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References to Black Presence and Experience

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Volume 3

- “Negroes”
 - Maj. Gen. Edward Mathew to Henry White (#4987)
 - 1782, July 2. Antigua. “Negroes” are particularly required and if any are to be procured at New York (without purchase) to enter into H. M. service at 6d. a day and rations, they are to be sent.
 - Lt. Gen. Alex. Leslie to Gen. Sir Guy Carleton (#5104)
 - 1782, July 19. Charles Town. Swiney to supply shipping to transport about 2000 of their “negroes” to Jamaica.
 - Georgia Refugees to Gen. Sir Guy Carleton (#10002)
 - 1782, July 31. St. Augustine. At least 4000 persons whites and blacks have removed from Georgia into this province.
 - Rawlins Lowndes to Sir Guy Carleton (#5423)
 - 1782, August 8. Charlestown, S. Carolina. Alludes to prevalent practice of carrying off of “negroes” in this province. Hearing that Georgia was to be evacuated, waited on Colonel Moncrieff to request his interposition for the recovery of a “negro” woman to whom his family is very attached.
 - Lieut. Gen. Alex. Leslie to Sir Guy Carleton (#5261)
 - 1782, August 10. Charlestown. Will appoint officers to superintend the transport of “negroes” &c. to Florida, Jamaica and elsewhere.
 - Loyalists (#10316)
 - 1782, August 29. New York. The number of their “negroes” and quantity of goods to be taken with them with the places they wished to be carried to as far as it could be made up to the 13th August.
 - [Sir Guy Carleton] to Maj. Gen. Edward Mathew (#5506)
 - [1782, August]. Has written to Leslie requesting him to supply horses and cavalry appointments for 50 men, also 200 “negroes.”
 - F[red.] M[ackenzie] to Rawlins Lowndes (#5568)
 - 1782, September 9. New York. Enquiry has been made respecting the “negro” woman mentioned therein; sends Lieutenant Durnford’s account of her, which

differs materially. Lieutenant Durnford is ready to deliver her to any person authorized to receive her.

- [Sir Guy Carleton] to Lieut. Gen. Alex. Leslie (#5575)
 - 1782, September 10. New York. 200 blacks are to be sent to St. Lucia.
- Mary Butler to Sir Guy Carleton (#5604)
 - 1782, September 16. Philadelphia. When Lord Cornwallis commanded in South Carolina, the whole of the "negroes" on Mr. Butler's plantations were sent into Charlestown where they have remained in the Engineers department. Those that were not her property by marriage settlement have been disposed of. Major Moncrief is determined to remove the whole of her "negroes" to his land. Is assured of His Excellency's inclination to prevent this or have them restored to her if already moved.
- Lt. Gen. Alex. Leslie to Sir Guy Carleton (#5787)
 - 1782, October 3. Charlestown. I could wish your Excellency's instructions had been fuller with regard to the sequestered "negroes"; their considerable number renders this subject of much importance, and I am not a little embarrassed how to dispose of them.
- Lieut. Gen. Alex. Leslie to Alex. Wright & James Johnson (#10018)
 - 1782, October 7. Head Quarters Charles Town. Powers to treat as to restoration of property and "slaves," with additional remarks dated Oct. 9.
- South Carolina (#10020/#5844)
 - 1782, October 10. Cedar Grove. Agreement between A. Wright and James Johnston, Commissioners for Lieutenant General Leslie, and Edward Rutledge and Ben Guerard, Commissioners for Governor Mathews, as to the removal of "slaves."
- Gov. Patrick Tonyn to Sir Guy Carleton (#5850)
 - 1782, October 11. St. Augustine. There were nearly 3000 blacks previous to the evacuation of Georgia. I apprehend about 500 "negroes" might be trusted with arms. Refugees from Georgia are about fifteen hundred whites and a thousand "negroes."
- Lieut. Gen. Alex. Leslie to Sir Guy Carleton (#5924)
 - 1782, October 18. Charlestown. Officers long in this country look on "negroes" as their property, and the "slaves" are exceedingly unwilling to return to hard labour, and severe punishment is to be expected. Wishes for assistance in the inclusion of "slaves" into the number of people to be brought off.
- Lieut. Col. Arch. McArthur to Lieut. Gen. Leslie (#6036)
 - 1782, October 30. St. Augustine. I have formed a committee to ascertain by oath the number of refugees and blacks and superintend the delivery of provisions. The refugees not being yet all landed we have not been able to ascertain their numbers, or that of the blacks.
- Lieut. Gen. Alex. Leslie to Sir Guy Carleton (#6406A)

