

**Privateering in Colonial Office 5 (CO 5),
American Revolutionary Period - Selections**

**Many of the references were taken from *Documents of the American Revolution, 1770-1783*.

**Also contains a few references for Nova Scotia (CO 217) and Prince Edward Island (CO 226).

Date & Location	Abstract	Reference to Originals (vol., pg., folio or docu. no.)
22 January 1774, Admiralty	Philip Stephens to John Pownall sending commissions for trying pirates that are to be forwarded to Dominica and Grenada.	C.O.5, 120, fos. 23-24d; entry in C.O.5, 247, p.170
24 July 1775, Boston [Massachusetts]	Lieut.-General Thomas Gage to Earl of Dartmouth (Private). Rebels have fitted out privateers to interrupt our supplies.	C.O.5, 769, pp.246-250.
27 July 1775, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Earl of Dartmouth, enclosed: <i>Rose</i> , 19 June 1775, Captain James Wallace to Vice-Admiral Graves, reporting this colony's fitting out two armed vessels and loss of packet. They are as much in rebellion as Putnam and his camp.	C.O.5, 121, fos. 253-301d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 248, pp.40-42
27 July 1775, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Earl of Dartmouth, enclosed: Particulars of action between <i>Diana</i> packet, tender of H.M.S <i>Rose</i> , and two rebel sloops on 16 June between Conanicut Island [Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island] and Gold Island.	C.O.5, 121, fos. 253-301d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 248, pp.40-42

21 September 1775, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Earl of Dartmouth, enclosed: Affidavit, sworn in Nova Scotia on 7 August, 1775, before John Burbrudge, J.P., by Thomas Lowdon, master of <i>Rebecca</i> , concerning report of rebel privateers on coast of East Massachusetts and intended expedition to Nova Scotia under Colonel Preeble.	C.O.5, 122, fos.62-101d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 248, pp.92-93
21 September 1775, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Earl of Dartmouth, enclosed: Halifax, 3 August, 1775, Governor Francis Legge to Vice-Admiral Graves, requesting measures to check pirate in Bay of Fundy and stop designed descent on Nova Scotia.	C.O.5, 122, fos.62-101d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 248, pp.92-93
2 October 1775, Philadelphia [Pennsylvania]	Deputy Governor John Penn to Earl of Dartmouth (No.13), acknowledging No.14. It is out of my power to assist military or naval operations. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 1286, fos. 131-132d; entry in C.O.5, 1300, pp. 428-430
23 November 1775, Canso (Nova Scotia)	John Russell Spence to Earl of Dartmouth. Mr. Callbeck, acting governor of Island of St John, and Mr. Wright have been taken prisoner by American privateers. They released Spence and Mr. Desbrisay, chaplain.	C.O.226, 6, fos. 74-75d
25 November 1775, Island of St John (Prince Edward Island)	John Budd to Earl of Dartmouth, notifying descent of privateers on 17 November and carrying off of President Callbeck and Mr. Wright. Situation of H.M.'s officers is deplorable.	C.O.226, 6, fos. 126-127d; entry in C.O.227, 2, pp.161- 162
3 December 1775, Boston [Massachusetts]	Maj.-General William Howe to Earl of Dartmouth. <i>Nancy</i> , with arms, a mortar and stores, was taken by rebel privateer last week in the Bay.	C.O.5, 92, fos. 358-363d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 235, pp.198-202
5 December 1775, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Governor Francis Legge to Earl of Dartmouth, reporting fall of Montreal. Canada being in hands of rebels, this colony must be supplied with provisions from Great Britain. Rebel cruisers have taken vessels, entered Canso harbor, and carried off Mr. Callbeck. (Privateers)	C.O.217, 52, fos. 29-32d; entry of covering letter in C.O.218, 18, pp. 262-263
8 December 1775, Island of St John (Prince Edward Island)	Deputy Governor Robert Stewart to Earl of Dartmouth, notifying descent of privateers on 17 November and carrying off of President Callbeck and Mr. Wright. Help needed.	C.O.226, 6, fos. 124-125d; entry in C.O.227, 2, pp. 171- 172

13 December 1775, Boston [Massachusetts]	Maj.-General William Howe to Earl of Dartmouth, concerning capture by rebels of ordnance brig <i>Nancy</i> and another vessel carrying woolens. Rebel privateers make this port unsafe except for armed vessels; propose stores etc. be sent out in ships of war. One privateer with 73 men has been brought in, the prisoners sent to England.	C.O.5, 93, fos.10-13d; entry of covering letter in C.O. 235, pp.202-205
13 December 1776, St James's	Maj.-General William Howe to Earl of Dartmouth, enclosed: Cambridge [Massachusetts], 8 October 1775, orders by General George Washington to Captain Sion Martingale of armed brig. <i>Washington</i> to take vessels in service of ministerial army. Prisoners to be treated with kindness. Captain, officers and crew have shares in prizes.	C.O.5, 93, fos.10-13d; entry of covering letter in C.O. 235, pp.202-205
14 December 1775, Boston [Massachusetts]	Maj.-General William Howe to Earl of Dartmouth, (Private). I advised sending captured crew of rebel privateer to England in order to spread terror among seafaring people here and because I wish to distinguish war on land and war at sea.	C.O.5, 93, fos. 14-15d; entry in C.O.5, 235, pp.206-208
15 December, 1775, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Thomas Wright to Earl of Dartmouth saying that he and Mr. Callbeck were taken prisoner by American privateers in 17 November at Charlotte Town. He believes the transactions were proceeded from wish for revenge.	C.O.226, 6, fos. 76-77d; entry in C.O. 227, 2, pp. 123-125
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16 December 1775, Downing Street, London	William Brummell to John Pownall, enclosed: Bristol, 14 December 1775. Mr. Crauford, patent searcher, to Mr. Brummell. They have put <i>chevaux de frise</i> on waterside and are fitting out two privateers, one <i>Black Prince</i> of 530 tons and will carry 24 guns.	C.O.5, 146, fos. 303-306; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 248, p.201

20 December 1775, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Governor Francis Legge to Earl of Dartmouth. Following rebel landing at Cape Sables, inhabitants petitioned to be allowed to be neutral. Five cruisers reported on these coasts. Massachusetts determined to invade province. Cruisers were ordered to seize me. (Privateers)	C.O.217, 52, fos. 33-39d; entry of covering letter in C.O.218, 18, pp. 264-266
28 December 1775, Downing Street, London	John Robinson to John Pownall. There is reason to think Americans intend to fit out privateers to intercept homeward bound East India ships.	C.O.5, 146, fos. 307-308d; entry in C.O.5, 248, p. 215
2 January 1775, Whitehall [England]	Sir Jeffrey Amherst to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Jersey, 26 December 1775. Reporting two American privateers in Gulf of Canso.	C.O.5, 162, fos. 1-4d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 256, p. 7
4 January 1776, St James's	Sir Stanier Porten to John Pownall, enclosed: Affidavit, sworn at Jersey on 28 December 1775, before Lieut.-Governor William Corbet, by Nicholas Chevallier, master of <i>Unity</i> of Jersey. He was taken in Gulf of Canso on 12 November by American privateers, which later took Mr. Callbeck and Mr. Wright from Island of St John.	C.O.5, 139m fos. 1-5d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 248, p. 216
5 January 1776, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	President Phillips Callbeck to Earl of Dartmouth discussing his being captured by two American privateers. He was taken to General Washington's headquarters and released.	C.O.226, 6, fos. 78-83d; entry in C.O.227, 2, pp. 126- 145
6 January 1776, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Lords of Treasury. Crew of American privateer brought home in <i>Tartar</i> is to be distributed on any of H.M.'s ships and kept in confinement.	C.O.5, 123, fos. 62-63d; entry in C.O.5, 254, pp.3-4
6 January 1776, Whitehall [England]	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosing following. What is to be done with crew of American brig and others that may be taken?	C.O.5, 123, fos. 64-71d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 2-3
6 January 1776, Whitehall [England]	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: <i>Preston</i> , Boston, 15 December 1776. Vice-Admiral Samuel Graves to Philip Stephens, reporting taking by H.M.S <i>Fowey</i> of armed brig <i>Washington</i> off Cape Ann. I have sent home crew, except two deserters. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 123, fos. 64-71d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 2-3

6 January 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Cambridge, 8 October 1775, instructions by General George Washington to Captain Martindale, commander of brig <i>Washington</i> . (Privateers)	C.O.5, 123, fos. 64-71d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 2-3
6 January 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Cambridge [Massachusetts?], 8 October 1775, instructions by General George Washington to Captain Martindale, commander of brig <i>Washington</i> . (Privateers)	C.O.5, 123, fos. 64-71d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 2-3
12 January 1776, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Governor Francis Legge to Earl of Dartmouth. More of H.M.'s ships are needed here to defend yard and to protect shopping from American cruisers. Rebels seek to cut off all supplies to H.M.'s forces. (Privateers)	C.O.217, 52, fos. 83-84d; entry in C.O.218, 18, pp. 290-291
15 January 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain. Crew of American privateer will be kept at Portsmouth; those with smallpox should be put in Hasler Hospital.	C.O.5, 123, fos. 92-93d; entry in C.O.5, 259, pp.13-14
17 January 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Spithead, 16 January 1776, Vice-Admiral Sir James Douglas to Philip Stephens. American prisoners brought by <i>Tartar</i> all, except officers, wish to enter H.M.'s service.	C.O.5, 123, fos. 104-107d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 254, p.15
19 January 1776, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Lords of Admiralty. H.M. has given permission for American prisoners brought by <i>Tartar</i> to enter his service.	C.O.5, 123, fos. 108-109d; entry in C.O.5, 254, pp13-14
26 January 1776, Boston [Massachusetts]	Lieut.-Governor Thomas Oliver to Earl of Dartmouth, reporting military situation in Boston and news from Quebec. I have granted letters of marque to armed vessels going to West Indies.	C.O.5, 175, fos. 73-75d (damaged)
30 January 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: List of officers taken in American privateer and brought home by H.M.S. <i>Tartar</i> : Sion Martindale, Moses Turner, James Childs, Consider Howland, John Marwide (who desires to enter H.M.'s service).	C.O.5, 123, fos. 147-149d
31 January 1776, Lord Hyde packet, Boston [Massachusetts]	Captain Henry Jeffrey to Anthony Todd. Attack on this harbor is expected. Privateers have taken four ships.	C.O.5, 135, fos. 97-98d

1 February 1776, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to General William Howe. Officers of rebel privateers are returned to you; private men have entered H.M's ships.	C.O.5, 93, fos.16-20d; entry in C.O.5, 243, pp.113-116
2 February 1776, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Lords of Admiralty. Officers belonging to American brig are to be sent back to Boston.	C.O.5, 123, fos. 179-180d; entry in C.O.5, 254, pp.23-24
7 February 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Halifax Yard [Nova Scotia], 26 December 1775. Commissioner Marriot Arbuthnot to Philip Stephens, reporting measures taken for defense of yard, arrival of troop transports, and American naval activity. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 123, fos. 203-206d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, p. 28
10 February 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: <i>Phoenix</i> , New York, 6 January 1776, Captain Hyde Parker to Earl of Sandwich, reporting situation. Six Privateers reported at Philadelphia, two at New Haven. Continental Congress has ordered building of thirteen frigates.	C.O.5, 123, fos. 215-235d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, p.27
10 February 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Wages ordered by New York Provincial Congress for seamen for privateers.	C.O.5, 123, fos.215-235d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, p.27
7 June 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: <i>Chatham</i> , Halifax, 24 April 1776, list of 44 enemy ships and vessels taken by squadron under Vice-Admiral Shuldham with dates and places of seizure, cargoes, H.M's ship by which seized, etc.	C.O.5, 124, fos. 179-220d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 75-76
7 June 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: <i>Chatham</i> , Halifax, 16 April 1776, Vice-Admiral Molineux Shuldham to Philip Stephens. He has not been able to send ship to Canso or Gulf of St Lawrence where American privateers are cruising.	C.O.5, 124, fos. 179-220d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp.75-76

