

## Dorchester, Guy Carleton. British Headquarters Papers: 1747-83

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### Black Presence and Experience References

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- Bahama Islands
  - Brig. Gen. Arch McArthur to Sir Guy Carleton (#9136)
    - 1783, September 15. St. Augustine. Enclosure: Neither the Bahamas nor Nova Scotia with suit persons with "negroes".
- Charlestown, South Carolina
  - Loyalists (#7468)
    - 1783, April 20. St. Augustine. Return of refugees and their "slaves" arrived from Charlestown at the time of the evacuation thereof.
- Commissioners to inspect the embarkation of "negroes"
  - Cpts. Thoms. Gilfillan, Wm. Armstrong and Nathaniel Philips to Sir Guy Carleton (#9360)
    - 1783, October 13. New York. Having been appointed 15<sup>th</sup> April last commissioners to inspect the embarkation of "negroes," etc., etc., with Lieutenant Colonel Smith and others on part of the United States, represent their unavoidable expenses and beg a warrant for same.
- Coroner's Inquisitions
  - Coroner's Inquisitions (#9273)
    - 1783, October 2. City and Council of New York. On one Nancy, a mulatto woman, and on William Thomas.
- Leith, John, surgeon
  - Certificate (#9402)
    - 1783, October 20. Brooklyne. Certificate of John Leith, surgeon as to a wound in the head of Jane, a mulatto woman.
- Negroes or slaves
  - Evert Byvanck to Sir Guy Carleton (#7301)
    - 1783, April 3. New York. Petition for recovery of a "negro," his property, who has been taken prisoner.
  - Charles Ogelvie and others to Sir Guy Carleton (#7357)

- 1783, April 8. Jamaica. Memorial of a number of loyal subjects formerly of the southern provinces, requesting a further allowance of provisions till they can find lands or employment, especially for their “negroes.”
- John Harbeck to Sir Guy Carleton
  - 1783, April 14. New York. Memorial. Asks assistance to secure a “negro”, his property. (no. 7419)
- Gov. Benjamin Harrison to Sir Guy Carleton (#7448)
  - 1783, April 18. Virginia, Richmond. Has granted a passport to Mr. Hugh Walker to go to New York in search of such “negroes” as he may have authority to bring back. If his Excellency is of opinion that the “negroes” are to be returned to their owners, begs him to order some of his officers to assist Mr. Walker.
- Nicholas Jamieson to Lt. Gov. Andrew Elliot (#7490)
  - 1783, April 22. New York. Desiring recovery of a “negro”.
- J[ohn] Cruden to James Clitherall (#7566)
  - 1783, April 27. East Florida, St. Augustine. Gives authorisation to take into custody all “negroes” now in this province that was sequestered and had escaped from Carolina, and restore to proper owners.
- John Willoughby and others to Sir Guy Carleton (#10098)
  - N.d. Endorsed 1783, April 28. That they have lost at least 300 “negroes” and have come to New York in hopes of regaining their property. Are informed passports have been granted to several “negroes” to embark for Port Roseway.
- [Maurice Morgann] to [qy. Governor Harrison] (#7680)
  - 1783, May 13. New York, Headquarters. Mr Walker has deposited in the hands of the Commandant of the town a list of “negroes” which he claims. Such considerations with be had concerning them as the obligations of the Treaty will require.
- Brig. Gen. Archibald McArthur to Sir Guy Carleton (#7750)
  - 1783, May 23. St. Augustine. I beg leave to observe that the number of souls is about sixteen thousand, the proportion nearly three blacks to two whites.
- James Clitherall to John Cruden (#7766)
  - 1783, May 25. St. Augustine. Discussing the difficulty in restoring “negroes” to their real owners.
- Charles Johnston, James Clitherall, and Robt. Willson to [John Cruden] (#7825)
  - 1783, May 30. St. Augustine. Concerning Mr. Savage and the possession or restoration of three “negroes”.
- James Clitherall to John Cruden (#7834)
  - 1783, May 31. St. Augustine. Since writing you a few days ago concerning the situation of the “negroes” that are in this province belonging to gentlemen inhabitants of South Carolina, whose estates were sequester’d, I have taken every step to recover three “negroes”, the property of Thomas Savage. In order for a “negro” to be delivered, it must first be known that the Confiscation Laws

in the State of Georgia and South Carolina are repealed and the Loyalists restored to their property.

