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Folio/Frame No.	Date	Correspondents	Summary
<b>Windward &amp; Leeward Islands 1807</b>			
Folio 1/frame 5	Jan. 10	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces [Commander-in-chief of the British Army in the Windward and Leeward Islands] to William Windham [Secretary of State for War and the Colonies, 5 Feb. 1806-25 March 1807]	<p>Letter. No. 25. Dated at Barbados. Transmits copy of General [Thomas] Hislop's Remarks on the establishment of a black corps to be used in the West Indies, which contains "so much good sense"; contains a few points of agreement with Hislop. [Hislop (1764-1843) was a senior British Army officer who served in the West Indies between 1796 and 1810.]</p> <p><b>Enclosure.</b> <i>Remarks on the Establishment of West India Regiments by Brigadier General Hislop, Demerary 1801</i> [Demerary is the Dutch version of Demerara, which is today part of Guyana, South America.]</p> <p>Extensively argues for the permanent establishment of a black corps in the West Indies, and discusses ways and means for its further improvement based on his experience leading a Corps of Blacks, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• mode of recruiting (Africans vs slaves, purchase slaves in West Indies vs at the source in Africa, purchasing and attaching women to each company)</li><li>• invalid company in each island for worn out or disabled, acknowledging the difference in circumstances between white and black soldiers</li><li>• discharge and support</li><li>• stability and fidelity of soldiers vs violent local prejudices and the slave laws</li><li>• formation details of the corps under proposed ten companies and motives behind these – need of a greater proportion of Europeans,</li></ul>

			<p>and deficiency occasioned by the unhealthiness of the climate; advantages of proposed system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advantages to economy – black labour</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Letter</a> (copy) from Thomas Hislop, July 1804, Trinidad. Informing an establishment for invalided black soldiers has been formed in Trinidad consisting of two companies capable of garrison duty, and receiving same pay as other corps of infantry; discusses situation of those unfit for military duty and argues for more effectually providing for the discharged black soldier; proposes roles for black persons in an enhanced Engineers Department.</p> <p><a href="#">Letter</a> (copy) from Thomas Hislop, Dec. 1806, Trinidad. Due to imminent change to the slave trade law and repercussions for recruitment, proposes purchasing immediately at least 1000 boys from 8 to 14 years old; discusses advantages along with that of purchasing same proportion of women.</p>
Folio 25/frame 29	Jan. 30	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Honourable William Windham	Letter. Duplicate No. 26. Acknowledges receiver's transmittal to Treasury, for consideration, the statements of the losses sustained by the officers and soldiers of the garrison in the Island of Dominica in consequence of the hurricane, as well as the estimate for new buildings enclosed in No. 16
Folio 29/frame 33	Feb. 5	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Honourable William Windham	Letter. Duplicate No. 27. Dated at Barbados. Acknowledges receipt of dispatch No. 10; informs commands therein shall be attended to.
Folio 33/frame 36	Feb. 8	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Honourable William Windham	Letter. No. 28. Dated at Barbados. Responds to Hislop's <i>Remarks</i> - positive opinion overall on the establishment of a black corps, especially advancement of rank by brevet to officers after a certain length of service; ideas for maintaining discipline – white non-commissioned officers from England; remarks on the poor conduct of the non-commissioned officers from the Isle of Wight, which degrades the service and themselves in the eyes of the "Africans."
Folio 37/frame 40	April 16	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Honourable William Windham	Letter. No. 29. Dated at Barbados. Transmits herewith copies of the Abstracts and Vouchers incurred by the commissary general for the Army vessel expence for the periods from 25 August to 24 December 1806; commissary generals' names include William Whitmore (acting commissary general) and Samuel Chollet (commissary general at Barbados for the Army Vessels at Barbados).
			<a href="#">Enclosures</a>

