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#### Volume 3 Content List

Digital Frame No.	Date	Correspondents	Summary
3	1702 Jan.16	B. Gracedieu? to E. H...?	Admiralty. "Reasons why the united Forces of England and Holland should sail without delay to the West Indies." Concerns desired attempt upon the Spaniards
7	1702 Jan. 17		Military. Working list of memorandums
10	1702 Jan. 30	W. Whetstone, signature	Admiralty. "An Account of what Number of Men are now on board her Maj. Ships hereunder written January 30 <sup>th</sup> 1702 with the Number of those who have [?] service upon this Voyage to the West Indies, as also of those who have deserted the Service Since the Arrival of her Maj. Ships in those parts." Table format, headings include Ship's names, No. of men on board each Ship, No. dead since came into the West Indies, and No. deserted.
12	1702 Jan. 26	Brigadier [Ventris] Colenbine, sender	Military. Extract of a letter from Portsmouth. Concerned about preparedness for expedition to West Indies.
15	1702 Jan. 26	[Ventris] Colenbine, sender	Military. Letter [extracted above]
18	1702 Jan. 29	[Ventris] Colenbine to Earl of Nottingham [Secretary of State for the Southern Department]	Military. Letter indicating he is happy to serve.

21	1702 Feb. 3	[Ventris] Colenbine, sender	Military. Letter from Portsmouth, with a short list of requirements for expedition, eg. guns, carpenters, gunners, Francis Hawkings as engineer....
25	1703 March 13	Mr. Dunmer/Dummer to Earl of Nottingham, Secretary of State [for the Southern Department]	Military. Letter with itinerary of sloop "Mansbridge", which arrived the 10 <sup>th</sup> ; visited 6 ports and what found there. Example - Barbados 11 Jan. found men of war (11), East India ships (5), many merchant ships bound home. Ports entered – Barbados, Antigua, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher, and Jamaica.
28	1703 April 16	Capt. Acton to Secretary of State	Naval. Letter from Bristol in Plymouth Sound announcing arrival after leaving Admiral Whetstone. Provides update on his command - received and discharged orders upon arrival to put to death 3 named officers; 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb. left the Keys of Port Royal in company with Rear Admiral Whetstone and his fleet until Cape Tiberon, southside of Hispaniola. Mentions fleet in good health since been here. News – fire at Port Royal.
31	1703 June 4	Mr. Dummer to Earl of Nottingham, Secretary of State [for the southern Department]	Admiralty. Letter on the topic or the organisation of vessel to transport mail between West Indies and England.  Enclosure – "An Extract of the respective Journals of the three Sloops Namely the "Bridgman", Mansbridge and King William [packet boats] shewing the dispatches of each of their first voyages from England to the Islands in the West Indies their times of stay at each Island and their times being at Sea or Sailing from one place to the other till they returned to England again." Tabular formatted data pertaining to voyages. Example: "Mansbridge" - sailed from Plymouth 8 Dec, came

			to Barbados 11 Jan and stayed at sea 35 days, stayed in port 2 days then went to Antigua arriving 15 Jan.....Hopes this data demonstrates the ability to accomplish a constant monthly correspondence with all the islands with 4 vessels engaged (1 was recently lost).
36	1703 Sept.		Admiralty. Enclosure to letter dated 2 Sept [See frame 40.]. "Instructions to the Command <sup>rs</sup> of the Sloops Employed as Packetts to Her Ma. [Majesty's] Island Plantations in the West Indies." Purpose is to have regular correspondence with the West Indies brought back home to England in a routine and timely fashion for the preservation of those islands and support of trade. Vessels to sail monthly from England, first touching at Barbados then to proceed to Antigua, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher and Jamaica successively, and after returning home to England shall sail out from Falmouth again. 12 orders included
40	1703 Sept. 2	Mr. Dummer to Secretary of State the Earl of Nottingham	Admiralty. Letter with information and enclosures pertaining to the 4 vessels in the West Indies carrying correspondence this past year. Tabular formatted data as in 4 June above (frame 31). States no accidents and all performed their courses in less time than allowed. Represents in data form a request to extend the time of stay a bit for each island. Example - the present orders to stay at each island is 2 days and night at Barbados & no more, and the addition desired is 24 more hours. Adds his opinions on the matter. States had to let a captain go as he disobeyed orders and assaulted, taken and exchanged men with the enemy.

44	1703 August 21	Mr. Dummer to Earl of Nottingham, Secretary of State [for the Southern Department]	Admiralty. Letter dated at London pertaining to the itinerary of the "Mansbridge" sloop, Richard Simpson master, which arrived 17 <sup>th</sup> at Falmouth. Indicates this captain disobeyed the rules and took a French vessel loaded with salt for Newfoundland, so dismissed him.
47	1703 Oct. 8	[Vice Admiral John] Graydon to Earl of Nottingham [Secretary of State for the Southern Department]	Admiralty. Letter with update since arrival at Barbados on 12 May. Intelligence - provisions low for the army and ships at Guadeloupe so brought relief quickly; at Antigua could not get any bread when requested of governor; after leaving, found fleet and army in great want and gave them provisions to get to Jamaica. At Jamaica ordered surveys taken of ship; named defects stated including want of men. Provides opinion on the actions of the governing "Creolians" in the West Indies, which is not helpful to the British cause.
51	1704?		"Trade with the Spanish West Indies in time of War." Orders of the House of Lords 1703 Nov. 22 due to war with France and Spain that no private trading with Spanish in America, and consequences.
54	1703 Nov. 17	Mr. Dummer to Earl of Nottingham [Secretary of State for the Southern Department]	Admiralty. Letter addressed from Coleman Street concerning vessels carrying mail between West Indies and England. Update on voyages of sloops between England and the islands – Barbados, Antigua, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher, Jamaica; sloops involved – "Bridgeman", "Mansbridge", "King William", "Prince." Calls this setup an experiment that if considered seriously would hope it would be carried on with vessels of a more proper size and with less hazard.
58	1752 March 12	Dunk Halifax, J. Pitt, J. Grenville, Andrew Stone, Charles	Letter dated from Whitehall. Relay information from letter by Lieutenant Governor of the Virgin

		Townshend, James Oswald, Fran: [?] Dupplin to Earl of Holderness, Secretary of State	Islands, James Purcell, dated 11 July. Concerns complaints due to protection Puerto Rico gives to deserting "slaves." Same complaints from governor of Jamaica on same protection given by governor of St. Jago de Cuba. Mentions of enclosures of correspondence pertaining to this issue not included in microfilm copy. Planters affected by an available asylum to slave runaways and asks for direction. [Enclosures not included here.]
60	1740 May 16	Mr. [Martin] Bladen to Andrew Stone, Esq.	Military. Letter dated from Hanover Square. Subject matter is the intended Expedition to the West Indies under Lord Cathcart. States did not receive papers pertaining to Mr. Doliffe's scheme, and would like to see Oliver Cromwell's instructions to [?] and those from Queen Anne early in the late war on Lord Peterborough's intended expedition to the West Indies, if found in your office.
64	1740 May 27	Mr. [Martin] Bladen to Andrew Stone, Esq.	Military. Letter. Subject matter is the intended West Indies expedition under Lord Cathcart. Will receive a packet for the Duke of Newcastle with this letter providing a rough sketch of instructions for Lord Cathcart. Returning 2 lent books and comments that Peterborough's case has no resemblance to ours but "obliged to Cromwell's Instructions to Venables for some useful Hints," both good reading as well as the history of that expedition. Here the rest of this week.
68	1752 March 12		Entry record of letter from the Board of Trade to the Earl of Holderness enclosing correspondence between General Matthew Governor the Leeward Island and the Spanish Governor of Puerto Rico as also between Governor Trelawny of Jamaica and the Governor of St. Jago de Cuba relative to the