15 June 1776, Custom-house, London [England]	William Howe to William Knox, enclosed: Massachusetts, 19 April 1776. Proceedings in court erected to try vessels infesting coast of America. Condemnation of <i>Jenny</i> transport, William Wood, taken by <i>Boston Revenge</i> and <i>General Ward</i> privateers.	C.O.5, 148, fos. 146-157d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 248, pp. 337-338
27 June 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: <i>Chatham</i> , Halifax [Nova Scotia?], 23 May 1776. Account of twenty-four American vessels taken or sunk by H.M.'s ships in North America since last account.	C.O.5, 259, pp.84-85d
7 July 1776, Staten Island [New York]	General William Howe to Lord George Germain (No. 18). Highland corps has not arrived by two transports, are reported taken by privateers.	C.O.5, 93, fos. 214-216d; entry in C.O.5, 235, pp.310-315
24 July 1776, Admiralty Office	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: List of American Prizes taken by H.M. Ships under Commodore Sir Peter Parker, 1776 April 17 to 27.	CO 5/125, number 6f
31 July 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, sending papers concerning taking of two merchant ships from West Indies by <i>Yankee</i> privateer. Crews retook said ships.	C.O.5, 259, p.88
1 August 1776, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to Philip Stephens: presents for Indians ready to be shipped to General Carleton, directed to make available vessels and armed convoys to defend against rebel cruizers	CO 5/125, number 10
14 August 1776, Admiralty Office	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 8 July 1776. <i>Chatham</i> off Staten Island, Shuldham to Philip Stephens, gathered intelligence concerning a prize vessel and a journal found within.	CO 5/125, number 24f
16 August 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Halifax, 30 June and 6 July 1776. Commissioner Marriot Arbuthnot to Vice Admiral Viscount Howe, giving news of transport. Ship is needed here on account of privateers at Boston and off Sable Island, and prisoners of war.	C.O.5, 125, fos. 107-116d, and number 28 c & d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp.96-97

22 August 1776, Admiralty Office	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Bristol within Charles Town Bar (South Carolina) 9 July 1776. engagements on Sullivans Island and exchange with pirates	CO 5/125, number 34b
7 September 1776, Le Havre [northern France?]	Hauvé l'Ainé to Lord George Germain, enclosing following. Men were taken by Anglo-American privateer and put on board my ship. They are being subsisted at my expense.	C.O.5, 154, fos. 351-354d
7 September 1776, Le Havre [northern France?]	Hauvé l'Ainé to Lord George Germain, enclosed: List of thirteen Englishmen taken by privateer.	C.O.5, 154, fos. 351-354d
16 September 1776, St James's	Sir Stanier Porten to William Knox, enclosed: <i>Beresford</i> cruiser, Castle Townsend, 31 August 1776. Captain Henry Hewitt to Commissioners of Revenue, reporting arrival off Cork [Ireland] of <i>Lucite</i> , William Laning, from St Croix, West Indies. She was taken on 28 July by two American privateers but prize master brought her here.	C.O.5, 139, fos. 363-368d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 248, p.363
17 September 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: <i>Shark</i> , Martinique, July 1776. Captain John Chapman to Vice-Admiral Young, describing action off Martinique on 27 July with American armed ship <i>Reprisal</i> . Shots fired. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 125, fos. 188-197d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, p. 110
17 September 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Fort Royal, 28 July 1776. Governor d'Argout to Captain Chapman. You should not engage in combat in our waters. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 125, fos. 188-197d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, p. 110
30 September 1776, G.P.O. [General Post Office]	Anthony Todd to William Knox, Packet is ready to carry New York mail; enclosed: Falmouth, 26 September 1776, Stephen Bell to Anthony Todd. <i>Sandwich</i> packet arrived today from New York. <i>Lord Hyde</i> has also had engagement with American brig. It was much damaged, but not taken. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 135, fos. 171-178d

30 September 1776, G.P.O. [General Post Office]	Anthony Todd to William Knox, enclosed: Extract from journal of <i>Sandwich</i> packet. Captain Nottingham, from New York, reporting engagement with American schooner on 29 August. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 135, fos. 171-178d
6 October, 1776 Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Maj.-General Eyre Massey to Lord George Germain. I have posted troops at Barrington and Liverpool to defend coast from rebel privateers.	C.O.217, 52, fos. 230-231d
8 October 1776, Edinburgh [Scotland]	Viscount Townshend to Lord George Germain. Stores for Gibraltar and Minorca run hazard of American cruisers off coasts of Portugal and Spain. There are unappropriated armed store ships. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 162, fos. 338-339d; entry in C.O.5, 256, pp. 97- 98
8 October 1776, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Lieut.-Governor Marriot Arbuthnot to Lord George Germain. Lord Howe has sent warships to protect this coast from rebels who have done much mischief. (Privateers)	C.O.217, 52, fos. 228-229d; entry in C.O.218, 18, pp.338 340
10 October 1776, Island of St John [Prince Edward Island]	President Phillips Callbeck to Lord George Germain (No. 11), enclosing following. Captain Mackenzie sailed in H.M.S. <i>Lizard</i> on 25 September and we are now exposed to privateers.	C.O.226, 6, fos. 148-159d; entry of covering letter in C.O.227, 2, pp. 188-194
11 October 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: <i>Eagle</i> , off Bedlow's Island [Upper New York Bay], 31 August 1776. I have ordered that crews and most valuable cargoes are to be taken out of prizes and the vessels then destroyed.	C.O.5, 125, fos. 215-226d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 112-113
11 October 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Antigua, 10 August 1776. Vice-Admiral Sir James Young to Philip Stephens. Countenance and protection are given to Americans at French, Dutch and Danish islands. <i>Reprisal</i> now refitting at Martinique. Requesting directions concerning American prisoners. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 125, fos. 227-240d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 113-116

11 October 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Antigua, 4 August 1776. Vice-Admiral Sir James Young to Governor d'Argout protesting at countenance given to American <i>Reprisal</i> . Attacking of armed ships must be treated as pirates. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 125, fos. 227-240d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 113-116
11 October 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Antigua, 4 August 1776. Vice-Admiral Sir James Young to Captain Thomas Eastwood of <i>Pomona</i> , to deliver No. 2 to Martinique and demand <i>Reprisal</i> . With secret order of same date to follow and attack <i>Reprisal</i> if she leaves port. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 125, fos. 227-240d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 113-116
11 October 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Martinique, 7 August 1776. Governor d'Argout to Vice-Admiral Young, refusing to surrender <i>Reprisal</i> . (Privateers)	C.O.5, 125, fos. 227-240d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 113-116
11 October 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: St. Vincent's, 3 August 1776. Governor d'Argout to Vice-Admiral reporting American privateer at St Lucia	C.O.5, 125, fos. 227-240d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp.113-116
11 October 1776, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Eagle, off Bedlow's Island, 31 August 1776. I have ordered that crews and most valuable cargoes are to be taken out of prizes and the vessels then destroyed.	C.O.5, 125, fos. 215-226d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 112-113
13 October 1776, Newcastle [England]	Viscount Townshend to [William Knox], concerning need to safeguard ordnance stores going to Mediterranean from American cruisers. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 162, fos. 342-343d; entry in C.O.5, 256, pp. 98-99
23 October 1776, G.P.O. [General Post Office]	Anthony Todd to William Knox. <i>Le Despencer</i> packet, Captain Pond, is ready for New York. <i>Lord Hyde</i> and <i>Sandwich</i> defended themselves bravely against rebel vessels. (Privateer)	C.O.5, 135, fos. 185-188d
23 October 1776, G.P.O. [General Post Office]	Anthony Todd to William Knox, enclosed: Falmouth, 19 October 1776, Stephen Bell to Anthony Todd. I have examined <i>Le Despencer</i> and have no doubt she can defend herself. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 135, fos. 185-188d

26 October 1776, Pensacola [Florida]	John Stuart to Lord George Germain. American privateers apprehended. Traders oppose me.	C.O.5, 78, fos. 15-54d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 229, pp. 188-198
26 October 1776, Custom-house, London [England]	John Lowe to William Knox, enclosed: Custom-house, Milford, 21 October 1776. J. Adams and J. Tucker to Commissioners of Customs. Report that <i>Hawke</i> , Thomas Lee, an American privateer, put into Bilbao [Spain] and was seized by Spaniards.	C.O.5, 148, fos. 279-282d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 12-13
4 November 1776, Whitehall [England]	William How to William Knox, enclosed: Custom-house, Deal, 3 November 1776, B. Sayer and J. Coleman to Commissioners of Customs, reporting arrival of <i>William</i> , Captain Vaughan, from Boston. William Ross of Jamaica had leave to bring away from Boston about 70 passengers--mostly masters and mates of ships taken by rebels.	C.O.5, 148, fos. 293-296d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p.16
12 November 1776, <i>Romney</i> , Spithead [England]	Governor John Montagu to Lord George Germain, reporting return. Newfoundland was in good order. Small rebel privateers appeared in September. More naval force is needed for next year.	C.O.194, 33, fos. 31-69d; entry of covering letter in C.O.195, 12, pp. 198-206
21 November 1776, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Captain Sir George Collier to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Halifax, 9 November, 1776. Captain Sir George Collier to Captain James Geattus of H.M. sloop, <i>Vulture</i> to go to Fundy, Minas, and Windsor to take pirate sloop.	C.O.217, 52, fos. 250-255d; entry of covering letter in C.O.218, 18, pp. 352-358
[26] November 1776, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Lieut.-Governor Marriot Arbuthnot to Lord George Germain, reporting siege of Fort Cumberland by 500 rebels. Lord Howe was not able to protect these coasts from piratical rebels, but since landing on Long Island we are protected. I have purchased armed vessel. Rebels defeated on Lake Champlain. (Privateers)	C.O.217, 57, fos. 236-247d; entry of covering letter in C.O.218, 18, pp.341-350

6 December 1776, Custom-House, London [England]	Edward Stanley to William Knox, enclosed: Custom-House, Exeter, 4 December 1776, John Charter and B. Bersly to Commissioners of Customs. <i>Elliot</i> was taken by American privateer <i>Sturdy Beggar</i> off Portugal and retaken by crew. Directions have been requested from Admiralty.	C.O.5, 148, fos. 321-326d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p.25
13 December 1776, St James's	Sir Stanier Porten to William Knox, enclosed: Lisbon, 1 December 1776. Extract of letter from Sir John Hort to Viscount Weymouth. H.M.S <i>Levant</i> arrived here last week with <i>Argo</i> of South Carolina, Captain James Mackenzie, as prize.	C.O.5, 139, fos. 413-416d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p. 26
20 December 1776, G.P.O [General Post Office]	Anthony Todd to William Knox, enclosed: Falmouth, 16 December 1776. Stephen Bell to Postmaster-General. Report is that rebels have evacuated King's Bridge [Bronx, New York?]. <i>Harriot</i> packet engaged with privateer and fought her off.	C.O.5, 135, fos. 219-222d
[No date]	Undated memorial of Murdoch Maclaine to Lord George Germain, praying for relief for non-payment of salary and recompense for losses suffered by American privateers on Island of St John (Prince Edward Island)	C.O.5, 115, fos. 165-168d
5-26 January 1777, West Indies	Henry Kelly to Lord George Germain, reporting from Martinique, St Vincent, Tobago and Grenada [West Indies], on American activities and privateering in West Indies.	C.O.5, 78, fos. 91-102d; copy in C.O.5, 155, fos 40-51
11 February 1777, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Earl of Suffolk, sending papers respecting countenance given by governor and inhabitants of St. Eustatius [West Indies] to American rebel privateers.	C.O.5, 140, fos. 33-34d; entry in C.O.5, 251, pp. 73-73
12 February 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 7 January 1777 at Chatham, Rhode Island. Privateers, intelligence of, retook the <i>Betsy</i> ; List of American vessels taken and of vessels retaken by H.M.'s ships under Sir Peter Parker's command. (Prizes)	C.O.5, 126, fos. 31-36d, pp 61-8; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, p. 132
26 February 1777, Treasury	John Robinson to William Knox. Two 20-gun ships are reported fitting out at Bordeaux [France]. (Privateer)	C.O.5, 149, fos.20-21d