			<p><a href="#">Expence Sheets</a> - Tabular format with these headings: "Of whom Purchased", "Nature of Supplies", No. of Vouchers, and "Barbados Currency"; Pertains to supplies or services provided for the vessels – ship <i>Emma</i>, schooner <i>Nelly</i>, and sloop <i>Zephyr</i>; persons associated with the purchases/services – John C. Coleman, Macpherson &amp; Anderson, John Reese, Phillips &amp; Man, David Martindale, John Humpleby, William Boddan, and William Crane; supplies include sail makers account, repairs and watering.</p> <p><a href="#">Pay Bills</a>- lists staff on board the vessels, their time of service and rate per month of pay (currency amount); example – first name on the <i>Pay Bill of the Army Ship Emma from the 25<sup>th</sup> August to the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1806 Inclusive</i> is Thomas Taitt, commander, 25 Aug to 24 Oct, 2 months at 39 pounds, 1 shilling, 3 pence rate per month; William Sloane is listed as "boy."</p>
Folio 129/frame 120	April 17	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Honourable William Windham	<p>Letter. No. 30. Dated from Barbados. Acknowledges information received that the Treasury has contracted for fayal wine for the West Indies' troops; responds to questions: whether more wine should be sent annually and what proportion "wine bears to that of rum"; also refers to enclosed copies of letters on the subject.</p> <p><a href="#">Enclosures</a></p> <p><a href="#">Letter</a>. S. Chollet, Commissary General to John Keir?, Secretary to the Commander of the Forces, 1807, March 3.</p> <p><a href="#">Letter</a>. Charles Ker?, Medical Dept..</p>
Folio 141/frame 132	April 18	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Honourable William Windham	<p>Letter. No. 31. Dated from Barbados. Pursuant to Treasury's request for an account of all the "negroes" [black persons] purchased for West India regiments, encloses returns from the commissary general's office (instead of regimental returns), 1798-1807; states West India regiments are short of their compliment – something under 600 men.</p> <p><a href="#">Enclosures</a> as noted above. Data includes – date, from whom purchased, Island name, regiment or corps, no. of "negroes", and price.</p>
Folio 163/frame 149	May 12	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces from Honourable William Windham, His Majesty's	<p>Letter. No. 32. Dated from Barbados. Transmitting copies of the Abstract and Vouchers for the expense incurred on account of the Army vessels, 1806 Dec. 25 – 1807 Feb. 23; commissary general- Samuel Chollet.</p>

		Principal Secretary of State	<p><a href="#">Enclosures</a></p> <p><a href="#">Expence sheets</a> - tabular format, data includes: Of whom purchased or by whom performed, nature of supplies or service, cost; suppliers included John Humpleby, Phillips &amp; Man, Charles R. Grimes, John Reese &amp; Co. and David Martindale; vessels supplied – ship <i>Emma</i>, schooner <i>Nelly</i>.</p> <p><a href="#">Pay Bills</a> - show the names of crew members, position on vessel, time of service, and rate of pay per month (example of positions – commanders, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> mates, gunner, boatswain, carpenter, sail master, seamen).</p>
Folio 203/frame 185	May 18	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State [Secretary of State for War and the Colonies, 25 March 1807-1 Nov. 1809]	Letter. No. 33. Dated from Barbados. Acknowledges new position as secretary of state in place of William Windham; assures to expect punctual communications, and dispatches received on the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> of April to be followed.
Folio 207/frame 188	May 20	Secretary of State to General Bowyer	Letter. Draft. Dated at Downing Street. Directs to give orders that the commissaries at the different stations are to be furnished with quarterly returns of the no. of troops at each station from 24 Dec. last.
Folio 211/frame 192	May 22	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	<p>Letter. No. 34. Encloses a letter and requisition for parbeck flagging and stone steps from Brigadier General Gledstanes, Quarter and Barrack Master General [Quarter-master General to the Forces in the Leeward Islands], and submits for consideration the earliest completion of the troops' barracks.</p> <p><a href="#">Enclosures</a></p> <p><a href="#">Letter</a>. Albert Gledstanes, Quarter Master to General Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces. Dated at Barbados, 1807 May 13. Concerns the new barracks at St. Ann's and requirement for parbeck flagging instead of tiles to pave the galleries, and stone steps instead of wood or brick work for the staircase, which Doctor Ker, Inspector of Hospitals, determined should be outside; requests these be ordered in the amount outlined in the attached Return.</p> <p><a href="#">Return</a>.</p>

Folio 219/frame 201	June 5	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. No. 35. Dated at Barbados. Concerns the process by which Assistant Commissary [Thomas] Wethered was put in the position as Deputy Commissary General in the Windward and Leeward Islands, and opinions on such.
Folio 223/frame 205	June 10	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	<p>Letter. No. 36. Dated at Barbados. Encloses a copy of a memorial from Thomas Patterson and a copy of a certificate from Brig. Genl. [Charles] Shipley on the same subject which I refer to you on the following matter – the liberality of government to indemnify memorialist for expenses incurred re. black labourers.</p> <p><a href="#">Enclosures</a></p> <p><a href="#">Memorial of Thomas Patterson</a>, as an attorney and in behalf of William McKenzie, Esq., to Lieut. General George Beckwith, Commanding His Majesty's Forces in the Leeward and Windward Islands. Dated at Barbados 1805 Dec. 23. Requests compensation for expenses incurred in conveying 50 "negroes" [black persons] from Demerara to Trinidad to work as labourers on extensive fortifications on the Isthmus of Chaguaramas (cutting a canal through the marsh across the isthmus at Point Gourde), which was not carried out due to a change in the plan of fortifications; believed he had a verbal agreement with authorities. (Canal had been wanted for the health of the garrison and to add strength of the place.) Period covers 1803-4; statement of expenses included.</p> <p><a href="#">Letter</a>. Copy. Charles Shipley, Brig. Genl Commanding Royal Engineers. States the facts set forth in Mr. Patterson's memorial are true.</p>
Folio 235/frame 216	June 15	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. No. 37. Dated at Barbados. Concerns the claims for losses sustained by officers and soldiers serving in Dominica during the hurricane of 1806 Sept. 9 – will do as directed and have money discharged for them, and indemnify the private soldiers for the necessaries they have lost according to regulations of 1796 March 1; also will transmit vouchers in support of claims of the colonel of the 46 <sup>th</sup> Regiment and the 3 West India Regiment.
Folio 239/frame 220	June 25	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. No. 38. Dated at Barbados. Opinion on the defence works in the islands – too extensive and require more troops than can be afforded; the tower proposed by Maj. Genl. Maitland will add to the security of shipping at St. George.
Folio 243/frame	June 25	Henry Bowyer, Commander of	Letter. No. 39. Copy. Dated at Barbados. As requested have given orders to