			Spaniards favouring the desertion of slaves from the British Islands. [See frame 58.]
69	1740 March 25	M. [Martin] Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle [Secretary of State]	Military. Letter dated from Hanover Square. Subject pertains to intended Lord Cathcart expedition to the West Indies. States returning drafts of instructions to the American governors, Major General [Alexander] Spotswood, and Col. [William] Blakeney, amended according to directions. No time fixed for British and American troops to rendezvous at Port Antonio due to concerns of hurricane season, thus altered 10 <sup>th</sup> article of Spotswood's instructions to wait for notice before leaving continent. Asks some questions.
73	1740 March 27	M. [Martin] Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle [Secretary of State]	Military. Letter dated from Hanover Square. Following through with alterations requested to be added amended instructions for the intended expedition to the West Indies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Salt provisions to be sent to America for 3000 men – presume Newcastle will send an order to Admiralty for them to be delivered to New York to the order of Major General [Alexander] Spotswood or Col. [William] Blakeney. If colonies already have enough for American troops, may be kept for use of the fleet, thus suggest no alteration to be made in governors' instructions relative to provisions for victualling American troops' passage.</li> <li>2. Concerns information detailed in enclosed draft letter [not included] to Mr. Matthew relative to the 500 volunteers to be raised in Virgin Islands – have indicated to them</li> </ul>

			<p>they shall share in the plunder and booty, and in the enemy's settlements if any taken.</p> <p>3. Full pay for Spotswood's officers – suggests this can be done by forming an establishment for the regiment supposing it consisted of 30 companies according to the plan laid down in the governors' instructions; further details.</p>
77	1740		Military. "List of the Forces raised in North America for the Expedition, Officers included." Table format listing the amount of companies and men for each American province – Pennsylvania, New England, New York, Virginia, North Carolina, New Jersey, Maryland, Rhode Island, Connecticut.
81	1739 Dec. 26	Earl of Newcastle [Secretary of State], signatory	Appointment. Alexander Spotswood, Esq. appointed to be Quarter Master General of all our forces to be employed in an expedition in the West Indies under the command of Charles Lord Cathcart, Major General of our Forces.
84	1714?		List of ships taken by the Spaniards in America after conclusion of peace contrary to the treaties of peace and commerce. Table format, headings include – ships & sloops names, masters names, where taken, into what ports and places of the Spanish dominions in America carried, value of vessels. Example of data: vessel's name – "Samuel," master's name – Andrew Crean, where taken – in sight of Jamaica, into what port – Trinidad, value of vessel – 4500.
86	1758 Feb. 10	Dunk Halifax, James Oswald, T. Pelham, [?], Wm Sloper to William Pitt, Secretary of State	Letter dated from Whitehall. After consideration, enclose report on petition of Hutchinson Mure, London merchant, as requested by Pitt on 30 Sept. pertaining to the request to carry "slaves" from the

			coast of Africa in British ships to the French Islands in West Indies with “negroes,” and to bring from there French indigo in return into British colonies. Provides reasons why this is not in Britain’s or its American colonies’ interests, particularly South Carolina who already produces indigo.
101	1739 Dec. 26	Newcastle [Secretary of State?], signatory	Appointment. Alexander Spotswood, Esq. appointed Major General of all our Forces.
103	1740 July 1	King to Charles Lord Cathcart	Draft instructions for Charles Lord Cathcart, appointed general and commander in chief of our forces or to be appointed for an expedition to West Indies, given at our Court at Herrnhausen. Instruction no. 1. To go to Isle of Wight where you and forces proceed to the Leeward Islands in the West Indies to receive more troops, then off to Port Royal in Jamaica as a place of rendezvous for all our troops and ships for this expedition; to be joined there by Edward Vernon, Vice Admiral of the Blue Squadron, or commander in chief of our ships in West Indies for the time being; 2. At Port Royal, expect to receive more troops, including from America as orders were given for raising a body of land forces in our colonies; 3. Reduction of Spanish settlements and dominions in West Indies is the goal including Havana, La Vera Cruz, Mexico, Cartagena, and Panama, but the priority is town and port of Havana. 8. Instructions are contained in total.
124	1705 March 1	Dartmouth, Robert Cecill, John Poll[?], Ph. Meadows, Mat Prior, Wm. Hathwayt to Secretary [of State, Charles?] Hedges	Letter. Answer to letter of the 16 <sup>th</sup> relating to ships going directly from here and Ireland to Curacao and St. Thomas. No law or treaty forbidding carrying English manufactures to there; continues discussing briefly mentioning the Dutch, the Spanish, and impressment of seamen.



128	1705 Sept. 1	Robert Cecill, Ph. Meadows, Wm. Hathwayt, Mat Prior to Rt. Hon. Mr. [Charles?] Hedges, [Secretary of State?]	Letter dated from Whitehall. As asked in letter of 24 <sup>th</sup> , considered petition of about 200 of her Majesty's subjects detained prisoners in Spanish West Indies who complain of great hardships and barbarous usage. Of opinion governor of Jamaica should be directed to send a flag of truce to Havana or elsewhere to procure by exchange their liberty or threaten Britain will do same to Spanish prisoners. Peter Dyer, as a former prisoner, confirms cruelty and expect to hear more from him.
130	1705 July 14		General Assembly [New York?]. Ordered Mr. Van Brunt and Col. Beeckman? return the bill entitled an Act for Levying and Collecting the Sum of 1700 pounds etc. to Council.
134	1705 Sept. 24	Joh. Ruck, Not. Publ., signatory to translation	Edict of King of Spain for opening a trade with the English. Spanish language. [Roughly translated here in guide by editor.] 6 pages. Includes separate draft of same.
152	1705 Sept. 25	Meadows, John Pollexfen, Mat Prior to Rt. Hon. Mr. Hedges [Secretary of State?]	Letter from Lords of Trade dated from Whitehall. Concerns English prisoners in Spanish West Indies, update since last letter of the 1 <sup>st</sup> . Received 2 papers from Peter Dier/Dyer giving account of the treatment of prisons and an account of several Spanish ports and fortifications. [Papers not attached here.]
153	1705 Sept. 25		Entry record of Translation of the Edit of the King of Spain for opening a trade with England. Draft translations of edit attached signed by Joh. Ruck; see also frame 134.
167	1739 Dec. 26	Newcastle, [Secretary of State?], signatory	Appointment. Alexander Spotswood, Esq. appointed Colonel of a regiment of foot to be raised in America for our service to consist of thirty companies and to be employed in an expedition in

			the West Indies under the command of Charles Lord Cathcart.
171	1751 July 11	Mr. Purcell, Lieut. Governor of the Virgin Islands to the secretary of the Board of Trade	Extract of a letter dated at Tortola. Describes briefly how these islands have been progressing well. Makes the point that hardships are sustained from Puerto Rico - "slaves" frequently escape to there in open small boats, encouraged by the Spanish governors and priests, and then come back and steal our fishing vessels.
175	1796 circa		<p>"Present Force in the West Indies; proposed Reductions; and former Establishment between 1764 and 1774." Tabular format with following headings: Islands, Present Number of Regiments, Present Number Establishment, Numbers of Establishment from 25<sup>th</sup> June 1792, Final Establishment beyond which the colonies are to pay for the Private Men, Establishment between 1764 and 1774. Example: Island – Jamaica; Present no. of regiments – 4; Present no. of establishment – 1876; No. of establishment from 25<sup>th</sup> June 1792 – 1796; Final establishment beyond which the colonies are to pay for the private men – regiments 2.5, numbers 997; and Establishment between 1764 and 1774 – 1000.</p> <p>Additional note at bottom: 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment is considered at Barbados and no notice taken of corps of cavalry or of the 2 regiments eventually ordered to Jamaica from Nova Scotia. Also includes "Remarks" which explains the numbers. Former establishment is the former peace establishment as it stood until 1769.</p>

183	[no date]	To governors of Jamaica, Barbados, Leeward Islands, Bahama Islands & Bermuda	Draft letter. Sharing notice of agreement reached between France and Great Britain concerning navigation in American Seas, and that duplicates of the orders from both Kings will be sent and expected to be locally published and news shared.
187	1780 Oct. 26	D <sup>n</sup> . Manuel Gonzales to D <sup>n</sup> . Joseph de Galvez	Precis of a letter which was originally dated at Cumana [Venezuela?]. News of the arrival of a captured Spanish squadron under D <sup>n</sup> . Joseph Solano taken by the English near Dominica; Solano previously had given his “parole of honour” not to take up arms again during present war; asks advice.
190	1778 Dec. 8	Lord George Germain [Secretary of State for the Colonies] to the Lords of the Admiralty	Copy of letter dated at Whitehall. The King has agreed to adding 90 men to the detachment of 400 recruits for which transports were directed to be provided.
193	1779 Jan.		“Scheme for raising one Regiment of Mulattoes, and another of free Negroes, to serve in the West Indies as Light Infantry for three years, or during the War”. Covers organisation, pay, benefits, provisions, and positive consequences – less men wanted from Europe and many lives saved to the “mother country.”
197	1779 May 25		“Estimate of the force for the Expedition, exclusive of the necessary Artillery, and exclusive of a body of Slaves for the various Services of the Army.” Lists the following with total numbers attached- Regular foot, Marines of the Fleet, estimated; Two Corps of free people; Musquito [Miskito] Indians, perhaps easily obtained; and Two Regiments of Light Horse.
200	1778 Dec. 7	George Germaine [Secretary of State for the Colonies] to Lord Viscount Townshend [Master General of the Ordnance]	Copy of letter dated at Whitehall. Board of Ordnance to prepare and send out to the West Indies ordnance and stores listed herein; also detachment of artillery, and all to be ready at