12 March 1777, Treasury	John Robinson to William Knox, enclosed: Bordeaux [France], 1 March 1777, reporting 3 ships and one privateer setting out for Boston [Massachusetts] with arms and power.	C.O.5, 149, fos. 78-81d
13 March 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Jamaica [West Indies], 11 January, 1777, Vice-Admiral Clark Gayton to Philip Stephens; Two American privateers have cut out ship on north side of Jamaica.	C.O.5, 126, fos. 110-115d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 142-143
13 March 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: <i>Hind</i> , off Dominica [West Indies], 4 December 1776. Captain Bryne to Vice-Admiral Young, reporting taking of American prize. There are many privateers in these seas.	C.O.5, 126, fos. 116-129d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 140-141
28 March 1777, Downing Street, London [England]	William Eden to William Knox, enclosed: Glasgow [Scotland], 19 March 1777. Description by Captain Laument of John Souter, captain of privateer belonging to state of Massachusetts.	C.O.5, 140, fos. 72-78d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p. 56
28 March 1777, Downing Street [London, England]	William Eden to William Knox, enclosed: 23 March, 1777. James Harking to William Eden, enclosing no.i, reporting upon armed ships at Boston [Massachusetts]. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 140, fos. 72-78d
4 April 1777, New York	General Sir William Howe to Lord George Germain, enclosing letter from Captain Stuart. I shall appoint Colonel Prevost brigadier-general. Defenses of Mobile need to be strengthened. Rebels have cruisers between Jamaica [West Indies] and Pensacola [Florida].	C.O.5, 94 fos. 153-162d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 236, pp. 62-64
9 April 1777, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to Viscount Howe and Governors of New York, Quebec, Island of St John [Prince Edward Island], East and West Florida, Nova Scotia and West Indian colonies, sending copies of two Acts of Parliament to enable persons suspected of treason to be detained, and to enable Admiralty to grant commissions to private ships to take prizes.	C.O.5, 78, fos. 66-67d

26 April 1777, Admiralty	Philip Stephens to Christopher D'Oyly, sending 14 letters out of American ship <i>Prosper</i> , taken by Captain Balfour in passage to Bordeaux. (Prize) (Letters not enclosed)	C.O.5, 126, fos. 229-230d
6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Dominica [West Indies], 11 February 1777. Governor Thomas Shirley to Vice-Admiral Young saying that he will do all that he can to stop unauthorized privateers but the situation of the island is hard.	C.O.5, 126, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176
6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Martinique [West Indies], 5 February 1777. Governor [d'Argout] to Governor Shirley [of Massachusetts]. Prize being taken without commission nullifies all legal proceedings which follow.	C.O.5, 126, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176
6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Barbados [West Indies], 23 February 1777. Governor Edward Hay to Vice-Admiral Young. Self-appointed corsairs are entirely new and no different from pirates. They are liable to embroil us with France.	C.O.5, 126, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176
6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Proceedings in Vice-Admiralty Court at Antigua [West Indies], 28 January, 1777, on <i>Mary</i> , Giled Mansfield master, seized by <i>Reprisal</i> . (Privateer)	C.O.5, 259, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176
6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: undated orders by Dover, Taylor & Bell, agents to contractors for victualing H.M.'s ships at Antigua [West Indies], and others, to Captain William Bell of armed ship <i>Reprisal</i> . (Privateer)	C.O.5, 259, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176
6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Antigua [West Indies], 12 February 1777. [Vice-Admiral Young] to [Philip Stephens], reporting a claim of legal right in all H.M.'s subjects to make capture of rebel vessels.	C.O.5, 126, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176

6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Affidavit, sworn in Antigua [West Indies] on 18 February 1777, before Thomas Warner, Attorney-General, by James Clarke, chief mate, and John Hannah, boatswain, of <i>Benjamin</i> . Part of crew of <i>Benjamin</i> was forcibly taken away by <i>Trial</i> privateer.	C.O.5, 126, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176
6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Antigua [West Indies], 8 January, 1777. Two letters from Vice-Admiral Young to Attorney-General Warner, concerning unauthorized privateers.	C.O.5, 126, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176
6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: St John, Antigua [West Indies], 7 January 1777. Thomas Warner to Vice-Admiral Young, concerning same subject; with case stated thereon. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 126, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176
6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Antigua [West Indies], 11 January 1777. Same to same, on same subject. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 126, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176
6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Antigua [West Indies], 16 January, 1777; Vice-Admiral Young to Craister Greathead, commander-in-chief of St. Christopher's. <i>Reprisal</i> of Antigua is unauthorized privateer. Prevent any such proceedings from your government.	C.O.5, 259, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176
6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: St Christopher's [West Indies], 19 January 1777. Craister Greathead to Vice-Admiral Young. Opinion of law officers is that non-commissioned privateers have right to take vessels.	C.O.5, 126, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176
6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Antigua [West Indies], 7 February 1777. Advertisement by Vice-Admiral Young requiring non-commissioned privateering to cease.	C.O.5, 126, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176

6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Antigua [West Indies], 3 February 1777. Vice-Admiral Young to Governors of Dominica, Grenada, Barbados and St Vincent, requesting cooperation in stopping non-commissioned privateers.	C.O.5, 126, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176
6 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: St Vincent's, 12 February 1777. Governor Valentine Morris to Vice-Admiral Young. French will treat non-commissioned privateers as pirates.	C.O.5, 126, fos. 266-318d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 172-176
7 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain. Letters of Vice-Admiral Young respecting seizures by armed vessels without commission have been placed before Advocate-General to advocate for Admiralty. Opinions enclosed. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 126, fos. 319-322d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 167-168
7 May 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 6 May 1777. Opinions of J. Marriott and George Harris. Decree of Vice-Admiralty Court at Antigua [West Indies] should be appealed from. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 126, fos. 319-322d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 167-168
7 May 1777, Custom-house, London	Edward Stanley to William Knox, enclosed: Custom-house, Yarmouth, 5 May 1777. Thomas Martin and William Francklin to Commissioners of Customs. <i>Prince of Orange</i> Harwich packet was taken by American privateer. It is believed that privateer is schooner commanded by Charles Murphy.	C.O.5, 149, fos. 439-444d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp.66-67
7 May 1777, Custom-house, London [England]	Edward Stanley to William Knox, enclosed: 4 May 1777, William Mewse to Thomas Pitt, mayor of Yarmouth, reporting capture of Harwich packet on Friday last with mail on board.	C.O.5, 149, fos. 439-444d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp.66-67
8 May 1777, St. James's	Sir Stanier Porten to Christopher D'oyly, enclosed: Cork, 1 May, 1777, Robert Gordon, commissary, to Richard Heron. Many privateers sailed or preparing to sail from that port (Boston, Massachusetts). Other news of American privateers includes taking of <i>Betty</i> of Glasgow [Scotland] off Scilly [England].	C.O.5, 140, fos.133-136d

9 May 1777, Treasury	John Robinson to Christopher D'Oyly, enclosed: Cork [Ireland], 1 May, 1777 from Robert Gordon. Two American privateers sailing from Boston [Massachusetts] .	C.O.5, 149, fos.136-140d
9 May 1777, Treasury	John Robinson to Christopher D'Oyly, enclosed: Remarks of Captain Luscombe who arrived at Bristol on 25 April from Salem. Two privateers fitting out at Salem. Rebel army can get no volunteers.	C.O.5, 149, fos. 136-140d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 258, pp. 53-54
16 May 1777, Admiralty Office	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: <i>Eagle</i> off New York, Howe to Philip Stephens, 20 Feb. 1777, concerning capture of 2 transports; Harbour of Boston as an asylum for rebel cruizers and their prizes - knowing nature and circumstances of the Post, impossible to prevent enemy from profiting greatly from the situation; navigation of Delaware attended with similar difficulties.	CO 5/126, pp. 685-94
16 May 1777, Admiralty Office	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Vice-Admiral Molyneux Shuldham, (Commander in Chief on the Coast of North America 1775-6) to Secretary of Admiralty, 26 Feb. 1776. Trouble with rebel cruizers and taking of supplies, inability to stop with so few ships.	CO 5/126, pp. 715-18
16 May 1777, Admiralty Office	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Rear-Admiral Shuldham to Secretary of Admiralty, 20 May 1776. Extract of letter concerning the Greyhound's convoy's arrival at Halifax, all arrived but the Hope and believes her Master is disaffectedly inclined and may prove herself to be taken by rebel privateers	CO 5/126, pp. 757-60
16 May 1777, Admiralty Office	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: <i>Chatham</i> , Boston, Rear-Admiral Shuldham to Philip Stephens, Secretary of the Admiralty, 15 Jan. 1777. Concern of number of small armed vessels fitted out by rebels which had taken many unarmed ones of ours bringing stores and supplies here.....states advantages rebels have and thus reasons supplies not to be sent without armed vessels	CO 5/126, pp 703-6

28 May 1777, Admiralty Office	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Eagle off New York, Howe to Philip Stephens, No. 25. bulk of letter concerns the capture of the <i>Dinah</i>	CO 5/126, number 827
31 May 1777, Brabant Court, London [England]	William Crichton to Lord George Germain, discussing a case of a ship taken off St Christopher's [West Indies] by masked privateer a month ago.	C.O.5, 155, fos. 76-79d; C.O.5, 249, pp. 71-72
31 May 1777, Brabant Court, London [England]	William Crichton to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Grenada [West Indies], 30 March 1777. From Alexander Houston to William Crichton, reporting French privateers with commissions from Bingham.	C.O.5, 155, fos. 76-79d; C.O.5, 249, pp. 71-72
1 June 1777, Lisbon [Portugal]	Sir John Hort to Viscount Weymouth, describing captain of small American armed schooner who is a well-known West Country Englishman and uses name of Bonnell. (Privateer)	C.O.5, 140, fos.174-175d
4 June 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 6 June, 1777, opinion of Attorney- and Solicitor-General on same subject. <i>Reprisal's</i> seizures were lawful. (Privateer)	C.O.5, 127, fos. 3-17d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 177-178
6 June 1777, St James's	Viscount Weymouth to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 6 June 1777. From same to Lord Stormont. Reports from West Indies showing that those seas are full of privateers, property of Frenchman, with perhaps an American on board.	C.O.5, 140, fos. 149-152d
7 June 1777, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Governors in West Indies (circular). Following case of <i>May</i> , taken by <i>Reprisal</i> and condemned at Antigua [West Indies] as droit of Admiralty. I send copy of my letter to Governor Burt. (Privateer)	C.O.5, 78, fos. 118-119d; entry in C.O.5, 242
9 June 1777, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Attorney- and Solicitor-General. Rebel privateers in West Indies, protected by foreign colonies, have caused much distress. Report your opinion.	C.O.5, 160, fos. 83-86d; entry in C.O.5, 251, pp. 90-92
9 June 1777, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to James Bogle French. Lord George Germain has written to Governor Burt about <i>Reprisal</i> sloop. (Privateer)	C.O.5, 251, p. 89

10 June 1777, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Studholme met party of rebels under Howe and drove them back to Machias [Maine/Massachusetts], which is a nest of pirates and rebels.	C.O.217, 53, fos. 124-125d; entry in C.O.218, 19, pp. 24-25 and 28-29
11 June 1777	Attorney- and Solicitor-General to Lord George Germain. Governors in West Indies may be authorized by Admiralty to grant commissions for seizing ships and cargoes of rebellious colonies, provided that conditions of Act passed last session are observed. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 160, fos. 87-88d; entry in C.O.5, 249, pp. 79-81
12 June 1777, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Lords of Admiralty. Opinion of Attorney- and Secretary-General is that governors of West India islands may be empowered by Admiralty to grant commissions for seizure of ships belonging to rebels. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 127, fos. 38-39d; entry in C.O.5, 254, pp. 157-158
12 June 1777, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Commissioners for Restoring Peace, sending copies of Act of Parliament authorizing prizes to be carried into any part of H.M.'s North American dominions. Issue licenses accordingly.	C.O.5, 177, fos. 81-82d; entry in C.O.5, 242, pp. 167-168
13 June 1777, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to Governors in North America and West Indies, sending Act of Parliament passed last session for carrying captures to any part of North America. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 78, fos. 122-123d; entry in C.O.5, 242, p.169
20 June 1777, Liverpool [England]	John Dobson, President of Chamber of Commerce, to Lord George Germain; American privateers are protected at Martinique and St. Lucia [West Indies]; two frigates would stop them. Some privateers have only one American aboard. It is said that Governor d'Argout [Haiti] is concerned with Bingham in privateering.	C.O.5, 155, fos. 109-112d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 86-87
21 June 1777, Custom-house, London [England]	Edward Standly to William Knox (Private), enclosed: Dunkirk, 17 June, 1777, letter warning of 20-gun privateer fitting out to attack Harwich packet, and another of 400 tons.	C.O.5, 149, fos. 467-470d
28 June 1777, Quebec	Lords of Admiralty to Viscount Weymouth, mentioning that if American Privateers continue to fit out in French ports and carry prizes there, trade cannot be protected.	C.O.5, 140, fos. 184-189d

