*, JAMES CHADS, COMMANDING ¹

July [17]75 Moor'd at Spithead
 Monday 24 at 8 A M Bill Portland N E by E ½ E 4 Lgs at 12 Do N W 4 Lgs
 Mod Breezes & hazey at 1 P M Departed this Life Jno Falcon
 (Seaman) at 4 Committed the above Body to the Deep at 5
 runing in abreast of the Needles at 8 Anchd at Spithead wt Bt Br
 in 6 fm found here 7 Sl of the Line & 2 Sloops

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/181.

JOHN POWNALL, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PHILIP STEPHENS ¹

Sir,

Whitehall, 24 July 1775

All the Arms and Ammunition, Cloathing and Accoutrements that can be Ship'd in the *Jacob* Captain Brown for Quebec, being now on board, as also all the Arms and Ammunition on board the *Maria*, Captain Dodsworth for Virginia, I am directed by Lord Dartmouth to request that orders may be given for those Store Ships to proceed on their Voyage without delay. —

If the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty should think fit to appoint a Convoy for these Store Ships, there needs no other particular Instructions to the Masters than to deliver the Stores on board to the respective Governors of Quebec and Virginia or to their orders; but it is presumed the Captain of His Majesty's Ship that shall be appointed to Convoy the Virginia Store Ship will continue her under his Protection untill the Stores She has on board are safely delivered; and in case the situation of Affairs in Virginia may make it unsafe for their being

delivered there, it is wished that She may then proceed under the same Convoy to Boston & deliver them to Genl [Thomas] Gage.

I am &ca

J. Pownall

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

25 July

PHILIP STEPHENS TO VICE ADMIRAL SAMUEL GRAVES ¹

Sir

[Admiralty Office] 25th July 1775

I received on the 17h Instant by Mr Nicholas your Letter of the 7h June and by Captain [James] Chads this Morning your several Letters of the 14h 16h 20h 22d & 26h of the same Month, and having laid them with their several Inclosures before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty I have it in command from their Lordships to acquaint you by this opportunity that they entirely approve of your proceedings; reserving myself to answer your Letters more at large by the *Cerberus* which will have orders to return to you in a few days, with dispatches from the Earl of Dartmouth to General [Thomas] Gage.

I have therefore only to add at this time, that some defects having been discovered in fitting the *Milford*, the *Niger* is ordered to supply her place and that in addition to the other Ships mentioned in my Letter of the 24h ultimo and 6h Instant their Lordships have ordered the *Chatham*, *Centurion* & *Renown* of 50 Guns, the *Orpheus* of 32 and the *Liverpool* of 28 to be fitted out with all possible dispatch, as a further reinforcement to you; that Rear Admiral [Molyneux] Shuldham will proceed in the *Chatham* to serve under your Command, and that Captain [Marriot] Arbuthnot is appointed a Commissioner of the Navy to reside at Halifax in Nova Scotia, for the better superintendence and dispatch of His Majesty's Naval Affairs in North America who will proceed thither without loss of time. I am &c

P: S:

(By the *Folkstone* Cutter)

NB. This Letter was returned to the Office, & sent by the *Phoenix*.

1. PRO, Admiralty 2/548, 515, NYHS Transcript.

REAR ADMIRAL MOLYNEUX SHULDHAM TO PHILIP STEPHENS ¹

Sir

Craven Street [London] 25th July 1775

I have receiv'd their Lordships Order of the 19th Inst Directing me to repair to Portsmouth, & hoisting my Flag on bd His Majs Ship *Chatham* at that Port, hold myself in readiness to proceed to Boston; & as that Ship is now under repair, & will not be ready to proceed for some time, I beg the favour you will Signifye my request to their Lordships that they will please to indulge me with leave to continue in town to settle my private affairs till the said Ship is near ready for Sea. I am [&c.]

M: Shuldham

[Minute] 25 July to be comply'd with

1. PRO, Admiralty 1/484, LC Transcript.

27 JulyJOURNAL OF HIS MAJESTY'S SCHOONER *Magdalen*, HENRY COLINS,
COMMANDING ¹

July 1775

At Single Anchor at Spithead

Thursday 27th

at 8 A M the Bill of Portland N N W 4 or 5m Leagues
 Strong Breezes at 1 P M abreast the Needles at 5 Came too at
 Spithead with Best Bower Veerd & Moord Gillkicker N W 1/2
 W St Helinns point S b E found riding here His Majestys Ship
Barfleur Vice Admiral [James] Douglass and four Ships of the
 Line

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/3894.

LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE ADMIRALTY TO LORD DARTMOUTH ¹

My Lord

Admiralty Office, 27th July 1775.

Having received Letters from Vice Admiral [Samuel] Graves, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in North America, dated the 16th 22d and 26th of last month, at Boston, giving an Account of his Proceedings, of an Engagement that happen'd near that Town on the 17th of the same month,² between his Majesty's Forces and the Rebels, and of several Acts of violence committed by the Provincials in other Colonies; We send your Lordship herewith Copies thereof, and of the several Papers inclosed therein, for his Majesty's information, and are, My Lord [&c.]

Sandwich
 H. Penton
 H Palliser

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LG Transcript.

2. Graves's account of the battle of Bunker Hill.

"EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM GOSPORT, JULY 27 [1775]" ¹

This morning his Majesty's ship *Cerberus*, just arrived express from Boston received orders to refit immediately at Spithead (and not to come into the harbour) to carry dispatches in answer to those received.

1. *London Chronicle*, July 29 to August 1, 1775.**28 July**LORD DARTMOUTH TO THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY ¹

My Lords,

Whitehall 28th July 1775

Having received Advices not only that a great part of His Majesty's Subjects in the Southern Colonies have traiterously assembled in Arms against the King's Government, but that they have menaced Destruction to His Majesty's Servants there, who have no place of safety to resort to; and also that Boats full of armed men have been fitted out from the Province of South Carolina, which cruize and

commit hostilities on the Coasts of that & the neighbouring Province of Georgia; I am Commanded by The King to Signify to your Lordships His Majesty's Pleasure that one of His Majestys Ships of War now fitting out for North America, of a proper size for the Navigation of those Seas, be forthwith dispatched directly to the coast of Carolina & Georgia; And that the Commander do receive from your Lordships such Instructions as are proposed to be given to the Commanders of the different separate Squadrons under the command of Vice Admiral [Samuel] Graves, by my Letter to your Lordships of the 21st Instant.

I am &ca

Dartmouth

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

COUNT DE GUINES TO COUNT DE VERGENNES ¹

[Extract]

London, 28 July 1775

This Minister [Mylord Rochford] told me in confidence yesterday that a number of people in both parties were privately convinced that the way to end the war in America was to declare it on France. He added that he was sorry to see this opinion gaining credence. We discussed this question for a long time and most amicably: I can assure you, Sir, that everything said in favor of this opinion is most extraordinary and disquieting. The Spanish Alliance does not stop the supporters of this plan; they say that England successfully managed both this power and France together in the course of the last war and they support their theory with this example. They insist all the more because of the defeat which the Spaniards have just suffered and which will be a terrible blow to our political esteem here. They proclaim that the fear of an English defeat which would bring France back to Canada is the most effective scarecrow in the case of the Americans who dread the proximity of our religion and government; finally, they say that this war would force the Americans to give up their projects of freedom and decide between us or the British and that they certainly would show their preference for the latter. I can assure you, Sir, that Myd. Rochford himself is convinced of all that and I believe that these principles are most dangerous in the present circumstances. After all why is the Ministry of His British Majesty so peaceful towards us?

It is in order to keep their positions and they feel that they could not do so during a war which they are ill-fitted to wage. We should not seek nobler views on their part: for the same reason, they may become belligerent if they have nothing better to do and if the greater part of the Nation comes to want war.

As I feel compelled, Sir, to present these truths to the King and his Council, I must not either hide from them that it is equally necessary as it is dangerous to organise our defense: necessary, because we must not be taken by surprise; dangerous, because we would cause alarms here. Indeed, it is very difficult to find the middle course.

1. AMAE, Correspondance Politique, Angleterre, vol. 511, LC Photocopy.

29 July

JOHN POWNALL, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PHILIP STEPHENS ¹

Sir,

Whitehall 29 July 1775

His Majesty's Commands having been signified to the Ordnance that the additional Supply of three Thousand stand of Arms for Quebec should be sent thither on board the *Lizard*, for which purpose they will be sent in Waggons to Portsmouth to Night.

I am directed by the Earl of Dartmouth to desire that the proper orders may be given for their being received on board, and upon the Ship's arrival delivered to Governor [Guy] Carleton or his order. –

I am &ca

J Pownall

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

PHILIP STEPHENS TO JOHN POWNALL, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE ¹

Sr.

Admty Office 29 July 1775

The Navy Board having informed my Lords Commissioners of the Admty that they have taken up the Brig *Elizabeth*, John Toone, Master, to carry Stores to Quebec, and that she is now ready, in all respects, to receive the same on board; I am commanded by their Lordships to acquaint you therewith for the Earl of Dartmouth's information.

I am Sr [&c.]

Ph^p Stephens

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

WILLIAM LEE TO JOHN ANDREW MEYER ¹

Sir!

London [29] July 75 ²

I duely recd yr favr of 30 Uto & note the Contents. You have now inclosed Jno Finch Bill dated 1 May Ult: at 4½ Usy for £34.1.1 Sterg which hope will meet wth honor, when paid please to remit the value. We have just advice of Genl Engagemt in America between the Provincials & the Kings Troops in wch the Provinls were victorious ³ – This business will not end in some years & at last it is probable will be to the *irreparable* Injury of Great Britn Surely Tobo must rise now. This unhappy Civil War will be advantageous to the Comerical powers of Europe who now will have the wonderful benefit of the American trade which England had before entirely to herself I am &c

1. William Lee Letter Book, VHS.

2. The date is approximated from the position of the letter in the letter book.

3. The battle of Bunker Hill.

APPOINTMENT OF MARRIOT ARBUTHNOT TO BE COMMISSIONER OF THE NAVY AT HALIFAX ¹

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth, To our Trusty and well beloved Mariot Arbuthnot Esquire Greeting, Whereas we have thought fit for Our

Service that a Commissioner or principal Officer of our Navy should be established for the better Superintendance and dispatch of Our Naval Affairs in North America; Know You therefore that We reposing especial Trust and Confidence in the care, prudence, and Fidelity, of you the said Mariot Arbuthnot, of our especial Grace, certain knowledge, and meer Motion, and by and with the advice of our Commissioners for executing the Office of Our High Admiral of Great Britain, Have Constituted and Appointed, and by these Presents, — Do constitute and Appoint you the said Mariot Arbuthnot one of Our Commissioners in quality of principal Officer of Our Navy during Our pleasure. —

And we do hereby give and grant unto you the said Marriot Arbuthnot full power and Authority to sign Contracts Bills and Orders and to do all things else appertaining to a principal Officer and Commisioner of Our Navy to do; and of our more abundant Grace certain knowledge, and meer motion, We have ordained constituted and appointed, and by these Presents, Do ordain constitute and appoint you the said Mariot Arbuthnot Our Commissioner for the Superintendance of Our Naval Affairs in North America during Our pleasure, And do also direct and require you the said Mariot Arbuthnot constantly to reside and make your abode at Halifax in Nova Scotia, and to see to, and take care of, the faithful, vigorous and frugal management of all matters and things relating to Our Naval Service in North America, And we do hereby Authorize and require you the said Mariot Arbuthnot to observe such Instructions relating to your said Office and Duty as you shall at any time hereafter receive from Our High Admiral of Great Britain or Commissioners for executing the Office of our High Admiral of Great Britain for the time being, And further of our especial Grace; certain knowledge, and meer motion, We have given and granted, and by these Presents Do give and grant unto you the said Mariot Arbuthnot for the execution of the said Office, place or Employment during your continuance therein, the Yearly Salary or Allowance of Five hundred Pounds of Lawfull Money of Great Britain, together with such a number of Clerks at such Salaries and Allowances to them as shall be allowed by Our High Admiral of Great Britain or Commissioners for executing the Office of Our High Admiral of Great Britain for the time being, the said Salary or Allowance of Five hundred Pounds by the Year to be paid to you the said Mariot Arbuthnot or your Assigns by the Treasurer of Our Navy for the time being, out of such Money as he shall from time to time receive out of our Exchequer or otherwise, and to commence from the 19th day of July One Thousand seven hundred and seventy five, and to be computed and paid by the Day after the rate of Five hundred pounds by the year untill and upon the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel from thence next ensuing, and from thence the said Five hundred pounds by the year to be paid Quarterly by the Treasurer of Our Navy as aforesaid, at the hour most usual Feasts or Terms in the year (that is to say) the Feast of the Birth of our Lord Christ, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Nativity of St John the Baptist, and Saint Michael the Archangel, by even and equal portions. And Lastly Our Will and pleasure is, and we do by these Presents grant unto you the said Mariot Arbuthnot, that these Our Letters patent or the Enrollment or Exemplification thereof shall be in all things good, firm, valid and effectual in the Law, notwithstanding any Omission Imperfection, defect,

matter, cause or thing, whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made patent. Witness ourself at Westminster the Twenty Ninth day of July in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

By writ of Privy Seal

Yorke ²

1. Shelburne Papers, GL.

2. Philip Yorke, second Earl of Hardwicke.

DIARY OF JOHN BRAGG OF WHITEHAVEN, ENGLAND ¹

7 Mo 29 [1775]

General Thos Gage who has been appointed Governor of the Massachusetts bay having an Army at Boston & that Province in a State of Rebellion he issues out a proclamation throughout that Province, setting before them the dangerous & destructive Measures they have adopted, at the same time offers to those who will submit & laydown their arms a free pardon, all and ever of the Offenders, exceptg Samuel Adams & John Hancock, being two of their Chiefs dated at Boston the 12th of June 1775, all Laws but the Martial Law to be laid by & Suspended till a reconciliation goes over 3 Generals [William] Howe, [Henry] Clinton & [John] Burgoine

arrived News by the Gazett of an Engagement at Charles Town & Bunker Hill between the Kings forces & the provincials wherein the Americans appear to beat off the field, with the loss of many of the British Soldiers above a thousand killed, & wounded,² in which Number a great many officers are included, it happened 6/17 75.

1. WPL.

2. Bragg later corrected the estimate and inserted the figure 828.

WILLIAM LEE TO GEORGE MASON ¹

Dear Sir!

London 29 July 1775

The *Adventure* Capt Brown is arriv'd & brot me yr very obliging favr of June 1st wth 100 hhds of yr Tobo wch. I before wrote you via Phila were insured according to yr orders. You may be assured of my best endeavors to return you satisfactory Sales, but the situation of things here is so perplexed & alarming that it is impossible to judge with precision whether it will be best to sell now or wait the Winter market; for my own part I am well inclined to think the prices are now as high as they will be for 6 Mos to come & if the event of parliamty interposition wch you apprehend, & not with out reason, shd interfere things will not mend. When we consider the great loss of weight, especially when Tobo is landed at this season of the year it is perhaps most advantageous to sell as soon as possible, however as I am fortunately not in distress for money, you may rely on my acting as appears to me most beneficial for you. The present prices, tho' no great demand, are for export 3¼ to 4 P lb for the best stout, wavy & black Jas River Tobo The home consumption price not better, unless for the finest York river & clean good stemd Tobo It is clear to me that the American trade

to G.B. can never be restored to its former channel. I have more at stake in this business than most people, however the love I have for my Country, as well as an ardent affection for universal Liberty makes me submit with patience to the decrees of Providence which I am convinced over rules in this unhappy contest between G.B. & the Colonies; – therefore am sure, as *Justice* is the most amiable attribute of an almighty direction, that you must in the end be successful. – We have only the Ministl Act of the Bloody engagemt on the 17 June at Charles Town near Boston, wch from thence appears greatly to the disadvantage of the Regulars. The Ministers still have no thought of relentg & fresh supplies of Arms & Ammunition are preparing to be sent to Boston – All I can say is, *Quen Deus vult perdere, prius dementat* – America must now be a great Empire or a sink for Slaves – Mrs. Lee & my Br are much obliged by yr kind Remembrance & I am &c –

1. William Lee Letter Book, VHS.

WILLIAM LEE TO JOHN MILLS ¹

Dr Sir!

