

**Great Britain. Colonial Office. Original Correspondence: Jamaica (CO 137)**

(HIL-MICL FC LPR .G7C6J3C6)

**Content List – Volume 77 (1780 February 4 – June 6)**

\*Reference numbers include volume no., item (or document no.), and folio no. (number written on top right of every second page).

<b>Reference No.</b>	<b>First Frame No.</b>	<b>Date &amp; Place</b>	<b>Communicants</b>	<b>Summary</b>
77/1, folios 1-15	3	1780 February 5/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Lord George Germain	<p>No. 60, numerous enclosures</p> <p>Permission granted to Adjutant General William Dalrymple to return to Europe, probable that he will have to appear in court there connected with the captured booty at the taking of Fort San Fernando de Amoa [in present-day Honduras]; memorial from ‘Bay Men’ indicates that under Dalrymple they intend to ‘persue their rights with all possible vigour.’</p> <p>Numerous enclosures, including memorial from James Bartlett, officer under Dalrymple, on behalf of himself and others on the Bay of Honduras, regarding booty; statements signed between Dalrymple and Captain John Luttrell under his protection, Island of Rattan [Roatan] will be settled.</p>

77/2, folios 16-19	19	1780 February 6/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Lord George Germain	No. 61, 1 enclosure  Fate of settlements on the Mississippi; intelligence reveals threats to Pensacola; instruction required as to whether government wants to purchase captured contents of Spanish store ship.  Enclosed: List of ordinance, small arms, etc, captured from Spanish store ship.
77/3, folios 20-21	23	1780 February 7/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Lord George Germain	No. 62  Gaining possession of Province of Yucatan proposed by governor in place of Mr. John Christopher's plan, which would require much more manpower. Outlines benefits, e.g.: securement of log-wooding, demand for English manufacturers, articles of trade such as Tortoise-shell, possession of Yucatan and Pensacola would deplete Spanish trade with Bay of Mexico, and assist in securing interior.
77/4, folios 22-23	25	1780 February 8/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to lord George Germain	James Bartlett intends to go to Britain where, as he has been informed by attorney general, his evidence will be essential in support of Crown obtaining property taken at attack on Port Amoa. Bartlett wrote memorial on behalf of himself and others of the Bay of Honduras, regarding captured booty.
77/5, folios 24-29	27	1780 February 9/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to William Knox, Under Secretary of State	No. 63, 2 enclosures  Acknowledgment of secretary of state's despatch regarding French hostile activities against Britain.

				<p>Enclosed: declaration of friendship and loyalty to Britain by Principal Mosquito [Miskito] Chiefs, with signature “marks” by Duke Isaac, General Smee, Colonel Lee, Major Callfield, Captain Campbell, Captain Maclean; page ripped so last 2 names unclear. Signed at Black River, Mosquito Shore, 1779 November 10. Authorised by Thomas Sanderson as having read and explained letter before signatures.</p> <p>Memorial of William Henry Ricketts, William Lewis, Thomas Barker, Richard Buckner, James Samuel Jones, John Bertrand, Thomas Simcocks, and John Morant Morris, Esquires. Received beating orders to raise battalion of free mulattos in 1779 for defence of Jamaica, and at considerable time and expense did so. Raised some who did duty at out quarters and were approved by governor’s aid de camp. Concerned scheme for raising is laid aside through interposition of merchants and planters residing in England. Advocates for continuation citing benefits of native “Mulattoes.”</p>
77/6, folios 30-33	37	1780 March 27	George Dyer to Lord George Germain	<p>Memorial of Misters James Ferrall, Walter Davidson, Archibald Campbell, Daniel McAuley, Patrick Bourke, Richard Frances O’Brien, Jonathan Rann, James Bartlett and James Vallentine, His Majesty’s subjects lately inhabiting the Bay of Honduras and who were effectually active and assisting in storming and taking the Spanish Fortress of St. Fernando de Amoa and the Register Ships and other vessels in the harbour of said Fort. Contributed 202 Bay men to cause. Describes understanding and circumstances surrounding event. Protests unfair distribution of prizes by Captain Commandant Dalrymple. Signed George Dyer on their behalf.</p>