28 June 1777, Quebec	Lords of Admiralty to Viscount Weymouth, enclosed: Whitehaven, 26 June 1777, Samuel Martin to [Philip Stevens], reporting <i>Reprisal</i> , <i>Lexington</i> , and <i>Dolphin</i> American Privateers of west coast of Ireland. Others are fitting out in France. With list of fifteen vessels taken or sunk by these privateers between 19 and 23 June. Orders from Dr. Franklin were to sink, burn, and destroy all he met.	C.O.5, 140, fos. 184-189d
29 June 1777, Liverpool	John Dobson to Lord George Germain; three privateers were cruising round Ireland and within small distance of this place from 19th to 23rd inst. I do not see what could have prevented them burning this town and shipping.	C.O.5, 155, fos. 113-116d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 92-93
30 June 1777, Glasgow [Scotland]	Lord Provost Robert Donald to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Glasgow [Scotland], 29 June 1777. Declaration of William Drummond, late master of <i>Jeany & Sally</i> , concerning activities of <i>Reprisal</i> , <i>Lexington</i> , and <i>Dolphin</i> privateers, which took his ship off Mull of Cantyre [Scotland] on 21st inst. There were 110 prisoners on <i>Reprisal</i> , who were released.	C.O.5, 155, fos. 117-121d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 94-96
[June] 1777	Arthur Piggott to Lord George Germain, enclosed: notes of observations made in Martinique [West Indies] in April and May 1777 of methods of American privateers, prizes taken by them, and encouragement given by French.	C.O.5, 155, fos. 101-108d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 88-89
5 July 1777, Treasury	John Robinson to William Knox, enclosed: Marseilles [France], 12 June, 1777, from Lieutenant David Maitland to John Robinson. Two French ships are fitting out as privateers in this port, <i>La Sonata</i> , 16 guns, and <i>La Sidele</i> , 28 guns.	C.O.5, 149, fos. 210-213d; C.O.5, 258, p. 59
8 July 1777, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to Philip Stephens. It is the owners of <i>Hammond</i> armed vessel, not <i>Reprisal</i> , who have brought action against Vice-Admiral Young. (Privateer)	C.O.5, 127, fos. 90-91d; entry in C.O.5, 254, pg. 169

15 July 1777, G.P.O [General Post Office]	Anthony Todd to William Knox, enclosed: Stranraer, 10 July 1777. Affidavit, sworn before John McDouall, by Abram Russell, late master of <i>James</i> of Greenock, concerning depredations of American 20-gun privateer <i>Mifflin</i> , Captain Dayes, off coast of Scotland.	C.O.5, 136, fos. 45-49d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p. 97
5 August 1777, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to William Eden, enclosing copy of sentence of rebel Admiralty court of South Carolina condemning <i>May</i> taken by <i>Baltimore Hero</i> privateers, wherein Vanbibber of St. Eustatius [West Indies] is stated to be one of the owners of the privateer	C.O.5, 140, fos. 194-198d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 251 pg. 105
12 August 1777, Treasury	John Robinson to William Knox, enclosed: Declaration, sworn at Dunbar on 5 August 1777 before Charles Lorimer and Alexander Morrison, by George Brown, seaman, late of <i>Fanny</i> of Berwick, Joseph Mills master, concerning taking of said ship by <i>Tartar</i> privateer, John Graham, off Norway on 28 July, which also took three other vessels.	C.O.5, 149, fos. 252-257d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 258, pp. 65-66
27 August 1777, Ordnance Office	John Boddington to William Knox, enclosed: 23 June, 1777, Francis Bishop to John Boddington, <i>Dispatch</i> took two prizes in her passage. Said to be 18 privateers out of Boston, looking for to ordnance ships.	C.O.5, 163, fos. 210-213d
12 September 1777, Whitehaven [England]	Samuel Martin to Lord George Germain, recounting that one of his vessels, <i>James</i> , has been carried to France by Frenchmen out of <i>Reprisal</i> and <i>Lexington</i> privateers; but <i>Rebecca</i> has been sent to America.	C.O.5, 249, pp. 102-103
12 September 1777, Whitehaven [England]	Samuel Martin to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Affidavit, sworn at Workington on 12 September 1777 before Joseph Farrer, notary public, by Joseph Dixon, late mate of <i>Rebecca</i> , and James Fagan, seaman, concerning capture of said ship by American Privateer <i>General Mifflin</i> , Captain William Day, on 6 July. Ship was taken to Morlaix in France, renamed <i>Baltimore</i> , and sailed with French crew and colors on 25 August.	C.O.5, 155, fos. 146-149d; Entry of Covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 102-103

17 September 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Intelligence of rebel intention to invade Nova Scotia. Rebel frigates reported in Bay of Chaleur. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 127, fos. 158-165d
11 October 1777, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to John Stuart (No. 5); Taking of vessels with Indian goods by South Carolina Privateers is lamented; more will be sent by way of Jamaica [West Indies].	C.O.5, 78, fos. 175-177d; entry in C.O.5, 242, pp. 172-174
11 October 1777, Admiralty	Philip Stephens to William Knox, enclosed: Barbados, 6 June, 1777, Governor Edward Hay to Lords of Admiralty. H.M.S. <i>Ariadne</i> has taken American privateer <i>Musquito</i> . Crew will be kept in confinement here at my expense until I receive directions	C.O.5, 127, fos. 206-209d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, p. 200
14 October 1777	John Robinson to William Knox, enclosed: 9 October, 1777, information from Edward Kirby, late surgeon's mate on H.M.'s brig <i>Hope</i> , concerning <i>Mars</i> privateer at Nantes [France]. Four other American privateers are there.	C.O.5, 149, fos. 329-332d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 258, p. 80
24 October 1777, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: <i>Blenheim</i> , Hamoaze [England?], 7 October 1777, Vice-Admiral Lord Shuldham to Philip Stephens. Major Morris, formerly of 27th regiment, was taken in an American vessel by <i>Revenge</i> letter of Marque of Jersey, and brought here.	C.O.5, 127, fos. 214-219d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 202-203
25 October 1777, Rathbone Place, London [England]	Edward Stanley to William Knox, enclosed: Custom-house, Portsmouth, 24 October 1777, W. Cooley and W. Stiles to Commissioners of Customs; reporting American <i>Raleigh</i> , 32 guns. Thompson commander at L'Orient having taken several prizes. Another American privateer is fitting out there. There is to be convoy of twenty to sail from L'Orient to America.	C.O.5, 149, fos. 505-510d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p. 106
25 October 1777, off coast of Delaware	Lord Howe to Lord George Germain; Regarding captures	CO 5/177

25 October 1777, Rathbone Place, London [England]	Edward Stanley to William Knox, enclosed: Custom-house, Portsmouth, 24 October 1777. W. Cooley and W. Stiles to Commissioners of Customs; Captain Watt and Captain Hooper can give further particulars of American shipping at L'Orient.	C.O.5, 149, fos. 505-510d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p. 106
3 November 1777, Basing Lane, London [England]	Jeremiah Smith to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 11 October, 1777, at Nantes, reporting activities of American privateer commanded by Cross which had taken large Jamaica [West Indies] ship worth around £20 000. 8 privateers in this river.	C.O.5, 155, fos. 174-175d
17 November 1777, Admiralty Office	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Rainbow, Harbour of Machias, 16 Aug 1777, Collier to [Philip Stephens]. Mentions privateers during account of engagement with New Englanders at Machias.	CO 5/127, pp. 475-82
6 December 1777, Halifax	Sir George Collier to Lord George Germain saying that no fishing vessel at Canso or Isle Madam has been lost to privateers this year. Rebels have been inactive since Collier's burning of their magazines in Machias.	C.O.217, 54, fos. 1-2d; entry in C.O.218, 19, pp. 60-62
8 December 1777, War Office	Mathew Lewis to Christopher D'Oyly, enclosed: Bermuda [West Indies], 24 October, 1777, Governor Bruere to Viscount Barrington, requesting troops for defense of islands. Two rebel privateers were here in June last.	C.O.5, 169, fos. 139-142d
10 December 1777, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Major-General Eyre Massey to Lord George Germain. Post has been formed at entrance to St John's River, commanded by Captain Studholme. American privateers have been active and successful on Nova Scotia coast.	C.O.217, 54, fos. 13-14d; entry in C.O. 218, 19, pp. 68- 73
25 December 1777, Whitehaven	Samuel Martin to Lord George Germain disclosing confidential information that rebels will attempt Philadelphia and New York when ice stops movement of ships. He states that transports should be hired privately at times when they would be cheaper.	C.O.5, 155, fos. 189-193d

25 December 1777, Whitehaven [England]	Samuel Martin to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Letters dated at New York, from Maclean and Kelsick on 19 August and 14 November 1777, and from James Miller on 22 September 1777 concerning prize goods. (Transports)	C.O.5, 155, fos. 189-193d
2 January 1778, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Anthony Chamier, sending papers received from Governor Burt proving open protection given by governors of Martinique [West Indies] and Guadeloupe to rebel Privateers.	C.O.5, 254, pp. 189-190; entry in C.O.5, 254, pp. 189-190
7 January 1778, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to Governors in North America and West Indies. Act of Parliament to detain suspected traitors or pirates in colonies.	C.O.5, 242, p.178
4 February 1778, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Commissioners for Restoring Peace, enclosed: 20 January, 1778 at Whitehaven. Samuel Martin to Lord George Germain saying that prize goods cannot be shipped home without consent of Lord and General Howe. (Transports)	C.O.5, 177, fos. 87-90d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 242, p. 195
10 February 1778, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Antigua [West Indies], 21 December 1777, Vice-Admiral James Young to Philip Stephens, reporting French naval force protecting French ships trading with America. Five American privateers lately arrived at French islands.	C.O.5, 128, fos. 67-72d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, p. 221
10 February 1778, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Dominica [West Indies], 16 December 1777, Governor Thomas Shirley to Vice-Admiral Young. Rebel cruiser lately took four prizes into Martinique. There are many armed vessels there to attack either our trade or perhaps this island.	C.O.5, 128, fos. 67-72d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, p. 221
23 February 1778, Whitehaven [England]	Samuel Martin to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 17 January, 1778 dated at New York, concerning prize goods. The two brothers are determined to distress friends of government.	C.O.5, 155, fos. 226-229d

28 March 1778, St James's	Earl of Suffolk to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 21 March, 1778, Mons. Dreyer to Earl of Suffolk, complaining of violence committed by Tortola [West Indies] inhabitants upon Danish islands inhabitants. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 141, fos. 42-51d; C.O.5, 249, pp. 119-120 and p. 122
28 March 1778, St James's	Earl of Suffolk to Lord George Germain, enclosed: London, 21 March 1778, Memorandum by Mons. Dreyer, demanding satisfaction from the violence by Tortola inhabitants upon Danish islands inhabitants. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 141, fos. 42-51d; C.O.5, 249, pp. 119-120 and p. 122
28 March 1778, St James's	Earl of Suffolk to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 9 July 1777, from Governor Clausen to Governor Burt, and from report of Governor Clausen to Count Bernstorff, on proceedings of non-commissioned privateers of Tortola [West Indies].	C.O.5, 141, fos. 42-51d; C.O.5, 249, pp. 119-120 and p. 122
28 March 1778, St James's	Earl of Suffolk to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 28 March 1778, Earl of Suffolk to Mons. Dreyer, promising inquiry to above. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 141, fos. 42-51d; C.O.5, 249, pp. 119-120 and p. 122
29 March 1778, Tobago [West Indies]	Extract of letter to William Pulteney, reporting losses caused by American privateers.	C.O.5, 155, fos. 280-282d
21 April 1778, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Antigua [West Indies], 13 March 1778. Vice Admiral James Young to Philip Stephens. These seas swarm with privateers, mostly French-owned. I shall not begin hostilities until forced. Dutch squadron has arrived at St. Eustatius. Four Spanish warships were sighted steering for Puerto Rico.	C.O.5, 128, fos. 127-135d; entry of covering letter in C.O. 5, 259, pp. 228-229
21 April 1778, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: St. Vincent's [West Indies], 24 February 1778. Intelligence from Governor Valentine Morris [of St. Vincent's] concerning countenance given at Martinique to American privateers	C.O.5, 128, fos. 127-135d; entry of covering letter in C.O. 5, 259, pp. 228-229

