

# MICROFILM SHELF LIST & CONTENT REPORT

## Wiswall, Peleg, 1762-1887. Correspondence : 1777-1887.

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<b>1</b>	1	Article from the newspaper, <u>The Provincialist</u> , Boston, 19 May 1887.  Manuscript of T.C. Haliburton's, <u>A General Description of Nova Scotia</u> .  Correspondence: Haliburton to Wiswall, 1820-1826. S.S. Blowers to Wiswall, 1805-1831. To George K. Nichols re marshland at Digby, 1813-1826, 1859. Brenton Haliburton to Wiswall, 1817-1836. Judge Lewis Wilkens to Wiswall, 1819-1834. Wilkins to Wiswall, 1818-1834. Abbe Sigogne to Wiswall, 1825-1834.
	2	Letter from Wiswall to (unknown), commenting on the future prospects for Nova Scotia, 1818.  Bonds regarding privateering, 1780-1809.  Miscellaneous correspondence, 1777-1831.
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1.a. newspaper "The Provincialist" from Boston, Mass, May 19, 1887

Folder I

(manuscript)  
Notes and drafts of T.C. Haliburton used in the compilation of his "A General Description of Nova Scotia" including

1. Introduction
2. Forests
3. Climate
4. Fisheries
5. History of the Acadian Colonies
6. Letter on the state of jurisprudence in N.S.
7. Description of individual provinces, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia proper, Island of Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island.
8. Brief histories of the above stressing the bond between them as opposed to the Canadas and the American colonies.
9. Religion (of Annapolis Co.), Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterians and Quackers, Enthusiasts and Strolling Preachers and Episcopatians
10. Letter to Haliburton concerning Annapolis County
11. Description of settlements in Annapolis

Folder II Correspondence 1820-1826

Haliburton to Wiswall.

1. 22 July 1820, Windsor. T.C. Haliburton to Mr. Nichols, Atty at Law, Digby, inquiring as to the value and extent of the farmer's land at Digby. Typed copy.
2. Original of the above.
3. 1823. T.C. Haliburton to Judge Wiswall, Digby on the part of his father on the appointment of a judge at Cape Breton.
4. Original of the above.
5. 31st Dec. 1823, Annapolis. T.C. Haliburton to Judge Wiswall. An appeal for his assistance in compiling a history of N.S.
6. Original of the above.

7. 7 January 1824, Annapolis Royal. T. C. Haliburton, in which he describes a layout for his "An Historical Geographical and Statistical Account of Nova Scotia". The first chapter will be developed to historical narrative from its discovery until 1763. There will follow a geographical sketch and then emphasis will be bid on statistics. The last chapter will describe the workings of the colony and the condition of life found there. The disadvantages and difficulties of publishing locally are discussed. The problem of undesirable immigrants. The forecast that N.S. must inevitably join the U.S. A statement of the desired anonymity of the work.
8. 2nd typewritten copy of the above.
- 9-10. Original of the above.
11. 1802 Thos. Haliburton to Peleg Wiswell
12. (not dated) Thos. Haliburton to Peleg Wiswell.
13. Original of the above.
14. 19 February 1824, Annapolis. Thos. Haliburton to Judge Wiswell. A description of the introduction in the House of Assembly of a measure relative to the appointment of Circuit Judges. A statement of the difficulty involved in the writing of the historical part of the publication.
15. Original of the above.
16. 1st Dec. 1824. Thos. Haliburton to Judge Wiswell. Notes on alterations to "An Historical Geographical Account....". The inclusion of Judge Chipman's map. A statement of information still lacking.
17. Original of the above
18. 2nd copy of 16.
19. 10 May 1825. Thos. Haliburton to Judge Wiswell (original). Thanking him for preparing the map on the colonial constitution. Reference to the death of Mrs. Ritchie. Reference to the "wonderful change in colonial policy".
20. 1825 Thos. Haliburton to Judge Wiswell. Reference to the Trials of 16 January Term. The murder trial of Mr. Croes, although acquitted, around when there is still considerable cause for suspicion. Reference to local news items including the travels of Mr. Archibald, speaker elect, the business of the House and road improvements in the province.

21. 2nd typewritten copy
22. Original of the above.
23. July 1825. Halliburton to Wiswall. Reference Robertson vs. Bonnell.
24. Typewritten copy of the above.
25. 30 March Halliburton to George K. Nichols. Reference to Mr. Ritchie, past speaker. Nova Scotia spring worker.
26. Typewritten copy of the above.
27. 1826 Halliburton to Nichols.
28. Original of above.
29. 22 March 1829. Halliburton to Nichols.
30. Original of the above.
31. Halliburton to Nichols: 1829. Requesting Nichols and Wiswall to correct and add to the sketch for the Co. of Annapolis.
32. Typewritten copy of the above.
33. 30 March 1826. Halliburton to Nichols. Typewritten copy of 25th.
34. Halliburton to Nichols - reference to the foolish John Lawson.
35. Typewritten copy of above.
36. Envelope addressed G.E. Nichols, Halifax.

Folder III *S.S. Blowers to Wiswall 1805-1831*

1. Halifax, 20 May 1805. S.S. Blowers to Peleg Wiswall - declines to sign a certificate relative to the Schooner Lively.
2. Typewritten copy of above.
3. Halifax, 12 November 1812, S.S. Blowers to Peleg Wiswall - concerns the letters possible appointment as Crown officer for the Circuit Courts.
4. Typewritten copy of above.
5. Halifax, 21 Jan. 1815. S.S. Blowers to Peleg Wiswall - regards the appointment of the Solicitor General to a vacancy on the bench for which Wiswall seems to have applied.
6. Typewritten copy of above.