77/7, folios 34-35	43	1780 March 31/ London	Robert White and G. Dyer to Thos [Thomas] De Grey Esq., Under Secretary of State for America	Letter referring to memorial from officers of Bay of Honduras Fuzaleers [sic], requesting memorial not be presented as parties involved are presently in discussions. [See above memorial.]
77/8, folios 36-37	46	1780 April 1/ Whitehall	George Germain [secretary of state] to Governor Dalling	Separate draft despatch from secretary of state to Governor Dalling, regarding payment of Mr. Hodgson, who governor sent out to be part of expedition
77/9, folios 38-39	49	1780 April 5/ Southampton	Stephen Fuller to Rt. Hon. Lord George Germain	Memorial from Stephen Fuller, colonial agent for Jamaica, to secretary of state, discontent of Jamaicans at proposed use of white men for expedition. Explains issues this creates.
77/10, folios 40-46	52	1780 April 5/ Whitehall	George Germain [secretary of state] to Governor Dalling	Draft 'separate' despatch  Complains that the governor has laid a letter from the secretary of state before the Assembly contrary to instructions. Comments on the Assembly's address to the King enclosed in governor's despatch no. 53, 10 <sup>th</sup> December, specifically their requests that instead of the paymaster drawing bills for the payment of the troops in the islands, pay should be 'remitted in specie', but also that they be allowed to enact legislation to introduce paper currency which at present would be contrary to imperial law. He feels that members of the Assembly have not thought this matter through given the complex trading relations in which Jamaica is involved, makes extensive comments, and requests more detailed proposals.
77/11, folios 47-48	59	1780 April 5/ Whitehall	George Germain [secretary of state] to Mr. Harrison	Draft letter  Regarding Harrison's dispute with the governor and resignation as attorney general; offered post of advocate general.

77/12, folios 49-54	62	1780 April 6/ London	Geo [George] Dyer to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State	Letter with 1 enclosure  Letter from inhabitants of Honduras who were at the siege of St. Fernando de Amoa, forwarded by George Dyer.  Enclosure: letter from Archibald Campbell, Richard Hoar, Alexander Bartlet, James Ferrall, St. Fernando de Omoa, to Misters John and George Dyer, 1779 October 25.
77/13, folios 55-56	69	1780 April 8/ New Bond	Captain John Luttrell to Thos [Thomas] De Grey, Under Secretary of State for America	Letter regarding affidavit made by James Bartlett, and false facts contained therein regarding goods captured at Port Amoa by Navy during the taking of Fort St. Fernando de Amoa [present-day Honduras]. Mentions Captain Dalrymple. [Captain John Luttrell commanded ships in harbour, including his own, HMS <i>Charon</i> .]
77/14, folios 57-58	72	1780 April 11	Captain John Luttrell to Thos [Thomas] De Grey, Under Secretary of State for America	Acknowledgement of receipt of letter.
77/15, folios 59-60	75	1780 April	Captain John Luttrell	Compliments to Mr. de Grey. Requests favour of returning of depositions by bearer or otherwise as convenient to Mr. De Grey.
77/16, folios 61-62	78	1780 April 13/ Berwick (Man of War)	Mr. Robert Hodgson to Rt. Hon. Lord Geroge Germain [secretary of state]	Writing from HMS <i>Berwick</i> expressing his loyalty and willingness to serve. [Hodgson had previously been superintendent of Mosquito Shore.]
77/17, folios 63-66	81	1780 April 20/ London	Stephen Fuller, colonial agent for Jamaica to Lord George Germain	Encloses "Extract from Minutes of a general meeting of the Subscribers, for giving Bounties to soldiers raised for Service in Jamaica." Recommends attention given to matter as well-trained corps of artillery permanently stationed at Jamaica important to island safety either against common enemy or in case of

