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Reference No.	First Frame No.	Date	Communicants	Summary
78/1, folio 1-2	3	1780 June 3	John Dalling [Governor of Jamaica] to Right Honorable Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	No.73 Military manoeuvres regarding Battalion Companies, Province of Nicaragua [?].
78/2, folios 3-5	5	1780 June 3	John Dalling [Governor of Jamaica] to [secretary of state]	1 enclosure Encloses affidavit of Joseph Everett, dated 3 June regarding Spanish attack at Cape River [?], they retreated after being shot at, only damage was burnt Mill House and huts.
78/3, folios 6-9	10	1780 June 3	Arch. Campbell, Br. Genl. [Brigadier General] to Right Hon. Lord Geroqe Germain [secretary of state]	Correspondence, 1 enclosure Regarding victory at Fort St. John in Province of Nicaragua, under Polson. Enclosed: Proposed Plan for General Dalling's army. Enclosure: "Proposed Plan for General Dalling's Army" signed Arch. Campbell

78/4, folios 10-15	14	1780 April 14	John Dalling [Governor of Jamaica] to Right Hon. Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	No.66, 2 enclosures Disagreement over payment of funds for military activities: Dalling withdrew funds from the Register of the Court of Vice Admiralty.
78/5, folios 16-49	21	1780 April 14	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Right Hon. Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	No.67, 14 enclosures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troops sent to reinforce Capt. Polson, Province of Nicaragua, medical men to be sent to ensure good health of troops, news of French Fleet • criticisms made of Dalling by Assembly for costs of war • delay of mail steamers by commanders. Enclosed: "Instructions for Colonel Kemble" signed John Dalling; letter from Hercules Ross, agent general for Mosquito Shore; governor's speech at opening of Legislature; Council's address and governor's answer; Assembly's address to Dalling against sending any military forces off the island, and governor's answers; governor's speech at closure of Legislature; letter from Governor William Burt, Antigua; "Instructions for Major Jenkins" signed John Dalling; List of laws passed in sessions 1780; list of enclosures addressed to secretary of state on board HMS <i>Salisbury</i> .
78/6, folios 50-51	58	1780 July 22	Stephen Fuller [agent for Jamaica] to Rt. Hon. Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	Correspondence Reminding secretary of state of address of the Assembly urging that no more troops 'white inhabitants or people of colour' be raised for foreign expeditions, and that they concentrate on the defence of the island.

78/7, folios 52 - 54	60	1780 May 19	John Dalling [Governor of Jamaica] to Right Honorable Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	<p>Unnumbered private despatch, 1 enclosure</p> <p>Attempts by Dalling to dispel accusations of his apparent application for financial assistance made to commanders in chief in North America for defence.</p> <p>Enclosed: published letters of Governor Dalling and Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Parker, in the Jamaican Mercury.</p> <p>Enclosure: Newspaper – page 1-2 of <i>The Jamaica Mercury Extraordinary</i>, from Sat. October 30 to Tuesday November 2, 1779, with published letters from John Dalling, P. Parker, H. Clinton, Cornwallis, and Mariot Arbuthnot.</p>
78/8, folios 55-56	65	1780 June 2	John Dalling [Governor of Jamaica]	<p>Unnumbered private despatch</p> <p>Expression of determination from Dalling to oppose the King's representative to the late advocate general.</p>
78/9, folios 57 - 60	67	1780 June 8	John Dalling [Governor of Jamaica] to Right Honorable Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	<p>Unnumbered separate despatch</p> <p>Insufficient provisions and accommodation of soldiers defending the coast of Jamaica.</p> <p>Enclosed: “Memorial of the Commander in Chief, the Brigadier General, and Field Officers of the Army serving in Jamaica.”</p>
78/10, folios 61-63	73	1780 June 22	John Dalling [Governor of Jamaica] to Right Honorable Lord George Germain	<p>No.74</p> <p>Operations at Fort St. John, Province of Nicaragua, provisions and troops being sent; defection of 'Indians' disappointing.</p>
78/11, folios 64-70	77	1780 June 23	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Right Honorable Lord	<p>No.75, 1 enclosure</p>