224		the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	have the commissaries at the different stations to be furnished with quarterly returns of the number of troops at each station from 24 Dec. last; commissary general here has a question: is he to make out all the returns of provisions issued to the troops as well as all accounts of Army expenditure quarterly instead of the usual two months.
Folio 247/frame 228	July 4	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. No. 40. Dated from Barbados. Transmits and encloses copies of the Abstracts with Vouchers for the expense incurred on account of two Army vessels - ship <i>Emma</i> and schooner <i>Nelly</i> , from 24 Feb to 24 April 1807. Under the heading, Of whom purchased or by whom performed, shows John Humpleby, Phillips & Man, and David Martindale. <i>Pay Bills</i> for each vessel include the names of persons on the vessel and their roles (eg. Samuel Blackburn, commander of <i>Emma</i> ; Isaac Prudden, commander of <i>Nelly</i> ), time of service, and rate of pay per month; Samuel Chollett is the commissary general.  <a href="#">Enclosures (7)</a> – as noted above.
Folio 279/frame 256	July 4	Secretary of State? to General Bowyer	Letter. Draft. Dated from Downing Street. Due to ill health, Lt. Gov. left the colony of Demerara and civil administration has devolved to Brig. Gen. Montgomerie, but since in command of the civil administration of Berbice, require the sending of an officer in the meantime.
Folio 283/frame 260	July 8	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. Copy. Dated from Barbados. Encloses letter from Brig. General Gledstanes, Quarter and Barrack Master General in this command, respecting the rebuilding and repairs of the barracks in Dominica damaged by the hurricane of 9 Sept. last year; also have agreed to rebuild the hospital for sick soldiers on Morne Bruce in Dominica; still waiting on plans and estimates to rebuild the barracks.  <a href="#">Enclosure</a>  <a href="#">Letter</a> . Copy. Albert Gledstanes, Quarter and Barrack Master General, to General Bowyer. Dated from Quarter and Barrack Office, Barbados, 1807 March 4. Relative to the erection of barracks in Dominica in consequence of damage by the hurricane of 1806 Sept. 9. Explains reasons for his uncommon actions (eg. rough calculations), the need to send workmen from other islands, choice of preferred construction materials (wood unhealthy), and the interpretation of his estimate.
Folio 291/frame	July 9	Henry Bowyer, Commander of	Letter. No. 42. Dated at Barbados. Complimentary remarks on the service of

268		the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Brig. Genl. Brereton (46 years) who had to leave his command at St. Lucia due to a serious ailment; appointed Brig. Genl. Wood to go in his place and take up the civil and military command.
Folio 295/frame 272	Oct. 10	Secretary of State? to Lt. Gen. Bowyer	Letter. Draft. No. 8. Dated from Downing Street. Despatches No. 33-42 received. Treasury's responses to letters no. 34 and 36 transmitted; despatches no. 35, 39 and 41 have been sent to the Treasury; enclose an extract of a letter received from Sir Wm. [William] Young, Governor of Tobago, concerning the military force required for Tobago [not included].
Folio 299/frame 276	July 18	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. No. 43. Dated from Barbados. Have published your orders in General Orders – discontinuance of the practice of letting canteens for the emolument of officers holding military commands; is unaware of this practice.
Folio 303/frame 279	Aug. 21	Secretary of State? to General Bower	Letter. No. 5. Dated from Downing Street. Relating Grenada's Governor [Frederick] Maitland's worry about loss of income if, as he had heard possible, were to be called to do service at Dominica; responded it would only happen in case of an emergency.
Folio 307/frame 283	Aug. 21	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. No. 44. Dated at Barbados. Pertaining to lack of commander at Berbice – desired Brig. Genl. [James] Montgomerie to take his choice of two colonies, Col. Robert Nicholson to take on the civil government of the other; Col. Nicholson formerly conducted the civil administration in Berbice to his credit.
Folio 311/frame 286	Aug. 28	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	<p>Letter. Copy. No. 45. Dated at Barbados. Concerning soldiers' claims due to hurricane of 1806 Sept. 9 – transmits letter from Lt. Col. Dugald Campbell, Commander of the 46<sup>th</sup> Regiment, enclosing a statement of articles lost or destroyed and claiming a compensation; no further claim renewed on behalf of the Colonel of the 3rd West India Regiment for losses; have granted warrants on the commissary general for the amount of the losses of others.</p> <p><a href="#">Enclosures</a></p> <p><a href="#">Letter</a>. Duplicate. Dugald Campbell, 46<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Lieut. Colonel, to General Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces. Dated 1807 August 10 at Dominica. Transmits a "Statement of Articles lost or destroyed by the Hurricane..." pertaining to the 46<sup>th</sup> Regiment; argues for inclusion of expenses not allowed by the Secretary at War.</p> <p><a href="#">"Statement of Articles</a> lost or destroyed by the Hurricane on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1806." Tabular format: article lost (pouches, pouch belts, side belts and plates,</p>

