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Dispatches
from
The Governors of Nova Scotia
to the
Secretary of State
between
1776 and 1782 inclusive

Letters from Governor Legge—

1 Halifax Nova Scotia 1 Jany. 1776
— Advances of the Rebels in Canada — Obstructions thrown in the way of Arming the Militia — none but the Troops can be depended upon — Proclaimed Martial Law — Rebels intend Bombarding Boston —

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2 Halifax Nova Scotia 2 Jany. 1776
— Transmits Laws passed in Assembly — &c. &c.

Letter from Lt. Governor Franklin
3 Halifax Nova Scotia 2 January 1775 (6)
Complaining of Governor Legge's Conduct —

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4 From Governor Legge
Halifax Nova Scotia 11 Jany. 1776
Encloses 3 Memorials from Truro, Onslow and

County Cumberland — Inhabitants disaffected —
Solicits more Troops to Garrison Forts &c.
The Copies of these Memorials are with the Letter.

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5 Halifax Nova Scotia 12 January 1776
Rebel Cruisers on the Coast — Supplies for Boston
fallen into the hands of the enemy —

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6 (Private) Halifax Nova Scotia 21 January 1776
Complaining of the conduct of certain Officials —

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7 Halifax Nova Scotia 13 February 1776
Mr Butler charged with carrying on Correspondence
with the Rebels —

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8 Halifax Nova Scotia 15 Feby 1776
— Inhabitants of Cumberland disaffected — Critical
situation of the Colony

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9 Halifax Nova Scotia 18 March 1776
— Preparing for defence of the province — Embodying
Militia — 200 families expected from Boston
Conduct of the Inhabitants of Cumberland —

10 Halifax Nova Scotia 10 April 1776
50 Sail of Transports arrived with Loyalists from Boston
also Transports with Troops from Boston — &c. &c.

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11 Halifax Nova Scotia 16 April 1776
Death of Chief Justice Belcher — Has appointed
Mr Morris to the Vacancy.

Letters from Lt. Governor Arbuthnot
12 Halifax, Nova Scotia 26 April 1776
Acknowledging his appointment

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13 Halifax Nova Scotia 26 April 1776
Permission granted to dig Coals at Cape Breton —
Defence of province — &c.

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14 Halifax Nova Scotia 1 May 1776
— Transmits Mr Franklin's answer to his Letter

Letter from Mr Franklin
15 Halifax Nova Scotia 6 May 1776
Acknowledges receipt of a Letter — Governor Legge's
conduct — State of affairs in the province —

Letters from Lt. Governor Arbuthnot

16 Halifax Nova Scotia 10 May 1776
Encloses Copy of Letter previously transmitted

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17 Halifax, Nova Scotia 24 May 1776
Respecting Provincial Regiment – Expenses appear too great –

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18 Halifax Nova Scotia 5 June 1776
– Defeat of the Rebels before Quebec – &.

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19 Halifax Nova Scotia 6 June 1776
General Howe has taken the Loyal Nova Scotia Volunteers out of his hands –

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20 Halifax, Nova Scotia 20 June 1776
– Transmits Revenue act passed by Assembly –

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21 (No date)
Received 21 July 1776
Transmits Loyal addresses – all quiet in the province

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22 Halifax Nova Scotia 8 July 1776

Four Disaffected parties left Cumberland and delivered a List of 600 names to Continental Congress assuring them that they would join any Rebels that might be sent—

Indians at St. John River discover a Spirit of Insolence by interrupting the Trade— Light Cavalry now embarking— General Howe and Admiral Shuldham left N York— Part of the fleet which put in here are all left— &c. &c.

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23 Halifax Nova Scotia 9 July 1776

Transmits List of Laws passed by Assembly—

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24 Halifax Nova Scotia 15 August 1776

Has visited the greatest part of the province and reviewed volunteer Militia— At Londonderry, Onslow— &c From there are full 500 men Capable of bearing arms and the finest men in the province— and most industrious— State of the Militia &c. &c. &c.

