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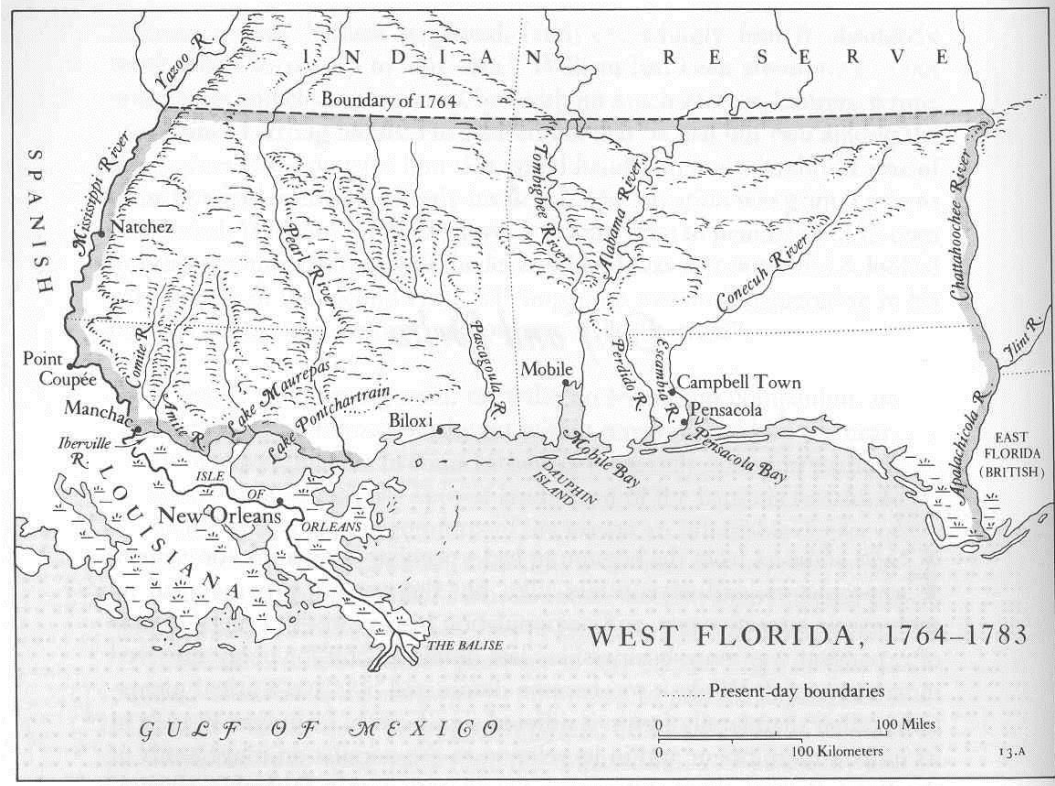
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The history of the British colony of West Florida represents a tiny microcosm of unique experience within the much larger history of the developing British Empire in the late 18th Century. As such, it provides for historians an interesting example of one small colony's attempt to emulate the accepted model for imperial development—and its ultimate failure. Although this British colony's existence was legally terminated by European geopolitics, it had not achieved viability, either economically or politically, by the time it was terminated.

The colony's territory consisted of a fringe of coastal lowlands along the Gulf of Mexico, with alternating sandy and swampy areas, and a large, forested interior. The British sought to colonize the former, especially at Pensacola and Mobile, while the latter remained, for the British, undeveloped wilderness occupied by several tribes of Native Americans. The exception was the interior up the Mississippi River, especially settlements at Baton Rouge and Natchez, which were accessible by water, and which offered richer river-delta soil for agriculture.

Geopolitically, this British colony existed for only 20 years, framed by two Treaties of Paris. The first, at the end of the Seven Years War in 1763, gave Spanish West and East Florida to victorious Britain. The second, at the end of the American Revolutionary War in 1783, gave West and East Florida back to victorious Spain. (See the timeline of British West Florida history below.)

British West Florida's foreign relations were focused on Spain, which retained control of Louisiana and its capital New Orleans (after brief French rule); on the Native American tribes in the interior; and, after 1775, on the American "rebels," who came by boat down the Ohio to the Mississippi River to harass the British river settlements, teaming up with the Spanish in New Orleans. Since the Mississippi River was the western boundary of the West Florida colony, maintaining safe, reliable water transportation was both a high priority and constant problem for the British. A planned canal to bypass the Mississippi delta and New Orleans was not completed.



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While British West Florida existed geopolitically for 20 years, British colonizing efforts, as measured by the existence of British civilian government, lasted less than 17 years, from October 1764 through May 1781. Evidently few Spanish subjects remained resident in West Florida when the British arrived. Pensacola and Mobile were small, primitive towns, and most of the colony's territory was "Indian country" or "wilderness" or both. Essentially, the British started from scratch.

Themes

The archived and microfilmed **British Colonial Office CO 5 papers for West Florida** reveal many interesting aspects of the British attempt to create a viable colony along the Gulf Coast. Some of the recurring themes are as follows:

- **Power** conflicts for political advantage, especially between civilian and military officials but also among civilian officials; these conflicts were raised, by the first governor, to the level of constitutional issues, which debilitated the governing process in the colony for its duration.
- **Greed**-motivated machinations and intrigues for economic advantage, designed in particular to influence the size, location, and official approval of huge land grants; although land-grant plantations were initially expected to generate great wealth, in practice, few were agriculturally successful, and the colony never developed an agricultural product that could be profitably exported to the mother country.
- **Corruption** among public officials, resulting from power struggles generated by greed.
- **Biased relations with Native American tribes** designed to benefit British interests by pacifying the Indians and/or by rousing them to ally with the British against the Spanish and/or American rebels; heavy reliance on a strategy of making the Indians dependent on British trade goods, drawing them into a British network of traders, who themselves were motivated by power and greed considerations and frequently operated beyond the control of British officials.
- **Inadequate resources** from Britain to finance and support settlement, economic development, civil government infrastructure, and military security; although the British government in London appropriated substantial sums of British taxpayers' money to develop and support the new colony, the amounts received were small compared to the huge task of developing this colony essentially from scratch.
- **Incompetence** on the part of some public officials, which, often combined with corruption, led to the waste of large amounts of the public funds received to develop and support the West Florida colony.

- **Inadequate and delayed communications** between Pensacola and London, which made planning and governing in either seat of power a matter of guesswork and inaccurate assumptions; this was the inevitable result of handwritten paper communications conveyed back and forth across the Atlantic Ocean by sailing ships; average delivery time for a letter or dispatch was perhaps about five months, with another five months required for its response to be delivered.
- **Built-in tensions** of being essentially an unimportant backwater place in the context of Britain's larger global interests but also a necessary pawn (specifically in relation to Spain) in Britain's global geopolitical game for power and wealth; meanwhile the colony was always under pressure to meet the standards expected of any colonial entity—to prosper and to contribute to the mother country's prosperity, and to govern itself consistent with the British constitution and the King's wishes.

Timeline

A listing of major events/dates in the history of British West Florida:

February 10, 1763	Treaty of Paris gave East and West Florida, which had been Spanish colonial holdings since the 16 th Century, to Britain
by July 1763	George Johnstone appointed governor for the new British colony of West Florida
September 1763	British military forces took control of Pensacola from the Spanish, established British military rule over West Florida
October 21, 1764	Governor Johnstone arrived in Pensacola and instituted British civilian government over West Florida, focusing early settlement and development in the Pensacola and Mobile areas
January 10, 1767	Governor Johnstone left Pensacola for England, having been relieved of his office
January 1767-April 1769	Lieutenant Governor Montfort Browne led the civilian government, in the absence of a governor, until a new governor arrived
March 1767	John Eliot appointed governor of West Florida but delayed traveling to Pensacola because of turmoil in the colony
April 2, 1769	Governor Eliot arrived in Pensacola, assuming civilian governmental control

May 2, 1769	Governor Eliot committed suicide in his office
May 1769-February 1770	Lieutenant Governor Browne led the civilian government in the absence of a governor, until he was replaced
January-August 1770	Elias Durnford appointed (ruling) lieutenant governor in place of Browne, until a new governor arrived
Summer 1770	Peter Chester appointed governor of West Florida
August 10, 1770	Governor Chester arrived in Pensacola, assuming civilian governmental control, putting priority on settling and developing West Florida's fertile interior Mississippi River territory, especially settlements at Manchac, Baton Rouge, and Natchez
April 19, 1775	The American colonial rebellion against Britain began with military action at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts; West Florida (and East Florida) remained staunchly loyalist and declined to join the rebellion
March 1778	American rebels who had come down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers from western Pennsylvania, captured Natchez, and floated on down the river to New Orleans, where they linked up with the Spanish, thus seriously disrupting British control of its interior settlements along the Mississippi River
June 1779	Spain entered the American Revolutionary War on the side of the French, against Britain
September 1779	Spanish military forces captured Manchac and the Baton Rouge and Natchez districts of British West Florida
March 1780	Spanish military forces captured British Mobile
May 8, 1781	Spanish military forces captured British Pensacola, after a siege begun on March 9, thus controlling all of West Florida
September 3, 1783	Treaty of Paris gave British East and West Florida back to Spain

- September 23, 1810 In what became known as the West Florida Rebellion, American settlers in Spanish West Florida captured Fort San Carlos in Baton Rouge, leading to the overthrow of Spanish rule and establishment of the independent Republic of West Florida
- December 10, 1810 The Republic of West Florida was annexed, in a friendly transfer, to the United States of America, raising an international conflict with Spain
- February 19, 1821 Adams-Onis Treaty ratified, after being negotiated in 1819, to expand American territory to include all of Florida and more, as Spain's New World power was waning

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Note: This Introduction and the Annotated List of Contents which follows were compiled by David Swain, a volunteer researcher at the David Library for the American Revolution. August 2013.

General Table of Contents

The *David Library of the American Revolution (DLAR)* holds microfilm copies of the **British Colonial Office CO 5 West Florida records, Volumes 574 through 622 (1712-1783)** (with the exception of Volumes 606 through 611). These are contained on 20 microfilm reels, as follows:

Official Correspondence and Documents— The Board of Trade & Plantations

Reel 1	Vol 574	1763-1766 (Bundle A)
	Vol 575	1765-1769 (Bundle B)
	Vol 576	1764-1767
Reel 2	Vol 577	1765-1771 (Bundle C)
	Vol 578	1766-1772 (Bundle D)
	Vol 579	1769-1773 (Bundle E)
Reel 3	Vol 580	1771-1781 (Bundle F)
	Vol 581	1781-1782 (Bundle G)

Official Correspondence and Documents— The Secretary of State

Reel 3	Vol 582	1712-1765
Reel 4	Vol 583	1765-1766
	Vol 584	1764-1767
Reel 5	Vol 585	1766-1768 (Bundle A)
	Vol 586	1765-1769 (Bundle B)
	Vol 587	1769-1770 (Bundle C)
Reel 6	Vol 588	1765-1771 (Bundle D)
	Vol 589	1771-1773
Reel 7	Vol 590	1772-1773
	Vol 591	1773-1774
Reel 8	Vol 592	1771-1776
	Vol 593	1776-1777
Reel 9	Vol 594	1777-1778

Reel 10	Vol 595	1776-1780
	Vol 596	1780-1783

Military Correspondence

Reel 11	Vol 597	1778-1781 (Part 1)
	Vol 598	1779-1783 (Part 2)

Note: The real-estate-oriented documents found on **Reels 12 through 19** are not included in the **Annotated List of Contents**, which focuses on the correspondence and related documents found in **Reels 1-11 and 20**.

Entry Books of Letters, Instructions, Warrants, Commissions, Grants, Legal Instruments, etc.

Reel 12	Vol 599	1763-1769	Commissions, instructions, etc. A
Reel 13	Vol 600	1769-1782	Commissions, instructions, etc. B
	Vol 601	1764-1768	Grants of land, mortgages, conveyances, etc.
Reel 14	Vol 602	1765-1767	Grants of land, mortgages, conveyances, etc.
Reel 15	Vol 603	1765-1768	Grants of land, instructions, to surveyors, and certificates
	Vol 604	1765-1768	Grants of land, instructions to surveyors, and certificates
Reel 16	Vol 605	1768-1772	Grants of land, mortgages, conveyances, etc.

[Note: Volumes **606 through 611** are not found in the David Library's microfilm collection. These contain documents of land grants, mortgages, and town lots (printed documents in 606 and 608) dated between 1768 and 1780, plus an index, in Volume 609, for Volume 608.]

Reel 17	Vol 612	1770-1779	Mortgages
	Vol 613	1771-1779	Powers of attorney, bills of sale, etc.
Reel 18	Vol 614	1772-1773	Conveyances
	Vol 615	1773-1774	Conveyances
	Vol 616	1776-1781	Conveyances
Reel 19	Vol 617	1777-1780	Conveyances

Letters from and to the Secretary of State

Reel 20	Vol 618	1766-1767	Letters <u>from</u>
	Vol 619	1768-1781	Letters from
	Vol 620	1766-1770	Letters <u>to</u>
	Vol 621	1770-1776	Letters to
	Vol 622	1776-1781	Letters to

General Notes

- The General Table of Contents is adapted from the *List of Colonial Office Records* contained in the *List of Indexes, No. XXXVI*, published by the Public Record Office, London, as reprinted in 1963 by the Kraus Reprint Corporation in New York, pages 13-14.
- The British Colonial Office (BCO) organized this collection of papers into Volumes and Bundles. In general, each **Volume** contains documents pertaining to a particular colony and subject, arranged in approximately chronological order.
- Each **Bundle** consists of documents, in all or a portion of a Volume, that were bound together for archiving, in approximately chronological order. Not all Volumes contain identified Bundles. In those that do, not all documents may be given a Bundle Document Number. Rather, only “primary” documents may be given Bundle Document Numbers, but not attachments to “primary” documents or other documents.
- Although documents are microfilmed in approximately chronological order, numerous inconsistencies exist, primarily because documents with various dates are often enclosed within a letter with a later date and then are bundled and microfilmed together. In addition, some subject-related documents with various dates are also bundled and microfilmed together.
- In many Volumes, archivists have entered onto the corners of document pages **Penciled and/or Stamped Page Numbers**. The usage of these numbers varies from Volume to Volume and, sometimes, within a Volume. Typically, Penciled Page Numbers are entered consecutively onto each or every other written or empty document page, while Stamped Page Numbers are entered consecutively onto the right-hand page of a two-page sheet of paper, usually including blank pages.
- The DLAR **Annotated List of Contents** is organized by **Microfilm Reel**. For each Reel, documents are listed in the order in which they are microfilmed on the Reel. DLAR has assigned a **Document Number** to each document microfilmed within a Reel. In each Reel, Document Numbers begin with 1 and run consecutively to the end of the reel, regardless of whether a new Volume or Bundle starts in the middle of a Reel.
- The **Annotated List of Contents** also records, where they are used, the British Archivists’ Volume numbers, Bundle Document Numbers, Penciled Page Numbers (first page of each document), and Stamped Page Numbers (first page of each document).

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Reel 1 Official Correspondence; Land Grant and other Documents: The British Board of Trade and Plantations (beginning)

Note: See the **General Contents and Notes** section that precedes the **Annotated List of Contents** for general information on how the microfilmed West Florida papers are organized by Reel, Volume, Bundle and Document with Archivists' Penciled and/or Stamped Page Numbers.

Reel 1 summary contents:

- **Volume 574: Official correspondence and documents (Bundle A) 1763-1766:** 204 documents; DLAR document numbers 1 through 204; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 980; no Archivist Stamped Page Numbers; BCO Bundle Document Numbers A1 through A117 for certain "primary" documents.
- **Volume 575: Official correspondence and documents (Bundle B) 1765-1769:** 71 documents; DLAR document numbers 205 through 275; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 360; Archivist Stamped Page Numbers 1 through 177; BCO Bundle Document Numbers B1 through B46 for certain "primary" documents.
- **Volume 576: Land grant documents 1764-1767:** 22 documents; DLAR document numbers 276 through 297; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 79; Archivist Stamped Page Numbers 1 through 46; no BCO Bundle Document Numbers.

Reel 1 itemized, annotated contents:

- **Volume 574: Official correspondence and documents (Bundle A)**

1763-1766: 204 documents with dates from July 27, 1763 through August 14, 1766; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 980; no Archivist Stamped Page Numbers; BCO Bundle Document Numbers A1 through A117 for certain “primary” documents.

Note: DLAR document numbers appear at the left margin. Archivist Penciled Page Numbers and BCO Bundle Document Numbers appear at the right margin as “Penciled Page Number/BCO Bundle Document Number”.

1. [no date]
Archivist’s cover page for Bundle A, indicating it contains documents with dates from July 1763 through August 1766
2. July 27, 1763 [1/A1]
From George Johnstone, Esq^r., Governor of West Florida, at Arundel Street, [London], to John Pownall Esq^r., secretary to the Board of Trade
Response to a requirement to provide a plan for how most reasonably and frugally to settle and people the new colony of West Florida; containing detailed guidelines

[Note: No document identified with Bundle Document Number A2]
3. January 29, 1764 [7/A3]
From Johnstone at Half Moon Street [London] to Pownall, “*desiring that an Order may be obtained from the Admiralty for a Ship to convey him to his Government*”
4. January 29, 1764 [11/A4]
From Johnstone at Half Moon Street to Pownall
“*Proposing that the Presents intended for the Indians should go in the ship that is to carry the s^d. Govⁿ*”; enclosing a list of presents [document 5]
5. [no date] [17/A5]
“*An assortment of goods proper for Indian presents for West Florida*” with a total calculated value of £1,197.19.4 [4 pages; enclosed with document 4]
6. [no date] received March 5, 1764 [23/A6]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from Giles Phillips of Ipswich expressing desire to obtain land in Florida and to settle with his family as farmers
7. [no date] received March 23, 1764 [27/A7]

Memorial to the Board of Trade from Johnstone, having been denied passage on the ship he desired, seeking assistance in procuring the presents and other supplies necessary for a British colonial governor to establish himself properly in Britain's new colony, and in obtaining shipping to transport him, his governing party, and the presents and supplies to Pensacola

8. April 29, 1764 [35/A8]
From Thomas Cant, Archbishop of West Florida at Lambeth [Palace] [or at Canterbury?], to the Board of Trade, recommending Rev. Samuel Hart to be minister at Mobile
 9. February 9, 1764 [39]
From Natt Weld at Dublin to Pownall, submitting a memorial [enclosed; document 10] to the Board of Trade "*requesting the Grant of a Tract of Land in West Florida for his son*"
 10. February 9, 1764 [43/A9]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from Natt Weld requesting a land grant near Pensacola for his son Ensign Nathaniel Weld [enclosed with document 9]
 11. [no date] received November 6, 1764 [47/A10]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from Jacob Blackwell requesting a land grant of 5,000 acres near Pensacola on which he proposes to settle
 12. [no date] [51]
Petition from Lieutenant Colonel H. Douglas requesting "*An Entire Township in the Island of St. John for himself & Friends*"
 13. March 12, 1764 [53/A11]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from Douglas seeking approval for his proposals "*for becoming Proprietor of an entire Township of Lands in the Colony of West Florida*"; written from London
 14. [no date] [57]
Petition to the Board of Trade from Charles Blanchard requesting land near Pensacola for a plantation and manufacturing
- [Note:** no document identified with Bundle Document Number A12]
15. [no date] received May 1, 1764 [59/A13]
Petition to the Board of Trade from James Razor, requesting a grant of land "*in West Florida, at the Mowbill Bay, or Pensacola River, or any part of Georgia on the River Altamaha, or elsewhere*"; desiring to use the land "*to recompense his great losses*"
 16. January 9-25, 1764 [63/A14]

Petition to the Board of Trade from Thomas Seamark of "*Bishopsgate Street Without*" requesting land to settle in West Florida

17. May 18, 1764 [67/A15]
From Daniel Burton, secretary of the "*Incorporated Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts*", at Bartlet's Buildings, Holborn [London] to the Board of Trade, recommending Samuel Hart to be minister at Mobile, requesting that "*a proper place be provided for Divine Worship*", and wishing that the Board will advance to Hart "*some part of his salary, to enable him to ear the expenses of his Journey.*"
18. May 18, 1764 [71/A16]
From Burton at Bartlet's Buildings, Holborn, to the Board of Trade, recommending William Dawson to be minister at Pensacola, requesting that a place of worship be provided, and that part of Dawson's salary be advanced as "*Dawson hath a very large family.*"
19. [no date] received May 29, 1764 [75/A17]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from Johnstone making the case for more military funding and forces since "*...it appears from undoubted Authority that the Province of West Florida is immediately surrounded with Ten Thousand Indians capable of bearing arms*" and "*...each of the other Colonies have been allotted a Garrison Staff, while West Florida which seems to require every exertion of military Order in a double degree has been left without any such Establishment*"
20. [no date] received May 28, 1764 [79/A18]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from Johnstone requesting a galley built vessel of 90 tons to communicate among the posts in the colony.
21. [no date] received June 15, 1764 [83/A19]
Petition to the Board of Trade from Johnstone along with John Mackintosh and Samuel Hannay, London merchants, addressed to Pownall, seeking a grant of 20,000 acres of land in West Florida which they propose to cultivate [see documents 46, 47]
22. November 17, 1764 [87/A20]
From Burton at Bartlet's Buildings conveying the recommendation of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts for Mr. Enoch Hawkworth to be appointed school master in one of the new settlements of East or West Florida
23. December 14, 1764 [91/A21]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from John Ellis, Esq., His Majesty's Agent to the Province of West Florida, at Gray's Inn [London], seeking direction on how to pay bills received from the Chief Justice of West Florida William Clifton for his salary
24. January 14, 1765 [98/A22]

Memorial to the Board of Trade from Ellis from the Plantation Office, requesting direction on how to handle two bills from the West Florida governor, drawn in Jamaica totaling, £300.

25. September 3, 1764 [99/A23]
Copy of a letter from Johnstone at Kingston, Jamaica, acquainting the Board of Trade with his arrival there and "*the measures he is taking for the improvement of the said Province under his Government*"
26. September 25, 1764 [103/A24]
From Johnstone at Kingston, acquainting the Board of Trade of the want of cash in Pensacola; of seizure of some Spanish vessels by British ships, and of having drawn on the Agent for £200 of contingency money
27. September 25, 1764 [107/A25]
From Johnstone at Kingston, acquainting the Board of Trade of "*a purchase he has made of Rum for Indian Presents and his Draught on the Agent*"
28. September 13, 1764 [111/A26]
Copy of a letter from Sir William Burnaby, commander of a West Indies/Gulf of Mexico naval fleet based at Jamaica, to Johnstone concerning 12 puncheons [casks] of rum, stating that the captain has no place to store them
29. September 21, 1764 [115/A27]
Invoice from merchants Thomas Ingles and Malcolm Laing for 1,398 gallons of rum, signed by Oliver Hall and directed to Johnstone
30. October 31, 1764 [117/A28]
From Johnstone at Pensacola, acquainting the Board of Trade of his arrival in West Florida and "*containing his Sentiments on the Spanish & Indian Trades, and other Affairs relative to the said Province.*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 167]
31. July 22, 1764 [123/A29]
"*A Talk from Mortar* [evidently the English name for an Indian informer] *to John Stuart Esq^r.* [British agent to the Indians in the American Southeast] *at Little Tallapees*" [in West Florida] with information about Indian tribes; a copy by Johnstone, enclosed in his letter of October 31, 1764 [document 30]
32. November 9, 1764 [129/A30]
From Johnstone at Pensacola, acquainting the Board of Trade of the "*dispute between him & Cap^t.* [Robert] *Mackinen, commanding the 35th. Regiment, with regard to his being admitted as Governor of the Garrison at Pensacola*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 159]
33. no date] received May 28, 1764 [133/A31]

Copy of Johnstone's "*preamble to His Majesty's Instructions for the speedy & effectual Settlement of the Province of West Florida*"; enclosed in his letter of November 9, 1764 [document 32]

34. November 3, 1764 [139/A32]
Copy of a letter by Johnstone to Captain Mackinen concerning their dispute; enclosed in his letter of November 9, 1764 [document 32] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 160]
35. "*Tuesday 8 at Night*" [147/A33]
Copy of a note by Johnstone to Mackinen requesting a reply to his letter of November 3, 1764; enclosed in his letter of November 9, 1764 [document 32] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 161]
36. November 5, 1764 [151/A34]
From Mackinen at Pensacola to Johnstone, begging for a little time before responding to Johnstone's letter, since "*it is an affair of moment*"; enclosed in Johnstone's letter of November 9, 1764 [document 32] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 162]
37. November 6, 1764 [155/A35]
Copy of Mackinen's letter, written at Pensacola, responding to Johnstone's letter of November 3, 1764 [document 34], explaining that his orders to command the garrison at Pensacola came from the Secretary of War through General Thomas Gage, commander in North America; enclosed with Johnstone's letter of November 9, 1764 [document 32] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 163]
38. November 7, 1764 [159/A36]
Copy of Johnstone's letter, written at Pensacola, replying to Mackinen's letter of November 6, 1764 [document 37]; Johnstone, not satisfied with Mackinen's response, states that "*I am therefore obliged to ask once more Who now Governs in this Garrison?*"; asking several more specific questions; answering his own questions that "*I do apprehend these several Powers belong to me without infringing on the Powers of General Gage or ever clashing with his Order...*"; enclosed with Johnstone's letter of November 9, 1764 [document 32] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 164]
39. November 7, 1764 [163/A37]
Copy of Mackinen's response, written at Pensacola, to Johnstone's letter of the same date [document 38]; concurring that Johnstone is governor of the province, including its garrison [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 165]
40. February 9, 1765 [167/A38]
From George Montague-Dunk, Earl of Halifax, Secretary of State for the Southern Department, at St. James's [London] to the Board of Trade

Concerning the governor of West Florida's letters and enclosures concerning the capture of Spanish vessels, expressed need for more troops, and dispute over command of the troops: British policy prevents molestation of Spanish ships entering British ports in distress or for refreshment; orders from His Majesty for General Gage to reinforce troops at Pensacola, based on Gage's judgment, "as soon as the Tranquility of the Country is sufficiently secure, in consequence of the general Pacification with the Indian Nations"; new orders from His Majesty to field commanders clarifying the distinctions between civil and military commands [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 169]

41. February 7, 1765 [171/A39]
From Lord John Barrington, Secretary of War, at the War Office to Halifax
Extract from a letter concerning separating military and civil command in the North American colonies: the military commander on the scene must obey orders from his military superiors; however, in certain designated circumstances, the civil governor may give orders to the troops; returns are to be submitted to both the military commander and the civilian governor; "*the civil Governor is not to interfere with the detail of the Military Regimental Duty and Discipline...*"
42. May 22, 1764 through March 11, 1765 [175/A40]
"Account of the Money received and paid by John Ellis Esq^r. Agent for the King in behalf of the Publick for the Province of West Florida"; accounting for expenses of £4,333 out of £5,700 received from the Treasury
43. March 18, 1765 [179/A41]
From Burton of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, at Bartlet's Buildings, Holborn, conveying a recommendation that Mr. John Firby be appointed schoolmaster at Pensacola
44. [no date; received April 11, 1765] [183/A42]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from John Firby, requesting an allowance for passage and accommodations in Pensacola
45. May 5, 1765 [187/A43]
Petition to the King in Council from Richard Robert Crowe seeking a grant of 5,000 acres of land in West Florida; the petition was referred to the Board of Trade
46. May 15, 1765 [193/part of A44]
Proclamation from the King in Council notifying the Board of Trade of royal approval of land grants of 10,000 acres each of vacant land in East Florida for John Mackintosh and Samuel Hanney; signed by Robert Walpole [see documents 21, 47]
47. March 25, 1765 [195/part of A44]

Petition to the King in Council from John Mackintosh and Samuel Hannay, London merchants seeking a grant of 10,000 acres of vacant land in West Florida [see documents 21, 46]

48. [no date] received June 1, 1765 [201/A45]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from brothers Joseph Debat, Esq^r. and Captain Theophilus Debat seeking a grant of 20,000 acres of land in West Florida for settlement
49. [no date] [205]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from James Fanning London merchant, Silvester Fanning Senior Esq^r. Matthew Fanning gentleman of Waterford, Ireland, Arthur Neil, Francis Whittaker of London a gentleman, and Thomas Sumplon Esqr. of Sheerness; seeking grants of land in West Florida of 2,000 acres each [enclosed with document 50]
50. July 15, 1765 [207/A46]
Cover letter from Arthur Neil at King Street, Golden Square [London] to Pownall, enclosing a memorial seeking land in West Florida [document 49]
51. June 6, 1765 [213/A47]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from Ellis seeking guidance on how to handle bills, including those for salary now overdue to Rev. William Dawson, minister of Pensacola
52. [no date] received June 26, 1765 [217/A48]
Petition to the Board of Trade from "*the French (Protestant) Colonists who are desirous of settling in West Florida*"
53. August 20, 1765 [221/A49]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from Ellis, at the Plantation Office, seeking guidance on how to handle bills from Clifton and for officers' pay [pages 224-225 microfilmed twice]
54. August 23, 1765 [225/A50]
From Lieutenant Governor of West Florida Montfort Browne at London to [?]
"*Relating to the French [Protestant] Emigrants*"; concern about their allegiance
55. February 19, [1765] [229/A51]
From Johnstone at Mobile to Pownall listing appointments he has made for members of "*His Majesty's Council for the Province of West Florida*"
56. February 19, 1765 [233/A52]
From Johnstone at Mobile to Pownall; lengthy letter (17 manuscript pages)
"*containing an Account of the State of the Province of West Florida; the*

measures taken for its settlement—and the Steps necessary for its improvement
[pages 248-249 microfilmed twice]

57. [no date] [253]
“*Schedule of Papers inclosed by Governor Johnstone...*” with his report of February 19, 1765; list of 17 numbered documents, of which all except for the 14th and 16th are microfilmed below [documents 58-70, 73, 74]
58. December 10, 1764 [257/A53]
Copy of a letter by Johnstone to Sir John Lindsay, commander of the British squadron on the West Florida coast, requesting that “*a sloop of war might be ordered to carry the Troops to Point Iberville*” [Point Iberville may be at the present-day location of Biloxi, MS, across from which the small town of D’Iberville still remains; Iberville was the founder of the French colony at New Orleans, and his name still identifies a number of places in the vicinity] [1st enclosure listed in document 57] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 186]
59. January 2, 1765 [261/A54]
Copy of a letter from Lindsay on the *Tartar* in Pensacola Harbor to Johnstone: offering congratulations for having cleared the channel to Iberville, thus opening it up for Indian trading; offering the *Nautilus* for carrying troops [2nd enclosure listed in document 57] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 187]
60. January 7, 1765 [265/A55]
Minutes of a meeting at Mobile between Johnstone and several officers from different regiments (Major Farmar 34th, Major Loftus 22nd, Captain Campbell 34th, and Engineer Archibald Robertson) concerning “*establishing a Post on Point Iberville*” [3rd enclosure listed in document 57] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 185]
61. June 6, 1765 [269/A56]
Copy of an “*Estimate for the Post to be erected at the Point of the River Iberville*” totaling \$5,619.70, signed by Johnstone [4th enclosure listed in document 57] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 184]
62. February 7, 1765 [273/A57]
Copy of a letter from Johnstone to Robertson “*relative to erecting a Fort at Point Iberville*”; ordering Robertson to go with the troops on the *Nautilus* and giving specific instructions about the fort [5th enclosure listed in document 57]
63. [no date] Received September 24, [1765] [277/A58]
Copy of letter from Lindsay to the Secretary of the Admiralty concerning the necessity of relying on the Spanish for trade along the West Florida coast but raising questions about the legality of such a reliance [6th enclosure listed in document 57]

64. [no date] Received September 24, [1765] [281/A59]
Copy of the "*Opinion of Hector Berringer Beaufeune* [Hector Beringer Beaufain, a French Huguenot immigrant to South Carolina] *respecting the Spanish Commander*"; seeking a legal way around the British prohibition on using foreign vessels for British trade by using a Spanish commander on a British ship [7th enclosure listed in document 57]
65. February 9, 1765 [285/A60]
From Johnstone, responding to complaints received from officers of the 35th Regiment about the behavior of a Mr. McPherson [8th enclosure listed in document 57]
66. February 7, 1765 [289/A61]
Copy of letter from Monsieur Aubry, commandant at New Orleans, to Johnstone [written in French] [9th enclosure listed in document 57] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 193]
67. December 14, 1764 [293/A62]
Minutes of a first meeting with Major Farmar concerning disputes relating to him [10th enclosure listed in document 57]
68. December 23, 1764 [297/A63]
Copy of a letter from Johnstone at Mobile to Farmar "*stating his Demands, & requiring an answer to them*" [11th enclosure listed in document 57]
69. January, 1765 [301/A64]
Copy of a letter from Johnstone at Mobile to General Gage concerning "*the Obstructions & Difficulties I have met from Major Loftus & Major Farmar*" and from Captain Mackenin; focusing on the behavior of Major Farmar; including a "*Schedule of [34] Sundry Letters & Papers Inclosed by Governor Johnstone to General Gage*" [these documents are not microfilmed here]; [12th enclosure listed in document 57]
70. February 7, 1765 [313/A65]
Copy of a letter from Johnstone, at Mobile, to Farmar, concerning Farmar's having refused "*to give an Acct. of his Proceedings to His Excellency*"; documenting Johnstone's strong authority, as governor, over all governmental matters in West Florida; responding to Hunter Sedgwick's January 1 arguments in Farmar's favor, copied into Johnstone's letter; insisting he has jurisdiction and control over all matters, including the inventorying of military goods; complaining about being accused of endeavoring "*to Vilify the Profession [of the military]*"; concluding that "*I take Pride in being of that profession myself, but Much more in being a member of that Constitution, which has prescrib^d. Proper for Its Authority; that my Children, when I am dead, May enjoy the [fruits] my Labour, without any Secret or Arbitrary Administration on My [part]*" [13th enclosure listed in document 57]

