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Reference No.	First Frame No.	Date	Communicants	Summary
80/1, folio 1-4	3	1781 March 7/ Whitehall	Secretary of state to John Dalling [governor of Jamaica]	Draft despatch No.35 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• mortality and sickness among troops on Jamaica, suggests moving barracks• raising of troops elsewhere• operations in Pensacola• dissolution of Assembly• Dalling's memorial to King: no command received from King
80/2, folios 5-12	8	1781 March 8/ Southampton Street	Stephen Fuller [Colonial agent to Jamaica] to Lord George Germain	3 enclosures Enclosures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Memorial from Stephen Fuller of Major Dalrymple's exemplary services – taking of Omoa and disciplining Jamaica militia during martial law, recommends his Loyal Irish Corps be regimented and appointed to Jamaica.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters (2) from members of the legislature, 22 Dec. 1779 and 28 Dec. 1780. Same as above.
80/3, folios 13-14	21	1781 April 4/ Whitehall	Secretary of State George Germain to Governor John Dalling	<p>Draft despatch No.36</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lord Commissioners for Trade and Plantations and Lords of the Council have considered case of suspended assistant judges from the Supreme Court of Jurisdiction for Jamaica, Dalling instructed to reinstate them. French intelligence
80/4, folios 15-16	24	1781 April 4/ Whitehall	Secretary of State George Germain to misters Trower, Martin, Grant, and Elphinston	Draft correspondence from secretary of state to suspended assistant judges, Mr. Trower, Mr. Martin, Mr, Grant and Mr. Elphinston, informing them of their reinstatement.
80/5, folios 17-20	27	1781 April 10/ Mount Grove Hampstead	Robert White to B. Thompson, esq., Under Secretary of State	<p>1 enclosure</p> <p>Have gout; please direct to Germain the enclosed memorial (16 April 1781) from some inhabitants of Mosquito Shore. Memorial gives background to current circumstances and desire for relief for what is past, and security for future as may render the settlements on the Mosquito Shore permanent and those on the Bay of Honduras safe.</p>

80/6, folios 21-32	34	1781 April 28/ Belvidere Bath	Mr. Robert Hodgson to Mr. William Knox	<p>Encloses a draft of his suggestions on what might still be done with slenderer means than already thought of on the Spanish main [Nicaragua] based on experience, which would at the least call Spain off from the war [American Revolutionary War]. Begins by giving background to why his knowledge is authoritative. Before proceeding with his ideas, he details his criticisms of expedition thus far, starting with - when he arrived in Central America, a premature expedition from Jamaica had already ruined the business in a manner too shocking to be easily spoken of with temper.</p> <p>[Hodgson, c. 1737-1791, had been superintendent for Mosquito Shore from 1768 to 1775 when he was recalled to answer charges of misconduct. He returned in 1780 as colonel to advance British assault along the San Juan/St. John River. He was able to speak Miskitu.]</p>
80/7, folios 33-34	48	1781 May 29/ Lower Grosvenor Place	Mr. Robert Hodgson to William Knox	Acknowledgment from Hodgson to Knox for memorial being taken.
80/8, folios 35-36	51	1781 March 1/ Jamaica	Brig. General Archibald Campbell to Lord George Germain	Able officer required to superintend the Park of Artillery and Ordnance Stores in Jamaica. Dalling recommends Major Ferrier and Campbell agrees.
80/9, folios 37-44	53	1781 Feb. 15/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State	<p>3 enclosures</p> <p>Acknowledgment of despatch no. 20, December 1780 regarding protection of Pensacola; Dalling provides reasons cannot assist. Operations on Spanish main</p>

				<p>suspended for a time so sending recently arrived Loyal American Rangers under William Odell to West Florida under convoy of such naval force as Vice Admiral Parker thinks best.</p> <p>Enclosure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extract of letter from Vice Admiral Peter Parker from Admiral's Penn, 13 Feb., on types of support for General John Campbell [military commander] at Pensacola, Florida; • letter from John Dalling to Major General Campbell, 15 Feb. Indicating Vice Admiral has agreed to assist at Florida and Dalling to send Loyal American Rangers with hopes this contributes to protection against attack but also carry on an offensive against Spanish; • letter from Charles Irving [previously naval surgeon; field officer for this expedition], Pearl Key Lagoon, 3 Dec. 1780 to John Dalling. Arrival of lost ship <i>Hope</i> with Captain Park and black persons on board to assist at Bluefields. Optimistic about second stage of assault to Lake Nicaragua having learned much from first, and his observations having gone into the country. Indicates his personal sacrifice including expense of raising a corps.
80/10, folios 45-48	62	1781 Feb. 15/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State	Encloses Memorial, dated 5 January, from the late inhabitants of the Bay of Honduras, now residing in Island of Rattan [Roatan], having had no action on requests, do so again for reinstatement in Honduras and support while in Rattan. Indicates reasons unsatisfied on island. Signed Richard Hoare, James Ferrall,