- N. D. [1782, October.] Query—if an officer takes a “negroe” belonging to the enemy in action, with his master’s horse, is that “negroe” looked on to be the property of the officer who took him or not.
- Gov. Patrick Tonyn to Lieut. Col. Alex. Leslie. (#6172)
 - 1782, November 14. St. Augustine. Agrees with Leslie that no “negroes,” who belong to rebels, should be clandestinely moved to the West Indies or from this province.
- Lt. Col. Archibald Mc. Arthur to Lt. Gen. Alex. Leslie (#6180)
 - 1782, November 15. St. Augustine. Mr. Wilson sends twenty eight “negroes” mostly rebel property; we shall probably be able to send more next time.
- Lieut. Col. Arch. Campbell to Sir Guy Carleton (Folio #6341)
 - 1782, December 6. Jamaica. Introduces Major William Lewis, who is appointed commandant of a Provincial Battalion to be raised from the blacks and coloured people of Jamaica, Windward Islands, and America for the defence of Jamaica.
- John Cruden to Sir Guy Carleton (#6408)
 - 1782, December 13. Charles Town. The General had it in command from you that no property should be carried (except “Negroes” obnoxious to punishment; whose predicament should be decided by a Board instituted for the purpose).
- Governor Patrick Tonyn to Sir Guy Carleton—closure (#6707)
 - 1783, January 4. St. Augustine, East Florida. Praying that they may be put on as favourable a footing as the refugees from South Carolina, who are to have a full allowance of provisions for themselves and “negroes” for nine months.
- Stores (#10355)
 - 1783, January 6. St. Augustine. Showing that after deducting twenty six weeks’ provisions and rum for the garrison there would remain a certain amount of provisions for ninety days for the Carolina refugees and “negroes” and forty five days for the Georgia refugees and “negroes,” leaving some in store.
- A. McArthur, Lt. Col. 3rd Batt. 60th Regt. comdg. in E. Florida, to Sir Guy Carleton (#10049)
 - 1783, January 9. St. Augustine. I enclose a return of refugees and “negroes” that arrived before this last importation. The assembly meets in a few days, and the Governor assures me they will furnish us “negroes” (we feeding them) to make an abbatis across the Neck.
- Lieut. Col. Archibald McArthur to Sir Guy Carleton (#6842)
 - 1783, January 31. St. Augustine. “Negroes” have been granted by the Assembly to make the abbatis, and preparations are being made for building the magazine.
- F[rederick] M[ackenzie], Dep. Adj. Gen., to Brook Watson (#7054)
 - 1783, March 4. New York. To give directions to the Commissary at Halifax to issue from the stores at that place one year’s provisions for 129 men, 130 women and youths and 24 black servants at full allowance.

- Archibald McArthur, Lt. Col. 3rd. Batt. 60th, commanding in East Florida, to Sir Guy Carleton (#7110)
 - 1783, March 11. St. Augustine. By withholding from a dozen of people who have large gangs of “negroes” and who are best able to purchase provisions for them, we are enabled to issue for the fifth month to all the necessitous Refugees who came with the first two fleets, and for ten weeks to those who came in the last fleet, retaining provisions for the garrison to the end of June.
- George Rose to Sir Guy Carleton (#7124)
 - 1783, March 13. Treasury Chambers. Desiring him to enquire into the subject of Lieutenant Governor Graham’s memorial, were in he prays to be reimbursed for the hire of vessels used to transport “negroes,” provisions, &c., of the loyal inhabitants of Georgia.
- J. Cruden to Hon. George Nibbs (#7144)
 - 1783, March 16. Tortola. Complaint of the carrying off of “negroes” from South Carolina.
- Edward Winslow to Sir Guy Carleton (#7189)
 - 1783, March 22. New York. His family being enlarged by the arrival of another daughter and a “negro” boy.
- [J. Cruden] to the Hon. J. Fahia, President of the Council at Tortola (#7198)
 - 1783, March 24. Tortola. Concerning “Negroes.”
- J. Cruden to Maj. C. Nesbit (#7213)
 - 1783, March 25. Tortola. To prevent the sale of “negroes” carried from the Southern Provinces.
- Provincial Troops
 - Provincial Troops—Abstract of pay for the American Legion commanded by Brigadier General B. Arnold (#5967)
 - Do.—Ditto for the commissioned, staff, non-commissioned officers and privateers of the Black Pioneers attached to the corps of Guides and Pioneers commanded by Major John Aldington. With officers’ names.
 - Gordon, Biddulph and Co (#6210)
 - 1782, November 20. New York. Certificate by James Mead that Captain Macpherson has paid for rations for the Black Pioneers from 25 April to 24 June.
 - Jonathan Mallet, Purveyor (#7001)
 - 1783, February 24. New York. Certificate that no hospital stoppages are due from the Black Pioneers between 25th August and 24th December, 1782.