				insurrections; planters and merchants willing to support with bounties.
77/18, folios 67-68	87	1780 April 2/ London	Captain John Luttrell to Rt. Hon. Lord Geroge Germain [secretary of state]	Correspondence  Comments he is concerned regarding enclosed claim [not here] against the captains involved in attack of Amoa [present-day Honduras]. [Luttrell commanded the navy vessels in the harbour.]
77/19, folios 69-76	90	1780 April 20/ Chancery Lane	Mr. Thos [Thomas] Druce to Rt. Hon. Lord Geroge Germain [secretary of state]	Correspondence, 1 enclosure  Forwarding memorial on behalf of the officers and soldiers involved in successful attack and capture of Amoa [present-day Honduras] dealing with doubts arising respecting distribution of rich booty acquired in this expedition. People named in the “Case” include Dalling; Admiral Sir Peter Parker; Captain John Luttrell, commander of navy ships in harbour; Adjutant General William Dalrymple, captain commandant of Loyal Irish Corps and commander of land forces; Includes different opinions, including of His Majesty’s attorney general, King’s advocate, His Majesty’s solicitor general and D. Harris. States proceedings ongoing in the Court of Admiralty.  Thomas Druce states he is attorney and agent for Major General Dalling.  Enclosed: memorial
77/20, folios 77-80	100	1780 April 25/ Hampstead	Mr. Robert White to Rt. Hon. Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for America	Correspondence, 1 enclosure  Forwarding enclosed memorial.

				Enclosed: Memorial to Lord George Germain, 1780 April 25, London, signed by Mr. John Christopher, of Mustee Creek on Mosquito Shore, regarding provision of information and intelligence on interior Spanish Provinces, had previously been employed by last superintendent of Mosquito Shore, Captain Otway to do same. Governor Dalling directed me to proceed to London to share information; arrived and is in waiting. Cites loyalty of Mosquito Shore "Indians."
77/21, folios 81-86	107	1780 May 9/ London	Mr. John Christopher, of Mosquito Shore to Right Honourable Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	Detailed information referred to in memorial of 25 April for use of expedition into Spanish province of Guatemala. Details best way to carry artillery considering dew and rain, what pieces of artillery, and considerations of the "Indians." Also carrying of bread, and most consequential to preserving life and health in that place – providing proper things to sleep in and to protect them from dew and multitudes of sand flies and other insects, also pair of thick woollen breeches and stocking for many rivers to cross and will be wet most of the time, as well as will preserve them from snakes, tarantulas, etc. Recommend bringing saddles as not available there; and lanterns so can march at night as mid-day heat is too much to march in. Willing to assist as requested. [See in White above.]
77/22, folios 87-88	113	1780 March 17/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	No. 64  Report of progress against the Spanish, including reinforcing first expedition with about 300 regulars and as many volunteers as can raise here and from Barbados; sending Lieut. Col. Stephen Kemble, and Major William Dalrymple, who seems sensible of his errors and penitent. Wishes to go to England and leave administration of government to Brigadier General Campbell.

77/23, folios 89-92	116	1780 February 12/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Rt. Hon. Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	Covering of funding for outfitting expedition which departed on 3rd, for example: provisions for troops, Volunteers, and “Indian”; emphasizes important role of Hercules Ross, merchant of Kingston, and agent general for expedition
77/24, folios 93-98	120	1780 March 26/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Rt. Hon. Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	1 enclosure  Recommends Counsellor Hugh Lewis as advocate general of the Admiralty. [Pencilled note beside this “omit.”]  Enclosed: Correspondence from Francois Louis Cardinaux to Dalling, 1780 February 26; denied commission as captain in Royal Jamaica Volunteers due to non-admittance of French prisoners, bulk of text includes observations on facilitating a revolt in the Empire of Mexico.
77/25, folios 99- 109	127	1780 February 4/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Rt. Honorable Lord George Germain	No. 65, 1 enclosure  Arrangements for intended attacks being made on Spanish settlements by Lake of Nicaragua. People mentioned in his letter: Colonel Keating’s Regiment arrived here with some impressed men and recruits; about to forward a reinforcement of regulars and volunteers to Captain Polson under Lieut. Colonel Kemble who will then take command; Major Dalrymple also is employed raising corps to be called the Legion; Mr. Beckford also trying to raise men to serve as light horse. Also mentions concerned for situation at Rattan [Roatan] and Baymen with their “slaves” who are securing themselves; sending some provisions but must soon give them other assistance.