			firelock slings), quantity, date of delivery, expected duration of article according to regulations, actual duration, actual cost, actual value.
Folio 323/frame 295	Sept. 5	Secretary of State? to General Bowyer	Letter. Draft. No. 6. Dated at Downing Street. Pertaining to Mr. Patterson's memorial, Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have not agreed to remunerate Mr. McKenzie for the expences of sending 50 "negroes" from Demerara to Trinidad.
Folio 327/frame 299	Sept. 5	Secretary of State? to General Bowyer, or officer commanding the troops in the Windward and Leeward Charibbee Islands	Letter. "Most Secret." Draft. In consequence of recent hostilities between Britain and Denmark, ordered to prepare troops adequate for a "Reduction of the Danish Islands of St./Saint Croix, St./Saint Thomas, and St./Saint John's" and to be in readiness to embark and proceed upon receipt of instructions [Britain was concerned that neutral Denmark was entering an alliance with Napoleon]; also encloses a paper respecting the Danish settlements for your information [not included]; informs - Commissioners of the Admiralty will direct Rear Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane to assist preparations, and directed to consult with Brig. Genl. [Frederick?] Maitland and Lt. Col. [Charles] Shipley due to their experience during the last war.
Folio 331/frame 303	Oct. 14	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. No. 46. Dated from Barbados. Pertains to Genl. [Frederick] Maitland's concerns about potentially being called to Dominica – explains possible need and the importance for governors of the islands who are on the military staff to be able to be moved for military duties. Genl. George Beckwith [governor of the island of Saint Vincent, 1806] has arrived to take over command when I return to England.
Folio 335/frame 307	Oct. 14	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. Just received "Most Secret" dispatch, will hold off returning to England in order to be of service. Rear Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane has been with some of his squadron at Halifax, Nova Scotia during the hurricane season and expected soon. Ready for embarkation upon Admiral's arrival or receiving instructions. Will require more soldiers to garrison three Danish islands.
Folio 339/frame 311	Oct. 14	George Beckwith, Lieut. Genl. [Governor of Saint Vincent, 1806-8], to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. Duplicate. Dated at Barbados. Since the commander [Bowyer] has changed his mind about leaving his command, waiting here at headquarters to hear further instructions.
Folio 343/frame 313	Oct. 20	Henry Bowker, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. No. 47. Dated at Barbados. Transmits abstract and vouchers for the expense incurred on account of two Army vessels – ship <i>Emma</i> and schooner <i>Nelly</i> , 25 April to 24 June 1807. Informs of the loss of the schooner <i>Nelly</i> at Carlisle Bay, Barbados, when she took the ground on a reef of rocks.  <a href="#">Enclosures (12)</a>