			Portsmouth to proceed to sea by the 15 <sup>th</sup> of the month.
204	1778 Nov. 21	Lord George Germaine [Secretary of State for the Colonies] to Lords of Admiralty	Copy of letter dated at Whitehall. To give orders for providing transports to carry out to the West Indies 400 recruits, together with 16 officers and usual allowance for women and baggage. Two bomb ketches [wooden sailing vessel] to sail with recruits also from Portsmouth on the 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
207	1749 Nov. 22	Don Juan Joseph Colomo, Governor of Puerto Rico to Governor William Mathew [Governor of Leeward Islands]	Copy of letter found in the Lords of Trade of 12 March 1752. Language – Spanish.
210	1749 Dec. 19	Governor [Edward] Trelawny, [Governor of Jamaica] to Alonso de Arios Moreno, Governor of St. Jago de Cuba	Extract of a letter. Requests return, if found, 3 black runaway slaves believed to have gone to your island. Includes an extract of the Spanish governor's answer dated 22 Feb. 1749/50 written in Spanish.
217	1740 March 7	M. [Martin] Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle [Secretary of State?]	Letter dated at Hanover Square. Concerns West Indies Expedition – additions to list of required ordnance stores made by Col. Lascelles [Deputy Surveyor General of Ordnance] sent for consideration [not included herein]; also sent [not included here] minutes of meeting with Col. Lascelles, Col. [William] Blakeney and [Charles] Lord Cathcart; asks whether directions should be sent to Governor Matthew [of Leeward Islands] to invite inhabitants of the Virgin Islands to attend Lord Cathcart on Expedition as volunteers.
221	1740?		Draft considerations pertaining to the Expedition. Examples – when orders to be sent for transports and provisions; account of ordnance stores to be made; places for the several rendezvous to be fixed and to consider what orders shall be sent to the governors of the West Indies; whether ships may

			not be stationed in the coast of old Spain or near the Havana; sketch of instructions for C. Blakeney and C. Spotswood and the governors to the northern colonies; person to be supplied with money or credit to attend Col. Blakeney. High ranking staff listed starting with Lord Cathcart as General and Commander in Chief.
225	1740 March 7	M. [Martin] Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle [Secretary of State?]	<p>Letter dated from Hanover Square pertaining to the West Indies Expedition. Relays summaries of particulars still to be considered and laid out by Lord Cathcart in last meeting. Some pertain to troops raised in America.</p> <p>Enclosure: minutes of this meeting dated 15 March. Includes proposed alterations to the instructions to the governors, instructions to Maj. Gen. Spotswood and Col. Blakeney.</p>
234	1740 Jan. 19	M. [Martin] Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle [Secretary of State?]	<p>Letter dated from Hanover Square pertaining to the West Indies Expedition. Topics covered pertained to revisions and observations on 3 drafts of instructions for the governors on the continent of North America agreeable to your orders. Explains some of the reasons behind some alterations. Examples – instruction relative to the serjeants and corporals to be drafted from Philip’s Regiment and the Independent Companies; instruction relative to the transports and provisions to be furnished by several governments; requirement for instructions for Mr. Nicholson. States these 2 drafts of instructions have left Col. Blakeney little more to do than assist; mentions Col. Oglethorpe to be notified to assist with expedition; suggests the Duke’s circulars intended for the governors and found in Spotswood’s letter would cause a month’s</p>

			delay in the execution of this event, and suggests alternative whereby the governor of New York may open the mail and disperse circulars all over the continent without loss of time.
242	1740 March 3		Minutes of meeting. Note at end indicates it was originally attached to Bladen's letter of March 7. Recommend additions to ordnance stores suggested by Col. [Thomas] Lascelles [appointed chief engineer of the train of artillery for West Indies expedition under Lord Cathcart]. After considering letter from Col. Hart, late governor of the Leeward Islands dated 28 Feb. [See frame 246.], indicating 500 volunteers from the Virgin Islands could be available, suggest pursuit of this.
246	1740 Feb. 28	[Col.] John Hart to Lord Cathcart	Letter dated from Bath. [See above.] Concerning his interest in assisting with intended Expedition against the Spanish. Based on experience, suggests avoiding hurricane seasons (June-Aug.). Friend Col. [Martin] Bladen can provide information pertaining to a scheme I drew up in 1729 calculated for the same climate and to the like purpose as it may be helpful, this plan was prevented only by the Treaty of Seville. Adds brief background of situation in islands, and that there would be about 500 men fit for service- own sloops, well-armed, very good marksmen. Provides advantages to using these men, one of which, they would be more service than a much greater number of regular troops not accustomed to the climate. Suggests instructions to be sent to the governor of the Leeward Islands or order inhabitants of Tortola, Anguilla and Spanish Town to prepare and be ready. States has gout but willing to assist as asked.

254	1740		Establishment of the General Officers, staff officers and others for the Expedition to the West Indies. Tabular format – Offices, Staff, with background information, and Pay for each. Offices listed with names attached if given– commander in chief; 2 Aid de Camps – captains Ch. Whilefoord/Whitefoord? and John Stewart; 3 brigadiers – Thomas Wentworth and John Guise; 3 majors of brigade; adjutant general – Col. Wm Blakeney; quarter master general – Alexander Spotswood; secretary to the general – Hugh Whilefoord/Whitefoord; physician – George Martine; chaplain – Doct. John Lowcock; commissary of the musters – James Pitcher (nephew to Governor Pitts); commissary of stores – David Campbell; judge advocate – James Abercrombie; surgeon general – [Mallie?]; 2 mates; provost marshal – John Cavalier - and 2 men; agent for the transports – James Wallace.
258	1740 Feb. 27		Minutes of meeting at the Admiralty. Concerns troops to be raised in America and their make-up.
264	1740 Feb. 28	Martin Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle	Letter dated at Hanover Square. Had another meeting at the request of Lord Cathcart pertaining to the Expedition and American troops. Enclose minutes [see above].
268	1740 Feb. 14	M. [Martin] Bladen to Andrew Stone, Esq.	Letter dated at Hanover Square. There was an omission in draft transcript of commissions sent about Lieutenants or Ensigns; amendment enclosed.
271	1740 Feb. 13	M. [Martin] Bladen to Andrew Stone, Esq.	Letter dated at Hanover Square. As requested, sent a draft of an order to Lt. Gov. of New York for making a detachment of soldiers out of the four independent companies there who are to be sergeants in the American troops, conformable to

			instructions to governors on the continent of North America. Received blank commissions and send drafts of new forms to help distinguish the American commissions from those granted to British forces in England, and reasons.
275	1740 Jan. 26		Minutes of meeting at Hanover Square. Agreed to previous minutes. Deliberated on the following questions – how many officers should be sent to command American troops and place rendezvous. [Col.] Spotswood and [Col.] Blakeney to take care of American troops that come along with them when sailing together. Orders to be given that all men of war in America to aid troops being raised for Expedition, especially convoying them port to port.
279	1740 Jan. 26	M. [Martin] Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle [Secretary of State?]	Letter dated at Hanover Square. Enclose minutes of meeting [see above]. Told nothing more needs to be deliberated, thus my task is completed. Excuse any errors as have been very ill and in bed during most of these transactions.
283	1740 Jan. 24	M. [Martin] Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle [Secretary of State?]	Letter dated at Hanover Square. Enclosed is the draft of a secret instruction to the governors on the continent of North America empowering them to provide victuals and transports for the troops to be raised there in case their respective assemblies should refuse to make provision, pursuant to instructions to the governors and according to your directions signified to me by Mr. Stone in his letter of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .  Enclosure: Minutes of meeting 23 Jan. 1740. Approved of items in draft of secret instructions to the governors to provide transports and provisions for the American troops; approve of Mr. [Thomas]



