

**New Brunswick**

**Despatches Received  
by the Lieutenant-Governor  
from the  
Secretary of State  
and other persons**

**Volume I  
1784 -1790**

The Despatches from the year 1784 (the foundation of the Province) until Sir Howard Douglas' appointment in 1824 were kept for many years in a box in the Provincial Secretary's office, where they suffered much, from dirt, neglect and the curiosity of chance visitors. By order of Lieutenant-Governor Gordon they were transferred to Government House in 1864, and at his request were arranged, indexed and prepared for the binder by Captain Harry Moody, his ADC and Private Secretary, by whom also all the "Despatches Received" up to the end of 1865, and "Despatches Sent" up to October 1861 (after which date they were copied into a book) were arranged and bound.

## Volume I

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Colonel Thomas Carleton appointed Captain General and Governor in Chief August 21, 1784; in July 1786 appointed Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Guy Carleton (afterwards Lord Dorchester) having been appointed Captain-General and Governor in Chief of all the British North American Colonies.

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Despatches in this Volume from:

The Secretary of State.....Lord Sydney - succeeded, June 1789, by Mr.  
Grenville

The Governor of Canada.....Lord Dorchester

The Governor of Nova Scotia.....Mr. Parr

Lieut Governor of Quebec.....Mr. Hamilton  
General Hope

Sir George Yonge

Mr. Nepean

Secretary to Treasury.....Mr. Steele  
Mr. Rose

Rear Admiral Sawyer, Halifax

Clerk of Privy Council.....Sir Stephen Cottrell

H.M. Commissioner of Customs

Schedule of Despatches received from (excepting when otherwise stated) the Secretary of State by  
Governor Thomas Carleton

Commencing 20 August 1784

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Page	Date 1784	Subject	Enclosure
1	Aug. 20	From Sir G. Yonge. Instructions to Colonel Carleton on assuming command of Troops in New Brunswick . . . .	2 (lost)
2	Aug. 21	Lord Sydney - With Royal Instructions to Captain-General & Governor in Chief	2 (1lost)
3	Sept 1	Lt. Governor Hamilton (Quebec). On the navigation of the St. Lawrence . . . .	1
4	Sept 4	. . . . Affairs in Canada - relations with General Haldimand &c.	---
5	Nov. 1	Mr. Steele. Mode in which expenses of Surveyor-General's Department are to be met.	---
6	Nov. 2	Mr. Rose. To see that oil is not imported to N.B. & thence reshipped to England to evade the duty.	---
7	Nov. 30	Lt. Governor Hamilton. Resignation of R.C. Bishop of Quebec - departure of General Haldimand . . .	---
6B	Nov. 5	. . . . affairs in Canada &c. . . .	1
8	<b>1785</b> Jan. 8	Lord Sydney. U.S. ships not to be allowed to obtain British Registry . . . .	---
9	Feb. 25	. . . . sending seal for Province and warrant for using the same . . .	1
10	March 8	. . . . condemns conduct of Governor of Massachusetts Bay on boundary questions - encloses copy of despatch to Governor Parr.	1
11	March 10	Mr. Steele. Mr. Parker appointed Comptroller of Customs in N.B. . . .	---
12	April 20	Lt. Sydney. With Act preventing certain instruments being supplied to U.S. Ships.	(lost)
13	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Commrs. Of H.M. Customs - Appointment of Mr. R. Parker Controller of Customs.	---