			<p>“Pay Bill”- includes the names and roles of each crew member, rate of pay, and time of service within that pay period (eg. for the Army ship <i>Emma</i> - Samuel Blackburn, commander, 1807 April 25 to April 28 time of service, £39.1.3 rate of pay per month)</p> <p>“Abstract of Expences incurred by Samuel Chollet Commissary General for the Army Vessels at Barbados” (of whom purchased or by whom performed – John Humpleby, John Phillips, Rees Webb, William Thomas Mann, David Martindale); also documents with detailed accounts of repairs/service.</p>
Folio 395/frame 369	Jan. 1808	Secretary of State? to General Bowyer	Letter. Draft. No. 10. Dated at Downing Street. Brig. Genl. Hughes [William Carlyon Hughes, lieutenant governor of Surinam, April 1805-Sept. 1808] has applied to return to England; directed to appoint a general officer to succeed in his command until replacement known. [Suriname/Surinam during this time was occupied by Britain, 1804-1816.]
Folio 399/frame 364	Oct. 21	Henry Bowyer to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. “Private.” Dated from Barbados. Acknowledges recommendation to make use of Count de Bonordy?, who wishes to be appointed collector of customs if there is a conquest of the Danish Islands; Sir Alexander Cochrane has not arrived yet.
Folio 403/frame 368	Oct. 24	Lieut. Genl. Henry Bowyer to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. Dated at Barbados. Informed by Cochrane Johnston that no one is available to accept governing Dominica, thus recommends Brig. Genl. Fitzroy Grafton Maclean; for further information, see the Earls of Harrington and Buchinghamshire. Sir Alex. Cochrane has not been heard of and concerned could not do active service without.
Folio 407/frame 372	Nov. 1	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Edwrd [Edward] Cooke, Esq.	<p>Letter. Dated at Barbados. Concerns expedition against the Dutch islands – Cochrane has returned and have 2200 rank and file ready upon notice; concerned - upon embarkation, garrisons will be reduced and vulnerable to the enemy; requests this be shared with Viscount Castlereagh.</p> <p><a href="#">Enclosure</a></p> <p>“<a href="#">Return of Troops</a> selected for Service.” Tabular format organised by regiment, with the following headings: Regiments, From what islands to be embarked, and [ total numbers for each of the following] - Commissioned Officers, Staff, Sergeants, and Drummers. Regiments included: Royal Artillery, Royal Military Artificers, 15<sup>th</sup> detachment, 46<sup>th</sup> detachment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 60<sup>th</sup> detachment, 70<sup>th</sup> flank company, 96<sup>th</sup> flank company, 1<sup>st</sup> West India detachment, 3<sup>rd</sup> West</p>

			India flank company. Signed Geo. [George] Will. Ramsay, Adjutant General.
Folio 415/frame 379	Nov. 3	Secretary of State? to The Officer Commanding His Majesty's Forces in the Leeward Islands	Letter. Draft. Dated from Downing Street. Denmark united with the enemies of Great Britain; if, after discussions with the Admiral commanding His Majesty's Naval Forces on the Leeward Island Station, the circumstances exist to proceed against the Danish islands, directed to go ahead without delay; if the opinion is the force is not enough to proceed, directed to wait until the three regiments (3 <sup>rd</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> , 63 <sup>rd</sup> ) arrive from Cork, then attack if no unforeseen circumstances; decision is entirely left to the discretion of Rear Admiral and yourself. Distribution of the three regiments coming from Cork – 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Bermuda, 25 <sup>th</sup> to relieve 18 <sup>th</sup> at Curacao? [Dutch island off the coast of northern Venezuela under British colonial for short period] (18 <sup>th</sup> to reinforce Jamaica), and 63 <sup>rd</sup> to strengthen your command. Acts of capitulation – directed not to admit any Article to be inserted to prevent such future regulations in point of trade.
Folio 421/frame 385	Nov. 3	Secretary of State? to Commander-in-Chief, Leeward Islands	Letter. Rough draft. Provides directions after the fall of the Danish islands into British hands concerning West Indian produce collected in depots and European articles of merchandise found.
Folio 425/frame 389	Nov. 18	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. No. 48. Dated at Barbados. On information received, will discuss with Sir William Young, Governor of Tobago, the military force required for Tobago. Transmits abstract and vouchers of the expence incurred for the two Army vessels (ship <i>Emma</i> and schooner <i>Nelly</i> ) from 25 June to 24 August 1807.  <a href="#">Enclosures</a> (8) includes "Abstract of Expences incurred by Samuel Chollet Commissary General for the Army Vessels at Barbados"; "Pay Bill" with list of crew, role on the vessel, time of service within that pay period, and rate of pay; also documents pertaining to accounts.
Folio 461/frame 389	Nov. 25	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. No. 49. Received dispatch of 5 Sept. to prepare a force adequate for the reduction of the Danish islands of St./Saint Croix, St./Saint Thomas and St./Saint John's. Ready and waiting on further instructions.
Folio 465/frame 425	Dec. 5	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. No. 50. Dated from Barbados. Concerns the erecting of barracks etc. in Dominica for the troops, as mentioned in letter no. 41. Transmits "Proposal, Estimates and Plans" submitted by Brig. Genl. Gledstanes, Quarter & Barrack Master General here, to comfortably quarter troops at the posts of Prince Rupert, Morne Bruce, and Scots Mead; states in agreement. Encloses Estimates marked "A", "B", & "C" for consideration; if agreeable to plan, preferable to proceed as soon as possible in consideration of the next hurricane season.