			George Germain [secretary of state]	War ship despatched by Governor Rodney from Windward Islands, he received intelligence regarding proximity of Spanish fleet; Spanish dominion in America, suggests attacking from Peru in future. Enclosed: "Further instructions for Brigadier General Kemble" relative to future operations.
78/12, folio 71-74	85	1780 June 25	John Dalling [Governor of Jamaica] to Right Honorable Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	Unnumbered private despatch Reasons behind governor's suspension of Mr. Harrison from position of advocate general.
78/13, folios 75-94	90	1780 June 23	Edward Barry, Sec. [secretary to the governor] to William Knox	Correspondence, 5 enclosures Forwarding various supporting documents concerning Governor Dalling's reasons for suspending Mr. Thomas Harrison from the Office of Advocate General.
78/14, folios 95-119	113	1780 June 26	Edward Barry, Sec. [governor's secretary] to William Knox	Correspondence, 5 enclosures Concerning Dutch in Curaçao and St. Eustatia [Eustatius] caught attempting to carry and trade goods with Hispaniola, aiding Britain's enemy in the war; such activities violate the treaties, Dutch ships condemned in Court of Vice Admiralty, Jamaica. Enclosed: associated documents.
78/15, folios 120-122	140	1780 June 12	James Trower, L. [Lewis] B. Martin, J. [John] Grant, Wm. [William] Elphinston to Lord George Germain	1 enclosure Encloses petition from late assistant judges of Supreme Court of Judicature, regarding case of Mr. Thomas Harrison, late advocate general.
78/16, folios 123-124	145	1780 August 31	George Germain to assistance judges of Jamaica	Draft correspondence

				From secretary of state to late assistant judges of Supreme Court of Judicature.
78/16a, folios 125-126	147	178 Sept 1	George Germain to Lords of Trade	Draft. Concerning the suspension of 4 assistant judges of the Supreme Court of Jamaica
78/17 folios 127-128	149	1780 Sept 6	George Germain [secretary of state] to Governor Dalling	No. 217, Draft despatch Regarding the governor's disagreement with Mr. Harrison. Requests copies of the whole proceedings in the Supreme Court relative to the case.
78/18, folios 129-133	151	1780 Sept 6	George Germain [secretary of state] to Governor Dalling	No.28, Draft despatch <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acknowledgement of despatches• operations at Fort St. John, Province of Nicaragua: fatigue and sickness of soldiers, departure of Indians, suggests suspension of Mr. Laurie for failing to make sufficient preparations• settling of Rattan Island, suggests not depending on inhabitants for assistance citing case of Baymen at Black River.
78/19, folios 134-135	156	1780 Sept 6	George Germain [secretary of state] to Governor Dalling	No. 29, Draft despatch Regarding memorial signed by governor, commander in chief, brigadier general, and field officers regarding state of soldiers in Jamaica.
78/20, folios 136-137	158	1780 Sept 6	George Germain [secretary of state] to Governor Dalling	Draft separate Regarding memorial from Count Maltzan, Prussian minister complaining of the condemnation at Jamaica of Conference on route from Grenada to Curaçao; copy of Court of Vice Admiralty proceedings required.

78/21, folios 138-143	161	1780 July 22	Brigadier General Geo. Garth to Right Hon. Lord George Germain	Correspondence, 2 enclosures Reporting arrival of troops at St. Christopher, enclosures regarding passage of troops to Jamaica.
78/22, folios 144-145	168	1780 Sept 13	Robert White to Thos [Thomas] De Grey, Under-secretary of State	Correspondence For attention of secretary of state, regarding the conduct of war to be carried out from Mosquito Shore against Spanish settlements in Jamaica, and the establishment of a royal government there.
78/23, folios 146-163	171	1780 Sept 13	Robert White to Right Hon. Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for America	Correspondence, 1 enclosure Forwarding a memorial from the inhabitants of Mosquito Shore regarding the establishment of a regular royal government there. Memorial also includes separate statements by Alexander Smith, overseer of Richmond Hill plantation which is the estate of Capt. James Lawrie, superintendent of the Mosquito Shore; Captain James Temple, master and commander of the snow <i>Betsey</i> ; and John Christopher.
78/24, folios 164-165	192	1780 Sept 29	George Germain [secretary of state] to Governor Dalling	No.30, Draft despatch Regarding decision by Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty that Mr. Thomas Harrison be reinstated to post of advocate general; order given to Dalling to carry this out.
78/25, folios 166-201	194	1780 July 2-20	John Dalling [Governor of Jamaica] to Right Honorable Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	No.76, 13 enclosures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence of Jamaica in preparation for possible attack from French and Spanish fleets • intelligence from Sir George Rodney and other sources regarding enemy operations • settlement of Rattan • benefits of enlisting 'people of colour' for service on mainland