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14	May 30	Ld. Sydney. With order in council forbidding introduction of certain goods from U.S.	lost
15	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lt. Govt. Hamilton - account of goods sent to the west by traders.	one
16	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Rose. H.M. govt have made contract for supply of provisions to troops & Loyalists.	---
17	July 26	Ld. Sydney - asks for Return of Shipping.	? <del>one</del>
18	July 28	Mr. Napean. Enclosing estimate ( 6356.7.0) for current year	one
19	July 30	Ld. Sydney-copy of address from both Houses to the King on Establishment of Commercial relations with Ireland	one
20	August 27	Ld. Sydney. US vessels not to be allowed to import whole oil into Great Britain	_____
21	August 27	Ld. Sydney. Copy of Act appointing Committee to inquire into losses of Loyalists.	lost
22	Oct 28	General Hope--announcing appointment as Lt. Governor and C. in Chief of Quebec	---
23	Nov 4	Commodore Sawyer. M.M.S. "Ariadat" will winter in Passamaquoddy Bay.	---
24	Dec 15	Ld. Sydney. Forfeiture of lands of absentees to be enforced in some cases.	---
25	1786 Jan 14	Lord Sydney. To confirm to enclosed orders of the Treasury.	lost
26	Jan 20	Mr. Steele. Draft on Treasury for locating lands for Loyalists paid	---
27	Jan 27	Lord Sydney. H.M. speech & addresses in reply thereto	lost
28	Febr 7	Mr. Rose--Form of certificate to be given to Army Contractors	one
29	Febr 7	Mr. Napean. Convention signed at Verseilles	lost
30	April 3	Lord Sydney. Order in Council and Regulation for trade between US and BNA	one
31	April 4	Governor Parr--cannot agree to assign NS Bonds to NB	_____

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32	April 19	Lord Sydney. Disputes with G. Campbell,. Fees--Salaries--Riots at St. John elections.	---
33	April 19	Lord Sydney. Considers St. Croix undoubted Boundary. Titles to land in Deer Island.	---
34	April 19	Lord Sydney. Sir Guy Carleton to be governor & Captain General. NB to be under a Lieut. Governor--offers him Lieut Governorship of Quebec.	---
35	May 29	Lord Sydney. Mr. Leonard to be Superintendent of Trade at Canso	---
36	July 3	Mr. Steele. Bill for surveying lands for Loyalists paid. Vouchers to be sent.	---
37	July 10	Commodore Sawyer. HMS "Brisk" will cruise in Bay of Fundy	---
38	July 18	Lord Sydney. Copies of acts encouraging Trade with B.N.A.	? one
39	July 25	Mr. Napean. Estimate of £4300	? one.
40	July 28	Lord Sydney. Commission appointing him Lieutenant Governor.	lost
41	August 2	Lord Sydney. Royal Gazette Extra--account of attempt on H.M.'s life.	one
42	August 3	Mr. Steele--Mr. Sproule's (Surveyor General's) contingent expenses disallowed.	---
43	August 3	Mr. Rose. Reduction in Commassarist Staff.	---
44	August 31	Lord Sydney. Petition in favour of Capt. Farrell who settled Deer Island.	lost
45	August 31	Mr. Steele--approving remission of John Cairns fine for seditious libel.	---
46	Sept 5	Mr. Steele. Bill for surveying Loyalists lands paid but will be stopped from Mr. Sproule's salary.	---
47	Nov 1	Lord Sydney. Death of Princess Amelia.	---
48	Nov 17	Lord Sydney. Copy of Treaty of Commerce with France.	lost
49	Nov 17	Lord Sydney. Memorial of Sir Andrew Hammond respecting lands in NB.	lost