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7. Halifax, 29 March 1817. S.S. Blowers to Judge Wiswall. - personal, - mentions Wiswalls having been rejected for the office at Registrar, on the grounds that it would be incompatible with the Supreme Court - his regrets.
8. Typewritten copy of above.
9. Halifax, 15 February 1821. Blowers to Wiswall, - personal, - makes reference to the hazards of the tendency towards increased representational gov't in Nova Scotia.
10. Halifax, 10 November 1823. Blowers to Wiswall, - regards the confining in office of a Mr. Minnet.
11. Halifax, 27 Feb. 1826. Blowers to Wiswall. - personal, - refers to the back of wisdom involved in the credit of large public debt as is necessary for the building of the Shubenacadie Canal.
12. Typewritten copy of above.
13. Halifax, 6 Feb. 1830. Blowers to Wiswall, - on the death of Judge Stewart.
14. Typewritten copy of above.
15. Halifax, 18 March 1830. Blowers to Wiswall, concerns the petition of assistant judges for an increase in salary. Disagreement in Council over large sums on road building and repair.
16. Typewritten copy of above.
17. 6 October, Blowers to Wiswall.
18. Typewritten copy of the above.
19. Halifax, 28 April 1831. Blowers to Wiswall. Concerns the Spring Circuit in the absence of Judge Halliburton.
20. Typewritten copy of the above.

Folder IV

1813 - 1826; 1859

1. 6 April 1813. Nova Scotia Court of Vice Admiralty. Standing Commission to examine in preparatory - Peleg Wiswall.
2. Digby, 20 Jan. 1817. G.K. Nichols receipt - signed Dennis Rutherford.
3. 28 February 1817. Alexander Gunn to G.K. Nichols - transaction concerning the Public Marsh of the Head of St. Mary's Bay, Digby

*to G.K. Nichols  
mainly  
marsh land  
(at Digby)*

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4. 5 August 1814. Jacob Burnham to George K. Nichols - transaction concerning the Public Marsh of the Head of St. Mary's Bay, Digby.
5. 13 August 1814. James Warinton to George K. Nichols. Transaction concerning the Public Marsh of the Head of St. Mary's Bay, Digby.
6. "A List of the proprietors of the Marsh.
7. Annapolis Memo - List of subscribers.
8. List of taxpayers
9. 28 March 1817, Digby. Shares in the Marsh made over to Solomon Marshel.
10. List, James Baxter and others.
11. List
12. "List of names of persons whose shares are owned under the direction of James Budd.
13. 10 August 13, 1814. George Ziegler to George K. Nichols - Transaction of Marshland
14. 8 July 1817. Peter Marr and others to Thomas Ruggles - Marshland.
- ~~15. 8 August 1814. John Hay to George R. Nichols - Marshland.~~
16. 10 August 1814. Conrod Handspiker to Geo. K. Nichols - Marshland.
17. July 1817. A list of shares in the St. Mary's Bay Marsh owned by Peter Wiswell and George K. Nichols.
18. 11 August 1814. James Mead to George K. Nichols - Marshland.
19. 9 August 1814. Thomas Peter to George K. Nichols - Marshland.
20. 4th July 1817. Henry Stewart to George K. Nichols - Marshland.
21. 11 August 1814. Jeffrey Glasgow to George K. Nichols - Marshland.
22. 11 August 1814. Hannah Handspiker to George K. Nichols - marshland.
23. 8 August 1814. Join Page to George K. Nichols, marshland.
24. 5 August 1814. Edward Etchison to George K. Nichols - Marshland.
25. 2 May 1817. Jeffry Glasgow to Peleg Wiswell - Marshland.
26. George K. Nichols - statement of holdings.

27. 9 September 1815. Hadiah Griffin to P. Wiswall.
28. 5 August 1814. Henry Reddix to George K. Nichols.
29. 9 July 1817. Trustees of grant of marshland.
30. 18 April 1817. Velch for Block No. 7, St. Mary's Bay Marsh.
31. 10 February 1826. P. Wiswall to George K. Nichols - complete transaction of Block No. 1.
32. 3 March 1817. Jacob Burnham and others to George K. Nichols.
33. List of Grantees of Digby Marsh, 1814 Digby
34. August 4, 1859. Advertisement for volunteers from the Digby Co. militia and signatures.

Folder V Brenton Halliburton to Wiswall 1817 - 1836

1. Halifax, August 20, 1817. Brenton Halliburton to Judge Wiswall, Annapolis - business and personal - mentions clemency for "the unfortunate convicts at Liverpool who is not an object for the utmost vengeance of the law".
2. Original of the above.
3. July 13, 1825, Halifax. Brenton Halliburton to Justice Wiswall - circuit court business - the Judge shows a decided dislike of the Cape Breton circuit. "I wish the malcontents had their own Island again with all my heart".
4. Original of the above.
5. 12 May 1828, Halifax. Brenton Halliburton to Judge Wiswall - notes his absence to attend a circuit court in New York to observe the progress of a law suit of the Bishop.
6. Original of above.
7. May 3, (1860) Halifax. B. Halliburton to Justice Wiswall - refers to the appointment of Judge Uniacke - Spring Court business.
8. Original of above.
9. Halifax, 9 August 1830. B. Halliburton to Justice Wiswall - refers to the death of the King (George IV) "I hope that there will be no change of ministry at home, and that there will be a great change of ten here".

*date error 1830*

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10. Original of above.
11. Truro, 26 May 1833. Halliburton to Wiswall - personal, circuit business.
12. Original of above.
13. Halifax, 8 May 1835. Halliburton to Wiswall - business - refers to the politic unrest in Britain. 'The country is about to be destroyed by visionary Theorists.
14. Original of above.
15. Halifax, 4 July 1836. Halliburton to Wiswall - business and personal.
16. Original of above.