			Lascelle's list of officers and stores of ordnance, to which he is to make some additions and send to Mr. Bladen; agreed that Col. Spotswood and Col. Blakeney be directed to procure as many horses as can on America, or leave to the governors; Duke of Newcastle be desired to issue orders for sending all particulars to Portsmouth that Col. Blakeney is to carry with him as soon as may be, and that 100 soldiers' tents may be added to that list.
291	1742 Jan. 15	Richard Waldoon/Waldoor?, Secy to Gov. Wentworth	Letter. Acknowledges presentment of a letter to the Secretary from General Thomas Wentworth, encouraging the service of Captain Wentworth during this period of recruitment.
294	1741 Aug. 12	Thomas Wentworth to Captains Winslow and Hopkins	Copy of General Thomas Wentworth's [British land forces commander] instructions to recruiting officers dated from the Camp in the Isle of Cuba. Additional office note: in Governor Shirley's of Oct. 17, 1741. Seven instructions: 1. to board the Sea Horse commanded by Captain Allen who is ordered by Vice Admiral Vernon to conduct you to North America; 2. To raise recruits in America; 3. Enlisted must be under 35 years of age and not Irish unless proof he is protestant; 4. Apply to governor for money to support raising men; 5. To assist in recruiting, allowing for extra ensign commissions, each captain raising men to certify for six; 6. Recruiting officer responsible for recruits – expences and death – until after embarkation; 7. Status of number of men raised and prospect of raising more to be sent to the officer commanding Col. Gooch's Regiment and laid before commander in chief.
297	1711 April 16	A R, signatory	Copy of Instructions for the commissary of the stores and provision to be given him immediately,

			dated at the Court at St. James. [Torn on right side so some text missing.] Instructions are directed to John Netmaker, general commissary...for an Expedition under the command of Brigadier General John Hill. Instructions pertain to a contract with James Blake, a London merchant, for clothing, arms, accoutrements, goods, and merchandise furnishing. At Spithead, ordered to put casks, balls, with a specific mark on board a transport ship, and to let Colonel King know who is colonel of the train of artillery, who is also to add ordnance. Directed to go on board one of our vessels, with assistants, and wait for further instructions on how you are to behave in your employment during the Expedition.
301-304	1702 Aug. 24	Richard Kirkby, Saml Vincent, John Constable, Christopher Fogg, Cooper Wade, Thomas Hudson	Admiralty. Opinion after consultation on board H. M. ship <i>Bredah</i> off of Cartagena [Colombia] on the main continent of America. Numbered – 1. Great want of men in number and quality; 2. Want of ammunition of most forts; 3. Each ships' masts, yards, sails, etc., mostly disabled; 4. Winds small and variable; 5. Having experienced the enemy's force in 6 days of battle – breaks down briefly Spanish force. Conclude not fit to engage the enemy at this time but to keep them company this night and observe, and if a fair opportunity happens (of wind and weather) once more to try our strength with them. Includes 3 copies of same document.
306-308	1702 Aug. 19	To respective captains of H. M. [Her Majesty's] ships	Line of Battle – The <i>Bredah</i> to lead upon each tack and before the wind etc. – <i>Bredah</i> (John Benbow Esq. Adml., Christopher Fogg), <i>Defyance</i> [ <i>Defiance</i> ] (Richard Krikby), <i>Windsor</i> (John constable), <i>Greenwich</i> (John Constable), <i>Greenwich</i> (Cooper Wade), <i>Ruby</i> (George Walton), <i>Pendermis</i> (Thomas

			Hudson), <i>Falmouth</i> (Sam Vincent). More details about line of battle included. Includes 3 copies of same document.
309	1740?	David Campbell to the Duke of Newcastle	Petition of David Campbell, who had been appointed to be commissary of stores of war and provisions in the present expedition to the West Indies under command of Lord Cathcart. Requests instructions which has not received from His Majesty as others previously have. Encloses instructions given to John Netmaker, commissary of stores of war and provisions in the expedition to Canada in the year 1711 under General Hill. [See frame 297.]
310	1741?		Draft Instructions for David Campbell, Commissary of Stores and Provisions for the Expedition in the West Indies under the command of Charles Lord Cathcart, Major General of His Majesty's Forces given at Whitehall. Commission given to Campbell Dec. 1740. Concerns taking accounts of, and ensuring the quantities and qualities of clothing, arms, accoutrements and other stores, liquors and provision contracted for expedition.
314	1741?	David Campbell, signatory	Letter asking for instructions as commissary of stores and provisions for the expedition in the West Indies.
317	1711 April 16	A R, signatory	Copy of Instructions for John Netmaker, Commissary of Stores and Provisions for the Expedition under command of Brigadier General John Hill. Additional note at the end: To be given him in the latitude of forty degrees. [More detailed than frame 297.]
327			Document providing an overview of the importance and conveniences to Spain of the port of Havana,

			Cuba, as well as same if under English control. Separately discusses same for Gibraltar.
329	1702 June 22	Rob. Cecill, [?] Meadows, Wm. Hathwayt, John Pollaxfen, Mat Prior as a committee of trade	Letter dated from Whitehall concerning opinion on Mr. Dummer's proposal for settling a course of correspondence with British plantations in the West Indies. Overall conclusion – advantageous for plantation trade, especially during war. Opinions on the details include time frame and stops for the 4 vessels, like provision for plantations on the continent, and leave the charge of this undertaking to the Post Office and Navy Office.
333	1702 May	Brigadier V. [Ventris] Colenbine to the Earl of Nottingham, Secretary of State [of the Southern Department]	Memorial or petition of Brigadier Colenbine [Army commander]. Request medicines for Lord Peterborough's Expedition for those immediately under him, to be made up in chests and sent to Portsmouth directed to the governor or himself; will be of great consequence, for want of which great numbers of men must certainly perish. Also directs to send contingent money.
336	1702 May	Peter Dyer to Secretary [Charles] Hedges, Secretary of State [for the Southern Department]	Petition of Peter Dyer one of the quondam captives of the "Havanna" and had escaped. Informs the Commissioners of Trade asked questions about place held – garrisons, forts and castles and wind currents, shoals and distance of each place; was not a sailor but got answers from a commander who knows better those parts – the parts being all the Spanish coast from Santa Martha on the coast of Crocos down to bay of Mexico, the chief ports on Cuba and Hispaniola. Requests and provides reasons to support his being the person chosen to convey letters sent by a flag of truce to demand prisoners and better usage of them in future.
339	1699 Oct.28	Rear Admiral [John] Benbow to Rt. Hon. Sir James Vernon [Secretary	Admiralty. Letter dated at St. Thomas. Describes his journeys since leaving Jamaica on Sept. 4 on the

		of State of the Southern Department]	<p>ship the <i>Maidstone</i> – ordered vessels to the following – <i>Lynn</i> to Curason and Cartagena to demand British subjects, <i>Sandados</i> prize and <i>Germoon</i> to cruise between Cape St. Antonio and Bay of Matansco hearing pirates were there; left <i>Falmouth</i> in port as no men to sail her. Arrived Nevis Feb. 9 where informed of many abuses suffered due to the Island of St. Thomas, also of St. Thomas’s trading and protecting pirates and those that trade with them. Arrived St. Thomas 20<sup>th</sup> and questioned governor on this who replied his is a free port and will trade with anyone. Governor has several goods which came from pirate Kidd. Island would be of great use to England in case of war in these parts and may be made very easy to secure, which is now only a receptacle for thieves. Today sailed to Jamaica thinking to look into the Bay of Samana, also St. Domingo; great many pirates that are hard to get at.</p>
343	1702 Sept. 11	[Rear Admiral John] Benbow to Secretary of State	<p>Letter dated on <i>Bredah</i>. Announces received declaration of war with France and Spain. Relays his experiences on ship during his last journeys starting on July 11 when he sailed from Port Royal [Jamaica] with the ship <i>Margent</i> with initial design to join Admiral Whetstone, but went to Logan on the northside of Hispaniola as heard Mr. Du Cass [Ducasse] was expected. On 21<sup>st</sup> one of our vessels had accident near Cape Tiberone so sent it back to Port Royal; at Gulf of Logan made chase of vessel which blew up as tried to escape; 28<sup>th</sup> around the Town of Logann took 3 enemies’ vessels and sunk another; 29<sup>th</sup> came to Pettit Guavus, then found ships in the Cue harbour. Sailed for Cape De Maria. 10 Aug. hearing Mr. Du Cass/Ducasse [French</p>