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25 Halifax Nova Scotia 19 August 1776

Transmits Minutes of Council and Laws passed by Assembly—

26 Halifax Nova Scotia 3 Octr. 1776
Will prevent Correspondence between the Colonies in Rebellion and the province —

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27 Halifax, Nova Scotia 8 October 1776
— Success of Kings Troops over the Rebels on 27 August — Rebel Privateers doing much Mischief along the Coast — Sent Troops to Barrington and Lidsport —

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28 Halifax, Nova Scotia Nov.r 1776.
— Fort Cumberland invested by the Rebels — Sent Reinforcements — &c — Coast infested by Rebel Privateers who have done much Mischief — Defeat of the Rebels on Lake Champlain —

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29 Halifax Nova Scotia 20 Nov.r 1776
Success over the Rebels at Kings bridge —

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30 Halifax Nova Scotia 20 Nov.r 1776
Execution of Goff, a private Soldier, for murder —

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31 Halifax, Nova Scotia 21 Nov.r 1776
Transmits Minutes of Council —

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32 Halifax Nova Scotia 31 Dec.r 1776
— Relief of Fort Cumberland — Burned some houses of Rebel Acadians — Proclamation of Pardon — 100 laid down their arms, remainder dispersed — Situation of the army in the Rebl Colonies —

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33 Halifax Nova Scotia 1st January 1777
Transmits minutes of Council &c.

Letter from Mr. Franklin —
34 Halifax Nova Scotia 2 January 1777
on his being superceded as Lieut. Governor —

Letters from Lt. Governor Auchmuty
35 Halifax 16 January 1777
A Letter respecting Mr. Gould —

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36 Halifax Nova Scotia 31 January 1777
On state of affairs in the province —

37 Halifax Nova Scotia 18 March 1777
Transmits minutes of Council &c.

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38 Halifax Nova Scotia 30 Novr. 1777
His Majesty's pardon granted to John Ward. a marine convicted of murder—

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39 Halifax Nova Scotia 9 June 1777
Transmits minutes of Council—

Letter from Wm Franklin
40 Halifax Nova Scotia 10 June 1777
On his appointment of Superintendant of Indian affairs—

Letter from Lt. Gov. Arbuthnot
41 Halifax Nova Scotia 12 June 1777
Assembly refuse to admit the Representatives of Onslow— they having refused to take the Oath of allegiance

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42 Halifax Nova Scotia 12 June 1777
Settlers of St. John's resent of the part they took last year
Weakness of the Garrison &c.

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43 Halifax Nova Scotia 4 August 1777
Transmits acts passed by General Assembly — Disallowance of an act for examining public accounts &c. &c.

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44 Halifax Nova Scotia 12 Septr. 1777
Transmits Laws passed in General Assembly —

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45 Halifax Nova Scotia 14 Septr. 1777
Drove Rebels from St. Johns River —

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46 Halifax Nova Scotia 11 Octbr 1777
— Conduct of Rebels at Machias — weakness of the Garrison — Requires more Troops —

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47 Halifax Nova Scotia 6 Decr. 1777
Encloses a Memorial from Revd. Mr. De La Roche Missionary at Lunenburg

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48 Halifax Nova Scotia 23 Decr. 1777
Wishes prisoners removed — Inconvenient for the small force he has — requests men of war may be stationed at Annapolis &c.

49 Halifax Nova Scotia 1 January 1778
Introduces Major Small who will give a particular account of the Situation of the province &c. &c

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50 Halifax Nova Scotia 16 Janry. 1778
Transmits transcript of the trial of two Seamen for murder committed on the Coast of New England

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51 Halifax Nova Scotia 8 April 1778
Has applied for a Priest to be sent to Indians to prevent their joining the Rebels

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52 Halifax Nova Scotia 8 May 1778
Acknowledges Receipt of Circular respecting disposal of prisoners

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53 Halifax Nova Scotia 27 May 1778
Acknowledges Receipt of certain dispatches Rs attempts made in the province since last Summer Trade suffering from armed vessels fitted out from New England Indians and French Acadians at St Johns River have been in arms Arrival of Chief Justice Finucane

54 Halifax Nova Scotia 31 May 1778
Acknowledges Receipt of dispatch promoting him to the honor of a Flag Officer — &c,

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55 Halifax Nova Scotia 1 June 1778
Regarding Complaint against Governor of being too liberal in granting Licenses for permitting Ships to depart to New York —

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56 Halifax Nova Scotia 1 June 1778
Acknowledging Receipt of a Letter — .