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50	Dec 7	Lord Sydney. Copy of Royal Instructions to Governor Lord Dorchester.	---
51	Dec 30	Commissioner of Customs. Appointment of Mr. Jarvis Surveyor and Searcher in NB.	---
52	1787 March 8	Mr. Steele. Bills in favour of Surveyor General ---. But will be deducted from Salary.	---
53	March 8	Mr. Steele. Same subject.	---
54	March 10	Lord Sydney. Address of both Houses to the King on the Treaty of Commerce with France.	one
55	April 5	Lord Sydney. ack. "Various despatches"	---
56	April 5	Lord Sydney. Announcing appointment as Brigadier General on N.A. Staff.	---
57	April 6	Lord Sydney. Copies of Acts for auditing Public accounts and Regulating Trade with US. Instructions therein.	lost
58	May 23	Mr. Napean. Estimate for NB £4300.	---
59	May 28	Lord Sydney. Petition of West Indian Planters and enquiries upon expediency of granting protection to W.I. Rum.	one
60	June 21	Lord Sydney. Copies of 3 Acts relating to America.	lost
61	June 21	Mr. Steele. Bill £1000 for relief of settlers accepted. Vouchers required.	---
61B	July 7	Lord Dorchester. Papers about Captain Jarvis <sup>Jarvis</sup> (?). (**Note: in written record this is an addition at the end of 1787)	4 ✓
62	August 14	Lord Sydney. Respecting lands claimed by Alderman Harley in Nova Scotia.	---
63	Sept. 14	Lord Sydney. Nova Scotia made a Bishop's See--Rev'd Dr. Inglis appointed first bishop.	lost
64	Sept. 20	Lord Sydney. ack: various despatches--approves of creation of church at Fredericton.	---
65	Sept 21	Lord Sydney. To guard against and report hostile measures in the part of France, Spain and Low Countries (Secret)	---
66	Nov 7	Lord Sydney. Expresses to be managed by Post Office.	---

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67	Nov 8	Lord Sydney. Copies of Declaration of Peaceful Intention between France and England--Work of Defence not to be proceeded with. (Private)	lost
68	Nov 30	Lord Sydney. Copies of H.M. speech to Parliament and addresses in reply.	lost
68B	Dec 15	Sir. S. Cottrell. Copies of all Acts of Assembly to be sent to Privy Council for Trade. (**Note: in written record this is an addition at end of 1787)	---
69	1788 March 15	Lord Sydney. Copy of Act regulating Trade with United States.	---
70	March 17	Lord Sydney. Ack: various dispatches. Establishment of Court of Admiralty.	---
71	March 25	Lord Sydney. Proclamation prohibiting seamen entering Foreign Service.	---
72	May 27	R. Admiral Sawyer is going to England. HMS "Brisk" will cruise in Bay of Fundy.	---
73	June 2	Mr. Napean. Estimate of £4300.	lost
74	Sept 4	Lord Sydney. Gen. Hope ordered back to Quebec but promised speedy promotion.	---
75	Nov 15	Lord Dorchester. Officers of Provincial Troops put on same footing as regards land as Regulars in Canada--recommends same rule for NB.	---
76	1789 Feb 20	Lord Sydney--Memorial of A Finucane--complaining of being dispossessed of Sugar.	lost
77	Feb 24	Lord Sydney. Remarks of Bishop of London on NB Act on Marriage and Divorce. to consult Bishop of Nova Scotia	? lost
78	May 5	Lord Sydney. Order in Council allowing importation of Breadstuffs from US into Newfoundland.	(gone?)
79	June 3	Mr. Grenville. Secretary of State v.... Ld Sydney.	
80	June 4	Mr. Steele. 5000 in dollars sent for Military Chest in NB.	
81	June 6	Lord Dorchester. Breadstuffs admitted to Quebec by J Lawrence during present term.	---



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82	June 6	Mr. Grenville. Copy of Order in Council (Same as despatch of May 6)	lost
83	June 6	Mr. Grenville. Order in Council allowing importation of breadstuffs into all colonies on Gulf of St. Lawrence and Labrador.	---
84	Oct 20	Mr. Grenville. Ack: despatches--Mr. Beasley Robinson appointed to seat in Council.	---
85	Oct 20	Mr. Grenville. Offers Lieut. Governorship of Quebec but hopes he will stay in NB.	---
86	1790 Feb 13	Lord Dorchester. Extract of letter to Wm. Grenville on proposed annexation of Gaspé to NB.	---
87	March 1	Mr. Grenville. Additional Note to Lord Dorchester in liability of debtors not resident in NB.	---
88	March 10	Mr. Grenville,. Additional Note: Restraining future grants of land in NB.	lost
89	March 11	Mr. Grenville. Names of councillors to be sent home half yearly.	---
90	April 8	Mr. Grenville. Mr. Saunders to succeed Judge Ritnam. allowance of 3 assistant Judges continued.	---
91	April 8	Mr. Grenville. Mr. Pagan's memorial sent to Duke of Leeds, Sec of State for Foreign Affairs.	---
92	April 8	Mr. Grenville. Ack: despatches	---
93	April 9	Mr. Grenville. Copy of Acts on Trade with US and importation of Rum into Quebec.	lost
94	April 13	Mr. Bernard. H.M. Consule on arriving at Boston will attend to Mr. Pagan's memorial.	---
95	May 6	Mr. Grenville. Mer... of H.M. Navy in consequence of seizure of British Ships by Spaniards (Secret).	---
96	May 12	Lord Dorchester. Copy of Additional Instructions (vide supra p.87)	one
97	May 15	Mr. Grenville.--Packets not to be detained except in urgent cases.	