				William O'Brien. Dalling plans to take action on request.
80/11, folios 49-54	68	1781 Feb. 15/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>2 enclosures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenditure of money unavoidably very considerable, and hear from Mr. Ross's enclosed letter my bills remain unpaid and past due. Have allowed his demand of interest for furnishing money. Enclosed memorial concerns 4 store ships not having discharged their stores due to want of public magazines and storehouses; fear expense of being compelled to erect some immediately <p>Enclosure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter, H. Ross, Kingston, 10 Feb. 1781 to Dalling Memorial of Hercules Ross, Agent General and Thomas Walbuff, Agent of Transports and Miles Sanson, Clerk of Stores, Royal Artillery
80/12, folio 55	78	1781 Jan. 9/ Jamaica	John Dalling to Vice Admiral Peter Parker	<p>Extract of a letter answering Dalling's request for place to put military stores lately sent from England. Parker cannot comply due to long awaited and expected large quantity of naval stores by latter part of month.</p> <p>Indicates this was originally in Dalling's letter of 15 Feb.</p>
80/13, folios 56-70	80	1781 Jan. 31/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>Despatch no. 90 and 6 enclosures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bill possibly passed which materially innovates the long-established constitution of Jamaica; to prevent effect till hear from king, dissolved

				<p>government early; difficulties working with government;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transmitted papers concerning case of suspended assistant judges from Supreme Court of Jurisdiction for Jamaica; comments on Judge's bill; Mr. Harrison is mentioned; • inquiry regarding conduct of expedition to St. John; comments on; points out notorious conduct of Mr. Grant, chairman of committee; • island's forts and fortifications – upgrades with defence spending in 1779 and Genl. Campbell's upgrades thereafter summarised; hopes for better workings with Assembly and money advanced to continue works; • encloses clippings from dangerous publication to give some idea of 'Spirit that prevails in this community' - <i>The Gazette</i> of St. Jago de la Vega; been driven to disagreeable necessity of publishing an answer within under the signature of Detector; mentions Mr. Harrison. <p>Enclosed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolution – clause inserted in Poll Tax Bill to pay island engineer for extraordinary expences in attending public works for island defence; and works at forts and fortifications be provided in future by contract. 2. Minutes of the Board of Forts and Fortifications, 18 Sept. 1779, 21 July 1780 3. Article clippings from newspaper <i>Gazette of Saint Jago de la Vega</i>; three are titled “TO THE LEGION” signed and dated from “DETECTOR” dated 1781 Jan. 4, 1780 Dec. 28, and 1781 Jan. 18; also House of Assembly, Dec. 23, 1780 – published resolutions.
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80/14, folios 71-74	102	1781 Feb. 16/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>Despatch No. 91 and 1 enclosure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acknowledgment of despatches • undertaking reform of troops in Jamaica • endeavour to comply with views of Lords of the Admiralty on transports currently at Jamaica, and sending them home even though extremely inconvenient; explains <p>Enclosure: Dalling to Lords Commissioners of Trade, 1781 Feb. 17</p>
80/15, folios 75-80	106	1781 Feb. 4/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>No. 92 and 3 enclosures</p> <p>Proceedings of the close of Legislature</p> <p>Enclosed: copies of Dalling's speech, council's address and response.</p>
80/16, folios 81-91	116	1781 Feb. 24/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>No.94, 5 enclosures</p> <p>Enclosed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • data pertaining to Spanish fleet and land force at Havana, Cuba, sent from New York by Mr. James Buchanan who left Cuba 1 Jan.; provides names and details of vessels and numbers of land troops; also includes English prisoners there from following regiments: 16th, 60th, Waldeck, with names of officers and totals for each category of sergeants, corporals, drummers, privates and women and children, as well as total prisoners under category of seamen and their officers • correspondence from Lt. Col. Irving [previously naval surgeon, offered services as field officer