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reports from Province of Nicaragua, severe sickness of troops at St. John's, delays, poor weather • recommends future avoidance of serving rum to troops. <p>Enclosed: "Instructions for Captain Gleadowe during his residence on the Mosquito Shore"; information of Mr. Severin? Baggè (a Dane), letter to Sir James Wright from Dalling; "An intended plan of operations" signed John Dalling; 2 letters from General Stephen Kemble, letter to Sir Henry Clinton, instructions to Captain Baine of 60th Regiment of Foot from Dalling; letter from Sir Alexander Leith, List of things necessary to be adverted to for the intended services, signed Edward Barry, Sec.; sketch titled "Tierras de los Contales" - lake of Nicaragua?</p>
78/26, folios 202-214	233	1780 August 12	John Dalling [Governor of Jamaica] to Right Hon. Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	<p>No. 77, 4 enclosures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approaching Spanish and French fleets reported • arrival of London fleet • poor intelligence • report of troops on Spanish mainland. <p>Enclosed: "Remarks made on board the <i>Punch</i> Saturday July the 15th 1780" signed Perkins, captain; "State of His Majesty's 85th, 92d, 93d, & 94th Regiments of Foot, Kingston, Jamaica, 13th August 1780"; letter from</p>

				Matt? Powell, Physician General, intelligence from Havanna [Havana, Cuba].
78/27, folios 215-216	251	1780 August 11	Geo. Garth, Brig. Genl, Rt. Hon. Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	Correspondence Reporting arrival in Jamaica of troops from St. Christophers.
78/28, folios 217-218	254	1780	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica	No.77 "State of His Majesty's Royal Artillery 60 th , 79 th , 85 th , 88 th , 92d, 93d & 94 th Regiments & Loyal Irish Corps of Foot," Jamaica, 26 August 1780, signed John Dalling, Major General, with separate list of names from each regiment of those officers absent and where they are. "Return of 93rd Regiment of Foot commanded by Colonel William McCormick on their arrival at Port Royal."
78/29, folios 219-220	257	1780 August 10	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Right Honorable Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	Report on 'crisis' of military situation on Spanish mainland.
78/30, folios 221-260	259	1780 August 29	John Dalling [Governor of Jamaica] to Right Honorable Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	No.78, 14 enclosures Report on military manoeuvres at St. John's/St. Juan's, (Spanish mainland). Enclosed: correspondence to and from, instructions, and intelligence information from: Dalling's letters to various leaders, Major Macdonald, Brig. General Stephen Kemble, opinions of Brigadiers Garth and Campbell, memorial of Field Officers, Major Gen.

				Garth, Captain Todd's information, instructions for Captain Clarke, information received by Henry Cottle (captain of a flag of truce from Carthage), and instructions for Captain Rochat.
78/31, folios 261-263	301	1780 Oct 30	George Germain [secretary of state] to Governor Dalling	Unnumbered secret draft despatch Advises on situation in Nicaragua, suggests attacking New Orleans and heading to Lake Nicaragua from there.
78/32, folios 264-269	304	1780 Nov 1	George Germain [secretary of state] to Governor Dalling	No.31, Draft despatch Regarding expedition to St. John's River, suggests reconciliation with Indians, further troops to be obtained.
78/33, folios 270-271	310	1780 Nov 1	George Germain, secretary of state to Governor Dalling	Unnumbered secret draft despatch Royal permission given to Governor for leave of absence to England due to poor health. Brig. Gen. Campbell, to succeed command as Lieutenant Governor.
78/34, folios 272-273	312	1780 Nov 1	George Germain [secretary of state] to Brigadier Gen. Campbell	Draft correspondence Regarding his succession to command as Lieutenant Governor during Dalling's leave of absence.