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98	May 31	Mr. Grenville. Certain bills protected by Agent because not accompanied by vouchers or advice.	one
99	June 3	Mr. Grenville. Foundation of College in Nova Scotia. H.M. intends to fund scholarship at Oxford and Cambridge for BNA. Requires <del>---?</del> <sup>return</sup> of parishes and clergymen in NB	---
100	June 5	Mr. Grenville. Application to import pitch and turpentine referred to Privy Council for Trade.	---
101	July 3	Mr. Napean, Estimate of £4400	lost
102	July 5	Mr. Grenville. Copies of Act relating to trade and settlement in BNA	lost
103	July 17	Lord Dorchester. List of American vessels said to be sailing with false registers.	---
104	Aug 4	Mr. Grenville. Mr. Leonard appointed to a seat on the Council.	---
105	Aug 5	Mr. Grenville. Copies of Spanish apology for seizure of vessels at Nootka (vide supra p.95)	one
106	Aug 5	Mr. Grenville. One deduction from Surveyor General's salary is remitted.	---
107	Aug 25	Mr. Grenville. Disallowance of two acts.	---
108	Aug 26	Mr. Grenville. Is not qualification for voters in proposed bill too low.	
109	Sept 5	Lord Dorchester--has commissioned two officers of Militia in Madawaska. Suggest they should also receive commission from NB.	---
110	Sept 18	Mr. Grenville--announces death of HRH Duke of Cumberland.	---
111	Nov 4	Mr. Grenville--Convention has been signed between H.M. and the King of Spain.	---
112	Nov 9	Mr. Grenville transmitting copy of the above Convention.	lost

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VOLUME 2

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Lieutenant Governor.....Major General Carleton

Secretary of State.....Mr. Grenville

Secretary of State.....Mr. Dundas

Secretary of State.....Duke of Portland

Under Per.....Mr. King

Under Per.....Mr. Nepean

Under Per.....Mr. Long

Under Per.....Sir George Yonge

Lieut. Gov. of Quebec.....Alwred Clarke

Paymaster General's Office.....Mr. Molesworth

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1	April 20	Mr. Grenville. Ack. Despatches--Wants information about clergy.	---
2	May 23	Sir R. Hughes. H.M.S. "Alligator". Captain Coffin will be stationed at Saint John.	---
3	July 5	M. Nepean. Estimate of *4400.	lost
4	August 6	Mr. Dundas. Memorial of Thomas Peters, a Black. To enquire why land not allotted to them. Proposal to give blacks a free passage to Sierra Leone or to conduct them to the West Indies.	3
5	Sept 8	Mr. Dundas. Regulations forbidding undertaking of Colonial Works without proper authority.	2
6	1792 Jan 4	Mr. Dundas. Printed copy of Regulations forbidding undertaking works of defense without authority.	(2) 12
7	Jan 15	Mr. Dundas. No more blacks to be sent to Sierra Leone.	---
8	May 26	Mr. Dundas. Proclamation forbidding British Subjects to enter naval service of any Foreign power.	lost
9	June 7	Ack. Despatches about blacks--Bills--on admission of US timber into NB--H.M. receives his right to white pine for masts.	---
10	July 7	Lt. Governor Clarke (Quebec) petition from Gaspé on illicit trade and fishing.	one ? ✓
11	Sept 29	Lt. Governor Clarke asking for table of fees payable in NB	---
12	Nov 8	Lord Grenville--asks for report on Grammar School and proposed College...	---
13	Nov 12	Lt. Gov. Clarke--wants a list of all fees.	---