London 29 July 75

Capt Brown of the *Adventure* arriv'd & brot me 35 hhds of yr Tobo wch I shall do the best with in my power for yr Ints Yr favr of May 31 I shall attend to, in every respect, tho' the intercourse between G: B & America is to be stop'd for some time yet I shall expect you will remit me as much as you can & as fast as possible. This going via Phila I cannot send yr Acct of Sale for the Tobo P Outram last year, but I think they will please you when you get them. As this is an uncertain conveyance must beg you to advise my Brs R. H. Lee and F. L. Lee of Capt Browns arrival & that we are all well. – Yr Sister is well, but yr Mother still continues as she has been for some time I am &c

1. William Lee Letter Book, VHS.

31 July

“ABSTRACT OF THE MOST MATERIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THIS [BRITISH ADMIRALTY]
DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO NORTH AMERICA” ¹

1775

31st July –

The Kings pleasure was signified by [William Henry Zuytlestein]
Lord Rockford for Transports to be taken up to carry the 17th
27th 28th & 55th Regiments of Foot from Ireland to Boston, And
Orders were next day given for that purpose.

1. Germain Papers, CL.

2 Aug.

PHILIP STEPHENS TO VICE ADMIRAL SAMUEL GRAVES ¹

Sir

[Admiralty Office] 2d August 1775.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having transmitted to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty Extract of a Letter from His Majesty's Envoy at Lisbon, relative to Ships suspected of carrying on an illicit Trade with North America; As also Copy of a Letter from Mr Sweetland at Gibraltar dated

the 8h of May last, relative to Vessels which he apprehends may during the present Disputes Trade from that place to America direct; I am commanded by their Lordships to send you the inclosed Copies of the said Papers for your Information. And am &c.

P: S:

(By the *Cerberus* at Portsmouth)

1. PRO, Admiralty 2/549, 7, NYHS Transcript.

LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY TO VICE ADMIRAL SAMUEL GRAVES ¹

By &c.

Capt [John] Symons Commr of His Majesty's Ship the *Cerberus* (by whom you will receive this) being directed to put himself under your command & follow your Orders for his further proceedings; You are hereby required & directed to take him under your command accordingly & employ him & the said Ship in such manner as you shall find best for His Majts Service entrusted to your care. Given &c 2d Augt 1775.

C. Spencer

H. Penton

H. Palliser

1. PRO, Admiralty 2/100, 4, NYHS Transcript.

JOHN STARKE, SAILING MASTER, TO CAPTAIN JOHN HAMILTON, R.N.¹

(Copy)

Lizard Spithead 2d Augt 1775.

Sir, In obedience to your Order to be informed what quantity of small Arms can be carried in the ship to Quebeck (communicated to me by the Commanding Officer this day) I have examin'd every part of the ship, & am to inform you that she is so crouded with the Provisions & stores already on board, that there is not room for a single Chest of Arms in any part of her; there being between Decks 66 Casks of Provisions & a great part of the Boatswains & Carpenters Stores, which the proper places allotted for them will not contain, beside an additional Quantity of Provisions must necessarily be put there to make room in the Hold for the Wine or Spirits, which is also part of the Ships Stores when they come on board.

I am &c [&c.]

Jn^o Starke, Master

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LG Transcript.

LORD DARTMOUTH TO LORD DUNMORE ¹

No 23

Whitehall 2nd August 1775.

My Lord The hope you held out to us in your letter of the 1st of May that with a supply of arms and ammunition you should be able to collect from amongst Negroes Indians and other persons a force sufficient if not to subdue Rebellion at least to defend Governt – was very encouraging; but as I find by your letters delivered to me by Lt [Henry] Collins that you have been obliged from the violence of the times, menaced by one branch of the Legislature and abandoned

by the other, to yield up all the powers of Govern't. and to retire yourself on board the *Fowey*, I have the King's commands to send you His Majtys leave to return to England, which together with this letter and a Commission to Mr Corbin to administer Govern't. during your absence will be delivered to you by Captn [Christopher] Atkins of His Majty's Ship *Actaeon*, who goes Convoy to the *Maria* Store Ship.

At the same time it is left to your Lordp's discretion to use this leave of absence or not, as you shall see occasion, for relying upon your firmness I have still a hope that with the supply of arms now sent to you and with the assistance of a greater Naval force, the King's Govern't. in Virginia may yet be maintained; and should this happily be the case, it will not be necessary that Mr. Corbin should be informed of His Majty's intention in his favour I am &c.

Dartmouth

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/1353.

3 Aug.

JOHN POWNALL TO PHILIP STEPHENS ¹

Sir,

Whitehall 3d. August 1775.

Having received Intelligence through Channels that may be depended upon that a great number of North American Vessels, do constantly resort to Cape Nicholas Mole and other Ports in the Island of Hispaniola, where they load with French produce and also secretly take in large Quantities of Arms and Ammunition; I think it my duty in the Absence of Lord Dartmouth to acquaint you therewith, to the end that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty may give such Instructions thereupon to the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships in the West Indies as they shall think expedient, and I beg Leave to add that persons well informed of the nature and course of this Contraband Trade say, that the most effectual means of intercepting the Vessels that carry it on, would be by stationing two Cruizers, the one at Heneago or Inagua Island, the other at the little Caicos.

I am &ca

J. Pownall

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

"ABSTRACT OF THE MOST MATERIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THIS [BRITISH ADMIRALTY] DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO NORTH AMERICA" ¹

1775 Captn [Christopher] Atkins of the *Aceton* was directed in pursuance of
3 Augt the King's pleasure signified by [William Legge] the Earl of Dartmouth on the 28th ult. to proceed immediately with the *Maria* Ordnance Storeship to Virginia & then repair to South Carolina with Instructions similar to those given to Vice Admiral [Samuel] Graves on the 6th of last Month, to prevent any Commerce unless with Great Britain &c to search every Ship or Vessel going into or out of the Ports and to seize and detain them upon discovery of contraband Trade & to cause it to be publicly signified &c. &c.
Captn Atkins was at the same time directed in case he found the *Tamer* Sloop at South Carolina to dispatch her away to Georgia & to give

her her Commander similar Orders for his proceedings there unless he should learn that Vice Admiral Graves had already provided for that Service.

N B. The *Acteon* having run ashore and received damage soon after she sailed was obliged to put back to Portsmouth to be repair'd, And the *Liverpoole* Captn [Henry] Bellew, was order'd to supply her place.

Vice Admiral Graves acquainted that as it appeared by the disposition of his Squadron that only one Frigate was station'd at Halifax for the protection of the Magazines there and as the place was become the only one on the Continent of America where the Ships of his Squadron could be refitted or repaired, or from whence they could receive any Supply of Stores, it was of the utmost importance to His Majesty's Service that the Yard & Magazines there should be secured against any attack from the Rebels, And it was therefore earnestly recommended to him to concert with General Gage the most effectual Measures to be taken for that purpose, Understanding that the General would have received His Majesty's Commands on that head.

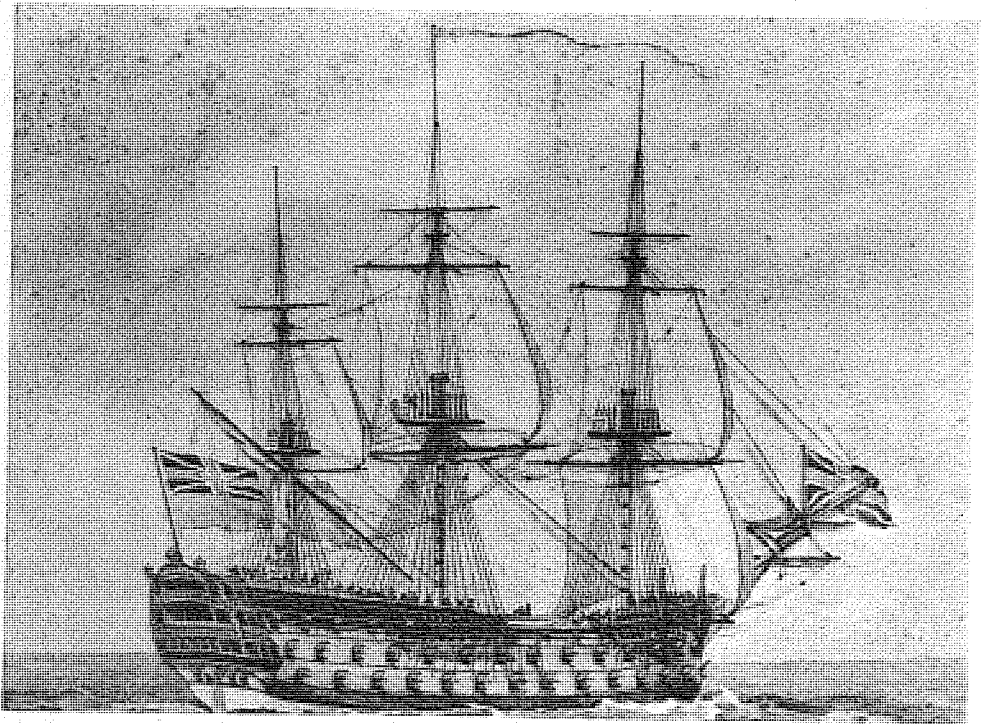
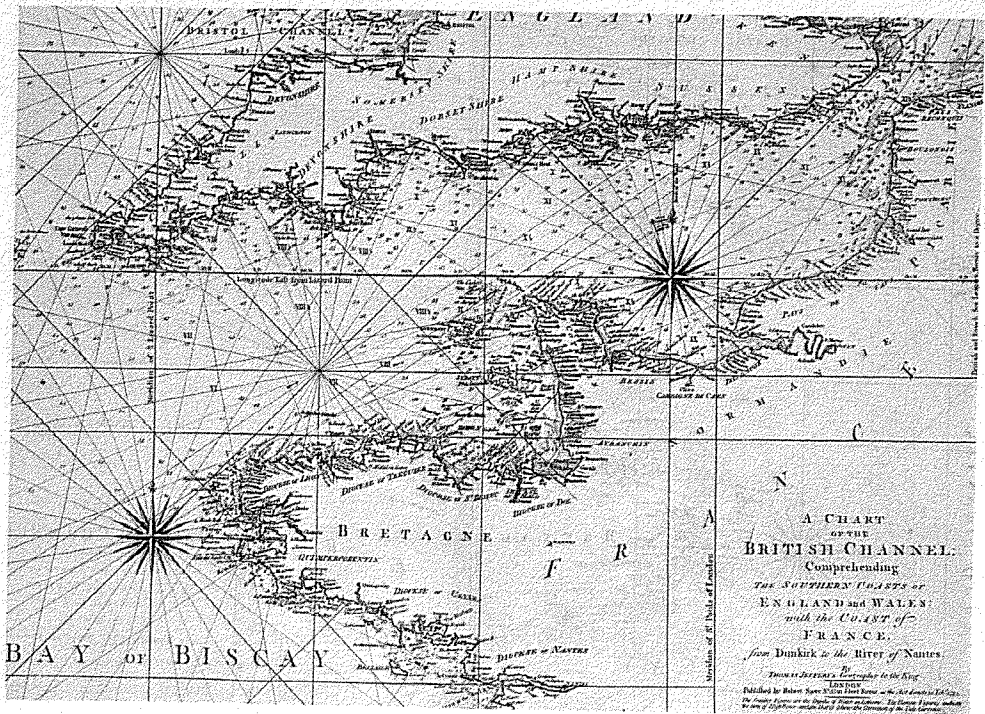
1. Germain Papers, CL.

PHILIP STEPHENS TO VICE ADMIRAL SAMUEL GRAVES ¹

Sr [Admiralty Office] 3d Augt 1775

In my Letter of the 25th of last Month by the *Folkstone* Cutter I acknowledged generally the receipt of your Letters of the 7th 14th 16th 20th 22d & 26th of June; I now set down to answer in detail such of them as require it, And beginning with the first, in which you give an Account of the *Diana* Schooner being attacked & burnt by the Rebels and inclose the sentence of the Court Martial held for enquiring into the cause of the loss of her; I am to acquaint you that their Lordships are well satisfied with the testimony given by the Court, and with what you have related, of the gallant Behaviour of the Lieutenant who commanded her, and of her Company in general But they cannot for reasons that must be obvious to you think of making a precedent of compensating the Officers & Crew of the Kings Ships destroyed by the Enemy for the losses they may sustain on such occasions. The Cases of the *Diana* & *Gaspee* are by no means similar; Nor do I find that the information you have received of a compensation being made to the Crew of the latter is well founded.

Their Lordships approve of the application you made to Genl [Thomas] Gage to have the Boats at Boston belonging to the Rebels delivered to you for the Kings use; And they command me to acquaint you that as Flat bottom'd Boats may be very useful to you they have ordered Twenty to be forthwith provided capable of receiving 40 Soldiers & 16 Rowers each to be sent out by the Transports that are now directed to be taken up to carry 5 Regiments of Foot from Cork to Boston over & above the Yawls & Cutters which you have already



(Top) Section from a chart of the English Channel, 1775. (Bottom) British ship-of-the-line (second rate), c. 1808.

been informed the Navy Board are directed to send to you; And as their Lordships apprehend that there may be a want of Fewell at Boston they have it in contemplation to order the Transports abovementioned to be ballasted with Coals for the use of the Fleet & Army; as also to cause the Ships of War which shall hereafter be sent to you, to take in an extra quantity. —

Their Lordships will in consideration of what you represented as to the great discount as well as uncertainty of getting Money at Boston for Bills, direct the Navy Board to send to their Officer there a proper supply of Money for the use of the Naval Department.

Their Lordships having taken into their consideration the Disposition you have sent them of the Squadron of His Majestys Ships under your command as also what you represent as to the want of more Ships to enable you to supply particular & urgent Applications from almost all the Colonies for protection & assistance, and for preventing improper Commerce & communication, have come to a Resolution to augment the Reinforcement that is preparing to be sent out to you; And conceiving that the Force mentioned in the inclosed Scheme will enable you to perform in the most effectual manner the Services upon which you are employed, They command me to inform you that in addition to the Ships mentioned in my Letters of the 24th June, 6 & 25th Ultmo which were then actually fitting out, and are now in great forwardness, they have ordered the *Cerberus*, by which you will receive this to remain under your command, and will send seven more Frigates to you of 32 & 28 Guns as soon as they can be got ready, to complete the Force beforementioned: But altho' you will find by the said Scheme that particular Numbers of Ships & Vessels are allotted to each of the Colonies within the extent of your command, their Lordships do not mean that you should therefore confine yourself to the disposing of your Force precisely in that manner, but leave it intirely to you to make such other disposition of it as you shall judge most likely to answer the important Objects to which it is to be directed.

The *Lizard* is now at Spithead under Orders to Convoy a Storeship freighted with Arms & Military Stores & Cloathing to Quebec, and then to repair to Boston. The *Actaeon* is also under Orders to Convoy from the Downes a Storeship freighted in like manner to Virginia and then to proceed to South Carolina, where, it has been represented, the presence of a Frigate is absolutely necessary But if you have made any other provision for that Colony and Georgia, you will in that case send such directions to Capt [Christopher] Atkins Commr of the *Actaeon* as you shall judge proper for his further proceedings

You will have observed by my former Letters their Lordships anxiety for the return of the three Guardships to England before the Winter sets in, and that the 50 & 44 Gun Ships are sent to you with a view to supply their Places; I am therefore to signify their Lordships direction to you that, so soon as any three of those 50 or 44 Gun Ships shall arrive at Boston, you do direct the Captains of the three Guardships to proceed immediately with them to England or at least two of them, and the third as soon afterwards as the Nature and importance of the Service upon which she is employed will admit of it.

I have acquainted you in former Letters that Mr [Marriot] Arbuthnot is ordered to proceed to Halifax in the quality of a Commissioner of His Majestys Navy for the better dispatch of His Majestys Naval Affairs in North America, that the Navy Board are directed to send out a supply of Stores for the Squadron under your command; It is their Lordships intention to send out further Supplies of every thing that may be requisite to enable you to carry on the important Services intrusted to your care; And they therefore recommend it to you to send them in your future Letters particular Accounts of the quantities & Species of Stores which you conceive may be necessary for that purpose.