				Enclosed: Correspondence to Captain John Polson, Rear Admiral Sir Peter Parker, and from General Archibald Campbell
77/26, folios 110- 111	140	1780 April 6/ Jamaica	Tho. [Thomas] Harrison to Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	Letter regarding court appeal pertaining to his office dismissal in Jamaica.
77/27, folios 112- 117	142	1780 April 6/ Jamaica	Brig. Genl. Arch. [Archibald] Campbell to Rt. Hon. Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	1 enclosure  Recently appointed as Brigadier General with troops serving in Jamaica, reports on military plans, expedition to Lake of Nicaragua, and defence of Jamaica. Enclosed instructions illustrate the design, extent, and consequence of a movement which may ultimately give mortal stab to Spanish settlements there.  Enclosed: Private Instructions for Colonel Stephen Kemble.
77/28, folios 118- 119	149	1780 May 25/ Whitehall	Lords of Trade to Rt. Hon. Lord George Germain	Comments of Lords of Trade on Act, passed in Jamaica on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 1779, 'an Act to limit the duration of Assemblies'.
77/29, folios 120- 121	152	1780 June 1/ Hampstead	Mr. Robert White, [Privy Council member] to Rt. Hon. Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for America	Correspondence  Regarding memorial recently presented to Privy Council by Mr. Lutwidge praying that "Indian" Officers and "Indians" involved in capture of the fort, ships, and treasure at Amoa, may have a share of the goods, as have men of the Bay of Honduras and Mosquito Shore.
77/30, 122- 130	154	1780 June 6/ Whitehall	George Germain, [Secretary of State] to governor of Jamaica	Draft despatch No. 26, 1 enclosure  Regarding possible arrival of Spanish and French troops in Jamaica; agree offensive rather than defensive war preferred. Recommends incurring as little expence as possible. Reasons not

				<p>good time to come home to England. General Campbell will be good back up in case of attack. Relative to Mexico revolt, none of papers referred by you as a scheme under consideration in former period are in secretary of state's office. Then thought of as a wild and visionary scheme. Agree with you in respect to Mexican "Indians" believe most effectual way of making impression is through their priests. As to Mr. Christopher's suggestions, these would have been better scrutinised in Jamaica. Demand for flat boats complied. French fleet sailed from Brest 2 May are to be followed by navy. Bill respecting duration of Assemblies still before Board of Trade.</p> <p>Enclosed: list of ships sailed from Cadiz 28 April 1780, and French ships sailed from Cadiz carrying troops, same date.</p>
77/31, folios 132-139	166	1780 April 26- May 10/ Jamaica	John Dalling to Rt. Honourable Lord George Germain	<p>2 enclosures</p> <p>Appointment of Major Jenkins to be commander at island of Rattan [Roatan]. May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lieutenant Dobbin reported as taken by Spanish privateer to St. Jago de Cuba [Santiago de Cuba]; French in Hispaniola apprehensive. May 4<sup>th</sup>: escape of French fleet from Martinique and their intended route to Jamaica; manning boats in the interior. May 10<sup>th</sup>: anxious for intelligence from mainland but assume all is well and they have possession of Lake Nicaragua; flags of truce.</p> <p>Enclosed: Instructions for Major Jenkins, signed John Dalling; letter from Governor William M. Burt, Antigua to Governor Dalling</p>

77/32, folios 140- 142	175	1780 May 20/ Kingston, Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Rt. Honourable Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	No. 69  Reports on military manoeuvres. Dalling describes himself as a “military man,” ill at ease with civil government: “I experience in this government certain things derogatory to the honor and feeling of a man”.
77/33, folios 143- 147	178	1780 May 21/ Kingston, Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Rt. Honourable Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	No. 70, 1 enclosure  Settling of Province of Nicaragua: military manoeuvres at Fort St. John, delay of troops at Cape Gracias a Dios, poor weather and disease amongst troops, successful attack, Lieut. Colonel of the 88 <sup>th</sup> going ahead with military supplies, letter forwarded to New York (enclosed), benefits of capturing the province.
77/34, folios 148- 185	184	1780 June 2/ Kingston, Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Right Honourable Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. 71, 7 enclosures</li> <li>Report on the successful reduction of fort and port on the river St. John, Province of Nicaragua.</li> </ul> Enclosed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Proposed Plan for General Dalling’s Army” May 1780, with diagram: First sheet states: “The whole of the 60<sup>th</sup>, 79<sup>th</sup>, 85<sup>th</sup>, 88<sup>th</sup>, &amp; Loyal Irish Regiments, together with the Flank Companies of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, 93<sup>rd</sup>, &amp; 94<sup>th</sup> Regiments to compose the Regular Force for the Expedition, which will be formed into Three Brigades: Two Battalions of Grenadines &amp; Two Battalions of Light Infantry...” Shows the corps and numbers for each brigade, and each battalions for Grenadiers, Light Infantry, as well as for Artillery, and numbers of troops for Jamaica Volunteers, Legion, Batteau-Men, and Bay-Men, providing total for regulars and</li> </ul>