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14	Dec 8	Probability of hostilities with France.	---
15	Dec 10	Disturbances at Madawaska concerning uncertainty of boundary line--Mr. Saunders to have a seat at the council instead of Mr. Parker.	---
15B	1793 January 5	Lt. Governor Clarke with memorial of Jacques Cir (**Note: in written record this is an addition at the end of 1793)	---
16	Jan 2	One regiment to move from NB to NS.	---
17	Jan 7	For return of troops in NB. Province to be put in state of defence.	---
18	Feb 8	Provincial Regiment to be raised--instructions on the same. One regiment to be sent to Barbados.	lost
19	Feb 9	War declared by French Gov't. Letters of marque to be issued.	---
20	Feb 9	Mr. King. Letter from Board of Ordinances about arms for NB regiments.	---
21	Feb 27	Lt. Col. Robinson to command NB regiments ??? Major Barclay. <i>Vice</i>	---
22	April 2	Successes of Austrians against the French in Low Countries.	---
23	June 6	Ack. Various dispatches.	---
24	Sept 4	Ack. Dispatches. Too many officers appointed to NB regiments. Acts sent home informally Lt. Col and Major each to have a company.	---
25	Oct 3	Does not think much danger from Privateers	---
26	Oct 10	Allowing trade with parts of St. Domingo in HM possession	lost
27	1794 Jan 1	Officers for s. companies only of NB Regiments to be appointed till numbers increase.	---
28	May 3	Sir G. Yonge-- cannot interfere on behalf of Mr. Hake.	---
29	May 7	Clothing of NB regiment--Militia Law should be a permanent one.	---
30	June 19	List of mullattos expelled from W.I. Islands will be sent--not to be admitted to NB.	---

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31	August 8	Duke of Portland--too many officers to NB Regiment. Cannot put in estimates allowing for Roman Catholic missionary.	---
32	April 2	NB Regiment--Boundary of province shall be inquired into--approves of making map.	---
33	May 5	Mr. King--Estimate of *4550.	Lost
34	May 30	Approves of rejection by council of appropriation. Bill passed by Assembly including grants recommended for works of defense.--Hopes member will not receive pay from constituents.	---
35	June 4	Confirmation of act regulating elections.	---
36	July 2	Slow progress in recruiting NB Regiment.	---
38	Oct 10	Issue of letters of marque against the Dutch.	---
39	1796 Jan 7	Approves of nomination of Mr. Billop to council. Gen. Spry's claim--approves of chartering armed brig.	---
40	Jan 9	Mr. King--Princess of Wales delivered of a daughter.	one
41	Feb 4	Mr. King. Estimate of *4550	lost
42	March 7	To appoint an agent to cooperate with Mr. Barclay the Commissioner appointed to negotiate treaty with US about Boundary.	lost
43	March 7	To collect information about St. Croix River. Sending various old maps and documents (all of which are missing) (Secret)	lost
44	June 9	Clothing NB Regiment--Provision for clergy. Dispute between assembly and council on money Bills--still hopes members will not be paid.	---
45	August 7	Ack. Despatches--approval of Mr. Chapman as agent in Boundary Commission.	---
46	August 27	Probability of war with Spain.	---
47	Sept 7	Declaration of war with Spain.	---
48	Oct 5	Ack. Various despatches.	---
49	Oct 27	Hostilities with Spain. Issues of letters of marque.	---