71. March 4, 1765 [321/A66]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall apologizing that he has not had time to get all the letters copied, which he itemizes, that he wanted to send by packet.
- [**Note:** The 14th and 16th of the enclosures listed in document 57 are not found among the microfilmed documents. Given the contents of document 71, they might never have been sent. According to document 57, these include a letter from Johnstone to Colonel Fletcher, and a letter from Monsieur Aubry to Johnstone concerning the necessity of establishing a post at Iberville.]
72. December 12, 1764 [325/A67]
Copy of the first letter from Captain Campbell to Johnstone reporting his proceedings at New Orleans in “*cleaning out*” the Iberville area
73. September 8, 1764 [329/A68]
Copy of a letter from Halifax at St. James’s to Johnstone, with a letter enclosed [possibly document 74]; concerning Swiss and German citizens living in New Orleans and France’s intention to cede Louisiana to Britain [15th enclosure listed in document 57] [another copy of this letter is found in the Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 190]
74. December 10, 1764 [333/A69]
“*Extract of a Letter from Lieut Maclellan who was in New Orleans on the Public Service*”; concerning obstacles to British colonial expansion into Louisiana [possibly the letter enclosed with document 73] [17th enclosure listed in document 57] [another copy of this extract is found in the Secretary of State papers Reel 3, document 189]
75. May 4, 1765 [337/A70]
From Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall “*relative to establishing a Post at Point Iberville or Manchac* [Louisiana, across Lake Ponchartrain from New Orleans]”
76. May 4, 1765 [341/A71]
From Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall “*relative to his transactions with the Indians, and the fertility of the Soil of the s^d. Province, and likewise to the necessity of permitting the Spanish Commerce*”
77. May 4, 1765 [347/A72]
From Johnstone to Gage responding to Gage’s having been “*startled at the Circumstances communicated in [Johnstone’s previous] Letter*” concerning the dispute with Major Farmar about the Governor’s authority; including a detailed accounting of Johnstone’s side of the dispute and his justifications for his actions; enclosing documents to help explain further [document 78] [pages 352-53 microfilmed twice]

78. April 3, 1765 [357]
"Copy of a Letter from Captain Simpson Commanding 35th Regt., at New York, to Captain Stuart" concerning outstanding bills, including an order written and signed by Gage relative to the importance of following the Articles of War "concerning the appointing administration upon the Effects of dead officers" [enclosed with Johnstone's letter to Gage [document 77]
79. January 5, 1765 [361/A73]
Copy of a letter from Christopher Miller at Mobile to Johnstone concerning Miller's purchase of Horn Island
80. February 17, 1765 [365]
From Johnstone at Mobile to Miller "explaining the Terms which must be complied with, before his Title to Horn Island can be confirmed"
81. April 21, 1765 [371/A74]
Copy of an "Address" from the "Merchants and Inhabitants of the Town of Pensacola" to Governor Johnstone congratulating him on his governorship, pledging their loyalty, and stating that "We flatter Ourselves that the Many Difficulties we have hitherto labour'd Under will at length be Removed by your Prudent Conduct and proper Representation"
82. April 21, 1765 [375/A75]
Copy of a response by Johnstone to the "Merchants and Inhabitants of the Town of Pensacola"
83. June 11, 1765 [379/A76]
From Johnstone and Stuart at Pensacola to Pownall
Report giving an account of "their transactions with the Chickasaw, Chactaw & Creek Nations"
84. June 11, 1765 [391/A77]
From Johnstone at Pensacola to the Earl of Hillsborough, concerning the state of the province
85. October 3, 1765 [399/A78]
From Ellis at London to Pownall, stating that "In compliance with their Lordships orders of the 2d of July last, I have agree'd with Lieutenant Gov. Browne for the conveying of the 60 French Protestant Imigrants from hence to West Florida"; enclosing an agreement to implement the order [document 86] and an accounting of related purchases [document 87]
86. July 5, 1765 [401]
"Copy of an Agreement made by John Ellis Agent for West Florida with Montfort Browne Esq^r. Lieutenant Govern^r. of the said Province conformable to the order

of the Lords of Trade and Plantations of July 2, 1765 for the freight and victualling of 60 French Protestant Emigrants [enclosed with document 85]

87. August 7, 1765 [403]
“*An Account of Sundry Necessaries bought*” pursuant to the Board of Trade’s July 2 order [enclosed with document 85]
88. October 5, 1765 [407/A79]
From Ellis at Grays Inn to Pownall, enclosing the requested state of Contingency and Indian Presents Funds “*for these two last years*” [documents 89-91]
89. October 5, 1765 [409]
“*The present State of the Contingent Fund granted by Parliament for the province of West Florida for one year viz^t. from the 24 of June 1763 to the 24 of June 1764. Being the sum of £1000: – –*”; prepared at London [enclosed with document 88]
90. October 5, 1765 [411]
“*The present State of the Contingent Fund granted by Parliament for the Province of West Florida for one year viz^t. from the 24 of June 1764 to the 24 of June 1765 being the sum of £1000: – –*”; prepared at London [enclosed with document 88]
91. October 5, 1765 [413]
“*The present State of the Account of Indian Presents granted in the estimate for one year viz^t. from the 24 of June 1763. to 24 of June 1764 for the province of West Florida being the Sum of £1500: – –*”, including the funds remaining on June 24, 1765; prepared at London [enclosed with document 88]
92. February 10, 1766 [415/A80]
From Samuel Hannay, at London, to Pownall, Hanney having been “*lately appointed Provost Marshall in West Florida, requesting that provision may be made in the Estimate for a Salary for him*”
93. February 3, 1766 [419/A81]
From James Macpherson at London to Pownall requesting a salary for his position as Vendue Master of West Florida or adding to the “*provision already made for that of Secretary to the said Province*”
94. February 18, 1766 [423/A82]
“*An Account of Money expended for the use of his Majesty’s Province of West Florida by John Ellis Agent for the said Province*” including balance on hand as of February 18, 1766; signed by Ellis
“*Contingent Fund for West Florida from June 24 1763 to 24 of June 1764*”
“*Contingent Fund for West Florida from 24 of June 1764 to 24 of June 1765*”

“Account of Indian Presents for West Florida from June 24 1763 to June 24 1764”

“Account of Bounties to encourage commerce in West Florida from 24 of June 1763 to 24 June 1764 and from the 24 of June 1764 to 24 June 1765”

An Account of Money granted by Parliament for the Civil Establishment of his Majesty's Province of West Florida and rec^d. by John Ellis Agent”

95. February 20, 1766 [431/A83]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall “*advising his having drawn a Bill upon the Agent of fifty pounds for an allowance to a Minister*”
96. April 2, 1766 [435/A84]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall “*recommending a supply of Goods to be sent out for presents to the Indians*”
97. July 17, 1766 [443/A85]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from Ellis, seeking directions for how to respond to Samuel Hannay’s request for a salary [see document 92]
98. January 28, 1766 [447/A86]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall “*relative to the Confusion which has arisen from the different interpretations of the King’s Orders respecting the powers of the Gov^{ns}. of Provinces, and the military Commanders*”, with multiple enclosures [documents 99-119] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 24]
99. June 20, 1765 [459/A87]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Gage, enclosed with Johnstone’s January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 26]
100. July 31, 1765 [467]
Copy of letter from Gage at New York to Lieutenant Colonel Wedderbourne, enclosed with Johnstone’s January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 28]
101. July 31, 1765 [475]
Copy of letter from Gage at New York to Simpson, enclosed with Johnstone’s January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 27]
102. February 25, 1765 [483]
Copy of orders from Gage at New York concerning civil and military governing in West Florida, signed by Deputy Adjutant General Richard Maitland, “*alluded to in [Johnstone’s] Letter to Captain Simpson w^h. [Lieutenant] Colonel [Ralph] Walsh*

- [commander of the 31st Regiment] *has directly disobeyed*"; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98]
103. May 25, 1765 [487]
"Orders for the Garrison of Pensacola"; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 30]
 104. March 14, 1765 [494]
Copy of a proclamation by the King appointing John Lorimer surgeon of the hospitals at Pensacola; signed by Halifax; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98]
 105. May 6, 1765 [497]
From the Secretary of War at the War Office to Johnstone; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 32]
 106. September 29, 1765 [501]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Walsh; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 33]
 107. September 30, 1765 [509]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Walsh; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 34]
 108. September 30, 1765 [513]
Copy of letter from Walsh at Pensacola to Johnstone; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98]
 109. October 5, 1765 [517]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Gage; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 36]
 110. December 21, 1765 [525]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Walsh "*in Consequence of a message he received from Ensⁿ. Darrell that the Colonel had ordered him to take forceable Possession of a house without the Garrison*"; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 37]
 111. January 11, 1766 [529]

- Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Walsh; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 39]
112. December 21, 1765 [533]
Copy of letter from Walsh at Pensacola to Johnstone; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 38]
113. January 12, 1766 [535]
Copy of a letter from Walsh at Pensacola to Johnstone; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 40]
114. August 22, 1765 [537]
Copy of a letter from Robert Adair, Esq. at London to John Lorimer, surgeon to the hospitals at Pensacola; concerning sending home hospital staff not needed in Pensacola; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 41]
115. April 26, 1765 [539]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to the Attorney General and copy of the Attorney General's response, dated May 3, 1765
"Question proposed by Governor Johnstone to Edmd. Rush Wegg Esq. His M. Attorney General concerning forceable Entries & the Attorney General's answers": enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 42]
116. January 23, 1766 [543]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Walsh; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 43]
117. January 27, 1766 [547]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to Gage "*containing the Charge against Colonel Walsh*"; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98]
118. January 14, 1766 [551]
Copy of letter from Lieutenant MacLellan at Pensacola to Walsh concerning the order for his arrest and his protest of it as "*Evil treatment*"; note at end of copy apparently by the scrivener "*To which no answer was returned*"; enclosed with Johnstone's January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 45]
119. January 28, 1766 [555]

“Schedule of Papers enclosed to The Right Honorable The Board of Trade”; annotated list of 22 documents enclosed with Johnstone’s January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [microfilmed in documents 99 through 118; the Schedule’s document numbers are different from those used here]; signed by Johnstone; enclosed with Johnstone’s January 28, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 98]

120. February 26, 1766 [559/A88]
From Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, *“relative to the carrying the Stamp Act into execution; and to the conduct of the Attorney Gen^l. Chief of Justice, and L^t. Gov^r. of that Province [West Florida]”*; with multiple enclosures [documents 121-141] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 46]
121. February 26, 1766 [567/A89]
“Schedule of Papers enclosed to The Right Honorable The Board of Trade”; enclosed with Johnstone’s February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120]
122. January 20, 1766 [573]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Lieutenant Colonel Edward Maxwell, commander of British troops at Mobile; ordering Maxwell to bring troops to Pensacola, because of Walsh’s *“mutiny”*; enclosed with Johnstone’s February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 47, 156]
123. January 31, 1766 [577]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to the officer of the main guard stating that *“I desire the Indian at the Water Gate may be admitted into the Garrison that I may speak to him”*; enclosed with Johnstone’s February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 49]
124. January 31, 1766 [581]
Copy of letter from Ensign James Bouchet, officer of the guard in the 31st Regiment, to Johnstone stating *“I am obliged to acquaint you that it is Colonel Walsh’s positive Orders to admit no Indian into this Garrison but by his Leave”*; enclosed with Johnstone’s February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 50]
125. January 31, 1766 [585]
Copy of letter from Maxwell to Johnstone, stating that he was complying with Johnstone’s order; enclosed with Johnstone’s February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 51, 157]
126. January 31, 1766 [589]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Maxwell with further detailed orders; enclosed with Johnstone’s February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 52, 158]

127. January 31, 1766 [593]
Copy of warrant from Johnstone to James Johnstone, Esq., Royal Marshall General of West Florida, ordering the marshall to take Walsh into custody to appear before justice officials in the province; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 54]
128. February 1, 1766 [597]
Copy of order from Johnstone to Major Edward Brumley of the 31st Division, "*directing him to open the Gates of His Majestys Garrison of Pensacola for the admission of the 21st Regiment*"; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 55]
129. February 1, 1766 [601]
"*Minutes of a Council held at Pensacola*" in which Johnstone recounted the events concerning Walsh, Maxwell, etc., and the Council resolved to support his actions and authority; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 25, 56]
130. February 1, 1766 [605]
Copy of Affidavit by Johnstone concerning his disputes with Walsh and Maxwell; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 70]
131. February 1, 1766 [613]
"*The Examination of Colonel Ralph Walsh*"; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copies in document 166 and in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 57, 86]
132. February 1, 1766 [617]
Copy of Chief Justice William Clifton's report concerning the February 1 examination of Walsh, declaring that "*there is not the least Colour for any Legal Prosecution or Cause of Commitment*" and ordering that Walsh be discharged out of custody; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copies in document 167 and in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 58, 167]
133. February 1, 1766 [621]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Maxwell requesting that six Indians be allowed in the Water Gate to speak with him; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 59, 159]

134. February 1, 1766 [625]
Copy of letter from Maxwell at Pensacola to Johnstone, declining to act to implement Johnstone's request, "*according to the Custom of the Service on such Occasions*"; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 60, 160]
135. February 2, 1766 [629]
Copy of Johnstone's response to Maxwell's refusal to honor his request, disputing his having done so; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 61, 161]
136. February 3, 1766 [633]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola requesting that Maxwell confine Walsh for the purpose of a court martial; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 62, 162]
137. February 3, 1766 [637]
Copy of letter from Maxwell at Pensacola to Johnstone, continuing to resist following orders from Johnstone and requesting that he be permitted to resume his command of troops at Mobile, consistent with his military orders; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 63, 163]
138. February 6, 1766 [641]
Copy of letter from Maxwell at Pensacola to Johnstone; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [similar to document 137] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 64, 164]
139. February 9, 1766 [645]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to Maxwell continuing the dispute and concluding with a feeling of mortification that his authority is being contested; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 65, 165]
140. February 26, 1766 [653]
Copy of orders from Johnstone to Walsh for troops of the 31st Division to protect for two months ground where newly arrived French emigrants are to establish themselves; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 66]
141. February 26, 1766 [657]
Copy of "*Message of L^t. Col Walsh alluded to in the Postscript of the Letter of Gov. Johnstone to the Board of Trade 26th Feb^y. 1766*"; stating that perhaps Johnstone's orders are a mistake because "*as you well know the Colonel cannot*

obey any Order of Yours"; enclosed with Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 120] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 67]

142. February 7, 1766 [661/A90]
Memorial to Johnstone, signed by 14 inhabitants of the province sitting as a grand jury, requesting relief from "*our present impressed Form of Government*" and requesting that Johnstone call an assembly
143. March 4, 1766 [665/A91]
Copy of response from Johnstone at Pensacola to the "Grand Jury," stating that it was not properly constituted, and he wouldn't recognize it [pages 667-669 microfilmed twice]
144. February 26, 1766 [669/A92]
Copy of message from Walsh at Pensacola to Johnstone "*alluded to in the Postscript of the Letters to the Board of Trade 26th February 1766*" [similar to document 141] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 67]
145. April 1, 1766 [675/A93]
From Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall concerning the ongoing dispute, stating that "*The only Conclusion I shall presume to draw, after stating Facts, and the Reasons for my conduct is, that a Public Example seems necessary some where*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 68]
146. April 1, 1766 [681/A94]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, concerning enforcement of the stamp tax in his province, observing that "*The Circumstances respecting this Law did certainly fall extremely hard on this Province*"; stating that "*The only reasonable objection which appeared as meriting any Consideration with me was the following 'Can a British Act of Parliament take Place in the Colonies, without being promulgated Or can a Stamp-master act without a proper Commission?'*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 69]
147. April 1, 1766 [693/A95]
Affidavit of Robert Collins of Pensacola concerning the possibility of a "*Revolution or Rebellion in this said town*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 73]
148. April 1, 1766 [697/A96]
From Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall concerning a Spanish ship arrived at New Orleans and more on the dispute with Walsh [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 72]
149. April 1, 1766 [703/A97]

- From Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall concerning the “*extraordinary*” behavior of Lieutenant Governor Browne [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 74]
150. August 14, 1766 [715/A98]
Copy of a list of what “*Lieut. Govenor Browne has agreed to deliver to the 60 French Protestants going to West Florida*”, to pay for which, he received money from Ellis [see document 86 for the agreement] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 75]
151. April 1, 1766 [719/A99]
From Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall concerning the behavior of Chief Justice Clifton [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 76]
152. April 1, 1766 [727/A100]
From Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall providing further defense of his actions in relation to Walsh, stating that “*The simple matter is this. If I am responsible for the Province and the fortress where I Treade, M^r. Walsh has been guilty of the highest Breach of Duty.*”
153. [no date] [747/A101]
Document listing 16 formal charges by Johnstone against Clifton [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 77]
[Note: Three slightly different copies of these charges are found in the microfilms, as follows: This one with no date and 16 charges, document 216 with the date July 23, 1766 and 18 charges, and Reel 4, document 16 (in the Secretary of State papers) with no date and 18 charges.]
154. February 1, 1766 [759/A102]
Copy of affidavit by Johnstone concerning Clifton’s behavior; alluded to in Johnstone’s charges [probably enclosed with document 153]
155. April 1, 1766 [767/A103]
Cover letter from Johnstone at Pensacola documenting the withdrawal through Ellis of funds to cover various expenses, some of which were “*aready incurrd but which the Scarcity of Cash has disabled me from discharging hitherto*”
156. [no date] [771/A104]
“*A List of All Prisoners Maintained in the Public Goals of Pensacola and Mobile...from y^e. 24th of June 1763 till y^e. 24th of February 1766... along with [Johnstone’s] Account from y^e. 24th June 1765 till y^e. 24th February 1766*”; signed by Johnstone
157. March 1, 12, April 1, 1766 [775/A105]
Four financial receipts plus an account page signed by Walter Easton, Commissary of Indian Stores, itemizing goods purchased from and delivered to

Indians by merchants Stephenson and Satterthwaite, dated February 25, 1766; includes £30 “for Victualling the Wolf King and his warriors during the Congress at Governour’s Request”

158. August 21, 1765 [781]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Clifton concerning a disputed/arbitrated account between Mr. Kinnion and Messrs. Horsefalls [?] and Noble, to be expedited because of the death of Mr. Phillips [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 78]
159. August 22, 1765 [785]
Copy of Letter from Clifton at Pensacola to Johnstone concerning the arbitrated account, declining to proceed in this matter as wished by Johnston, given that “*many things appear to me in a different Light than they do to you*” [pages 789-790 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 79]
160. September 10, 1765 [790]
Copy of letter from John Stephenson at Pensacola to Johnstone, reporting an incident of violence by a soldier against Captain Davenant [?] of the Speedwell Transport; Stephenson sought to intervene, but the attacked man declined to seek redress.
161. [no date] [793]
Copy of proclamation by Johnstone concerning the selling of liquor to Indians; alluded to in the memorial of May 18, 1765 [document not identified among those microfilmed] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 81]
162. January 4, 5, 1766 [795]
Records of court minutes presided over by Clifton with the jury finding “not guilty” for various defendants, including Paul Thackery [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 82]
163. December 13, 1765 [799]
Copy of a court document signed by Arthur Gordon, clerk of the court, concerning the case of Paul Thackery [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 83]
164. February 1, 1766 [801]
Copy of affidavit by Johnstone’s private secretary, Ensign Primerose Thomson, concerning Walsh [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 53, 84]
165. [February 1, 1766] [805]
Copy of the “*Warrant of Commitment of Lt. Col. Walsh*”, directed to James Johnstone, Provost Marshall General, signed by Johnstone, to be executed by

- Chief Justice Clifton [similar to document 127] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 54, 85]
166. [February 1, 1766] [809]
Copy of the record of Walsh's examination by Clifton, signed by Walsh and Clifton [similar to document 131] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 57, 86]
167. February 1, 1766 [813]
Copy of a legal memorandum by Clifton concerning the arrest and examination of Walsh, Johnstone's complaints against Walsh; concluding that no legal basis exists for Walsh to be charged or held [similar to document 132] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 58, 87]
168. March 30, 1766 [817]
From George Johnstone at Pensacola to James Johnstone "*desiring him to make Affidavits of the whole Transaction relative to the Commitment of Lieut. Colonel Walsh & the Discharge of the Governor's Warrant*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 88]
169. March 31, 1766 [821]
"*Affidavit of James Johnstone Prov. Mar. G. setting forth the Facts*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 89]
170. February 1, 1766 [825]
From Wegg to [Johnstone] concerning the release of Walsh [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 91]
171. [no date] [827]
Affidavit by James Johnstone concerning the release of Walsh
172. February 28, 1766 [829]
From James Johnstone at Pensacola to George Johnstone, informing him and complaining that Clifton had taken from him and kept the original warrant for Walsh's custody [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 92]
173. February 1, 1766 [833]
Copy of the record of the examination of William MacFaddin of the 31st Regiment by Clifton, concerning his relationship with Walsh [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 93]
174. February 1, 1766 [839]
Copy of the affidavit of John Hanney of Pensacola, concerning his relationship with Walsh [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 94]
175. February 1, 1766 [841]

- From Wegg to [Johnstone] concerning the release of Walsh [similar to document 170] [pages 840-841 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 91]
176. February 1, 1766 [843]
Copy of affidavit by Johnstone to Clifton concerning Walsh's arrest and custody
 177. February 1, 1766 [844]
Copy of memorandum of Clifton's habeas corpus examination of MacFaddin;
[copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 95]
 178. March 23, 1766 [845]
Copy of letter from Browne at Mobile to Johnstone explaining that it will be impossible for him ("*refusing*") to attend an upcoming council in Pensacola [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 96]
 179. February 28, 1766 [849]
Copy of letter from Clifton at Pensacola to Johnstone stating his desire to resign from his seat on the council and his intention to express his reasons to the Board of Trade [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 97]
 180. March 29, 1766 [852]
Copy of affidavit of Gordon concerning Wegg's papers and actions; note appended by Johnstone suggesting factual differences from the affidavit's contents based on a recently found affidavit of John Smart [document 181] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 75, 98]
 181. February 4, 1765 [857]
Copy of affidavit of John Smart of Pensacola "*relating to the Robbery Committee on certain Tuckahatche Indians*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 99]
 182. June 21, 1765 [861]
Copy of affidavit by James Bruce, customs collector at port of Pensacola, concerning being denied access for customs inspection to a sloop that had come into the harbor, under orders of Captain William Cornwallis, commander of ships in the port of Pensacola, on the man-of-war Prince Edward [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 100]
 183. June 21, 1765 [865]
Copy of examination report of James Harris, Master's Mate of the Prince Edward, relating to the matter of the sloop in the previous document [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 101]
 184. June 21, 1765 [869]

- Copy of examination report of Montague Blackwell, midshipman on the Prince Edward, relating to the matter of the same sloop as above [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 102]
185. June 22, 1765 [875]
Copy of examination report of Lieutenant Dod of the Prince Edward, relating to the matter of the same sloop as above [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 103]
186. July 6, 1765 [881]
Copy of letter from Bruce at the Custom House, Pensacola, to Johnstone, reminding Johnstone of the previous instance of obstruction from customs inspection of a sloop by crew of the warship Prince Edward; reporting another instance of similar obstruction concerning the sloop Jesus Nazarine by a crew of the frigate Nautilus who claimed that the Governor supported and offered advice concerning their efforts; expressing concern about the Custom Office being able to perform its duty [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 104]
187. October 24, 1765 [885/A106]
Duplicate of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall "*relative to the causes, by which the design of creating a Fort at Point Iberville has been defeated*", those causes relating in part to the dispute over authority
188. September 2, 1765 [889]
Copy of Letter from Robertson at New Orleans to Johnstone, relating to problems with the Indians and other matters; enclosed with Johnstone's October 24, 1765 letter to Pownall [document 187]
189. September 3, 1765 [893]
Copy of letter from Aubry at New Orleans to Johnstone; enclosed with Johnstone's October 24, 1765 letter to Pownall [written in French] [document 187]
190. July 8, 1765 [897]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Cornwallis, stating his understanding that the sloop under orders from the Prince Edward was being used in public service to convey supplies for the fort at Point Iberville, but that the sloop and supplies have not arrived, location now unknown; requesting an explanation from Cornwallis on this "*seemingly unaccountable Conduct*"; enclosed with Johnstone's October 24, 1765 letter to Pownall [document 187]
191. July 9, 1765 [901]
Copy of letter from Cornwallis, on the Prince Edward at Pensacola, to Johnstone, stating his surprise at receipt of Johnstone's letter and reminding him that he (Cornwallis) takes orders only from his naval superiors; enclosed with Johnstone's October 24, 1765 letter to Pownall [document 187]

192. December 28, 1765 [905/A107]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall "*relative to the Creek Indians and the Orders that no more of his Majesty's Vessels shall be sent to the Mississippi*"; including a schedule of papers enclosed [documents 193-200]
193. October 2, 1765 [909/A108]
"*Orders and Instructions for the Officer appointed to Command at Fort Bute*" located at the mouth of the Iberville River; enclosed with Johnstone's December 28, 1765 letter to Pownall [document 192]
194. October 4, 1765 [913/A109]
Copy of minutes of a meeting at Pensacola "*on his Majesty's Service*", including Johnstone, Lindsay, and Walsh, concerning Johnstone's decision to give up establishing a post at Iberville; signed by Johnstone, Lindsay, and Walsh; enclosed with Johnstone's December 28, 1765 letter to Pownall [document 192]
195. October 1, 1765 [917/A110]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Robertson, informing him of the abandonment of the project for a fort at Iberville; providing instructions; enclosed with Johnstone's December 28, 1765 letter to Pownall [document 192]
196. December 14, 1765 [925/A111]
Copy of letter from Lindsay, on board the Tartar at Pensacola, to Johnstone, informing Johnstone of his being "*deprived of fulfilling my intent [as agreed at the October 4 council] by positive orders I have received from Sir William Burnaby [commander of a West Indies/Gulf of Mexico fleet based in Jamaica] not to send any of his Majesty's Frigates or Sloops...up the Mississippi without his particular order for so doing*"; enclosed with Johnstone's December 28, 1765 letter to Pownall [document 192]
[Note: Burnaby's command included control over surveying of the coastal waters of both Floridas, including harbors and rivers. The chief surveyor was George Gauld, who was under the immediate command of Lindsay on the Tartar]
197. December 14, 1765 [929]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Lindsay, concerning Johnstone's versus Burnaby's authority to command; enclosed with Johnstone's December 28, 1765 letter to Pownall [document 192]
198. December 15, 1765 [933]
Copy of letter from Lindsay, on board the Tartar at Pensacola, to Johnstone, stating that "*I am very sorry it is not in my Power to grant the Request which you are pleased to make me*"; enclosed with Johnstone's December 28, 1765 letter to Pownall [document 192]
199. November 21, 1765 [937/A112]

Copy of letter from Johnstone at Mobile to Elias Lagardiere, commissary for Indian Affairs at Tombigbee [the Tombigbee River flows from northern Mississippi/Alabama southward into Mobile Bay; the location of a place with that name is not clear], sharing notes on problems with the Indians and dealing with them; concluding the letter with the statement that "*It will no doubt give you Pleasure to hear that I have Reason to believe by Letters from Gen^l. Gage, that our Troops from Fort Pitt have taken Possession of the Illinois*"; enclosed with Johnstone's December 28, 1765 letter to Pownall [document 192]

200. December 13, 1765 [945/A113]
Copy of minutes of a "*Meeting on His Majestys Service*" at Pensacola, including Johnstone, Lindsay, Walsh, Captain Robert Carkett, Major Edward Bromley, and Engineer Elias Durnford; concerning establishment of a road between Pensacola and Mobile; concerning relations and proper conduct with the Indians; enclosed with Johnstone's December 28, 1765 letter to Pownall [document 192]
201. December 29, 1765 [951/A114]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, concerning smuggling difficulties with the French settlements of Louisiana; still wishing for Britain to open up trading with the Spanish
202. April 2, 1766 [959/A115]
Letter from Johnstone to Pownall, "*relative to the products & improvements of that Province*" [pages 972-973 microfilmed twice]
203. April 23, 1766 [973/A116]
Letter from Wegg to Pownall, concerning his suspension by Johnstone, which he finds unusual and unjust; planning to go to New York on business [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 105]
204. January 23, 1766 [977/A117]
Copy of letter from Wegg at Pensacola to Clifton, stating that "*I am under the Necessity of applying to you, for the Vindication of my Conduct here*"; followed by Clifton's response, with the same date, stating that "*I can truly say that I am not conscious of your being chargeable*"; followed by "*An Address* [with the same date] *of the principal Inhabitants & Merchants of this Town of Pensacola to Edmund Rush Wegg, Esq^r*. thanking him for his "*honest proceedings during your Time in office here*", signed by 24 persons; followed by Wegg's response to the address, with the same date; followed by a statement of thanks from the Grand Jury at Pensacola, dated February 7, 1766 and signed by 14 members; followed by Wegg's response to the Grand Jury [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 106]

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205. April [?], 1766 [1/1/B1]
 “*Letter from several of the Inhabitants of West Florida to the Sec^y* [John Pownall, secretary to the British Board of Trade and Plantations in London], *dated April 1766, complaining of the Grievances which arise from the Administration of [West Florida] Gov^r. [George] Johnstone*” [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 6]
206. May 4, 1766 [7/4/B2]
 Letter from Johnstone to Pownall, transmitting a plan of the Bay of Pensacola and a sketch of the environs; maps were made by Mr. George Gants, surveyor, whom Johnstone recommends to the favor of the Board of Trade
207. July 19, 1766 [11/6/B3]
 Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, enclosing “*sundry letters*” [documents 208-213] pertaining to the “*behavior of Mr. [Don Antonio d’] Ulloa, the Spanish Gov^r. of [the Province of] Louisiana*”; explaining that Ulloa had sent his secretary to Pensacola, where, despite making “*the most Brilliant Appearance*” yet in Pensacola, he made a “*mistake concerning my Command*” [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 7]
208. April 1, 1766 [17/9/B4]
 Copy of letter from Ulloa at New Orleans to Johnstone [written in Spanish]; followed by copy of the letter’s English translation; announcing his arrival “*with an Intention to take Possession of this Collony*”; stating his intention to establish amicable relations with Johnstone; enclosed with Johnstone’s July 19, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 207]
209. May 3, 1766 [21/11]
 Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Monsieur Aubry, Commander in Chief for the French Province of Louisiana, regretting the loss of a good friend as command at New Orleans changes from French to Spanish; enclosed with Johnstone’s July 19, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 207] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 9]

210. May 3, 1766 [25/13]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Ulloa, extending hope for cordial working relations with the new provincial government in New Orleans, especially to avoid becoming "*the Dupes of the Indians, nor the Indian Traders, who are more savage than them*"; expressing hope that boundary lines between the provinces can remain settled amicably; expecting that British inhabitants will retain the right of free passage along the Mississippi River; enclosed with Johnstone's July 19, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 207] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 10]
211. June 3, 1766 [33/17]
Copy of letter from Aubry at New Orleans to Johnstone [written in French], concerning several Negro deserters from Mobile and other matters pertaining to the changeover to Spanish government [written in French]; enclosed with Johnstone's July 19, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 207] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 11]
212. June 19, 1766 [37/19]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Ulloa, stating that he is sending Mr. Jones to New Orleans, to reciprocate Ulloa's having sent Don Manuel to Pensacola, to introduce the new Spanish colonial government to the British colonial government of West Florida; enclosed with Johnstone's July 19, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 207] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 12]
213. July 2, 1766 [41/21]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Aubry, concerning the Negro deserters from Mobile, their legal circumstances, what should be done with them, and the inconsistencies between what should be done and prevailing maritime law; enclosed with Johnstone's July 19, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 207] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 13]
214. May 29, 1766 [49/25/B5]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Rev. William Dawson, minister of Pensacola, considering and approving Dawson's request for extended leave to return to "*Carolina*"
215. August 7, 1766 [53/26/B6]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, reporting that he has suspended Chief Justice William Clifton and that Engineer Elias Durnford, a member of the Council, has resigned, making it impossible to obtain a quorum in the Council to deal with the matter, short of suspension; justifying his actions; enclosing his charges against Clifton and other papers [documents 216-219] [copy in the Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 15]

216. July 23, 1766 [61/30/B7]
Copy of the 18 articles of charges against Clifton by Johnstone; enclosed with Johnstone's August 7, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 215]
[Note: Three slightly different copies of these charges are found in the microfilms, as follows: This one with the date July 23, 1766, Reel 4, document 16 (in the Secretary of State papers) with no date and 18 charges, and Reel 4, document 77 with no date and 16 charges]
217. May 26, 1766 [81/40]
Copy of minutes of a council, "*when M^r. Clifton refused to take his Seat in Council*"; enclosed with Johnstone's August 7, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 215] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 17]
218. August 5, 1766 [85/42]
Copy of minutes of a council, during which Clifton's behavior was examined, against his expressed wishes; enclosed with Johnstone's August 7, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 215] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 18]
219. May 27, 1766 [93/46/B8]
Copy of letter from James Bruce, customs collector at Pensacola, to Johnstone, reporting a complaint against Clifton; enclosed with Johnstone's August 7, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 215] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 19]
220. August 7, 1766 [97/48/B9]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, expressing displeasure that Clifton is "*going Home*", perhaps to argue his cause against Johnstone, and perhaps to elude the justice Johnstone thinks he deserves; justifying his actions [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 20]
221. September 26, 1766 [101/50]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall; expressing his views about the bad relationships between himself and the military command in West Florida; enclosing copies of correspondence between him and Colonel and Acting Brigadier General William Tayler, commander of the Southern District of North America, to support his views [no correspondence with Tayler enclosed with this letter is microfilmed; but see documents 230-233 enclosed with Johnstone's October 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 228] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 117; copies of correspondence between Johnstone and Tayler in Reel 4, documents 121-152, 173-175]
222. September 26, 1766 [105/52]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall; fearing that his letter of February 26, 1766 [document 120], with enclosures, has not reached the Board of Trade; therefore enclosing copies of letters between him and Lieutenant Colonel Edward

Maxwell "*that the Account of those Transactions may be completed*" [enclosures not microfilmed here; see documents 122, 125, 126, 133, 134, 136, 138, 139 for relevant enclosures with Johnstone's letter of February 26, 1766 to Pownall, which was indeed received] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 116]

223. October 22, 1766 [109/54/B10]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall; reporting that Lieutenant Governor Montfort Browne had attempted to take over the governor's powers from Johnstone when he was absent from Pensacola on provincial business, holding "*several Congresses with the Chactaw and Alabama Nations of Indians*"; stating that "*For my Part, I have complained so often, without obtaining the slightest Ans[wer] or Redress, that I am afraid to mention [the] greatest Irregularities which are daily committed in Contempt of the Kings Orders*"; including "*Schedule of Papers [two copies microfilmed] inclosed*" to support his contentions [documents 224-227] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 167]
224. October 18, 1766 [121/60]
Minutes of a council held at Pensacola, summoned by Browne; considered a number of issues, some critical to Johnstone, others supporting him; probably enclosed with Johnstone's October 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 223] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 170]
225. October 18, 1766 [125/62]
Copy of letter from Browne to Ensign Primerose Thomson, the governor's private secretary, requiring him to give up to Browne letters directed to the governor in the packet about to leave, in case there "*may be some Letters that may require an immediate answer by this Pacquet*"; probably enclosed with Johnstone's October 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 223] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 168]
226. October 19, 1766 [129/64]
Copy of response from Thomson to Browne; refusing to recognize Browne as having the authority of governor; declining to deliver the requested letters; probably enclosed with Johnstone's October 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 223] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 169]
227. October 20, 1766 [133/66]
"*Protest entered by the members of His Majesty's Council for the Province of West Florida, against the proceedings of Lieutenant Governor Browne*"; signed by James Bruce, John Hannay, William Leitch, and James Thompson; probably enclosed with Johnstone's October 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 223] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 171]
228. October 22, 1766 [137/67/B11]

Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, stating that the “*unhinged State of all Government in this Province for some Time past, and the debilitated State of our Troops, have induced the surrounding Creek Indians to commit numberless Depradations of late on our Infant Settlers*”; stating that, “*as no Decision has been pronounced concerning the various Points of Government in Dispute, I shall...[continue to] perform my own Duty with Attention and Zeal*”; includes a schedule of papers enclosed [documents 229-233] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 166]

229. October 3, 1766 [145/71]
Minutes of a committee of the council convened by Johnstone at Pensacola with Bruce, Hannay, Leitch, and Thompson attending, concerning all traders leaving the Creek Nation and other Indian affairs, a block house at Campbell, Tenn., a block house at West Mount, Pensacola, and a post at Mobile; enclosed with Johnstone’s October 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 228] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 172]
230. October 4, 1766 [149/73]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, conveying the results of the council [document 229] as orders for action; enclosed with Johnstone’s October 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 228]
231. October 6, 1766 [153/75]
Minutes of a committee of the council convened by Johnstone at Pensacola with Bruce, Hannay, Leitch, and Thompson present, concerning Tayler’s letter [quoted verbatim], dated October 4, responding to Johnstone’s letter dated October 4 [document 230]; Tayler seeking more detailed information before responding; the response by the council quoted verbatim providing additional details; enclosed with Johnstone’s October 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 228] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 173]
232. [no date; received October 8, 1766] [157/77]
Letter from Tayler to Johnstone, contesting Johnstone’s having assumed command over the military storekeepers; enclosed with Johnstone’s October 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 228]
233. October 9, 1766 [161/79]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, making his case, at length, for his civil authority over military matters in the province; enclosed with Johnstone’s October 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 228] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 174]
234. October 23, 1766 [173/85/B12]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, “*containing several proposals for the improvement of the Commerce of the Province*”; including a list of foreign (non English) European manufactured goods, by nationality (French,

German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese) to be considered in the trade proposals [copy in Secretary of State papers reel 4, document 176]

235. March 16, 1767 [177/87/B13]
From William Petty, 2nd Earl of Shelburne, Secretary of State for the Southern Department, at Whitehall, to members of the Board of Trade; announcing that the King has appointed "*John Elliot, Esq^r. to be Captain General, and Governor in Chief of His Province of West Florida, in America, in the room of George Johnstone Esq^r.*", requesting that the Board prepare a suitable commission for the new governor, to be signed by the King
236. October 2, 1765 [181/89]
Receipt affirming that Colonel John Reed at Pensacola had received 800 dollars from Johnstone and would deliver it to Engineer Archibald Robertson for the construction of Fort Bute
237. December 1, 1765 [183/90]
Receipt affirming that Robertson at new Orleans received 800 dollars "*or one hundred & Eighty Six Pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence Sterling*" from Reed
- [**Note:** no document identified with Bundle Document Number B14]
238. October 24, 1766 [185/91/B15]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, "*enclosing a draught on the agent for that province*", the same 800 dollars referred to in the two receipts [documents 236, 237] [draught not microfilmed here] [pages pencil numbered 188-189 microfilmed twice]
239. November 10, 1766 [189/93/B16]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, reporting that Alabama Indians have come to West Florida for British protection from the Choctaw Indians; given the need of coverings and provisions and presents for these Indians, requesting payment for expenses for these goods, including an invoice from traders McGillivray & Struthers, who supplied the goods, signed for by the traders as paid in full (587 dollars) by Johnstone
240. November 22, 1766 [197/97/B17]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, enclosing a "*Memorial or Representation of the State of this Colony*" from the Council and Assembly and a "*separate Address to His Majesty, together with the Speech I had the honor of delivering to them at the opening of this Session and their Answers thereto*" [enclosures include documents 241-247]
241. November 3, 1766 [201/99/B18]

- Copy of the speech by Johnstone, justifying his rule, referred to in and enclosed with Johnstone's November 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 240]
242. November 5, 1766 [205/101/B19]
Copy of response to Johnstone's speech "*By Order of the House*", signed by Francis Poussett, Speaker, stating the Assembly's approval of Johnstone's rule; enclosed with Johnstone's November 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 240]
243. [no date] [209/103]
Copy of Johnstone's response to the Council, expressing his pleasure at their approbation; enclosed with Johnstone's November 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 240]
244. November 22, 1766 [213/105/B20]
Cover letter from the Council and Assembly requesting that the Governor transmit their representation of the state of the province; signed by James Bruce for the Council and Poussett for the Assembly; enclosed with Johnstone's November 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 240]
245. November 22, 1766 [217/107/B21]
Representation of the Council and Assembly of West Florida, including both accomplishments and further needs, including estimates of the costs of accomplishing the further needs, totaling £68,600 over four years plus £11,600 over four years for other expenses such as maintaining four companies of rangers, importing Negro slaves "*to be distributed among the Industrious Inhabitants*", "*maintenance of the poor and Distressed*", and "*opening Interior Communications*"; signed by Bruce and Poussett; enclosed with Johnstone's November 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 240] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 180]
246. November 3, 1766 [233/115]
Copy of the response to Johnstone's speech from the Council commending him and pledging their support; enclosed with Johnstone's November 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 240]
247. [no date] [237/117]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to the Assembly thanking them for sharing his sentiments about the state of the colony; enclosed with Johnstone's November 22, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 240]
248. January 12, 1767 [241/119/B22]
Letter from Lieutenant Governor Browne to Pownall, acknowledging receipt of a letter from Shelburne dated September 22, 1766, announcing His Majesty's permission for Johnstone to return to England to attend to personal affairs and that Johnstone was to turn over the government of West Florida to Browne "*during his Absence*"; including a copy of a lengthy "*Schedule of Papers*

delivered in Council...By...Johnstone...to... Browne...at Pensacola", with 22 entries, signed by Johnstone January 9, 1767 [see related items in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 188, 189] [Shelburne's September 22, 1766 letters to Johnstone and to Browne are found in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, documents 1 and 2]

249. January 25, 1767 [249/122/B23]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, "*containing an Account of the manufactures set up and carried on in that province since 1734, and of the publick Encouragements given thereto*"
250. March 25, 1767 [253/124/B24]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, "*relative to the settlement of the French Emigrants*", with enclosures [documents 251, 252] [similar letter in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 195]
251. March 9, 1767 [257/126/B25]
Minutes of a Council at Pensacola, concerning settlement of the French emigrants; enclosed with Browne's March 25, 1766 letter to the Board of Trade [document 250] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 197]
252. January 12, 1767 [261/128/B26]
Copy of report of a committee of the council to draw up "*Certain Rules and Regulations*" to be signed and observed by the French emigrants; enclosed with Browne's March 25, 1766 letter to the Board of Trade [document 250] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 196]
253. April 13, 1767 [265/130/B27]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Board of Trade "*transmitting a Copy of his Letter to Mr. Macpherson, Secretary of the said Province, relating to the appointment of a person to officiate upon the Departure of his deputy*" [enclosure is document 254] [similar letter in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 198]
254. April 14, 1767 [269/132]
Copy of a letter from Browne at Pensacola to Macpherson; enclosed with Browne's April 13, 1767 letter to the Board of Trade [document 253] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 199] [pages pencil numbered 272-273 microfilmed twice]
255. October 9, 1767 [273/134/B28]
Copy of the report of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs to the Board of Trade forwarding for the board's consideration a petition from merchant Edward Mease to be granted 6,000 acres in West Florida "*in order to Cultivate vines, Olives &c.*"

256. [no date] [275/135]
“*The petition of Edward Mease Merchant*” seeking a grant of 6,000 acres in West Florida
257. August 6, 1767 [281/138/B29]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, “*respecting the present state of Affairs among the neighbouring Indians*”, with an enclosure [document 258] [similar letter in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 215]
258. July 3, 1767 [285/140/B30]
“*Copy of an Oath taken by several persons trading to the Indian Nations to endeavor to bring to punishment such as should be found operating or making bad Talks among the Indians*”; enclosed with Browne’s letter of August 6, 1767 to the Board of Trade [document 257] [similar documents in document 264 and in Secretary of State papers Reel 4, document 216]
259. December 22, 1767 [289/141/B31]
“*Balances in the hands of John Ellis*”, agent for West Florida
260. December 19, 1767 [293/143/B32]
Copy of memorial to Shelburne from Chief Justice Clifton, requesting additional salary or provision of space for his residence and for holding court
261. September 29, 1767 [301/147/B33]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, “*relative to the inconveniences arising to that province from the absence of several patent officers*”
262. September 29, 1767 [305/149/B34]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, “*containing his reasons for having sent the provincial Sloop to Havannah*”
263. September 29, 1767 [309/151/B35]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, “*relative to the regulation of the Indian Trade*”
264. July 23, 1767 [313/153/B36]
“*Copy of an Oath taken by several Indian Traders for seizing such persons as foment sedition among the Indians*”; signed by Browne and about 20 traders; enclosed with Browne’s letter of September 29, 1767 to the Board of Trade [document 263] [similar document in document 258; copy in Secretary of State papers document 216]
265. February 1, 1768 [317/155/B37]

- Letter from Browne at Pensacola, West Florida, to the Board of Trade, “*relative to the present state of that province*” [similar letter in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 11]
266. February 1, 1768 [323/158/B38]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, “*relative to his intention of making use of the King’s license to return to England, in case of sickness*” [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 18]
267. February 1, 1768 [327/160/B39]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, “*relating to his having appointed Mr. Matthew McHenry to be pastor for the district of Pensacola in the room of Dr. Wilkinson, deceased*” [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 20]
268. February 1, 1768 [331/162/B40]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, “*relative to the Grant made in 1764 to him & his Brother of 20,000 Acres of Land in that province*” [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 19]
269. February 27, 1768 [335/164/B41]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Pownall, “*relative to the treatment he has rec^d. from Mr. Ellis; his expenses;—and the arrival of several Spanish Vessels in the harbor of Pensacola*”
270. May 30, 1768 [339/166/B42]
Report from Sir Mathus Lamb at Lincolns Inn [seat of the British judiciary], to the Board of Trade concerning “*Fifteen Acts Passed in West Florida in January 1767*”; listing the acts and offering the following observations “*Upon Perusal and Consideration of the before mentioned Acts I have [?] Objections the acts in Point of Law. They are the first Acts that have been passed in this Province, And the Propriety of them, and how far [?] are agreeable to the Governors Instructions Will be in your Lordships Judgment, and particularly the last Act relating to Foreigners and the orders therein Given to Papists*”
271. July 22, 1768 [343/168/B43]
Statement from John Lindsay at Newman Street attesting to the good gentlemanly character of Edward Mease [see documents 255, 256]
272. [no date; received January 24, 1769] [345/169/B44]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from merchant Thomas Comyn of London requesting a grant of 10,000 acres in West Florida
273. February 11, 1769 [349/171/B45]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from James Bruce in London, “*appointed one of the Council in West Florida by Gov^r. Johnstone, setting forth his intention of*

returning to the said Colony, and praying that he may be confirmed in his seat in the said Council by a mandamus from His Majesty”

274. April 24, 1769 [353/173/B46]
From a committee of the Board of Trade, favorably conveying to the Board of Trade the petition [document 275] of David Faitt, assistant surveyor in West Florida from 1764 to 1767, to receive a grant of 5,000 acres
275. [no date] [355/174]
Petition to the King from David Faitt requesting a grant of land in West Florida of 5,000 acres

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276. [no date] [no penciled page number/3]
Table with names of 10 person requesting grants of land in West Florida, number of acres applied for, and blank columns for “*quantity reported*” and “*date reported*” [microfilmed twice] [supporting documents for these land grant applications is found in documents 277-297]
277. May 5, 1765 [1/7]
The King’s favorable response to the petition from William Harcourt [document 278], Lieutenant Colonel of the 18th Regiment of Dragoons, requesting a grant of 10,000 acres in West Florida [one of those requesting grants listed in document 276]
278. [no date] [3/8]
Petition to the King from Harcourt requesting a 10,000 acre land grant in West Florida
279. May 5, 1765 [9/11]
The King’s favorable response to the petition from Elias Durnford [document 280], Lieutenant of Engineers, engineer and surveyor general of West Florida, requesting a grant of 10,000 acres in West Florida [one of those requesting grants listed in document 276]
280. [no date] [11/12]
Petition to the King from Durnford requesting a 10,000 acre land grant in West Florida
281. May 29, 1765 [17/15]
The King’s favorable response to the petition from Michael Furey [document 282], formerly an officer under Major General Monckton’s command in America and the West Indies, requesting a grant of 10,000 acres in West Florida [one of those requesting grants listed in document 276]
282. [no date] [19/16]
Petition to the King from Furey requesting a 10,000 acre land grant in West Florida

283. May 2, 1764; November 6, 1764 [21/17]
Copies of statements of character witness of Furey: by Lieutenant Colonel Eyre Massey of the Enniskilling Foot at Dublin (May 2); by Robert Monckton at Sackville Street (November 6)
284. April 2, 1767 [29/21]
From a committee of the Board of Trade, favorably conveying to the Board of Trade the petition [document 285] of the "*Right Honourable George Earl of Craufurd*" to receive a grant of 20,000 acres [one of those requesting grants listed in document 276]
285. September 22, 1766 [31/22]
Petition to the King from Craufurd at Struthers in Fifeshire requesting a grant of 20,000 acres in West Florida for a plantation to make pitch and tar and to raise cotton, indigo, rice, and other commodities
286. April 2, 1767 [37/25]
From a committee of the Board of Trade, favorably conveying to the Board of Trade, given the King's approval, a petition from Amos Ogden [document 287], formerly captain in the Corps of Rangers in North America, requesting 25,000 acres of land in West Florida [one of those requesting grants listed in document 276]
287. [no date] [39/26]
Petition to the King from Ogden requesting a 25,000 land grant in West Florida
288. April 2, 1767 [45/29]
From a committee of the Board of Trade, favorably conveying to the Board of Trade, given the King's approval, a petition from Alexander Duncan [document 289] requesting 20,000 acres of land in West Florida for a plantation [one of those requesting grants listed in document 276]
289. [no date] [47/30]
Petition to the King from Alexander Duncan of Delanay Street, requesting a grant of 20,000 acres in West Florida
290. April 2, 1767 [53/33]
From a committee of the Board of Trade, favorably conveying to the Board of Trade, given the King's approval, a petition from George Stewart [document 291] requesting 10,000 acres of land in West Florida for a settlement [one of those requesting grants listed in document 276]
291. [no date] [55/34]
Petition to the King from George Stewart, merchant of Edinburgh, requesting a grant of 10,000 acres in West Florida [microfilmed three times]

292. April 2, 1767 [61/37]
From a committee of the Board of Trade, favorably conveying to the Board of Trade, given the King's approval, a petition from James Danskin [document 293] requesting 10,000 acres of land in West Florida for a settlement [one of those requesting grants listed in document 276]
293. [no date] [63/38]
Petition to the King from James Danskin, merchant in Sterling, requesting a grant of 10,000 acres in West Florida
294. April 2, 1767 [69/41]
From a committee of the Board of Trade, favorably conveying to the Board of Trade, given the King's approval, a petition from Alexander Callendar [document 295] requesting 10,000 acres of land in West Florida for a settlement [one of those requesting grants listed in document 276]
295. [no date] [71/42]
Petition to the King from Alexander Callendar, merchant of London, requesting a grant of 10,000 acres in West Florida
296. April 2, 1767 [77/45]
From a committee of the Board of Trade, favorably conveying to the Board of Trade, given the King's approval, a petition from John Johnstone of Arlington Street, Westminster [document 297] requesting 20,000 acres of land in West Florida for a settlement [one of those requesting grants listed in document 276]
297. [no date] [79/46]
Petition to the King from John Johnstone, requesting a grant of 20,000 acres in West Florida

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1. July 6, 1768 [1]
Copy of letter from Lieutenant Governor of West Florida Montfort Browne at Pensacola to the Right Honorable [Wills Hill] the Earl of Hillsborough, Secretary of State for the Colonies, containing a detailed description of expeditions he had taken along the coast and up the Mississippi River as far as Natchez, reporting on current conditions, relations with Indians, previous French activities and relations with the Indians in the area, the potential for development, and the need for fortifications along the river; positive assessment of the colony’s future; disappointment at not acquiring New Orleans also from the last peace treaty; reporting on dealings with the Spanish governor in New Orleans; hoping for financial support for the colony [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 38]
[**Note:** Hillsborough was appointed Secretary of State for the Colonies on February 27, 1768, serving until August 29, 1772. From mid 1768, governors of West Florida began corresponding with Hillsborough rather than with William Petty, 2nd Earl of Shelburne, who was still Secretary of State for the Southern Department until October 20, 1768. Other Southern Department Secretaries followed, but West Florida governors continued to correspond with subsequent Secretaries of State for the Colonies Dartmouth and Germain.]
2. July 6, 1768 [15/C2]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reporting that “*the only mortification I have received since Mr. Johnstones departure and my taking the administration of the province upon me has been from his particular friends...*”; reporting some details concerning leaders among these friends, a Lieutenant MacClellan and a Mr. Clarke
3. [no date] [19/C3]

Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough concerning a commercial expedition from Pensacola to [Spanish] Havana and its extra expenses; having appointed a pilot; other news

4. June 30, 1768 [23/C4]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, responding to an address of the House of Commons to the King, regretfully reporting that the West Florida colony has not yet been able to begin sending commodities to England that would benefit the mother country, mostly because of the lack of sufficient labor at reasonable cost to produce goods beyond what are needed to sustain the colony [page 23 microfilmed twice]
5. July 6, 1768 [27/C5]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning the settlement of French emigrants, including a mistake previously made by John Ellis, Esq., His Majesty's Agent to the Province of West Florida, in reporting their numbers; in addition, 20 or more of them had since abandoned the settlement at Campbelltown
6. December 1, 1768 [31/C6]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reporting his having had to demolish the newly finished Fort Bute in favor of keeping a fort at Natchez, because of an insufficiency of soldiers; describing the difficulty of the transition period "*from the daily expectation of Governor Elliots Arrival*"; other matters including Indian affairs and relations with the Spanish governor at New Orleans; reporting having received a complaint from a large number of subjects of Louisiana "*demanding to become English Subjects and to settle at the Natchez*"; enclosure [document 7] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 64]
Note: John Eliot had been appointed governor in March 1767 but, because of the turmoil in the colony, did not sail for West Florida until January 1769, arriving in Pensacola on April 2, 1769.
7. July 30, 1768 [37/C7]
Memorial of the inhabitants of Pensacola to Hillsborough requesting approval for a second church to accommodate the growing population; signed by numerous persons; enclosed with Browne's letter to Hillsborough dated December 1, 1768 [document 6] [pages 37-39 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 63]
8. February 25, 1769 [41/C8]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reporting that the post at Natchez was going well and that "*a Prodigious Quantity of Peltry and furs was daily Coming in*"; reporting on Indiana affairs as far north as Illinois and stating that "*I am at a great Loss what to do about furnishing the Indians with Provisions which has hitherto been furnished by the Superintendent* [of Indian

Affairs]”; stating that he has had difficulty with his governing tasks, hopes he has done the right thing, and misses having the advice of West Florida Chief Justice William Clifton and Attorney General Edmund Rush Wegg

9. February 27, 1769 [49/C9]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, stating compliance with a request from Hillsborough that Browne not share with anyone the contents of Hillsborough’s letters [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 76]
10. February 28, 1769 [53/C10]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, responding to a request for an accounting of “*the State and Condition of the Islands and Colonies belonging to the Crowns of France and Spain as may by their Situation any ways Effect the Interest or Security of This Government*”; enclosing a memorial concerning the Indian trade on the Mississippi [not microfilmed here]
11. February 28, 1769 [62]
Report from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning “*The State & Condition of N. Orleans & Louisiana &c. &c.*” [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 78]
12. [no date] [71/C11]
“*Account of all Money recd. & paid by the Treasury of the Province of West Florida from the 1st January 1767 to the 30 January 1769*”
13. May 13, 1769 [89/C12]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reporting having visited Mobile after the death there of the deputy superintendent of Indian Affairs; stating “*my Surprise in finding myself charged [in Mobile] with Crimes of every Extraordinary Nature*” and, upon arriving back in Pensacola, finding the new governor, John Eliot, had arrived [in April]; reporting that Eliot had begun an enquiry, which [according to Browne] should have exonerated him, except that Eliot unexpectedly “*hung himself in his study*” on May 2, leaving Browne to defend himself against the charges, which he felt stemmed from the ongoing enmity against him by Johnstone’s remaining adherents; admitting to have made some mistakes early in his governance, which his enemies latched onto; defending himself against conscious wrongdoing; enclosing papers [documents 14, 15] to defend his position and honor; concluding that “*The State of Man never was more truly distressing than mine at present*”; letter summarized in Hillsborough’s office as “*containing a indication of his conduct*” [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 82]
14. May 2, 1769 [101/C13]
Copy of a “*Remonstrance*” to the Council of West Florida from inhabitants of Pensacola stating that “*The Melancholy Event at this present Juncture appearing before us on the sudden and Much lamented Decease of our Esteemed*

Governor, Mr. Eliot induces us to lay before your honors some Objections to the Administration of the Lieutenant Governor, which we imagine of the utmost Consequence to the future Success, Welfare, and Prosperity of this Province"; not including specific charges; signed by a large number of persons; enclosed with Browne's May 13, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 13] [pages 100-101 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 83]

15. [no date] [105/C14]
Copy of letter from several inhabitants of West Florida to Browne stating their loyalty to and support for Browne's governance; enclosed with Browne's May 13, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 13]
16. June 11 1769 [109/C15]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing papers [not microfilmed here] explaining the charges against Browne and defending himself against them [page 112 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 98]
17. June 11, 1769 [115/C16]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning the need to construct barracks and workshop for the ordnance artificers so that they can be productively employed and better disciplined; concerning the need for quarters for the engineers, as with other officers; enclosing support papers [documents 18-20] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 102]
18. May 15, 1769 [121/C17]
Copy of a letter from Engineer John Campbell at Pensacola to Browne, concerning the problems with the ordnance artificers and the engineers; enclosed with Browne's June 11, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 17] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 103]
19. June 6, 1769 [125/C18]
Copy of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Browne, reporting that he is implementing orders toward improving the artificer and engineer situations; enclosed with Browne's June 11, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 17] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 104]
20. June 6, 1769 [129/C19]
Copy of letter from Benjamin Gower in the Ordnance Department at Pensacola to Campbell, concerning the artificers having no workshop; enclosed with Browne's June 11, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 17] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 105]
21. June 14, 1769 [133/C20]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough; concerning a dispute over ownership of Dauphin Island (near Mobile), which Brown thought he owned

by virtue of a grant from the King for 20,000 acres, but which Major John Farmar, formerly of the 34th Regiment of Foot, had occupied, claiming he had bought it from the French; Browne maintained that Farmar had occupied the island, along with a "*parcel of armed men in the most Illegal and unjustifiable Manner*"; enclosing papers about this situation [documents 22-25] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 106]

22. February 5, 1765 [137/C21]
Copy of council held at Pensacola, presided over by Governor Johnstone, concerning the dispute between Browne and Farmar over the ownership of Dauphin Island; enclosed with Browne's June 14, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 21] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 109]
23. February 6, 1765 [145]
Copy of council held at Pensacola, presided over by Governor Johnstone, concerning the dispute between Browne and Farmar over the ownership of Dauphin Island; enclosed with Brown's June 14, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 21] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 109]
24. April 24, 1765 [149]
Copy of council held at Pensacola, presided over by Governor Johnstone, concerning the dispute between Browne and Farmar over the ownership of Dauphin Island; enclosed with Browne's June 14, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 21] [pages 150-151 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 109]
25. May 12, 1769 [157/C22]
Copy of letter from Lionel B. Westropp at Mobile to Browne, a friendly letter warning of Farmar's efforts to denigrate Browne's character to his own advantage; warning that Engineer and surveyor Elias Durnford "*in whom you place unbounded Confidence is actually One of your most Dangerous [?] Enemies*"; enclosed with Browne's June 14, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 21] [pages 156-157 microfilmed twice; pages 158-159 microfilmed thrice] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document101]
26. [no date] [161/C23]
Schedule of acts passed at the fourth general assembly at Pensacola; signed by Browne
27. [no date] [165/C24]
Petition to the Board of Trade and Plantations from Edward Wildman, seeking approval of a grant of 5,000 acres in West Florida
28. [no date] [169/C25]
Petition to the Board of Trade from Phineas Lyman, major general in the provincial forces during the last war in North America, seeking a reward of

150,000 acres of land in the Natchez area for services performed for “*the Mother Country*”

29. February 24, 1770 [177/C26]
Copy of letter from Thomas Bradshaw, secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, to John Pownall, undersecretary of state for the colonies, forwarding a memorial and accounts [documents 30, 31] from Browne through West Florida Agent John Ellis, requesting payments due for expenses of Attorney General Wegg
[Note: Pownall was long-time secretary to the Board of Trade and Plantations. Sometime in 1768, he changed ministries, becoming Undersecretary of State for the Colonies, working directly under Hillsborough.]
30. December 4, 1769 [181/C27]
Memorial to the Lords of Treasury from er at London requesting payments due for Wegg’s expenses; enclosed with Bradshaw’s letter dated February 24, 1770 to Pownall [document 29]
31. July 22, 1769 [183]
Accounting of payments requested by Wegg for court expenses from 1765 through 1769, totaling £93.15.5; certified by Chief Justice Clifton and by Francis Poussett as auditor; signed by Wegg on July 24; payment postponed December 19, 1769; enclosed with Bradshaw’s letter dated February 24, 1770 to Pownall [document 29] [pages 184-185 microfilmed twice]
32. [no date] [193]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from Lyman requesting a grant of 20,000 acres of land in West Florida “*without paying the usual fees of office in the provinces*”
33. May 9, 1770 [197/C28]
Petition to the Board of Trade from Farmar at London, seeking approval of several grants of land to him in West Florida, including tracts “*under a grant from the Indians*” and “*several Tracts of Land purchased from the French*”
34. July 18, 1770 [201/C29]
Report to the Board of Trade by Richard Jackson “*on an act passed in West Florida in June 1769*” concerning new settlements and allowing the “*free Exercise of a Religion proscribed by several Acts of Parliament*”; suggesting that only the King can determine “*how far it may be proper, to endeavor to reach the Ends of this Act of Assembly by suitable measures taken in Great Britain*”
35. January 20, 1770 [205/C30]
Copy of letter from [apparently newly appointed] Lieutenant Governor of West Florida Elias Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, containing negative reports of the behavior of both Farmar and Browne
[Note: Durnford, having served as chief engineer in West Florida, was sent by Browne in 1769 to help explain some of the financial irregularities of his acting

governorship. Instead, Durnford returned to Pensacola in December with orders to replace Browne as lieutenant governor—and acting governor—a change that must have taken place very early in 1770.]

36. January 27, 1770 [209]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, describing the situation in the province, including considerable disarray in management and governance [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 144]
37. February 3, 1770 [217]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, “*relative to re-establishing the Post at Fort Bute, and building a Town on the East side of the Bay of Mobile*” [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 146]
38. October 14, 1769 [225]
Sworn statement by Richard Nichols to Lieutenant Governor Browne, concerning the treatment he received from General Alejandro O’Reilly, commander of troops and Governor of Spanish Louisiana, which Nichols felt to be “*contrary to what I Judged my Right as a British Subject*” [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 135]
39. February 6, 1770 [229]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing a letter to General Thomas Gage, commander in North America, papers and a letter concerning transactions at Natchez, “*which gives me great Concern*” [documents 40-43]
40. February 4, 1770 [233]
Copy of letter from John Bradley, trader at Natchez, at New Orleans, to [Durnford], congratulating him on his new position and hoping for more attention now to the previously unaddressed problems in the province, specifically concerning Indian affairs and relations with O’Reilly; enclosed with Durnford’s February 6, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 39]
41. [no date] [241]
Copy of report of an Indian attack on Mr. Bradley at Natchez, as related by Mr. Fergis, just arrived at Pensacola from New Orleans; enclosed with Durnford’s February 6, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 39]
42. February 6, 1770 [245]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Gage, concerning the problems with Indian affairs at Natchez, enclosing copies of Bradley’s letter and the report of the Indian attack [documents 40 and 41]; blaming the rum Bradley sells to the Indians at Natchez for the problems; relating efforts to work cooperatively with O’Reilly along the Mississippi River; enclosing a translation copy of O’Reilly’s

orders to his troops [document 43]; requesting troops to man Fort Bute; enclosed with Durnford's February 6, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 39]

43. January 27, 1770 [249]
Copy of a translated copy of O'Reilly's orders, issued at New Orleans, to his officers and troops, consisting mostly of actions to be taken by the English under Lieutenant Governor Browne; enclosed with Durnford's February 6, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 39]
44. February 15, 1770 [253]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, describing the transition of governance from Browne to Durnford; including "*remarks on the conduct of the late L^t. Gov^r. Browne*"; enclosing his correspondence with Browne [documents 45-62]
45. December 26, 1769 [261]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to [Browne] requesting that he have his servants vacate Government House of Browne's belongings so that Durnford and his family may move in; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44]
46. January 9, 1770 [265]
Copy of letter from Browne at New Grove to [Durnford] concerning his furniture; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44]
47. January 13, 1770 [269]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, requesting that Browne deliver public papers; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44]
48. January 13, 1770 [273]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, requesting that Browne inform him of any reason he should not re-employ Francis Poussett as deputy secretary for the province; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44]
49. January 15, 1770 [277]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Durnford, explaining that the various persons whom he had dismissed from office during his time as Lieutenant Governor had all been dismissed for cause; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44]
50. January 18, 1770 [281]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Durnford, requesting that Durnford provide access to the letterbook so that he can make copies of papers during his

administration to send to England; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44]

51. January 19, 1770 [285]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, informing Browne he has ordered copies of the papers Browne needs to send to England, as an alternative to letting Browne do so himself; enclosing a copy of Browne's private account [not microfilmed here]; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44]
52. January 20, 1770 [289]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Durnford, expressing his displeasure of Durnford's having tried to "*dupe*" him concerning the copying of papers, protesting, and reiterating his request for access to the papers; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44]
53. February 1, 1770 [293]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, repeating his request for delivery of the Provincial Contingent and Indian Accounts; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 164]
54. February 1, 1770 [297]
Copy of letter from J. Crawford at Pensacola to Durnford, conveying Browne's response to Durnford's request for accounts, that Browne will convey all documents for the good of the province, but that he will not answer to Durnford for his conduct while in office; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 165]
55. February 2, 1770 [301]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, reiterating his irritation at Browne's having delayed delivery of papers to the new government; stating that "*every kind of Correspondence from me to you is equally disagreeable on my Part*"; making specific request for "*the Archives relating to the French Inhabitants brought from Mobile, with all other papers which may belong to me in my Office*"; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 166]
56. February 5, 1770 [305]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Durnford, reiterating that he will provide all the papers but demanding his right to justice, including preparing his defense of his conduct, and expecting to leave Pensacola for England in "*Eight or Ten days*"; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 167]

57. February 6, 1770 [309]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to [Durnford], reiterating his need and intention to retain papers long enough to do his preparation; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 170]
58. February 6, 1770 [313]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, stating that having consulted with the Attorney General, he is considering having Browne jailed—and ensuring that he will be treated as a gentleman therein; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 172]
59. February 6, 1770 [317]
Copy of letter from Attorney General Wegg to Durnford, suggesting a special commission to deal with "*this unhappy affair*"; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 171]
60. February 8, 1770 [321]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, once again requesting delivery of papers, now especially invoices of Indian goods; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 173, dated February 9]
61. February 9, 1770 [325]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Durnford, vilifying Durnford and his minions, whom he describes as a "*black confederacy*"; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 174]
62. February 14, 1770 [329]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, still requesting that Browne deliver more documents, including vouchers; enclosed with Durnford's February 15, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 44]
63. February 18, 1770 [333]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*respecting the expediency of holding a congress with the Chactaws*"; enclosing supporting papers [documents 64, 65] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 177, dated February 17]
64. January 4, 1770 [337]
Copy of letter from John Stuart, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Southern District, at "*Charles Town*", to Durnford "*relating to the Boundary line between the British Colonies & the Indians*"; enclosed with Durnford's February 18, 1770 letter

- to Hillsborough [document 63] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 178]
65. [no date] [343]
“*Some Thoughts on the Indian Trade*” by Durnford; enclosed with his February 18, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 63]
 66. February 19, 1770 [347]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola, to Hillsborough, “*relative to Mr. Browne’s being released by a Justice of the Peace at Pensacola*”; enclosing copies of several supporting documents [documents 67-73] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 179, dated February 18]
 67. July 26, 1769 [351]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, “*relating to the refusal of the Assembly to pass their money;—state of Indian Affairs;—& Major Farmar’s forcible possession of Dauphin Island*”; “*Rec^{ed}. Read Nov. 7, 1770*”; enclosing several supporting documents [documents 68-73]; enclosed in Durnford’s February 19, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 66] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 113]
 68. June 12, 1769 [357/C31]
Copy of sworn statement by William Himbie concerning the activities of Farmar, Richard Hartley, and others at Dauphin Island; enclosed with Browne’s July 26, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 67]; enclosed in Durnford’s February 19, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 66] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, documents 107, 114]
 69. June 12, 1769 [357]
Copy of sworn statement by Richard Hartley concerning the activities of Farmar, Himbie, and others at Dauphin Island; followed by notice from Attorney General Wegg and Justice of the Peace John Allen Martin to the Provost Marshall of the province, ordering him to meet with them the next day concerning the authenticity of Browne’s signature on a certain document concerning Dauphin Island; enclosed with Browne’s July 26, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 67]; enclosed in Durnford’s February 19, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 66] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, documents 108, 114]
 70. July 1, 1769 [367]
Copy of record of an “*Inquisition*” held on June 30 and July 1 before Wegg and Martin concerning activities on Dauphin Island and the status of Browne’s alleged ownership of the island, including witnesses Hartley, Himbie, Robert Love, and Elinora Walker; enclosed with Browne’s July 26, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 67]; enclosed in Durnford’s February 19, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 66] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 114]