Folder VI Judge Lewis Wilkins to Wiswall 1819 - 1834

1. Windsor, May 9. (Judge) Lewis of Wilkins to Wiswall - business and personal.
2. Original of above.
3. 29 Oct. 1819. Wilkins to Wiswall - re. major trial at Annapolis.
4. Original of above.
5. Windsor, 11 May 1819. Wilkins to Wiswall - business and personal.
6. Original of above.
7. Windsor, 20 August 1819. Wilkins to Wiswall, personal
8. Original of above.
9. Windsor, 9 February 1820. Wilkins to Wiswall - personal (highly upset of being rebuffed by Wiswall and family).
10. Original of above.
11. Windsor, 19 Aug. 1820. Wilkins and Wiswall - personal and business.
12. Original of above.
13. Wilkins to Wiswall - personal and business
14. Original of above
15. Duplicate of 13
16. Original of above.



17. Windsor, March 14, 1831. Original and typed copy. Wilkins and Wiswall. Business and personal - refers to the race for the Chief Justice's office, commenting on Archibald and B. Halliburton.
18. 29 May 1833, Windsor, Wilkins to Wiswall, personal - circuit court.
19. Original of above.
20. 23 July 1834, Windsor. Wilkins to Wiswall - refers to difficulties arising as the principles on which (kings) College is founded. Presbyterian objections.
21. Original of above.

Folder VII *Wilkins to Wiswall 1818-1834*

1. 1825. Wilkins to Wiswall - personal.
2. Original of above.
3. Windsor, 11 May 1818. Wilkins to Wiswall. Personal - interesting references to political figures of the time.
4. Original of above.
5. Wilkins to Wiswall, Windsor, 4 December 1819. Personal.
6. Original of above.
7. Windsor, 24 April 1826. Wilkins to Wiswall - personal.
8. Original of above.
9. Halifax, 24 July 1827. Wilkins to Wiswall - personal.
10. Original of above.
11. Halifax, 25 July 1827. Wilkins to Wiswall - business agreement.
12. Original of above.
13. Halifax, 22 May 1828. Wilkins to Wiswall - business and personal - circuit business.
14. Original of above.
15. Windsor, 10 May 1831. Wilkins to Wiswall - circuit news - reference to aging Blowers
16. Original of above.
17. Windsor, 21 May 1831. Wilkins to Wiswall. Personal and circuit news.

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- 18. Original of above
- 19. Windsor, 4 August 1831. ~~Wilkins to Wiswall~~. Business, particular reference to the 'crippled state' of the Supreme Court due to the age of Blowers.
- 20. Original of above.
- 21. Windsor, 2 March 1832. Wilkins to Wiswall, personal. Lengthy reference to the sad state of politics at home and abroad. "The great rage for interesting manking, which has been the fashion for the last thirty years, has at length produced the consequences which generally flow from too much luxury in an individual, to wit, it had made the world mad."  
- regards at length the folly at large public expenditure in the Province. "... with canals, academies, Bishops' applications for subscriptions etc., the Country is in a fair way of being soon without a shilling".
- 22. Original of above.
- 23. Windsor, 20 March 1834. ~~Wilkins to Wiswall~~, business and personal. Refers to a bill to allow ~~one judge~~ to hold the Circuit Court (as opposed to two). An appraisal of a Solicitor General.
- 24. Original of above.

Folder VIII *Abbe Sigogne to Wiswall 1825-1834*

St. Mary, 10 Jan. 182(?) Abbe Sigogne to Justice Wiswall - petition on behalf of an Indian chief (Mousse) to clear his name from suspicion of retaining certain presents intended for his people.

*Indian settlement  
Bear River*

- 2. Halifax, 1 December 1825. To Judge Wiswall from James Kempt. Concerning a plan to "settle and Civilize" part of an Indian Tribe - a proposal to gain possession of the land for a reservation and to inquire into its condition.
- 3. Clare, Jan. 30, 1826. Abbe Sigogne to Justice Wiswall - expresses joy at the liberal and favourable response in Wiswall for the project concerning the Indians. Lays out the requirements for a reservation. AN interesting 'liberal' contemporary view of the Indians.
- 4. Halifax, 29 October 1827. Sir R. George to Justice Wiswall. Expresses, disappointment that the Bear River lands have not yet been settled by the Indians and offering them assistance (in agreement with His Excellency).
- 5. Clements, 9 November 1827. J.S. Harris to Judge Wiswall. His surveyed the Indian lands and found a good place for a road - description of the individual lots to front on said road.

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6. Halifax, 7 December 1827, Sir Rupert George to Justice Wiswall - expresses support from the governor for Wiswall's progress with the Indian settlement. Mentions gifts being forwarded to the Indians from the Governor through the Rev. Sigogne and Wiswall.
7. Clare, 7 April 1828. Abbe Sigogne and Justice Wiswall. Proposes a subscription to raise funds to construct a house of worship on the Indian Settlement.
8. Halifax, 12 May 1828. Sir Rupert George to Justice Wiswall. Regretting the absence of the mackerel from the supplies being sent to the Indians - inventory given.
9. Draft of letter to Sir R. George by Peleg Wiswall - informing him of having had the land divided into lots - describes the progress of the Indian settlement in detail, outlining the difficulties in making it self supporting, excellent description.
10. Halifax, 21 April 1828. Sir Rupert George to Justice Wiswall. Wiswall's notes on Indian life have served greatly. Entertain His Excellency, Sir James and friends in Halifax. Continued if condescending support is ensured including that for the chapel "if the expense of gratifying them would not be considerable". George recommends Wiswall to "the New England Company" whose object is "the civilization and instruction of Negroes and Indians; for support for the settlement. Highly interesting.
11. William Bowman to Justice Wiswall. Inquiring on behalf of Quakers in London as to what those philanthropists might best do to help the Indian settlement; "to assist their industry without the risk of increasing their indolence".
12. St. John, 30 October 1828. William Bowman to Justice Wiswall. In receipt of the letter's description of Indian settlement a dissection in the "spiritual humbug" which so often gets involved in the most noble extremes.
13. Clare, Oct. 28, 1828. Abbe Signogne to Justice Wiswall. Imports that 'quarrel discord' among the Indians had driven him to despair were it not for Wiswall's continued courage. Plans for the chapel.
14. St. John, 20 Jan. 1829. William Bowman to Justice Wiswall. In receipt of a further report on the Indians by Wiswall. Questions as to why Heuse's name has not come up recently. Mentions the possibility of selling Cranberries on the English market.
15. Halifax, 25 March 1830. Mr. Roach to Justice Wiswall. The House of Assembly writes £100 towards the building of the chapel on the Indian settlement. A bill is before the House to divide Annapolis Co. Describes in general terms the expenditures of the House.