Letter from Wm Franklin
57 Halifax Nova Scotia 6 June 1778
— Respecting the Indians and their proceedings —

Letters from R. Hughes. Lt. Governor
58 Halifax Nova Scotia 17 & 19 August 1778
59 Notifying of his arrival and being sworn in

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60 Halifax 29 August 1778
Recommending the establishing a Packet to Great Britain —

61 Halifax Nova Scotia 29 August 1778
Transmits Laws passed in Assembly - Estimate &c.

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62 Halifax Nova Scotia 6 Septr. 1778
Marines detained for defence of the province -

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63 Halifax Nova Scotia 29 Septr. 1778
Recommends Captain Studholme for past services

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64 Halifax Nova Scotia 30 Septr. 1778
Depredations committed by Armed Vessels from New England -

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65 Government House at Halifax
12 October 1778
Has concluded a treaty of Peace with Indians -
Indian Chiefs handed over presents received from General Washington

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66 Government House at Halifax 16 January 1779
Expenses attending Indian treaty - State of the Fisheries at Canso, requests permission to equip Vessels for their protection.

67 Halifax Nova Scotia 20 Janv. 1779
Acknowledges Receipt of Dispatch with a warrant for granting Letters of Marque ——

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68 Halifax Nova Scotia 2 February 1779
Transmits minutes of Council

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69 Government House at Halifax 3 February 1779
Encloses a Packet for Vice Admiral Montagu —

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70 Halifax Nova Scotia (no date)
— Nature of the Revenues and application of them —
Coast invested by pirates —

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71 Halifax Nova Scotia 6 May 1779
Respecting Health of Troops and prisoners

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72 Halifax Nova Scotia 8 July 1779
Transmits acts passed by General Assembly —
— Many depredations committed on the Coast —

73 Halifax Nova Scotia 2 August 1779
— Transmits acts and minutes of Council

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74 Halifax Nova Scotia 3 August 1779
State of the Indians — Congress has sent a French Priest among the Indians to try and draw them from their Allegiance — &c — &c —

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75 Halifax Nova Scotia 2 Septr. 1779
General M Lean besieged at Penobscott. Sent Men of war to his relief — Rebels defeated &c.

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76 Halifax Nova Scotia 3 Septr. 1779
Acknowledges receipt of dispatches announcing the Birth of a Prince —

Letters from Mr. Franklin

77 Halifax Nova Scotia 8 Septr. 1779
On Indian affairs —

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78 Windsor Nova Scotia 26 Septr. 1779
— Supplies for Indians —

Letter Govr. Hughes

79 Halifax Nova Scotia 22 October 1779

Transmits Estimate also memorial from Solicitor General –

Letter from Mr. Franklin

80 Halifax Nova Scotia 24 Octr. 1779

On Indian affairs —

Letters from Govr. Hughs

81 Government House at Halifax 24 Octr. 1779

Transmit account of monies applied to the Indian service –

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82 Halifax Nova Scotia 19 Novr. 1779

Acknowledges receipt of Circular Signifying hostile intentions of King of Spain &c.

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83 Government House at Halifax 21 Novr. 1779

Report of French fleet upon the Coast – Troops have been withdrawn. Not sufficient force left to defend the Town &c.

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84 Government House Halifax March 1780.