21 April 1778, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Dominica [West Indies], 22 February 1778, Governor Thomas Shirley [Massachusetts] to Vice-Admiral Young, giving like information and listing ships bound to America from Martinique. With Vice-Admiral Young's reply of 26 February.	C.O.5, 128, fos. 127-135d; entry of covering letter in C.O. 5, 259, pp. 228-229
24 April 1778, Custom-house, London [England]	Edward Stanley to William Knox, enclosed: <i>Hussar</i> wherry, Whitehaven, 19 April 1778, James Gurly to Collector and Comptroller of Customs at Whitehaven; reporting encounter with American privateer yesterday off Galloway [Ireland].	C.O.5, 150, fos. 325-328d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p. 126
4 May 1778, Philadelphia [Pennsylvania]	Commissioners for Restoring Peace to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Superintendent's Office, New York, 14 April 1778, Andrew Elliot to Viscount Howe; in case complained of by Samuel Martin, act of parliament was observed and there was no undue delay.	C.O. 5, 177, fos. 97-100d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 229, pp. 348-349
18 May 1778, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Major-General Eyre Massey to Lord George Germain. Many pirates are off this coast but all is well in the province.	C.O.217, 54, fos. 76-77d; entry in C.O.218, 19, p.83
23 May 1778, Wimpole Street, London [England]	Gilbert Francklin to William Knox, enclosed: Account of nineteen ships bound to or from or belonging to Tobago [West Indies], taken by American privateers in 1776 and 1777.	C.O.5, 155, fos. 265-269d
27 May 1778, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Lieutenant-Governor Marriot Arbuthnot to Lord George Germain acknowledging No.5, circular of 11 March, and secret letters of 19 March and 1 April. Nos. 1-2 have not been received. Armed vessels from New England have caused great distress to trade. (Privateers)	C.O.217, 54, fos. 60-61d; entry in C.O.218, 19, pp. 87-89
2 June 1778, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Description of American armed ships, etc. at Boston [Massachusetts] which were nearly all ready for sea on 23 March, 1778. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 128, fos. 176-209d

2 June 1778, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Account of rebel armed vessels at Charleston [South Carolina] obtained in December 1777. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 128, fos. 176-209d
2 June 1778, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germaine, enclosed: Account of rebel armed vessels at Charleston obtained in December 1777: <i>Randolph</i> , <i>General Moultrie</i> , [M.S. <i>Moutray</i>], <i>Volunteer</i> , <i>True Briton</i> , <i>Notre Dame</i> , <i>Fair American</i> , <i>Polly</i> , a sloop and a brig. Four other armed vessels were chased into Charleston by King's ships. Defenses of Charleston also reported.	C.O.5, 128, fos. 176-209d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 232-233
18 June 1778, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 9 May, 1778. Vice-Admiral Viscount Howe to Philip Stephens, New York is much to be preferred for naval yard. Steps have been taken for defense of Halifax. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 128, fos. 218-229d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 234-235
18 June 1778, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Intelligence received from Captain Macartney, with his letter of 13 March 1778, concerning privateers off Nova Scotia.	C.O.5, 128, fos. 218-229d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 234-235
29 June 1778, Whitehaven [England]	Samuel Martin to William Knox saying that he has lost £3900 by detention of prize-goods in New York.	C.O.5, 155, fos. 299-300d
7 July 1778, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Major-General Eyre Massey to Lord George Germain saying that he has constructed such batteries that French fleet dare not attempt this harbor. All is well at outposts. 6 pirates have been taken or destroyed on this coast in 3 weeks.	C.O.217, 54, fos. 83-83d; entry in C.O.218, 19, pp. 95-96
9 July 1778, Treasury	John Robinson to William Knox, enclosed: Information by James Wallace, mate of <i>Leveller</i> , letter of marque, concerning prize <i>New Friends</i> of Charleston [South Carolina]; by Christian Hanker, passenger, and by Ebenezer Smith Platt, passenger. Prize was bound for Charleston. Fleet of about eighty sail left Bordeaux [France] for America, convoyed by <i>Boston</i> frigate and two French frigates.	C.O.5, 150, fos. 119-128d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 258, pp. 103-104

13 July 1778, Falmouth	Stephen Bell to Postmaster-General, enclosed: Falmouth, 10 July 1778, William Talbot to Postmaster-General. <i>Le Despencer</i> , Captain Poind, was taken by <i>Nancy</i> and another American Privateer. Mail was sunk.	C.O.5, 136, fos. 141-144d
18 August 1778, Charlotte Town, I. of St. John [Prince Edward Island]	President Philips Callbeck to Lord George Germain. Rebel privateers landed on this island and did damage. I have drawn on Treasury for £400 for works.	C.O.226,7, fos. 24-25d; entry in C.O.227,2, pp. 220-221
12 September 1778 New York	Collector of Customs, Elliot to the Treasurer; Prohibition of Trade; agent of captures and prizes situation	CO 5/175
21 September 1778 Newburyport [Massachusetts]	Capt. Spence writes about fight between <i>Eagle</i> packet and American privateer <i>Vengeance</i>	C.O. 5, 136
30 September 1778, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Lieut.-Governor Richard Hughes to Lord George Germain (No. 7). Small enemy privateers do a lot of damage on the coast which makes provisions and fuel expensive. King's ships draw too much water to pursue them; has small vessel to protect trade.	C.O.217, 54, fos. 120-121d; entry in C.O.218, 19, pp. 107-109
19 October 1778, St. James'	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Extract of memorial, dated 28 September 1778, presented by Count Walderen. States-General complain of violation of territory in Essequibo and Demerara Rivers [both in present-day Guyana] by ship fitted out from Grenada [West Indies]. (Privateer)	C.O.5, 141, fos. 128-135d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pg. 138
19 October 1778, St. James's	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Surinam [northern South America], 21 June 1778, complaint of British privateer having taken American vessel in Dutch waters.	C.O.5, 141, fos. 128-135d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pg. 138
19 October 1778, St. James's	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Demerara River (Guyana, northern South America), June 1778, complaint of blockade of this river by British privateers.	C.O.5, 141, fos. 128-135d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pg. 138

21 October 1778, Whitehall [England]	Thomas de Grey to William Fraser, mentioning that a Dutch complaint about privateers at Surinam and Demerara [present day Guyana, both in northern South America] will be investigated.	C.O.5, 141, fos. 138-139d; C.O.5, 251, pp. 184-185
23 October 1778, St. James'	Sir Stanier Porten to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Extract of letter, dated at Corunna on 30 September 1778, from Consul Katenkamp to Viscount Weymouth; American privateer <i>Vengeance</i> arrived here yesterday, having taken <i>Harriot</i> and <i>Eagle</i> packets. I have promised exchange for seven British army officers who were aboard. Colonel Howard was killed in engagement and dispatches were destroyed.	C.O.5, 141, fos. 140-143d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p.139
24 October 1778, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to General Sir Henry Clinton; duplicates of letters of 11 and 12 August have arrived; originals were thrown overboard in engagement with privateer when Colonel Howard was killed. Lord Cornwallis' letter of 6 September brings news of enemy evacuation of Rhode Island.	C.O.5, 96, fos. 88-89d; entry in C.O.5, 243, pp. 274-276
30 October 1778, St James's	Viscount Weymouth to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 10 October, 1778 at Corunna, from Consul Herman Katenkamp to Viscount Weymouth, reporting agreement that British passengers and crews taken by <i>Vengeance</i> privateer be exchanged for like number of American prisoners.	C.O.5, 141, fos. 156-157d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p.141; signed original of No. 3 in C.O.5, 155, fos. 345-346d
30 October 1778, St James's	Viscount Weymouth to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 1 October, 1778, agreement by Herman Katenkamp that equal number of American prisoners be released in exchange for captains. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 141, fos. 156-157d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p.141; signed original of No. 3 in C.O.5, 155, fos. 345-346d
30 October 1778, St James's	Viscount Weymouth to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 1 October, 1778 at Corunna, deed by Wingate Newman, captain of <i>Vengeance</i> , releasing British officers, menservants, the captain, crew members and a passenger of <i>Harriot</i> , and crew members and the captain of <i>Eagle</i> . (Privateers)	C.O.5, 141, fos. 156-157d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p.141; signed original of No. 3 in C.O.5, 155, fos. 345-346d

30 October 1778, St James's	Viscount Weymouth to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 1 October 1778 at Corunna, certificate by Consul Katenkamp to Lords of Admiralty that 7 officers (named) and 3 menservants have been released. Requested that if Wingmate Newman and his crew should become prisoners, they will be released in preference to others. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 141, fos. 156-157d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p.141; signed original of No. 3 in C.O.5, 155, fos. 345-346d
4 November 1778, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Sir Henry Clinton stating that passengers by <i>Eagle</i> and <i>Harriot</i> packets, taken by <i>Vengeance</i> privateer were released on promise of exchange, which Clinton is authorized to make.	C.O.5, 96, fos. 137-138d; entry in C.O.5, 243, pp. 280-281
10 November 1778	John Robinson to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Cork [Ireland], 3 November 1778, Robert Gordon to John Robinson. Victuallers have lost men to privateers, which will bring service to stop unless prevented.	C.O.5, 258, p. 123
14 November 1778, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Advocate General, saying that privateers at Cork [Ireland] have enticed crews of victuallers to desert. Requesting that he draft additional instruction to prevent this practice.	C.O.5, 251, pp. 191-192
8 December 1778, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 2. <i>Zebra</i> , Little Egg Harbour, 9 Oct. 1778. Captain Henry Collins to Rear-Admiral Gambier, reporting attack on 5th inst. Ten vessels mostly prizes were destroyed.	C.O.5, 129, fos. 236-247d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, pp. 250-251

8 December Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 1. Antigua [West Indies], 25 Sept. 1778. Rear-Admiral Samuel Barrington to Philip Stephens, arrived here from Barbados, expect no reinforcement from America, squadron is too small to protect island which are defenceless; 2. Extract of letter, dated 19 Aug. 1778, from Marquis de Bouille to Liut.-Governor William Stewart, outbreak of war makes it necessary for us to agree to restrain privateers; 3. Prince of Wales, Barbados, 9 Sept. 1778, Rear-Admiral Barrington to Marquis de Bouille, welcoming suggestion about privateers and returning some French prisoners; 6. St. George's, 2 Sept. 1778. Governor Lord Macarntey to Rear Admiral Barrington. Governor of Martinique's proposal to restrain privateers but they are active, gives poor state of defence. 9. Tortola, 14 Aug. 1778. James Dawson, Speaker, to Rear-Admiral Barrington, requesting naval force for protection.	C.O. 5, 129, fos. 204-225d; entry of covering letter in C.O. 5, 259, pp. 249-50
9 December 1778, St James's	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, encloses the following to support complaint transmitted 19 Oct. last. Lord Suffolk thinks it should be dealt with expediently: Extract of a memorial, dated 3 December 1778, from Count Walderen to Earl of Suffolk. [See below for more.] (Privateers)	C.O.5, 141, fos. 184-194d; C.O.5, 249, pp. 147-148
9 December 1778, St James's	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Middleburg, 31 August 1778. Translation of letter from Zealand Chamber of West India Company to States General, containing complaint against <i>Delight</i> and other English privateers at Demerara (present-day Guyana in northern South America). (Privateers)	C.O.5, 141, fos. 184-194d; C.O.5, 249, pp. 147-148
9 December 1778, St James's	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Demerara River (present-day Guyana), 16 June, 1778. Letter from P. Van Schuylenberg complaining of depredations of <i>Delight</i> , Captain Simmons. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 141, fos. 184-194d; C.O.5, 249, pp. 147-148