16. Halifax, March 29, 1830. Mr. Roach to Judge Wiswall. The executive council has given consent to the granting of the £100 for the building of the chapel.
17. A copy of the Resolution guaranteeing the £100.
18. Halifax, November 2(?) 1830. Roach to Wiswall. Letter containing above copy.
19. Clare, January 1, 1831. Abbe Signogne to Justice Wiswall. Petitioning for clothing from the Government for the winter.
20. Halifax, January 5, 1831. William Hill to Justice Wiswall. Monies concerning the Chapel. Mention of the House Termining 'peacefully' after all its squabbles.
21. Clare, March 29, 1831. Abbe Sigogne to Justice Wiswall. Complains of the "indifference of Meuse to religion" personal.
22. Jan. 17, 1835. Abbe Sigogne to Justice Wiswall. Concerns finances for the building of the Chapel.
23. A statement of Donations made to the Indian Chapel at Bear River including £100 voted by the Legislative. Sum total £144.0.9½.
24. 1831. A statement of the individualized costs of the Chapel.
25. 1832. Statement of credit vs. expenditure.
26. Names of Indians settled at Bear River, living in 1832.
27. Clare, 1834. Abbe Sigogne to Justice Wiswall, personal.
28. Abbe Sigogne to Justice Wiswall. "According to your advice I shall endeavor to go amongst Indians when Judge Stewart shall be in the Quarter.". Personal.

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Bonds  
re  
Privateering  
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1809

1. Wiswall to ( ), Annapolis, 14 March 1818, 28 pages - Letter comments on the future prospects for Nova Scotia. Warns that a committee of "... political Doctors & innovators ... is as dangerous as a Legion of Devils..." Mentions relations with the Mother Country and describes Province and Government Houses as "vanities" and "false indications of our circumstances. ... If there is a break with the Mother Country we will "... remain a bleak, barbarous collection of appressed fishermen and potatoe planters..." Concerning the Canadas "... we need not trouble ourselves such about them." Warns against too great an increase in population. Do not want to be "over-run with Maroons, Chesapeake Negroes, cast-off Fishermen; or even with too many poor Scotch, Irish or English emigrants..." Agriculture must be encouraged but not through the issuance of paper money, which could only lead to reckless borrowing. Government bounties will not establish the fisheries. Closes by discussing trade and the problem of smuggling. [Published in the Canadian Historical Review, Vol. 24, #4, December, 1943, pp. 397-409.]
2. Bond - Richard, John and Robert Freeman to Clement Horton, Ordnance Storekeeper, for E67-15-0. The materials were used for outfitting a privateer. 4 October 1799.
3. Bond - Same individual and same purpose as above, E 176-0-0. 11 June 1799.
4. List of surplus not returned to the Ordnance and Stores by the "Liverpool Privateers", 3 November 1809, amounting to E44-3-4.
5. Bond - Richard, John and Simeon Perkins to Clement Horton, Ordnance Storekeeper, for E227-5-0. Used for outfitting a privateer. 30 June 1798.
6. Bond - Joseph Freeman and John Roberts give a bond of E119-7-4 for the privateer the "Rover". 16 April 1802.
7. Receipt to Joseph Freeman for duties of E15, 5 August 1797
8. Receipt to Joseph Freeman for duties, 29 March 1806

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9. Receipt to Joseph Freeman for cargo of the Brig Wentworth E188-11-14, 27 March 1798.
10. Receipt to John Freeman for E31-17-0 for rums saved from the Brig Miriam, 19 March 1798.
11. Joseph Freeman - receipt for duties on rum, E30-19-11, 7 August 1798.
12. Bond - John Perkins and Joseph Freeman for Brig Rover cargo, from Barbados, E71-2-3, 20 September 1802
13. Bond - Joseph Freeman and John Roberts for goods imported on the Schooner Parker, E132-1-4, 19 November 1808
14. Joseph Freeman to John Thomas, Collector of Import and Excise for Liverpool. Promise to pay balance on duties owed of E67-1-10, 5 February 1807.
15. Joseph Freeman, Jr. - duty on sugar and molasses, E-22-11-12, 18 July 1805
16. Bond - Simeon Perkins et al, owners of the Privateer Lucy, to Joseph Freeman, to pay him £5 a month for every month he is in prison, should he be captured. 5 June 1780.
17. 6 March 1809 - fees owed to Customs, E119-5-3
18. Bond - Joseph Freeman for duty on sugar imported, E 63-11-5, 24 February 1809.
19. Thomas Oxnard to "Dear Sir", Halifax, 17 June 1777 (typescript). - Letter to his former pastor expressing the hope the war will soon be over and Oxnard will be able to return to the United States.
20. Original of above.
21. Richard J. Uniacke to "Dear Sir" (Simeon Perkins) Halifax, 12 October 1799 (typescript) - States he has rejected offers to run in Halifax in order to continue to represent Queens County "I am a great Enemy to Contasted Elections."
22. Original of above.