71. July 4, 1769 [371]
Copy of statement by Chief Justice Clifton concerning trying the Dauphin Island issue before the court of pleas in July [pages 370-371 microfilmed twice]; enclosed with Browne's July 26, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 67]; enclosed in Durnford's February 19, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 66] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 114]
72. July 11, 1769 [372]
Copy of statement by Wegg to Clifton, enclosing papers concerning the Dauphin Island issue for use in the court of pleas; enclosed with Browne's July 26, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 67]; enclosed in Durnford's February 19, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 66] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 114]
73. July 27, 1769 [373]
Copy of statement by Clifton to the Provost Marshall ordering him to release Browne from custody; enclosed in Browne's July 26, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 67]; enclosed in Durnford's February 19, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 66]
74. August 20, 1769 [377]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to Indian affairs;--the designs of the Spaniards;—the proceedings of his private Enemies;—and the refusal of Mr. Stuart to pay the expenses of Mr. Westropp, as Deputy Superintendent at Mobile*"; enclosing supporting papers [documents 75-76] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 115]
75. August 19, 1769 [373]
Letter from Captain William Phillips on board the *Tryal* at Pensacola to [Browne] responding to Browne's request for military assistance concerning "*an intended Congress to be held [bet]ween the Spaniards and Creek Indians in the Bay [of] Apalache*"; responding that he will "*take every step, which shall appear [to] me to be most conducive to the frustrating [of] their designs*"; enclosed with Browne's August 20, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 74] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 117]
76. July 30, 1769 [393]
Copy of letter from Campbell at New Orleans to Browne with postscript dated August 3, "*respecting the Inhabitants of New Orleans*"; enclosed with Browne's August 20, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 74] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 116]
77. October 8, 1769 [397]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough concerning relations with the Spanish and Indians in New Orleans and surrounding area; followed by letter from Browne to Hillsborough dated October 9, 1769, forwarding Campbell's July

- 30 letter [document 76], commenting on its content, and commending himself on the successes of his actions; enclosing several papers [documents 78-81]
78. August 19, 1769 [407]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Gage, informing him of Spanish General O'Reilly's arrival with a sizeable force at New Orleans; interpreting the situation as "*critical*", and hoping for the assignment of more troops to defend West Florida; enclosed with Browne's October 8, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 77] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 137]
79. October 9, 1769 [413]
Copy of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Browne, concerning the transition from French to Spanish rule in New Orleans; including a list of French persons "*obliged by the Indians to Remove from the North Side of Lake Ponchartrain & who had actually taken the Oath of Allegiance [to England]*"; enclosed with Browne's October 8, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 77]
80. October 14, 1769 [429]
Copy of letter from Jeremiah Terry [?], deputy secretary of the province and clerk of the Council, at Pensacola, to Browne, requesting a one-year leave of absence to attend to private affairs in South Carolina; enclosed with Browne's October 8, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 77] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 136]
81. September 24, 1769 [433]
Letter from O'Reilly to Browne [written in Spanish]; enclosed with Browne's October 8, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 77] [pages 438-439 microfilmed twice]
82. April 25, 1770 [441]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to his having drawn upon Mr. Ellis for two sets of Bills*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 195]
83. November 1770 [445]
Petition to the Board of Trade from Helen Maria Timberlake in London, concerning a 1765 grant of 6,000 acres in West Florida to her then husband Lieutenant Henry Timberlake; seeking to have the grant pass on to his in-laws
84. September 29, 1770 [449]
Copy of letter from West Florida Governor Peter Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reporting on having arrived in Pensacola, making costly arrangements for his proper housing (repairing a house owned by Brigadier General Frederick Haldimand, commander of British forces in the Southern Department), making plans for a new Government House; enclosing supporting papers [documents 85-87; 90-91] [see documents 110-112 below, dated

between September 25 and 29, 1770, for more on the governor's house issue]
[copy in document 110 and in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 8]

85. September 27, 1770 [455/C32]
Copy of letter from Durnford, now Engineer for West Florida, at Pensacola, to [Chester], submitting his report on a survey of the old Government House, which was enclosed [document 86]; enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 84] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 11]
86. September 28, 1770 [459]
Survey of the condition of the Government House within the stockade fort at Pensacola; finding it in poor condition; enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 84] [copies in document 111 and in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 9]
87. September 25, 1770 [463]
Letter from James Jones [attorney to Haldimand] at Pensacola to Chester, containing a cost estimate for proposed lease of a house for the governor's residence; probably enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 84] [copies in document 112 and in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 10]
88. December 19, 1770 [467/C33]
"Ballances in the hands of John Ellis Agent for West Florida"
89. January 16, 1771 [471/C34]
Letter from John Robinson, secretary to the Treasury, to Pownall, concerning Campbell's request for payment for the cost of surveying in West Florida; suggesting that the Lords of the Treasury recommend that Campbell proceed with surveying and that £450 be paid for this purpose [pages 470-471 microfilmed twice]
90. [no date] [475]
Hand-drawn plans for *"the house occupied by Governor of West Florida in 1771"*; enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 84] [page 479 microfilmed twice]
91. [no date] [480]
"A proposed Plan of a new House and Offices for the Governor of West Florida; Estimated at 2,500 £ Sterling"; hand-drawn plan of house and grounds with legend; enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 84]

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92. January 9, 1771 [1/D1]
Report from Richard Jackson to the Board of Trade and Plantations, responding to their request for information on 13 West Florida acts passed under the Lieutenant Governors’ jurisdictions between 1767 and 1769; including comments about perceived difficulties of some of the laws in relation to British law and recommendations for repeal or alteration of some, as well as affirmation of others
93. September 25, 1770 [5/D2]
Copy of letter from West Florida Governor Peter Chester at Pensacola to the Right Honorable [Wills Hill] Earl of Hillsborough, Secretary of State for the Colonies, “*relative to the State of the Council in West Florida*”
94. December 25, 1770 [9/D3]
Copy of cover letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing “*Copies of the Laws that passed in the last Session of Assembly, Copies of the Minutes of Council, and the journals of the upper and lower House of Assembly*” not copied in time for the previous packet; commenting on several of the laws and suggesting some revisions [copies not microfilmed here, but see document 116 below]
95. [no date] [13/D4]
Memorial to the King from Charles Murray requesting a grant of 3,000 acres of land in West Florida
96. [no date] [17/D5]
[another] memorial to the King from Charles Murray requesting a grant of 2,000 acres of land in West Florida
97. [no date] [21/D6]
Petition to the Board of trade from Lieutenant John Campbel, seeking approval for a grant of 10,000 acres in West Florida [pages 20-21 microfilmed twice]
98. May 30, 1771 [25/D7]

Report from Jackson to the Board of Trade with his analysis of and recommendations concerning four West Florida acts passed in 1767 and 1768

99. September 24, 1770 [29/D8]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reporting his arrival at Pensacola on August 10 to assume his duties as governor [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 1]
100. July 29, 1771 [33/D9]
Copy of letter from John Robinson, secretary to the Treasury, at the Treasury Chambers, to John Pownall, undersecretary of state for the colonies under Hillsborough, concerning a West Florida act, received from Richard Reeve at the Boston Custom House, "*containing clauses contrary to the provisions in a British Act of Parliament*"; enclosing papers [documents 101-103] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 47]
101. May 8, 1770 [date act was ratified] [37/D10]
Copy of "*An Act to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in Debt from this Province for improving the Coasting Trade & for repealing the Acts of this Province therein mentioned*"; signed by Edmund Rush Wegg, Assembly Speaker [and still attorney general?]; enclosed with Robinson's July 29, 1771 letter to Pownall [document 100] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 49]
102. February 12, 1771 [47/D11]
Copy of letter from Richard Reeve, secretary to the Customs Commission for America at Boston, to Grey Cooper [counsel at the Board of Trade], enclosing a copy of a West Florida act ("*three Clauses of which it is apprehended tend to the Injury of His Majesty's revenue*") [document 101]; enclosed with Robinson's July 29, 1771 letter to Pownall [document 100] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 48]
103. June 11, 1770 [date of certification] [51/D12]
Certified copy of a "*protest*" contained in minutes of a West Florida Council meeting, pertaining to the "*Act to prevent masters...*" [document 102]; raising questions about several clauses in the act; signed by James Bruce, customs officer at Pensacola; enclosed with Robinson's July 29, 1771 letter to Pownall [document 100] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 50]
104. September 25, 1770 [55]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the appoint making [?] of the Council for West Florida*" [pages 54-55 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 2]
105. September 26, 1770 [59]

Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to settlements proposed to be made on the Mississippi*"; enclosing papers [documents 106-107] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 3]

106. August 25, 1770 [71]
Deposition by Daniel Huey of North Carolina, reporting having found many English settlers in the Muskingam River area of Ohio who were traveling by boat as far as Natchez, raising the possibility of attracting English settlers from the uplands of North Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania to settle along the Mississippi River; enclosed with Chester's September 26, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 105] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 5]
107. July 19, 1770 [75]
Copy of letter from John McIntire at Fort Natchez to Chester, reporting that 80 "souls" arrived at Natchez from Fort Pitt "*in designe to settle at Fort Natchez*"; enclosed with Chester's September 26, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 105] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 4]
108. September 27, 1770 [79]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the treatment the late master of the Snow Florida Packet met with from the Spaniards near Hispaniola*"; enclosing a supporting letter [document 109] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 6]
109. August 28, 1770 [83]
Copy of letter from Thomas Gallimore, late master of the *Snow*, at Kingston Jamaica, to the West Florida governor, describing his treatment at the hands of the Spanish; enclosed with Chester's September 27, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 108] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 7]
110. September 29, 1770 [87]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the ruinous condition of the House appropriated for the residence of the Governor*"; enclosing supporting papers [documents 111, 112] [see documents 84 through 87 above, dated between September 25 and 29, 1770, for more on the governor's house issue] [copies document 84 and in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 8]
111. September 28, 1770 [91]
Copy of the report of the persons "*employed by his Excellency the Governor and Council to Survey the Government house in the Stockaded Fort at Pensacola*"; signed by John Omer, John Coan, Andrew Allsop, and William Marshall; enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 110] [copies in document 86 and in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 9]

112. September 25, 1770 [95]
Copy of letter from James Jones, attorney to Brigadier General Frederick Haldimand, commander of forces in the Southern Department, at Pensacola to Chester, making a proposal for the government to purchase Haldimand's house as Government House; enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 110] [copies in document 87 and in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 10]
113. December 23, 1770 [99]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*giving his reason for deferring his Tour to the Country between the Mississippi & Iberville*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 15]
114. December 24, 1770 [103]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*desiring that two Regiments may be stationed in the province of West Florida*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 16]
115. December 26, 1770 [107]
Copy of letter from Ph[ineas?] Livingston Jr. at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*requesting that he may be appointed Secretary & Register of West Florida in case of a Vacancy*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 18]
116. December 25, 1770 [111]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing "*Duplicate copies of the Laws that passed in the Last Session of Assembly, Copies of the Minutes of Council, and the Journals of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly*" not transmitted by the last packet [copy of document 94] [enclosed copies not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 17]
117. December 26, 1770 [115/identified as D8 but different from document 99 above that is also identified as D8]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*recommending Mr. Livingston to be Secretary and Register of West Florida, in case of a Vacancy*" [see document 115] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 18]
118. March 8, 1771 [119]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the state of defence of the province under his Government*"; enclosing supporting papers [documents 119-120] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 20]
119. March 13, 1771 [123]
Copy of letter from Engineer Captain Thomas Sowers at Pensacola to Chester, reporting on current defense construction projects in the province and the

disposition of ordnance around the province; enclosed with Chester's March 8, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 118] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 22]

120. March 10, 1771 [127]
"Return of His Majesty's Troops Quartered in West Florida"; directed to Chester; signed at Pensacola by Francis Hutcheson, acting as brigade major; enclosed with Chester's March 8, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 118] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 21]
121. March 9, 1771 [129]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, offering thanks that John Stuart, superintendent of Indian affairs for the Southern District, will be sent to Pensacola "in order to take such steps as the exigency of Affairs respecting the Indians in this department should require"; reporting on the "state of Indian Affairs, and proposing his sentiments on the Trade with the Indians" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 23]
122. March 10, 1771 [137]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning "the right of the Council & Assembly, and of the appointment of an Agent"; reporting new issues of discord over legislative vs. executive authority, including the Assembly's having nominated for the colony an "agent" or "treasurer," counter to the Crown's procedures [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 25]
123. March 11, 1771 [141]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "relative to his sending Mr. [Elias] Durnford [former lieutenant governor and an engineer], as Engineer, to take a survey of the Tract between the Mississippi & Iberville" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 26]
124. March 12, 1771 [145]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "acknowledging receipt of the Kings Speech [to Parliament on November 13, 1770], and desiring instructions in case of a War" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 27]
125. March 13, 1771 [149]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "relative to the Deputy Provost Marshall's having committed a Rape, and to the appointment of Mr. Alexander Macullah in his stead" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 28]
126. March 14, 1771 [153]

- Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting Council minutes [enclosure not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 29]
127. March 14, 1771 [157]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*transmitting a Copy of a Letter from [John Robinson] the Secry to the Treasury to him relative to Fees*" [pages 156-157 microfilmed twice] [document 128] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 31]
128. November 7, 1770 [161]
Copy of letter from Robinson, at the Treasury Chambers, to Chester, "*relative to Fees*"; enclosed with Chester's March 14, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 127] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 32]
129. no date] [165]
"*Deposition of William Smith and William Gregory Relative to Disturbances in the Creek Nation*"; enclosed with Chester's April 15, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [a copy of the cover letter, dated April 13, 1771 in document 132, is also in the Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 40, dated April 15, 1771] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 24]
130. April 5, 1771 [169/D13]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*promising to give his attention to the security of the Province of West Florida*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 38]
131. April 6, 1771 [173/D14]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the repeal of the Act to encourage the settlement of that part of the province lying to the westward of Charlotte County*" [see document 210 for the King's order, dated December 9, 1770] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 39]
132. April 13, 1771 [177/D15]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to hostilities committed by some Indians, and the claim of M^r. Lefluer an Indian Interpreter*"; enclosing several supporting papers [documents 133-136 and probably 129] [copy dated April 15, 1771 in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 40]
133. April 12, 1771 [181/D16]
Copy of a deposition of Andrew Hamton concerning an Indiana disturbance at his home about 50 miles north of Mobile on the Alabama River; enclosed with Chester's April 13, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 132] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 42]
134. [no date] [185/D17]

- Letter from Charles Stuart, deputy superintendent to the Indians in the Southern Department, to Chester concerning Indian affairs; enclosed with Chester's April 13, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 132] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 41]
135. November 26, 1768 [193/D18]
Copy of letter from Lieutenant Governor Montfort Browne to Mr. Henry LeFleur with orders concerning his pay and Indian affairs; enclosed with Chester's April 13, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 132] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 45]
136. April 12, 1771 [197/D19]
Copy of deposition of Thomas Fleming concerning the Indian disturbance at the house of Andrew Hamilton [document 133]; enclosed with Chester's April 13, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 132] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 43]
137. April 10, 1771 [201/D20]
Copy of memorial to Chester of Henry Lefleur at Pensacola, seeking subsistence relief; enclosed with Chester's April 13, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 132] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 44]
138. June 19, 1771 [205/D21]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to Falkland's Island, and the estimate for the civil establishment of West Florida*"
[Note: News had reached West Florida that Britain was fighting to reestablish control in the Falkland Islands. Britain had founded an English settlement there in 1690. After having been ousted by the Spanish in 1770, Britain regained control in 1771, remaining there until relinquishing control in 1776 due to economic pressures of the new American war.] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 51]
139. June 20, 1771 [209/D22]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to settlements at the Natches, and on the rivers Iberville and Mississippi;—and to the building of a Government House*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 52]
140. June 21, 1771 [213/D23]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*transmitting minutes of Council from Feb^y 11 to April 8, 1771*" [minutes not microfilmed here; see Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 55] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 53]
141. June 22, 1771 [217/D24]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to several grantees of land desiring to change their locations, and particularly Mr. Bruce one*

of the Council'; enclosing supporting papers [documents 142-143] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 56] [see document 203 with similar content, almost a year later]

142. June 8, 1771 [221/D25]
Copy of petition to Chester from James Bruce, concerning his land grants; enclosing a supporting paper [document 143]; enclosed with Chester's June 22, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 141] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 57]
143. July 28, 1766 [225/D26]
Copy of minutes from a Council that considered a petition of James Bruce concerning land grants; enclosed with Bruce's June 8, 1771 petition [document 142]; copy enclosed with Chester's June 22, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 141] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 58]
144. June 23, 1771 [229/D27]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the settling of the Country contiguous to the Mississippi in townships;—the regranteeing forfeited lands there;—the protection of the settlers—the cut proposed near Fort Bute—& licentious Traders with the Indians*"; enclosing supporting papers [documents 145-146] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 59]
145. June 23, 1771 [233/D28]
Copy of letter from Lieutenant Governor Durnford at Pensacola to Chester, "*relative to the state of the Country near the Iberville and Mississippi;—the proper method of settling them & complaints made to him by Spanish Commandants*"; enclosed with Chester's June 23, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 144] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 60]
- [Note:** no document identified with Bundle Document Number C29]
146. [no date] [after 236]
"*Printed blank form of a grant of Land in West Florida*"; enclosed with Chester's June 23, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 144] [pages 237-238 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 61]
147. August 24, 1771 [239/D30]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*acknowledging the receipt of Books relative to the process used in Sweden in the manufacture of Pitch & Tar*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 62]
148. August 25, 1771 [243/D31]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the death of the Rev. Mr. [Nathaniel] Cotton, Minister of Pensacola, and a proper person to be*

- appointed to succeed him*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 63]
149. August 26, 1771 [247/D32]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing copies of the registers of burials and of christenings for Pensacola from December 24, 1770 to June 24, 1771 [documents 150, 151] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 64]
 150. [no date] [251/D33]
Copy of the Pensacola list of christenings from December 24, 1770 through June 24, 1771; signed by Rev. Cotton; 12 christenings; enclosed with Chester's August 26, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 149] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 66]
 151. [no date] [253/D34]
Copy of the Pensacola list of burials from December 24, 1770 through June 24, 1771; signed by Rev. Cotton; 17 burials; enclosed with Chester's August 26, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 149] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 65]
 152. August 27, 1771 [255/D35]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the construction of a clause in the King's instructions for giving the word to His Majesty's forces in Pensacola*"; seeking to sort out issues of military vs. civil command [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 67]
 153. August 28, 1771 [259/D36]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*containing remarks on the Acts passed in the last session of Assembly*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 68]
 154. August 29, 1771 [265/D37]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to his right, as Governor, of building the Government house within the Garrison*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 76]
 155. August 23, 1771 [271/D38]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Haldimand, "*relative to the building of a Governm^t. House*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 77]
 156. August 29, 1771 [275/D39]
Copy of letter from Haldimand at Red Cliffs Battery near Pensacola to Chester, stating his unwillingness to decide the propriety of building a government house within the walls of the fort; suggesting that the matter be submitted to higher

authority for decision; expressing willingness to work cooperatively with the governor [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 78]

157. August 30, 1771 [279/D40]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the Superintendent's arrival at Pensacola, and his intention to bring thither the Creeks, Chickasaws & Chactaws*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 79]
158. August 31, 1771 [283/D41]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to his appointment of Mr. Philip Livingston Jun^r. to be Receiver General of the Quit rents within West Florida, and proposing that some allowance should be made to him*" [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 80 and Reel 8, document 29]
159. September 1, 1771 [287/D42]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing several returns [documents 160-162] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 81]
160. [no date] [291/D43]
Return of troops under Haldimand's command in West Florida; directed to Chester; signed by acting Brigade Major Francis Hutcheson; enclosed with Chester's letter of September 1, 1771 to Hillsborough [document 159] [copy in Secretary of State papers, dated August 20, 1771, Reel 6, document 82]
161. September 21, 1771 [293/D44]
Return of ordnance and ordnance stores in West Florida; issued by the Office of Ordnance; signed by acting clerk William Wilton; enclosed with Chester's letter of September 1, 1771 to Hillsborough [document 159] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 83]
162. August 28, 1771 [297/D45]
Return of ordnance and ordnance stores received from New York by order of General Thomas Gage, British commander in North America, in New York; signed by acting storekeeper James Watkins; enclosed with Chester's letter of September 1, 1771 to Hillsborough [document 159] [copy in Secretary of State papers, dated August 31, 1771, Reel 6, document 84]
163. March 9, 1772 [301/D46]
Report from Richard Jackson to the Board of Trade containing his legal assessments of 13 acts passed by the lieutenant governor and assembly of the West Florida Assembly in May 1770 and in June and July 1771
164. September 26, 1771 [305/D47]

- Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the receipt of His Lordship's Letter containing an account of the Birth of a Prince*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 85]
165. September 28, 1771 [309/D49]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the western part of West Florida, & the expediency of making a settlement on the Mississippi*"; enclosing supporting papers [document 167] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 87]
166. September 27, 1771 [321/D48]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*acknowledging the receipt of the Copies of five Acts of Parliament relative to America, & the King's Speech on May 8, 1771*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 86]
167. [no date] [327/D50]
"*Estimate of the Expense which will attend making the proposed Cut from the River Mississippi to the River Abbeville*"; "*Estimate of the Expenche of putting up four Redouts and Brick Blockhouses round the new proposed Town at Manchack, and at the Canal proposed*"; "*Estimate for erecting and putting up a Redoubt and Brick Block-house at the Natches, to contain 60 men with a ditch, and Brick Parapet*"; "*Estimate for a Covered Row Boat to be made Musquet proof and to row with 16 or 20 Oars for the service of the Mississippi*"; signed by Durnford as Engineer for West Florida; enclosed with Chester's September 28, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 165] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 88]
168. September 29, 1771 [331/D51]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the propriety of holding a conference with the Chactaw Indians*"; with enclosed supporting papers [documents 169, 170] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 89]
169. September 12, 1771 [335/D52]
"*Extract of a letter from Alexander McIntosh [at Mobile] to Governor Chester*", warning that he has heard that several Chactaw chiefs have gone to New Orleans to meet with the Spanish Governor; "*Should this be the Case, the Consequence to this Province is too plain to require being Explained here*"; enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 168] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 91]
170. September 10, 1771 [339/D53]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to John Stuart, "*relative to Indian Affairs*"; enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 168] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 90]

171. September 30, 1771 [347/D54]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the Creek Indians meeting M^r. Stuart at Pensacola*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 92]
172. December 20, 1771 [351/D55]
Copy of letter from Chester at Mobile to Hillsborough, "*relative to congress held with the Creek, Chactaw & Chickasaw Indians*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 172]
173. May 6, 1772 [357/D56]
Order of the King conveying a petition to the Board of Trade from Charles Schaw Cathcart Grosett, Esq. for 10,000 acres of land in West Florida
174. May 6, 1772 [359]
Petition to the King from Grosett requesting a grant of 10,000 acres of land in West Florida
175. July 11, 1772 [365/D57]
Letter from John Robinson at the Treasury Chambers to Pownall, "*transmitting, by order of the Lords of the Treasury, the report of the auditor of the Imprests on the Memorial of Montfort Browne Esq^r. late L^t. Gov^r. of West Florida, for the opinion of this Board whether the several Articles charged in his account & the employment of several officers therein mentioned are such, as have been warranted by any orders from His Majesty, or by any order of this Board or by the necessity of the Service*"

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176. February 20, 1772 [1/E1]
Copy of letter from West Florida Governor Peter Chester at Pensacola to [Wills Hill] the Earl of Hillsborough, Secretary of State for the Colonies, “*relative to the congress held with the Chickasaw & Chactaw Indians, and the running of the greatest part of a boundary Line*” [page 1 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 99]
177. February 21, 1772 [9/E2]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, “*relative to a request of the French Roman Catholicks of Mobile, that a salary may be appointed by Government for a priest to officiate to them*”; enclosing the memorial of the Catholic inhabitants [document 178] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 100]
178. [no date] [13/E3]
“*Copy of a memorial of several of the French Roman Catholick Inhabitants of Mobile to Gov^r. Chester*”; enclosed with Chester’s February 21, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [written in French] [document 177] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 103]
179. February 22, 1772 [17/E4]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, “*inclosing a copy of the minutes of a congress held with the Creek Indians in October and November last*” [minutes not microfilmed here, but see Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 106] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 104]
180. [no date] [21/E5]
Petition to the Office of Ordnance at West Florida and the Board of Trade from Samuel Fontinelle, surgeon in the Office of Ordnance, requesting a grant of 10,000 acres of land in West Florida
181. [no date] [25/E6]
“*Memorial of Colonel William Tayler Aid de Camp to his Majesty, John Robinson one of the Commissioners of the Customs for North America, The chevalier James Albert Dormer, and Thomas George Caters Detembeulek Esquire, both of*

- the City of Antwerp*" to the Board of Trade, requesting a grant of 100,000 acres of land in West Florida [pages 24-25 microfilmed twice]
182. [no date] [29/E7]
Memorial to the Board of Trade of John Robinson, requesting a grant of 20,000 acres of land in West Florida
183. [no date] [33/E8]
Petition to the William Legge, 2nd Earl of Dartmouth, "*His Majestys Principal Secretary of State for His Majesty's Dominions in America*" from Edward Codrington, merchant in London, requesting that an uninhabited island "*at the entrance of the Mississippi, on the East side*" named "*English Balize*" be granted to him
[Note: Dartmouth had replaced Hillsborough as Secretary of State for the Colonies on August 27, 1772.]
184. November 5, 1772 [37/E9]
Letter from John Robinson at the Treasury Chambers to John Pownall, undersecretary of State for the colonies, reporting that the Lords of the Treasury have approved payments of £506.3.7 to Montfort Browne, to be paid out of appropriations for the West Florida "*civil Establishment*"; instructing the Board of Trade to include this sum for this purpose in its next civil establishment estimate
185. April 9, 1772 [41/E10]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*transmitting copy of the congress held at Mobile in Dec^r. & Jan^y last, with the Chiefs of the Chickisaw & Chactaw Nations*" [congress paper not microfilmed here, but see Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 111] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 109]
186. April 10, 1772 [45/E11]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*transmitting minutes of Council*" of West Florida, from October 31 through November 23, 1771 [pages 44-45 microfilmed twice] [minutes not microfilmed here, but see Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 114] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 112]
187. April 11, 1772 [49/E12]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting a copy of Council minutes from April 7, 1772 [document 188], "*in which are inserted sundry Letters, and papers, relating to the Conduct of Mr. Thomas, The Deputy Superintendant of Indian Affairs on the River Mississippi*"; reporting having recommended, based on the Council's advice, immediate action by John Stuart, superintendent of Indian affairs, to rectify the situation [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 115]

188. April 7, 1772 [53/E13]
Copy of minutes of the West Florida Council, including several supporting letters and papers written into the record [not itemized as separate documents here]; enclosed with Chester's April 11, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 187] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 116]
189. April 23, 1772 [69/E14]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the conduct of Mr. John Thomas, Deputy Superintendant of Indian Affairs on the Mississippi*", explaining his concern that the negotiations Thomas had begun with the Indians "*might probably give Umbrage to the Spaniards at New Orleans, and that I intended to write to the Governor of Louisiana in Order to assure him that these proceedings had been carried on without my knowledge and contrary to my approbation*"; enclosing supporting papers [documents 190, 191] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 117, dated April 22, 1772]
190. April 11, 1772 [73/E15]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Don Luis de Unzaga e Amezaga, Spanish Governor at New Orleans; enclosed with Chester's letter of April 23, 1772 to Hillsborough [document 189] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 118]
191. March 28, 1772 [77/E16]
Copy of letter from Unzaga at New Orleans to Chester, expressing his concerns about Thomas' activities [written in Spanish]; enclosed with Chester's letter of April 23, 1772 to Hillsborough [document 189] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 119]
192. April 20, 1772 [81/E17]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Unzaga, replying to the Spanish Governor's March 28 letter, stating that he had been apprehensive of Thomas' behavior before receipt of Don Luis' letter, understanding and regretting that "*this Gentlemans late behavior might have a tendency to create uneasiness in the minds of His Catholic Majesty's Subjects*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 120]
193. July 7, 1772 [85/E18]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the removal of the cause of complaint from the Spanish Gov^r. of Louisiana; and Mr. Harrison, a merchant at Manchac [between Lakes Ponchartrain and Maurepass, north of New Orleans], being killed by Mr. John Thomas, Deputy Superintendant*"; including a supporting paper [document 194] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 124]
194. May 4, 1772 [89/E19]

- Copy of letter from Don Luis at New Orleans to Chester [written in Spanish] enclosed with Chester's July 7, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 193] [pages 88-89 microfilmed twice]
195. July 8, 1772 [93/E20]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*containing his reasons for dissolving the General Assembly*" and ordering a new election; reasons pertained to a provision inserted in the provincial election law, during Governor Johnstone's time, allowing representatives to serve for only one year, and requiring dissolution and a new election to continue the assembly; enclosing minutes of Council meetings documenting Chester's actions regarding the assembly [documents 196-198] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 126]
196. January 28, 1772 [101/E21]
Extract from minutes of the West Florida Council, concerning the assembly and elections; enclosed with Chester's July 8, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 195] [copy full minutes of this Council meeting in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 134]
197. March 9, 1772 [105/E22]
Copy of minutes of the West Florida Council, concerning the assembly and elections; enclosed with Chester's July 8, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 195] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 128]
198. April 23, 1772 [109/E23]
Copy of minutes of the West Florida Council, concerning the assembly and elections; enclosed with Chester's July 8, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 195] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 129]
199. July 9, 1772 [113/E24]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the paying of Mr. [Edmund Rush] Wegg, Attorney Gen^l. for his services & expenses*"; enclosing a supporting paper [document 200] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 130]
200. April 20, 1772 [117/E25]
Extract from minutes of a Council meeting, concerning Wegg's memorial for payment of past due salary and expenses; enclosed with Chester's July 9, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 199] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 131]
201. July 10, 1772 [121/E26]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting minutes of Council meetings from November 23, 1771 through May 14, 1772 [minutes not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 132]

202. July 11, 1772 [125/E27]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the detention of the packet boats;—the Character of Captain MacDonough;—and a better method of correspondence by the packet Boats from Charlestown direct to Pensacola*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 135]
203. July 12, 1772 [131/E28]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the State of Grants of Land, and [Customs Agent Mr. [James] Bruce's desire to change the location of his Grant*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 136]
204. July 13, 1772 [135/E29]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the removal of the Seat of Government, and to the King's Instructions with regard to the powers of the civil and military Commanders in the province*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 137]
205. July 14, 1772 [139/E30]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*acknowledging the receipt of several of His Lordship's dispatches*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 138]
206. February 20, 1769 [143/E31]
Copy of a King's order confirming James Bruce's status as a member of the West Florida Council
207. January 5, 1770 [147/E32]
Copy of a King's order "*approving the Draught of a Commission for Peter Chester Esq^r. to be Gov^r. of West Florida, and ordering a warrant to be prepared for passing it under the Great Seal*"
208. February 26, 1770 [151/E33]
Copy of a King's order "*approving draughts of Instruction for Peter Chester Esq^r. Gov^r. of West Florida*"
209. April 5, 1770 [155/E34]
Copy of a King's order, "*constituting Arthur Neil and Philip Conyers Esq^s. Members of His Majesty's Council for West Florida*"
210. December 9, 1770 [159/E35]
Copy of a King's order, disallowing the West Florida Assembly's June 1769 act "*to encourage the Settlement of that part of the province lying to the Westward of Charlotte County*" [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 38]
211. February 24, 1771 [163/E36]

- Copy of a King's order, confirming David Hodge as a member of the West Florida Council
212. April 15, 1771 [167/E37]
Copy of a King's order, confirming James Jones as a member of the West Florida Council
213. June 7, 1771 [171/E38]
Copy of a King's order, disallowing three West Florida acts enacted in 1767 and 1769; one concerning regulation of the marshall's proceedings; one concerning attachment of absent debtors' real estate and personal property; one occasionally prohibiting the sale of rum to Indians in Charlotte County [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 45]
214. January 15, 1772 [175/E39]
Copy of King's order, disallowing two West Florida acts enacted in January and June 1767; one concerning establishment of a county at Mobile with a common pleas court; one "*for the better Order and Government of Slaves*" [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 51]
215. June 19, 1772 [179/E40]
Copy of King's order, disallowing two West Florida acts enacted in 1770 and 1771; one indemnifying certain officers from prosecution relating to forts at Rose Island and Mobile; one preventing vessel masters from carrying off persons in debt, and concerning improving the coasting trade
216. June 19, 1772 [183/E41]
Copy of King's order, with reasons and explanations for disallowing the 1770 and 1771 acts of West Florida, including comments from West Florida
217. January 21, 1773 [191/E42]
Letter from John Robinson at the Treasury Chambers to Pownall, reporting that Mr. Ellis, agent for West Florida, had been ordered to pay £988.9.11 to Montfort Browne; requesting that the Board of Trade charge the expense to West Florida's 1773 estimate for civil establishment
218. March 2, 1773 [195/E43]
Report of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs to the Board of Trade favorable to a memorial from Francis Drake and referring the memorial to the Board for its consideration
219. January 28, 1772 [197]
Memorial of Francis Drake, major in the 79th Regiment, requesting a grant of 10,000 acres in West Florida in compensation for suffering during service to the Crown [pages 198-199 microfilmed twice]

220. August 12, 1772 [203/E44]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to M. Bruce's insisting on delivering up his mandamus for a grant of Land in Council, and his behaving indelicately to the said Gov.*"; enclosing supporting papers [documents 221, 222] [pages 202-203 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 141]
221. July 28, 1772 [211/E45]
Copy of "*Extract from the Minutes of the Council of the Province of West Florida*" held at Pensacola, concerning Mr. Bruce's land; enclosed with Chester's August 12, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 220] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 142]
222. July 30, 1772 [215/E46]
Copy of "*Extract from the Minutes of the Council of the Province West Florida*", held at Pensacola, concerning Mr. Bruce's land; enclosed with Chester's August 12, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 220] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 143]
223. August 13, 1772 [219/E47]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to accession of Land from the Creek Indians on the River Escambia;—the cession of Land desired by the Augusta Traders;—the Estimate for West Florida;—and the settling of the Lands on the Mississippi*"; enclosing a supporting paper [document 224] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 144]
224. August 4, 1772 [225/E48]
Copy of deposition of Joseph Dawes "*a hireling of William Gregory Indian Trader in the Creek Nation*", concerning a "talk" between Creek and Chickasaw Indians and other Indian affairs; enclosed with Chester's August 13, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 223] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 145]
225. August 14, 1772 [229/E49]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*transmitting a map of the East Parts of West Florida, by Mr. Romans, & draughts of flowers &c. by him; and proposing, that a Sum of money should be given to him for his encouragement*" [map and drafts of flowers not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 146]
226. August 15, 1772 [233/E50]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the plan he transmits of the River Mississippi, in which Grants of Lands are marked down*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 147]
227. October 26, 1772 [237/E51]

Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the appointment of Missionaries to the Roman Catholics in the ceded Counties* [in the Mobile area]"; also acknowledging receipt of acts of Parliament concerning America [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 1]

[Note: On August 27, 1772, Hillsborough had been replaced by Dartmouth as Secretary of State for the Colonies. Chester did not learn about Dartmouth's replacement of Hillsborough until February 14, 1773. See document 238]

228. October 27, 1772 [241/E52]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to the publick Conduct of M^r. Thomas, deputy Superintendant of Indian Affairs, and to his trial for killing M^r. George Harrison*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 2]
229. October 28, 1772 [249/E53]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting minutes of a Council meetings from May 14 through July 30, 1772 [not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 3]
230. March 5, 1773 [253/E54]
Copy of a King's order, referring to the Board of Trade a petition of John Robinson, a commissioner of customs for North America, requesting a grant of 20,000 acres in West Florida
231. [no date] [255]
Petition of John Robinson requesting a grant of 20,000 acres in West Florida
232. October 6, 1772 [261/E55]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to proceedings in West Florida on a French Brigantine called the Languedoc commanded by one Jean François Angias, who arrived there in distress from Cape François bound for Marseilles*", enclosing supporting papers [document 233] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 9]
233. August 15, 17, 18, and 28, 1772 [277/E56]
Copy of "*Extracts of four days Minutes of the Council of the Province of West Florida*", concerning a petition from Jean François Angias requesting permission to sell cargo from the Languedoc to pay debts; enclosed with Chester's October 6, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 232] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 10]
234. October 7, 1772 [297/E57]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, "*transmitting a map of the province of West Florida*" [map not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 11]

235. November 16, 1772 [301/E58]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, "*relative to reports of Northern Indians endeavouring to form a confederacy with the Southern Tribes*"; enclosing a letter with information [document 236] [copy in secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 4]
236. November 16, 1772 [305/E59]
Copy of letter from John McIntosh, "*an Indian Commissary in the Chickesaw Nation, to Mr. Charles Stuart, deputy superintendant of Indian Affairs*", concerning northern and southern Indian relations; enclosed with Chester's November 16, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 235] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 5]
237. November 17, 1772 [309/E60]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing minutes of the Council from August 1 through September 1, 1772 [minutes not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 6; minutes at Reel 7, document 8]
238. February 17, 1773 [313/E61]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, "*congratulating His Lordship on his being appointed one of the principle Secretaries of State*" and dispatching papers [not microfilmed here] [pages 312-313 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 14]
239. February 18, 1773 [317/E62]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, "*on a Letter from the Board of Trade relative to a Clause proposed to be inserted in future commissions to Governor respecting the custody of Idiots & Lunaticks*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 15]

Note: No document identified with Bundle Document Number E63]

240. February 19, 1773 [321]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, enclosing a copy of minutes of the Council held December 15, 1772 recommending "*application to Sir George Bridges Rodney, the Admiral Commanding at Jamaica, to order a Sloop of War, or Armed Vessel, into the River Mississippi*", a recommendation which Chester had followed [minutes not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 16; minutes at Reel 7, document 17]

[Notes: No document identified with Bundle Document Number E64.