9 December 1778, St James's	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Complaint by planters of Demerara [present-day Guyana] to P. Van Schuylenberg of depredations of English privateer. Certified on 15 June 1778 by Jacob Andriessen.	C.O.5, 141, fos. 184-194d; C.O.5, 249, pp. 147-148
9 December 1778, St James's	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Surinam River, 21 June 1778. Letter from Captain J. J. Van Hoey, reporting capture of American vessel <i>Dolphin</i> by English privateers in Dutch waters.	C.O.5, 141, fos. 184-194d; C.O.5, 249, pp. 147-148
1 January 1778, Cork [Ireland?]	Robert Gordon to Lord George Germain, sending 1128 letters taken out of <i>Epaminondas</i> , French prize, brought in here last night (Letters not enclosed).	CO 5/156, fos. 1-2d
11 January 1779, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Jamaica, 24 October 1778. Rear-Admiral Sir Peter Parker to Philip Stephens, reporting fourteen French and American vessels taken by Captain Deane and one by <i>Camel</i> . (Privateers)	C.O.5, 130, fos. 1-6d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, p. 254
12 January 1779, New York	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Bermuda, 24 November, 1779. Governor George James Bruere to Sir H. Clinton. Major Sutherland and troops arrived in time to prevent insult by privateers and rebellious inhabitants.	C.O.5, 97, fos. 77-83d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 236, p.296
[25 January] 1779	John Noble to Lord George Germain. <i>Sorel</i> Captain Allison with dispatches from Quebec has been taken by French privateer off Scilly [England]. French King encourages privateering.	C.O.5, 156, fos.7-8d
11 February 1779, Admiralty	Philip Stephens to William Knox, enclosed: Dartmouth, 5 February 1779. Arthur French & Co. and Dottin Channell to Philip Stephens. Papers now sent were found in <i>La Maria</i> [American brig] prize taken by our <i>Success</i> letter of marque last August.	C.O.5, 130, fos. 54-57d; entry in C.O.5, 259, p. 258

14 February 1779, St James's	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: London, 8 February 1779. Count de Walderen, envoy extraordinary of States General, to Earl of Suffolk, protesting at seizures on 22 October 1778 of Dutch ships bound from Marseilles to St. Eustatius [West Indies] and taken into St. Christopher's.	C.O.5, 142, fos. 23-26d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p. 154
6 March 1779, Treasury	John Robinson to William Knox, enclosed: Custom-house, Glasgow, 1 March 1779. John Stirling and George Murdoch to Commissioners of Customs for Scotland. Two French soldiers brought into Greenock by privateer say that French lost 2500 men in unsuccessful attack on St. Lucia.	C.O.5, 151, fos. 54-61d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 258, p.140
6 March 1779, Treasury	John Robinson to William Knox, enclosed: Custom-House, Greenock, 1 March 1779. Edward Penman to R. E. Philipps, Secretary of Customs, Scotland, giving futher information about French attack on St Lucia collected from <i>Le Beauvaisin</i> prize.	C.O.5, 151, fos. 54-61d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 258, p.140
8 March 1779, Admiralty	Lords of Admiralty to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Extract of letter, dated on <i>Ardent</i> off New York on 3 February 1779, from Rear-Admiral James Gambier to Philip Stephens. Amazing success of New York privateers having increased number of French and rebel prisoners. William Burton has been appointed commissary-general for naval prisoners.	C.O.5, 130, fos. 73-75d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 259, p.263
19 March 1779	List of 21 papers concerning port of New York and privateers setting out therefrom. Dated 1778-1779 and laid before House of Commons on 19 March.	C.O.5, 242, pp. 282-283
23 March, Craven Street, London [England]	Thomas Atkinson, agent to captors of St Pierre and Miquelon, to Lord George Germain. Agreement has been reached on distribution of prize-money. May I proceed?	C.O.5, 156, fos. 52-53d
31 March 1779, Treasury	William Knox to Thomas Atkinson, acknowledging letter. King is pleased to give up share of plunder taken at St Pierre and Miquelon for division agreeable to proclamation.	C.O.5, 156, fos.60-61d; entry in C.O.5, 251, p.220

8 April 1779 Whitehall [England]	Robinson to Elliot; Duties on prize goods	CO 5/175
11 April 1779, Greenwich Hospital	William Eden to William Knox, returning papers. Offer of pardon to transported convicts would weaken rebel army. Need for civil council grows every hour. Detachments to West Indies should continue under Sir H. Clinton's command. I hear that New York privateers continue to do wonders.	C.O.5, 181, fos. 210-211d
16 April 1779, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to Philip Stephens. Authority to issue letters of marque should be given to Governor Montfort Browne [Bahamas] and, as Georgia has been restored to peace, to Sir James Wright.	C.O.5, 254, pp.267-268
17 April 1779, Admiralty	Philip Stephens to William Knox. Power to grant letter of marque will be given to governors of Bahams and Georgia in accordance with letter of yesterday.	C.O.5, 130, fos.99-100d; entry in C.O.5, 259, pp.265-266
21 April 1779, Whitehall [England]	Germain to Attorney and Solicitor General; legalizing the possession of captures.	CO 5/160
21 April 1779, Whitehall [England]	Attorney and Solicitor General to Germain; legalizing captures.	CO 5/160
28 May 1779, St James's	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: London, 20 May 1779. Count de Walderen, Dutch Envoy Extraordinary, to Viscount Weymouth, complaining of privateer which took <i>Fanny</i> .	C.O.5, 142, fos. 105-122d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 169-170
28 May 1779, St James's	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: London, 20 May 1779. Count de Walderen, Dutch Envoy Extraordinary, to Viscount Weymouth, complaining of privateer which took <i>Fanny</i> . John Patterson, bound from South Carolina to St. Eustatius [West Indies] on 8 August last within cannon-shot of St Martin's.	C.O.5, 142, fos. 105-122d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 169-170
28 May 1779, St James's	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Translation of proceedings on 11 August 1778 before Alexandre le Jeune, secretary of West India Company at St Martin's, relating to <i>Fanny</i> . Master and crew entered protest.	C.O.5, 142, fos. 105-122d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 169-170

28 May 1779, James's	St	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Translation of letter, dated at St Eustatius [West Indies] on 11 August 1778, from Commandant Pieter Runnels to Governor William Mathew Burt, demanding restitution of <i>Fanny</i> . (Privateers)	C.O.5, 142, fos. 105-122d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 169-170
28 May 1779, St James's		William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Translation of letter, dated at St. Christopher's [West Indies] on 13 August 1780, from Governor Burt to Commandant Runnels. <i>Fanny</i> has been condemned as prize but I will investigate.	C.O.5, 142, fos. 105-122d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 169-170
28 May 1779, James's	St	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Translation of proceedings on 19 August 1778, before Albert Van Heyningen, relating to seizure of <i>Fanny</i> . Gunner of fort testified as to where ship was taken.	C.O.5, 142, fos. 105-122d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 169-170
28 May 1779, James's	St	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Translation of affidavit sworn on 20 August 1778, before Governor Abraham Heyliger, by Thomas Howell, concerning circumstances of seizure of <i>Fanny</i> by privateer from St Christopher's [West Indies].	C.O.5, 142, fos. 105-122d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 169-170
28 May 1779, James's	St	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Translation of statement, made on 12 August 1778 before Governor Abraham Heyliger, by Theodore Kitterling and Richard Wiltshire, concerning circumstances of seizure of <i>Fanny</i> by privateer from St Christopher's.	C.O.5, 142, fos. 105-122d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 169-170
28 May 1779, James's	St	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Translation of affidavit, sworn on 31 August 1778 before same, by Benjamin Barton, concerning same. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 142, fos. 105-122d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 169-170
1 June 1779, Charles Fort		List of names of 128 Germans taken by Captain Bowden of <i>Nottingham</i> . Letter of marque in their passage to Port-au-Prince [Haiti, West Indies] and now in confinement at Kinsale [Ireland?]. Age, parish and country of origin stated. Signed, John Maunsell, colonel. With certificate that above men are fit and desirous to serve H.M., by Peter Despourrins, surgeon.	C.O.5, 185, fos.60-61d

19 July 1779, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Governor Frederick Haldimand. Letters for you on <i>Two Brothers</i> were thrown overboard when she was taken by <i>Mifflin</i> privateer on 16 May. Send triplicates as well as duplicates of every material letter.	C.O.42, 39, fos. 57-60d; entry in C.O.43, 8, pp. 350-352
17 September 1779, St James'	Viscount Weymouth to Lord George Germain, enclosed: [15 September 1779] Mons. Dreyer, Danish minister, to Viscount Weymouth, complaining of violence by vessels from Tortola [West Indies] against St Croix and the taking of Danish schooner <i>Nancy</i> . (Privateers)	C.O.5, 142, fos. 177-180d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 177-178
27 September 1779, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to General Sir Henry Clinton (Secret). Loss of St Vincent and Grenada means that troops must stay in West Indies; Sir George Collier's success at Penobscot should distress New England's privateering.	C.O.5, 98, fos. 83-92d; entry in C.O.5, 263, pp. 80-86
17 December 1779, New York	Governor William Tyron to Lord George Germain (No.88). New York privateers have been less successful, but some prizes have been brought in. General Robertson daily expected.	C.O.5, 1110, fos. 1-2s; entry in C.O.5, 1140, pp.81-82
10 February 1780, St James's	Sir Stanier Porten to William Knox, enclosed: Same day. Information from Joseph Benn, master of <i>Whitehaven</i> brig taken into Brest [France?] by <i>Black Prince</i> . He and crew lately escaped. Franco-Spanish fleet sailed in January. Another fleet was expected to sail early in February. (Privateer)	C.O.5, 143, fos. 28-31d
17 February 1780, Whitehall [England]	Cooper to Elliot; American Board of Customs; duties; prizes	CO 5/175
30 March 1780, London [England]	Bartlet Goodrich to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 16 March 1780. Petition of John Goodrich and sons to Lords of Treasury, praying for warrant for payment in respect of French prize without payment of duty.	C.O.5, 117, fos. 134-139d
30 March 1780, London [England]	Bartlet Goodrich to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 16 March 1780. Petition of same to same, praying to have profits of prizes taken by their cruisers.	C.O.5, 117, fos. 134-139d

10 April 1780, Whitehall [England]	Thomas de Grey to Captain John Luttrell. Claims to prizes taken at Omoa [coast of Honduras] will be subject to legal decision.	C.O.5, 251, pp.306-307
14 April 1780, Bond Street, London [England]	Captain John Luttrell to Thomas de Grey. There is no contest concerning booty from expedition to San Fernando d'Omoa [fort at Honduras], except perhaps between Governor Dalling and Sir Peter Parker.	C.O.5, 157, fos. 110-111d
11 May 1780, Charleston House	Memorial of commanders of naval brigade to Lord George Germain, praying for poll money and prize money for capture of Fort Moultrie [Sullivan's Island, South Carolina].	C.O.5, 131, fos. 207-211d
15 May 1780, St James's	Viscount Stormont to Lord George Germain, enclosed: St James's, 19 April 1780. Same to Lords of Admiralty, sending additional instruction to all ships of war and privateers signed by King today.	C.O.5, 143, fos. 63-68d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p.191
19 May 1780, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Governors of colonies (circular), sending additional copy of instructions to commanders of warships and privateers.	C.O.5, 81, fos. 131-132d; entry in C.O.5, 242, p.330
24 May 1780, Whitehall	Thomas de Grey to Secretary of African Committee, sending copy of instructions to privateers.	C.O.5, 251, p. 316
5 June 1780, Charleston	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain (separate). Army and navy officers have differed on disposal of rebel ships taken at Charleston. Matter is submitted to the King. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 100, fos. 7-20d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 238, pp.26-27
5 June 1780, Charleston	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Undated proposal [by army] that all captures made ashore or afloat be divided between army and navy according to ranks and numbers. (Prizes)	C.O.5, 100, fos. 7-20d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 239, pp.26-27
5 June 1780, Charleston	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Undated proposal [by navy] that same be divided half to army and half to navy. (Prizes)	C.O.5, 100, fos. 7-20d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 239, pp.26-27