			<p><b>Enclosures (4):</b> Proposals and Estimates for building a barracks at Dominica (Estimates show the site, probable expence, and dimensions of each separate building.)</p> <p><b>“A”</b> – Estimate of the probable expence which will be incurred in building barracks at Prince Rupert’s head, in Dominica, according to plans annexed, 1807 Nov. 25; includes barracks for 150 men with kitchen, barrack for two captains and six subalterns with kitchen, hospital for 60 patients with outhouses and kitchen, commissary’s store for provisions, and field officers’ quarters with a kitchen and outhouses.</p> <p><b>B”</b> – Estimate of the probable expence which will be incurred in building barracks on Morne Bruce, according to plans annexed, same date; includes barracks for 200 men; to see Prince Rupert’s head Estimate for barrack for two captains and six subalterns and field officers’ quarters and out houses.</p> <p><b>“C”</b> – Estimate of probable expence for building barracks at Scot’s head, same date; includes barracks for 30 men and barracks for 2 subalterns.</p> <p><b>“Report”</b> dated 25 Nov.. Submitted to General Bowyer on the state of the barracks in Dominica and representing the necessity of building barracks at Prince Rupert’s head, Morne Bruce, and Scots head since the hurricane. Report also includes a short abstract of data found in estimates “A” to “C.” At the bottom of the abstract of figures, states: Above buildings are calculated to accommodate 2 field officers, 4 captains, 14 subalterns, 390 men and 60 patients, and will afford with the barracks lately repaired ample quarters for a garrison of 4 field officers, 16 captains, 30 subalterns, 1000 men and 120 patients. Of interest, notes the design and construction of the barracks will be modified so will better resist forces of high winds.</p>
Folio 499/frame 450	Dec. 27	Henry Bowyer, General and Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	Letter. No. 51. Dated at Santa Cruz [today island of Saint Croix]. Information on the assault on the Danish West Indies islands- disembarked the troops on the 15 <sup>th</sup> . Rear Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane received those troops on board the men of war vessels, rendezvoused off the coast of the island of Saint/St. Thomas on the 21 <sup>st</sup> (90th Regiment of St./Saint Vincent did not join expedition), summons delivered to Governor [Casimir Wilhelm] Van [Von]

Scholten to surrender which he did on agreed terms with Maj. Genl. Maitland and Capt. Bickmore? of HMS *Ramillies*, and ratified by Cochrane and myself. 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment left at Saint Thomas under the command of Brig. Genl. [Fitzroy J. Grafton] Maclean, who also is to command the civil government; on 25<sup>th</sup>, at Santa Cruz [today island of Saint/St. Croix], Governor surrendered. Encloses copies of two letters of summons with the answers of the respective Dutch governors together with a Return of ordnance and ordnance stores taken possession of at Saint/St. Thomas and Santa Cruz [now Saint/St. Croix].

#### Enclosures

**Summons.** Copy. Henry Bowyer, General and Commander of the Forces, and Alexander Cochrane, Rear Admiral & Commander in Chief of the Naval Forces, to Colonel von Scholten, Commandant, St. Thomas [Saint Thomas]. Dated 1807 Dec. 20 on board HMS *Belleisle*, off St./Saint Thomas. Summons for Saint/St. Thomas and Saint/St. John to surrender to Great Britain.

**Reply to Summons** to surrender Saint/St. Thomas and Saint /St. John. W. V. Scholten to the commanders in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Navel and Land Forces off St./Saint Thomas.

**"Articles of Capitulation** for the Surrender of the Danish Islands of St. Thomas and St. Johns together with their Dependencies." Copy. Signed by Fredk [Frederick] Maitland, Major Genl.; Francis Pickmore, Capt. Ramillies; Henry Bowyer, General and Commander of the Forces; Alexander Cochrane, Rear Admiral and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships; and Van [Von] Scholten. Dated 1807 Dec. 21 at St./Saint Thomas. Free coloured people and slaves mentioned.

**"Separate and Secret Articles"** agreed and entered into by the British Commanders of the Army and Navy and Colonel Commandant Van [Von] Scholten at the Capitulation of the Danish Island of Saint/St. Thomas, dated 21 Dec. 1807. Relates to trading goods with non-British ports.

**Summons.** Henry Bowyer, General and Commander of the Forces, and Alexander Cochrane, Rear Admiral and Commander in Chief, Naval forces.