			<p>commodore] has gone to Cartagena and from there to Porto Bello, intended to follow. Near St. A. Martha on the 19<sup>th</sup> went into line of battle and engaged French ships - exchanges for the next several days are in detail described. Vessels involved included <i>Defyance/Defiance, Pendemis, Windsor, Bredah, Greenwich, Ruby</i> and <i>Falmouth</i>. Details many misfortunes; eventually left the battle feeling these misfortunes were the result of cowardice of his captains. Arrived at Port Royal 31<sup>st</sup> with our ships where we found Admiral Whetstone and the rest of Her Majesty's ships.</p>
351	1702 11 & 24 Sept.	[Rear Admiral John] Benbow to Secretary of State	<p>Copy of 2 letters.</p> <p>First dated on <i>Bredah</i>, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept., is the same as above except near the end wherein he continues the story and his sentiments on it after arrival at Port Royal [Jamaica] – confined those captains which refused to fight; locations of certain vessels; repairing our damage which will be difficult as no masts nor yards in stores. His last sentiment – If I recover and as soon as ships in condition, will go in quest of Mr. Du Cass/Ducasse [French commodore], hoping for better success.</p> <p>Letter dated 24 Sept. on <i>Bredah</i> in Port Royal [Jamaica] harbour. Relays information obtained pertaining to the Duke of Albuquerque's engagement with Mr. Du Cass's/Ducasse's squadron at the Groyne, and whereabouts of British vessels – 20<sup>th</sup> arrived "York" and "Norwich." Sent ship to New England to convoy home merchant ships with masts. Received and complied with orders concerning impressment of men in</p>

			these parts – none taken from shore; governor’s orders are to take one man in five out of all vessels coming into this port. Privateers and lawlessness due to lack of law and governor. Fitting our ships and ready soon; has shattered leg and on my back for 32 days in this “torrid zone.” Expects to try captains who refused to do their duty soon. Vessels <i>Glocester</i> is careened and the <i>Kingston</i> and <i>Ruby</i> are readying. Powder decays “mightily” in this region and requests specified supplies. Amount of men small. Vessel “Dunkirk” to cruise off east end of this Island.
362	1702 Oct, before this date	[Rear Admiral John] Benbow to Governor of Havanna/Havana	Copy of letter. Informed Britain has lent fleet to Emperor to transport his son the Arch Duke of Austria with 40,000 men into Spain to enter as their king. Expecting success, ordered to offer assistance of ships and men to any governor of the Spanish Indies who will be in his service for the Austrian King. Provides his opinion on the matter.
366	1702 Dec. 4	Mr. Burchett, sender?	“Proposal for the Distribution of Prizes & Booty that shall be taken in the West Indies.” Example – Her Majesty to have 2/3rds of whole, except after deducting the 1/10ths for the Lord High Admiral, of all prizes taken at sea; the remaining 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> to be divided into 16 parts as follows (military ranks listed with numerical value beside them).
369	1739 June 15	Holles Newcastle [Secretary of State] to governors in the West Indies	Copy of His Majesty’s Order. Concerns unjust seizures and captures by Spanish Guarda Costas and the reparations to British subjects for losses sustained by these, as agreed to 14 Jan. Thus ordered to grant commissions of [letters of] marque and reprisal to fit out private ships of war for seizing and taking vessels and goods belonging to the King of Spain and his subjects.

373	1741 Nov. 18		“Heads of Agreement between The Royal African Company of England & Sundry West India Merchants.” Dated at London. Numbered list of areas agreed upon. Example – No. 2. To enable the company to carry the powers herein given into execution and to carry on and enlarge their trade to Africa, they shall enlarge their present capital stock from 2500 to 20,000 shares. Stated goals of increasing shares includes growth of new settlements and to encourage manufacturing sector.
377	1740 July 7	Mr. Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle	Letter dated at Hanover Square. Sending enclosed the draft of Instruction to Lord Cathcart for the distribution of plunder money got from the enemy at land during the present Expedition, and also the sketch of a Proclamation to be printed in Spanish and published upon your arrival on the coast of Spanish West Indies. [Enclosures not included.]
380	1739 Dec. 14	Mr. Bladen to Rt. Hon. Lord Harrington	Letter providing requested information pertaining to three Expeditions known where the commands of the Crown had any part – King William’s time against the French Island, and 2 in Queen Anne’s against Nova Scotia and Canada. Encloses thoughts on the assistance possibly expected from the British Colonies on the Continent of America. Have been ill. [Not enclosed here.]
384	1739 June 15	Holles Newcastle [Secretary of State] to governors in the West Indies	Draft Instructions, dated at Whitehall, to the governors in the West Indies. [See frame 369.]
388	1740?		“Some Memorandums relative to the Troops intended to be raised on the Continent of North America.” Topics covered include responsibilities for providing victuals transports and necessaries for the Forces till arrival at the general rendezvous and



			mentions precedents from previous Expedition; Col. Spotswood's responsibilities, officers' pay; use of old or retired soldiers; scarcity of doctors and medicine in colonies; Philip's Regiment and 4 Independent Companies; fear of desertion; raising of officers and men, and possible help from the sugar islands; money to support payment of troops (mentions precedent from previous expedition); and question as to who will take care of things if Col. Spotswood leaves with the first troops.
396	1740 Dec. 18		Translation of Draft of a Declaration to be published in the French Colonies in America by Mr. Dantin. Explains decision for ordering Marquis Dantin to sail as soon as possible for America with ships to save the Spanish dominions from English intents at new settlements, and to maintain lawful trade. [Office note indicating sent to R. A. Haddock.]
400	1740 Jan. 19	Mr. Bladen to Col. Blakeney	Draft of Instructions for Col. Blakeney. 1. Ready for going to New York; 2. To have distributed Instructions and pacquets to Col. Spotswood and governors, and to communicate with Spotswood about your assistance in promoting "levys" in America to be joined to those under the command of Lord Cathcart for the West Indies; 3. Have sent you Instructions for Col. Spotswood as well so more informed; 4. Money ordered for you to receive clothing, arms with ammunition, etc. to be delivered to Spotswood; if not Spotswood, then Gooch, Esq., Lieut. Gov. of Virginia; 5. You are to be included in all discussions with Spotswood and governors relative to this service; 6. Send a full account and update as to what is happening.

408	1740 Jan. 21		Minutes of the Meeting. Agreed to addition of clothing of American troops. Agreed to the Duke of Newcastle apply to the king for issuing Lord Cathcart's commission with the rest of the officers upon his establishment. Directions already given for extraordinary allowance with respect to tonnage (transports for 8000 men at the rate of 2 ton to a man) due to length and uncertainty of voyage and heat of climate, and to provide provisions for men. After Lord Cathcart read accounts of strength and situation of Havanna/Havana and Fort del Malo, and the climate, agreed June, July and August are unhealthy. Mr. Lascelles to prepare list ordnance stores for expedition. Agreed as soon as Spotswood collected 1,000 or 1,500 men that he and Col. Blakeney should leave quickly to Port Antonio.
412	1740 Jan. 12		Minutes of Meeting at Hanover Square. Concerns specific things immediately necessary to send for Col. Blakeney's needs such as the numbers of clothes and arms, and the sums of money or bills of credit.
416	1740 Jan. 21	Mr. Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle	Letter dated from Hanover Square. Sending the minutes of meeting at my house. [Probably the above minutes.]
421	1740 Jan. ?		Memorandums for Col. Bladen. Appears to be a list of things Bladen is to deal with. Starts with list of documents "To carry to Col. Bladen." Indicates after this that Bladen is to prepare the following documents: 1. Draft instructions for Col. Blakeney upon the general plan of Col. Vetch's Instructions; 2. Draft of Instructions for Col. Spotswood upon the plan of Gen. Nicholson's Instructions and the points mentioned in Mr. Bladen's memorandums; 3. Draft