Archivists have identified E65 as follows, "*Copy of Letter from Gov. P. Chester to S^r. George B. Rodney, praying him to send a Sloop of War into the Mississippi*", enclosed with Chester's February 19, 1773 letter

to Dartmouth [document 240], but not microfilmed here. Missing pages 324 through 332 might have contained E64 plus this letter. The latter is in the Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 18.]

241. February 20, 1773 [333/E66]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, “*relative to a disagreement in opinion between Sev^r. Officers in West Florida belonging to the Board of Ordnance and him respecting the authority, with which he is vested over them*”; enclosing a supporting paper [document 242] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 19]
242. November 13, 1772 [341/E67]
Copy of petition to Chester from William Jackson, ordnance smith, “*relative to his been ill treated by Engineer Cambel*”; enclosed with Chester’s February 20, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 241] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 20]
243. February 21, 1773 [345/E68]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, transmitting minutes of Council meetings from September 1 through December 15, 1772 [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 21]
244. May 15, 1773 [349/E69]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, “*relative to the purchase of a House for publick uses, and to the appointment of a Clergyman in the room of the Rev^d. M^r. Cotton deceased*”; enclosing a supporting paper [document 245] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 25]
245. April 20, 1773 [353/E70]
Copy of letter from Frederick Haldimand (now Major General) to Chester, “*containing the terms, on which he is willing to sell his house for the use of Government*”; enclosed with Chester’s May 15, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 244] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 26]
[Note: In June 1773, General Thomas Gage, commander of British forces in North America, left New York for a leave of absence in England, and Haldimand was assigned as his temporary successor. See minutes of an April 7, 1773 West Florida Council meeting in the Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 30. Haldimand never returned to live in Pensacola.]
246. May 16, 1773 [357/E71]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, “*relative to establishments proposed to be made in the Lands near the Mississippi*” [pages 356-357 microfilmed twice]
247. May 17, 1773 [361/E72]

Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, transmitting minutes of Council meetings from January 18 through April 19, 1773 [minutes not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 28; minutes are at Reel 7, document 30]

248. May 18, 1773 [365/E73]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, "*relative to an irregular practice in regard to the Choice of Representatives in the Assembly;—his intention not to send a Writ to Mobile to chuse one;—the compensation to Mr. Wegg for extra services;—and establishments on the Mississippi*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 31]
249. May 19, 1773 [369/E74]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, "*relative to the transaction between M^r. Bruce & him; the settlement of the Land on the Mississippi, Iberville & Amity—and his attention to the cultivation of the Lands possessed under grants*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 32]
250. August 26, 1773 [377/E75]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, "*relative to his joy on receiving the account of the Queen's being happily brought to bed of a Prince*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 35]
251. August 27, 1773 [381/E76]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, "*relative to the approbation given to his conduct in the case of the French Brigantine;—a map he lately transmitted;—and the Estimate for the Support of the civil Establishment of West Florida*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 36]
252. August 29, 1773 [385/E77]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, transmitting copies of minutes of the Council from April 19 through July 10, 1773 [minutes not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 41; minutes microfilmed in Reel 7, document 43]

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- **Volume 580: Official correspondence and documents (Bundle F)**

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1. June 8, 1774 [1/F1]
Copy of the King’s order that the Board of Trade and Plantations consider a petition from Daniel Coxe of New Jersey [document 2] requesting that the Governor of West Florida be ordered to “*take up and locate*” not less than 53,000 acres in West Florida
2. [no date] [3]
Copy of the petition from Daniel Coxe referred to in the King’s June 8, 1774 order [document 1]
3. December 12, 1774 [9/F2]
Copy of letter from Grey Cooper, secretary to the Lords of Treasury, at Treasury Chambers, to John Pownall, secretary to the Board of Trade and Plantations, requesting that the civil estimate for West Florida for the coming year include a salary for the “*Receiver Gen. of the Quit rents there*”
4. April 22, 1775 [13/F3]
Copy of letter from Governor Peter Chester of West Florida, at Pensacola, to Earl of Dartmouth, Secretary of State for the Colonies, “*relative to the expenditure of the money granted by Parliament for building a House for the residence of His Majesty’s Gov^r. In the Province of West Florida*” [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 20]

[Note: no document identified with Bundle Document Number F4]
5. April 25, 1776 [19/F5]
Copy of King’s order referring for the Board of Trade’s consideration a memorial from Lieutenant Colonel Stewart Douglas [document 6] seeking to correct an error granting him land in East Florida that should have been in West Florida
6. [no date] [21]

Copy of Douglas' petition referred to in the King's order dated April 25, 1776
[document 5] [see also documents 14-17]

7. June 21, 1776 [27/F6]
Petition to the Board of Trade of "*William Irving in behalf of John Ellis Agent for His Majesty's Province of West Florida*" submitting a bill and requesting payment of a salary for Andrew Rainsford, Receiver General for Quit Rents in West Florida from June 24, 1774 to June 24, 1775
8. August 28, 1776 [31/ F7]
Copy of King's order referring to the Board of Trade a petition of James Milne and Walter Humphreys [document 9], merchants, seeking 12,000 acres in West Florida to start a settlement
9. [no date] [33]
Copy of Milne and Humphreys' petition, referred to in the King's order dated August 28, 1776 [document 8]
10. [no date] [35]
"*Considerations on the Humble Petition* [document 9] *of James Milne and Walter Humphrys*"
11. [no date; received December 3, 1776] [43/F8]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from Captain Hugh Lord, "*late commandant at Kaskeskias*", suggesting development of a settlement up the Mississippi River, to enhance British presence up the river, given the "*persecutions and disorders attending the present unnatural Rebellion in the Provinces*"
12. [no date; received January 17, 1777] [47/F9]
"*Memorial* [to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to the Board of Trade] *of Christopher Nesham, Esq. Agent for West Florida desiring the Board's direction on the extract of a Letter from Gov^r. Chester to the Agent* [document 13] *relative to his Drawing several Bills to defray some publick Expenses*"
[Note: Germain replaced Dartmouth as Secretary of State for the Colonies on November 10, 1775.]
13. July 8, 1776 [49]
Extract of a letter from Chester to John Ellis, agent for West Florida referred to in the previous memorial [document 12]
14. [no date; received October 3, 1776] [55/F10]
Memorial to Board of Trade of Douglas; appears to be the original of the copy of Douglas' petition [document 6]
15. September 27, 1776 [57/F11]

Letter from Douglas at Glen Stuart near Annan to the deputy secretary of the Board of Trade, concerning his desire to correct his grant of land to be in West Florida rather than East Florida, enclosing supporting papers [documents 16-17] [see also documents 5, 6]

16. June 2, 1776 [59]
Letter from a brother of Douglas at Wherstone [?] to Douglas at Glen Stuart Annan, concerning the exchange of Douglas' land from East Florida to West Florida
17. June 10, 1776 [63]
"Acco^t. Of Payments to William Turnbull in Annan for Fees of a Grant of Land in East Florida to Lieut. Col. Stewart Douglas by John Clark"
18. May 8, 1777 [69/F12]
Memorial to Germain from Captain Thomas Hutchins of the 60th Regiment of Foot, at London, seeking to confirm a previously offered grant of 25,000 acres in West Florida, including supporting papers [documents 19-20] [see document 33 for a subsequent memorial]
19. June 2, 1773 [75]
"Extract of the Minutes of the Council of the Province of West Florida", concerning the petition of Thomas Hutchins for 25,000 acres [full minutes of this Council meeting in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 43]
20. June 17, 1771 [79]
Copy of instructions from General Thomas Gage at New York to Ensign Hutchins *"of the Royal American Regiment, acting Engineers at Fort Chartres"*, including detailed instructions for traveling down the Mississippi River to Pensacola, secretly seeking information along the way about Spanish settlements, command structure, navigation, and more along the river, all to be reported at Pensacola [see another copy of these instructions, along with other papers concerning Hutchins' memorial, at document 34]
21. [no date; received June 9, 1777] [85/F13]
Memorial to Germain from William Roberts, a clerk to the Board of Trade, for himself and his associate Samuel Fontenelle, seeking permission to swap lands granted in East Florida for equal acres in West Florida
22. March 30, 1778 [89/F14]
Memorial to the Board of Trade of *"Clark Durnford on behalf of his Brother Elias Durnford, Surveyor General of the province of West Florida"*, seeking payment of money owed to Elias Durnford
23. January 6, 1779 [93/F15]

Letter from William Knox, secretary to Germain, at Whitehall, to Richard Cumberland, secretary to the Board of Trade, enclosing, at Germain's direction, a letter from Chester to Germain [document 24], requesting that Cumberland lay the letter before the Board of Trade for its consideration

24. June 1, 1778 [97/F16]
Copy of letter from Chester to Germain, informing him of having suspended James Jones, a member of the province council because he has been absent since 1773 and had taken an oath of fidelity to Louisiana; enclosed with Knox' January 6, 1779 letter to Cumberland [document 23]
25. January 1778 [101/F17]
Copy of "*A List of the Council for West Florida*" along with information on the absences of members
26. [no date; read February 9, 1779] [105/F18]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from "*Doctor William Gordon Chaplain of Mobile*", seeking a grant of 2,000 acres in West Florida; signed by Lewis Gordon for William Gordon
27. February 16, 1779 [109/F19]
Letter from Knox at Whitehall to the Board of Trade, enclosing memorials of land proprietors, merchants, and others in West Florida [documents 28-29] "*complaining amongst other things of the conduct of the Governor*"; requesting that the memorials be placed before the Board of Trade for its consideration
28. [no date] [113/F20]
Memorial from proprietors to Germain referred to and enclosed with Knox' letter of February 16, 1779 to the Board of Trade [document 27]; signed by 23 individuals
29. [no date] [117/F21]
Memorial from merchants to Germain referred to and enclosed with Knox' letter of February 16, 1779 to the Board of Trade [document 27]; signed by 13 individuals
30. April 15, 1777; April 5, 1778; August 21, 1778 [121/F22]
"*Extracts from Letters* [written in Pensacola; names of writers not included] *received by M^r Roberts complaining of the Fees exacted by the Civil Officers in West Florida*"
31. February 11, 1779 [125/F23]
Memorial to Germain from "*Proprietors and Settlers of Land in West Florida and of others Interested in the prosperity of the said Province*"; signed in London by 14 individuals

32. March 1, 1779 [129/F24]
Letter from James Macpherson [at the Treasury?] to Cumberland, providing detailed information concerning the fees paid in the province of West Florida; requesting that this information be placed before the Board of Trade for its consideration
33. June 18, 1777 [133/F25]
Memorial to Germain by Hutchins seeking a grant of 10,000 acres of land in West Florida, enclosing supporting papers [document 34] [see also documents 18-20]
34. August 2, 1776 [139]
Copy of letter from Gage at Park Place to John Robinson at Treasury Chambers, responding to a request to review and comment on papers concerning Hutchins' memorial(s) and his actions at Pensacola
December 17, 1776
Copy of letter from General Frederick Haldimand at St. James Street to the Treasury, responding to a request to review and comment on papers concerning Hutchins' memorial(s) and his actions at Pensacola
[both letters copied onto the same page]
35. June 17, 1771 [141]
Copy of instructions to Hutchins from Gage [document 20 is another copy of these instructions [see also documents 18-19 and 33-35]
36. [no date; read on August 14, 1779] [147/F26]
Copy of a "*Petition and Memorial [to the King] of the Gentlemen Traders and Principal Inhabitants of the Province of West Florida*", declaring that "*We hold in abhorrence the present unnatural and unparalleled Rebellion raging in our Neighbouring Colonies*" but complaining that "*the bold Police, and mismanagement of Peter Chester Esquire your Gov^{er} of this Province, has worked itself into a [?] nearly Subversive of our Liberties*"; providing details; with signatures of 134 individuals
37. [no date; received August 18, 1779] [177/F27]
Petition to the Board of Trade from proprietors of land in West Florida and London merchants doing business there, conveying their memorial to the King complaining about the conduct of Chester, listing charges, and humbly praying "*that the said Peter Chester Esq^f. may be called upon in due form to answer the said Charges*"; with signatures of 8 individuals
38. March 30, 1780 [181/F28]
Letter from Knox to Cumberland conveying a letter by Chester to Germain [document 39]; requesting that it be laid before the Board of Trade for its consideration
39. November 16, 1779 [185/F29]

Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the two petitions from proprietors and merchants [documents 28, 29 and/or 31]; stating that, concerning the first petition, he thought "*I had fully explained myself upon that subject so as to need no further discussion*", a matter concerning control of the provincial assembly and Chester's dissolution of it; stating that, concerning the second petition, it "*is a great surprise to me*", and that he wishes for an opportunity to justify his conduct ; enclosed with Knox' March 30, 1780 letter to Cumberland [document 38]

40. November 16, 1779 [191/F30]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, acknowledging receipt of policies from the Board for establishment of courts of justice at Natchez; stating that "*I am sorry, however, to inform your Lordships, that any Regulation of that kind for the present will be utterly impracticable, as that District is by Lieut. Colonel Dickson's late Capitulation surrendered up to, and now in possession of the Spaniards*"; including supporting papers [documents 41, 42] [see also related documents 75, 76]
41. October 16, 1779 [195/F31]
Letter from William Clifton, Chief Justice of West Florida, at Pensacola, to Chester, concerning the establishment of courts in the region of Natchez; enclosed with Chester's November 16, 1779 letter to the Board of Trade [document 40]
42. November 24, 1779 [199/F32]
Letter from Attorney General Edmund Rush Wegg at Pensacola, to Chester, concerning the establishment of courts in the region of Natchez; enclosed (despite its date) with Chester's November 16, 1779 letter to the Board of Trade [document 40]
43. November 16, 1779 [203/F33]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, stating knowledge of a petition from proprietors in West Florida complaining about certain fees; seeking to explain these fees; stating that "*this Complaint has originated from a Factious Party, which too much prevails in this Colony, many of whom are Interested Land Jobbers, having purchased up large Mandamus in England for trifling sums, and who want to Monopolise the Rich and Valuable Lands*"
44. April 4, 1780 [207/F34]
Letter from Nesham, at Newboth near Durham, to Cumberland, enclosing state of the province accounts for West Florida for the year ending June 25, 1779 [document 46], as recently received from Chester; stating that it "*appears that Gov'. Chester has applied large saveing upon the Indian Fund to Extraordinary Charges as Contingent Provincial disbursements for which the Provincial Fund was not equal*"; enclosing also a letter from Chester [document 45] "*advising of his having drawn £529:14:9 for only one Quarters Contingent Disbursements*" by

which he infers that Chester intends to use the Indian Fund savings for the remaining three quarterly contingent disbursements [copy in Secretary of State papers, Reel 10 document 88]

45. September 25, 1779 [211/F35]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Nesham, advising of having drawn funds as referred to and enclosed with Nesham's April 4, 1780 letter to Cumberland [document 44] [copy in Secretary of State papers, Reel 10 document 89]
46. June 24, 1779 [217/F36]
"A State of the Accts of the Province of West Florida", signed by Chester; enclosed with Nesham's April 4, 1780 letter to Cumberland [document 44]
47. May 17, 1780 [219/F37]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, acknowledging receipt of a copy of a petition from "*several of the principal Gentlemen Inhabitants of this Province*" [document 36]; expressing the intent to respond to vindicate himself
48. [no date; received January 9, 1781] [223/F38]
Memorial to the Board of Trade of Chief Justice Clifton, complaining that Nesham has refused to allow Clifton to receive his lawful salary; seeking redress; [pages 224-225 microfilmed twice]
49. February 21, 1781 [227/F39]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, responding to the petition [document 36] with charges against him by the "principal" inhabitants of West Florida enclosing his defense of his actions "*together with my Proofs in my own Vindication*" [documents 50-78]
50. [no date; received May 3, 1781] [231/F40]
Chester's answer to the charges in the petition from "principal" inhabitants of West Florida [document 36]; specific responses to 27 articles of charges; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
51. December 5, 1780 [259/F41]
Order by Chester that acts signed by Chief Justice Clifton and duly certified have the "*full and entire Faith and Credit*" of the government; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
52. December 4, 1780 [261/F42]
Affidavit of Attorney General Wegg and Admiralty Judge Elihu Hall Bay concerning the petition of the "principal" gentlemen [document 36] and questions about the "proofs" concerning them and about Adam Chrystie, leader of the

- petitioners; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
53. November 15, 1780 [265]
Affidavit of Wegg and Bay stating that attached documents are true copies; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
 54. April 13, 1780 [267]
Copy of affidavit of John Moore of Pensacola, concerning Adam Chrystie; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
 55. April 13, 1780 [269]
Copy of affidavit of Barnard Richardson of Pensacola, concerning hearing a paper read of charges against Chester; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
 56. April 13, 1780 [271]
Copy of affidavit of Thomas Lashley of Pensacola, concerning hearing a paper read of charges against the governor; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
 57. May 1, 1780 [273]
Copy of deposition of Richard Cambauld, Commissary of Stores and Pay Master to the Field Train of Artillery in West Florida, concerning the charges against Chester "*contained in a Paper stiled the Petition and Memorial of the Gentlemen & Freeholders and Principal Inhabitants of the said Province*"; containing a summary of all 27 articles; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
 58. July 4, 1780 [279]
Copy of affidavit of Thomas Kiston, Deputy Provost Marshall at Mobile, including "*A List of names of sundry persons who are said to have signed a Remonstrance and petition*" against Chester "*with their Additions and Stations &c*"; also a "*List of names of poor illiterate French Inhabitants at & near Mobile who are also said to have signed the said Memorial & petition*"; identifying a trader named "*John McGillivray*" as being active in circulating the petition; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
 59. July 10, 1780 [283]
Copy of letter from William Johnstone, a member of the Council, Captain in the Royal Regiment of Artillery, Commanding Officer of Artillery in West Florida, and younger brother of West Florida's first governor, George Johnstone, at Pensacola, to Chester, describing the petition he has seen as containing "*very heavy and indeed, shocking Complaints, conveyed in terms the most*

disrespectful and virulent" including charges of "*acts of Tyranny, Extortion and oppression*"; declaring "*my utter detestation and abhorrence of the same*"; and stating his belief that "*the greater Part of that Petition, has its foundation in falsehood, malice, and that virulent Spirit of Party which is ever ready to disturb the public Tranquility...*"; expressing his support for Chester; enclosing his affidavit [documents 60] of which Chester may "*make the use you shall think proper*"; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]

60. July 13, 1780 [287]
Affidavit of William Johnstone referred to and enclosed (despite its date) with Johnstone's July 10, 1780 letter to Chester [document 59]; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
61. July 28, 1780 [291]
Affidavit of George Ritchie of Pensacola, concerning having seen the petition; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
62. July 28, 1780 [293]
Affidavit of Walter Hood, late of Mobile, concerning the petition; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
63. July 28 [?], 1780 [295]
Affidavit of John Hench, companion of George Ritchie, at Pensacola, concerning the petition; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
64. August 5, 1780 [297]
Affidavit of James Main of Pensacola, concerning the petition; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
65. August 25, 1780 [299]
Affidavit of Elihu Hall Bay, attorney at Pensacola, concerning charges in the petition
66. September 14, 1780 [305]
Affidavit of Bernard Lintot of the District of Manchac but now at Pensacola, concerning the petition, with reference to a paper [document 68]; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
67. July 1, 1780 [307]
Affidavit of Stephen Shakespear late of Manchac, concerning the petition, with reference to a paper [document 68]; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]

68. February 4, 1778 [309]
Copy of an address by the grand jury from the District of Manchac to Chester, expressing concern for security in this remote part of West Florida, and expressing support for his administration; with signatures of 23 individuals; referred to by Bernard Lintot and Stephen Shakespear in their affidavits [documents 66, 67 respectively]
69. October 25, 1780 [313]
Affidavit of Alexander Maccullagh, provincial Indian Store keeper, concerning the Indian trade and charges against Chester
70. November 14, 1780 [317]
Affidavit of James Travis of Pensacola, a carpenter employed by certain merchants; concerning the petition against Chester; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
71. April 27, 1778 [319]
Extract from minutes of a Council meeting in Pensacola; advising the governor to call the Assembly "*to direct that Writs of Election be forthwith tested [?] returnable in forty days*"; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49] [similar extract in Secretary of State papers Reel 10, document 18]
72. November 15, 1780 [321]
Affidavit of William Duncan of Pensacola, concerning Adam Chrystie and the petition against Chester; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
73. February 21, 1781 [323]
Order from Chester, declaring that affidavit of Wegg and Bay [document 74], taken by Clifton, is valid; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
74. February 21, 1781 [325]
Affidavit of Wegg and Bay certifying that all the copies of documents are true copies; signed by Bay alone; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
75. February [?], 1781 [327]
Copy of affidavit of Thaddeaus Lyman of Pensacola, concerning a supportive paper from the inhabitants of Natchez to Chester, which is attached [document 76]
76. January 17, 1779 [328]
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Copy of letter from inhabitants of Natchez to Chester, wishing not to be forced to move from their homes; signed by 154 individuals; attached to Thaddeaus Lyman's affidavit of February [?], 1781 [document 75]; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49] ; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49] [see also related documents 40-42]

77. February 21, 1779 [333]
Copy of affidavit of Wegg and Bay stating that the attached copy of an address from the "*Gentlemen Freeholders and Inhabitants*" of Pensacola to Chester [document 78] is authentic; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
78. [no date] [335]
Copy of "*The Address of the Gentlemen Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town and District of Pensacola*", stating that, having seen "*with much concern*" a petition with charges against Chester, wishing Chester happiness and support; signed by 30 individuals; attached with Wegg and Bay's affidavit of February 21, 1779 [document 77] ; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1781 letter to the Board of Trade [document 49]
79. [no date; received May 29, 1781] [339/F43]
Memorial to Chester from "*Adam Christie and other Inhabitants of West Florida*", requesting receipt of Chester's response to their petition
80. November 24, 1780 [343/F44]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, acknowledging receipt of instructions from the Board of Trade following an inspection of accounts that revealed "*the Exorbitance of Fees taken in West Florida*"; promising to be obedient to these instructions
81. [no date; received June 16, 1781] [347/F45]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from several merchants, concerning their trade in West Florida, seeking funding from Parliament to pay for their publicly related expenses; signed by six individuals
82. July 25, 1781 [351/F46]
Legal document in the *Chrystie et al. v. Chester* case, signed by Joseph Sharpe, attorney for Chester, listing by date major occurrences in processing the case, including matters related to the receipt of proofs; praying that the matter might be concluded soon
83. November 23, 1781 [355/F47]
Letter from Albany Wallis, attorney for Chrystie et al., at Norfolk Street, to Cumberland "*signifying the desire of the Inhabitant Complainants against Governor Chester to be heard*" by the Board of Trade

- **Volume 581: Official correspondence and documents (Bundle G) 1781-1782:** 15 documents with dates from December 14, 1781 through April 26, 1782; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 21; no Archivist Stamped Page Numbers; BCO Bundle Document Numbers G1 through G14 for certain “primary” documents.

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84. December 14, 1781 [1/G1]
Legal document in the Chrystie et al. v. Chester case [see documents 49-78 above]; request of Joseph Sharpe, attorney for West Florida Governor Peter Chester, that the case be dismissed
85. January 19, 1782 [2]
Legal document in the Chrystie et al. v. Chester case; Sharpe serving notice that at its meeting on January 25, the Board of Trade and Plantations will be asked to dismiss the case “*for want of Prosecution*” [page 2 microfilmed twice]
86. January 21, 1782 [3/G2]
Legal document in the Chrystie et al. v. Chester case; Sharpe providing revised version of the legal process since the original petition was submitted in 1779; praying that the matter be resolved quickly [see document 82 for previous version of this statement] [page 3 microfilmed twice]
87. January 24, 1782 [5/G3]
Affidavit of Samuel Hannay, agent for West Florida, concerning the Chrystie et al. v. Chester case
88. February 19, 1782 [7/G4]
Letter from William Knox, secretary to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, at Whitehall, to Richard Cumberland, secretary to the Board of Trade and Plantations, enclosing memorials [documents 89, 90] to Germain from the governor and lieutenant governor relating to the estimates for West Florida, for the Board of Trade’s consideration
89. January 31, 1782 [9/G5]
Copy of a memorial to Germain from Chester, stating that since he, now former governor, and his family will soon be returning to England after the “capitulation”

to Spain, and since the salaries for West Florida officials have been frozen until the capitulation, requesting assistance with subsistence pay to pay for moving his family home; enclosed with Knox' letter of February 19, 1782 to Cumberland [document 88]

90. [no date] [11/G6]
Copy of a memorial to Germain from Lieutenant Governor Elias Durnford, seeking financial assistance, as he has lost his fortune because of depredations of the war in West Florida; enclosed with Knox' letter of February 19, 1782 to Cumberland [document 88]
91. April 23, 1782 [13/G7]
Letter from Richard Burke, secretary to the Treasury, to Cumberland, "*approving of the Estimate & directing the Board to consider and Report what provision should be done for Gov^{or}. Chester and the other Civil officers of West Florida*"; enclosing memorials and supporting papers from Chester and Durnford, seeking assistance [documents 92-96]
92. April 12, 1782 [15/G8]
Memorial to the Treasury from Chester [now in England], having left West Florida and lost his furniture (the Spanish burned Government house, in which he had been "*obliged*" to leave his furniture), seeking financial assistance; enclosed with Burke's April 23, 1782 letter to Cumberland [document 91]
93. January 31, 1782 [17/G9]
Memorial to Germain from Chester, seeking an allowance as late governor; enclosed with Burke's April 23, 1782 letter to Cumberland [document 91]
94. April 1, 1782 [19/G10]
Copy of a memorial to the Treasury from Chester, at Hollis Street, Car Square, seeking assistance; enclosed with Burke's April 23, 1782 letter to Cumberland [document 91]
95. [no date] [21/G11]
Memorial to Germain from Durnford seeking assistance; enclosed with Burke's April 23, 1782 letter to Cumberland [document 91]
96. [no date] [23/G12]
Statement of the loss sustained by Durnford due to the "capture" of West Florida by Spain, totaling £7369.7.5½; enclosed with Burke's April 23, 1782 letter to Cumberland [document 91]
97. [no date; received April 24, 1782] [25/G13]
Memorial to the Board of Trade from Chester, documenting his losses due to the capture of West Florida; not including a monetary value

98. April 26, 1782 [27/G14]
Letter from Albany Wallis, attorney for Chrytie et al. in the case against Chester, to Cumberland, "*informing him of his having been directed by his employers to proceed no further in the complaints against Gov^{or}. Chester*"

[Note: Here end the **Board of Trade and Plantations** official correspondence and documents for West Florida. Reel 3 continues with the **Secretary of State** official correspondence and documents for West Florida.]

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Reel 3 (concluded) summary contents:

Note: Reel 3 begins with Volumes 580 and 581, the conclusion of the official West Florida correspondence of the **Board of Trade and Plantations**. Reel 3 continues, and concludes, with Volume 582, the beginning of the official West Florida correspondence of the **Secretary of State**

- **Volume 582: Official correspondence and documents 1712-1765:**
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99. January 7, 1712 [1/1]
Letter from [?] de Gilley at London to “*votre Excellence*” and “*My Lord*” regarding forts in Florida; written in French [page 2 microfilmed twice]
100. December 4, 1733 [7/3]
Letter from P. Dominique, A. Croft, and M. Black of the Board of Trade and Plantations, at Whitehall, to Thomas Pelham-Hollis, 1st Duke of Newcastle, Secretary of State for the Southern Department; conveying, for information, two affidavits [documents 101, 102] of John Colcock and Edward Mclver concerning “*the loss of the Spanish Flota [flotilla] in the Gulph of Florida in July last*” received from Robert Johnson, colonial governor of South Carolina
101. September 17, 1733 [10/6]
Copy of Mclver’s affidavit, describing, as chief mate on the brigantine John, how the Spanish flota (flotilla) of numerous ships, under the command of Don Rodrigo de Toreo, had lost several ships on shoals during a hurricane, and how the brigantine had salvaged many chests of gold and silver and coins from the wrecks; enclosed with the Board of Trade’s December 4, 1733 letter to Newcastle [document 100] [page 6 microfilmed twice]
102. September 17, 1733 [14/10]
Copy of Colcock’s affidavit, describing, as a mariner from Charleston on a schooner, the Spanish flota and his part in rescuing passengers and returning them to Havana; enclosed with the Board of Trade’s December 4, 1733 letter to Newcastle [document 100]
103. [no date] [16/12]
Documentation [by whom, where?] of a memorial to Lieutenant Governor of West Florida William Durnford concerning the “*supercargo of the Schooner Britain bound from Maryland to New Orleans...being obliged to put into Harbour in the Mississippi to victual & water in March 1769, the Ship and Cargo was seized by order of Thovar the [Spanish] Commanding officer...*”; Durnford, having written

"on 3^d March 1770 to the ViceRoy of Mexico to demand Satisfaction for the Schooner & ill Treatment, & also Payment of the Bill the Supercargo and obliged to take on a Person in Mexico"; description of other steps taken in the case through June 12, 1770

104. July 19, 1763 [1/14]
Letter from Major General William Keppel "on board the Conquistador, to "Major Ogilvie of the 9th Regt or Officer Commanding the Corps destined for Florida", with instructions, pursuant to the recent treaty, for taking British possession of "the Fort of S^t Augustin and the Bay of Pensacola, as well as all that Spain possesses to the East or South East of the Mississippi"
[Note: Penciled page numbering begins again at 1 with this document.]
105. July 19, 1763 [5/16]
Letter from Keppel on board the Conquistador to "Major [Robert] Farmar of 34 Reg^t or Officer Commanding the Corps destined for the Mobile", with instructions to take British possession of Mobile [page 17 microfilmed twice]
106. July 3, 1763 [9/18]
"Instructions for Lieut Colonel [Augustine] Prevost of His Majestys 60th or Royal American Regiment of Foot" to be followed until arrival of a governor "for Florida"; signed by Keppel at Havana
107. May 21, 1763 [13/20]
Letter from Charles Wyndham, 2nd Earl of Egremont and Secretary of State for the Southern Department, at Whitehall, to "Officer Commanding Gage's & Cavendish's Regiments at the Mobile and the Country ceded by France on the Left of the Mississippi"; stating that orders will come from Sir Jeffrey Amherst, commander of forces in North America, and that reports are to be submitted to him
108. April 12, 1763 [17/22]
Copy of letter from Duc de Choiseul at Versailles, France, to "Monsieur [Louis] de Kerlerec, gouverneur pour Le Roy à La Louisianne", conveying instructions concerning the upcoming possession by Britain of Mobile and lands on the left bank of the Mississippi River; notation that "original sent to Gen^l Keppel April 18, 1763"
109. September 4, 1763 [21/24]
Letter from Captain John Hedges at Portsmouth to [the Secretary of State], reporting that he had taken possession of St. Augustine and had since been relieved by Major Oglevie
[Note: Egremont was Secretary of State for the Southern Department until August 21, 1763. He was officially replaced on September 9, 1763 by George Montague-Dunk, 2nd Earl of Halifax, who held the position until July 12, 1765. Those reporting at the time of this letter from the American colonies to the

“Secretary of State” would not have known that Halifax had become Secretary of State.]