- William Swiney to Gen. Sir. Guy Carleton (#8000)
  - 1782, June 12. "Assurance", New York. Lieutenant Governor Graham freighted five vessels with "negroes", provisions and other effects of loyalists obliged to leave Georgia.
- Sarah Haviland or Haveland to American Commissioners at New York (#8123)
  - 1783, June 23. New York. Desiring constitution of two "negro" boys forcibly taken from her by persons of the name of Hatfield.
- William Higgins (#8132)
  - 1783, June 24. New York. Affidavit before William Waddell. Corroborating the seizure of two "negro" boys belonging to Luke Haviland.
- [Maj. Mackenzie] to the Board of Commissioners for Adjusting Matters of Debt, Accounts, &c. (#8609)
  - 1783, August 1. New York. To beg the Board will undertake the investigation of claims made to "slaves."
- Henry Knipschild to Sir G. Carleton (#8703)
  - 1783, August 13. New York. Memorial as late Lieutenant and Adjutant of the Waldeck auxiliary troops. Has resigned his commission and wishes to remove to Nova Scotia with his family and two "negroes".
- [Maj.] F. M[ackenzie] to Samuel Sayre (#8704)
  - 1783, August 13. New York, Head Quarters. Draft of warrant or authority to seize a "negro".
- Coroner's Inquisition (#8773)
  - 1783, August 21. City and County of New York. On the body of James, a black man.
- Lt. Col. Robert Morse to Brig. Gen. H. E. Fox (#8800)
  - 1783, August 23. Halifax. "Negroes" arriving; if they wish they might be enlisted in the Black Pioneer Company, etc.
- East Florida (#8864)
  - 1783, August 25. Provision Return for East Florida. Shows what remains in the magazines at St. Augustine; to be purchased; wanted for troops; due to refugees; to "negroes;" "deficient" and "over".
- Brig. Gen. H. E. Fox to Sir Guy Carleton (#8886)
  - 1783, August 26. Halifax. Approves Lieutenant Colonel Morse's idea of "negro" labour as the present price for labour is very extravagant.
- Brig. Gen. Archibald McArthur to Sir Guy Carleton (#9046)
  - 1783, September 7. St. Augustine. The report made by the gentleman returned from Providence is not very favourable; the soil is rocky and there are no tracts of land contiguous where any considerable number of "negroes" could be employed.
- Martin McEvoy (#9056)

- 1783, September 8. New York. Affidavit before William Smith. As to robbery of a “slay”, two horses, a colt, and a “negro” boy, his property, by the American or Continental troops.
- Brig. Gen. Archibald McArthur to Sir Guy Carleton (#9127)
  - 1783, September 14. St. Augustine. A number of inhabitants have this day applied for conveyance of selves and “negroes” to the Bahamas. Will give every facility.
- [Sir Guy Carleton] to Brig. Gen. H. E. Fox (#9130)
  - 1783, September 15. New York. If it is found that a corps of “negroes” is necessary the numbers mention in Lt.-Col. Morse’s proposal are to be enrolled for the public service.
- J. Blucke, Secretary, to Maj. Frederick Mackenzie (#9162)
  - 1783, September 19. Commandant’s Office. The gentleman who was referred to the Commandant respecting his taking up a “negro,” his property, has not been heard of again. He was desired to prove his property before the Board of Police.
- Coroner’s Inquisition (#9215)
  - 1783, September 27. City and County of New York. Coroner’s inquisition on the body of Hester, a black child.
- James Peters to Sir Guy Carleton (#9304)
  - 1783, October 5. New York. That a “negro” named Pomp in his Excellency’s family is married to a servant, his (Peters) property. Is going to Nova Scotia with his family and asks, if consistent, that the “negro” in question may accompany his wife and be furnished with a passport.
- [Sir Guy Carleton] to Brig. Gen. H. E. Fox (#9497)
  - 1783, October 28. New York. I enclose a letter which I received from Mr. Roupell at St. Augustine enclosing an affidavit respecting a “negro” woman taken thence by Lt. Waldron, of the King’s Carolina Rangers, I request you will make enquiry into the matter and give such orders thereon as shall appear just and proper.
- Peggy Gwynn, negro, to Sir Guy Carleton (#9656)
  - N. D.—Petition. Wishes to go with her husband who is in the Artillery Department, but she is claimed as the property of a Mr. Crammond. With note on back dated 19<sup>th</sup> November by Major Mackenzie that she must be delivered to her owner.
- David Hurd to Sir Guy Carleton (#9687)
  - [? 1783, November]—Memorial. Reclaiming a “negro” who had gone to Port Roseway and is now in the service of William Hill.
- Negroes (#10427)
  - 1783, April 23 – November 30. Book of Negroes [British version], registered and certified commissioners appointed by his Excellency Sir G. Carleton, K. B., General and Commander-in-Chief, on board sundry vessels in which they were embarked previous to the time of sailing from the Port of New York between these dates.



- South Carolina
  - Principal Loyalists of East Florida to Gov. Tonyn (#8278)
    - N. D. [?about 1783, June]. Memorial of eighteen of the principal loyalists of East Florida lately inhabitants of South Carolina [not individually signed], asking permission to apprehend and send to their proper owners all “slaves” in this province belonging to their constituents in South Carolina.