Their Lordships also wish to receive with your next Letter an Account of the quantity and Specie of Provisions, not only on board of the Ships under your command, but what is in store for their use, And also the supplies which you can depend upon receiving from the Contractors, shewing how long the same will serve the whole Squadron at full Allowance

Their Lordships observe by the disposition you have sent them of the Force under your command that only One Frigate is stationed at Halifax for the protection of the Magazines there, But as Halifax is now become the only Place on the Continent of America where the Ships of your Squadron can be refitted or repaired, or from whence they can receive any supply of Stores they may stand in need of, It is of the utmost importance to His Majestys Service that His Naval Yard and Magazines there should be secured against attack from the Rebels: And their Lordships therefore earnestly recommend it to you to concert with Genl [Thomas] Gage the most effectual Measures to be taken for that Purpose understanding that the General will have received His Majestys Commands upon that head.

Their Lordships are of Opinion that it may be useful for the Ships that are to be sent out to you to be furnished with the private Signals you have made for the Ships of your Squadron to know each other; And I am to desire you will send me by the first safe conveyance a Copy of those Signals that their Lordships may distribute them as they see occasion &c

P S

By the *Cerberus*

Scheme of the Naval Force intended to be employed on the Coast of North America

	<i>Ships</i>	<i>Guns</i>	
At Boston	3-----	50	To lie before the Town attend the operations of the Army, secure the Transports, guard the passes & Cruize off the Port & Coast.
	1-----	44	
	8 Frigates		
	6 Sloops		
	4 Schooners		

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Rhode Island----- 3 Frigates ----- one at each pass & one Cruizing

[Scheme of the Naval Force intended to be employed on the Coast of North America—Continued]

	<i>Ships</i>	<i>Guns</i>	
New York	<div> <div>2-----</div> <div>3 Frigates</div> <div>3 Sloops</div> </div>	50	Two before the Town three Cruizing and three at the entrance of the River
	8		
Delawar River-----	2 Frigates-----		One within the other Cruizing
Virginia	<div> <div>1-----</div> <div>3 Frigates</div> <div>3 Sloops</div> <div>1 Schooner</div> </div>	44	One at York, three in the Bay of Cheesepeck three to Cruize off the Cape on the Coast.
	8		
Carolinas & Georgia	<div> <div>2 Frigates</div> <div>2 Sloops</div> </div>		Two in Port, Two Cruizing
	4		
River St Lawrence--	2 Schooners		
Florida -----	1 Schooner		
Total -----	50		

Abstract of the whole.

<i>Ships</i>	<i>Guns</i>	<i>now there</i>	<i>going</i>	<i>more wanted</i>
5 -----	50-----	1-----	4-----	
2 -----	44-----		2-----	
21. Frigates-----		7-----	7-----	7-----
14. Sloops-----		14-----		
8. Schooners-----		8-----		
50		30	13	7

1. PRO, Admiralty 2/549, 13, NYHS Transcript.

CAPTAIN JOHN HAMILTON, R.N., TO PHILIP STEPHENS ¹

(Copy)

Lizard Spithead 3d August 1775

Sir, I herewith acknowledge your Letter of the 31st of July with the Lords Commissioners Orders and directions to take on board 3000 Stands of Arms, Contained in one hundred and Twenty Chests, designed for Quebeck in the Ship I

command I beg leave to observe to their Lordships that His Majesty's Ship *Lizard* has a very small hold, stowes her Stores and Provisions very badly having a great Part thereof between Decks already, and much Cumbered in consequence of their Lordships order I have given an Order to the Master of the *Lizard* to make the best stowedge, and report to me under his hand what number of Chests he will be able to take into the said Ship free from Weather and Damage who informs me he can take in no part of the said arms, the Ship being so full already, without leaving part of our Provision and have inclosed the Masters Report to their Lordships. I beg leave to observe that the Arms are stowed in common Deal Cases and cannot be exposed to the Weather.

I am &ca

John Hamilton

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

4 Aug.

PHILIP STEPHENS TO JOHN POWNALL ¹

Sir

Admty Office 4 Aug. 1775

My Lords Commissrs of the Admty having received a Letter from Captain [John] Hamilton of His Majts Ship the *Lizard*, who had their Lordships Order to receive on board 3000 Stand of Arms, contained in 120 Chests, designed for Quebec, informing their Lordships that the Ship is so full already, that she can take no part of the said Arms, without leaving part of her Provisions behind; I am commanded by their Lordships to send you the inclosed Copy of the said letter, as also One from the Master of the said Ship to Capt Hamilton, upon this Subject, for the Earl of Dartmouth[']s] information.

I am Sr [&c.]

Ph^p Stephens

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

WILLIAM LEE TO JOHN PONSONBY ¹

Sir!

London 4 August 75

I duely recd yr favor of 28th Ultio incolsg J: Busby's sevl dfts value £150 wch: when paid will be to yr credt, being already acceptd Yr other dft on me pble the 11th Inst Our markets for Tobo is not very brisk at prest for as ships are dropp in every day the Buyers keep off, especially as Sr Robt. Herries has purchased a large qty in Virga & Maryld with Some Scotch Cargoes coming here makes the purchasers believe they may have it at their own price. The exports are now from 3½ to 4½ P lb as in quality, but I am of opinion it must rise as the exports from America will certainly cease in Sept if not sooner. Dorset is still in custody, the acceptor of his dft: has not complied with his engagmt – as this is a long vacation am in doubt whether it is not most advisable to try him a month longer, but if you think proper he shall be arrested immediately I am &c –

1. William Lee Letter Book, VHS.

WILLIAM LEE TO JOHN BALLENTINE & Co¹

Gent

London 4 Augst 75

I am duely favd with yrs of the 27th Ulto & hold myself obliged by yr care in filling up the indorsemt of the bill. – I find Mr Russell pd Wm Pierces dft: on him to Thos Blane for £13 the 10th of last Sept wch was indorsed thus – “Pay the contents to Messrs John Ballantine & Co.” “John Waterson” – Witness for Dimsdale & Co.” (a name I cannot make out). Sr Robt Herries has speculated largely in buying Tobo in Virga & Maryld wch with some Glasgow Cargoes clog this market. The common price is $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{3}{4}$ & very fine 4d wch is lower than any market in Europe. Our ships are dropg in every day wch helps to keep us at a stand, but those who can forbear to sell, in my opinion, will before Xtmas make good Intst for their money. We have not recd of late any material intelligence from America – but I am sorry to say the designs of Administration agst that devoted Country are as inimical as ever – they mean to make the brave Highlanders of Scotland & the Roman Catholicks of Ireland & Canada the instruments of their vengeance; therefore, (untill there is a change of Ministers) we must bid adieu to American Commerce. I am &c –

1. William Lee Letter Book, VHS.

COUNT DE GUINES TO COUNT DE VERGENNES¹

[Extract]

London, 4 August 1775

The Spanish affair seems to have the most disturbing results here. The King of England had the courtesy to forbid that any reference to this matter be made in the Gazette of the Court. He did not speak of it to the Prince of Masseran;² but he conversed a long time about it with me trustingly and *with pleasure*. From the details which this Prince has received, it is obvious that the Walloon and Spanish Guards forming the vanguard went into action without awaiting the completion of the landing, an unfortunate result from the lack of discipline to which many people would still substitute the “*esprit de corps*”. The King of England cannot conceive how the Admiral could land all his supplies in the thirty hours time which the troops spent on shore, putting himself into such a position that he could not shell Algiers. It seems that there was in this expedition a frightening intrigue which caused its failure. His British Majesty seemed to be convinced of that; He even said so to me in the greatest secret, adding that it was intended for me alone; those were his words. I must not keep any secrets from the King, and I throw myself on the caution which His Majesty will deem necessary to show in making use of this information. . . .

Yesterday I saw Milady Dunmore who just arrived from Virginia. She told me the dreadful story of all that goes on there. She was almost arrested as a hostage. Her husband hardly had the time to put her on board ship and himself take refuge on board a ship. However, at the time of his departure he had not yet taken the decision, which I mentioned to you in my preceding letters

to free all the negroes. The position of this Colony is all the more interesting because it is the most populated in all Northern America. I enclose a copy of the message she presented for Lord Dunmore. It is remarkable, Sir, in as much as it shows: first, the well established claim to the freedom of trade, which is, as I always stated because it is so, an unsurmountable obstacle to any conciliation; secondly, the opinion about Mylord Chatham which is still held in this part of the world and the effect it may have in the latter.

Five Infantry Regiments from Ireland have received the order to embark on 10 September for America, as well as a detachment of Artillery with a complement of 200 men, and two to three thousand recruits. I was told by Mylord Barrington, Secretary of War, that they would add two Cavalry Regiments to this expedition. The frigate *Lizard* has sailed for Quebec. Since the report I sent you on the 23rd of last month, two other frigates and a corvette have been ordered to sail for Boston. Thus, the number of troops now in America or under orders to go there comes to 17,796 men, the number of warships comes to 62 and the number of sailors to 10,410. This is quite a number of people and ships. The expedition of Cavalry Regiments seems to deserve some attention for it is a fact that the dragoons, now in Boston, are of no use whatever; the interior of the country is so interce[p]ted by walls and ditches that, should one be able to penetrate it, the cavalry would be most ill at ease. Besides, the precence of all these troops is not in agreement with what Mylord Rochford always stated to me, *the project of war by means of the sea*. Truly, Sir, you can see from my last dispatches that this Minister is not very consistent. But he constantly refers to this plan by which war at sea and ruination of the trade are the only means to subdue the Americans unfailingly. Lately he even used in this matter a rather unusual comparison which he gave me as the basis for the decisions taken by the Council of the King of England. "Sir, he said to me, we, at the Council, are convinced that it would be just as impossible to persuade the Americans to do without luxury as it would be to persuade ourselves and every one of us to do without claiRET wine." This policy is neither noble, nor sober; and I believe that it befits them more than the Americans. Be that as it may, it is their policy, and an Army on land is absolutely useless for the purpose of ruining the American trade, purpose, however, which the said policy proclaims as the only principle governing the English operations and views.

The affairs in Canada are becoming serious, and I do not doubt that Mylord Rochford gave me a false piece of news when he positively said to me that he had good reason to rely entirely upon the Canadians. . . . I know from someone who just arrived from Quebec and Montreal that public opinion there is anything but disposed to take the side of England. Apparently, the raising of the militia is encountering a great deal of difficulty. If it is to take place, it will only be by force.

1. AMAE, Correspondance Politique, Angleterre, vol. 511, 287, LC Photocopy.
2. Spanish Ambassador to England.

5 Aug.

PHILIP STEPHENS TO GENERAL THOMAS GAGE ¹

Sir

Admty Office 5th August 1775

My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having ordered Lieutenant Colonel Collins to proceed to Boston and take upon him the command of His Majestys Marine Forces serving on Shore in North America in the room of the late Major [Thomas] Pitcairn, I am commanded by their Lordships to acquaint your Excellency therewith and have the honor to be [&c.]

Ph^p Stephens

1. Gage Papers, CL.

PHILIP STEPHENS TO VICE ADMIRAL SAMUEL GRAVES ¹

Sir

[Admiralty Office] 5th August 1775

My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having sent to you by the *Folkstone* Cutter Orders to examine all Letters which may be found on board Merchant Ships or Vessels bound to, or from North America, and to transmit such as are therein described to them for the information of the Earl of Dartmouth, One of His Majts Principal Secretaries of State, I send you herewith an attested Copy of the said Orders by the *Cerberus* which is on the point of sailing; there not being a sufficient number of their Lordships in the way to sign a Duplicate, in order that you may be apprized of His Majesty's Pleasure with respect to the above Business and take proper Measures for carrying the same into execution; in case by any accident the *Folkstone* should not happen to arrive before the above Ship I am &ca

Ph^p Stephens

1. PRO, Admiralty 2/1333, NYHS Transcript.

JOHN POWNALL TO PHILIP STEPHENS ¹

Sir

Whitehall 5th August 1775

In consequence of your Letter to me of yesterday's date, I have sent directions to Mr Alderman Harley to lose no time in hastening the Cloathing and Accoutrements that are to go in the *Elizabeth* Store Ship; the Goods for Indian presents will be put on board on Tuesday [August 8].

As I find by a Letter from Mr Boddington that the *Lizard* cannot take the additional Supply of Arms for Quebec sent down to Portsmouth, I am to request that they may be put on board the *Elizabeth* and that she may have orders to call at Portsmouth for that purpose.

I am &ca

J Pownall

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/121, LC Transcript.

"ABSTRACT OF THE MOST MATERIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THIS [BRITISH ADMIRALTY]
DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO NORTH AMERICA"¹

1775 The several Ships & Transports going out to take with them an Extra
5th Augt quantity of Coals, to Boston.

1. Germain Papers, CL.

6 Aug. (Sunday)

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE REPORT¹

[Extract]

Received 6 August 1775

What I have been able to collect from the two French Officers, by employing every art, and all the address I am master of, amounts to what follow's . . .²

That during their stay in America, seven French Ships, marked under English colors, came into Different ports with ammunition &ca, and that these Ships would have risked an engagement rather than submit to be visited by a small ship of war, had they been met by one.

That The Americans expected French & Spanish Officers & Engineers, also Powder &ca, to be carried over from time to time, in small numbers, & in small quantities, not only by ships directly from England & our West Indies, but by French & Spanish Ships from their Islands, such ships to appear to be American property, & to be manned chiefly with American sailors, that the European courts may not be detected, should such ships be taken.

1. B. F. Stevens, ed., *Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives Relating to America 1773-1783* (London, 1889-95), No. 1301.

2. The information in this report was apparently obtained from two French officers who had come from the West Indies by way of North America and who had spent some time with the American forces around Boston.

7 Aug.

WILLIAM LEE TO JOHN BALLENTINE & Co¹

Dr Gent

London 7 Augt 75

I wrote you the 4th Inst to wch. be pleased to refer. You have now inclosed Robt Burtons dft pble in London at 60 dys sight for £60 on Messrs Alspiers & Co wch please to get acceptd & return to me in course of Post. Several ships have this day [arrived] in the various ports of G B. from diff't ports of America but they bring nothing new; there seems now but one voice & that is for defendg their rights & Liberties to the last extremity

1. William Lee Letter Book, VHS.

WILLIAM LEE TO WILLIAM HICKS¹

Dear Sir!

London 7 Augt 1775

Yr favor of the 16th U1to is before me & the contents are noted. The dispute with America seems to me farther than ever from being settled for our abominable Ministers are determined to persevere in their wicked plans which if pursued a year or two longer must ruin this Country beyond redemption.

Nothing can stop their phrenzey, but the interposition of the people of England. You have enclosed John Skeltons dft pble in London at 60 dys sight for £500 wch please to get acceptd & return to me in course. When you see my Nephews be pleased to give my Love to them & let them know I expect to hear from them soon. Several ships have arrived at various ports this day from America but I do not understand they have brot any fresh intelligence; The Americans are determined to persevere & that unitedly in defence of our comon Liberties. A great many ships arriving here just at this time keeps down the price of Tobo but I am satisfied that in 6 Mos it must rise immensely high I am &c. –

1. William Lee Letter Book, VHS.

COUNT DE VERGENNES, FRENCH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO COUNT DE GUINES, AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN ¹

Sir

Versailles, Aug. 7, 1775

I have told the King of the offers of zeal and good will that the sr [Achard] de Bonvouloir attached to the Cape regiment has made to you. His Majesty authorizes you to assure him of his gratitude and that he will properly reward the services he is disposed to render him. I have the honor to be [&c.]

1. Henri Doniol, *Histoire de la participation de la France à l'établissement des États-Unis d'Amérique* (Paris, 1886–92), I, 156, translation. Hereafter cited as Doniol, *Histoire*.