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- 23. S. G. W. Archibald to "Dear Sir" (Judge Wiswall), Halifax, 28 March 1818 (typescript) - "Mr. Ritchie will give you what the Recorder has omitted, of our parliamentary affairs the Emperor has become the real John Knox of Nova Scotia and threatens to eat you church men one, and all."
- 24. Original of above.
- 25. S. G. W. Archibald to "Dear Sir" (Judge Wiswall), Halifax, 4 May 1818 (typescript) - Agrees with comments of Wiswall in previous letters that many in the province are overreaching themselves. "Many English capitals have been wasted even in the district of Pictou, without leaving as many traces behind them as Old William McKay has left from his ax and spade."
- 26. Original of above.
- 27. Agricola to "Dear Sir" (Judge Wiswall), Halifax, 5 November 1818 (typescript) - Urges Judge Wiswall to speak out in favour of the formation of an Agricultural Society in his area.
- 28. Original of above.
- 29. G. K. Nichols to "Dear Uncle" (Judge Wiswall), Digby, 2 February 1820 (typescript) - Letter concerns the division of Digby and offers names and comments on individuals who are seeking the soon to be created offices.
- 30. Original of above.
- 31. Cereno H. Jones to "Dear Sir" (Judge Wiswall), Sissibo, 5 February 1820 (typescript) - Offers suggestions for appointments should the County be divided. Mentions some confusion about timber supplied for the repair of the Sissibo Bridge.
- 32. Original of above.
- 33. John Warwick to "Dear Sir" (Judge Wiswall), Digby, 16 February 1820 (typescript) - Mentions possible division of the County. Warwick intends to seek the House of Assembly seat for the new district.
- 34. Original of above.

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35. John Young to "Dear Sir" (Judge Wiswall), Willowpark, 23 August 1824 (typescript) - Requests a report on the operation of the Digt Agricultural Society. There is a complaint that three men have monopolized all the prizes during the past number of years.
36. Original of above.
37. The Ritchie to Geo. B. Nichols, Annapolis Royal, 5 January 1827 - Letter concerns a number of legal matters of mutual interest.
38. T. Wiswall to "Dear Brother" (Judge Wiswall), 5 May 1828 (typescript) - Letters concerns mainly family information. A reference to hiring a "Black Man" as a servant.
39. Original of above.
40. P. Wiswall to "My dear Wife", Windsor, 28 May 1830 (typescript) - Has just finished hearing a lengthy murder-trial. Comments on the conduct of Archibald, the Speaker of the House of Assembly.
41. Original of above.
42. Richard Uniacke to "My dear Judge" (Wiswall), Halifax, 11 August 1831 (typescript) - Inquiries if Wiswall is willing to serve on the Eastern Circuit in the Spring.
43. Original of above.
44. S. Cowling to "My dear Sir" (Judge Wiswall), Annapolis, Monday evening (typescript) - Hopes to be of some assistance to Stewart. Mentions the death of Mr. Muir.
45. Original of above.
46. R. Viets to (Wiswall), 29 March, 1833 (typescript) - Has instructed Botsford to send Widow Muir some flour, tea, sugar and tobacco.
47. Original of above.
48. Charles Jones to "Sir" (Judge Wiswall), Brier Island, 30 March 1833. (typescript) - Letter concerns affidavits which have been taken.
49. Original of above.

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50. Colin Campbell, Jr. to "Dear Sir" Weymouth, 31 March 1833 (typescript) - States a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Captain Haycock.
51. Original of above
52. Charles Budd to "Dear Sir" (Judge Wiswall), Halifax, 12 April 1833 (typescript) - Comments on death of Mr. Muir and delay in proposed division of the Counties. "... we have so many cooks that in many instances we have no broth at all."
53. Original of above
54. W. B. Sewall to "My dear Sir" (P. Wiswall), Portland, 13 June 1834 (typescript) - Mentions that hard times and lack of money is the main complaint in his area.
55. Original of above
56. Thos. W. James to "My dear Judge" (Wiswall), Halifax, 17 January 1836 (typescript) - States that Wiswall's petition on behalf of needy Indians has been accepted and clothing is being forwarded.
57. Original of order
58. W. B. Sewall to "My dear Sir" (P. Wiswall), Portland, 8 June 1836 - Apologize for infrequent letters. Has just returned from Ohio. Describes many of the cities. Spent some time in Washington.
59. Original of above
60. J. Stewart to "My dear Sir" (Wiswall), Halifax, 22 October 1816 (typescript) - Regrets he cannot lend any money to Mr. Reid "... with the extravagance of my two sons, and other urgent causes, I would be afraid to part with any ready money if I had it to spare at present."
61. Original of above
62. J. Stewart to "My dear Sir" (Wiswall), Halifax, 30 April 1817 (typescript) - Asks how Wiswall plans to journey to Halifax in order to join Stewart on the Eastern Circuit.

J. Stewart to  
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63. Original of above
64. J. Stewart to (Judge Wiswall), Halifax, 17 November 1817 (typescript) - Comments on the enforcement of some laws which cause "... the poor innocent trader to smart under the unrelenting paw of the Navigation Law which knows no mercy."
65. Original of above
66. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 21 August 1818 (typescript) - Reports he has switched with Halliburton and will now do the Eastern circuit.
67. Original of above
68. J. Howe to "the Post Riders", Halifax, 21 August 1818 (typescript) - Instructions to deliver a letter to Judge Wiswall.
69. Original of above
70. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 3 December 1818 (typescript) - Has forwarded Wiswall's letter to "Agricola" and asks permission to have it published.
71. Original of above
72. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, March 1819 (typescript) - Comments on the politics of the day.
73. Original of above
74. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 6 September 1819 (typescript) - Is pleased to learn Wiswall will visit him. Mentions he has obtained the silk gown which Mrs. Wiswall ordered.
75. Original of above
76. J. Stewart to (Justice Wiswall), Halifax, 20 December 1820 (typescript) - Mentions that the annexation of Cape Breton will simply mean additional work for the judges.
77. Original of above.