				during British military advances in Central America]; advancing on Spanish settlements from Bluefields River (including colour sketch of the river, showing branches and following Ruswas River, then showing a line over Santa Pocha Hill through the Savannah and to Bihiiia, includes information about the rivers on the side, folio 91), fortifying St. George's Bay, and re-establishment of the log wood cutters in Bay of Honduras.
80/17 folios 92-119	131	1781 March 6/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>Despatch no.95, 12 enclosures, mostly between commissary of prisoners, Thomas Neville, and Edward Barry, secretary to Dalling concerning prisoners on the island</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • corps of Loyal American Rangers waiting for departure from Jamaica, due to serve under Major [General] John Campbell in Pensacola, West Florida; hopes their pay will come drawn for with the other troops under his command, and reasons • suggests suitable officer to oversee Artillery and Ordinance Stores, Jamaica, and reasons for need of • Col. Charles Irving preparing for departure to 'the shore' [Mosquito Shore] and to carry out attacks on Spanish settlements; with stated supports, expects success; mentions "Indians" and Rattan [Roatan] settlement • criticisms and insults received
80/18, folios 120-173	168	1781 April 25/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	Despatch no.96, 22 enclosures

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expedition at St. John/San Juan - further documents to be sent • reports from Spanish attack at Pensacola, Florida • settlement of island of Rattan [Roatan] • possible attack on Panama • condition and health of troops.
80/19, folios 174-183	225	1781 April 27/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>Despatch no. 97, 4 enclosures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reports from Lord Charles Montagu at Charles Town [Charleston, South Carolina] • difficulty raising corps • raising of troops to act as independent companies on Spanish mainland or recruits to complete regiments in Jamaica • proposed attack on St. Jago de Cuba • case of Spanish prisoners and commissary of prisoners
80/20, folios 184-185	237	1781 May 6/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>No.98</p> <p>Spanish threat and operations at Pensacola, West Florida: no further information on operations has reached Dalling.</p>
80/21, folios 186-187	240	1781 May 1/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>Monthly Return of H.M. Royal Artillery, 60th, 79th, 85th, 88th, 92nd, 94th Regiments, and the companies of the 99th Regiment; signed Dalling. Data includes numbers for effectives and non-effectives for each regiment, broken down by officers, staff, sergeants, drummers, and rank and file. Last category subdivided into present and fit for duty, sick in quarters, sick in hospitals, on command, recruiting, on furlough. Two</p>

				<p>columns of data for each regiment are number of rank and file wanted to complete allowance, and alterations since last return – dead, discharged and recommended, and deserted. Additional data includes names and rank of absent officers and date, names and rank of officers on duty and what duty, and vacant officers and by what means.</p> <p>Artillery included separately with numbers for each rank for those fit for duty, sick, on duty, joined from Pensacola, and absent with leave; also one absent officer – Lt. Wilson Stephens.</p>
80/22, folios 188-189	243	1781 April 26/ Spanish Town	Brig. Gen. Archibald Campbell to Lord George Germain	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish threat (they are before Pensacola) and inefficient defence at Pensacola • situation here extremely discouraging, would like to go to England
80/23, folios 190-191	247	1781 June 25	Mr. Robert White to Lord George Germain	Regarding application made by Mosquito Shore settlers for the right to import sugars and other produce into Great Britain and Ireland upon paying Jamaica duties, and the Bill enabling such. Heard this was happening for Demerara and Essequibo; want equal treatment. Mentions destruction of sugar works at Black River last year.
80/24, folios 192-193	250	1781 June 28/ Lower Grosvenor Place	Mr. Robert. Hodgson to Lord George Germain	Offering his assistance in operations against Spain.
80/25, folios 194-197	252	1781 June 30/ Whitehall	Secretary of state to Governor John Dalling	Draft despatch no. 37