COUNT DE VERGENNES, FRENCH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO COUNT DE GUINES, AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN ¹

7 Augst 1775, Versailles

I have shown the King, Sir, the proposition you made of bringing about the return to America of M. [Achard] de Bonvouloir whose acquaintances in, and understanding of, that country are known to you. I do not doubt but what you are sure he is what he says he is, for I must warn you that there is nothing in the Navy Bureau which proves that this Frenchman has been attached in any capacity to the Cape regiment. At any rate, His Majesty has arranged that M. de Sartines at your request draw up a commission as Lieutenant on the staff of the regiment: you will find it enclosed. As for the annual payment of 200 Louis that you propose, the King will authorize it and you will draw on me for extra charges for quarters; but the King in granting you this sum does not intend that you should give up what you proposed in procuring intelligence in the Bureau of Plantations. If it is interesting to be instructed about what happens in North America, it is equally interesting to know what orders can be sent there and even into the other colonies; this knowledge could only spread out some day over the existence of the project you suspect. The King strongly approves your resolution is sending M. de Bonvoiloir, with enough precaution that in any case his mission cannot compromise us. I believe we can allow him to take service among the rebels if his taste carries him there; he is a soldier of fortune whose personal steps can never be of consequence. We must be sure our correspondence cannot be intercepted. You should reduce his instructions, which can only be verbal, to two matters which seem to me to be the most essential: one, to render

a faithful account of events and the general feeling of men's minds; the other, to reassure Americans against the fear which no doubt is being raised against us. Canada is the sore point for them and they must understand that we do not think about it at all and that rather than envying them their liberty and independence that they are working to acquire, we admire on the contrary the grandeur and nobility of their efforts and that, without interest in harming them, we shall with pleasure see those happy circumstances that allow them to frequent our ports; the facilities that they will find there for their trade will soon prove to them the esteem we have for them. The King counts on your vigilance and your care in informing him promptly Sir about everything you deem interesting. We are sure Sir that you will not postpone until the time of your weekly dispatch sending us knowledge that is urgent that you send to us

1. Doniol, *Histoire*, I, 155, 156, translation.

8 Aug.

JOURNAL OF HIS MAJESTY'S SHIP *Cerberus*, JOHN SYMONS, COMMANDING ¹

August 1775 Portland [Bill] N E b N 4 or 5 Leagues

Tuesday 8th at ½ past 4 Weighed [from Spithead] & Came to sail at 12
Tack'd Ship & in Top Gallt sails at 3 P M set Top Galls at
peveral point N b W 7 Ms Tkd Ship at 8 In Reefs at 10 Kd
ship ½ past Tkd ship

1. PRO, Admiralty 51/81.

9 Aug.

PHILIP STEPHENS TO VICE ADMIRAL SAMUEL GRAVES ¹

Sr

[Admiralty Office] 9th Augt 1775

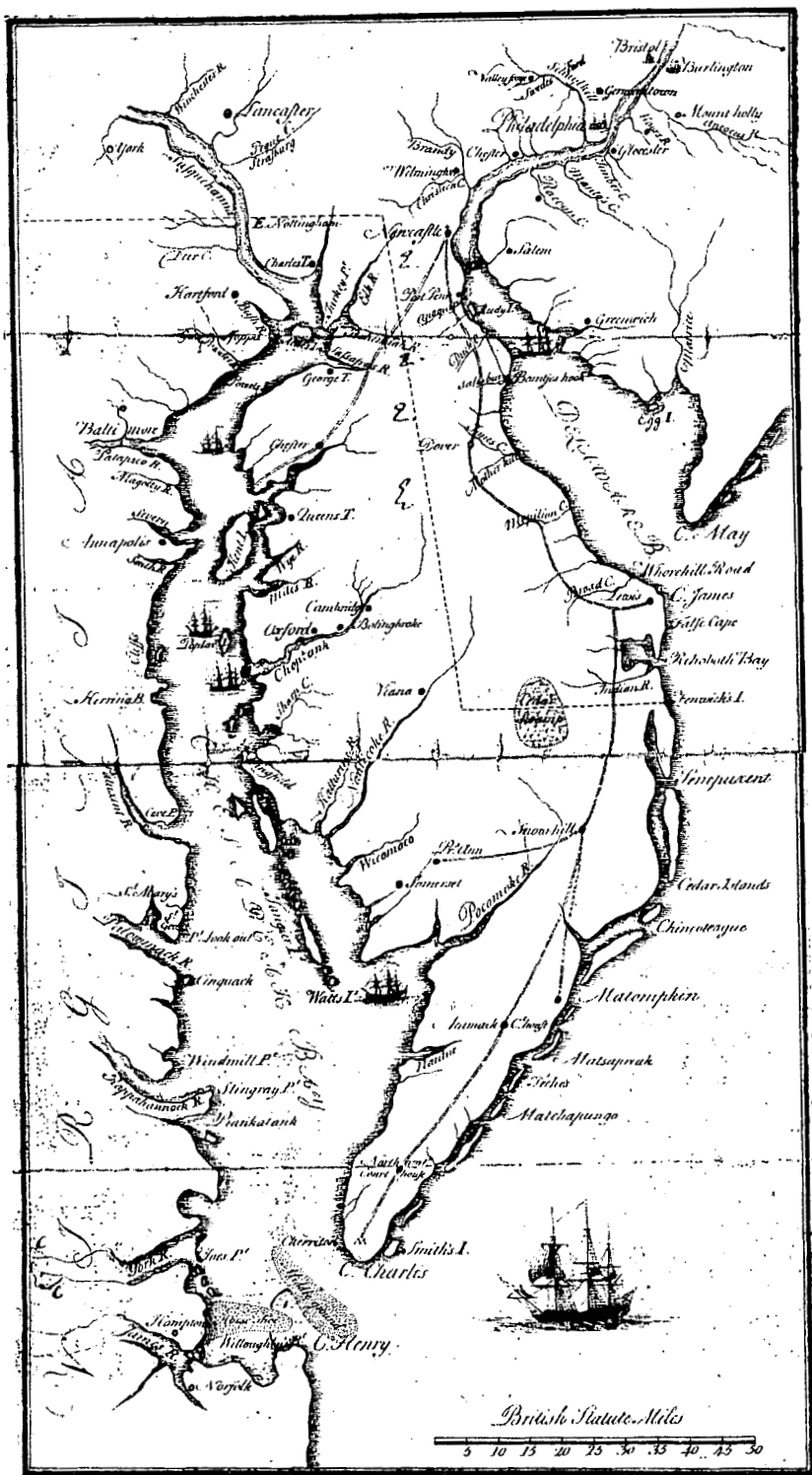
The Navy Board being directed to cause Twenty flat bottom'd Boats to be sent to Boston by the Transport Vessels that are to be taken up to carry Five Regiments of Foot from Ireland to Boston to be employ'd as you shall direct; I am commanded by my Lords Commrs of the Admty to acquaint you therewith &c

P S

By the *Phoenix* 24 Augst

1. PRO, Admiralty 2/549, 40, NYHS Transcript.

APPENDICES



A map of Delaware and Chesapeake Bays, 1781.

APPENDIX A

A list of all Ships and Vessels which have cleared OUTWARDS in the Port of
Annapolis in Maryland ¹

[Extract]

[Omitted are: when and where built, where last registered, by whom owned, and where a bond, if any, was given. Purely coastwise vessels also are omitted]

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| Decemr | 1 | Brig <i>Geddis</i> , John Harrison, Master, 50 tons, 7 men, bound for Liverpool
3500 Bushels of Wheat, 1400 Staves & Heading |
| | 2 | Ship <i>Delaware</i> , Alexander Cain, Master, 150 tons, 12 men, bound for Lisbon
12700 Bushels of Wheat |
| | 10 | Schooner <i>Hannah</i> , Theophilus Russell, Master, 40 tons, 6 men, bound for Barbadoes
450 Bbls of Bread & Flour, 50 Bbls Herrings, 1 Hhd of Tobacco, 20 Barrels of Pork, 3700 Staves & Headings, 2250 Hoops |
| | 19 | Ship <i>Margaret</i> , Robert Spear, Master, 120 tons, 12 men, bound for Genoa
11265 Bushels of Wheat |
| | 20 | Ship <i>Friendship</i> , Peter Young, Master, 150 tons, 14 men, bound for Bristol
15041 Bushels of Wheat, 27 Barrels of Flour |
| | 22 | Snow <i>Fanny</i> , John Tanner, Master, 60 tons, 6 men, bound for Vigo
6500 Bushels of Wheat |
| | 23 | Brig <i>Carpenter</i> , Samuel Jenkins, Master, 100 tons, 6 men, bound for Milford
7112 Bushels of Wheat, 100 Barrels of Flour |
| | 24 | Ship <i>Richard Penn</i> , Isaac All, Master, 200 tons, 10 men, bound for Leghorn
12700 Bushels of Wheat, 20 Barrels of Flour |
| | 24 | Ship <i>Elizabeth</i> , Wm Campbell, Master, 180 tons, 11 men, bound for Barcelona
6500 Bushels of Wheat, 150 Barrels of Flour |

- 24 Brig *Conclusion*, Joseph Newman, Master, 90 tons, 7 men, bound for Bilboa
950 Barrels of Flour
- 24 Brig *Sam*, Robt Forsyth, Master, 80 tons, 10 men, bound for Genoa
6000 Bushels of Wheat, 270 Barrels of Flour
- 24 Ship *Charming Sally*, Felix McGinnes, Master, 160 tons, 12 men, bound for Falmouth
8000 Bushels of Wheat
- 24 Ship *Philadelphia*, John Winning, Master, 100 tons, 12 men, bound for Lisbon
1200 Barrels of Flour
- 24 Snow *Potowmack*, Archibald Graham, Master, 140 tons, 12 men, bound for Cork
200 Hhds of Flaxseed, 200 Barrels of Flour, 10000 Staves & Heading
- 24 Ship *John*, Charles Evans, Master, 140 tons, 10 men, bound for Belfast
6000 Bushels of Wheat, 1000 Barrels of Flour, 30000 Staves & Heading
- 26 Ship *William*, James Thomas, Master, 200 tons, 15 men, bound for Bristol
6375 Bushels of Wheat, 1375 Barrels of Flour, 8640 Staves & Heading
- 26 Brig *Isabella Ann*, Chas Dashiell, Master, 60 tons, 10 men, bound for Lisbon
1000 Barrels of Flour, 4500 Staves & Heading
- 27 Ship *Elizabeth*, Morto Downey, Master, 100 tons, 13 men, bound for Tortola
500 Bushels of Corn, 20 Barrels of Flour, 20000 Staves & Headings,
200 Bushels Pease, 5000 feet Scantling, 10000 feet Pine Boards,
10000 Shingles
- 27 Brig *Peggy Ann*, Abraham Walton, Master, 50 tons, 8 men, bound for Tortola
200 Bushels of Corn, 60 Barrels of Flour, 60 Barrels and 100 Kegs Bread,
5000 Staves & Heading, 10000 Shingles, 1000 Hoops
- 28 Ship *Hawk*, Jacob Getsheus, Master, 100 tons, 10 men, bound for Lisbon
13987 Bushels of Wheat, 29 Barrels of Flour
- 29 Snow *Betsey*, William Waud, Master, 100 tons, 9 men, bound for Lisbon
1200 Barrels of Flour

- 30 Ship *Prince George*, James Bartholomew, Master, 170 tons, 13 men,
bound for Genoa
11000 Bushels of Wheat

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- Janry 2 Snow *Penn*, Sampson Harvey, Master, 150 tons, 9 men, bound for
Lisbon
1040 Bushels of Corn, 7215 Bushels of Wheat, 18 Barrels of Flour
- 2 Brig *Betsey*, John Fossey, Master, 80 tons, 7 men, bound for
Liverpool
4300 Bushels of Corn, 300 Barrels of Flour, 1000 Staves & Heading,
40 Boat boards
- 4 Schooner *Dolphin*, Henry Killam, Master, 60 tons, 3 men, bound
for St Vincents
30 Bbls Herrings, 30 Bbls Mackrell, 2000 Bushels of Corn, 270
Barrels of Flour, 300 Staves & Heading
- 4 Ship *Warwick*, Charles Smyth, Master, 140 tons, 9 men, bound for
Lisbon
8300 Bushels of Wheat
- 9 Schooner *Industry*, John Blakeney, Master, 35 tons, 5 men, bound
for Antigua
70 Barrels of Pork, 130 Barrels of Flour, 200 Barrels of Bread, 1
Ton of Bar Iron 6000 Staves & Heading, 2000 Hoops, 5000
Shingles
- 9 Schooner *Sally & Polly*, Nathaniel Freeman, Master, 50 tons, 6
men, bound for Antigua
11 Barrels of Bread, 6000 Staves & Heading, 15000 feet of Pine
Boards, 5000 Hoops
- 13 Schooner *Fanny*, Purnell Johnson, Master, 45 tons, 5 men, bound
for Grenada
25 Barrels of Flour, 126 Barrels of Bread, 4500 Staves & Heading,
500 Hoops, 20 Hhds of Oats, 10 Hhds of Pease, 3 Hhds of Corn
Meal
- 13 Sloop *Kitty*, Joseph Mattingly, Master, 20 tons, 3 men, bound for
New Providence
19 Barrels of Flour, 27 Barrels of Bread, 2 Tons of Bar Iron, 1 Grind
Stone, 1 Box of Soap, 5 Cases contg Carpenters Tools, 4 Horses
& Provender
- 16 Ship *Cicely*, Martin Mollowny, Master, 120 tons, 12 men, bound
for Bristol
4000 Bushels of Wheat, 1000 Barrels of Flour
- 16 Ship *Richmond*, Thomas Hutchinson, Master, 70 tons, 9 men,
bound for Bristol
2000 Bushels of Wheat, 600 Barrels of Flour

- 16 Ship *Emperor of Germany*, John Richards, Master, 160 tons, 11 men, bound for Oporto
3000 Bushels of Corn, 5500 Bushels of Wheat
 - 16 Ship *Nancy & Sukey*, James Robinson, Master, 85 tons, 10 men, bound for Falmouth
7400 Bushels of Wheat, 2000 feet of Boat Boards
 - 16 Sloop *Polly*, John Martin, Master, 25 tons, 7 men, bound for St Kitts
10 Bbls Fish, 500 Barrels of Flour, 100 Barrels of Bread, 2 Tons of Bar Iron, a parcel of Blocks, 3 Sails & 20lb weight of Cordage
 - 21 Brig *Hope*, George Robinson, Master, 105 tons, 7 men, bound for Dublin
200 Hhds of Flaxseed, 100 Bbls Wheat Meal, 100 Bbls Rye Meal, 8 Casks of Bees Wax, 1300 Bushels of Wheat, 300 Barrels of Flour, 100 Barrels of Bread, 5000 Staves & Heading
 - 23 Schooner *Adventure*, Abraham Bartlet, Master, 68 tons, 6 men, bound for St Lucia
29 Half Bbls Flour, 396 Barrels of Flour, 4000 Staves & Heading
 - 24 *Snow *Neptune*, Edward Bingley, Master, 90 tons, 7 men, bound for Falmouth
7700 Bushels of Wheat, 5000 Staves & Heading
 - 28 Brig *Rachel*, James Tibbett, Master, 65 tons, 6 men, bound for Jamaica
200 Barrels of Herrings, 5 Kegs of Butter, 20 Barrels of Pork, 160 Barrels of Flour, 150 Barrels of Bread, 2½ Tons of Bar Iron, 32000 Staves & Heading, 43100 Shingles, 21 lbs of Starch, 5 Hhds of Pease
 - 28 Ship *Nancy*, James Burrow, Master, 130 tons, 15 men, bound for Milford
9000 Bushels of Wheat, 536 Barrels of Flour, 3200 Staves & Heading
 - 31 Ship *Dick*, Thomas Pearce, Master, 200 tons, 18 men, bound for Liverpool
10250 Bushels of Wheat, 10 Barrels of Flour, 3000 Staves & Heading, 120 Boat Boards
- Febry 8 Ship *Star & Garter*, Thomas Hemson, Master, 90 tons, 8 men, bound for Exeter
8 Bushels of Corn, 6300 Bushels of Wheat, 68 Barrels of Flour, 2952 Staves & Heading
- 8 Ship *Prosper*, James Baxter, Master, 250 tons, 15 men, bound for Milford
10475 Bushels of Wheat, 836 Barrels of Flour, 2919 Staves & Heading