110. September 7, 1763 [25/26]
Letter from Prevost at Fort Pensacola to the Secretary of State, reporting on having taken possession of Pensacola from the Spanish, including a description of the “village,” the country, the Indians, etc.
111. June 24, 1764 [31/28]
Letter from Farmar at Mobile to the Secretary of State, reporting on having taken possession of Mobile; describing plans to send troops, via New Orleans, up the Mississippi River to Illinois; enclosing several papers with further information [documents 112-117]
[Note: The boundary set in 1763 between French Louisiana and British West Florida was the Mississippi River, leaving its access and navigation a matter for constant negotiation between the two colonial governments. The 1763 treaty ceded French Louisiana to Spain, but Spain did not take possession until 1766, which considerably changed the political and military relationship the British West Floridians had with the colonial government in New Orleans.]
112. November 30, 1763 [35/30]
“*Report of the State of Fort Charlotte (formerly Fort Conde) at Mobile*”; signed by Farmar; enclosed with Farmar’s June 24, 1764 letter to the Secretary of State [document 111] [document 115 is a copy of this report]
113. January 24, 1764 [39/32]
Extract of a letter from Farmar at Mobile to the Secretary of War, reporting in detail on actions, relations with Spanish and French, Indian relations, financial matters, descriptions, and future plans; enclosed with Farmar’s June 24, 1764 letter to the Secretary of State [document 111]
114. January 10, 1764 [57/41]
Copy of the Instructions delivered by Farmar to James Germany, a fur trader among and interpreter for the Creek Indians; enclosed with Farmar’s June 24, 1764 letter to the Secretary of State [document 111]
115. November 30, 1763 [61/43]
Report of the State of Fort Charlotte at Mobile [document 112 is a copy of this report]; enclosed with Farmar’s June 24, 1764 letter to the Secretary of State [document 111]
116. November 2, 1763 [65/45]
Copy of “*An Account of Different Utensils & Bedding received [at Mobile] from His Most Christian Majesties Storekeeper with their Estimation*”; Copy of a “*Valuation of the Boats lately belonging to His Most Christian Majesty*”; enclosed with Farmar’s June 24, 1764 letter to the Secretary of State [document 111]

117. November 24, 1763 [69/47]
Copy of letter from Lieutenant Thomas Ford of the 34th Regiment at Tombekbe Fort to [Farmar], reporting on having destroyed the previous French fortifications and buildings there, building new ones, repairing the existing oven, and similar matters; reporting a shortage of provisions; enclosed with Farmar's June 24, 1764 letter to the Secretary of State [document 111]
[Note: The Tombigbee River is an Alabama tributary of the Mobile River.]
118. [no date] [75/50]
Report on the names of villages ("east" and "west" and "six villages" sections) of the Ichacta [Choctaw] Nation of Indians "*who Received presents from the French*", with the number of chiefs and inhabitants [written in French]
119. December 1, 1763 [79/52]
"*A List of the Presents that have been given Annually by the French to the Indians of the Ichacta Nation in Louisiana and who are now become His Britanick Majesty's Subjects*"; signed at Mobile by Farmar
120. [no date] [83/54]
"*State of the Revenue of Louisiana with Appointments Civil and Military whilst under the French Government*"; signed by Farmar
121. [no date] [87/56]
"*Account of the Produce of His Majesty's Province of Louisiana [the country near Mobile], that is at present known*"; signed by Farmar
122. September 20, 1763 [91/58]
"*A List of Major Farmars Nomination of Officers to Act as undermentioned at Mobbille*"; signed by Farmar
123. November 9, 1763 [95/60]
Letter from Farmar at Mobile to Governor Jean Jacques Blaise d'Abbadie of French Louisiana, seeking to establish a working relationship with him
124. December 3, 1763 [99/62]
Extract of a letter from Ford at Tombeckbe Fort to Farmar [?], reporting dimensions of and other information about the fort; also about relations with the Indians; also about the need for provisions, especially decent bread
125. December 26, 1763 [103/64]
The state of furniture and effects belonging to the French king remaining in Mobile, including those in public buildings, private residences, and the hospital, plus boats, including their values, written in French; with acknowledgment, in English, of possession of these items, with exceptions; signed by Farmar

126. January 12, 1764 [109/67]
Valuation of smith's tools received from the French, and their value
127. October 2, 1763 [111/68]
Copy of letter [written in or perhaps translated from French] from Kerlenec to Farmar, responding to a letter from Farmar [written earlier than document 123], seeking to establish a working relationship; laying out his position as representative of the King of France
[Note: Kerlenec was evidently replaced by d'Abbadie as governor of French Louisiana between October 2 and November 9, 1763. See document 123.]
128. October 20, 1763 [119/72]
"Manifesto" [written in French] by Farmar declaring the official relationship between the English and French governments in Mobile, in accordance with the recent treaty
129. [no date] [123/74]
"Minutes of some Necessary Establishments required for the Port of Mobile and other Articles usefull for the Garrison and much wanted"; signed by Farmar
130. October 20, 1763 [127/76]
Copy of "A Verbal Process of the Assion of the Port of Mobile, to Mons. Robert Farmar..."; signed by Farmar and Peter Hanibal Deville, French commander of the port of Mobile [written in two columns in English and French]
131. [no date] [135/80]
"Harangue By Major Farmar to the Creek Indians...", informing them of the "Division of this Country and fixing the Boundaries of the English and French by the River Mississipi"; seeking to gain the Indians' peaceful support; signed by Farmar
132. November 14, 1763 [139/82]
Copy of "A Counsel to be held with the Chacta Nation by the Governor of Mobile, for the English Part of Louisiana, and the Governor of Orleans, for the French Part of the said Province"; deploring troubles with the Indians, warning against killing of either English or French people; pledging that the English and French will work peacefully together in their respective provinces; signed by Farmar and, "Hubbaire" d'Abbadie
133. October 24, 1763 [157/91]
"Instructions to be observed by the Officers commanding Out Posts", by Farmar, as commander of British forces in Louisiana, concerning British relations with the French and the Indians, and control of relations between the French and Indians
134. [no date] [163/94]

- “Ressensement des Villages Sauvages de la Porte des Alybamons”*; list of villages by sub-tribal name within the Creek Indians, with the number of inhabitants by village, which total 3,655
135. November 22, 1763 [165/95]
“A Verbal Process of the Cession of the Post of Tombekbe, to Mr. Thomas Forde”, including Fort Choiseul
 136. January 24, 1764 [169/97]
“Return of Ordnance, and Ordnance Stores delivered out of His Majesty’s Stores at Fort Charlot in Mobile, to the several Posts hereafter mentioned”; posts include Tombeckbe, Pensacola, and Illinois; signed by Farmar
 137. November 23, 1763 [173/99]
Return of the *“Cannon, Carriages, Ammunition, and Utensils”* belonging to the French at Tombekbe at the time of cession; signed at Tombekbe by P. Chabert and W^m. Dubraca [page 100 microfilmed twice]
 138. December 5, 1763 [177/101]
Return of *“Ordnance and Ordnance Stores”* received at Fort Charlotte for use in the garrison and posts of Louisiana, including those *“from Jamaica”*, from *“the Hannah Brigg from New York”*, and from *“the Ship the Stag”*; signed by Farmar
 139. [no date] [181/103]
“List of Ordnance, Ordnance Stores and Habliments that are judged necessary for Fort Charlotte at Mobile”; signed by Farmar
 140. December 4, 1763 [185/105]
“List of the Number of different Pieces of Ordnance in Fort Charlotte, Mobile”; signed by Farmar
 141. January 29, 1764 [189/107]
Letter from Major William Forbes, commander of the 35th Regiment, at Pensacola, to [the Secretary of State], announcing his arrival at Pensacola on November 30, 1763; describing *“the place which is called the Fort”*, the local Indians, etc.
 142. January 29, 1764 [193/109]
Note from Forbes to [the Secretary of State], stating that a tax is being levied against merchant and coasting vessels to pay for harbor and coast surveying of safe channels [page 109 microfilmed twice]
 143. [Public Records Office form, dated October 21, 1929] [197/111]
A plan and sections of Fort Pensacola, enclosed with Forbes January 29, 1764 note [document 142] *“has been removed to the Map Room”*; however, see document 145

144. February 13, 1764 [201/112]
Letter from Farmar at Mobile to Egremont [thinking he was still Secretary of State], acknowledging receipt of instructions concerning trade and commerce in the colony and reporting "*with respect to the Revenue of this place there is none at present, and the French Commandant whom I reliev^d inform^d me, that there never had been any Established*"
145. [no date] [unnumbered, between two microfilmed copies of blank page 203/113]
"*Plan and Sections of the Fort at Pensacola*", with legend
146. April 14, 1764 [205/114]
Copy of letter from Halifax [Secretary of State since September 1763], at St. James's, to George Johnstone, Governor of West Florida, concerning a memorial received from the Spanish ambassador, requesting that Spaniards who had left houses at Pensacola for English to live in receive payment for the value of the houses; asking the governor to investigate and report what response should be made to the ambassador
147. April 17, 1764 [209/116]
Letter from Johnstone at London to [Halifax], responding to Halifax' letter of April 14, 1764 [document 146], assuring Halifax that he will do his best to return "*the most Exact & Impartial report*"
148. April 17, 1764 [213/118]
Copy of letter from Halifax at St. James's to the Board of Trade, enclosing, as received from Major General Thomas Gage, copies of "*Lieu^t. Colonel Robertson's Report of the present State of East & West Florida, with a Description of the Bays of Tampa and Charles*" plus an extract from Gage's cover letter; raising for the Board of Trade's consideration what to do about "*the Purchases of immense Tracts of Country, which appear to have been made by British Merchants from the Spaniards in the Eastern, and from the Indians in the Western Government*" [enclosures not microfilmed here]
149. May 24, 1764 [217/120]
Letter from Edward Sedgwick [in the Secretary of State], at St. James's to John Pownall, secretary for the Board of Trade, enclosing at Halifax' direction, copies of three letters from Gage and other papers relating to Robertson's report [enclosures not microfilmed here]
150. May 12, 1764 [221/122]
Copy of letter from Halifax at St. James's to Johnstone, enclosing a memorial, received via Gage, from inhabitants of Mobile under the French, wishing to sell their estates, despite their not having formal grants or title deeds for their properties and desiring to have their deportation dates delayed so these matters can be resolved; instructing Johnstone, once he has arrived in West Florida, to

give the inhabitants general encouragement but to investigate the situation and report what should be done and whether the deportation extension is necessary [page 124 microfilmed twice] [enclosure not microfilmed here]

151. May 30, 1764 [227/125]
Letter from five Commissioners of the Board of Trade, at Whitehall, to Halifax, enclosing a copy of a memorial [document 152] from Johnstone "*representing the defective state of the Regiments stationed in [West Florida], the want of a proper method of recruiting them, and of a Staff conformable to what has taken place in other Colonies*"; requesting that the Secretary of State handle the matter
152. [no date] [231/127]
Copy of memorial to the Board of Trade from Johnstone, seeking assistance to strengthen the military in West Florida to provide needed security from the surrounding Indians; enclosed with the Board of Trade's May 30, 1764 letter to Halifax [document 151]
153. September 8, 1764 [235/129]
Copy of letter from Halifax at St. James's to Johnstone, concerning the interests of Swiss and German inhabitants of New Orleans who, if that city becomes Spanish, "*would probably chuse to remove and settle themselves*" under British government; advising the governor to take appropriate action if the opportunity arises
154. August 4, 1764 [239/131]
Letter from Johnstone, at the Island of St. Christopher [in the West Indies; now called St. Kitts], to Halifax, informing Halifax that the ship carrying him and his officers has successfully gotten this far on its way to Pensacola
155. October 31, 1764 [243/133]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Halifax, announcing arrival on October 21, "after a long passage from Jamaica"; enclosing returns [documents 156-157]; describing dire circumstances in West Florida
156. October 21, 1764 [247/135]
Return of the 35th Regiment of Foot, at Pensacola; signed by Johnstone; enclosed with Johnstone's October 31, 1764 letter to Halifax [document 155]
157. October 21, 1764 [251/137]
Return of the 35th Regiment of Foot, at Pensacola; signed by Captain Robert Mackinen, commander of the regiment [different format from Document 156]; enclosed with Johnstone's October 31, 1764 letter to Halifax [document 155]
158. February 1, 1765 [253/138]
Letter from five Commissioners of the Board of Trade, at Whitehall, to Halifax; enclosing a letter from Johnstone describing "*a Dispute between himself and the*

Commanding Officer of the Troops” in West Florida which they deem “*of great Consequence to His Majesty’s Service not only in this but also in every other Colony upon the Continent of America*”; enclosing other papers; “*Desiring the Inclosures may be laid before his Majesty*” [enclosures are documents 159-165]

159. November 9, 1764 [257/140]
Extract of a letter from Johnstone to Pownall, enclosing letters between himself and Captain Mackinen, describing the dispute between the two of them; [enclosures are documents 160-165]; enclosed with the Board of Trade’s February 1, 1765 letter to Halifax [document 158] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 32]
160. November 3, 1764 [265/144]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Mackinen, putting his (Johnstone’s) sentiments about the dispute between them in writing and asking that Mackinen do the same in response, “*that the matter may be fairly transmitted to his Majesty for his gracious Decision*”; enclosed with the Board of Trade’s February 1, 1764 letter to Halifax [document 158]; enclosed with Johnstone’s November 9, 1764 letter to Pownall [document 159] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 34]
161. [no date] [277/150]
Copy of note from Johnstone to Mackinen seeking quick response to his November 3 letter so the correspondence can be transmitted to England; enclosed with the Board of Trade’s February 1, 1764 letter to Halifax [document 158]; enclosed with Johnstone’s November 9, 1764 letter to Pownall [document 159] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 35]
162. November 5, 1764 [281/152]
Copy of letter from Mackinen at Pensacola to Johnstone, requesting more time to respond to this “Affair of Moment”; enclosed with the Board of Trade’s February 1, 1764 letter to Halifax [document 158]; enclosed with Johnstone’s November 9, 1764 letter to Pownall [document 159] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 36]
163. November 6, 1764 [285/154]
Copy of letter from Mackinen at Pensacola to Johnstone, responding to his request for Mackinen’s side of the dispute, “*giving Reasons for his keeping Command of the Garrison*”; enclosed with the Board of Trade’s February 1, 1764 letter to Halifax [document 158]; enclosed with Johnstone’s November 9, 1764 letter to Pownall [document 159] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 37]
164. November 7, 1764 [293/158]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Mackinen, finding Mackinen’s response to the questions at dispute inadequate, requesting again that Mackinen

respond; enclosed with the Board of Trade's February 1, 1764 letter to Halifax [document 158]; enclosed with Johnstone's November 9, 1764 letter to Pownall [document 159] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 38]

165. November 7, 1764 [301/162]
Copy of letter from Mackinen at Pensacola to Johnstone, responding again to Johnstone's questions; enclosed with the Board of Trade's February 1, 1764 letter to Halifax [document 158]; enclosed with Johnstone's November 9, 1764 letter to Pownall [document 159] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 39]
166. February 1, 1765 [305/164]
Copy of letter from six Commissioners of the Board of Trade, at Whitehall, to Halifax, enclosing two letters from Johnstone relating to the disadvantage of not allowing Spanish trade with the new West Florida colony and relating to the "*debilitated state of the troops*" in West Florida [enclosures are documents 167, 168] [page 165 microfilmed twice]
167. October 31, 1764 [309/166]
Extract of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, concerning the Spanish trade and military strength in West Florida; enclosed with the Board of Trade's February 1, 1765 letter to Halifax [document 166] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 30]
168. September 25, 1765 [317/170]
Extract of letter from Johnstone at Kingston, Jamaica, to Pownall, concerning the Spanish trade and reported "*deplorable Situation*" in West Florida; enclosed with the Board of Trade's February 1, 1765 letter to Halifax [document 166]
169. February 9, 1765 [321/172]
Copy of letter from Halifax at St. James's to Johnstone, responding to Johnstone's concerns about the Spanish trade and military strength in West Florida, clarifying the King's policies [another copy of this letter is found in the Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 40]
170. December 9, 1765 [329/176]
Letter from James Grant, governor of East Florida, and John Stuart, Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Southern District of North America, at St. Augustine, to [the Secretary of State], concerning relations between British East Florida and the Creek Indians
171. March 23, 1765 [333/178]
Copy of letter from Halifax at St. Jams to Johnstone, informing Johnstone that, according to a rotation system previously established, the 21st and 31st Regiments would be replacing the 22nd and 35th Regiments in Pensacola and Mobile

172. April 13, 1765 [337/180]
Copy of letter from Halifax at St. James's to Johnstone, expressing "*Concern and Surprise*" at having received, via General Gage, a memorial from 19 officers at Mobile "*complaining of the Violence & Severity of your Behaviour towards them*"; observing that "*the disputed Authority to the Command of His Majesty's Troops, appears to have been the Source of those Dissentions, which have produced these reciprocal Complaints*"; hoping that "*Harmony will be completely resorted between the Civil Power, and the Military upon the arrival of His Majesty's last [?] explanatory Orders, which effectually remove all Doubt [on] that Point*"; recommending that Johnstone practice "*uniform Conduct of Mildness & Moderation*"
173. February 18, 1765 [341/182]
Memorial [written in French] from François Caminade at Mobile, "*au nom des toutes les anciens habitants de la Province de la Florida Occidentale*" to "*My Lord*" [evidently the Secretary of State], complaining of Johnstone's government and military in Mobile
174. February 18, 1765 [347/185]
Letter [written in French] from Caminade at Mobile to "*My Lord*", apparently the cover letter for the memorial [document 173]
175. June 12, 1765 [349/186]
Letter from Johnstone and Stuart at Pensacola to Halifax, concerning relations with the Indians in West Florida; enclosing papers [documents 176-179]
176. May 26-28, June 4, 1765 [361/192]
Copy of proceedings of a congress held at Pensacola by Johnstone and Stuart with several chiefs and warriors of the Creek Indians; enclosed with Johnstone and Stuart's June 12, 1765 letter to Halifax [document 175]
177. May 28, 1765 [395/209]
Copy of peace and friendship treaty agreed to at the congress [document 176] between the British and the Creek Indians; containing six articles; signed by 31 Indians and Johnstone and Stuart for the British; including a list of "*Rates of Goods in the Upper & lower Creek Nations*"; enclosed with Johnstone and Stuart's June 12, 1765 letter to Halifax [document 175]
178. March 26-27, April 1-3, 1765 [409/216]
"*Chactaw Congress*"; copy of proceedings of congress held at Mobile by Johnstone and Stuart with chiefs and warriors of the Chactaw and Chickasaw Indians; enclosed with Johnstone and Stuart's letter of June 12, 1765 to Halifax [document 175] [pages 454-455/239 microfilmed twice]
179. March 26, 1765 [459/241]

Copy of peace and friendship treaty agreed to at the congress [document 178] between the British and the Chactaw and Chickasaw Indians; containing seven articles; signed by 29 Indians and Johnstone and Stuart for the British; including a list of "*Rates of Goods in the Chactaw & Chickasaw Nations*"; enclosed with Johnstone and Stuart's June 12, 1765 letter to Halifax [document 175]

180. February 19, 1765 [471/247]
Duplicate of letter from Johnstone at Mobile to Halifax, concerning relations with New Orleans and establishment of a post at Point Iberville; "*original not received*"
181. June 11, 1765 [475/249]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Halifax, concerning his philosophy and methods of governing properly, in response to the complaints against his governance [see document 172]
182. September 12, 1765 [483/253]
Copy of letter from Hugh Seymour Conway, Secretary of State for the Southern Department, at St. James's, to Johnstone, concerning Johnstone's letters of June 11, 1765 [document 181 and June 12, 1765 [document 175]; expressing the opinion that, in the interim, the situation of the Indians, and access to the Mississippi, may be changing because of a change in the rule of New Orleans from French to Spanish
- [Note:** Conway succeeded Montague-Dunk, Lord Halifax, as Secretary of State for the Southern Department on July 12, 1765 and held the position until May 23, 1766.]
183. October 21, 1765 [487/255]
Letter from Grey Cooper, secretary at the Treasury, to the Secretary of State, enclosing, for the Secretary of State's consideration, papers pertaining to construction of a fort at Iberville; enclosing papers [documents 184-195]
184. [no date] [489/257]
"*Estimate for the Post to be erected at the Point of the River Iberville*", totaling \$5,619.70; signed by Engineers Elias Durnford and Archibald Robertson; enclosed with Cooper's October 21, 1765 letter to the Secretary of State [document 183] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 61]
185. January 7, 1765 [493/259]
Copy of minutes of a meeting of Johnstone and officers at Mobile, concerning construction of a fort at Iberville; enclosed with Cooper's October 21, 1765 letter to the Secretary of State [document 183] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 60]
186. December 10, 1764 [499/262]

- Copy of letter from Johnstone at Mobile to Sir John Lindsay, commander of the British naval squadron assigned along the West Florida coast, concerning opening of the Iberville channel and opening soon of a channel from Lake Ponchartrain to the Mississippi; requesting that Lindsay assign a vessel for use on this route, suggesting the schooner Sally; enclosed with Cooper's October 21, 1765 letter to the Secretary of State [document 183] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 58]
187. January 2, 1765 [505/266]
Copy of letter from Lindsay at the "*Fort at Penzacola Harbour*" to Johnstone, offering the small frigate Nautilus to assist in "*facilitating the Passage of Our Troops up the River to the Illinois*"; enclosed with Cooper's October 21, 1765 letter to the Secretary of State [document 183] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 59]
188. December 12, 1764 [509/268]
Copy of letter from Captain Lieutenant James Campbell of the 34th Regiment, at Mobile to Johnstone, concerning the Iberville fort, access to Lake Ponchartrain, the changing rule in New Orleans from French to Spanish, relations with the Indians, and other matters; enclosed with Cooper's October 21, 1765 letter to the Secretary of State [document 183]
189. December 10, 1764 [517/272]
"*Extract of a letter from Lieut Maclellan, who was sent to New Orleans on the Public Service*", concerning the interest of some inhabitants there to become settlers in British territory; enclosed with Cooper's October 21, 1765 letter to the Secretary of State [document 183] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 74]
190. September 8, 1764 [521/274]
Copy of letter from Halifax at St. James's to Johnstone, enclosing a letter from the British minister in Geneva [not microfilmed here] with information that certain Swiss and German inhabitants in New Orleans may wish to remove to and settle in British territory when New Orleans is occupied by the Spanish; enclosed with Cooper's October 21, 1765 letter to the Secretary of State [document 183] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 73]
191. October 3, 1765 [525/276]
Letter from Pownall, at Whitehall, to Charles Lowndes, secretary to the Treasury, enclosing letters and papers pertaining to the fort at Iberville and related matters [documents 192; perhaps documents 193-195]; enclosed with Cooper's October 21, 1765 letter to the Secretary of State [document 183]
192. February 19, 1765 [529/278]
Extract of letter from Johnstone to Pownall, concerning a fort at Iberville; enclosed with Pownall's October 3, 1765 letter to Lowndes [document 191];

enclosed with Cooper's October 21, 1765 letter to the Secretary of State
[document 183]

193. February 7, 1765 [537/282]
Copy of letter [written in French] from Monsieur Aubry, commander at New Orleans, writing on behalf of Governor d'Abbadie to Johnstone, concerning relations between the French and British in West Florida and up the Mississippi; enclosed with Cooper's October 21, 1765 letter to the Secretary of State [document 183] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 66]
194. March 4, 1765 [541/284]
Extract of letter from Johnstone to Pownall, concerning work on the Iberville channel and fort, paying for this work, upcoming relations with the Spanish for access to the Mississippi River; itemizing additional work needed; enclosed with Cooper's October 21 letter to the Secretary of State [document 183]
195. February 9, 1765 [549/288]
Copy of instructions & orders from Johnstone to Engineer Robertson "*relative to the erecting of a Fort at Point Iberville*"; enclosed with Cooper's October 21, 1765 letter to the Secretary of State [document 183]
196. June 15, 1765 [561/294]
letter [written in French] from Caminade at New Orleans to "My Lord", [probably the Secretary of State], concerning French-British relations and the locations of forts between Louisiana and West Florida
197. September 14, 1765 [565/296]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Halifax, announcing with concern the death of Brigadier General Henry Bouquet "*in thirteen Days after His arrival in this Province. In my opinion, His Majestys North American Dominions could not have suffered a greater Loss*"; stating that with his death, command of the troops in West Florida "*falls again upon me*"; continuing that "*I humbly represent that the Power of assembling a Court Martial is extremely wanted*" to influence "*those who are affected in their Conduct by the Fear of Punishment*"; relating other matters of concern, including the condition of the barracks at Pensacola and relations with the Indians
[**Note:** Bouquet had just been promoted to brigadier general and placed in charge of the British forces in the southern colonies. He died in Pensacola on September 12, probably of yellow fever.]

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1. October 23, 1765 [1]
Letter from George Johnstone, Governor of West Florida, at Pensacola, to Henry Seymour Conway, the new Secretary of State for the Southern Department; concerning Conway's having succeeded George Montague-Dunk, 2nd Earl of Halifax
[**Note:** On July 12, 1765, Conway had succeeded George Montague-Dunk, 2nd Earl of Halifax, who had resigned on July 10. Conway remained Secretary of State for less than a year, until May 23, 1766.]
2. October 24, 1765 [5]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Conway; informing Conway about the memorial of 19 officers at Mobile complaining about Johnstone's conduct, the letter by General Thomas Gage, commander of troops in North America, to Halifax, and about Halifax' *"concern and surprise"*; [see Reel 3, document 172]; explaining his side of the situation; concluding that *"In short, Sir, West Florida Disputes will not bear a Repetition in Pall-Mall"*
3. January 28, 1766 [13]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Conway; informing Conway that he has suspended West Florida Attorney General Edmund Rush Wegg for *"Incapacity and Negligence"*; justifying his action; recommending clerk of the court Arthur Gordon as Wegg's replacement
4. March 13, 1766 [21]
Copy of letter from Conway at St. James's to Johnstone; expressing pleasure that Johnstone has reported *"that there no longer subsisted any Differences between You & Those employed in the Military Service"* and that General Gage has reported *"that the troops at Mobile begin to be inured to the Climate"*; informing Johnstone of several appointments approved
5. March 27, 1766 [25]
Letter from West Florida Lieutenant Governor Montfort Browne, at Mobile, to [probably the Secretary of State]; reporting his arrival in West Florida in January;

making strong comments about the conduct of Governor Johnstone while describing details of the dispute over civil vs. military authority, especially relating to a dispute with Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Walsh, commander of the 31st Regiment; also reporting on Johnstone's disputes with Wegg and Chief Justice William Clifton; commenting on the high fees being charged and the disgruntlement of merchants

6. August [?], 1766 [33]
Copy of letter from several inhabitants of West Florida to John Pownall, secretary to the Board of Trade and Plantations; listing numerous complaints against the conduct of Johnstone; signed by 22 individuals (No. 54) [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 205]
Note: Documents 6 through 20 were given numbers suggesting that they were part of a packet of papers attached to a cover letter. The numbers run from No. 54 (document 6) through No. 67 (document 20); documents 17 and 18 are both part of No. 65. The microfilmed papers do not include the cover letter nor other papers in this sequence of numbered, attached documents. These papers are not a part of the packet of numbered, attached documents that run sequentially from No. 1 through No. 81 [documents 24 through 106] that were attached to the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22]
7. July 19, 1766 [45]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall; concerning the transition of power at New Orleans from France to Spain; stating that "*The fate of New Orleans is nevertheless still uncertain: M^r Aubry [French] wishes to deliver it & M^r. [Don Antonio d'] Ulloa [Spanish] will not accept of it, or at least they play this Farce in the Public.*" (No. 55) [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 207]
8. August 1, 1766 [49]
Copy of letter [written in Spanish, followed by English translation] from Ulloa to Johnstone; announcing his arrival at New Orleans, his examining the situation in Louisiana before taking it over, his desire to work well with Johnstone for the benefit of both colonies (No. 56)
9. May 3, 1766 [57]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Aubry; expressing sorrow at the ending of the working relationship between these two with the coming Spanish assumption of power (No. 57) [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 209]
10. May 3, 1766 [61]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Ulloa; expressing the desire to work well with Ulloa and the new Spanish government in New Orleans; suggesting that peace will "*depend on a sincere Resolution cordially to unite in mutual good Offices, and neither to become the Dupes of the Indians, nor the*

Indian Traders, who are more savage than them"; suggesting that controlling the "Boundary Line of Empire" [at the Mississippi River] is in the interest of both empires in relation to the Indians and traders (No. 58) [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 210]

11. June 3, 1766 [69]
Copy of letter [written in French] from Aubry at New Orleans to Johnstone; concerning Negro deserters at Mobile, which the French want returned (No. 59) [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 211]
12. June 19, 1766 [73]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Ulloa; establishing working relations between the two (No. 60) [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 212]
13. July 2, 1766 [77]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Aubry; concerning the slave deserters [document 11]; reporting other incidents, reported by Browne and by Indian trader Lachlan McGillifray of slaves having been taken to New Orleans from the British colony; stating "*that I would not permit the Negroes, Deserters from New Orleans, now in Custody at Mobile, to be delivered up, until reciprocal Justice had been rendered them*" (No. 61) [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 213]
14. May 29, 1766 [85]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Rev. William Dawson, minister of Pensacola, concerning Dawson's petition to return home to Carolina to support his large family, giving only temporary approval, and only after he recommends a "*proper curate*" to officiate during his absence (No. 62)
15. August 7, 1766 [89]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall; informing the Board of Trade that he has suspended Chief Justice Clifton; enclosing charges against him [document 16]; defending his action (No. 63) [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 215]
16. [no date] [101]
Copy of 18 articles of charges against Clifton by Johnstone (No. 64)
[Note: Three slightly different copies of these charges are found in the microfilms, as follows: This one with no date and 18 charges, document 77 with no date and 16 charges, and Reel 1, document 216 (in the Board of Trade papers) with the date July 23, 1766 and 18 charges]
17. May 26, 1766 [129]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting at Pensacola, documenting Clifton's resignation from the Council, his correspondence with the Board of Trade, and

Johnstone's position that he cannot resign from the Council while he is Chief Justice (part of No. 65) [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 217]

18. August 5, 1766 [133]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting at Pensacola, concerning evidence on the charges against Clifton, the Council agreeing, after reviewing certain court-case evidence [entered into the Council minutes], that the previous Council minutes had not accurately reflected the full truth (part of No. 65) [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 218]
19. May 27, 1766 [145]
Copy of letter from James Bruce, customs collector at Pensacola, to Johnstone, complaining about the conduct of Clifton (No. 66) [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 219]
20. August 7, 1766 [149]
Copy of letter by Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, requesting that, since Clifton "*is going Home...I hope their Lordships will excuse me for endeavouring to answer any Objections I may hear he has made to my Conduct*" (No. 67) [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 220]
21. [no date] [153]
"*For and against Governor Johnstone*"; a list consisting of 82 items summarizing documents in the ongoing disputes in West Florida; compiled by [?] [apparently a draft; see document 23 for the less detailed "official" version of this list] [pages 152-153 microfilmed twice]
22. August 1, 1766 [157]
Letter from five members of the Board of Trade at Whitehall to the King, explaining that the disputes in West Florida had gotten worse rather than better; enclosing numbered papers [itemized in document 23] with details of the dispute [documents 24-106], requesting that the King make decisions about how to handle the situation
23. August 7, 1766 [149]
"*List of [81] Papers annexed*" with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [the 81 attached papers are documents 24 through 106]
24. January 28, 1766 [165]
Extract of letter from Johnstone to Pownall; unhappy with the King's policy concerning the relative powers of governor and military commander in a colony [see Reel 1, document 40 for the King's policy]; contesting that policy with justifications; enclosed as item No. 1 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 98]

25. May 18, 23, 24, 26, 1765; August 4, 6, 1765; January 7, 11, 13, 20, 1766, and February 1, 8, 25, 26, 1766 [175]
Extracts of minutes of the West Florida Council on several dates, all relating to the dispute between Johnstone vs. military authorities and judicial authorities in West Florida; including especially Captain Andrew Simpson, commander of the 35th Regiment at the Pensacola garrison; Lieutenant Downman of the Artillery; Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Walsh of the 31st Regiment at the Pensacola garrison; Lieutenant Colonel Edward Maxwell of the 21st Regiment at Mobile; Lieutenant Colonel Wedderbourne; Chief Justice William Clifton, and Council Clerk Alexander MacLellan [also Lieutenant in the 34th Regiment, Barrack Master, and Deputy Secretary for the Province]; enclosed as item No. 2 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1776 letter to the King [document 22] [copy of February 1, 1766 minutes in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 129]
26. June 20, 1765 [261]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Gage concerning the dispute between Johnstone and Simpson, describing what happened and his actions; enclosed as item No. 3 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 99]
27. July 31, 1765 [269]
Copy of letter from Gage at New York to Simpson at Pensacola, supporting his actions in the dispute with Johnstone; enclosed as item No. 4 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 101]
28. July 31, 1765 [283]
Copy of letter from Gage at New York to Wedderbourne, instructing him that military commanders answer to higher military authority, not to civilian authority; disapproving that Wedderbourne left Mobile to take command of a detachment of the 22nd Regiment at Pensacola without proper military orders and took other improper actions; expecting and hoping that Brigadier General Henry Bouquet would arrive soon to bring proper military authority to West Florida [see Reel 3, document 197]; enclosed as item No. 5 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 100]
29. February 20, 1765 [295]
Copy of orders from Gage, concerning reports of conflict between civilian and military authority in West Florida, ordering that "*all Officers and Soldiers shall shew all the Esteem and Respect which is due to civil authority*"; sent by Deputy Adjutant General Richard Maitland to "*Major Loftus 22nd Regim^t. or officer commanding at Mobile*"; enclosed as item No. 6 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22]
30. May 25, 1765 [297]

- Copy of orders for the garrison at Pensacola; "*N.B. These are the Orders to which General Gage alludes in his Letter to Captain Sympson* [document 27], *as being improper*"; enclosed as item No. 7 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 103]
31. [no date; copy written on January 26, 1766] [305]
Copy of letter from the King to Surgeon John Lorimer, appointing him surgeon to the hospital at Pensacola; enclosed as item No. 8 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22]
32. May 6, 1765 [307]
Copy of letter from W. Ellis at the War Office to Johnstone at Pensacola, sending orders for relieving the 22nd Regiment with the 21st Regiment at Mobile and the 35th Regiment with the 31st Regiment at Pensacola; enclosed as item No. 9 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 105]
33. September 29, 1765 [311]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Walsh, enclosing letters from Gage [not microfilmed here], directed to Bouquet or, "*in Case He should not be yet arrived in West Florida, To the Officer commanding at Pensacola*"; complaining that he, Johnstone, should rightfully be the recipient in Bouquet's absence [actually, Bouquet had arrived on August 31 but had died on September 12; see Reel 3, document 197]; reasserting his authority over military matters in West Florida; contesting Walsh's authority to make decisions without the governor's approval; enclosed as item No. 10 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 106]
34. September 30, 1765 [321]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Walsh, ordering Walsh to transport troops from Mobile to the post at Manchac; enclosed as item No. 11 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 107]
35. September 30, 1765 [323]
Copy of letter from Walsh to Johnstone, stating that only his superiors can respond; enclosed as item No. 12 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 108]
36. October 5, 1765 [325]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Gage; expressing extreme unhappiness "*that I should so far misunderstand the Construction of Language, as to produce the very severe Censure which you have been pleased to*