Difficult to procure supplies for Indians – requests assistance in the matter –

Letter from Mr Franklin

85 Windsor Nova Scotia 4 May 1780

— On Indian affairs —

Letters from Governor Hughes

86 Halifax Nova Scotia 6 May 1780

— Encloses Minutes of Council &c. —

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87 Halifax Nova Scotia 8 May 1780

Acknowledges Receipt of dispatches announcing disaster to Comte D'Estaings fleet also success of Admiral Rodney on the Coast of Spain —

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88 Government House at Halifax 14 May 1780

— Encloses Letters from General Haldimand —

Letter from Mr Franklin

89 Windsor Nova Scotia 18 May 1780

On Indian affairs -

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* Letters from Governor Hughes -

90 Government House at Halifax 30 May 1780 -

Encloses a Memorial from Revd Mr Bennett

91 Halifax Nova Scotia (no date)
Acknowledges receipt of Dispatch notifying the designs of the enemy –

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92 Halifax Nova Scotia 29 October 1780
Acknowledges Receipt of a dispatch –

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93 Halifax Nova Scotia 7 November 1780
– Transmits Acts passed by General Assembly –

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94 Halifax Nova Scotia 15 November 1780
Transmits Acts passed by General Assembly –

Letter from Mr Franklin
95 Halifax Nova Scotia 21 November 1780
On Indian affairs –

Letters from Governor Hughes
96 Government House Halifax 22 November 1780
announces arrival of a Cargo of Masts for His Majesty's Service, from St. John's River

97 Halifax Nova Scotia 30 April 1781
— Transmits Acts passed, and Minutes of Council

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98 Government House Halifax 30 April 1781
— Timber for Masts &c. Cut at River St. John —
— appointment of his successor Sir Andrew Hammond

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99 Government House Halifax 6 May 1781
announces death of Brigadier General M'Lean —

Letter from Mr Franklin
100 Halifax Nova Scotia 9 May 1781 —
Respecting Masts &c. Cut at River St. John's —
Indian affairs —

Letter from Governor Hammond
101 Halifax Nova Scotia 3 August 1781
announces his arrival — transmits Copies of Acts
passed, —

Letters from Mr Franklin
102 Halifax Nova Scotia 5 August 1781
On Indian affairs &c

103 Halifax Nova Scotia 22 November 1781
— On Indian affairs —

Letters from Governor Hammond

104 Nova Scotia Halifax 17 Nov: 1781
Transmits estimate &c. Has appointed Mr Charles Morris, Surveyor General —

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105 Government House
Halifax 25 November 1781
Respecting Care of Prisoners

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106 Government House Halifax 25 Nov: 1781
Recommends the appointment of Mr Brymer to the Council

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107 Halifax Nova Scotia 27 Nov: 1781
— Depredations committed by the Rebels on the Inhabitants of Annapolis — Masts may be cut on St. John River for many years — Naval prisoners — Military situation of the province —

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108 Halifax 6 January 1782
Has appointed Mr Gibbons Attorny General and Mr Uniacke Solicitor General —

109 Halifax Nova Scotia 9 May 1782
Acknowledges Receipt of Letter and dispatch

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110 Nova Scotia Halifax 9 May 1782
Acknowledges receipt of dispatch relative to Militia Act—
Setting off County of Hants— Granting of lands restricted —

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111 Government House Halifax 15 May 1782
— Two of the Enemies privateers destroyed in the Bay of Fundy
— Cutting Masts at St. John's River — Powder Magazine wanted

Letter from Mr. Franklin
112 Nova Scotia Halifax 16 June 1782
— Indian affairs —

Letters from Governor Hammond
113 Nova Scotia Halifax 24 June 1782
Acknowledges receipt of a dispatch —

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114 Halifax Nova Scotia 8 October 1782
Tenders his Resignation as Lt. Governor —

115 Halifax 9 October 1782

Arrival of Governor Parr—

Letter from Governor Parr

116 Halifax Nova Scotia 26 October 1782

Announces his arrival — Requests directions respecting the granting of Lands to Refugees — 5 Soldiers Convicted of Murder — 2 recommended to mercy — Recommends appointment of Mr. Deschamps to Council —

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117 Nova Scotia Halifax 26 October 1782

Transmits Copies of Laws passed in Assembly

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118 Nova Scotia Halifax 12 Novr. 1782

Transmits Estimate — announces death of Mr. Franklin Superintendant of Indian affairs —

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119 Nova Scotia Halifax 7th Decr. 1782

Five hundred Refugees arrived from Charlestown