			<p>Dated 1807 Dec. 22 on HMS <i>Belleisle</i> off St.Saint Thomas, to Governor [Hans Christopher Lillienkjold] Lillienschiold of Santa [Saint/St.] Croix. Dated on HMS <i>Belleisle</i> off St./Saint Thomas, 1807 Dec. 22.</p> <p><a href="#">Reply to Summons</a> to surrender the Island of St./Saint Croix. Lillienschiold to General Henry Bowyer and Rear Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane. Dated 1807 Dec. 22 at Government House, St./Saint Croix.</p> <p><a href="#">“Articles of Capitulation</a> for the Surrender of the Danish Island of Santa [St.] Croix, and its Dependencies.” Signed by Fred. [Frederick] Maitland, Major General; Francis Pickmore, captain of HMS <i>Ramillies</i>; Lillienschiold; Henry Bowyer, General and commander of the Forces; Alex. Cochrane, Rear Admiral and Commander in Chief of His Majesty’s Ships. Dated 1807 Dec. 25.</p> <p><a href="#">“Separate and Secret Articles</a> in addition to the Capitulation for the Surrender of the Island of Santa [St.] Croix and its dependencies.”</p> <p><a href="#">“General Return of Ordnance</a> and Ordnance Stores found in the Citadel and Batteries in the Island of St. Thomas when given up....” Dated at St./Saint Thomas 1807 Dec. 22; signed by Edwd Stehelin?, L. Col., Commanding Royal Artillery. Tabular format divided into Iron, Brass, Magazines, and Shot Yard.</p> <p><a href="#">“General Return of Ordnance</a> and Ordnance Stores found in the Island of St. Croix at its surrender.” Signed Edwd. Stehelin?, Lt. Col. Commanding Royal Artillery, West Indies. Dated 1807 Dec. 25. Tabular format divided into places – Frederickstadt Fort or West End, Fort Christian, Artillery Barracks in the Town of Christianstadt, Louisa Augusta Battery, Sophia Frederica Battery, South Side Battery, Salmon Hill Battery, Cain Battery, and Salt River.</p>
Folio 555/frame 500	Feb. 30, 1808	Secretary of State? to General Bowyer	Letter. Draft. No. 11. Acknowledges despatch with information pertaining to surrender of Danish West Indian islands; ministers not content that the Articles of Capitulation you granted do not seem to reserve to the King that power over trade for which you were instructed to stipulate.
Folio 559/frame 504	Dec. 20	Henry Bowyer to Edward Cooke, Esq.	Letter. Dated on HMS <i>Belleisle</i> off Santa Cruz. First Aid de Camp, Capt. Sackville Berkely of the 16 <sup>th</sup> Infantry - recommend him to your protection to procure accession of rank. Comments that taking possession of the island was less

			trouble than expected.
Folio 563/frame 508	Dec. 27	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Lord Castlereagh	Letter. Dated at Santa Cruz. Concerns letter received Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup> pertaining to West India produce and European articles of merchandise which might be found in the Danish Islands – regulations have been made; regulations pertaining to St./Saint Thomas – previously free port so envision it in the same situation and under the same regulations as Tortola until further word.
Folio 567/frame 511	Feb. 20, 1808	Secretary of State? to General Bowyer	Letter. Draft. No. 12. Dated at Downing Street. Reminder of the instructions given Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup> ; points out the Articles in the Capitulation which were counter to instructions given (much pertains to trade), gives further orders thereon (no to exporting sugar to America and to St./Saint Thomas as a free port.
Folio 589/frame 530	Dec. 28	Henry Bowyer, Commander of the Forces, to Viscount Castlereagh	<p>Letter. No. 53. Dated from Saint/St. Croix. Encloses a petition from the people of the island of St./Saint Croix requesting the ability to export sugar to the United States to pay for supplies received; Agreed to 6 months; planters require this in order to feed their “negroes” [black persons].</p> <p><a href="#">Enclosures (2)</a></p> <p><a href="#">“Memorial of the Inhabitants of the Island of St. Croix”</a> in Burgher Council, St./Saint Croix, 1807 Dec. 28. Signed Robt. [Robert] [?], Geo. [George] B. Kelly, R. Blake? Chabert, Roger Ferrall, Charles Rodgers. Argues for the ability to export sugar to America in order to pay for much needed supplies of lumber and provisions which the island cannot support; explains this reciprocal intercourse has now become so essential to the exigencies of the colony, a suspension would be ruinous. Discusses the importance of the credit system with American merchants during seasonal deficiencies. Requests to be able to export amount of sugar necessary to procure annual supplies and discharge the arrears already incurred. Commander in Chief has agreed and hopes the king will do the same.</p> <p><a href="#">Authorisation to Customs Officials</a>. Dated 1807 Dec. 8 at St./Saint Croix. Signed by General Henry Bowyer, Alexander Cochrane, John Keir, Secretary to the Commander of the Forces, and Rear Admiral John S. Tracey. Permits for six month period the exportation to America sugars amounting to the value of the supplies actually purchased or imported for estates (repair of buildings and maintenance of “negroes”) or until king’s pleasure is known; also in order to deal with inhabitants’ arrears for payment of supplies already imported from</p>