*pronounce on my Conduct*ⁿ; justifying his actions as legal; enclosed as item No. 13 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 109]

37. December 21, 1765 [333]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Walsh, concerning housing for the garrison troops and asserting his authority over military housing; enclosed as item No. 14 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 110]
38. December 21, 1765 [335]
Copy of letter from Walsh at Pensacola to Johnstone, asserting his own control over housing for officers; enclosed as item No. 15 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 112]
39. January 11, 1766 [337]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Walsh, contesting Walsh's authority and actions; enclosed as item No. 16 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 111]
40. January 12, 1766 [339]
Copy of letter from Walsh at Pensacola to Johnstone, objecting to the way Johnstone is treating him; enclosed as item No. 17 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 113]
41. August 22, 1765 [341]
Copy of letter from Robert Adair London to [Lorimer], stating that he has written to Johnstone approving a draft for £100, which he had advanced for paying hospital mates; indicating that soon fewer mates will be needed there; enclosed as item No. 18 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 114]
42. August 26, 1765 [343]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to "*His Majesty's Attorney General*" [Wegg], seeking an opinion on a question relating to his vs. military authority, with a copy of Wegg's response immediately following; enclosed as item No. 19 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 115]
43. January 23, 1766 [345]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Walsh, telling Walsh, without ordering him, what he needs to do to resupply the troops at Manchac; enclosed

as item No. 20 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 116]

44. January 24, 1766 [347]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Gage, Requesting that Walsh be court-martialed, itemizing seven charges against him; enclosed as item No. 21 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22]
45. January 14, 1766 [353]
Copy of letter from MacLellan to Walsh, seeking answers to why he was arrested for disobedience against his orders and authority; enclosed as item No. 22 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, reel 1, document 118]
46. February 26, 1766 [357]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, stating that the disputes over authority in West Florida have worsened toward crisis; itemizing disputes and those responsible; enclosed as item No. 23 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 120]
47. January 20, 1766 [363]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to Maxwell, ordering him to move immediately with troops to quell "*a most dangerous Mutiny*" perpetrated by Walsh; enclosed as item No. 24 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 156 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 122]
48. February 26, 1766 [365]
Copy of message from Walsh alluded to in Johnstone's February 26, 1766 letter to the Board of Trade [document 46]; enclosed as item No. 25 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22]
49. January 31, 1766 [367]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to the "*Officer of the Main Guard...desiring that one Indian may be admitted to speak wth him*"; enclosed as item No. 26 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 123]
50. January 31, 1766 [369]
Copy of letter from Ensign James Boucher of the 31st Regiment, the Officer of the Guards, to Johnstone, informing Johnstone that Walsh's orders are to admit no Indians; enclosed as item No. 27 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 124]

51. January 31, 1766 [369]
Copy of letter from Maxwell at Pensacola to Johnstone, stating that, having obeyed Johnstone's previous orders to come with troops to Pensacola, awaiting further orders; enclosed as item No. 28 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 157 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 125]
52. January 31, 1766 [373]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Maxwell, ordering Maxwell to march his troops into the garrison and settle them in it; enclosed as item No. 29 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 158 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 126]
53. February 1, 1766 [375]
Copy of affidavit of Ensign Primerose Thomson, Johnstone's private secretary, stating that Walsh had deterred [Maxwell's] troops from entering the garrison, that the "Wolf Indian King" was at the gate of the garrison, and that Thomson was stuck inside the garrison; enclosed as item No. 30 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 84 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 164]
54. February 1, 1766 [377]
Copy of warrant signed by Johnstone to take Walsh into custody; enclosed as item No. 31 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 85 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 127]
55. February 1, 1766 [381]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to Major Edward Bromley of the 31st Regiment, stating that, since Walsh is confined, the command of the troops in the garrison devolves to Bromley; ordering him to open the gates for entry of Maxwell's troops of the 21st Regiment; enclosed as item No. 32 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 128]
56. February 1, 1766 [383]
Copy of minutes of a Council at Pensacola, containing a detailed account of Maxwell's arrival with troops to confine Walsh, Walsh's acts of "*treason*" to deter the troops' entry to the garrison, Walsh's subsequent custody; resolution of the Council that Johnstone's actions were proper, given current emergency situation, with only Clifton dissenting; resolution that the Council turn Walsh over to Clifton "*to be dealt with according to Law*"; enclosed as item No. 33 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 25 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 129]
57. February 1, 1766 [389]

- Copy of Clifton's examination of Walsh; Walsh's statement; enclosed as item No. 34 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 86 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, documents 131, 166]
58. February 1, 1766 [395]
Copy of order from Clifton to the Provost Marshall General [James Johnstone, also the son of the governor] to discharge Walsh, stating that "*there is not the least Colour for any legal Prosecution or cause of Commitment*" of Walsh; enclosed as item No. 35 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 87 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, documents 132, 167]
59. February 1, 1766 [399]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Maxwell, requesting that he admit into the garrison six Indians wishing to speak to Johnstone ; enclosed as item No. 36 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 159 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 133]
60. February 1, 1766 [401]
Copy of letter from Maxwell at Pensacola to Johnstone, "*declining*" to follow the order to allow six Indians into the garrison "*according to the Custom of the Service on such occasions*"; enclosed as item No. 37 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 160 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 134]
61. February 2, 1766 [403]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Maxwell, stating that talking with the Indians is critical to avoid West Florida's "*ruin*"; reiterating his request that the Indians be allowed into the garrison; enclosed as item No. 38 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 161 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 135]
62. February 3, 1766 [407]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Maxwell, stating that "*I make application to you to confine*" Walsh, itemizing the charges of "*High Treason*" against Walsh justifying his being confined; enclosed as item No. 39 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 162 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 136]
63. February 3, 1766 [411]
Copy of letter from Maxwell at Pensacola to Johnstone, explaining that he has obeyed his first orders from Johnstone, that he does not feel he can comply with the latest orders, that his military orders had been to replace the 22nd Regiment at Mobile, and that he wishes to be permitted "*to return to Mobile by the first Cheap and Convenient opportunity, where the garrison is very Weak and Sickly*";

enclosed as item No. 40 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 163 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 137]

64. February 6, 1766 [415]
Copy of letter from Maxwell to Johnstone, responding to Johnstone's request for a more explicit explanation of his position on Johnstone's orders vs. Gage's orders; repeating his request to return to Mobile with his troops; enclosed as item No. 41 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 164 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 138]
65. February 9, 1766 [419]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Maxwell, quoting a resolution of the Council that Maxwell and his troops be allowed to return to Mobile; contesting against Maxwell's behavior and expressing his "*mortification I feel in finding your opinion so directly against me*"; enclosed as item No. 42 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 165 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 139]
66. February 26, 1766 [427]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to Walsh, ordering that men from the 31st Regiment be sent, as guided by Engineer Elias Durnford, to a place near the mouth of the Escambia River to encamp for the purpose of protecting, for about two months, establishment of a settlement of French Emigrants there; enclosed as item No. 43 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 140]
67. February 26, 1766 [429]
Copy of message from Walsh at Pensacola to Johnstone, "*Wrote by Lieutenant Pilot Town Major, and read as his Message sent by...Walsh*", stating that, although "*as you well know the Colonel cannot obey any order of yours,*" he will respond Johnstone's "*application...for the good of the Colony, ...and do every thing in his Power for the benefit of it*"; enclosed as item No. 44 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 141; see also Reel 1, document 144]
68. April 1, 1766 [431]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, following up on his letter of February 26, 1766 [document 46], this being the first of several letters he intends to send, clarifying for the Board of Trade's benefit, "*the causes of some late Convulsions in the Government of this Province*"; enclosed as item No. 45 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 145]
69. April 1, 1766 [435]

Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, continuing his clarification of the disputes in West Florida; enclosed as item No. 46 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 146]

70. February 1, 1766 [453]
Copy of affidavit of Johnstone concerning the disputes in West Florida; enclosed as item No. 47 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 130]
71. April 1, 1766 [461]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to Pownall, continuing his clarification of the disputes in West Florida; asserting a conspiracy "*to depose me, and to appoint Lieutenant Governor Browne*", naming those he thinks involved; requesting that if others communicate with the Board of Trade about this situation, that he, Johnstone, be offered the opportunity to answer; requesting that any charges communicated against certain named people, Johnstone's friends, be disregarded; enclosed as item No. 48 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22]
72. April 1, 1766 [465]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to Pownall, continuing his clarification of the disputes in West Florida; relating rumors that the Ulloa, the new Spanish commander at New Orleans, "*has wrote to Colonel Walsh to announce his arrival*" and stating the intention of "*sending an officer to wait on him in Form*"; stating that this would be improper, as "*surely Colonel Walsh has nothing to do with these Negotiations*"; stating that he understands Walsh has responded to Alloo in writing; enclosed as item No. 49 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 148]
73. April 1, 1766 [469]
Copy of affidavit of Robert Collins of Pensacola, stating that he had heard rumors of a coming "*Revolution or Rebellion*" to "*depose*" Johnstone; including Johnstone's reaction, that such a deposition attempt would be unlikely since the military would be unlikely to support it, and that therefore, he "*would let it die*"; enclosed as item No. 50 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 147]
74. April 1, 1766 [473]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to Pownall, continuing his clarification of the disputes in West Florida; concerning the reprehensible behavior of Browne, including his sending information directly to the Board of Trade; enclosed as item No. 51 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 149]

75. August 14, 1766 [485]
Copy of statement that "*Lieutenant Governor Browne has agreed to deliver to the 60 French Protestants going to West Florida*" certain itemized goods valued at £41.4.5; enclosed as item No. 52 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 150]
76. April 1, 1766 [487]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to Pownall, continuing his clarification of the disputes in West Florida; concerning the reprehensible behavior of Clifton; enclosed as item No. 53 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 151]
77. [no date] [495]
Copy of 16 charges by Johnstone against Clifton; enclosed as item No. 54 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 153]
[Note: Three slightly different copies of these charges are found in the microfilms, as follows: This one with no date and 16 charges, document 16 with no date and 18 charges, and Reel 1, document 216 (in the Board of Trade papers) with the date July 23, 1766 and 18 charges]
78. August 21, 1765 [509]
Copy of letter from Johnstone to Clifton, concerning arbitration of the "*Account between M^r. Kinnion and M^r. Noble*"; enclosed as part of item No. 55 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 158]
79. August 22, 1765 [515]
Copy of letter from Clifton to Johnstone, disagreeing with the tone and content of Johnstone's letter of August 21, 1765 [document 78]; stating that "*As to the insinuation of protecting the Wicked, it no wise affects M^r. Clifton, whose Character and reputation are too well establish^d to receive any Injury therefrom, or from his differing in Opinion with Governor Johnstone*"; enclosed as part of item No. 55 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 159]
80. September 10, 1765 [517]
Copy of letter from John Stevenson at Pensacola to Johnstone, reporting an incident of a soldier attacking another person, and, having reported it to Wegg, the attorney general told him he did not act as justice of the peace, that "*he looked upon it as an Indignity to his Office, that it took up too much of his Time, &c*"; enclosed as item No. 56 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22]
81. May 16, 1765 [521]

- Copy of proclamation by Johnstone “*prohibiting the selling of Spiritous Liquors to the Indians*”; enclosed as item No. 57 with the Board of Trade’s August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 161]
82. January 4, 5, 1766 [525]
Copy of court minutes in the case of the King vs. Richard Painter & Paul Thackery; the Jury sent their sealed verdict to the Chief Justice; the next day, the verdict of not guilty was read, and the prisoners were discharged; enclosed as item No. 58 with the Board of Trade’s August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 162]
83. [no date; the crime took place allegedly on December 13, 1765] [529]
Copy of the indictment against Painter and Thackery, charged with stealing goods from Indian trader John MacGillivray’s warehouse; enclosed as item No. 59 with the Board of Trade’s August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 163]
84. February 1, 1766 [531]
Copy of affidavit of Thomson concerning Walsh and the entry of troops into the garrison; enclosed as item No. 60 with the Board of Trade’s August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies in document 53 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 164]
85. February 1, 1766 [533]
Copy of warrant by Johnstone for confinement of Walsh; enclosed as item No. 61 with the Board of Trade’s August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies at document 54 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 165]
86. February 1, 1766 [535]
Copy of the examination of Walsh by Clifton, Walsh’s statement; enclosed as item No. 62 with the Board of Trade’s August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies at document 57 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, documents 131, 166]
87. February 1, 1766 [539]
Copy of Clifton’s order to discharge Walsh; enclosed as item No. 63 with the Board of Trade’s August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies at document 58 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, documents 132, 167]
88. March 30, 1766 [543]
Copy of letter from George Johnstone to Provost Marshall General James Johnstone, “*desiring him to make affidavit relative to the Commitment of...Walsh*”; enclosed as item No. 64 with the Board of Trade’s August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 168]

89. March 31, 1766 [545]
Copy of affidavit by James Johnstone, concerning the release of Walsh, under a writ of habeas corpus issued by Clifton; enclosed as item No. 65 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 169]
90. February 1, 1766 [549]
"Habeas Corpus and return for Lieut. Col. Walsh" issued by James Johnstone; enclosed as part of item No. 66 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22]
91. February 1, 1766 [551]
Copy of order by Wegg to the Provost Marshall General to take and detain Walsh; enclosed as part of item No. 66 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copies or similar in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, documents 170 and 175]
92. February 28, 1766 [553]
Copy of James Johnstone's complaint against Clifton, stated in a letter to George Johnstone; Clifton had taken from the Provost Marshall General's office the original warrant for Walsh's arrest, causing James Johnstone concern to justify his conduct as Provost Marshall General; enclosed as item No. 67 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 172]
93. February 1, 1766 [556]
Copy of the Examination of Sergeant William MacFaddin, 31st Regiment, concerning his actions in relation to Walsh's orders to take control of a house owned by John Hanney, who refused to leave it; enclosed as item No. 68 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 173]
94. February 1, 1766 [559]
Copy of affidavit of Hanney concerning control of his house and MacFaddin's behavior in that regard; enclosed as item No. 69 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 174]
95. February 1, 1766 [563]
"Copy of Habeas Corpus for MacFaddin and Return", signed by Wegg and, as having been executed, by James Johnstone; MacFaddin having been confined by George Johnstone "in view of a Riot"; enclosed as item No. 70 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 177]

96. March 23, 1766 [567]
Copy of letter from Browne at Mobile to [Johnstone], stating his inability to attend the Council at Pensacola; enclosed as item No. 71 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 178]
97. February 28, 1766 [569]
Copy of letter from Clifton at Pensacola to [Johnstone], desiring to resign from his seat on the Council; enclosed as item No. 72 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 179]
98. March 29, 1766 [571]
Copy of affidavit of Arthur Gordon, clerk of the court, concerning legal papers executed by Clifton, Clifton's actions, and his denials of other actions; enclosed as item No. 73 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 180]
99. February 4, 1765 [575]
Copy of affidavit of carpenter John Smart, "*Relating to the Robbery Committed on certain Tuckahatche Indians*"; affidavit sworn before Clifton and copied by Gordon; enclosed as item No. 74 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 181]
100. June 21, 1765 [579]
Copy of affidavit of James Bruce, collector of customs at Pensacola, concerning a sloop he was denied entry to collect fees; enclosed as item No. 75 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 182]
101. June 21, 1765 [583]
Copy of examination of James Harris, master mate of the Prince Edward, man of war, concerning access of customs officials on board a captured Spanish sloop; enclosed as item No. 76 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 183]
102. June 21, 1765 [585]
Copy of examination of Montague Blackwell, midshipman on the Prince Edward, concerning access of customs officials on board the sloop; enclosed as item No. 77 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 184]
103. June 22, 1765 [589]
Copy of examination of Lieutenant Dod of the Prince Edward, saying he had received orders from Captain William Cornwallis [younger brother of General

Charles Cornwallis] of the Prince Edward to send arms to the Spanish sloop and not to allow other boats to approach the sloop; enclosed as item No. 78 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 185]

104. July 6, 1765 [593]
Copy of letter from Bruce at the Pensacola Custom House to Johnstone, complaining about being obstructed from doing his duty on the Spanish sloop and another Spanish vessel; enclosed as item No. 79 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 186]
105. April 23, 1766 [595]
Copy of letter from Wegg at Pensacola to Pownall, stating that Johnstone had suspended him from his office of attorney general; defending his actions and character against unjust accusations; stating his intention shortly to travel to New York for personal business reasons and then on to England; enclosed as item No. 80 with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 203]
106. January 23, 1766 [599]
Copy of letter by Wegg at Pensacola to Clifton, stating that, having been suspended on January 17, seeking from Clifton "Vindication of my Conduct here"; followed by
January 23, 1766
Copy of letter from Clifton to Wegg, supporting Wegg's conduct; followed by
January 23, 1766
"An Address of the principal Inhabitants & Merchants of the Town of Pensacola"
to Wegg, supporting his conduct; signed by 27 individuals; followed by
January 23, 1766
Copy of message by Wegg to those who signed the "Address", acknowledging receipt and thanking the signers; followed by
February 7, 1766
Copy of an address from the Grand Jury of West Florida, read in open court; supporting his conduct; signed by 13 individuals
[February 7, 1766]
Copy of message by Wegg to the Grand Jury, thanking them for their support; all enclosed as item No. 81, the last numbered item, with the Board of Trade's August 1, 1766 letter to the King [document 22] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 204]
107. June 23, 1766 [605]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Conway, justifying his actions during the disputes; enclosing a supporting paper he had previously sent to Egremont, Halifax, and others [enclosed paper not microfilmed here]

108. June 23, 1766 [609]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Conway; concerning the need to redress “*the various Acts of Cruelty and Murder which have been committed by the Creek Indians against His Majesty’s Subjects*”; reporting the failure of the great “*Congress*” he had held with the Indians; stating that the Creeks and other Indians have adopted a “*Contempt for the English Nation*”; stating that “*the Creeks must be chastised if we expect our Settlements in these Parts to flourish, or if we expect to keep any future Consequence with the other Indian Nations*”; making specific, detailed recommendations for action against the Indians; including lists of absent officers in the 31st and 21st Regiments as well as absent civil officers; enclosing a supporting paper [document 109]
109. April 10, 1766 [621]
Copy of letter from Williams Struthers at Mobile to Johnstone, concerning troubles with Creek Indians; enclosed with Johnstone’s June 23, 1766 letter to Conway [document 108]
110. June 23, 1766 [625]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, enclosing some dispatches for the Secretary of State; probably enclosed with Johnstone’s June 23, 1766 letter to Conway [document 108]
111. June 9, 1766 [629]
Copy of “*Talk*” from Colonel William Tayler, Acting Brigadier General and commander of British troops in the Southern District of America, at Pensacola, to “*The Head Warriours & Kings of the Upper Creeks*”, expressing displeasure at Indian violence against British inhabitants; threatening military action against them; enclosed with Johnstone’s June 23, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 110]
112. June 22, 1766 [633]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, objecting to Tayler’s plan to send a detachment of the 21st Regiment to Natchez; enclosing a copy of a petition from inhabitants of Mobile; instructing Tayler to “*pay it that Regard which it merits*”; enclosed with Johnstone’s June 23, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 110]
113. May 20, 1766 [637]
Copy of letter from Struthers at Little Tallasey to Johnstone; concerning relations with the Creek Indians; enclosing a copy of a “*talk*” from the Creek Nation; enclosed with Johnstone’s June 23, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 110]
114. June 9, 1766 [641]
Copy of “*talk*” from Johnstone at Pensacola to “*The Head Warriours & Kings of the Upper Creek Nation*” responding to the “*talk*” from the Creek Nation [document 113]; expressing the importance of enforcing the treaty “*concluded*

- last year*"; enclosed with Johnstone's June 23, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 110]
115. [no date] [645]
Copy of "*talk*" from the Upper Creek Nation to Johnstone, responding to Johnstone's "*talk*" from Johnstone to the Upper Creeks on May 16, 1766; concerning commerce of furs from the Indians for good from the British and other matters; enclosed with Johnstone's June 23, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 110]
116. September 26, 1766 [649]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall; enclosing second copies of the papers he sent to England on February 26, 1766 [document 46] fearing that they had not been delivered because he had received no response concerning them [enclosures not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 222]
117. September 26, 1766 [653]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, enclosing copies of letters between him and Tayler to justify his actions in relation to Tayler [these enclosed letters are probably those found, but not identified as being enclosed with this letter, in documents 122-147, 150-152] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 221]
118. October 24, 1766 [657]
Letter from Wegg to William Petty, 2nd Earl of Shelburne, Secretary of State for the Southern Department [from July 30, 1766 to October 20, 1768], requesting, so that he may defend himself, copies of documents that itemize Johnstone's specific charges against him beyond the general charges of "*Negligence and Incapacity*"; clerk's note: "*(Suspension taken off by Letter to Gov^r. Eliot)*"
Note: Johnstone was recalled to England in early 1767 and was succeeded as governor by John Eliot. Eliot was appointed in March 1767 but, due to the turmoil in the colony, did not sail for America until January 6, 1769, arriving in Pensacola on April 2, 1769.]
119. October 24, 1766 [661]
Message from John Ellis, Agent for West Florida [to whom ?] concerning what he should do in "*The Case of the Rev^d. M^r. Peter Levrier Minister to the Colony of French Protestants settled near Pensacola*", who had contracted debts and was seeking assistance [page 662 microfilmed twice]

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120. January 2, 1767 [1]
 From the Board of Trade and Plantations to William Petty, 2nd Earl of Shelburne, Secretary of State for the Southern Department [from July 30, 1766 to October 20, 1768], responding to Parliament's request for an accounting of manufactures and "*Public Encouragements*" toward manufacturing in each of the North American colonies, since 1734; enclosing the only response yet received, from Massachusetts Bay; also transmitting several papers concerning the military-civil government disputes in West Florida; also enclosing a letter from John Stuart, Superintendent for Indian Affairs in the Southern District "*relative to the Indian War, in which several of the Provinces within that District are likely to be involved*"; signed by five Board of Trade commissioners [enclosures not microfilmed here]
121. September 26, 1766 [5]
 "*Schedule of Papers transmitted*" by George Johnstone, Governor of West Florida, to the Board of Trade, concerning Colonel and Acting Brigadier General William Tayler, commander of British troops in the Southern District of America, itemizing 36 papers [cover letter for this schedule in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 221]
122. April 26, 1766 [13]
 Letter from Johnstone to Tayler, enclosing papers relative to Major Farmar [enclosures not microfilmed here]
123. April 26, 1766 [17]
 Copy of letter from Tayler to Johnstone, acknowledging receipt of papers relative to Major Farmar
124. April 27, 1766 [21]
 Copy of a letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, enclosing copy of letter to General Thomas Gage, commander of forces in North America, and a letter to Lieutenant Colonel Edward Maxwell of the 21st Regiment, concerning charges against Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Walsh of the 31st Regiment; including details of the charges; ordering Tayler to convene a general court martial [enclosures not microfilmed here]

125. April 30, 1766 [25]
Copy of letter from Tayler at Pensacola to Johnstone, expressing surprise and incredulity at the charges made against Walsh
126. May 23, 1766 [29]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, stating the impropriety of Tayler to “*express Doubt concerning the Guilt of any Person accused, before he is lawfully convicted*”; again ordering Tayler to convene a court martial
127. May 25, 1766 [33]
Copy of letter from Tayler at Pensacola to Johnstone, informing him that Farmar is soon to return from Illinois and that, upon arrival, he will be tried on the charges made by Johnstone
128. May 26, 1766 [37]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, asking specific questions about how Farmar will be prosecuted
129. May 26, 1766 [41]
Copy of letter from Tayler at Pensacola to Johnstone, responding to Johnstone’s questions [document 128] concerning conduct of the court martial
130. May 27, 1766 [45]
Copy of letter from Tayler at Pensacola to Johnstone, informing him of his intent to reduce the hospital staff in Pensacola, reassigning a few to East Florida
131. May 27, 1766 [49]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, contesting Tayler’s authority to reassign hospital staff without consulting with Johnstone
132. June 1, 1766 [53]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, enclosing papers Tayler had sent to Johnstone concerning the situation and needs at Forty Bute, telling Tayler to give orders for what needs to be done and to return the original papers to Johnstone; including a schedule of the original papers enclosed [these papers not microfilmed here]
133. June 5, 1766 [57]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, transmitting the original of Walsh’s return for the 31st Regiment, which Johnstone perceives to be “entirely contrary to The King’s Orders” of February 9, 1765; requesting return of the original paper [enclosed return is document 134]
134. June 5, 1766 [61]
Return of the 31st Regiment at Pensacola, signed by Walsh

135. June 5, 1766 [63]
Copy of letter from Walsh at Pensacola to Tayler, stating that the return he had prepared was properly done but that he would provide a copy in whatever format Johnstone requested
136. June 6, 1766 [67]
Copy of letter from Tayler at Pensacola to Johnstone, enclosing Walsh's response [document 135] and concurring with it
137. June 22, 1766 [71]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, protesting, along with the Council, the plan to send troops of the 21st Regiment to Natchez; secretary's note "*N.B. The Brigadier was not pleased to send any Answer to this Letter*"
138. July 4, 1766 [75]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, concerning a conflict over housing for government vs. military residency use
139. July 5, 1766 [79]
Copy of letter from Tayler at Pensacola to Johnstone, explaining why he thought it proper for him to arrange to occupy the house in question
140. July 19, 1766 [83]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to John Boddington, secretary to the Board of Ordnance, responding to a December 6, 1765 letter from the Board "*communicating the Censure they have thought proper to pass on the Behavior of the Storekeeper and their Officers here*"; explaining with details how this situation ties in with the other civilian vs. military disputes over authority in West Florida; hoping that the Board will agree with his views on the situation; including a 19 item schedule of supporting papers enclosed for the Board of Ordnance's consideration [enclosures not microfilmed here]
141. July 22, 1766 [95]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, enclosing a "*Certificate of a Conviction respecting the Behavior of Lieutenant Colonel Walsh*" already six months old; considering Walsh to have been cashiered since no reversal of the conviction had been received from General Gage
142. July 24, 1766 [99]
Copy of letter from Tayler at Pensacola to Johnstone, stating that the Certificate of Walsh's conviction was improperly drawn in the wording of the charge and was thus not enforceable
143. July 26, 1766 [103]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, quibbling with Tayler about the wording of the charge on which he feels Walsh has been convicted;

reminding Tayler that Johnstone had asked him to conduct a court martial on charges against Walsh, that Tayler had promised to do so, but that he had not done so yet

144. July 27, 1766 [107]
Copy of letter from Tayler at Pensacola to Johnstone, pointing out that, if Johnstone had not suspended the attorney general and chief justice, the matter of proper wording of the charge might be resolved; stating that nevertheless he had applied to Clifton for an opinion, which had upheld Tayler's view of the matter; otherwise objecting to Johnstone's actions and opinions on this matter
145. July 30, 1766 [113]
Copy of letter from Tayler at Pensacola to Johnstone, inquiring about the potential use of the governor's sloop to help meet the need for more military vessels in service; pointing out that Governor James Grant of East Florida's sloop is regularly used to carry supplies
146. July 31, 1766 [117]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, concerning use of the schooner; stating that the schooner "*is intended for the general Service of the Colony, Civil and Military under the Direction of the Governm^t.*"
147. August 3, 1766 [121]
Copy of letter from Tayler at Pensacola to Johnstone, stating that he will order use of the schooner for military reasons and apprise Johnstone when he does so
148. August 1, 1766 [125]
Copy of letter from Walsh to Johnstone, enclosing "*the Sergeant's Account of Ainsworth's Complaints to him of the cruel Treatment he received on Board the Schooner Patty which hindered the said Ainsworth from returning to her*"
[enclosure not microfilmed here]
149. August 1, 1766 [127]
Copy of letter from Maxwell at Pensacola to Tayler, concerning the conduct of two 21st Regiment soldiers on board "*the Governor's Schooner*"; stating "*that there never was any Disrespect or Incivility shown or intended*" that both of the men complained regularly of being "*ill used*", and that he, Maxwell, had taken "*no public notice*" of them
150. August 3, 1766 [129]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, contesting Tayler's denial of incivility "*in the manner of withdrawing the Soldiers from the King's Schooner*" and Tayler's assertion that the incivility was on the part of the governor
151. August 7, 1766 [133]

- Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, requesting that Tayler convene a general court martial soon for the trials of both Walsh and Farmar and that leaves of military personnel necessary to attend the court martial be delayed
152. August 7, 1766 [137]
Copy of letter from Tayler at Pensacola to Johnstone, saying that he will convene the court martial as soon as he is able, which he had previously made clear
 153. August 29, 1766 [141]
Copy of letter from Deputy Judge Advocate Charles Williams of the General Court Martial, at Pensacola, to Johnstone, expressing the court martial's displeasure with his actions to stop the proceedings of law and to impose improper law on the proceedings; requesting to learn the legal source of his interpretation of the law
 154. August 29, 1766 [145]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Williams, contesting the court martial's approach to Walsh's trial, enumerating in detail his understanding of the law
 155. September 5, 1766 [159]
Copy of letter from Williams at Pensacola to Johnstone, rejecting the "*Instructions, Examples, and Warnings*" contained in Johnstone's August 29, 1766 letter [document 154]; yet, giving notice of their intent to adjourn the court martial until told to resume by their commander Tayler
 156. January 20, 1766 [167]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Maxwell at Mobile, ordering him, as advised by the Council, to sail with troops to Pensacola [copies in document 47 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 122]
 157. January 31, 1766 [171]
Copy of letter from Maxwell at Pensacola to Johnstone, reporting having obeyed Johnstone's order to sail with troops to Pensacola [copies in document 51 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 125]
 158. January 31, 1766 [175]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Maxwell, ordering Maxwell to march with his troops into and occupy the garrison at Pensacola [copies in document 52 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 126]
 159. February 1, 1766 [179]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Maxwell, requesting that he allow six Indians into the garrison to speak with Johnstone [copies in document 59 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 133]

160. February 1, 1766 [183]
Copy of letter from Maxwell at Pensacola to Johnstone, declining to accept command in the garrison since he had just arrived [copies in document 60 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 134]
161. February 2, 1766 [187]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Maxwell, restating his request to admit the six Indians as an order [copies in document 61 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 135]
162. February 3, 1766 [191]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Maxwell, ordering Maxwell to confine Walsh for court martial [copies in document 62 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 136]
163. February 3, 1766 [195]
Copy of letter from Maxwell at Pensacola to Johnstone, further explaining his unwillingness to comply with Johnstone's orders concerning the garrison; requesting permission to return to Mobile with his troops [copies in document 63 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 137]
164. February 6, 1766 [199]
Copy of letter from Maxwell at Pensacola to Johnstone, declining to comply with Johnstone's order to confine Walsh and reiterating his request to return to Mobile [copies in document 64 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 138]
165. February 9, 1766 [203]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Maxwell, notifying Maxwell that the Council had advised that permission be granted for Maxwell and his troops to return to Mobile but reiterating his belief that his orders were legal and should have been obeyed [copies in document 65 and in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 139]
166. October 22, 1766 [211]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to John Pownall, secretary to the Board of Trade, describing and justifying his actions in light of "*The unhinged state of all Government in this Province for some time past and the debilitated state of Our Troops*" that have "*induced the surrounding Creek Indians to commit numberless Depradations, of late, on our Infant Settlers*"; enclosed with a February 2, 1767 letter from Pownall to the Secretary of State's office [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 228]
167. October 22, 1766 [215]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, concerning threatening Indians, the state of the governor's house, and the conduct of the Lieutenant Governor Montfort Browne; enclosing papers to support his allegations; enclosed

with a February 2, 1767 letter from Pownall to the Secretary of State's office [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 223]

168. October 18, 1766 [219]
Copy of letter from Browne to Thomson, requesting that he provide dispatches from the absent governor due to leave on a packet for England so that he can open them, review them, and make appropriate additions; enclosed with a February 2, 1767 letter from Pownall to the Secretary of State's office [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 225]
169. October 19, 1766 [223]
Copy of letter from Thomson at Pensacola to Browne, declining to allow him to see the governor's dispatches, since the governor is in the province [in Mobile] and handling his own correspondence; enclosed with a February 2, 1767 letter from Pownall to the Secretary of State's office [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 226]
170. October 18, 1766 [227]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting in Pensacola concerning the governor's dispatches and delaying the packet; including Browne's argument for opening dispatches and written, signed opinions of Council members disagreeing, stating that the dispatches should not be opened; enclosed with a February 2, 1767 letter from Pownall to the Secretary of State's office [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 224]
171. October 20, 1766 [235]
Copy of a protest by the members of the Council against the "*Proceedings*" of Browne in violation of the unanimous opinion of the Council concerning when the packet should leave; signed by James Bruce, John Hanney, William Leitch, and James Thompson; enclosed with a February 2, 1767 letter from Pownall to the Secretary of State's office [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 227]
172. October 3, 1766 [239]
Copy of a Council committee meeting at Pensacola, concerning the murder of John Goodwin and [?] Davies by Indians and other "*depredations*" by Indians; making plans to rectify the situation; enclosed with a February 2, 1767 letter from Pownall to the Secretary of State's office [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 229]
173. October 6, 1766 [247]
Copy of proceedings of a Council committee meeting at Pensacola, concerning an October 4, 1766 letter received by Johnstone from Tayler [quoted in the proceedings] about the construction and use of the proposed blockhouse at Campbell Town; the committee responding with specifications for the capacity and uses of this blockhouse and another one at the mouth of Mobile Bay;

enclosed with a February 2, 1767 letter from Pownall to the Secretary of State's office [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 231]