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- 78. J. Stewart to "My dear Brother" (Wiswall), Halifax, 18 January 1821 (typescript) - Mentions all the judges are in agreement as to the new circuits now that they must visit Cape Breton also. Proposed county changes still not settled.
- 79. Original of above.
- 80. J. Stewart to (Judge Wiswall), Halifax, 29 January 1822 (typescript) - Letter stating the appointment of an additional justice would only worsen the situation. Stewart will not go to Cape Breton under any circumstances. "...the Treasury is poor indeed, and re-trenchment is the chorus of the song."
- 81. Original of above
- 82. J. Stewart to "My dear brother" (Wiswall), Halifax, 3 February 1823 (typescript) - "You are a happy man, Sir, for think of my condition; what Society have I at my fire side, but one solitary old woman with a pair of spectacles on her nose, reading novels, while I read Law. Mentions many lawyers in England are suffering financially."
- 83. Original of above
- 84. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 7 February 1823 (typescript) - Mentions that Sir James Kept is forwarding newspapers to Wiswall.
- 85. Original of above
- 86. J. Stewart to (Justice Wiswall), Halifax, 10 April 1823 (typescript) - Comments on the educational system of the province. Reports rumors had circulated that Wiswall had died. Suggests either Chipman or Marshall will be named judge for Cape Breton.
- 87. Original of above
- 88. J. Stewart to (Judge Wiswall), Halifax, 25 January 1824 (typescript) - Reports there are plans to create three Presiding Judges for the sessions of the Inferior Courts and Quarter Sessions.
- 89. Original of above.

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- 90. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 10 February 1824 (typescript) - Reports the proposed alterations in the judicial structure will probably not pass the Assembly. "... the Lawyers are so divided among themselves on the subject that the Countrymen will get the better of them."
- 91. Original of above
- 92. J. Stewart to (Judge Wiswall), Halifax, 8 March 1824, (typescript) - Reports the judicial bill has passed. "first it was gained on the one side, and then on the other, and then lost in turn, and then it stood still, and then it was set agoing again, till at last the MOB entered into the game and, by a Kick, drove it into the Council."
- 93. Original of above
- 94. J. Stewart to (Judge Wiswall), Halifax, 23 August 1824 (typescript) - Mentions the problem of arranging the Spring circuit of the court. The "Knight of Kerry" proposes to establish a large enterprise at Comso.
- 95. Original of above
- 96. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 22 March 1824 (typescript) - Reports Sir James Keapt does not feel Wiswall will be affected by the Common Pleas Bill. Discusses plans for the Spring Circuit.
- 97. Original of above
- 98. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 3 May 1824 (typescript) - Mentions he and Wiswall will travel the circuit together. Reports the departure of Keapt "and King Michael is seated on the throne". [Michael Wallace second as Administrator of the province.]
- 99. Original of above
- 100. J. Stewart to (Wiswall), Halifax, 21 March 1825 (typescript) - "Halliburton has read your letter, and the modest fellow would not let me tell you, if he could help it, that he is the very author of those manly observations on the North American Colonies, which have so deservedly attracted your notice." Discusses possible alterations in court structure.
- 101. Original of above

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102. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 25 July 1825 (typescript) - Halliburton "... has concluded to take the business of that vile little Island upon his shoulders, that Waspish Island that frets all of us."
103. Original of above.
104. J. Stewart to (Wiswall), Halifax, 14 November 1825, (typescript) - "it is not unlikely that, during the next sessions of Assembly, a message may be sent to the house upon the subject of the province paying its own officers, Governor & all."
105. Original of above.
106. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 27 February 1826 (typescript) - Some comment on appointment of Robie to the "Rolls". Warns against the speculation that has led to the building of canals and steam boats. "... let the poor be assisted in obtaining the blessings of a moderate education, but do not take our find strapping boys from the plough to make them Doctors of Law and Divinity".
107. Original of above.
108. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 17 April 1826 (typescript) - Outlines proposed circuit for judges of the court.
109. Original of above.
110. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 28 August 1826 (typescript) - Complains of inconvenience of the Cape Breton Circuit. "I understand Marshall will not allow an old woman to chop a stick of wood for her fire on Sunday."
111. Original of above.
112. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 18 December 1826 (typescript) - Agrees that Circuit Court could be handled by a single judge but questions the proposal to use the Inferior Court when required. Christmas, the Hilary session of the Court and the meeting of the Assembly will help pass the winter.
113. Original of above.

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- 114. J. Stewart to (Wiswall), Halifax, 16 February 1827 (typescript) - Discussion of proposed changes in the "Judges Bill". Concern that Judge Wilkins will act on his own.
- 115. Original of above.
- 116. J. Stewart to "My dear friend (Wiswall), Halifax, 12 March 1827 (typescript) - Reports no changes will be made in the "circuit bill". Sir James Keapt "... is too indulgent to that only boat of his, Cape Breton, so much so, that he would take a greater share of the Lake for it than it deserves."
- 117. Original of above.
- 118. J. Stewart to My Dear friend (Wiswall), Halifax, 7 May 1827 (typescript) - Outlines the proposed arrangements for the Spring Circuit of the Court.
- 119. Original of above
- 120. J. Stewart to (Wiswall), Halifax, 26 August 1827 (typescript) - Reports things are very quiet. Mentions some of the judges are feuding among themselves.
- 121. Original of above.
- 122. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 22 October 1827 (typescript) - Reports he has left fees for Wiswall with Cutler. Offers a cure for "Gravel" "Inject cold drawn Castor Oil into the bladder. Its effects are to soften the parts and prevent an increase of the stone, and ultimately to occasion its discharge from the bladder."
- 123. Original of above.
- 124. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 5 November 1827. (typescript) - Mentions fees for Wiswall. "... the Judges and Lawyers were pleased with all that happened upon it except the perils and troubles of that vile C. Breton journey. I never think of the cursed place, but I wish it blest again with its own Government and Judges, tetally independent of our happy province." Mentions Mr. Binney got married. Suggests emigration has brought only poverty and disease to Nova Scotia.
- 125. Original of above.