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish taking of Pensacola: more support from military and naval forces from Jamaica was needed earlier • Praises the raising a battalion at Charles Town [Charleston, South Carolina] by Lord Montague • Confirmation of Dalling's leave of absence • Right decision retiring from public service considering discord preventing doing business
80/26, folios 198-199	256	1781 July 4/ Whitehall	Secretary of state to Brigadier General Campbell	<p>Draft despatch no. 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dalling's leave with regard to issues such as suspended judges • lack of protection shown to Pensacola, West Florida; an important colony • government should be encouraged to lay aside animosities and act unanimously • recognises condition of poor health of troops stationed at Jamaica • urges harmony with Peter Parker, naval commander.
80/27, folios 200-203	259	1781 July 28/ Mount Grove Hampstead	Mr. Robert White to Lord George Germaine	<p>White: 'forlorn and destitute settlements' of Mosquito Shore. From commencement of Spanish Rupture, conceived that respectable military force should have been established on the Shore for their protection and for successful offensive. Describes three distinct periods military force needed. Black River prominent in the text. Urges more military help. Directs message to Germain as believes interests of Shore never could be felt or understood by Jamaica in any other view than as temporary and subservient to their own. Wishes for vigorous and effectual measure for erecting Shore into permanent British Colony and reasons.</p>

80/28, folios 204-205	265	1781 August 2/ Whitehall	Secretary of state to Lieutenant Governor Campbell	<p>Draft despatch No. 2, 2 enclosures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proposals regarding Artillery at Jamaica - recommended to Lord Townsend to make arrangements • suggests Gov. Campbell exercises his authority to punish Brenton, the ordinance storekeeper; your commission as Lt. governor gives you authority over all officers; Dalling could do same but in dismissing judges and advocate general, he did so without sufficient grounds and in refusing king's orders to restore suspended officer
80/29, folios 206-224	268	1781 May 24/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>Despatch no. 99, 6 enclosures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mentions arrival of the London Fleet at Jamaica • letters received from Lieutenant Colonel Bell and Captain Amherst, Charles Town [Charleston, South Carolina] transmitting: they show potential assistance from there, expect rebel prisoners more willing to be formed into corps by themselves instead of into our regular regiments • large amount of military stores – obliged to hire places to lodge, appoint people to oversee care; also directed shed to be built for preservation of boats lying here as admiral says it's a treasury concern and not a navy concern • arrival of funds for relief following hurricane; necessary to convene government • sickly state and high mortality rate of troops in Jamaica and needed accommodation; mentions

				<p>shocking state of General Garth's troops upon arrival at sickly time of year; importance of needed barracks for health of soldiers and security of island; shows concern troops sent to General Vaughan do not have same fate as those sent here</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• deputy adjutant general required in Jamaica for issuing my orders and regulating details of so many regiments and corps and assisting in conducting general military business; as well as deputy quarter master general from the quantity of camp equipage and stores now here• expenses incurred by expedition on Spanish mainland – various vouchers regularly transmitted to Treasury shows my attention to uniform economy• many circumstances occurred to increase expences – 1. preparations due to alarm of arrival of Count d'Estaing in our area with powerful armament in August 1779; 2. scarcity and extravagant price of military stores and provisions for expedition, and hire and value of transports many of them lost on Spanish main owing to incredible mortality of seamen and uncommon bad weather, and other on their voyage back for Jamaica perished in tempest in October; 3. Gen. Garth's troops arriving in a terrible situation requiring great number of hospitals for numerous sick and temporary barracks to be quickly erected to shelter effectives in inclement season near at hand; 4. some expense recently incurred in fortifying island of Rattan [Roatan] as an asylum for late inhabitants of Honduras
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				<p>optimistic; in agreement with Odell's opinion in his letter of 17th</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. letter, 1781 June 3, Kingston, Hercules Ross to Dalling. Explains reasons for sick state of General Garth's troops upon arrival 1780 August 1; kinds of care taken and accompanying issues; one quick resolution was purchase by government of Up Park penn, 2 miles from Kingston and owned by William Harvie, in order to build barracks above ground for use of troops; a building already there converted into hospital; enough buildings in Up Park presently to quarter 500 men 4. Commissary General's Office 1781. "A General Return of the pay Bills of His Majesty's several Regiments in Jamaica, upon the Island Establishment made in this office, from and to the undermentioned dates & periods to indemnify Government on account of the Issues of provisions supplied for the said Regiments." Tabular data for following regiments: 60th, 79th, 85th, 88th, 92nd, 94th, 2 companies of 99th not yet on island establishment but expected, Royal Artillery, Loyal Irish. Shows date range and correlating currency amount for each. 5. Letter, 1781 June 8, Hinton East, Receiver General to Hercules Ross, Commissary General, Jamaica. Relates to total amount requested (as seen in no. 4) - impossible to comply and believed it would be a considerable time before any payment could be made from his office. 6. "Journal of Major Alexander Campbell of His Majesty's Corps of Loyal American Rangers." Date range is 1781 February 8 to June 2. Arrival
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				<p>at Jamaica; voyage to Pensacola; engage with <i>Unicorn</i>, French frigate; return to Jamaica</p> <p>7. Private letter, 1781 June 13, Dalling to secretary of state? Informs reinstated dismissed judges; asks for creation of baronet for himself</p>
80/30, folios 225-226	291	1781 June 13	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	Reinstatement by Dalling of the four suspended assistant judges, Mr. Trower, Mr. Martin, Mr. Grant and Mr. Elphinston.
80/31, folios 227-230	294	1781 June 22/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>No.100</p> <p>Forwarding journal of Captain Martin McEvoy of the Loyal American Rangers, mentioned in despatch no. 99; reasons sending this and journal of Campbell is that Vice Admiral Parker has not yet given me return of two ships on board of which this corps was embarked, nor the least reason why they returned without throwing in reinforcements to Pensacola, Florida.</p> <p>Enclosed: "Journal of Captain McEvoy of His Majestys Corps of Loyal American Rangers ordered on Service to Pensacola." Dates run from 1781 March 8 to April 8; signed Martin McEvoy, Captain L. A. Rangers. Left on <i>Ulysses</i>, Captain Thomas, commander. Gives information pertaining to Spanish merchant ship and a Spanish transport of which made prizes of both; also on return home took prize of snow loaded with cotton and coffee bound for Havana</p>
80/32, folios 231-244	298	1781 June 23/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	Despatch no.101, 4 enclosures