			America, permits additional sugar for same period enough to pay for such supplies imported during the present year, 1807.
<b>Windward &amp; Leeward Islands 1807 - Miscellaneous</b>			
Folio 603/frame 543	April 2	Geo. [George] Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Edward Cooke, Esq. [Under-secretary of State for War and the Colonies, 1804-6, 1807-8]	Letter. Concerns a report [not included] on a letter of General Bowyer about enclosing the exercising ground for the garrison at Saint Anne's, Barbados – requests opinion of Lord Castlereagh.
Folio 605/frame 544	Feb. 3	John Martin Leake [Treasury Comptroller of the Army] to Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury	Letter. Dated at the Comptroller's Office. Would like Secretary [of State] Wyndham's opinion as to the expediency or in expediency of enclosing the exercising ground for the garrison at St. Anne's Barbados; if goes ahead suggests saving money by using artificers of or belonging to the black corps.
Folio 609/frame 548	Dec. 17, 1806	J. Cockburn to George Harrison, Esq. [Treasury]	Letter. Dated at Downey Street. Encloses a copy of a letter from General Bowyer relative to enclosing the exercising ground at St. Anne's, Barbados, accompanied with an Estimate of the Expence.; agrees with; requests this go to Treasury.  <a href="#">Enclosures</a> (2)  <a href="#">Letter</a> . Copy. No. 19. Henry Bowyer to Wm. [William] Windham. Dated 1806 Nov. 6 at Barbados. Transmits an Estimate of the Licence for enclosing the exercising ground which was bought four years ago with this intention; purpose of is to prevent the intercourse between the soldiers and inhabitants and the irregularities occasioned thereby; recommends. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Enclosure - Estimate of the probable Expence</a> for enclosing the government land north east of St. Anne's Castle with circumference of 7700 feet. Copy. Dated 1806 Nov. 5 at Barbados. Signed Wm. [William] Johnston Lt. Col. R. [Royal] Engineers.</li> </ul>
Folio 623/frame 561	Aug. 18	Geo. [George] Harrison to Edward Cooke, Esq.	Letter. Copy. Dated at Treasury Chambers. Regarding purbeck flagging and stone steps requisitioned for the barracks at Barbados – statement has been transmitted to the Commissary General, who will provide and have delivered.
Folio 627/frame 564	Sept. 3	Henry Wellesley to Edw. [Edward] Cooke, Esq.	Letter. Copy for General Bowyer. Dated at Treasury Chambers. No grounds for acceding to Mr. Patterson's claim on behalf of Mr. McKenzie for "negroes" [black persons] brought from Demerara to Trinidad; reasons given.
Folio 631/frame 568	Oct. 14	Henry Wellesley to Edward Cooke, Esq.	Letter. Dated at Treasury Chambers. Transmits a copy of a Return and Calculation of Provisions from Mr. Chollet; comments – appears the number of persons victualled in the islands exceeds the number upon which the

			<p>quantities of provisions to be sent from this country were calculated based on data from your office of the number of troops stationed in each island; to inform Lord Castlereagh so this may not happen again.</p> <p><a href="#">Enclosure</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commissary General's Office</a>, Head Quarter's Barbados, 4 Feb. 1807. Return of the quantity of Provisions required to supply the present numbers victualled within this Command from 25 Dec. 1806 to 24 Dec. 1807; Also Return of what Provisions were actually in Store on 24 Dec. 1806, and the quantity additionally wanted to supply for a year. Tabular format. Islands include: Surinam, Berbice, Demerary, Trinidad, Tobago, Grenada, Barbados, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Dominique, Antigua, St. Kitts. Signed S. Chollet, Commissary General.</p>
Folio 637/frame 574	Nov. 5	Geo. [George] Harrison to Edward Cooke, Esq.	<p>Letter. Dated at Treasury Chambers. Transmits copies of letter concerning the appointment of Mr. Wethered as Deputy Commissary General in the Windward and Leeward Islands.</p> <p><a href="#">Enclosures</a></p> <p><a href="#">Letter</a>. Copy. Geo. Harrison to General Bowyer. Dated 1807 Aug. 21. Pertains to appointment of Mr. Wethered as Deputy commissary General in the Windward and Leeward Islands – transmits copies of letters of the Treasury to General Bowyer and Commissary General Challot of the 21<sup>st</sup> Aug. last for Lord Castlereagh's information.</p> <p><a href="#">Letter</a>. Copy. Geo. Harrison to General Bowyer. Dated 1807 Aug. 21. As your letter of June 5 objects to the appointment of Mr. Weathered to be Deputy Commissary General, Commissary General Chollet is directed to submit recommendations to any office to you.</p> <p>.</p> <p><a href="#">Letter</a>. Copy. Geo. Harrison to Commissary Chollet. Dated 1807 Aug. 21. As ordered by the Treasury, directed to submit recommendations for offices in your department to the Commander in Chief of the Forces prior to their being transmitted to the Treasury.</p>
Folio 649/frame	Nov. 6	William Manning, Esq. to Edward	Letter (extract). Enclose a paper respecting the defence of the Leeward Island



583		Cooke, Esq.	in which Sir Richard Neane would agree.  Enclosure  Paper. No author indicated. Concerns the defence of the West Indies against Napoleon – various considerations.
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