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- 126. J. Stewart to (Wiswall), Halifax, 17 December 1827, (typescript) - Mentions an unhappy affair that took place between Hill and Archibald. Archibald is blamed for the problem. "We are convinced that Cape Breton, the spoiled child of our worthy Governor will be forever whining and crying, should we meddle with any of its present judicial arrangements."
- 127. Original of above
- 128. J. Stewart to (Wiswall), Halifax, 18 February 1828, (typescript) - Says Wiswall's comments on schools has received much approval. Notes Wilkins is anxious to press for an increase in judges' salaries.
- 129. Original of above
- 130. J. Stewart to (Wiswall), Halifax, 17 March 1828 (typescript) - Reports Mr. Murdoch tried to move for a total change in the judicial system. The province "is a stout, growing infant, but what with the multiplicity of doses administered to it, for its Courts, Colleges, Schools, Canals, Roads, Fisheries, Iron Companies, Steam Boats, team boats, and the Lord knows what all, the strength of its constitution has been well tried, and I fear, will one of these days, be undermined."
- 131. Original of above
- 132. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 28 April 1828 (typescript) - Mentions the Court did not disagree on one point during the last session.
- 133. Original of above
- 134. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 12 May 1828 (typescript) Letter concerning arrangements for the upcoming court circuit.
- 135. Original of above
- 136. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 17 August 1828 (typescript) - Reports Halliburton has not yet returned from his trip. "Halifax is about beginning her frolics - regatas, balls, races, etc. will soon be the order of the day..." Mentions Sir James is about to depart.
- 137. Original of above

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138. J. Stewart to <sup>1828</sup> "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 24 August 1838 (typescript) - Reports Halliburton's "... right arm so sprained and rheumatic..." he will be unable to go on circuit. Comments on departure of Sir James Kempt.
139. Original of above
140. J. Stewart to (Wiswall), Halifax, 23 February 1829 (typescript) - Comments on bill introduced by Mr. Murdoch concerning the judicial system. Reports Wilkins looks out only for himself.
141. Original of above
142. J. Stewart to (Wiswall), Halifax, 20 November 1828 (typescript) - Expresses pleasure that Wiswall's health is restored. Complains of legal case the Bishop is pursuing. Reports Sir Peregrene (Maitland), the Governor has not arrived as yet.
143. Original of above
144. J. Stewart to (Wiswall), Halifax, 6 April 1829 (typescript) - Further complaints over legal case which the Bishop initiated. Complains about Wilkins. The new Governor "... an excellent sensible man, of retired manners and habits."
145. Original of above
146. J. Stewart to (Wiswall), Halifax, 20 April 1829 (typescript) - Discusses arrangements for Spring circuit. "Our Legislative work is at an end, and your Members will tell you all about the House of Assembly and Mr. Barry, and a pretty song it would make to the chorus of derry down, saving the finale, which was rather of a serious and shameful nature. Out of evil may come good; the orators of the house have been taught a lesson; if they will talk ad populum, why Mr. Populus will talk to them, and that in their mobbish way."
147. Original of above



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148. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 27 April 1829 (typescript) - Discusses arrangements for the Spring Circuit.
149. Original of above
150. J. Stewart to "My dear friend (Wiswall), Halifax, 3 August 1829 (typescript) - "Shelburne is become without interest, without inhabitants, without money, and of course, without law." Mentions the problem of filling the vacancy on the Supreme Court Halliburton is favoured.
151. Original of above
152. J. Stewart to (Wiswall), Halifax, 5 October 1829, (typescript) - Reports Halliburton received judicial appointment and most of the House of Assembly is glad to see him go. Mentions stormy clash between Wilkins and Johnston at Pictou. Wilkins "roars" and riots to show his independence."
153. Original of above
154. J. Stewart to "My dear friend" (Wiswall), Halifax, 18 December 1829 (typescript) - Reports he is suffering from "depepsia". Mentions the Treasurer is acting as Administrator for the province. "I would rather be king over the pigs, and poultry of your cottage."
5. B. Robie to Wiswall 1810 - 1836
155. Original of above
156. S. B. Robie to "Dear Sir" (Wiswall), 31 December 1810 (typescript) - Assures Wiswall that Fairbanks will endorse the note. Mentions money is very scarce in town.
157. Original of above
158. S. B. Robie to "My dear Wiswall" 28 February 1832 (typescript) - Philosophical comments on life. Mentions his sister has been ill.
159. Original of above

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160. S. B. Robie to "Dear Wiswall", Halifax, 13 April 1832 (typescript) - Discusses factors which affect changes in the climate. Some comment on religious themes.
161. Original of above
162. S. B. Robie to "My dear Wiswall", 13 February 1833 (typescript) - Letter critical of small mindedness and meanness of politicians.
163. Original of above
164. Verses on "Death" sent by friend Robie - 1823 (typescript)
165. Original of above
166. S. B. Robie to "My dear Wiswall" 1 March 1833 (typescript) - Encloses money for an Indian who was recommended by Wiswall.
167. Original of above
168. S. B. Robie to "My dear Wiswall" 13 July 1832 (typescript) - He is tired of the broils of the "Bar". "I do not like this [land] of my father's adoption for me, nor did he; Halifax, I never liked, neither its climate or its fashions."
169. Original of above
170. S. B. Robie to "My dear Wiswall" 14 March 1833 (typescript) - Mentions various appointments and changes in the judicial structure of the province. "... a Nova Scotia winter may suit a young bear, but it is not the thing for an old man in retirement..."
171. Original of above
172. S. B. Robie to "My dear Wiswall", 29 March 1833 (typescript) - States he feels he must retire to New England in the near future. Reports the Assembly is discussing the currency question.
173. Original of above