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reinstatement of suspended assistant judges, Mr. Trower, Mr. Martin, Mr. Grant and Mr. Elphinston • intelligence regarding engagement on 29th last month between Admiral Hood and French fleet off Martinique; mentions consequences for St. Lucia and Tobago • intelligence regarding Pensacola; Don Galvez included and Havana; also latest information on French and Spanish force and ships of war • direction required regarding Major William Odell's corps, Lord Montagu's corps - whether to maintain or disband; was going to use Loyal American Rangers to reinforce Captain Despard commanding at Rattan [Roatan] • provisions for troops in Jamaica harbour previously meant for garrison at Pensacola to be unloaded here • safe arrival of despatches following loss of some with capture of <i>Lord Hyde</i> paquet • complaint letter from French prisoner here [enclosed]; receive many prisoner complains but cannot do anything <p>Enclosed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. letter, n.d., Samuel Pole, Captain, 85th Regiment to Dalling. Intelligence pertaining to Havana, Cuba while there 2. letter, 1781 June 12, Kingston, Hercules Ross, Commissary General to Dalling; status of provisions; names ships in port with provisions that had been intended for Pensacola 3. Letter, 1780 June 14, Dalling to Hercules Ross, Commissary General; discharge provisions from vessels in harbour
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				4. Letter, 1781 June 18, Monsieur Le Chavalier de [Saintour/Saintous?] to Genl. Dalling as to treatment of French prisoners!; French language.
80/33, folios 245-248	315	1781 June 24/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	No.102 Forwarding Laws passed in last session, Minutes of the Privy Council, 12th June 1780 - 24th May 1871, and Journals of the Council, 7th November 1780 - 19th January 1781.
80/34, folios 249-250	321	1781 July 16/ Mount Grove Hampstead	Mr. Robert White to B. Thompson, Under Secretary of State for America	Further regarding pleas of distressed settlers of Mosquito Shore. Frustrated Lord Germain, after receiving my communications, has given no directions to you on concerns shared. Asks for him to pursue further.
80/35, folios 251-252	324	1781 August 23/ Mount Grove Hampstead	Mr. Robert White to Lord Germain	Requesting meeting with secretary of state regarding Mosquito Shore to mention a new case respecting public service at Mosquito Shore, and to submit how much it calls for your Lordships immediate interposition.
80/36, folios 253-256	327	1781 August 28/ Mount Grove Hampstead	Mr. Robert White to Lord George Germain	Correspondence, 1 Enclosure Further regarding settlers of Mosquito Shore. Expresses concern at total inattention or perhaps contempt shown by your Lordship to my letters, the last asking for a personal audience. Asks for an explanation of this ungracious treatment. Enclosed: "Private Memorandum for the Right Honble Lord George Germain, His Majesty's principal