- 11 *Ship *Elizabeth*, John Brown, Master, 100 tons, 7 men, bound for Falmouth
8100 Bushels of Wheat, 5300 Staves & Heading
- 13 Brig *Mary*, John Cathrick, Master, 120 tons, 10 men, bound for Ilfracomb
870 Bushels of Corn, 3920 Bushels of Wheat, 330 Barrels of Flour, 4475 Staves & Heading, 225 Oak Boat Boards, 2700 feet of Pine Plank
- 13 Brig *Sally Van*, Richard Jackson, Master, 55 tons, 6 men, bound for Jamaica
700 Barrels of Flour, 100 Barrels of Bread, 5000 Staves & Headings, 1000 Bushels of Pease
- 14 Sloop *Cumberland*, Joseph Titcomb, Master, 30 tons, 5 men, bound for Falmouth
450 Bushels of Corn, 230 Barrels of Flour, 50 Barrels of Bread, 2 Tons of Bar Iron
- 20 Sloop *Grampus*, John Bracket, Master, 50 tons, 6 men, bound for St. Croix
6 Bbls of Herrings, 10 Barrels of Pork, 110 Barrels of Flour, 30 Barrels of Bread, 3000 Staves & Heading, 20 Bbls of Indian Meal, 18000 Hoops
- 21 Brig *Molly*, James Connory, Master, 50 tons, 7 men, bound for Lisbon
350 Barrels of Flour, 6200 Staves & Heading
- 22 Ship *Totness*, Thomas Waring, Master, 130 tons, 11 men, bound for Liverpool
600 Bushels of Corn, 6100 Bushels of Wheat
- 25 Ship *Hibernia*, Thomas Morrison, Master, 100 tons, 14 men, bound for Londonderry
204 Hhds of Flaxseed, 4500 Bushels of Wheat, 300 Barrels of Flour, 5000 Staves and Heading, 2000 Pieces of Wheel Timber
- 25 Ship *Britannia*, John Watson, Master, 156 tons, 12 men, bound for Cork
6000 Bushels of Wheat, 500 Barrels of Flour, 4000 Staves & Heading, 2000 Feet of Boat Boards
- 24 Schooner *Nancy*, William Jones, Master, 60 tons, 5 men, bound for St Croix
4 Hhds & 30 Bbls of Indian Meal, 3 Bbls Rye Meal, 10 Bbls Beer, 85 Barrels of Flour, 25 Barrels & 52 Kegs of Bread, 5700 Staves & Heading, 10100 Hoops

- 27 Schooner *Polly*, Reuben Howes, Master, 80 tons, 7 men, bound for Figuera
3200 Bushels of Corn, 1518 Bushels of Wheat, 70 Barrels of Flour, 30 Barrels of Bread, 42 Bushels of Beans
- March 4 Brig *Nancy*, Patrick Cunningham, Master, 150 tons, 10 men, bound for Falmouth
8 Bushels of Corn, 9198 Bushels of Wheat, 4 Barrels of Flour, 4954 Staves & Heading, 42 Pine Planks
- 7 Brig *Escape*, Robert Callow, Master, 70 tons, 6 men, bound for Milford
1846 Bushels of Wheat, 415 Barrels of Flour, 4054 Feet of Pine Plank
- 7 Brig *Success*, John Wright, Master, 80 tons, 8 men, bound for Portsmouth
4000 Bushels of Wheat, 2000 Staves & Heading
- 7 *Brig *Rachel*, John Clay, Master, 120 tons, 10 men, bound for Falmouth
9000 Bushels of Wheat
- 10 Schooner *Sally*, Peter Fanuel Jones, Master, 45 tons, 6 men, bound for Cadiz
3604 Bushels of Wheat
- 11 Brig *Woodbridge*, William Knap, Master, 90 tons, 7 men, bound for Bilboa
100 Half Bbl's of Flour, 1200 Barrels of Flour
- 11 Schooner *Dolphin*, Joseph Proctor, Master, 45 tons, 6 men, bound for Cadiz
3000 Bushels of Wheat
- 13 Brig *Nabby*, Jonathan Mason, Master, 85 tons, 8 men, bound for Lisbon
14 Bbls NE Rum, 400 Gals Part of the Cargo imported, 3250 Bushels of Wheat, 300 Barrels of Flour, 150 Bushs of Beans
- 21 Schooner *Sally*, Thorndick Doland, Master, 40 tons, 5 men, bound for Cadiz
30 Half Bbls of Flour, 377 Barrels of Flour
- 23 Schooner *Hope*, George Southward, Master, 40 tons, 5 men, bound for Gibraltar
4 Hhds Rum, 520 Barrels of Flour, 10 Barrels of Bread
- 25 Ship *Isabella*, John Delatour, Master, 200 tons, 17 men, bound for Bristol
4273 Bushels of Wheat, 1679 Barrels of Flour, 11300 Staves & Heading

- 28 Brig *Sally*, William Moat, Master, 85 tons, 8 men, bound for Bristol
4879 Bushels of Wheat, 530 Barrels of Flour, 3500 Staves & Heading
- 30 Schooner *Polly*, Watson Crosby, Master, 42 tons, 5 men, bound for Jamaica
210 Bbls of Herrings, 50 Barrels of Pork, 370 Barrels of Flour, 100 Barrels of Bread, 7000 Staves & Heading, 2000 Hoops
- April 4 Ship *Champion*, Seth Paddock, Master, 170 tons, 9 men, bound for Cork
9884 Bushels of Wheat, 821 Barrels of Flour, 5360 Staves & Heading
- 5 Schooner *Friends Adventure*, John Fulford, Master, 40 tons, 5 men, bound for Barbadoes
24 Bbls of Fish, 1100 Bushels of Corn, 277 Barrels of Flour, 12 Barrels of Bread
- 8 Ship *Friendship*, George Gould, Master, 220 tons, 14 men, bound for Milford
2200 Bushels of Wheat, 420 Barrels of Flour, 3000 Staves & Heading
- 10 Brig *Chrysty*, Andrew Lee, Master, 110 tons, 12 men, bound for Cork
5500 Bushels of Wheat, 250 Barrels of Flour, 3000 Staves & Heading, 800 feet of Boat Boards
- 10 Ship *Dulany*, Thomas Jarrold, Master, 180 tons, 12 men, bound for Milford
7836 Bushels of Wheat, 808 Barrels of Flour, 20 Barrels of Bread, 1000 feet of Boat Boards
- 10 Schooner *Welcome*, Joshua Paine, Master, 70 tons, 6 men, bound for Madeira
3100 Bushels of Corn, 1000 Bushels of Wheat, 340 Barrels of Flour, 1000 Staves & Heading, 30 Bushs Beans
- 12 Brig *Henry & Joseph*, Henry Tickell, Master, 114 tons, 8 men, bound for Drogheda
2 Bbls of Bees Wax, 6314 Bushels of Wheat, 128 Barrels & 50 half Bbls of Flour, 50 Barrels of Bread, 3700 Staves & Heading, 3000 Feet of Boat Boards
- 13 Ship *Liberty*, Charles Thomson, Master, 110 tons, 9 men, bound for Falmouth
6610 Bushels of Wheat, 470 Barrels of Flour

- 13 Schooner *Peggy*, Elijah Luce, Master, 35 tons, 5 men, bound for Antigua
3 Bbls of Hams, 200 Bushels of Corn, 30 Barrels of Pork, 364 Barrels of Flour, 52 Barrels of Bread, 6 Tons of Bar Iron, 700 Staves & Heading, 1500 Hoops
- (2) 15 Snow *Betsey*, William Waud, Master, 100 tons, 9 men, bound for Lisbon
1300 Barrels of Flour
- 19 Schooner *Hannah*, Nathaniel Bosworth, Master, 50 tons, 6 men, bound for Barbadoes
53 Bbls of Fish, 2710 Bushels of Corn, 609 Barrels of Flour, 24 Barrels of Bread, 4000 Staves & Heading, 3000 Hoops, 12 Boxes Candles
- 22 Brig *Betsey*, Thomas Rolland, Master, 100 tons, 8 men, bound for Guernsey
4200 Bushels of Wheat, 212 Barrels of Flour, 30 Barrels of Bread
- 26 Brig *America*, Richard Stacey, Master, 75 tons, 6 men, bound for Cadiz
5 Hhds & 7 Tierces contg 720 Gals Rum, 3000 Bushels of Wheat, 400 Barrels of Flour, 700 Bushs of Beans
- May 1 Brig *Mary Carroll*, Peter Simmonds, Master, 100 tons, 7 men, bound for Dublin
4791 Bushels of Wheat, 214 Barrels of Flour, 20 Barrels of Bread
- 2 Brig *Wren*, Thomas Wood, Master, 50 tons, 7 men, bound for London
570 Barrels of Flour, 2 Tons of Pig Iron, 3000 Staves & Heading
- 2 Ship *Peggy*, William Barrons, Master, 90 tons, 11 men, bound for Cork
600 Bushels of Corn, 1600 Barrels of Flour, 15 Tons of Pig Iron, 2000 Staves & Heading
- 2 Schooner *Betsey*, Thomas Slater, Master, 40 tons, 5 men, bound for Dartmouth
693 Barrels of Flour, 13500 Staves & Heading
- 3 Ship *Industry*, Arthur Barnes, Master, 220 tons, 12 men, bound for Bristol
3098 Bushels of Corn, 9425 Bushels of Wheat, 1348 Barrels of Flour, 11040 Staves & Heading, 8000 Feet of Boat Boards
- 3 Schooner *Ninety Two*, Isaiah Stetson, Master, 60 tons, 7 men, bound for Bristol
1030 Barrels of Flour, 2500 Staves & Heading

- (2) 6 Brig *Sally Van*, Richard Jackson, Master, 50 tons, 5 men, bound for
St Croix
200 Barrels of Flour, 300 Barrels of Bread, 15000 Staves & Heading, 5000 Hoops
- 8 Brig *James*, John Smith, Master, 50 tons, 8 men, bound for
Falmouth
800 Barrels of Flour, 3000 Staves & Heading
- 8 Ship *Hercules*, John Norwood, Master, 140 tons, 13 men, bound
for Bristol
6000 Bushels of Wheat, 910 Barrels of Flour, 2000 Staves &
Heading
- 8 Ship *Baltimore Packet*, Alexander Kennedy, Master, 100 tons, 12
men, bound for Falmouth
6000 Bushels of Wheat, 600 Barrels of Flour, 3000 Staves &
Heading
- 8 Schooner *Industry* [James] Green, Master, 35 tons, 6 men, bound
for Dublin
128 Barrels of Flour, 20000 Staves & Heading, 20 Half Bbls Flour,
620 Oak Planks
- 8 Brig *Joseph*, Joseph Thompson, Master, 100 tons, 8 men, bound
for Plymouth in GB
40 Bushels of Corn, 7200 Bushels of Wheat, 100 Barrels of Flour
- 8 Ship *Sophia*, Joshua Lunn, Master, 130 tons, 12 men, bound for
London
310 Hhds of Tobacco, 30 Tons of Pig Iron, 11000 Staves & Heading
- 10 Snow *Hope*, John Hyde, Master, 100 tons, 8 men, bound for
London
7200 Bushels of Wheat, 16 Barrels of Flour
- 11 Snow *Elizabeth*, James Smith, Master, 150 tons, 7 men, bound for
Falmouth
200 Bushels of Corn, 4500 Bushels of Wheat, 480 Barrels of Flour,
5000 Staves & Heading
- 11 Brig *Dolphin*, James Scott, Master, 120 tons, 8 men, bound for
Bristol
13 Casks of Pearl Ash, 3600 Bushels of Corn, 2350 Bushels of
Wheat, 500 Barrels of Flour, 2500 Staves & Heading
- 11 Brig *Amy*, Thomas Salmon, Master, 120 tons, 6 men, bound for
Oporto
5500 Bushels of Wheat, 50 Barrels of Flour

- 12 Sloop *Two Sisters*, Joseph Oakman, Master, 65 tons, 4 men, bound for Antigua
167 Barrels of Flour, 393 Barrels of Bread, 8000 Staves & Heading, 200 Hoops
- 15 Brig *Autumn*, James Campbell, Master, 118 tons, 8 men, bound for Bristol
4000 Bushels of Wheat, 500 Barrels of Flour, 2000 Staves & Heading
- (2) 15 Schooner *Fanny*, Purnell Johnson, Master, 45 tons, 5 men, bound for Grenada
6 Casks of Starch, 787 Bushels of Corn, 100 Barrels of Flour, 176 Barrels & 116 Kegs of Bread, 22793 Staves & Heading, 1000 Hoops, 8 pieces of Timber & 8 Pine Plank
- 16 Brig *Olive Branch*, Oliver Frampton, Master, 105 tons, 9 men, bound for Falmouth
8215 Bushels of Wheat, 140 Barrels of Flour
- 16 Sloop *Speedwell*, Charles Allen, Master, 20 tons, 5 men, bound for Barbadoes
200 Bbls Herrings, 10 Barrels of Pork, 150 Barrels of Flour, 10 Barrels of Bread, 1000 Staves & Heading, 7000 feet Plank, 2000 Hoops, 60 Shaken Casks, 1 Horse
- 18 Brig *Maryland Planter*, Thomas Nicholson, Master, 120 tons, 9 men, bound for London
1529 Barrels of Flour, 5000 Staves & Heading
- 20 Brig *Union*, David Ross, Master, 85 tons, 7 men, bound for Bristol
4764 Bushels of Wheat, 263 Barrels of Flour
- 24 Schooner *Resolution*, Benjamin Jones, Master, 80 tons, 6 men, bound for Grenada
1353 Bushels of Corn, 88 Barrels of Flour, 50 Barrels of Bread 19680 Staves & Heading, 20 Bush. Pease, 1775 Hoops, 12270 feet Pine Plank
- 24 Snow *Jenny*, William McNeilly, Master, 60 tons, 7 men, bound for Cork
606 Barrels of Flour, 3000 Staves & Heading
- 27 Schooner *Two Brothers*, Thomas Ellis, Master, 15 tons, 4 men, bound for N Providence
100 Barrels of Flour
- (2) 27 Ship *Nancy*, James Burrow, Master, 130 tons, 14 men, bound for Milford
8365 Bushels of Wheat, 997 Barrels of Flour, 2550 Staves & Heading

- 27 Schooner *Elizabeth*, James Clarke, Master, 50 tons, 6 men, bound for Falmouth
627 Barrels of Flour, 60 Barrels of Bread, 3000 Staves & Heading, 2 Tons Lignum Vita
- 29 Schooner *Tryton*, James Forbes, Master, 30 tons, [blank] men, bound for St Croix
64 Bbls Herrings, 6 Bags of Starch, 12 Barrels of Pork, 30 Barrels of Flour, 20 Barrels of Bread, 7000 Staves & Heading, 3400 Hoops, 5 pieces Scantling
- 29 Schooner *Dolphin*, Thomas Hall, Master, 35 tons, 4 men, bound for Barbadoes
262 Barrels of Flour, 50 Kegs of Bread, 1300 Staves & Heading
- June 1 Ship *Jenny & Polly*, Thomas Johnson, Master, 100 tons, 12 men, bound for Bristol
5868 Bushels of Wheat, 1443 Barrels of Flour, 5464 Staves & Heading
- 1 Ship *Sim*, Jno Thomas Boucher, Master, 130 tons, 11 men, bound for London
351 Hhds of Tobacco, 45 Tons of Pig Iron, 14600 Staves & Heading
- 1 Snow *Fanny & Jenny*, Richard Dickenson, Master, 120 tons, 6 men, bound for London
1295 Barrels of Flour, 6400 Staves & Heading
- 1 Brig *Sukey*, Samuel Clarke, Master, 50 tons, 6 men, bound for Bristol
4647 Bushels of Wheat, 300 Barrels of Flour
- 2 Ship *Brothers*, Jacob Walters, Master, 200 tons, 15 men, bound for Glasgow
540 Hhds of Tobacco, 16900 Staves & Heading, 30 Doz Hhds Hoops
- 5 Brig *Dutchess of Leinster*, Alexander Cathrew, Master, 100 tons, 6 men, bound for Dublin
107½ Bushels of Corn, 2960 Bushels of Wheat, 20 Barrels of Flour, 50 Barrels of Bread, 8600 Staves & Heading
- 6 Schooner *Mary*, Zedekiah Walley, Master, 60 tons, 5 men, bound for Bristol
494 Barrels of Flour, 6500 Staves & Heading
- 6 Brig *Baltimore*, Jonathan Clarke, Master, 30 tons, 5 men, bound for Teneriffe
6 Bbls of Bees Wax, 30 Barrels of Pork, 400 Barrels of Flour, 140 Staves & Heading