78/35, folios 274-312	315	1780 Sept 11	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Right Hon. Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	<p>No.79, 8 enclosures</p> <p>Report on poor state of troops and manoeuvres on Spanish mainland; contact with Indians.</p> <p>Enclosed: several letters from Brig. General Stephen Kemble; 'Heads of a talk with some Indian Chiefs by Sir Alexander Leith" including as one example, "Questions proposed to Captains Campo, Slim, Darling and Lowlo of the Woolwa Nation at Pearl Kay Lagoon 18th August 1780 – Admiral Dilson and Colonel Mcfarlane being present"; "Monthly Return of His Majesty's Royal Artillery, 60th, 79th, 85th, 88th, 92d, 93d, 94th Regiments and Loyal Irish Corps of Foot, Jamaica 1st September 1780" signed John Dalling; an account of the recovery of the shore [Mosquito Shore] by Lt. Richard Hoare, commanding at Rattan, & others.</p>
78/36, folios 313-317	358	1780 Sept 22	John Dalling [Governor of Jamaica] to Right Hon. Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	<p>Unnumbered private despatch, 2 enclosures</p> <p>Report on military expedition at St. John's, (Spanish mainland).</p> <p>Enclosed: "Return of the Officers of the different Corps under the Command of Brig Genl Kemble who have died on the Expedition, St. Johns Harbour Aug. 28 1780," includes 60th, 79th, Loyal Irish Corps, Jamaica volunteers, Jamaica Legion, and Royal Artillery, and Hospital Mate, signed Stephen Kemble; letter from Major William Odell to Dalling.</p>

78/37, folios 318-320A	366	1780 Sept 2	Dr. Matt? Powell to Lord George Germain, [secretary of state]	Letter with 1 enclosure Enclosure: "General Return of the Troops under the Command of Brigadier General Kemble St. Johns Harbour 28 August 1780"; also "General Return of the sick of the Troops in Jamaica 31 st Aug. 1780" signed Matt? Powell Physician to the Troops.
78/38, folios 321-322	373	1780 August 13	Robert Hodgson to Rt. Hon. Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	Correspondence From Mr. Robert Hodgson, on Governor Dalling's command, regarding intelligence of Spanish activities, and situation at Mosquito Shore.
78/39, folios 323-326	376	1780 August 31	Mr. Robert Hodgson to George Germain [secretary of state]	Correspondence Enclosed: copies of papers relating to Mosquito Shore.
78/40, folios 327-334	384	1780 July 29	John Dalling [Governor of Jamaica] to Right Hon. Lord George Germain [secretary of state]	3 enclosures Financial provision for troops in Jamaica. Enclosed: Memorial of the Brigadier General and Field Officers Commanding Corps" in Jamaica to Gov. Dalling, signed Brig. Genl. Arch. Campbell, Col of the 88 th Regiment, Thomas Keating, Lt. Col. of the 79 th Regiment F. R. Humphreys, and Lt. Col. Commanding 60 th Regiment J. M. Prevost.

				Memorial of Hercules Ross Commissary General, and note to Ross from Dalling.
78/41, folios 335-338	396	1780 Dec 7	George Germain [secretary of state] to Governor Dalling	No.32, Draft despatch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • failure of the expedition of troops at St. John's River • financial provision for troops in Jamaica • intelligence regarding French fleet.
78/42, folios 339-340	401	1780 Dec 14	Greg Elliott to William Knox	Correspondence Regarding displacement of assistant judges of the Supreme Court in Jamaica and of Mr. Harrison, from office of advocate general in the court of Vice Admiralty.