				<p>irregulars. Also shows troop numbers left in Jamaica for 92<sup>nd</sup>, 93<sup>rd</sup>, 94<sup>th</sup> regiments. Diagram shows 2 positions of battle: 1. Extended Order of Battle; 2. Contracted Order of Battle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Return of the Killed &amp; Wounded at the taking of Look out Island and the Castle of St. John’s”; St. John’s Castle, April 80, 1780; regiments include 60<sup>th</sup>, 79<sup>th</sup>, Loyal Irish Corps, Jamaica Volunteers; signed John Polson, Colonel commanding at the Castle of St. John’s</li> <li>• “List of Prisoners taken in the Castle of St. John’s 29<sup>th</sup> of April 1780”; not named but by categories of rank, also includes women, children, “slaves women and children,” Spanish soldiers, “soldiers of colour,” malefactors, and different trades, such as carpenter and wood cutters</li> <li>• provisions; Articles of Capitulation signed by John Polson, commandant in chief; French language</li> <li>• letter by Captain John Polson 30 April 1780 at St. John’s Fort to Dalling; capitulation; initial complications with “Indians”; comments the volunteers gave me much trouble and uneasiness; possibility of appointment as quarter master general; sent Lieut. McLean of Major McDonald’s corps up river to make discoveries and at mouth of the Lake took Spanish craft with provisions and letters with useful information on their intentions; “Indians” sick since came to St. John’s Harbour and uneasy to go home, many ran away, are disappointed to not enjoy plunder of fort or take prisoners as slaves, most willing to sell crafts; states number of prisoners taken in advanced post and castle amounts to 235 men, women and children; compliments Lieut. [Mounsey?] for his actions; description of rivers such as Colerado River off St. John’s River, fort of St. John and</li> </ul>
--	--	--	--	--

				<p>seasons; and nature of Spanish military; consequence of Mr. Lawrie's letter, agreed return some troops at Black River company; fort prisoners and preferred exchange of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Journal" by Captain John Polson starting 3 Feb. 1780, ends 29 April.</li> </ul>
77/35, folio 186	229	1780 April 29	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica	<p>No. 71</p> <p>Coloured drawing entitled: "Plan of St. John's Castle in the Province of Nicaragua taken by His Majesty's Forces under Col. Polson the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1780." Points show Fort St. John's, Cavalier, buildings, old fort in ruins, huts, flight of steps to gate, batteries of attack, lodgement of miners, lodgement, Indian Kings Post, Paintain Walk Post, communication to river, post to cut off enemy's crossing the river to gain intelligence, British encampment, magazine.</p>
77/36, folios 187-207	230	1780 May 31/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to [secretary of state?]	<p>No. 72, 9 enclosures</p> <p>Enclosed documents report on present state of settlements on Mosquito Shore; Dalling's initial letter is critical of "Indians" actions when in April a motley crew of Spaniards, "Mulattoes" and black persons appeared suddenly at Black River; also unhappy with Mosquito Shore settlers' inaction considering defensive supports. Raising troops in Rattan [Roatan] to assist along the coast.</p> <p>Enclosed: Numerous documents, including orders and memorials.</p>
77/37, folios 208-217	260	1780 June 2/ Jamaica	Thos. [Thomas] Harrison to Right Honourable Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	<p>4 enclosures</p> <p>Correspondence from Mr. Harrison, thanking secretary of state in aiding him in dispute between Harrison and Governor Dalling pertaining to his loss of office.</p>

77/38, folios 218- 232	278	1780 May 10/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Lord George Germain	Unnumbered private despatch, 4 enclosures  Dispute between governor and Admiral Peter Parker over military manoeuvres against the Spanish; correspondence between them forwarded.  Enclosures: correspondence between Admiral Peter Parker and Governor Dalling.
------------------------------	-----	-------------------------	---	--