			<p>of Instructions for the governors upon the plan of Mr. Bladen's draft and Lord Duke's letter of Jan. 5, specifying the number of officers proposed to be sent from here, with number of blank commissions to be sent from here and the pay to be allowed to the troops; 4. List of everything Col. Blakeney is to carry with them such as the number of arms.</p> <p>Enclosures include – "Draught of a Secret Instruction to the Several Governors on the Continent of North America" (date on sleeve is 24 Jan. 1740); "Draught of Instructions for the Governors on the Continent of North America to levy Troops for His Majesty's Service" (note on sleeve states "in M. Bladen's of Jan. 19, 1740"; draft of letter, dated June 1740, directed to the governor of the Leeward Island (concerning the raising of volunteers for expedition under Cathcart); draft of letter to Governor Trelawney of Jamaica (concerning the want of readied detachment from Jamaica for Cathcart's expedition), last 2 notes in letter include – "Here may likewise be added whatever orders shall be thought proper with respect to the Negroes," and a question pertaining to whether anything should be added relative to the governor being appointed a member of the Junto.</p>
454	1779 May		<p>"Documentos correspondient a los Cuexpos Betexanos [?] Extó." [Translation by guide editor - Documents corresponding to fixed bodies.] [This heading was found in frame 425 and these several Spanish documents may correspond with this title</p>

			<p>page.] Documents pertain to Havana, Cuba, and the military.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Title of document: Regiment de Infant<sup>d</sup> de Navaxxa/Navarra/Havanna? [English translation - Infantry Regiments... Dated at bottom 1779.] Subheading – Esquadras Vacantes. Shows “Primeras and Segundas for 8 numbered units listed within 2 companies - Comp<sup>s</sup> del [1?] Vattallon, and Comp<sup>s</sup> del 2. Vatallon.</li> <li>2. Letter dated Havanna [Havana, Cuba], Mayo [May] 1779, from Ramon de Bueta ye Foxen?</li> <li>3. Letter dated at Havana, 4 Mayo [May] 1779 by Antonio Fernandez</li> <li>4. Letter dated at Havana, 12 Mayo [May] 1779 from [? Rosales]</li> <li>5. Document title: “Reximiento de Infantexia del Principe”, showing 8 companies of the 1<sup>st</sup> Batallion and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and numbers for “Esquaderas Vacantes” for each.</li> <li>6. Document title: “Regimiento de Ynfanteria de Espana”; subtitle – “Esquadras vacanies”; dated at Havana, 1 Mayo [May] 1779</li> </ol>
475	1779 May		<p>Several documents from Havana/Havanna, Cuba written in Spanish, pertaining to the military. Organised into 2 groups of documents.</p> <p><b>Grouping Numbered 1</b></p>

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter signed Juan Daban</li> <li>2. Letter signed [?] Raffelin? With additional note from Juan Daban</li> <li>3. Regimento de Infant. [?] De la Havana, Esquador de [?] America....; signed Juan Daban</li> <li>4. Letter signed [Foret Rosales?]</li> <li>5. Letter signed Juan Daban</li> <li>6. Letter signed [Juan Yonacio del Alcazar?] with additional end note by Joseph [Mann?]; and letter by Juan Daban</li> <li>7. Letter by Sebastian de Cevallor?; with addition note by Joseph Manxxigu/Manrrigu?; and letter by Juan Daban</li> </ol> <p><b>Grouping Numbered 2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proclamation. Starts with: Thomas Gaspar Sargento? de primera clace del regimiento de Yinfanteria....; signed Franc<sup>co</sup> de Bor? Lima.</li> <li>2. "Hollandose vacante una subthenencia de Vandera del primer vatallon del Regimiento Infanteria de Espana...." Dated 30 April 1779. [Seems to give 3 names and information about recognised cadets for 2<sup>nd</sup> Company of Josef de Soto.] Signed Joseph Mannrique?; with addition note signed by Juan Daban</li> <li>3. ...Vacante una Subthenencia de Vandera en el primer Vattallon del Regimiento Infanteria de Espana....compania a D<sup>n</sup> Antonio Perez que la esta sinbiendo si V.</li> </ol>
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			M. confiere a D <sup>n</sup> Bartholome De [?efar] la subthenencia dela segunda de Granaderos....Shows 3 names and info of each. Signed Joseph [Man?]; second section signed Juan Daban
515	1740 July 23	M. [Martin] Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle	Letter dated at Hanover Square. Opinion after perusing Queen's instructions to Mr. Netmaker, commissary of stores and provisions for Canada Expedition, and those prepared for Mr. Campbell – Mr. Courand has followed precedent exactly so far as it was applicable to the present case and believe proper for this occasion. Same position in last war with Portugal, instructions seemed the same. Position will require instructions and accountabilities. Copy of Mr. Campbell's Instructions when signed should be sent to Lord Cathcart to better check on commissary's conduct.
522	1740 July 21	M. [Martin] Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle	Letter. Encloses drafts of general instructions to Lord Cathcart and Vice Admiral Vernon directing them to settle regulations for the distribution of booty gained from the enemy at land during present Expedition amongst land sea forces; and draft of instruction to Lord Cathcart to settle the distribution of booty in such enterprises by land forces only. [Enclosures not here.]
523	1779 April 17		Document dated at Havana. Title is "Companius Infanteria Ligera. Table format, one row of data.
525	1751 Feb. 26	Governor of Jamaica and Spanish governor of St. Jago de Cuba	Copy of extract of letter. Spanish language. Relating to protections given by the said Spanish governor to "slaves" deserting from Jamaica. Pencil number at bottom – 53; see frame 537 to which grouping of extracts it belongs.

529	1751 July 4	Edward Trelawny, Governor of Jamaica to Lords of Trade and Plantations	Letter dated at Jamaica. Concerns the running away of “slaves” to Cuba with the assistance of the Catholic religion and its detriment to Jamaica; requests assistance in preventing “this growing Evil.” Extra note on sleeve – in the Lords of Trade of 12 March 1752.
533	1779		Heading – Regimientos de Ynfanta del Principe Espana y Navarra. Dated 1779 May 3 and signed by Juan Daban. [Infantry regiments is the topic.]
537	1750	Governor of Jamaica and Spanish governor of St. Jago de Cuba	<p>Copies of extracts of letters.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dated Feb. 27. Pencil page number at bottom is 49. Spanish governor’s letter in Spanish</li> <li>2. Dated August 15. Governor Trelawny’s answer to Spanish letter. Acknowledges receipt of letters dated 22 and 27 Feb. in which you indicated Mr. Murphy’s “negroes” will be delivered. Expresses the reasons concerned about the detaining, selling, and loss of “negroe slaves”; one thing worried about is the encouragement of theft and piracy by these escaped “slaves.” Expects catholic religion should have no weight in these cases and reasons why.</li> <li>3. Dated Dec. 23 from Gov. Trelawny. Just learned of 3 gangs of runaways from estates on the northside of island; threatens consequences if this practice is not stopped or not returning “negroes” and selling them. Bearer of this letter, Mr. Downes, has order to find and return; please assist if in your jurisdiction. Downes</li> </ol>

			<p>carries a letter of credit to pay the buyer of Mr. Murphy's "negroes" and would like them returned as well.</p> <p>4. Spanish governor's answer dated Feb. 23. Spanish language.</p>
545	1779		<p>Document title – "Companias de Ynfanteria ligera fixas dela Hav<sup>na</sup>." [Light Infantry Companies of Havana]. May 10? Signed Juan Daban at Havana.</p> <p>Letter dated same at Havana, and signed Juan Daban, dealing with the infantry.</p> <p>Document title: "Companias de Inf<sup>a</sup> [Infanteria] ligera fixas dela Hav<sup>na</sup> [Havana]. Extracto dela Revista de Inspeccion pasada a las expresadas Companias en la referida Plaza por el Inspector D. Juan Daban en 17 Abril de 1779. Signed Juan Daban 10 May 1779.</p>
554	1740 April 2		<p>Instructions for Alexander Spotswood Esq., Major General of Our Forces. Given at Court at St. James's. Initialled by the King. Introduction - We are at war with Spain and determined to revenge injuries done to our subjects, to assert rights of commerce and navigation and by all possible means to attack, annoy and distress a nation that has treated our people with insolence and barbarity; thus have ordered an expedition against Spanish dominions in West Indies. Consisting of large squadron of ships of war and land forces; fleet to be commanded by Edward Vernon, Vice Admiral of the Blue Squadron and commander in chief of our ships to the West Indies. Land forces under Charles Lord Cathcart, Major General of our</p>