- 8 Sloop *Friendship*, John Middleton, Master, 20 tons, 3 men, bound for Barbadoes
1174 Bushels of Corn, 180 Barrels of Flour
- 8 Brig *Elizabeth & Mary*, William Lightbourn, Master, 45 tons, 5 men, bound for Barbadoes
113 Barrels of Flour, 94 Barrels of Bread, 3 m Bricks
- 10 Ship *Neptune*, Robert Collings, Master, 190 tons, 14 men, bound for Falmouth
9860 Bushels of Wheat, 1100 Barrels of Flour, 4500 Staves & Heading, 2 Tons of Bees Wax
- 12 Schooner *Peggy*, William Gosnold, Master, 50 tons, 6 men, bound for Antigua
260 Barrels of Herrings, 440 Barrels of Flour, 3300 Staves & Heading
- 13 Ship *Grace*, James Lawson, Master, 200 tons, 16 men, bound for London
190 Hhds of Tobacco, 2065 Barrels of Flour, 13000 Staves & Heading
- 14 Ship *Baltimore*, Charles Stewart, Master, 195 tons, 14 men, bound for London
481 Hhds of Tobacco, 45 Tons of Pig Iron, 16500 Staves & Heading
- 16 Ship *Nancy*, James Buchanan, Master, 160 tons, 12 men, bound for London
431 Hhds of Tobacco, 25 Tons of Pig Iron, 1600 Staves & Heading
- 19 Sloop *Kitty*, John Thompson, Master, 20 tons, 5 men, bound for N. Providence
15 Cases Furniture, 127½ Bushels of Corn, 52 Barrels of Flour, 3 Tons Bar Iron, 2 Bundles Leather, 2820 Feet of Pine Plank
- 19 Brig *Rachel*, James Tibbet, Master, 65 tons, 6 men, bound for London
440 Barrels Pitch, 778 Barrels of Flour, 5730 Staves & Heading, 1 Bble containing 2 Potts Cranberries & two Hams
- 24 Sloop *Swan*, William Brown, Master, 20 tons, 3 men, bound for Falmouth
1500 Bushels of Corn
- 24 Ship *Union*, Andrew Bryson, Master, 200 tons, 12 men, bound for London
8000 Bushels of Wheat, 1521 Barrels of Flour, 4900 Staves & Heading

- 26 Ship *Catharine*, James McNeil, Master, 160 tons, 13 men, bound for Cork
9000 Bushels of Wheat, 700 Barrels of Flour, 8000 Staves & Heading
- 26 Brig *John*, John Mauger, Master, 145 tons, 10 men, bound for Liverpool
6751 Bushels of Wheat, 101 Barrels of Flour, 500 Staves & Heading
- 26 Brig *Friendship*, Thomas Nowel, Master, 90 tons, 7 men, bound for Liverpool
6219 Bushels of Wheat, 10 Barrels of Flour, 38 Barrels of Bread
- 29 Ship *Active*, John Bruce, Master, 200 tons, 12 men, bound for London
11000 Bushels of Wheat, 1201 Barrels of Flour, 15000 Staves & Heading
- (2) 29 Schooner *Polly*, Watson Crosby, Master, 42 tons, 5 men, bound for Jamaica
3000 Bushels of Corn, 1 Ton of Bar Iron, 200 Bush. Rye, 25 Bushels Beans
- July 3 Brig *Swan*, Robert Mein, Master, 65 tons, 7 men, bound for Falmouth
2350 Bushels of Wheat, 660 Barrels of Flour, 4628 Staves & Heading
- 12 Schooner *Swallow*, John Lovett, Master, 30 tons, 5 men, bound for Antigua
300 Bushels of Corn, 353 Barrels of Flour, 3000 Hoops, 185 Shaken Casks
- 12 Schooner *Elizabeth*, Nathaniel Cook, Master, 35 tons, 5 men, bound for Antigua
28 Bbls Herrings, 4 Bbls Mackrell, 2085 Bushels of Corn, 6 Barrels of Flour, 70 Barrels 50 Kegs of Bread, 3 Tons of Bar Iron
- 13 Brig *Molly*, William White, Master, 95 tons, 7 men, bound for Bristol
2300 Bushels of Corn, 1354 Bushels of Wheat, 295 Barrels of Flour, 3000 Staves & Heading
- 13 Schooner *Nancy*, Jonathan Thacher, Master, 20 tons, 3 men, bound for N. Providence
56 Barrels of Flour
- 14 Brig *Jane*, Peter Templeton, Master, 80 tons, 8 men, bound for Cork
3832 Bushels of Corn, 1802½ Bushels of Wheat, 310 Barrels of Flour, 200 Barrels of Bread

- 15 Ship *Clibborn*, William Thomas, Master, 200 tons, 14 men, bound for Milford
10500 Bushels of Wheat, 1025 Barrels of Flour
- (2) Brig *Escape*, Robert Callow, Master, 70 tons, 6 men, bound for Barcelona
2500 Bushels of Corn, 200 Barrels of Flour
- 17 Snow *Catherine*, Nicholas Fortune, Master, 80 tons, 9 men, bound for Bristol
6000 Bushels of Wheat, 150 Barrels of Flour, 8000 Staves & Heading
- 17 Ship *John*, Charles Poaug, Master, 140 tons, 11 men, bound for Cork
5000 Bushels of Wheat, 400 Barrels of Flour, 50 Barrels of Bread, 25000 Staves & Heading
- 19 Ship *Charles* Charles Reily, Master, 90 tons, 10 men, bound for Liverpool
7800 Bushels of Wheat, 4 Barrels of Flour, 1271 Staves & Heading, 8131 Feet of Boat Boards
- 19 Brig *Phila*, Richard Curtis, Master, 100 tons, 7 men, bound for Liverpool
4531 Bushels of Wheat, 4776 Staves & Heading, 723 feet of Boat Boards

*These vessels cleared through the deputy naval agent at the port of Chester, directly across Chesapeake Bay from Annapolis.

(2) Indicates a second clearance within the period Dec. 1, 1774—July 19, 1775.

A List of Ships and Vessels which have entered INWARDS in the Port of Annapolis in Maryland

[Extract]

[Omitted are: when and where built, where last registered, by whom owned, and vessels engaged purely coast-wise]

1774

- Decbr 2 Brig *Peggy*, Abraham Walton, Master, 50 tons, 9 men, from Tortola
15 Hhds Muscavado Sugar, 12800 Pounds of bro: Sugar
- 2 Brig *Nabby*, Danl Sanders, Master, 85 tons, 7 men, from St Croix
10 Tierces & 25 Bbls of Bro: Sugar
- 3 Ship *William*, Jas Thomas, Master, 200 tons, 15 men, from Bristol
European Goods p. 20 Cockets, 105 Convicts & 4 Servants
- 6 Ship *Charles*, Chas Reilly, Master, 90 tons, 11 men, from Liverpool
1 Bale contg, 16 Pieces measg 985 yds of Linen, European Goods
p 2 Cockets, 6400 Bushels of Salt

- 8 Schooner *Polly*, Reuben Howes, Master, 80 tons, 6 men, from
Madeira
30 Pipes Madeira Wine, 25 Bbls of Herrings
- 9 Ship *Elizabeth*, Wm Campbell, Master, 110 tons, 10 men, from
Londonderry
14 Servants
- 14 Ship *John*, Chas Poaug, Master, 140 tons, 10 men, from Cork
1 Bale Irish Linen, 14 ps measg 350 Yard, 10 Servants
- 15 Ship *Jim*, Elias Hocker, Master, 130 tons, 12 men, from London
European Goods p 25 Cockets, 21 Servants
- 17 Ship *Cicely*, Martin Mollowny, Master, 120 tons, 12 men, from
Malaga
Ballast
- 17 Sloop *Betsey*, Jas Avery, Master, 35 tons, 6 men, from Hispaniola
60 Tierces & 19 Hhds forn Melasses
- 17 Schooner *Fanny*, Purnell Johnson, Master, 45 tons, 5 men, from
Antigua
3 Hhds bro. Sugar, 53 Hhds Rum, 4770 Gallons of Rum, 3000
Pounds of bro: Sugar
- 19 Ship *Dick*, Thos Pearce, Master, 200 tons, 17 men, from Liverpool
9680 Bushels of Salt, 5000 Bricks, 14 ⁷/₁₂ Chaldrons of Coal
- 19 Ship *Sophia*, Jas Carmichael, Master, 130 tons, 11 men, from
London
Ballast
- 20 Schooner *Industry*, Wm Woolsey, Master, 35 tons, 6 men, from
Dublin
3 Boxes contg 120 pieces of Irish Linen, 55 Servants
- 22 Brig *Ulysses*, Robt Forsyth, Master, 80 tons, 10 men, from Bilboa
Ballast
- 22 Snow *Potowmack*, Archibald Graham, Master, 140 tons, 11 men,
from Dublin
12 Boxes contg 800 Pieces Irish Linen 19439 Yards
- 29 Ship *Emperor of Germany*, John Richards, Master, 160 tons, 9 men,
from Bristol
European Goods pr 4 Cockets, 4786 Bushels of Salt
- 29 Ship *Richmond*, Thomas Hutchinson, Master, 70 tons, 8 men,
from Liverpool
European Goods pr 2 Cockets, 5520 Bushels of Salt
- 30 Schooner *Peggy*, John Digges, Master, 35 tons, 6 men, from
Montserrat
7 Hhds. 2 Tierces & 3 Bbls Sugar, 11 Hhds & 1 Bbl Rum, 1030
Gallons of Rum, 10500 Pounds of br. Sugar

- 30 Schooner *Adventure*, Abraham Bartlett, Master, 60 tons, 6 men,
from Hispaniola
10 Hhds 20 Tierces & 11 Barrels of foreign Melasses

1775

- Janry 2 Brig *Mary*, Jno Cathrick, Master, 120 tons, 9 men, from Barba-
does & Antigua
6 Tierces & 13 Bbls bro. Suger 121 Hhds Rum, 10890 Gallons of
Rum, 5200 Pounds of br. Sugar
- 3 Sloop *Polly*, John Martin, Master, 25 tons, 7 men, from St. Kitts
44 Hhds Rum, 4400 Gallons of Rum
- 4 Brig *Hope*, George Robinson, Master, 105 tons, 7 men, from
Dublin
Ballast
- 4 Brig *Molly*, Jas Connory, Master, 50 tons, 7 men, from Hull
European Goods p 2 Cockets
- 5 Ship *Nancy*, Jas Burrow, Master, 130 tons, 14 men, from Bristol
European Goods p 3 Cockets, 7546 Bushels of Salt, 2 Indentured
Servants
- 5 Ship *Hibernia*, Thos Morrison, Master, 100 tons, 12 men, from Cork
Ballast
- 7 Ship *Star & Garter*, Thomas Hemson, Master, 90 tons, 9 men,
from Exeter
European Goods p 1 Cocket, Convicts
- 10 Snow *Baltimore*, John Bruce, Master, 70 tons, 8 men, from Antigua
13 Hhds of Rum, 6 Tierces & 14 Bbls of Sugar
- 11 Ship *Prosper*, James Baxter, Master, 250 tons, 16 men, from
Bristol
6597 Bushels of Salt
- 13 Brig *Nancy*, Patrick Cunningham, Master, 150 tons, 10 men, from
Hull
Ballast
- 31 Brig *Sally Van*, Richard Jackson, Master, 55 tons, 6 men, from
Jamaica
11 Puncheons & 131 Casks of Rum, 7 Hhds of Sugar, 1442 Gallons
of Melasses
- 31 Ship *Britannia*, John Watson, Master, 156 tons, 12 men, from
Greenock
European Goods p 2 Cockets

- Febry 2 Ship *Totness*, John Hudson, Master, 130 tons, 12 men, from
 Liverpool
 European Goods p 1 Cocket, 4476 Bushels of Salt, 9 Convicts & 1
 Servant
- 3 Brig *Fortune*, Thomas Moore, Master, 75 tons, 7 men, from
 Jamaica
 40 Hhds Melasses, 5 Bbls Coffee, 5 Bags of Cotton
- 4 Sloop *Grampus*, John Bracket, Master, 50 tons, 6 men, from St
 Croix
 Ballast
- 4 Brig *Woodbridge*, William Knap, Master, 90 tons, 7 men, from
 Guadaloupe, via Salem
 107 Hhds 77 Tierces & 23 Bbls foreign Melasses, 2 Bbls foreign bro
 Sugar, 20 foreign Hides
- 20 Schooner *Nancy*, William Jones, Master, 60 tons, 5 men, from
 St Croix
 Ballast
- 20 Brig *Success*, John Wright, Master, 80 tons, 7 men, from London
 Ballast
- 24 Brig *Escape*, Robert Callow, Master, 70 tons, 6 men, from Milford
 Ballast
- March 6 Ship *Isabella*, John Delatour, Master, 200 tons, 17 men, from
 Antigua
 Ballast
- 7 Brig *Baltimore*, Jonathan Clarke, Master, 30 tons, 5 men, from
 Barbadoes
 12 Hhds & 1 Bbl Rum, 1125 Gallons of Rum
- 7 Schooner *Betsey*, Isaac Snow, Master, 38 tons, 4 men, from St
 Croix
 Ballast
- 7 Schooner *Polly*, Watson Crosby, Master, 42 tons, 5 men, from
 Grenadoes
 4 Hhds Sugar, 4000 Pounds of bro Sugar
- 7 Ship *Sally*, William Moat, Master, 85 tons, 8 men, from Bristol
 4000 Bushels of Salt, 24 Servants
- 8 Brig *Henry & Joseph*, Henry Tickell, Master, 114 tons, 10 men,
 from Liverpool
 1 Puncheon of Jamaica Rum, 110 Gallons of Rum, 5133 Bushels
 of Salt

- 11 Schooner *Welcome*, Samuel Paine, Master, 70 tons, 6 men, from
Madeira
Ballast
- 11 Schr *Friends Adventure*, John Fulford, Master, 40 tons, 5 men,
from Barbadoes
Ballast
- 17 Ship *Dulany*, Thomas Jarrold, Master, 180 tons, 12 men, from
Lisbon
Ballast
- 18 *Brig *Harriot*, Tho Johnson, Master, 60 tons, 7 men, from Isle of
May
2000 Bushels of Salt
- 20 Ship *Christy*, Andrew Lee, Master, 110 tons, 11 men, from Glasgow
Ballast
- 20 Brig *Mary Carroll*, Peter Simmonds, Master, 100 tons, 7 men, from
Lisbon
Ballast
- 27 Ship *Liberty*, Charles Thomson, Master, 110 tons, 9 men, from
Gibraltar
Ballast
- April 4 Brig *Betsey*, Thomas Rolland, Master, 100 tons, 8 men from
Guernsey
Ballast
- 8 Ship *Baltimore*, James Hanrick, Master, 195 tons, 14 men, from
London
14 Servants
- 8 Snow *Betsey*, William Waud, Master, 100 tons, 9 men, from Isle
of May
1000 Bushels of Salt
- 12 Brig *Dolphin*, James Scott, Master, 120 tons, 9 men, from Plymouth
Ballast
- 15 Brig *Wren*, Thomas Wood, Master, 50 tons, 6 men, from London
Ballast, 32 Servants
- 17 Schooner *Resolution*, Benjamin Jones, Master, 80 tons, 6 men, from
Jamaica
Ballast
- 17 Schooner *Three Brothers*, David Smith, Master, 60 tons, 5 men,
from Guadaloupe
78 Casks of foreign Melasses, 5400 Gallons of Melasses

*This vessel entered with the deputy naval officer at Chester, across the Chesapeake from Annapolis.