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- 174. S. B. Robie to "Dear Wiswall", 5 April 1833, (typescript) - Complains of difficulty in escaping from Halifax. Comments upon law concerning the judges.
- 175. Original of above
- 176. S. B. Robie to "My dear Wiswall", 12 April 1833, (typescript) - Reports alterations in the judiciary will not proceed for the present. Feels intellerteralism and liberalism will ruin the country.
- 177. Original of above
- 178. S. B. Robie to "My dear Wiswall" 19 April 1833 (typescript) - Reports when he will leave the city and expresses the hope he will have an opportunity to meet with Wiswall.
- 179. Original of above
- 180. S. B. Robie to "My dear Wiswall" - Mentions partridge are being sold as low as six pence a pair. Some comments on religion.
- 181. Original of above
- 182. S. B. Robie to "My dear Wiswall", 2 May 1833 - Comments on "suffering" and the good moral effect it can have.
- 183. Original of above
- 184. S. B. Robie to "My dear Wiswall" Brookline, 25 June 1833 - Mentions his sisters who live in Brookline, Mass. Comments on the area.
- 185. Original of above
- 186. S. B. Robie to "Dear Wiswall", Halifax, 11 October 1833 - Mentions Wiswall's visit to New England. Expresses surprise that he favors the provinces over the states.
- 187. Original of above

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- 188. S. B. Robie to "Dear Wiswall", Halifax, 14 November 1833 - Comments on his friends in New England.

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- 189. Original of above

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- 190. [S. B. Robie] to "My dear Wiswall", 7 February 1834 - Mentions the "Cordelia" ran aground and is now being repaired. Reports that Elizabeth Fraser, Mrs. Robie's niece, married Andrew Uniacke.

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- 191. Original of above

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- 192. S. B. Robie to "My dear Wiswall", Halifax, 27 February 1834 - Fears Mrs. Sewall is ill in Boston. Mentions Judge Uniacke's death.

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- 193. Original of above

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- 194. S. B. Robie to "My dear Wiswall", 14 March 1834 - Reports Mrs. Sewall is much better now that she is living in Boston. Mentions death of Col. Fullerton, Commandant of the Garrison.

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- 195. Original of above

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- 196. S. B. R. to "My dear Wiswall", Halifax, 21 March 1834 - Does not think any changes will be made in the judicial structure.

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- 197. Original of above

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- 198. S. B. R. to "My dear Wiswall", 27 March 1834 - Not disposed to write at length, what with "John Halliburton reading Bills and Ch. Justice Halliburton laughing..."

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- 199. Original of above

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- 200. S. B. R. to "My dear Wiswall", 18 April 1834 - Complains bitterly of "the little paltry politics and low intriguing of our provincial patriots". Believes the Nova Scotia Assembly contains too many lawyers.

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- 201. Original of above

- 202 S. B. R. to "My Dear Wiswall", Halifax, 2 May 1834 - "Why do you call Ambition-a Demon, is not Ambition a noble passion? I answer for you, No, it is the silent, most vulgar and groveling passion that takes possession of the human breast and this I could easily prove." Discusses projected return to Boston and requests travel details. Has resigned office and this is now quite public. He is done with "all Public Affairs". Mentions the regrettable state of affairs in England. "... I must think that when the proceedings of an English Court are thus assailed and assailed with success by a tumultuary populace, that the Dominion of the Law is nearly at an end".
- 203 Original of above
- 204 S.B.R. to "Dear Wiswall", 16 May 1834 - Discusses journey to Boston. Mentions "our old friend Campbell" Laments the dullness of life and describes the place of religion in old age. *life*
- 205 Original of above
- 206 S.B.R. to "Dear Wiswall", 9 July 1834 - Enclosed a letter from Boston to Wiswall.
- 207 Original of above
- 208 S.B.R. to "My Dear Wiswall", 29 July 1834 - Worries that he has not heard from Wiswall for so many months
- 209 Original of above
- 210 S.B.R. to "My dear Wiswall", 23 April 1835 - Discusses the political situation in England with regard to the upcoming Reform. Says that must be done to return stability and prosperity to England. Mentions curse of Nova Scotia for the treatment of the neutral French.
- 211 Original of above
- 212 S.B.R. to "My dear Wiswall", 31 July 1835 - Refers to the illness "Tic Dalorcum" as a "great puzzle" and mentions a sermon by Mr. Wainwright on the subject
- 213 Original of above
- 214 S.B.R. to "My dear Wiswall", 19 October 1835 - Mentions the home of the Chief Justice on the Bay Shore. Feels the lot of Nova Scotians is improving. Mentions the reforms in England.
- 215 Original of above

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- 216 S.B.R. to Wiswall, 30 October 1835 - "I do not know what to think of the Comet. These bodies appear too distant to be able to affect us much, besides the theory of Comet's is always changing".

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- 217 Original of above

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- 218 S.B.R. to Wiswall, 7 January 1836 - Mostly concerns death. Many religious references

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- 219 Original of above

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- 220 S.B.R. to Wiswall, 5 February 1836 - Discusses the religious significance of the possibility of "spirits from another World having communication with embodied spirits in this." Mentions the unfortunate state of Ireland and makes reference to the wealth of the Church.

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- 221 Original of above

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- 222 S.B.R. to Wiswall, 3 March 1836 - Mentions Lord Glenelg's dispatches

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- 223 Original of above

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- 224 S.B.R. to Wiswall, 10 March 1836 - Refers to debtors prison and the disadvantages of giving credit to the poorer classes - Decries the lack of self-sacrifice on the part of the Junior Judges. Mentions the retirement of Mr. Bargs.

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- 225 Original of above

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- 226 S.B.R. to Wiswall, 25 March 1836 - Discusses debtor's prisons and also religious philosophy

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- 227 Original of above

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- 228 S.B.R. to Wiswall, 27 May 1836 - Complains of the wretched Nova Scotian climate. Robie disagrees with judges taking fees.

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- 229 Original of above

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- 230 S.B.R. to Wiswall, 5 July 1836 - concerning their respected states of health

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- 231 Original of above

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- 232 S.B.R. to Wiswall, 29 July 1836 - Mostly concerning matters of health. Some reference to "the question of the schools."

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- 233 Original of above

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- 234 S.B.R. to Mrs. Wiswall - 3 March 1837 - Letter on the death of Mr. Wiswall