			<p>Forces, and appointed our general and commander in chief of expedition.</p> <p>Instructions include 1. Raising of troops in North America, excepting South Carolina, Georgia and Nova Scotia; 2. Sending commission of major general of our forces to you and appointment as quarter master general of all the troops for expedition; 3. Role in aiding and assisting governors; 4. Role in drafting of old soldiers in Province of New York; 5. Sending Col. Blakeney to New York to assist you; 6. Blakeney to bring papers, instructions to governors, money to pay American Troops, clothing for privates, serjeants, corporals and drummers, and arms; 8. States who will nominate field and staff officers, and one lieutenant to each company in American Troops, also organisation of troops; 9. If job declined, instructions for this job to go to William Gooch, Lieutenant of Governor of Virginia; 10. General rendezvous at Port Antonio, Jamaica by the end of August or early September.</p>
563	1740 Jan.		<p>Draft Instructions for Col. Spotswood. [Draft of fuller instructions found in frame 554.] Note at end – In Mr. Bladen’s of Jan. 19, 1740.</p>
578	1740 June 21	Martin Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle	<p>Letter dated at Hanover Square. Pertains to the consideration of Lord Cathcart’s memorial, requesting 500 “negroe men” formed into 5 companies to be raised in Jamaica for the Expedition, and how to make that happen. These men to share in all the booty taken from the enemy. Gentlemen who met to discuss agreed but suggested alternative method to make this happen.</p>

582	1740 May 27	M. [Martin] Bladen to the Duke of Newcastle	Letter. Prepared drafts of instructions for Lord Cathcart; hopes they are ok as directions given were general. Explains the historical precedence used in doing so. As ordered, given Havana preference over other schemes, and next to that La Vera Cruz and Mexico, and adds his opinion. Proposes staying this week here for recovery of health. [Writing more difficult to read than normal.] Note on sleeve – with Draft of Instructions for Lord Cathcart.
593	1740 April 2		Copy of His Majesty's Instructions to Lewis Morris Our Captain General & Governor in Chief of Our Province of Nova Casarea or New Jersey in America. Pertains to the upcoming Expedition in the West Indies and gives instructions as to the governor's role in assisting, such as raising of troops.
605	1740 April 2		Draft instructions for Charles Lord Cathcart as general and commander in chief of the land forces and marines for Expedition against the territories of the Catholic King in West Indies. [Appears to be out of order.]
623	1778		Title of publication - Libro De Servicios De Los Oficiales, Y Sargentos, De Las Tres Companias De Infanteria Ligera De La Havana. Reglado Hasta Fin De Decembre De 1778. [English translation – Service Book of Officers and Sergeants of the Three Light Infantry Companies of Havana. Regulated until the end of December 1778.
656	1758 Feb. 10		Entry record – Letter from the Board of Trade to William Pit with their Report upon the petition of Mr. Muise a merchant for leave to carry slaves in British ships to the West Indies.

657	1740?		“A Schedule of the Money, Cloaths, Arms, Ammunition, and other Particulars carried by Colonel Blakeney.”
659	1740 July 7?		Draft of instructions to Lord Cathcart for the distribution of plunder and contributions raised upon the enemy at land after taking of any place, fort, or country; purpose – rules to prevent disputes that may arise during the present Expedition. Instruction number 7 states pioneers or peasants working to clear grounds and assist at sieges shall be considered and have their distribution of plunder equally with the common soldiers.
668	1737	T. Pelham, R. Plumer, A. Croft, Ja: Brudenell	<p>1. Enclosure: Representation of the Lords Commissioners for Trade relating to the French proposal for adjusting the disputes in America; dated at Whitehall on 3 Dec.. Provide opinion on a memorial delivered by Mr. Amelot on a “A Proposal for adjusting the Disputes between the Subjects of Great Britain &amp; France in the West Indies, with the Project of Orders to be sent by His Most Christian Majesty to the French Governors &amp; Officers in America for that Purpose.” Specific opinions mentioned pertain to confiscation of ships with uncertain evidence given of an intention to trade, restraining of ships in distress to particular ports instead of all ports being open, requiring written acceptance by the governor before ships in distress can put into a port. Refer to previous representation on these topics dated April 21; extract of annexed.</p> <p>2. Enclosure - Extract of a Representation to His Majesty from the Board of Trade dated April 21.</p>

			<p>Starts with “For the better regulating of Tryals for the future....propose; That in all Cases of seizure whether of English or French vessels, Proof of a Design to Trade by some Overt Act, should be made by two credible Witnesses at least, before such Vessell be liable to Confiscation...” Additional note on sleeve – copy given to E. Waldegrave 1738 April 10 with Instructions. [See frame 679 for complete document.]</p> <p>3.Letter from T. Pelham. R. Plumer. A. Croft. J: Brudenell to the Duke of Newcastle dated 3 Dec. Representations enclosed (see nos. 1 and 2 above).</p>
679	1737 April 21	T. Pelham, Ja: Brudenell, A. Croft, R. Plumer, M. Bladen to the King	<p>Representation of the Lords Commissioners for Trade upon a paper delivered by Mr. Maurepas to Lord Waldegrave for preventing disputes in the West Indies. Fuller document of no. 2 enclosure above; out of order – first few frames are the last pages to the document. Basis of concern is illegal trade and navigation; contains proposals for regulations pertaining to captures lately made in America [West Indies] of English and French vessels so as to prevent irregularities in the future. Most concerned about specifications on what shall be deemed sufficient proof of any vessels having carried on illegal trade, and of the form of proceedings that shall be observed thereupon. Added note on sleeve – copy sent to E. Waldegrave 5 May 1737.</p>
695	1708 before this year	Juan Coyso? to the Queen and Prince George of Denmark	<p>Letter. During present war with France and Spain, offering services to Britain as someone who knows the Spanish West Indies and Havana, Cuba well.</p>

698	1706		"The most remarkable Places for planting tobacco in the province of Gelderland & places adjacent & the quantity generally made in each place..."
700	1706		General remarks on the tobacco trade. Due to war this trade has been obstructed and mostly confined to Holland. Describes ways to improve opportunities.
702	1706 Sept. 19	Dartmouth, Rob: Cecill, Ph Meadows, John Pollexfen to Rt. Hon. Secretary [of State] Hedges	Letter dated at Whitehall. Sending enclosed letters from Col. Handasyd of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of August sending congratulations on latest military success, and extract of letter from same and Col. Johnson, Lt. Gov. of Nevis; and copy of letter from Col. Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands relating to ships of war, recruits for the regiment at Jamaica and security of fleets of merchant ships. Request these be passed on to the Queen. [Said enclosures not included here.]
706	1706 July 2	Dartmouth, Rob: Cecill, Ph. Meadows, Wm. Blathwayt, John Pollexfen, Mat Prior to Rt. Hon. Secretary Hedges	Letter from committee of trade, dated at Whitehall. Enclosing letters from the governors of Jamaica, Barbados, and St. Christopher relating to the spoils committed by the French in the Leeward Islands, and papers therein referred to, particularly that of Col. Hamilton's, Lt. Gov. of St. Christopher. [Enclosures not included here.]
709	1706		Entry record only stating, "Proposals for the advantage & extension of the tobacco trade with an inclosed list of places most remarkable for planting tobacco in the Province of Gelderland." [The number 142 beside entry.]
710	1706 April 15	Dartmouth, Ph. Meadows, Wm: Blathwayt, Mat Prior to Rt. Hon. Secretary Hedges	Letter dated at Whitehall. Enclosing extracts of letters from Jamaica, Barbados, and the Leeward Islands with information of considerable French force in these parts and other particulars. [Enclosures not here included.]