- 17 Sloop *Speedwell*, Charles Allen, Master, 20 tons, 5 men, from St Croix
Ballast
- 18 Schooner *Industry*, William Woolsey, Master, 35 tons, 5 men, from Antigua
20 Hhds & 1 Tierce of Rum, 2 Tierces & 3 Bbbs Sugar, 1850 Gallons of Rum, 2000 Pounds of bro Sugar
- 18 Ship *Peggy*, William Barrons, Master, 90 tons, 10 men, from Lisbon
Ballast
- 18 Schooner *Fanny*, Purnel Johnson, Master, 45 tons, 5 men, from St Croix
Ballast
- 20 Snow *Hope*, John Hyde, Master, 100 tons, 9 men, from Poole
Ballast
- 20 Brig *James*, John Smith, Master, 50 tons, 7 men, from Cork
Ballast, 67 Servants
- 25 Brig *Olive Branch*, Oliver Frampton, Master, 105 tons, 8 men, from Bristol
Ballast, 17 Servants
- 25 Schooner *Tryton*, James Forbes, Master, 30 tons, 5 men, from St Croix
Ballast
- 27 Ship *Hercules*, John Norwood, Master, 140 tons, 13 men, from Dublin
119 Servants
- 28 Brig *Joseph*, Joseph Thompson, Master, 100 tons, 7 men, from Poole
Ballast
- 29 Brig *Amy*, Thomas Salmon, Master, 120 tons, 7 men, from Amsterdam
Ballast
- 29 Brig *Maryland Planter*, Thomas Nicholson, Master, 120 tons, 9 men, from London
91 Servants
- 29 Brig *Jane*, Peter Templeton, Master, 80 tons, 10 men, from London
82 Servants
- 29 Snow *Elizabeth*, James Smith, Master, 150 tons, 9 men, from London
Ballast
- May 1 Sloop *Two Sisters*, Joseph Oakman, Master, 65 tons, 5 men, from Salem
5 hhds Rum, 500 Gallons of Rum

- 1 Schooner *Sally & Polly*, Nathaniel Freeman, Master, 50 tons, 5 men, from Jamaica
27 Puncheons of Rum, 2835 Gallons of Rum, 50 Hides
- 1 Brig *Sally Van*, Richard Jackson, Master, 55 tons, 6 men, from Jamaica
6 Hhds Sugar, 58 Puncheons & 111 Casks Rum, 10820 Gallons of Rum, 8400 Pounds of br Sugar, 142 Hides
- 5 Ship *Nancy*, James Buchanan, Master, 160 tons, 13 men, from London
Ballast
- 9 Brig *Nancy*, Gabriel Sund, Master, 100 tons, 14 men, from London
Ballast
- 10 Snow *Fanny & Jenny*, Richard Dickinson, Master, 120 tons, 7 men, from London
50 Servants
- 10 Ship *Nancy*, James Burrow, Master, 130 tons, 13 men, from Milford
Ballast
- 10 Snow *Jenny*, William McNeilly, Master, 60 tons, 7 men, from Cork
32 Servants
- 13 Ship *Jenny & Polly*, Daniel Lawrence, Master, 100 tons, 11 men, from Bristol
Ballast
- 13 Brig *Dutchess of Leinster*, Alexandr Chathrew, Master, 100 tons, 6 men, from Dublin
49 Servants
- 13 Ship *Union*, Robert Stonehouse, Master, 140 tons, 13 men, from London
Ballast
- 13 Ship *Potuxent*, David Lewis, Master, 200 tons, 14 men, from London
Ballast, 3 Servants
- 13 Schooner *Mary*, Zedechiah Walley, Master, 60 tons, 6 men, from Cork
20 Servants
- 15 Sloop *Friendship*, John Middleton, Master, 20 tons, 4 men, from Bermuda
Ballast
- 16 Schooner *Two Brothers*, Thomas Ellis, Master, 15 tons, 4 men, from N Providence
2 Hhds Rum, 3 Bbls Lime Juice, 200 Gallons of Rum, 13wt of Cottons, 2 Tuns Lignum Vitae, 22000 Limes, 100 Doz Pine apples, 500 Oranges

- 17 Ship *Neptune*, Robert Collings, Master, 190 tons, 14 men, from London
Ballast
- 19 Brig *Sukey*, Samuel Clark, Master, 50 tons, 7 men, from Poole
Ballast
- 26 Brig *Elizabeth & Mary*, William Lightbourn, Master, 45 tons, 6 men, from Bbdoes
35 Hhds, 1 Tierce Rum, 24 Bbls Musco Sugar, 3220 Gallons of Rum, 4800 Pounds of br Sugar
- 26 Brig *Rachel*, James Tibbet, Master, 65 tons, 6 men, from Jamacia
24 Puncheons & 6 Bbls Rum, 2600 Gallons of Rum
- 27 Sloop *Kitty*, John Thompson, Master, 20 tons, 5 men, from New Providence
9 Puncheons of Rum, 1 Hhd Sugar, 810 Gallons of Rum, 1400 pounds of br Sugar, 500 lbs Cotton, 10 Bbls Limes, 2 Ct Turtle, 100 Doz Pineapples, 6 Tuns Lignum Vitae
- June 5 Ship *Catherine*, James McNiel, Master, 160 tons, 13 men, from Dublin
Ballast, 60 Servants
- 6 Schooner *Polly*, Watson Crosby, Master, 42 tons, 4 men, from Jamacia
35 Puncheons of Rum, 3500 Gallons of Rum, 584 Hides
- 7 Brig *Friendship*, Thomas Nowel, Master, 90 tons, 6 men, from St Martins
Ballast
- 7 Ship *Brothers*, Matthew Craymer, Master, 250 tons, 14 men, from London
Ballast
- 8 Brig *John*, John Mauger, Master, 145 tons, 10 men, from Liverpool
[blank]
- 9 Ship *Union*, Andrew Pryse, Master, 200 tons, 12 men, from London
[blank]
- 12 Brig *Molly*, James Campbell, Master, 95 tons, 6 men, from Bbdoes
174 Hhds & 14 Bbls Rum, 30 Bbls Sugar, 3 Bags contg 120 lb Cotton, 16120 Gallons of Rum, 6750 Pounds of bro Sugar, 20 Bbls Limes, 4 Boxes contg 100 lbs Sweet Meats
- 12 Ship *Friendship*, William Frost, Master, 200 tons, 13 men, from London
Ballast

- 17 Ship *Annapolis*, William Marshal, Master, 380 tons, 6 guns, 20 men, from London
Ballast
- 23 Ship *Charles*, Charles Reiley, Master, 90 tons, 11 men, from Liverpool
Ballast
- 23 Ship *Elizabeth*, Thomas Spencer, Master, 250 tons, 20 men, from Bristol
116 Convicts
- 23 Schooner *Nancy*, Jonathan Thacher, Master, 20 tons, 3 men, from New Providence
5 Bbls Limes, 200 Doz Pine Apples, 5 Setts of Bed Steads, 1 Tun of Lignum Vitae
- 26 Schooner *Peggy*, Elijah Luce, Master; 35 tons, 5 men, from Antigua
42 Hhds Rum, 2 Hhds & 9 Bbls Sugar, 3780 Gallons of Rum, 3800 Pounds of bro Sugar
- 27 Schooner *Swallow*, John Lovett, Master, 30 tons, 5 men, from St Eustatia
Ballast
- 27 Brig *Phila*, Richard Curtis, Master, 100 tons, 7 men, from Waterford
Ballast 62 Servants & Passengers
- 27 Ship *Kitty*, Joseph Mallett, Master, 150 tons, 10 men, from Hamburgh
Ballast
- 27 Ship *Clibborn*, William Thomas, Master, 200 tons, 18 men, from Hamburgh
Ballast
- 28 Sloop *Polly*, Philemon Patterson, Master, 25 tons, 6 men, from Bermuda
7 Hhds B P Sugar, 48 Hhds P B Rum, 4800 Gallons of Rum, 9800 Pounds of bro Sugar
- 28 Ship *John*, Charles Poaug, Master, 140 tons, 10 men, from Belfast
Ballast
- 28 Ship *Thornton*, Finlay Gray, Master, 175 tons, 13 men, from London
Ballast & 168 Convicts
- July 1 Snow *Catherine*, Nicholas Fortune, Master, 80 tons, 10 men, from Youghall
22 Servants

- 4 Ship *Camden*, Joseph Richardson, Master, 240 tons, 14 men, from London
Ballast
- 4 Ship *Aston Hall*, John Parker, Master, 200 tons, 14 men, from London
98 Convicts
- 7 Brig *Escape*, Robert Callow, Master, 70 tons, 7 men, from Milford
Ballast
- 7 Ship *Isabella*, James Thomas, Master, 200 tons, 15 men, from Bristol
Ballast, 25 Convicts & 2 Servants
- 10 Schooner *Hannah*, Nathaniel Bosworth, Master, 50 tons, 6 men, from St Vincents & Antigua
35 Hhds Rum, 43 Hhds Rum, 3 Tierces & 4 Bbbs Sugar, 3150 Gallons of Rum, 3870 Gallons of Rum, 2300 Pounds of bro Sugar
- 10 Ship *Star & Garter*, Thomas Hemson, Master, 90 tons, 9 men, from Exeter
Ballast, Convicts
- 11 Schr *Friends Adventure*, John Fulford, Master, 40 tons, 5 men, from Barbadoes
41 Hhds Rum, 6 Hhds Sugar, 4100 Gallons of Rum, 6000 Pounds bro Sugar
- 12 Brig *Friendship*, John Martin, Master, 40 tons, 6 men, from Bermuda
Ballast
- 14 Snow *Potowmack*, Edward Weeks, Master, 140 tons, [blank] men, from Dublin & Madeira
28 Pipes 5 Hhds & 7 Qtr Casks of Wine shipt for Ireland, 32 Servants
- 17 Ship *Success*, John Wright, Master, 80 tons, 6 men, from Portsmouth
Ballast
- 18 Sloop *Lively*, Timothy Wadham, Master, 25 tons, 3 men, from New Providence
47 Bbbs Limes, 5½ Tons Lignum Vitae, 40 Setts Mahogany Bed Steads, 10 Ct Weight of Box Wood, 50 Feet of 3½ Inch Mahogany Planks, 200 Doz Pine Apples
- 19 Brig *Potowmack*, James Mitchel, Master, 200 tons, 12 men, from London
Ballast

- 22 Brig *Eunice*, Charles Anderson, Master, 130 tons, 9 men, from Surinam
40 Hhds & 20 Tierces Melasses
- 22 Sloop *Two Sisters*, Joseph Oakman, Master, 65 tons, 4 men, from Antigua
1 Hhd & 16 Bbls Sugar, 32 Hhds Rum, 2880 Gallons of Rum, 4200 Pounds of br Sugar
- 24 Sloop *William*, Joseph Hutchins, Master, 25 tons, 4 men, from New Providence
20 Bbls Limes, 600 lb Cotton, 250 Bushels of Salt, 8 Setts Bedsteads, 2 Tuns Braziletto, 300 Doz Pine Apples, 3 Ct. Turtle, 5lb of Cortex Eluotheria
- 29 Schooner *Fanny*, Purnell Johnson, Master, 46 tons, 4 men, from Nevis
64 Hhds Rum & 31 Bbls Limes, 5760 Gallons of Rum
- August 7 Ship *Lord Camden*, James Rogers, Master, 200 tons, 12 men, from Cork
140 Servants & Passengers
- 7 Ship *Duke of Leinster*, Patrick North, Master, 120 tons, 12 men, from Dublin
60 Servants
- 11 Ship *Dulany*, Thomas Jarrold, Master, 180 tons, 11 men, from Ponte Vedra
Ballast
- 11 Schooner *Tryton*, James Forbes, Master, 30 tons, 4 men, from Turks Island
1000 Bushels of Salt
- 15 Brig *Conclusion*, Joseph Newman, Master, 90 tons, 7 men, from Cadiz
Ballast
- 16 Schooner *Hannah*, Theophilus Russel, Master, 40 tons, 5 men, from Bbdoes
14 Hhds & 4 Bbls Rum, 5 Bbls Sugars, 1380 Gallons of Rum, 1000 Pounds of bro Sugar
- 16 Ship *Rose*, Joseph Curry, Master, 110 tons, 10 men, from Londonderry
30 Passengers
- 21 Schooner *Acteon*, John Sweeting, Master, 20 tons, 4 men, from N Providence
8 ct Cotton Wool, 40 Bbls & Boxes of Limes, 1 Bbl Lime Juice, 1 ct orange Peel, 5 Tuns Lignum Vitae, 500 Oranges, 5000 Limes in Bulk, 30 Doz Pines [Apples]

- 26 Snow *Mary*, John Carmody, Master, 150 tons, 9 men, from Limerick
Ballast 13 Servants
- 31 Brig *Mary*, Robert Wallace, Master, 120 tons, 10 men, from Bristol
27 Servants
- Sept 4 Snow *Baltimore*, James Clark, Master, 70 tons, 7 men, from London
40 Servants
- 4 Sloop *John*, William Chase, Master, 25 tons, 3 men, from Hispaniola
Ballast
- 9 Schooner *Betsey*, Thos Munro, Master, 39 tons, 6 men, from Grenadoes
2 Hhds Sugar, 2 Hhds Cocoa 800 lb, 195 Hhds Rum, 17550 Gallons of Rum, 2000 Pounds of bro Sugar
- 11 Schooner *Peggy*, William Gosnold, Master, 50 tons, 6 men, from Antigua
Ballast
- 20 Schooner *Dolphin*, Thomas Thett, Master, 35 tons, 5 men, from Grenadoes
43 Hhds & 2 Bbls of Rum, 3957 Gallons of Rum, 15 Bbls Limes, 6 Bbls Oranges
- 22 Sloop *Grampus*, John Brackett, Master, 50 tons, 6 men, from Jamaica
20 Puncheons of Rum
- 27 Schooner *Resolution*, Benja Jones, Master, 80 tons, 6 men, from Grenadoes
67 Hhds & 1 Bbl Rum, 6060 Gallons of Rum
- 28 Schooner *Ninety Two*, Isaiah Stenson, Master, 60 tons, 5 men, from Bristol
6 Servants
- 27 Brig *Fortune*, Thomas Moore, Master, 75 tons, 7 men, from London
76 Servants
- 28 Brig *Beith*, John Harper, Master, 50 tons, 7 men, from St Eustatia
Ballast

- 29 Schooner *Belvidera*, John Waters, Master, 40 tons, 4 men, from Anguilla
4 Hhds Rum, 4 Bbls Sugar, 400 lb Cotton Wool
- Octor 1 Brig *Juliana*, Walter Burke, Master, 60 tons, 6 men, from Galway
32 Servants
- 6 Sloop *Polly*, Philemon Patterson, Master, 25 tons, 6 men, from St Kitts
60 Hhds Rum, 6000 Gallons of Rum, 20 Bbls Limes
1. MdHS. Microfilm of Port of Entry Books is held by the Maryland Archives (Hall of Records).

APPENDIX B

James River Naval Office, Manifest Book 1774–1775 ¹

[Omitted are the long columns of figures or letters used to identify each barrel.
hogshead, bale, cask or bundle in each cargo.]