5 June 1780, Charleston	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Richmond, 19 May 1780. Representatives of navy to field officers of army. Proposal submitted yesterday is opinion of our corps. (Prizes)	C.O.5, 100, fos. 7-20d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 239, pp.26-27
5 June 1780, Charleston	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Charleston, 19 May 1780. Representatives of army to captains of R.N. squadron at Charleston. Army did more service. We are ready to abide decision of Admiral and General.(Prizes)	C.O.5, 100, fos. 7-20d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 239, pp.26-27
5 June 1780, Charleston [South Carolina]	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Richmond, 20 May 1780. Representatives of navy to field-officers of army. Admiral Arbuthnot finds our proposal proper and does not wish to trouble the General. (Prizes)	C.O.5, 100, fos. 7-20d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 239, pp.26-27
15 June 1780, St James's	William Fraser to Thomas de Grey, enclosed: Stade [Lower Saxony, Germany], 29 May 1780. Maj-General William Faucitt to Viscount Stormont. Brunswick recruits are short by stout and fit for service, Anhalt recruits remarkably fine. Transports were attacked in passage from England by French privateers.	C.O.5, 143, fos.81-86d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p.195
3 July 1780, New York	Elliot to Robinson; Situation of the duties on prizes	CO 5/175
13 September 1780, St James's	Viscount Stormont to Lord George Germain. Additional instruction will be sent to H.M.'s ships and to privateers conformable thereto.	C.O.5, 143, fos. 109-113d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p.201
4 October 1780, Whitehall	Lord George Germain to Governors of colonies (circular), sending additional instruction respecting Denmark to be observed by captains of ships with letters of marque.	C.O.5, 81, fos. 202-203d; entry in C.O.5, 242, p. 348
31 December 1780, Charleston	James Simpson to Lord George Germain. Need naval protection from privateers.	C.O.5, 178, fos. 75-81d; entry in C.O.5, 230, pp. 255-259

12 January 1781, London [England]	Chevalier de Pinto [Minister of Portugal] to Lord George Germain, enclosed: London, 12 January 1781. Memorial of same to same, demanding restitution of Portuguese ship <i>Sagrada Familia</i> taken by British privateer <i>Baffler</i> on 29 September 1780 and carried to Barbados.	C.O.5, 158, fos. 104-107d
12 January 1781, Whitby	John Yeoman to Lord George Germain. Two Americans, taken from privateer <i>Terrible</i> and brought here, have been committed to York Castle [England].	C.O.5, 158, fos. 102-103d
22 January 1781, London [England]	Chevalier de Pinto [Minister of Portugal] to Lord George Germain. Portuguese ship <i>Sagrada Familia</i> has now been taken to Antigua [West Indies].	C.O.5, 158, fos. 112-113d
25 January 1781, London [England]	Lord George Germain to Chevalier de Pinto [Minister of Portugal]. Every effort will be made to obtain decision in case of <i>Sagrada Familia</i> taken by <i>Baffler</i> .	C.O.5, 252, p. 37
15 February 1781, Pensacola [Florida]	Officers of H.M.S. <i>Mentor</i> to Lord George Germain, claiming Spanish vessel as prize which was taken by <i>Nelly</i> , John Buttermire master, without letter of marque.	C.O.5, 82, fos. 145-154d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 230, pp. 298-300
8 March 1781, New York	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain requesting instructions to obviate disagreement between army and navy. Troops should have equal entitlement to prizes when acting with sea-service.	C.O.5, 101, fos. 282-291d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 238, pp. 340-341
8 March 1781, New York	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Portsmouth, 5 February 1781. Brig.-General Benedict Arnold to Sir H. Clinton, soliciting justice in division of prizes.	C.O.5, 101, fos. 282-291d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 238, pp. 340-341
8 March 1781, New York	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Portsmouth, 5 February 1781. Same to Commodore Thomas Symonds. You proposed equal division of prize-money but now appear to deny army its share.	C.O.5, 101, fos. 282-291d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 238, pp. 340-341
8 March 1781, New York	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 5 February 1781. Commodore Symonds to Brig.-General Arnold. R.N. captains have changed their minds and withdrawn first proposals. (Prizes)	C.O.5, 101, fos. 282-291d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 238, pp. 340-341

8 March 1781, New York	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Portsmouth [England?], 5 February 1781. Brig.-General Arnold to Commodore Symonds saying that he will lay matter before commanders-in-chief. (Prizes)	C.O.5, 101, fos. 282-291d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 238, pp. 340-341
8 March 1781, St James's	William Fraser to Benjamin Thompson, enclosed: Extract of memorial dated 7 March 1781, of Count Belgioioso, Imperial minister, complaining of condemnation at St Christopher's [St Kitts?] of <i>Ville de Bruges</i> taken in passage from Ostend [Belgium] to St Eustatius [Caribbean Netherlands], having touched at Bordeaux [France]. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 144, fos. 13-16d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p. 217
27 March 1781, Brabant Court, London [England]	William Crichton to Lord George Germain, requesting to know in writing what orders have been given to Admiral Rodney and General Vaughan for disposal of private property in St Eustatius and St Martin [both West Indies]. (Booty)	C.O.5, 158, fos. 150-151d; entry in C.O.5, 249, pp. 222-223
28 March 1781, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to Sir Stanier Porten, sending copies of letters received from Governor Haldimand requesting priests for Canada from Savoy [France?]. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 252, p. 57
30 March 1781, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Maj.-General John Vaughan. If Captain Wright and other officers who went after and captured Dutch convoy from St Eustatius [West Indies] insist of exclusive right to it, they can have no share in booty taken on land.	C.O.5, 244, pp. 278-279
30 March 1781, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Maj.-General John Vaughan. Property of inoffensive inhabitants of Dutch islands is to be secured to them. French example at Grenada [West Indies] should be followed. Military and naval stores, provisions, and merchandize intended for our enemies are included in booty which H.M. has relinquished to army and navy. (Seizures)	C.O.5, 244, pp. 276-278

12 April 1781, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Governor Frederick Haldimand. Your withholding from Council instructions is disobedience to royal authority which, if persisted in, will not be passed over. No complaint of partiality has been made against you in regulation of trade. I hope Savoyard priests will be sent in autumn convoy. Mr. Allsopp's conduct has been noted. (Privateer)	C.O.42, 41, fos. 35-37d; entry in C.O.43, 8, pp. 415-418
13 April 1781, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to Collector of Customs at Liverpool [England]. French vessel lately brought in by privateer had letters for Mons. De Luzerne and Congress. Only former has been delivered; enquire for latter.	C.O.5, 252, pp. 62-63
20 April 1781, Admiralty	Philip Stephens to William Knox, enclosed: Liverpool [England], 10 April 1781. Richard Gerard to Bamber Gascoyne. Dispatches from French Court to Congress, which were taken out of <i>Venus</i> by <i>Terror</i> privateer, have been sent to Doctors Commons.	C.O.5, 132, fos. 92-95d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 260, p. 49
2 May 1781, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to General Sir Henry Clinton. Matter of collection of New York duties is before Treasury but I am not convinced by Chamber of Commerce's reasoning. Without agreement between army and navy respecting prizes, each must be confined to what it takes. Property of loyal subjects must be respected.	C.O.5, 101, fos. 309-310d; entry in C.O.5, 244, pp. 299-301
3 May 1781, St James's	Viscount Stormont to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Names of privateers that attacked Danish convoy: <i>Stag</i> of Liverpool [England], <i>Mercury</i> of Bristol [England], <i>Regulator</i> of St Kitts [West Indies].	C.O.5, 144, fos. 46-49d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p. 235
6 May 1781, New York	Governor James Robertson to Lord George Germain, acknowledging letter of 20 December. Arming ships against Dutch is prevented by pressing of seamen, Admiral Arbuthnot being unable to go to sea due to lack of men. Has promised to discharge pressed men as soon as possible which will hopefully revive privateering, obstructions to which have favoured rebels.	C.O.5, 175, fos. 126-127d

19 May 1781, St James's	Sir Stanier Porten to William Knox enclosing which is in reply to General Haldimand's suggestion of obtaining four Roman catholic priests for Canada from Savoy [France?]. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 144, fos. 77-80d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p. 240
19 May 1781, St James's	Sir Stanier Porten to William Knox, enclosed: Turin [northern Italy?], 28 April 1781. Mons. De Hauteville to Marquis de Cordon. It may be difficult to find priests [for Quebec] but search will be made. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 144, fos. 77-80d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p. 240
31 May 1781, Paris [France]	Thomas Walpole to Lord George Germain, enclosed: Protest of merchants of Rouen [France] at confiscation of French property in St Eustatius [Caribbean Netherlands]. (Seizure)	C.O.5, 158, fos. 292-297d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 244-245; signed copy of covering letter, endorsed R, 8 June, copy transmitted to Lord Hillsborough, in C.O.5, 158, fos. 194-195d
[? May] 1781	Undated essay on capture of St Eustatius [Caribbean Netherlands] and disposal of goods and property taken there. French have threatened retaliation in Grenada. (Seizure)	C.O.5, 82, fos. 220-224d
[2 June] 1781	Memorial of Simon Porridge, on behalf of Indians of Chappaquiddick [Massachusetts], to the King, declaring loyalty and praying relief from plundering by British privateers.	C.O.5, 101, fos. 317-318d
9 June 1781, London [England]	Robert Nelson to Lord George Germain. His brig and effects were taken at Rhode Island by Sir Peter Parker and condemned as prize. He would rather not return to American but will do so if provided for. Solicits continuation of £100 a year from Treasury.	C.O.5, 158, fos. 200-203d
15 June 1781, St James's	Robert Bell to William Knox, enclosed: Turin, 9 May 1781, from Viscount Mountstuart to Earl of Hillsborough. Extreme poverty or disappointed ambition will be the only motives for priests to go from Savoy [France] to Canada but every effort will be made to find some. (Privateers)	CO 5/158, fos. 200-203d

15 June 1781, St James's	Robert Bell to William Knox, enclosed: Turin, 23 May, 1781. Viscount Mountstuart to Earl of Hillsborough. Twelve candidates have been found from whom selection will be made. (Privateers)	C.O. 5/144, fos. 87-95d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 245-246
15 June 1781, St James's	Robert Bell to William Knox, enclosed: Lincoln's Inn Fields, 9 June 1781. Marquis de Cordon to Earl of Hillsborough. Further particulars are requested of appointment of Savoyard priests in Canada [from France going to Quebec]. (Privateers)	CO 5/144, fos. 87-95d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, pp. 245-246
19 June 1781, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to Robert Bell, acknowledging letter of 15th inst. and enclosures. It will be necessary for Earl of Hillsborough to explain state of church in Canada to Marquis de Cordon. Application will be made to Treasury for travelling expenses of priests. [See Savoyard priests] (Privateers)	C.O.5, 252, pp. 79-80
29 June 1781, Whitehall [England]	Benjamin Thompson to Sir Stanier Porten, enclosed: Barbados [West Indies]. 26 March 1781. Governor James Cunningham to Lord George Germain. Inquiry will be made into seizure of privateer of Portuguese <i>Sagrada Familia</i> .	C.O.5, 144, fos. 96-99d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 252, p.83
4 July 1781, Bedford, Sandy Hook [New York]	Vice-Admiral Marriot Arbuthnot to Lord George Germain. H.M.S. <i>Atlanta</i> was taken by <i>Alliance</i> but retaken.	C.O.5, 178, fos. 154-164d
7 July 1781, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Rear-Admiral Robert Digby. New York privateers should be encouraged and their crews protected from impressment as far as possible.	C.O.5, 178, fos. 149-153d
7 July 1781, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to James Robinson. Every possible encouragement should be given to our privateers	C.O.5, 175, fos. 128-129d
18 July 1781, New York [New York]	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain. Mortified at division of prizes, army has libelled last captures they made in Chesapeake [Virginia?] and hopes to be awarded same.	C.O.5, 103, fos.3-4d
21 July 1781, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to Sir Stanier Porten, enclosed: 12 April 1781. Edward Byam to President Anthony Johnson...ship <i>Sagrada Familia</i> said to have been taken by <i>Baffler</i> privateer, has not been brought here.	C.O.5, 144, fos. 104-109d