713	1708 August 4	Herbert, Ph. Meadows, J Pulteney? to Rt. Hon. Secretary [of State Henry] Boyle	Letter from Board of Trade dated at Whitehall. Informing they had received advice of the escape of John Bernard, an Englishman from the Havana, who reported there were in that harbour 35 sail of merchant ships and 5 men of war with one galleon, all French property.
718	1708 Nov. 24		Letter. Spanish language. Written on sleeve - Mattamoro? etc.
721	1711 March 21	Stamford, Geo: Baillie, J. Pulteney?, A. Moore, Robt. Mon?, cha: Turney to Lord Dartmouth	Letter from the Board of Trade. Stating the convoy for the Barbados, Jamaica, and Leeward Islands was at Spithead ready to sail. Hope to send tomorrow the instructions directed to prepare relating to Antigua.
725			Directives pertaining to public provincial money in relation to levying money, and imposing fines and penalties.
729	1714 July 30	P. Meadows, A. Moor, Jo. Sharp, Tho. Vernon to Secretary of State?	Letter from Board of Trade dated at Whitehall. Pertaining to an incident at Martinico while H.M. ship the "Sorlings" (Captain Vanbrug, commander) was there. After consideration, advice, and referring to Treaty of Peace & Neutrality in America concluded between France and England in 1686, provide their opinions on the broad topic of trading in French West Indies colonies and particularly the captain's ventures.
733	1714 Nov. 3		List of papers, resolutions, and propositions before the House of Commons in pursuance of their Resolution of 1 April 1715; being the propositions of France to exclude themselves from all trade of their subjects and ships to the Spanish West Indies between 1713-1715.
736	1717 May 31	Jacob A?, J. Chetwynd, J. Doeminique, J. Molesworth to Rt. Hon. Secretary [of State for the	Letter from Board of Trade about suppressing the pirates in the West Indies. Complaints from merchants, masters of ships and others of the City

		Southern Department, Joseph] Addison	of Bristol of frequent piracies committed in the West Indies and particularly in the seas around Jamaica; problem growing. Advised immediate protection required as trade in “danger of being lost.” Proposes men of war to protect trade, pardoning pirates if the surrender by a certain time. Learned pirates inhabiting Harbour Island, one of the Bahamas, and usual retreat was at Providence, the main island. Method proposed for suppressing these pirates – send Force with one of the ships a fourth rate. Pardons would be a good idea and best way to do so. Previously sent reports indicating importance of Bahamas to Britain. Unless islands be settled and effectually secured by a fortification it will be impracticable to prevent pirates.
740	1718 July 25	Charles Cooke, D. Pulteney, Martin Bladen to Rt. Hon. Secretary [of State for the Southern Department, James] Craggs	Letter from the Board of Trade about providing commissions empowering governors to pardon pirates in the West Indies. Recent proclamation extends this to piracies committed any time before 23 July.
745	1718-1720		List of Papers within mentioned delivered out of Rt. Hon. Earle of Sunderland Office to the Clerk of the Council in Wailing at Windsor. Example – Petition of Tho. Barrow gentleman late of the Island of Bermuda.
748	1726 March 28		Draft of letter to the governors of Barbados, Jamaica, and Leeward Islands. Sending a squadron under command of Francis Hosier, Vice Admiral of the blue squadron of our fleet into the West Indies for protection and security of the effects and property of our subjects and allies. Request your assistance.

751	1727 Dec. 24	Holles Newcastle to Vice Admiral [Edward] Hopson, or commander in chief of His Majesty's squadron in the West Indies	Letter dated at Whitehall. Concession made by Count Rottembourg was without orders from his own court or authority from His Majesty; as such, you are to have no regard to this transaction. To tell Spanish governors that you are not bound by any promise for releasing of the Spanish galleons, but are to stop, seize and secure the galleons and the effects on board according to orders formerly given to Vice Admiral Hosier and since repeated to you. As some ships have been laid up at Jamaica for want of men, King will order reinforcement to be sent with enough sea men to bring those ships home.
758	1728 March 14	Raphe/Ralphe & Denn, signatories	Copy. "Account of the Loss sustained by the under written Persons, Occasioned by the Interruption between England and Spain in the year 1718." Dated at London. Account of losses of cod fish on board the new England "Princess" snow bound for Bilboa, Spain, when seized and sold at public sale by Spaniards. Added note on sleeve: In the Lords Commissioners of Trade of March 14, 1729.
763	1728 March 14	Westmoreland, Dominique?, J. Ashe, W. Cary to the Duke of Newcastle	Letter from Lords of Trade dated at Whitehall. Enclosing copies of memorial from Mr. Tobias Wall on behalf of John Gallway of St. Christopher, relating to the loss of his sloop taken by Spanish privateer near the island St. Cruz and condemned at Puerto Rico; also account of loss sustained by Misters Raphe and Denn on board the "Princess" snow. [See frame 758 for Raphe and Denn.]  Enclosure: Memorial of Tobias Wall of London, merchant, dated at London, 1729 March 8. Complaint of Spaniards having taken a sloop with



			goods owned by John Gallway of St. Christopher while at sea. Requests help for compensation.
769	1731		<p>“List of Business.” Dated at London. Appears to be a working document following the transactions or communications pertaining to specific matters. [Documents not included.] Named categories of items: 1. Regiments at Jamaica; 2. Depredations (those privateers commit and mentions correspondence about Brig. “Mary” and ship “Rebecca); 3. Complaints of the Moors (ill treatment by Spanish and mentions seizure of Brig from Gibraltar with several Moorish passengers on board); 4. Gibraltar (intelligence and Spanish works); and 5. Disputes at Lisbon (dispute between some sailors belonging to His Majesty’s ship the “Lively” and the Portuguese at Lisbon).</p> <p>Example to illustrate:</p> <p>No. 1. - Minutes of Council July 2, 1731 – Maj. Gen. Hunter’s letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> read, and Capt. Dent examined as to the state of the 2 Regiments at Jamaica. That affair referred to the Board of Trade.</p> <p>Report of the Board of Trade July 15, 1731.</p> <p>Letter from the Board of Trade July 22, 1731, enclosing – Extract of one from Maj. Gen. Hunter Dec. 24, 1730, wants Ordnance Stores for Fort Antonio.</p> <p>Letter from Maj. Gen. Hunter May 29, 1731, enclosing copy of his letter to the Secretary at War; Lt. Col. Townshend and Capt. Close both of Col.</p>

			Cope's Regiment dead. Companies well barracked or lodged pretty healthy.
781	1735 March 3	Fra Wilks to Couraud, Esq.	Letter dated at London. Concerns restitution to owners of 4 English vessels laden with salt unjustly taken by 2 Spanish men of war at or near the Island of Tortuga [Cuba]; would like the copy of the order from the Court of Spain to proceed.
782	1736 circa July 29		<p>"Considerations on reading Vernon's Letters." [Vice Admiral Edward Vernon?] [Examples using the first half of entries]:</p> <p>No letters from Wentworth  Portobello to be repaired after the Rains.  Panama not to be attempted till then.  Anson arrived in the South Seas.  Great want of seamen.  American Troops serve as seamen.  Question: Orders to go to Panama, to assist Anson.  Trelawny's opinion.  Supply of clean ships and seamen.  Orders about raising more Americans.  Encouragement to settle in Cuba: assurances not to serve on board the Fleet.  Question: Havanna/Havana; Cartagena.  NB. Captain Davers will be gone from Cartagene; and the Spaniards at Liberty.  Question: Spanish squadron at Havanna/Havana; French squadron at Martinico [Martinique].  Question: Orders to Trevor, to communicate the intelligence of the design of the French, to fall upon us, and to attack Jamaica, contrary to Fenelon's Declaration.  Question: Wentworth: a new general to be sent.</p>

			NB: Mr. Vernon wants a discretionary power to return home; wants sheathed ships, and orders to carry home the unsheathed ones.
790	1736		"Papers for Sr. R. W." List scribbled similar to above. List begins with: Vernon's letters. Vernon's and Wentworth's last letters by laws. My mem. about the West Indies. Sir Charles Wager's Instruction.
792	1737 April 21	T. Pelham, R. Plumer, M. Bladen, Ja: Brudenell to the Duke of Newcastle	Letter dated at Whitehall from the Lords Commissioners of Trade. Enclosing representation relating to the proposals made by Mr. Maurepas to Lord Waldegrave for preventing disputes with regard to illicit trade in the West Indies for the future. [Not enclosed here.]
795	1781 Feb. 16		Description by John Smith, captain of the Brig "Fortitude" bound to St. Christopher from Charles Town [Charleston, South Carolina], and the vessels seen, chased by, and seized upon, some of which were French.