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50	Nov 1	Will send copy of Scotch Acts relating to provinces of Alexandra and Caledonia (now Nova Scotia) granted to Sir William Alexander.	lost
50B	Nov 2	Mr. King copy of letter from Mr. Todd about mails.	---
51	Dec 8	Mr. King. Estimate *4550.	lost
52	Dec 13	Approves appointment of Mr. Chipman--cannot find Histories of L'Escarbot and Champlain.	---
53	1797 Jan 5	Mr. King--Copy of HM Declaration in breaking off negotiations with France.	---
54	Jan 7	Mr. King sends copy of Smith's Hist of Virginia	lost
55	Jan 25	Mr. King. Sends maps and relating to question of boundary.	lost
56	Jan 25	Mr. King. 4 vols Tracts on same subject.	lost
57	Feb 9	Mr. King. Mr. Chipman will receive his half pay (to Mr. Chipman's agent)	---
58	May 4	Mr. King. Copy of entry in Council Books of alteration in Gov. Wilmot's commission.	lost
59	June 13	On disputes between assembly and council on money bills. Hopes member will not receive.	---
60	June 13	Will add sum to estimate for clergymen (at Sussex and Woodstock)	---
61	July 29	Mr. Leonard made superior of Trade and Fisheries in Lower Provinces--Fees...	---
62	Sept 7	Ack. Despatches--hopes result of St. Croix inquiry made be favourable to HM.	---
63	Dec 29	Mr. King--copies of commissions to Governor of Nova Scotia--other papers--Chaplain voyages (7-enclosures-missing)	---
64	1798 Jan 7	Transmitting copy of letter or. Lord Grenville. Mr. Liston on necessity of determining source of St. Croix River.	---
65	Feb 8	On same subject.	---
65B	March 9	Mr. Molesworth. Dep. Paymaster withdrawn from NB (**Note: In written record this is an addition at end of 1798)	---



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66	March 10	Mr. King. List of council to be sent by each mail.	---
67	March 12	Dep. Paymaster withdrawn from NB	---
68	March 19	Copy of explanatory article to Treaty with US to arrange for monument at source of St. Croix.	---
69	April 23	To send home regularly copies of Acts.	---
70	May 26	Bill is preparing a subject of counterfeit dollars etc.	
71	May 29	Treasury cannot assist Misses Winslow.	lost
72	June 5	Ack: Mr. Chipman's services. Regrets disputes between Assembly and Council continue--will sanction Bill for members pay if passed though disapproves of principle.	---
73	July 1	Method of paying NB regiment	---
74	July 27	General Spry's claim--NB regiment--Vol: offering of colonists	---
75	August 16	Copy of Act to prevent importation of base coin into colonies.	lost
76	August 31	Dep. Paymaster to be withdrawn--mode of paying NB Regiment.	one
77	Sept 5	M. General Prescott (Quebec). Speech of & his reply to Abenacki Indians on A. St. John on trespasses on their reserves.	three
78	Sept 7	Mr. Napean--sends 24 Mediterranean passes	---
79	Sept 7	Mr. King. Estimate *4550	lost
80	Nov 2	NB Regiment to be paid as directed above.	---
81	Nov 9	Mr. Streets' letter on disputes between Council and Assembly (separate)	one
82	Dec 6	Ack: Despatches--Thanks for Voluntary contribution from NB--	one
83	Dec 8	On proper weight of coins in circulation--no alteration to be made in realative value	---
84	1799 Jan 3	Mr. King. Estimate of *4650	---
85	Feb 5	To assent to Bill laying duties on Sugar, Beer etc.	---

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86	April 11	Letter from Mr. Lister about Boundary, as regards Islands in Passamaquoddy Bay.	---
87	June 12	For his and Mr. Chipman's opinion on above subject.	--
88	July 18	Glad harmony established between Council and Assembly-- Thanks for Vol: subscriptions.	---
89	July 18	Letter from Mr. Dundas suggesting NB Regiment should serve in North America generally--??? (not readable) to be asked to volunteer.	---
90	Sept 10	Military works to be under Board of Ordinances. Commanding R.C. to be consulted about new works.	---
91	Dec 17	Mr. Long. Lords of Treasury approve of means adopted for payment of staff ? in NB.	---