				Secretary of State for America. Presented by Mr. White, 28 th August 1781.” Based on recent letters from Mosquito Shore, Superintendent James Lawrie in distress due to extraordinary exertions for support of settlement at Black River; details these and advocates on his behalf - relief from his distress and reimbursement and recompense for what he lost and suffered.
80/37, folios 257-258	333	1781 June 30/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	No. 103 Judges Bill passed in the last session; urges secretary of state to protect the governor to discourage expectations regarding introduction of a new system of government.
80/38, folios 259-260	335	1781 July 3/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	No. 104 Arrival of Captain Brownrigg of Loyal American Rangers arrived from New York; he fell in with and was brought here by <i>Pearl</i> frigate, which together with HMS <i>Iris</i> , were convoying 2 ships, 2 sloops and a schooner, having on board from 5-600 of Lord Charles Montague’s Corps for Jamaica. This with Odell’s just returned will total 3000 effective men, the regulars are above 1500 fit for duty; plus corps of 100 Artillery. Consulting with brigadiers Garth and Campbell on how to use.
80/39, folios 261-262	338	1781 July 8/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	Despatch [?] Dalling comments on the contents of his speech at opening and closing of session and address from Assembly.

80/40, folios 263-274	341	1781 July 14/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>Despatch and 5 enclosures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transmitting governor's speech at opening of session and replies from Assembly and Council. • Explanation for delay asking for money due for military works thrown up for defence of island when under great apprehensions of a visit from combined fleets of France and Spain – relates to assembly
80/41, folios 275-280	357	1781 July 20	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>Unnumbered duplicate private despatch, 1 enclosure</p> <p>Enclosed: Resolutions agreed to by committee of whole House, and petition on same topic from Assembly to King's Excellent Majesty in Council – Jamaica labours under distresses which require assistance; continued raising and repairing of fortifications for defence, built barracks for troops, annually voted much for subsistence but dealing with present war particularly during martial law has far exceeded our abilities, thus drained of specie (currency) needed for commerce. Parliament voted relief from misfortune to suffer natural disasters but the tax on sugar will prove fatal to resident planters and concerned consequentially will leave the island causing major insecurities. Request relief from heavy additional tax upon our staple. Petition passed 1781 July 20.</p>
80/42, folios 281-288	366	1781 August 31/ Mount Grove Hampstead	Mr. Robert White to W. [William] Knox, Under Secretary of State	<p>1 enclosure</p> <p>Further regarding settlers of Mosquito Shore, still no answer to his letters from secretary of state. Understood from last correspondence that request for private audience was 'misaid.' Still wants communication with Germain.</p>

				Enclosed: Duplicates of previous correspondences.
80/43, folios 289-293	378	1781 Sept. 7/ Whitehall	Secretary of State to Lieutenant Governor Campbell	<p>Draft unnumbered secret despatch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • operations at Nicaragua (ill concerted and worse executed attempt) – glad drawing to close; lead to loss of men and waste of funds owing to misconduct, loss of St. John’s, future attempts possible to severely wound Spanish crown, preparations to be made by securing assistance of “Indians” (Mr. Lawrie failed) and exploring fully passages of the Lake; free black persons, “men of colour,” deserters, rebel prisoners and adventurers of all descriptions encouraged to “try their fortunes”; possession of navigation of Lake Nicaragua is the great object • mentions Peru still in great commotion and probable most of troops in Guatemala will have been sent; beneficial to our cause • employment of all those who can influence or in which “Indians” have confidence to be employed, such as Doctor Irving; Sent Mr. Hodgson to embody large corps of Mosquito men to penetrate into the country. Use Major Odell’s corps, Loyal American Rangers, and Lord Montagu’s Corps; and Spanish rebels • presents previously for Florida “Indians” to be sent to Carolina and Georgia

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sickly state of troops on Jamaica – expect if lack of barracks contributing, Assembly will act with your persuasion for better security of island
80/44, folios 294-297	383	1781 Sept. 15/ Whitehall	Secretary of State to Lieutenant Governor/Brigadier General Campbell	<p>Draft despatch no.2, 1 enclosure</p> <p>Instructions regarding exchange of prisoners from garrison at Pensacola, Florida with Spanish prisoners of war.</p> <p>Enclosed: Capitulations and exchange of prisoners Captain James Campbell, 42nd Regiment of Foot and major of brigade (also secretary to Major General Campbell and paymaster), and Captain Deans of Royal Navy, both detained by order of General Galvez, Spanish commanding officer in the capture of Pensacola, as hostages for the surrender of the Fort and District of the Natchez, which places were at first not supposed by Major General Campbell to be included in capitulation but afterwards settled.</p>
80/45, folios 298-299	388	1781 Sept. 17/ Mount Grove Hampstead	Mr. Robert White to W. [William] Knox, Under Secretary of State for America	Further regarding settlers of Mosquito Shore, still no answer to his letters from secretary of state.