24 July 1781, Admiralty	Philip Stephens to William Knox, enclosed: Jersey, 12 July 1781. Francis Janvrin to Philip Stephens. <i>Vulture</i> privateer took <i>Le Hazard</i> off Bordeaux [France] in passage from Martinique [West Indies].	C.O.5, 132, fos. 200-203d
7 August 1781, Whitehall [England]	Benjamin Thompson to William Fraser, sending copy of proceedings in Vice-Admiralty court at St. Christopher's [West Indies] on Flemish ship <i>Ville de Bruges</i> , which should help Lord Stormont to answer Count Belgioiso's memorial of 7 March last; taken by privateers	C.O.5, 252, pp.95-96
17 August 1781, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to Sir Stanier Porten, sending copy of proceedings in Vice-Admiralty court to Barbados [West Indies], respecting <i>Sagrada Familia</i> taken by <i>Baffler</i>	C.O.5, 252, p.96
31 August 1781, Whitehall [England]	Lord George Germain to Lords of Admiralty. H.M.'s ships in North America are to cooperate and provide protection of trade of southern provinces which has been annoyed by enemy privateers.	C.O.5, 132, fos. 232-233d; entry in C.O.5, 255, p.101
9 November 1781, Deal	Sir Richard Hughes to Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, enclosed: Halifax [Nova Scotia], 15 November, 1780. Certificate by Nova Scotia that Jonathon Binney served well at Canso and had property destroyed by privateers last year.	C.O.217, 28, fos. 142-148d
20 November 1781, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Jonathon Binney to Richard Cumberland, soliciting some provision in recognition of losses by privateers at Canso [Nova Scotia].	C.O.217, 55, fos. 200-201d
5 December 1781, Whitehall [England]	William Knox to Philip Stephens, sending extract of letter dated 27 September received from Lieut.-Governor Campbell of Jamaica [West Indies]. Only remedy would be to impress whole crews of rebel trading ships except what were sent to England.	C.O.5, 255, p.120
6 January 1782, Paris [France]	Thomas Walpole to Lord George Germain. Mischief now threatens property of English merchants in Grenada [West Indies]. I could bring matters to reasonable conclusion if authorized to negotiate about claims of French merchants. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 249, pp.268-269

31 January 1782, St James's	Sir Stanier Porten to William Knox, enclosed: Lincoln's Inn Fields, 26 January 1782. Marquis de Cordon to Earl of Hillsborough. Four priests from Savoy [France] have been here since August (taken by privateers)	C.O.5, 144, fos. 1688-171d; entry of covering letter in C.O.5, 249, p.273
20 March 1782, Whitehall [England]	John Fisher to Sir Stanier Porten, acknowledging letter of 31 January. I will repay sum of £200 advanced by Marquis de Cordon to Savoyard priests [from France]. (taken by privateers)	C.O.5, 252, p. 136
22 March 1782, New York [New York]	Governor James Robertson to Lord George Germain. Army officers hope for share of prizes taken in James River [Virginia?].	C.O.5, 175, fos. 145-153d
22 March 1782, New York [New York]	Governor James Robertson to Lord George Germain, enclosed: 22 March 1782, proceedings in Vice-Admiralty court at New York upon eleven ships condemned as prizes.	C.O.5, 175, fos. 145-153d
23 March 1782, New York [New York]	General Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain, enclosing following and requesting that army may be put on equal footing with respect to prizes taken in Chesapeake [Virginia?]	C.O.5, 105, fos. 50-53d
March 1782	Minute respecting four Savoyard priests[from France] awaiting transport to Quebec. They have received £302 10s. and will need upwards of £160 more, apart from necessaries for voyage (taken by privateers)	C.O.42, 42, fos. 121-122d
22 April 1782, Whitehall [England]	Four Savoyard priests come out in <i>Amazon</i> storeship and have been paid to 20 April (taken by privateers)	C.O.42, 42, fos. 137-146d
15 May 1782, Halifax [Nova Scotia]	Lieut.-Governor Sir Andrew Hamond to Welbore Ellis, acknowledging No. 1. Two enemy privateers have been taken in Bay of Fundy [Nova Scotia].	C.O.217, 56, fos. 28-29d
5 June 1782, Whitehall [England]	Earl of Shelburne to General Sir Guy Carleton. Army's claim to share in prized taken in Chesapeake [Virginia?] in April 1781 has been upheld.	C.O.5, 106, fos. 37-46d

14 June 1782, New York [New York]	General Sir Guy Carleton to Earl of Shelburne (No. 6), enclosed: New York, 9 May 1782, Rear-Admiral Robert Digby to Sir G. Carleton. Am I to continue capturing American vessels and permitting privateers to go out?	C.O.5, 106, fos. 104-109d
14 June 1782, New York	General Sir Guy Carleton to Earl of Shelburne (No. 6), enclosed: New York, 13 May 1782, Sir G. Carleton to Rear-Admiral Digby. I am not authorized to give opinion but think cruisers and privateers should continue to go out, though refraining from committing hostilities ashore.	C.O.5, 106, fos. 104-109d
8 July 1782, Whitehall [England]	Earl of Shelburne to Rear-Admiral Robert Digby, acknowledging letters. Resolution of House of Commons of 27 February does not preclude employment of cruisers and privateers against American trade, especially supply of provisions to French and Spanish West Indies (hostilities on land)	C.O.5, 186, fos. 5-6d
12 July 1782	Report of master of <i>Enterprise</i> letter of marque which left Quebec on 7 June.	C.O.42, 42, fos. 235-236d
17 July 1782, Quebec	Gov. Frederick Haldimand to Earl of Shelburne, acknowledging letter of 23 April. Savoyard priests have not yet arrived (taken by privateers)	C.O.42, 43, fos. 100-101d
6 August 1782, Warwick, Sandy Hook	Rear-Admiral Robert Digby to Earl of Shelburne. American privateers have been active at Lunenburg [Nova Scotia]. Lieutenant Crymes in H.M. brig <i>Observer</i> has taken American privateer of superior force off Halifax. <i>Amazon</i> taken.	C.O.5, 186, fos. 21-33d, pp. 41-6

<p>6 August 1782, Warwick, Sandy Hook [New York]</p>	<p>Rear-Admiral Robert Digby to Earl of Shelburne, enclosed: 1782 July 10, Halifax, A.S. Hammond to [Digby]. Account of privateers at Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, efforts to stop and deprivations; rebels plundered Town of merchandise, burnt blockhouses and dwelling house of Col. of Militia whom they carried off as a prisoner, and after ransoming Town for £1000, made off with booty; concerned and requests 2 armed brigs in addition to <i>Observer</i> to protect coast from these plunderers.</p>	<p>CO 5/186, pp. 47-50</p>
<p>18 August 1782, Warwick, Sandy Hook [New York]</p>	<p>Rear-Admiral Robert Digby to Earl of Shelburne. French fleet is at Boston and our own is expected here. <i>Allegiance</i> sloop has been taken. Arrival of American prisoners at Boston [Massachusetts] will enable them to fit out and send to sea everything they have. (Privateers)</p>	<p>C.O.5, 186, fos. 34-35d</p>
<p>12 September 1782, New York</p>	<p>General Sir Guy Carleton to Secretary of State for Southern Department (No. 22), enclosed: Headquarters, 8 September 1782, General George Washington to Sir G. Carleton, acknowledging letter of 23 August and proposing meeting of commissioners at Tappan [New York] on 18th inst. I will not interfere with civil power. British may have suspended operations on land but their cruisers are still active. Parties on frontier include whites as well as Indians and are regularly commissioned. (Privateers)</p>	<p>C.O. 5, 107, fos. 85-90d</p>
<p>9 October 1782, Prince George, off New York [New York]</p>	<p>Rear-Admiral Robert Digby to Earl of Shelburne. <i>Aigle</i>, Commodore de la Touche, has been captured but <i>Gloire</i> with money and French officers aboard escaped. I shall send de la Touche and French prisoners to France in cartel. I shall now be able to give post to Captain Mowat who has been long neglected at Penobscot [Maine].</p>	<p>C.O.5, 186, fos. 45-48d</p>
<p>25 October 1782, Prince George off New York [New York]</p>	<p>Rear-Admiral Robert Digby to Earl Shelburne. Many American prisoners sent from England taken in privateers; 2 transports captured at Boston and expect they will use on some expedition.</p>	<p>CO 5/186, pp 25-32</p>

25 October 1782, Quebec	Governor Frederick Haldimand to Thomas Townshend (No. 12). Savoyard priests were taken by enemy letter of marque and requested to be returned to Europe.	C.O.42, 43, fos. 228-229d
27 October 1782, Whitehall [England]	Thomas Townsend to General Sir Guy Carleton. Give all possible protection to property of British subjects in colonies being evacuated. Merchants are concerned at danger from our own cruisers.	C.O.5, 107, fos. 114-117d
17 November 1782, New York [New York]	New York, 15 November 1782. Proceedings of board of general officers to determine division of prizes taken in Chesapeake [Virginia?] in 1781.	C.O.5, 107, fos.342-349d
17 November 1782, New York [New York]	Flushing, 26 June 1782. Lieut.-Colonel de Fuchs to Sir G Carleton, claiming share of prizes.	C.O.5, 107, fos.342-349d
17 November 1782, New York	Plan for distribution of prize money from captures by army in James River [Virginia?] in April and May 1781.	C.O.5, 107, fos.342-349d
18 December 1782, <i>Jason</i> , off New York [New York]	Rear-Admiral Robert Digby to Thomas Townshend. Should New York be evacuated it will be almost impracticable to annoy rebel trade (privateering)	C.O.5, 186, 84-85d
16 January 1783, <i>Chatham</i> , off New York [New York]	Rear-Admiral Robert Digby to Thomas Townshend. My permits are not sufficient to protect property of King's friends from privateers.	C.O.5, 186, fos. 112-115d
17 January 1783, New York [New York]	General Sir Guy Carleton to Thomas Townshend (No. 50), enclosed: Lancaster, 16 October 1782, certificate by A. Gillon that thirty-nine named Germans have entered <i>South Carolina</i> , Captain John Joyner, and may pay 80 dollars out of prize-money for their discharge (American privateers)	C.O.5, 108, fos. 49-71d
15 March 1783, New York [New York]	General Sir Guy Carleton to Thomas Townshend (No. 62), enclosed: Annapolis, [Maryland]., 21 February 1783. Governor William Paca to General Washington, complaining of raising parties in Chesapeake Bay which land and plunder property. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 108, fos. 247-258d

15 March 1783, New York [New York]	General Sir Guy Carleton to Thomas Townshend (No. 62), enclosed: New York, 15 March 1783, Sir G. Carleton to Governor Paca [of Maryland]. I have referred matter to law officers but can inform you now that I regard these operations as irregular and contrary to my line of conduct. (Privateers)	C.O.5, 108, fos. 247-258d
15 March 1783, New York [New York]	General Sir Guy Carleton to Thomas Townshend (No. 62), enclosed: New York, 6 March 1783, Lieut.-General James Robertson to Maurice Morgann. These privateers are properly commissioned but I will do what I can to stop them.	C.O.5, 108, fos. 247-258d
15 March 1783, New York	General Sir Guy Carleton to Thomas Townshend (No. 62), enclosed: New York, 8 March 1783, Maurice Morgann to Attorney-General John T. Kempe. Sir G. Carleton wishes opinions of law officers on operations of privateers ashore.	C.O.5, 108, fos. 247-258d
15 March 1783, <i>Lion</i> , off New York [New York]	Rear-Admiral Robert Digby to Thomas Townshend. <i>La Sybille</i> (36), French frigate, has been captured with most of her convoy but prize worth £50,000 was run away with by crew and taken to New London [Connecticut]. Our cruisers have prevented sailing of convoy from Baltimore but I am afraid it will get out.	C.O.5, 186, fos. 137-140d
11 April, New York [New York]	General Sir Guy Carleton to Thomas Thownshend (No. 66), enclosure: 2. Office of Foreign Affairs, Philadelphia, 24 arch 1783. Robert R. Livingston to Sir G. Carleton. Vessel from Cadiz has brought order for recall of French cruisers.	C.O.5, 109, fos. 1-42d
11 April 1783, New York [New York]	General Sir Guy Carleton to Thomas Townshend, enclosed: 24 March 1783, Resolution of Congress recalling all armed cruisers under commission of U.S.	C.O.5, 109, fos. 1-42d
11 April 1783, <i>Lion</i> , off New York [New York]	Rear-Admiral Robert Digby to Thomas Townshend, acknowledging letters of 27 October and 31 December. All cruisers have been recalled.	C.O.5, 186, fos. 145-146d

24 September 1776, Dunkirk [France]	Extract of letter from Captain Andrew Frazer to Sir Stanier Porten, enclosing following: Captain Johnstone of <i>Yankee</i> privateer was lately here.	C.O.5, 140, fos. 3-6d
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