1774

- Decr 10 Ship *Kattie*, James Clarke, Master, bound for London
Sworn to before Lewis Burwell, Naval Officer
Four hundred and thirty four Hogsheads Tobacco & nine thousand five hundred Staves
- Decr 22 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Brig[antine] *Patience*
William Moore, Mr for London
Four hundred & one Hogsheads of Tobacco & five thousand five hundred Staves
- Decr 30 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Bowman*
Humpy Taylor Mr for Glasgow
Four hundred and sixty six Hogsheads Tobacco, one Hogshead Rum and nine thousand nine hundred Staves
A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Virginian*
Jno Aselby Master for Bristol
[No total or date given]

1775

- Jany 10 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Jean*
John Ritchie Master for Glasgow
Three hundred and seventy seven Hogsheads Tobacco, two hundred and sixty nine Barrels of Pork and nine thousand Staves
- January 30 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Molly*
John Lawmont Mr for Glasgow
Two hundred and two Hogsheads Tobacco one Hogshead of Rum and twelve thousand Staves
- Jany 31 A Manifest of the Lading on bd the Brig *Molly*
Saml Mitchinson Mr for W[hi]t[e] haven
Three hundred and seventy two Hogshds Tobacco one Cask of Pearl Ash and nine thousand Staves

- February 3 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Richmond*
James Patterson Mr for Glasgow
Five hundred and fifty four Hogsheads Tobacco, fifteen thousand six hundred Staves, and five hundred Hoops
- Feby 8 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Snow *John & Bella*
Andw Green Mr for London
Three hundred and seventy four Hogshds Tobacco, eight thousand Staves & ten thousand Shingles
- February 14 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Elizabeth*
James Barron Master for London
Four hundred and ninety four Hogshds Tobacco, one Hogshd Snakeroot, one Box Deer Skins, One Box Indico, & ten thousand Staves
- Feby 16 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Neptune*
Hugh Morris Mr for Glasgow
Four hundred and seventy six Hogshds Tobacco, thirteen thousand Staves & thirty dozen of Hoops
- February 24 A manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Donald*
Thos Ramsay Mr for Glasgow
Five hundred & thirty eight Hogsheads of Tobacco, one Hogshd Skins & seventeen thousand Staves
- Feby 27 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Thomas*
John Robertson Mr for Glasgow
Four hundred and twenty nine Hogsheads Tobacco, 11600 Staves, 400 Hoops & 12 old Hogsheads
- March 6 A Manifest of the Lading on board the [Brigantine] *Venus*
Isaac Sharp Master, bound for London
Two hundred and eighty seven Hogsheads of Tobo & 5750 Staves
- March 18 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Brilliant*
Robert Bennet Mr for Glasgow
Five hundred and thirteen Hogsheads Tobacco three Hogsheads of Rum, seventeen thousand Staves & five hundred hoops.
- March 18 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Snow *Homer*,
John Dunnet Master for Glasgow
Three hundred and three Hogsheads Tobacco, ten thousand four hundd Staves & one hundred and sixty four Hoops
- March 22 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Brig *Pomona*
Richard Sherwin Master bound for Whitehaven Two hundred and thirty two Hogsheads Tobacco, and six thousand Staves
- March 30 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Brig *Tryall*
Henry Higginson Mr for Falmouth
One hundred and thirty five Hogsheads Tobacco, & one hundred and thirty six Barrls Flour

- April 4 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Peter*
 Thomas Lang Master for Glasgow
 Three hundred and seventy Hogsheads Tobacco & ten thousand five hundred Staves
- April 5 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Blandford*
 Andrew Troop Mr for Glasgow
 Five hundred and six Hogsheads Tobacco, two Barrls Indico, & fifteen thousand Staves
- April 6 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Snow *Unicorn*
 Isaac Hutchinson Mr for W[hi]t[e]haven
 One hundred & ninety three Hogsheads Tobacco three Hogshds of Skins, five Barrels Flour & two thousand Staves
- April 20 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *America*
 Crowell Hatch Mr for London
 Three hundred and seventy four Hogsheads Tobacco, sixteen Hogsheads of Skins and eight thousand Staves
- April 22 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Minerva*
 Jas Leitch Master for Glasgow
 Three hundred and seven Hogsheads Tobacco, three Hogsheads Skins and ten thousand eight hundred Staves
- April 25 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Ocean*
 John Ewing Master bound for Glasgow
 Five hundred eighty eight Hogsheads Tobo seventeen thousand eight hundred Staves & one Hogshead of rum for Stores
- May 3 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Speirs*
 John Lusk Master for Glasgow
 Four hundred & twenty three Hogsheads Tobacco and nine thousand Staves
- May 15 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Watt*
 William Bewsher Master for Liverpoole
 Six hundred and one Hogsheads Tobacco, six Hogsheads Skins eight Barrels of Pot Ash, twelve Tons and one hundred Weight of Pig-Iron, fourteen thousand one hundred & forty Staves, one hundred and twenty seven Inch Plank, sixty eight Oars, five Dozen of Handspikes, four Knees, eight thousand three hundred and sixty Lock-Stocks & five two Inch Plank
- May 17 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *True Patriot*
 Thos Aselby Master for Bristol
 Five Hundred & twelve Hogsheads Tobacco one Hogshead of Skins, nine thousand Staves and forty Deal Boards

- May 30 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Brunswick*
Alexr McLarty Mr for Glasgow
Three hundred and sixty three Hogsheads Tobacco, two Hogshds of Skins, one Cask of Indigo, a small Bag of Cotton & ten thousand Staves
- June 5 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Nelly*
Archd Mc Larty Mr for Glasgow
Four hundred & two Hogsheads Tobacco, eight Hogsheads of Skins, a parcel of Hams and twelve thousand of Staves
- June 9 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Brig *William & Mary*
Danl Moore Master for London
Two hundred and seventy two Hogsheads Tobacco, one Hogshd of Skins, & nine thousand five hundred Staves
- June 12 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Richmond*
James Paterson Master for Glasgow
Five hundred and forty two Hogsheads Tobacco, twenty thousand Staves and five hundred Hoops
[A second voyage for the *Richmond*; previous clearance, February 3, 1775]
- June 12 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Mars*,
Isaac Mitchinson Mr for Whitehaven
Four hundred and sixteen Hogsheads Tobacco, six Barrels of Flour, nine thousand two hundred Staves & thirty six Planks
- June 19 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Molly*
John Bell Master bound for London
Four hundred and ninety nine Hogsheads Tobacco, two Casks of Pearl Ashes and nine thousand Staves
- June 23 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Brig *Jeanie*,
John Kirkwood Master for Glasgow
Three hundred and ninety three Hogsheads Tobacco, one Hogshd of Skins & ten thousand Staves
- June 24 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Nestor*,
John Harrison Master for Glasgow
Six hundred and forty nine Hogsheads Tobacco, & twenty two thousand one hundred Staves
- June 26 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Hero*
Anthony Smith Mr bound for Whitehaven
Four hundred and thirty five Hogshd of Tobacco, fifteen thousand Staves & one thousand Foot of pine Plank

- July 1 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Peggy*
 Robert Crawford Master for Glasgow
 Four hundred and ninety four Hogsheads of Tobacco, five
 Hogshds of Hemp, thirteen thousand Staves & four hundred
 Hoops
- July 6 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Donald*
 Thomas Ramsay Master for Glasgow
 Five hundred and forty two Hogsheads Tobacco, sixteen thou-
 sand six hundred Staves, three Bundles of Skins, & six hundred
 Hoops
 [A second voyage for the *Donald*; previous clearance Feb-
 ruary 24, 1775]
- July 8 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Neptune*
 Henry Hudson Master for W[hi]t[c]haven
 Five hundred and seventy one Hogsheads Tobacco and twelve
 thousand seven hundred and twenty seven Staves
- July 8 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Molly*
 John Lawmont Master for Glasgow
 Five hundred and eleven Hogsheads Tobacco, two Hogsheads
 of Skins, twelve thousand Staves, & one Hogshhead of Rum for
 Ship's Use.
 [A second voyage for the *Molly*; previous clearanee Jan-
 uary 30, 1775]
- July 10 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Randolph*
 John McNabb Master for London
 Eight hundred and two Hogsheads Tobacco, two Hogsheads
 of Skins, one Barrl of Furrs, nineteen thousand one hundred and
 forty six anchor Stocks and two Beams
- July 17 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Brig *Friendship*,
 Peter Parker James Master for Falmouth
 Ninety seven Hogsheads Tobacco & three thousand two hun-
 dred and twenty eight Staves
- July 19 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Thomas*
 John Robertson Mr for Glasgow
 Four hundred and thirty two Hogsheads Tobacco twelve thou-
 sand Staves four hundred Hoops & eighteen old Tobacco
 Hogsheads
 [A second voyage for the *Thomas*; previous clearance Feb-
 ruary 27, 1775]
- July 21 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Brigantine *Renfrew*
 James Somervell Master for Glasgow
 Four hundred and thirty Hogsheads of Tobacco & fourteen
 thousand Staves

- July 25 A Manifest of the Lading on Board the Ship *Neptune*
 Hugh Morris Master for Glasgow
 Four hundred and seventy four Hogsheads of Tobacco, thirteen
 thousand Staves and forty Dozen of Hoops
 [A second voyage for the *Neptune*; previous clearance
 February 16, 1775]
- July 25 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Snow *Betsey*
 William Benson Master bound for London
 One hundred & ninety seven Hogsheads Tobacco, three thou-
 sand pounds of Sassafras & four thousand Staves
- July 27 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Brilliant*
 Alexr McPherson Mr. for Glasgow
 Two hundred and fourteen Hogsheads Tobacco & sixteen thou-
 sand Staves
 [A second voyage for the *Brilliant*; previous clearance
 March 18, 1775, with Robert Bennet as master]
- July 27 A Manifest of Lading on board the Brigantine *Brayton*,
 John Cornack Master for Glasgow
 Three hundred and twenty six Hogsheads of Tobacco, and
 eight thousand Staves
- July 28 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Brigantine *Friends*,
 John Fisher Master for Glasgow
 Three hundred and twelve Hogsheads Tobacco, three Hogs-
 heads of Skins ten thousand Staves, and sixty Barrels of Flour
- July 28 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Blandford*
 Andrew Troop Mr for Glasgow
 Two hundred twenty two Hogsheads of Tobacco, two Barrels
 & two Boxes of Indico & fifteen thousand Staves
 [A second voyage for the *Blandford*; previous clearance
 April 5, 1775]
- July 28 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Snow *Milham*,
 John Johnson Mastr for Glasgow
 Three hundred and twenty four Hogsheads Tobacco, two Casks
 of Indico and nine thousand Staves
- July 28 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Jenny*
 Robert Kerr Master bound for Glasgow
 Three hundred and sixty six Hogsheads of Tobacco, and nine
 thousand Staves
- July 31 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *John & Anne*
 Wm Power Mastr for London
 Three hundred and twelve Hogsheads Tobacco, eight Hogsheads
 of Skins, one Hogshead of Beeswax, eight thousand Staves,
 thirteen Dozen of Handspikes, & thirty five Pair of Oars

- July 31 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *John*
 George Taylor Master, bound for Liverpoole
 Ninety Hogsheads of Tobacco, 12 dozen Handspikes, 800 Feet
 of Oak plank, 10 Tons of Hemp, 108 Barrls of Flour, 303 Barrls
 Pitch, 800 Feet of Oars, 2 Hogsheads of Skins, 50 Bushls of
 Wheat, 50 Bushls of Corn and 18000 Staves
- August 5 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Bowman*,
 Humphrey Taylor Mr for Glasgow
 Four hundred and fifty two Hogsheads of Tobacco, one Pun-
 cheon and two Hogsheads of Rum one of which for Stores &
 eleven thousand Staves
 [A second voyage for the *Bowman*; previous clearance,
 December 30, 1774]
- August 5 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Eleonora*,
 Arthur Ryburn Master for Glasgow
 Six hundred and one Hogsheads of Tobacco & eighteen thou-
 sand Staves
- August 5 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Warwick*
 Andw McVey Master bound for Glasgow
 Three hundred and fifty three Hogsheads of Tobacco, eight
 thousand Staves and one Hogshd Rum for Ship's Stores
- August 11 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Brigantine *Venus*,
 Isaac Sharpe Master, for W[hi]t[e]haven
 Two hundred and seventy seven Hogsheads Tobacco and ten
 thousand two hundred Staves
 [A second voyage for *Venus*; previous clearance March 6,
 1775]
- August 12 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Lord Chatham*,
 Nicho Maingy Mr for Falmouth
 One hundred and sixty three Hogsheads Tobacco, & twenty
 thousand Staves
- August 12 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Peter*,
 Thomas Lang Master, bound for Glasgow
 Three hundred and seventy three Hogshds Tobacco & ten thou-
 sand Staves
 [A second voyage for the *Peter*; previous clearance April 4
 1775]
- August 14 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Eliza[beth]*,
 James Barron Master bound to London
 Four hundred and sixty three Hogsheads Tobacco two Hogs-
 heads of Skins two Tierces of Ginseng thirteen thousand
 Staves and one Hogshead of Rum for Stores
 [A second voyage for the *Elizabeth*; previous clearance Feb-
 ruary 14, 1775]

- August 23 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Brig *Betsey*,
 George Orr Master for Glasgow
 Three hundred and ten Hogsheads Tobacco, one Hogshead of
 Skins and eight thousand Staves
- [n.d.] A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Neptune*,
 John Ewing Master for Glasgow
 [No cargo listed; probably a clerical error in ship name entry;
 see next entry]
- Sept 4 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Ocean*,
 John Ewing Master, bound for Glasgow
 Two hundred and eighty six Hogsheads Tobacco, eighteen thou-
 sand Staves and one Hogshead of Rum for Stores
 [A second voyage for the *Ocean*; previous clearance April
 25, 1775]
- Sept 6 A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Betsey*,
 James Ramsay Mastr for Glasgow
 Three hundred and fifty eight Hogsheads Tobacco, nine thou-
 sand Staves, & six hundred Hoops
- [n.d.] A Manifest of the Lading on board the Ship *Peggy*
 Thomas Fisher Mr for Liverpool
 [Incomplete and no totals]
- Sept 9 Ship *Molly*, a Manifest of her Cargo, John Cowan Master,
 bound for London
 Four hundred and sixty one Hogsheads Tobacco, two Casks of
 Snakeroot and nine thousand Staves
- [n.d.] A Manifest of the Lading on board the *George & Charlotte*
 Leml Cornick Mr for Glasgow
 [Cargo not filled in; probably unable to meet the Continental
 Association deadline for clearance]

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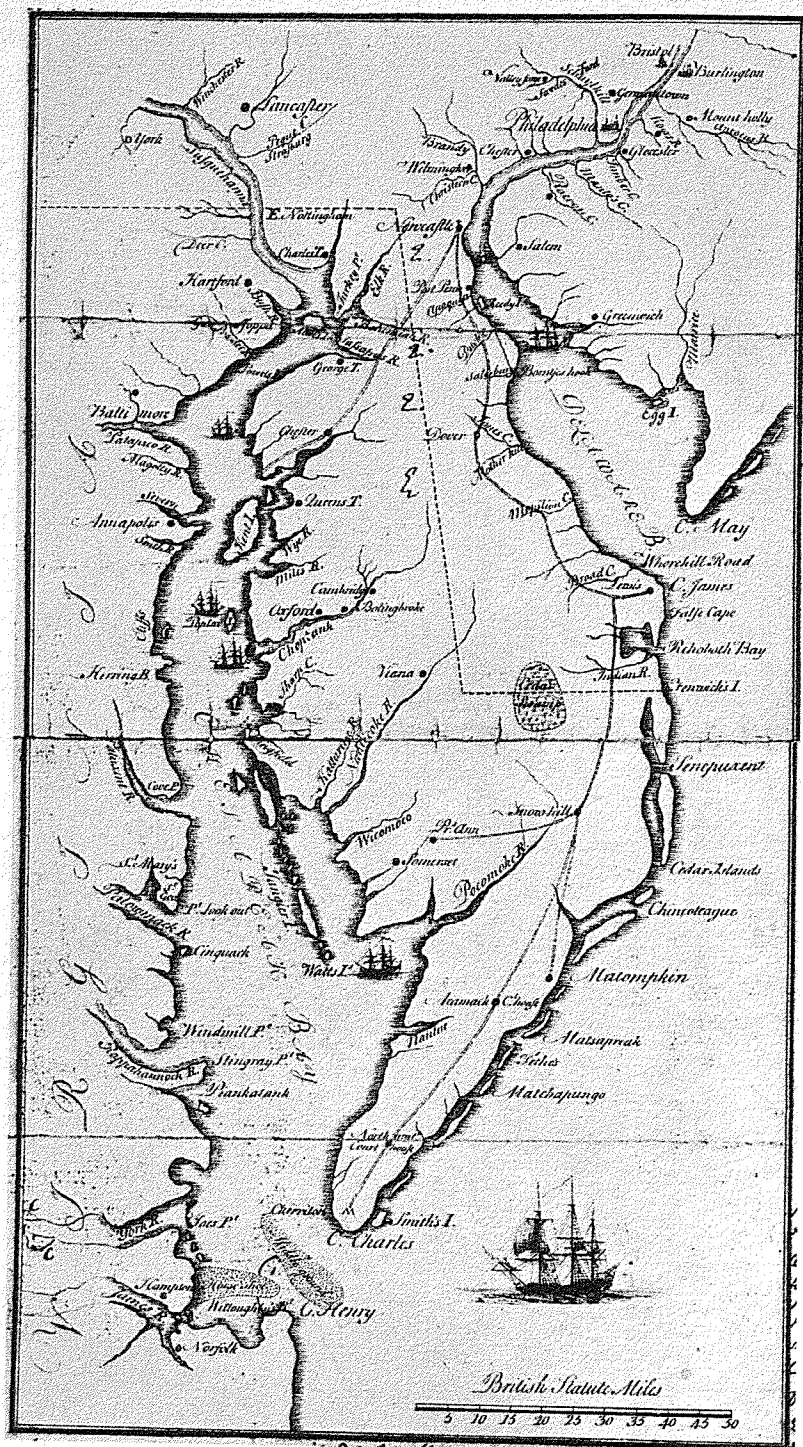
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