80/46, folios 300-303	391	1781 July 20/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>Unnumbered private despatch, 1 enclosure.</p> <p>Petition of the Assembly regarding resolutions made by a committee appointed to consider money granted by Parliament and the recent additional duty on sugar.</p> <p>Enclosed: Resolutions.</p>
80/47, folios 304-305	397	1781 Sept. 22/ Whitehall	Lord George Germain to Brigadier General [George] Garth	<p>Draft Correspondence</p> <p>In realising may be disagreeable to you to stay in Jamaica when command of the island devolves under Brigadier Campbell, an officer inferior to you in rank, offers him position of Brigadier General in the Leeward Islands under command of Major General Matthew where you may have opportunity of exerting abilities in next campaign, or leave to return to England if preferred.</p>
80/48, folios 306-309	399	1781 July 24/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	<p>Duplicate No. 107</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funds granted by Parliament for relief of recent hurricane laid before new Assembly, delay in distribution • Forwarding Memorial of the House of Assembly regarding allowance for troops, forts and fortifications at Jamaica [not included here]; island less secure until funding effected • Information from Admiral George Rodney - French fleet have sailed from Martinique bound for Hispaniola and description and suppositions about purpose – merchantmen with stores only or with large body of forces and threat to Jamaica • arrival of Captain Amherst's Corps with 100 men, 35 enlisted in Europe for Dalrymple's

				Corps [Loyal Irish], from Charles Town [Charleston, South Carolina]. Lord Montagu's Corps at Windward Island – 600 men.
80/49, folios 310-311	403	1781 July 26/ Jamaica	John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica to secretary of state	No. 108 Mentions return of the homeward bound convoy to Port Royal on 22 and 23 rd .
89/50, folios 312-313	406	1781 Sept. 25/ Mount Grove Hampstead	Mr. Robert White to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for America	Still no response regarding settlers of Mosquito Shore and Mr. Lawrie.
89/51, folios 314-316	409	1781 Oct. 6/ Jamaica		Address and petition of the Assembly of Jamaica regarding their ability to fund defence of the island in present financial climate.
89/52, folios 317-318	413	1781 Oct. 10/ Mount Grove Hampstead	Mr. Robert White to W. [William] Knox, Under Secretary of State for America	Further regarding settlers of Mosquito Shore – received your letter of yesterday's date; does not acknowledge this as addressed to himself due to incorrect first name, unless you properly authorise me to do so. Reminds Knox of previous letters sent and unanswered. Insulted, especially after years of communication as agent to the Mosquito Shore.

89/53, folios 319-320	417	1781 Oct. 12/ Whitehall	Secretary of State to Lieut. Governor Campbell	<p>Draft despatch no.3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments on new Assembly • Petition of the Assembly regarding duty on sugar has been given to King • Intelligence of arrival of large force with Monsieur de Grasse at the Cape and soon after his sailing for North America; no more details
89/54, folios 321-344	420	1780-1781	Captain Robert Hodgson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative on the expedition to the Lake of Nicaragua in 1780, ‘Notes on the Rise, Progress & End of the late Expedition towards the Lake of Nicaragua.’ [Hodgson had been superintendent of the Mosquito Shore previously.] Title page note at bottom - “Written as matters had appeared to & composed in an inconvenient corner of the dirty hold of the Packet Dashwood.” Narrative starts by indicating in the middle of 1779 he presented to Lord Germain a paper containing a view of the manner to obtain a south sea port by way of Lake Nicaragua. Governor Dalling afterwards also wrote Germain on this. Germain and his secretary, Mr. Knox, consulted Hodgson on same who gave them plans, estimates, etc. On January 1st, 1780, Hodgson was told by Mr. Knox he was to go on 5th for Jamaica to assist in preparations. Narrative finishes at the end of the year. • Folio 343-345/frame 443-446: Signed R Hodgson and note added beside, “unexamined with my original.” Topic concerns the English having a south seaport via Lake Nicaragua. Additional text on back of text states, “Copy of a sheet from one of Capt. Hodgson’s Books

				called 'Rough Materials.' Written when a Spanish war was expected."
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