174. October 9, 1766 [255]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Tayler, concerning the Storekeeper of Ordnance, summarizing his duties, stating that he properly answers to the governor for civilian purposes but that Tayler has been acting otherwise; arguing his constitutional case for civil control in detail; enclosed with a February 2, 1767 letter from Pownall to the Secretary of State's office [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 233]
175. October 8, 1766 [275]
Copy of letter from Tayler to Johnstone, stating that "*I take it for granted that, when I shall undertake these Services, I am to act in this Province uncontrolled in every Military Department*" and that the Storekeeper of Ordnance may not take orders from the governor; arguing his case; enclosed with a February 2, 1767 letter from Pownall to the Secretary of State's office [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 232]
176. October 23, 1766 [279]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall, complaining that trade benefits recently granted by the Board of Trade to Jamaica have been denied to West Florida; making the case for West Florida; enclosed with a February 2, 1767 letter from Pownall to the Secretary of State's office [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 234]
177. [no date] [285]
A list of European manufacturers, an item in the case made for West Florida trade benefits in Johnstone's October 23, 1766 letter to Pownall [document 176] and enclosed with that letter; including manufacturers in Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Portugal; enclosed with a February 2, 1767 letter from Pownall to the Secretary of State's office [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 234]
178. February 17, 1767 [287]
Letter from James Hart at Charleston to [Johnstone], hoping that he has returned safely to England; seeking financial assistance concerning his recent appointment as pastor at Mobile, following the death of Rev. Dawson
179. May 22, 1767 [291]
Letter from Pownall at Whitehall to Lachlan Maclean [evidently working in the Secretary of State's office] transmitting for Shelburne's consideration "*a Copy of joint Representations of the Council and Assembly for the Province of West Florida*" [document 180]

180. November 22, 1766 [295]
Copy of representation of the Council and Assembly of West Florida to the Board of Trade, begging for "*that Assistance and Relief from the Mother Country which are absolutely requisite on settling a New Colony*"; enumerating advantages of West Florida, that it is near Spanish ports, has excellent harbors, may produce a "*variety of staple commodities*", and has a "*number of glorious Rivers, and Water Communications*"; requesting and enumerating needs, including fortifications and other public buildings; open commerce with Spanish ports, Naval protection, "*correction*" and regulation of the Indian trade, regularization of land and property titles similar to that in the Carolinas and Georgia, and hospitals and means for helping the poor; signed by James Bruce for the Council and Francis Poussett for the Assembly, including and estimate for the works proposed, totaling £68,600 or £17,400 per year for four years plus £11,600 annually for military expenses; enclosed with Pownall's May 22, 1767 letter to the Secretary of State [document 179] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 245]
181. March 26 and 27, 1767 [327]
Two notes from John Ellis, Agent for West Florida, itemizing several bills received for payment; stating that he lacks funds to pay them; seeking authorization and funds to make payments; one item is request for salary payment from William Leitch, whom Johnstone appointed Chief Justice to replace Clifton on July 28, 1766
182. [no date] [331]
Copy of the 24th Article of instructions to the governor of West Florida, concerning the establishment of patent officers
183. [no date] [335]
"*Heads or Substance of the Answer intended to the Articles of Complaint exhibited by Governor Johnstone ag^t W^m. Clifton Chief Justice of West Florida*", itemized in 18 articles
184. February 11, 1765 [343]
Copy of a resolution by the Georgia Upper House of Assembly commending Clifton on his "*disinterested and upright Conduct*" in office as Georgia's attorney general and congratulating him on his new appointment as chief justice in West Florida; signed at Savannah by Charles Watson
185. November 23, 1764 [344]
Copy of a resolution by the Georgia Commons House of Assembly commending Clifton's "*upright Conduct*" as attorney general and wishing him well as chief justice of West Florida "*as well as in all other public employments*"; signed at Savannah by Alexander Wyllly
186. January 11, 1766 [347]

Copied extracts from minutes of a Council at Pensacola, concerning "*Who ought to have the Command of the Garrison of Pensacola*"; focusing on Clifton's opinions, the only ones dissenting from the governor's position leading to the arrest of Walsh

187. May 4, 1767 [355]
Letter from Johnstone at The May Fair [England] to Maclean, enclosing a letter and "*Petition in behalf of the Widow of Mr. Dawson Minister of Pensacola*"; Dawson had died in January in Charleston
188. January 12, 1767 [359]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Shelburne, having learned that "*His Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant Governour Johnstone his Leave to return to England, on his private Affairs*", thanking Shelburne for giving him interim responsibility, as lieutenant governor, to govern West Florida, enclosing a list of documents Johnstone had left for Browne's use [document 189] [see related item in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 248]
189. January 9, 1767 [363]
"*Schedule of Papers delivered in Council*" by Johnstone to Browne, including 23 numbered papers [pages 364-365 microfilmed twice] [see related item in Board of Trade papers, document 248]
190. January 20, 1767 [367]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Shelburne, concerning changing orders concerning correspondence between the Board of Trade and the governors of colonies
191. January 22, 1767 [371]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Shelburne, concerning recent instances of "*Violence and Murthers lately committed on the Indians under Protection of His Majesty, and that Settlements have been made on the back of the Province's beyond the limits prescribed by His Majesty's Proclamation of 1763*"; offering assurances that the offenders will be punished and that the offences will be prevented in the future [pages 371-374 microfilmed twice]
192. November 22, 1766 [375]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Charles Lennox, 3rd Duke of Richmond, Secretary of State for the Southern Department, enclosing, as requested, copies of the "*humble Addresses of the Council and Assembly of this Province to His Majesty*" [documents 193, 194]
[Note: Richmond was Secretary of State only briefly, from May 23 until July 29, 1766. Given the length of time it took correspondence to cross the Atlantic, letters sent by Richmond to America were inevitably responded to after he had been replaced by Shelburne on July 30, 1766.]

193. November 22, 1766 [379]
“*The Humble Address*” of the Council to the King, stating the members’ collective loyalty, commending the Province of West Florida to the King as “*worthy [of] Your Protection*”, and promising their “*utmost Endeavours*” to make West Florida a superior colony in the British Empire; enclosed with Johnstone’s November 22, 1766 letter to Richmond [document 192]
194. November 22, 1766 [383]
“*The Humble Address*” of the Assembly to the King, lauding the King, English history since Julius Ceasar’s landing, and the natural resources of West Florida as a British colony; enclosed with Johnstone’s November 22, 1766 letter to Richmond [document 192]
195. March 25, 1767 [387]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Shelburne, reporting that the “*French Emigrants which were sent by the Government to this Place in Order to settle a Township*” of Campbell Town have suffered considerably from disease and exposure to Indians; reporting that the Council has contributed provisions to help them and that the army has agreed to build a post to protect them; with three enclosures [documents 196-198] [see also documents 206, 207] [similar letter in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 250]
196. [January 12, 1767] [391]
Copy of report of a committee of the Council concerning rules and regulations agreed to by inhabitants of the French Emigrant settlement at Campbell Town, containing four articles; signed by 11 individuals; enclosed with Browne’s March 25, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 195] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 252]
197. March 9, 1767 [395]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting at Pensacola, concerning approval by the Council and inhabitants of Campbell Town of the rules and regulations [document 196] and of the Council’s intent to provide six-months-worth of provisions to the settlement; enclosed with Browne’s March 25, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 195] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 251]
198. April 13, 1767 [399]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Shelburne, enclosing a letter Browne wrote to James MacPherson, secretary for the province concerning MacPherson’s office and the departure of deputy secretary Lieutenant Alexander MacLellan of the 34th Regiment, who was being sent under arrest to New York because of military charges against him and because of “*his Unprecedented behavior to me, as a Civil Officer to a Governor*” [enclosure at document 199] [pages 398-399 microfilmed twice] [similar letter in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 253]

199. April 14, 1767 [403]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to James MacPherson, informing MacPherson about MacLellan's departure and the circumstances; describing MacLellan's improper behavior toward Browne, which was related to "*The Misunderstanding*" between Browne and Johnstone; expecting to promote clerk Robert Collins to the position of deputy secretary; enclosed in Browne's April 13, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 198] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 254]
200. June 8, 1767 [407]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Shelburne, enclosing copies of "*all the Public Acts passed in the first Session of General Assembly...all of which Acts were passed by Governor Johnstone*" [acts not microfilmed here]
201. June 8, 1767 [411]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Shelburne, reporting, pursuant to instructions to report any new members appointed to the Council, that he has appointed three new members, including Surveyor General Elias Durnford, Captain James Marsh of the 46th Division, and Pensacola merchant Alexander Moore
202. June 29, 1767 [415]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Shelburne, acknowledging receipt of a letter from Shelburne "*signifying to me his Majestys displeasure at Governor Johnstone's proceedings during his administration by entering into an Indian War without his Royal approbation*"; explaining that "*the divisions and animosities that subsisted in the Province among his Majestys Civil and Military Servants*" and his long delay at Mobile had kept him from knowing about public affairs and understanding Johnstone's intentions; that upon taking control of the government in December 1766, he had been surprised to learn about the Congresses Johnstone had had with the Creek chiefs; that since then, he has worked agreeably with Tayler to settle things down again
203. June 29, 1767 [419]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Shelburne, reporting that, having already transmitted copies of West Florida land grants made, fees received, and public acts of the General Assembly's first session, he is now transmitting copies of the minutes and resolutions of the Council since he took control of the government [documents 204-214]; expressing his loyalty and intention to rule West Florida well
204. January 20, 1767 [423]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting, concerning the reporting of civil and military expenses to England and other matters; enclosed with Browne's June 29, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 203]

205. February 6, 1767 [425]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting, concerning several matters, including relations between the governor and the current chief justice, William Leitch; enclosed with Browne's June 29, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 203]
206. March 2, 1767 [428]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting, concerning a petition by inhabitants of Campbell Town seeking assistance with needed provisions, land grants, and other matters; enclosed with Browne's June 29, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 203] [see also documents 195-197]
207. March 7, 1767 [431]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting, concerning renting a house for government use, the needs of the French inhabitants of Campbell Town, including a copy of the text of and signatures on the rules and regulations for Campbell Town; other matters; enclosed with Browne's June 29, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 203]
208. April 3, 1767 [438]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting, concerning the proroguing of the Assembly for 40 more days; enclosed with Browne's June 29, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 203]
209. April 9, 1767 [439]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting, concerning an application from Brigadier General Frederick Haldimand, commander of British forces in the Southern District, to have work done on his and adjacent house properties for defense purposes; other matters relating to land grants; enclosed with Browne's June 29, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 203]
210. April 25, 1767 [443]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting, concerning a report of the Assembly dated April 3, 1767, quoted verbatim in the minutes containing criticism of Browne's official actions in relation to the Council and Assembly; including, verbatim, Browne's detailed statement vindicating his actions; followed by written opinions by Council members, unanimously supporting Browne; enclosed with Browne's June 29, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 203]
211. June 2, 1767 [455]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting, advising Browne, "*from the extraordinary steps the Assembly was taking that he should dissolve the present General Assembly Issue new Writs of Election*"; enclosed with Browne's June 29, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 203]
212. May 23, 1767 [457]

- Copy of minutes of a Council meeting, quoting verbatim a "*Humble Address of the Assembly*", which the Council advised unanimously against being officially received, since it was an improper form of communication with the governor; a dispute concerning Durnford's being a member of the Council; enclosed with Browne's June 29, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 203]
213. June 6, 1767 [463]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting, including, verbatim, a copy of Browne's speech to the Assembly, castigating the Assembly members, including the rhetorical question "*What must other Colony's think of you when they know you Tax the Subject merely for your own benefit and advantage*"; announcing that he is dissolving the Assembly; Council approval for elections to be announced for August 11 in Mobile, August 19 in Pensacola, and August 25 in Campbell Town; discussion of Durnford resolution concerning the houses on the King's grounds, establishing a committee to prepare for the razing of certain houses; enclosed with Browne's June 29, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 203]
214. June 29, 1767 [466]
Letter from Deputy Secretary Collins to Browne stating that "*the annexed Minutes of Council are true Copys from the Originals*"; enclosed with Browne's June 29, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 203]
215. August 6, 1767 [467]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Shelburne, concerning policies on trade with the Indians and Browne's actions pursuant to these policies; enclosing [document 216] an oath signed by Indian traders; reporting having reached new agreements with the Indian chiefs, including Indian agreement to allow the British to run cattle through Indian territory from Georgia and the Carolinas to West Florida [similar letter in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 257]
216. July 23, 1767 [471]
Copy of the oath regulating the operations of Indian traders; signed by 20 individuals; enclosed with Browne's August 6, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 215] [similar document in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 258; copy in Reel 1, document 264]
217. December 19, 1767 [475]
Letter from Clifton at London to Shelburne; stating that, understanding that he has been acquitted of the charges laid by Johnstone, he is now submitting a new memorial seeking to be reinstated as chief justice of West Florida [document 218]
218. December 19, 1767 [479]
Memorial to Shelburne from Clifton seeking reinstatement as chief justice of West Florida; enclosed with Clifton's December 19, 1767 letter to Shelburne [document 217]

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1. September 29, 1767 [1/A1]
Letter from West Florida Lieutenant Governor Montfort Browne at Pensacola to William Petty, 2nd Earl of Shelburne, Secretary of State for the Southern Department, expressing intent to follow up on Shelburne’s recommendations in various letters in governing West Florida; informing that William Leitch, Chief Justice of West Florida, had died; awaiting appointment of a replacement
2. September 29, 1767 [5/A2]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Shelburne, reporting having sent the colony’s schooner with a merchant aboard to Havana to investigate opening trade with Spanish ports, that the merchant was civilly received; expressing optimism that such trade might be beneficial to West Florida
[**Note:** Johnstone, recalled to England by the Secretary of State, sailed from Pensacola on January 10, 1767, leaving the governance of West Florida to Browne.]
3. February 14, 1768 [9]
Copy of letter from Wills Hill, 1st Earl of Hillsborough, Secretary of State for the Colonies, at Whitehall to Browne, seeking clarification of the grounds for and cost of supplying provisions to the French Protestant emigrants at Campbell Town [see related documents in Reel 4, documents 195-197, 206-207]; expressing satisfaction with the direction of other activities in West Florida, including relations with the Indians; discussing several financial matters; reminding that the laws passed under former Governor George Johnstone are under review by the Board of Trade and Plantations; expressing concern about the Assembly’s taxing subjects for their own personal gain; announcing the appointment of Rev. Cotton as minister at Pensacola [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 7]
[**Note:** Shelburne was Secretary of State for the Southern Department until October 20, 1768, but Hillsborough was appointed to a new position, Secretary of State for the Colonies, on February 27, 1768, a position he held until August 27,

1772. By mid 1768, governors of West Florida were communicating with Hillsborough rather than Shelburne.]

4. February 23, 1768 [17]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Browne, expressing satisfaction with Browne's actions concerning Spanish trade; announcing the reappointment of William Clifton as chief justice of West Florida [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 10]
5. March 1, 1768 [21/A3]
Copy of letter from Viscount Lord William Barrington, Secretary of War, at the War Office, to Hillsborough, enclosing an extract of a letter received from Major General Thomas Gage, commander of British troops in North America [document 6], including a plan and estimates for a barrack at Pensacola
6. January 19, 1768 [25]
Extract of letter from Gage at New York to Barrington, passing on the news from Brigadier General Frederick Haldimand, commander of troops in the Southern Department, that the soldiers in Pensacola are relatively healthy but that they need a barrack; enclosed with Barrington's letter to Hillsborough [document 5] [page 25 microfilmed twice]
7. [no date] [29]
"*Estimate of a New proposed, Soldiers Barrack*", totaling 2,419.7 dollars
8. [no date] [33]
"*Estimate of a new-proposed Officers Barrack*", totaling 2,363.3¾ dollars [page 22 microfilmed twice]
9. March 1, 1768 [38]
Plans and elevations of proposed new soldiers and officers barracks at Pensacola [a page dated October 21, 1929, inserted by the Public Record Office, indicates that these documents had been "*removed to the Map Room. Map Room Reference M. P. G 529*"]
10. February 25, 1768 [45/A4]
Letter from Governor John Eliot of West Florida, at Port Eliot [in Cornwall, England], to Hillsborough, stating that, as governor, he will communicate fully and frequently with Hillsborough, as requested, concerning the state of affairs in West Florida and with its government
11. February 1, 1768 [49/A5]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to [Shelburne], [lengthy letter microfilmed too light to read well; appears to report the status of the colony on a number of issues] [similar letter in Board of Trade papers, Volume 1, document 265] [more readable copy in Reel 20, document 122, archivist's penciled page number 23]

12. February 28, 1768 [53/A6]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Shelburne, concerning a critical letter from West Florida Agent John Ellis concerning matters relating to the French emigrants' settlement at Campbell Town and to Rev. Peter Levrier; defending the Council's actions; enclosing supporting papers [document 13-15]
13. February 25, 1768 [57]
Copy of Council minutes at Pensacola, quoting Ellis' letter referred to in document 12; contesting having engaged in any wrongdoing in relation to Ellis' complaints; enclosed with Browne's February 28, 1768 letter to Shelburne [document 12]
14. February 25, 1768 [61]
Affidavit of Levrier in response to Ellis' letter, stating the facts concerning lists of the French emigrants; enclosed with Browne's February 28, 1768 letter to Shelburne [document 12]
15. [no date] [63]
"List of the French Emigrants Shipped on Board the Red Head galley"; a list by family name of families, including wives and children, totaling 61 individuals; enclosed with Browne's February 28, 1768 letter to Shelburne [document 12] [copy at document 36]
16. May 12, 1768 [65]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Browne, encouraging expansion of settlement and economic development in West Florida but stating that additional funding from England will probably not be available; expressing His Majesty's satisfaction that disputes have been resolved between Browne and the Assembly and that relations with the Indians have improved; delaying response to the French emigrants issue; suggesting that Browne take care to limit requests for money from Ellis to amounts of cash he has available [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 11]
17. May 18, 1768 [69/A7]
Copy of letter from L. Bradbury, deputy secretary to the Board of Trade to Richard Phelps in the Secretary of State office, transmitting three letters from Browne for Hillsborough's attention; letters enclosed [documents 18-20]
18. February 1, 1768 [73]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, requesting a six-month leave of absence to return to England for health reasons; enclosed with Bradbury's May 18, 1768 letter to Phelps [document 17] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 266]
19. February 1, 1768 [77]

- Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, wishing to be granted Dauphine Island consistent with his and his brother's approved grant of 20,000 acres at a site to be chosen later; telling history of dispute over the grant, which involved Johnstone; enclosed with Bradbury's May 18, 1768 letter to Phelps [document 17] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 268]
20. February 1, 1768 [81]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Board of Trade, reporting having appointed Matthew McHenry pastor for the district, filling a vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Dr. Wilkinson; enclosed with Bradbury's May 18, 1768 letter to Phelps [document 17] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 1, document 267]
 21. June 28, 1768 [85/A8]
Letter from Eliot at Spring Garden to Hillsborough, concerning trade goods for the Indians, suggesting that they be bought in bulk and shipped with him to West Florida
 22. July 7, 1768 [89/A9]
Memorial to Hillsborough from Ellis, seeking approval to grant Eliot's wishes concerning purchasing goods for the Indians to be shipped with him
 23. July 20, 1768 [95]
Copy of letter from John Pownall, at Whitehall to [Ellis], conveying Hillsborough's orders to purchase the Indian goods for shipping with Eliot [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 12]
[Note: Pownall was long-time secretary to the Board of Trade and Plantations. Sometime in 1768, he changed ministries, becoming Undersecretary of State for the Colonies, working directly under Hillsborough, the Secretary of State for the Colonies]
 24. August 17, 1768 [97]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Eliot, enclosing orders disallowing two West Florida laws passed in 1767, with supporting papers [enclosures not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 13]
 25. August 25, 1768 [101/A10]
Letter from Eliot at Spring Garden to [? in the Secretary of State office], stating that he is missing letters from Hillsborough No. 4 through No. 11 and has received one that is undated
 26. June 6, 1768 [105/A11]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, congratulating Hillsborough on his appointment as "*Secretary of State for North America*"; promising a detailed account of Levrier's conduct toward the French emigrants "*(on whose Account I have received very cruel Treatment)*"

27. July 1, 1768 [109/A12]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, describing, with "*infinite concern*" new disputes and unrest in West Florida government since Johnstone's leaving, led by Lieutenant Alexander MacLellan of the 34th Regiment [also former Barrack Master and Deputy Secretary of the Province] and Mr. Daniel Clark; hoping that his conduct meets Hillsborough's approbation
28. July 1, 1768 [113/A13]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reporting with regret that West Florida has not yet been able to produce any commodity for profitable export
29. July 1, 1768 [117/A14]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, expressing thanks for Hillsborough's support of the expedition to Havana seeking to open trade with the Spanish; informing Hillsborough about his appointment of a pilot at the point of Mobile
30. July 6, 1768 [121/A15]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning the misunderstanding with Ellis about the lists of French emigrants
31. June 12, 1766 [125]
Copy of Council meeting minutes at Pensacola, concerning complaints from French emigrants against Levrier, including testimony by Levrier in French
32. February 28, 1767 [129]
Copy of Council meeting minutes at Pensacola, concerning the dire straits of French emigrants and whether six-months of provisions should be made available
33. March 2, 1767 [131]
Copy of Council meeting minutes at Pensacola, concerning a petition from principal French emigrant inhabitants of Campbell Town
34. March 7, 1767 [133]
Copy of Council meeting minutes at Pensacola, concerning the French emigrants' petition for a post for protection
35. March 9, 1767 [137]
Copy of Council meeting minutes at Pensacola, concerning rules and regulations developed by a Council committee for approval of the French emigrant inhabitants of Campbell Town; including four articles and signatures of 11 individuals; concerning a post; concerning six months of provisions
36. [no date] [141]

"List of the French Emigrants Shipped on Board the Red Head galley"; a list by family name of families, including wives and children, totaling 61 individuals; [copy at document 15]

37. January 21, 1768 [143]
Copy of Council meeting minutes at Pensacola, concerning Ellis' actions concerning the lists of French emigrants, quoting a letter from him to Hillsborough; seeking to determine the numbers of emigrants accurately
38. July 6, 1768 [149/A16]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, describing an exploration trip he took to Natchez via Mobile, Pascagoula, Fort Bute, and Baton Rouge; suggesting the benefits of trading with the Indians and settlement northward, up the Mississippi River, as far as the Illinois River [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 2, document 1]
39. August 10, 1768 [165/A17]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to [Hillsborough], providing an update on several issues, enclosing supporting papers [documents 40, 41]
40. November 6, 1767 [171]
Copy of Council meeting minutes at Pensacola, concerning papers being circulated denigrating the honor of the Lieutenant Governor; enclosed with Browne's August 10, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 39]
41. [no date] [174]
"Acc^t. of expenses on the Expedition up the Mississippi" by Lionel Becker Westropp and by Daniel Clark; enclosed with Browne's August 10, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 39]
42. August 16, 1768 [177/A18]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to [Hillsborough], reporting that Brigadier General Frederick Haldimand, commander of British forces in the Southern District, had been ordered by General Thomas Gage, commander of British forces in North America, in New York to embark most of the troops in West Florida for duty elsewhere, leaving only three companies to protect West Florida; pleading for more support from England; enclosing a supporting paper [documents 43]
43. June 27, 1768 [181]
Copy of letter from Gage at New York to Browne, requesting that he inform Haldimand of his orders to remove all forces from Natchez and Fort Bute and embark all but three companies of troops in West Florida (at Pensacola and Mobile) to sail to St. Augustine; enclosed with Browne's August 16 letter to Hillsborough [document 42]

44. [no date] [184]
Account of contingent charges and Indian contingent charges for West Florida from January 1, 1767 through July 1, 1768 [pages 184-185 microfilmed twice] [copies or similar accounts in document 51]
45. November 3, 1768 [205/A19]
Memorial to Hillsborough from "*Merchants Trading to West Florida and the Inhabitants of the said Province*", urgently requesting that sufficient forces be sent to West Florida to protect the traders' and inhabitants property and lives; signed in London by 24 individuals
46. November 15, 1768 [207]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Browne, concerning accounting discrepancies alleged by Ellis, birth of a princess to the Queen, and speeches of the King and Parliament
47. June 30, 1768 [211/A19, repeated]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, responding to a request to send to England copies of all West Florida laws enacted down to the present [laws not microfilmed here]
48. July 1, 1768 [215/A20]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing the annual estimate for West Florida for June 1767 to June 1768, as well as the minutes and resolutions of the Council in regard to the French emigrants; blaming Johnstone for many of the problems in the colony; stating that civil-military relations have improved considerably and that only a few people "*retain that rancorous Spirit of Dissension*"
49. July 1, 1768 [221/A21]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning the confused state of public accounts; enclosing extract of a letter from Ellis which disturbs him and to which he does not know how to respond plus additional extracts and papers [documents 50-55]
50. Extracts of letters: [225]
December 10, 1767
Extract of letter from Ellis at Gray's Inn to [Browne], describing the outstanding accounting discrepancies in West Florida's Indian presents and contingent accounts, going back to Johnstone's time as governor, advising Browne to stay clear of such problems
February 11, 1768
Extract of letter from [?] to [?], describing the financial condition of West Florida approved funds
March 10, 1768
Extract of letter from [?] to [?], concerning funding for Indian presents

All enclosed with Browne's July 1, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 49]

51. [no date] [230]
Copy of accounts of Indian contingent expenses and contingent charges for West Florida from January 1, 1767 to July 1, 1768; enclosed with Browne's July 1, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 49] [copies or similar accounts in document 44]
52. January 10, 1767 [249]
Copy of letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Browne, stating that he has settled his government accounts through January 1; enclosing a list of Indian provisions in storage [document 53]; detailing certain items he had taken for his voyage home, for which he stated he would pay Ellis in England; enclosed with Browne's July 1, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 49]
[Note: Johnstone, recalled to England by the Secretary of State, sailed from Pensacola on January 10, 1767, leaving the governance of West Florida to Browne.]
53. January 10, 1767 [251]
Copy of "*Account of the Indian Provisions, and presents remaining in Store*" transferred from Johnstone to Browne; signed by Johnstone; enclosed with Johnstone's January 10, 1767 letter to Browne [document 52]; enclosed with Browne's July 1, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 49]
54. January 12, 1767 [253]
Copy of letter from Johnstone in Pensacola to Browne, enclosing "*an Estimate of the Establishment of...West Florida, as fixed by me, from the Contingent Money allowed by His Majesty*" [document 55]; enclosed with Browne's July 1, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 49]
55. [no date] [255]
Copy of the estimate, as fixed by Johnstone; enclosed with Johnstone's January 12, 1767 letter to Browne [document 54]; enclosed with Browne's July 1, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 49]
56. August 25, 1768 [257/A22]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing addresses from West Florida's Council and Assembly [documents 57, 58] expressing unhappiness at reported plans to reduce the level of the province's military protection
57. [no date] [261]
Address of the Council and Assembly to the King, concerning the "*unhappy Situation*" relating to the planned reduction in troops; signed by William Clifton, president of the Council and Francis Poussett, speaker of the Assembly; enclosed with Browne's August 25, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 56]

58. [no date] [265]
Memorial to Hillsborough from the Council and Assembly, describing the progress made in West Florida in settlement and trade; emphasizing with details the importance of protection for the trade to continue; seeking reversal of the “*unexpected orders*” for troop reductions; signed by Clifton and Poussett; enclosed with Browne’s August 25, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 56]
59. August 25, 1768 [273/A23]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning fortifications and troops at Natchez and Fort Bute, relations with the Indians, trade, and the need for protection
60. [no date] [280]
Memorial from Liverpool merchants engaged in West Florida trade to Hillsborough, requesting that steps be taken to provide better protection of their trading; signed by 40 individuals
61. December 10, 1768 [283]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Eliot, stating that he had brought to the King’s attention the various papers pleading for more protection in West Florida to the King; that the King had commanded that these papers be sent to General Gage in New York for his review and action [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 16]

- **Volume 586: Official correspondence and documents (Bundle B) 1765-1769):** 65 documents with dates from February 5, 1765 through December 21, 1769; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 345; no Archivist Stamped Page Numbers; BCO Bundle Document Numbers B1 through B24 for certain “primary” documents.

Note: DLAR document numbers appear at the left margin. Archivist Penciled Page Numbers and BCO Bundle Document Numbers appear at the right margin as “Penciled Page Number/BCO Bundle Document Number”.

62. December 1, 1768 [1/B1]
Letter from West Florida Lieutenant Governor Montfort Browne at Pensacola to Wills Hill, 1st Earl of Hillsborough, Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing a memorial from principal inhabitants of Pensacola seeking construction of a church building [document 63], “*which this infant Colony stands in much need of*”
63. July 30, 1768 [5]
Memorial from principal inhabitants of Pensacola requesting construction of a church building and a house for clergy; signed by 75 individuals; enclosed with Browne’s December 1, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 62] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 2, document 7]
64. December 1, 1768 [9/B2]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reiterating the need for more protection in West Florida; justifying his actions as lieutenant governor during the long time of awaiting the arrival of the new Governor John Eliot; reporting a revolt by French inhabitants against the Spanish at New Orleans; enclosing a printed document written in French [document 65] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 6]
[Note: Eliot had been appointed governor in March 1767 but, because of the turmoil in the colony, did not sail for West Florida until January 1769, arriving in Pensacola on April 2, 1769.]
65. October 29, 1768 [15]
Printed document, written in French, from the Superior Council of Louisiana to King Louis of France, concerning the situation of French citizens in Louisiana, including a list of demands to the Spanish governor that French rights be observed, plus more detail; enclosed with Browne’s December 1, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 64]
66. November 26, 1768 [37/B3]
Letter from Jacob Blackwell at Pensacola to Hillsborough, thanking him for recommendations to the postmaster general in America; making

recommendations for improving the conveyance of mail in America and explaining the importance, for trade and protection, of reliable mail service

67. November 30, 1768 [41/B4]
Letter from Rev. Mr. Nathaniel Cotton at Pensacola to Hillsborough, requesting government support to construct a church building and clergy house at Pensacola
68. March 24, 1769 [45]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to the “*Governor of West Florida*”, notifying him that the approved estimate for “*the Service of West Florida from midsummer 1768 through midsummer 1769*” was £4,800 and that a copy of the estimate was enclosed [document 69]
69. [no date] [49]
Copy of the itemized estimate for the civil establishment of West Florida from June 24, 1768 to June 24, 1769; enclosed with Hillsborough’s March 24, 1769 letter to the Governor of West Florida [document 68]
70. December 20, 1768 [53/B5]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, providing an update concerning the French citizens’ uprising against Spanish rule in New Orleans and related matters; enclosing supporting papers [documents 71-73]
71. November 11, 1768 [57]
Letter, written in French, from Monsieur Aubry, the French commander at New Orleans, to Browne, concerning the situation for French citizens in New Orleans; enclosing supporting papers [documents 72, 73]; enclosed with Browne’s December 20, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 70]
72. October 29, 1768 [62]
Printed statement of protest by Aubry against the arrest of members of the Council by the Spanish governor, as collated into the minutes of the Greffe (court registrar) dated November 2, 1768; enclosed with Aubry’s November 11, 1768 letter to Browne [document 71]; enclosed with Browne’s December 20, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 70]
73. October 31, 1768 [63]
Printed extract from the register of the Superior Council of Louisiana, concerning Aubry’s protest; enclosed with Aubry’s November 11, 1768 letter to Browne [document 71]; enclosed with Browne’s December 21, 1768 letter to Hillsborough [document 70]

Note: No document is identified with Bundle Document Number B6.]

74. December 15, 1768 [65/B7]

Letter from Cotton at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning the request for a church and clergy house

75. February 25, 1769 [69/B8]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, providing updates on relations with the Indians, the situation at Natchez, and related matters; expressing hope that Chief Justice William Clifton and Attorney General Edmund Rush Wegg will soon be reinstated in their positions; hoping that his actions governing West Florida were meeting the approbation of Hillsborough
76. February 27, 1769 [77/B9]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, stating that he will obey Hillsborough's orders not to share Hillsborough's letters with the Council or Assembly [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 2, document 9]
77. February 28, 1769 [81]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning the French inhabitants in West Florida and Louisiana and trade with them; concerning the accounts he has sent to London; related matters
78. February 28, 1769 [87/B10]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning "*the State and Condition of New Orleans and Louisiana &c. &c.*"; a report with details, with an attached paper [document 79] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 2, document 11]
79. 1768 [year of publication in New Orleans] [91]
Printed "*Memoire*", written in French, directed to the inhabitants of Louisiana, concerning the uprising precipitated by arrest of members of the Council on October 29, 1768; a detailed description; enclosed with Browne's February 28, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 78]
80. April 19, 1769 [115/B11]
Letter from Eliot, newly arrived at Pensacola on April 2, to Hillsborough, concerning the overturning of West Florida laws, the status of the Council and the Assembly, the "revolution" in Louisiana, and other matters
81. [no date] [119]
"*List of Council of West Florida*"; enclosed with Eliot's April 19, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 80] [pages 118-119 microfilmed twice, the first time with a hand superimposed and with pages 123 and 159 partially visible behind]
82. May 13, 1769 [123/B12]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning his surprise at having learned (having opened correspondence to Eliot, who had died on May 2) that he had been charged by some people at Mobile "*with Crimes of a very*

Extraordinary Nature"; speculating on the cause of these charges, in relation to his having assumed governance of West Florida after Johnstone's departure; declaring himself innocent of the charges; offering explanations for certain accounting irregularities; concluding that "*The State of Man never was more truly wretched and distressing than mine at Present from my impossibility of defending myself against the dark and Secret machinations and Designs of my Enemies*"; enclosing supporting papers [documents 83-85] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 13]

[Note: Eliot had committed suicide in his office on May 2, 1769, after only about six weeks of governing in Pensacola, whereupon, governance of West Florida reverted again to Lieutenant Governor Browne.]

83. May 2, 1769 [135]
"*Humble Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of the Town of Pensacola*" to the Council, concerning the "*Melancholy Event*" of the death of Eliot; concerning the "*many Accusations of the darkest hue*" against Browne; concluding that "*We cannot therefore either from Mr. Brown's Character or abilities both of which are well known to Your Honors think him a fit Person to Govern this Province*"; signed by 57 individuals; enclosed with Browne's May 13, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 82] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 14]
84. [no date] [139]
Copy of letter from "*some of the Principle People of this Province with the Officers of this Garrison as well as that of Mobile*" [as described by Browne in his letter of May 13, 1769 to Hillsborough [document 82], expressing support for the British Crown and to its government in West Florida; signed by 65 individuals; enclosed with Browne's May 13, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 82] [copy in document 99]
85. May 12, 1769 [143]
Letter from Wegg to Browne, stating that although the behavior of certain men was "*extraordinary and unjustifiable*," "*at present it does not appear to me that any Proceedings can be supported against them*"; enclosed with Browne's May 13, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 82]
86. May 14, 1769 [147/B13]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning increased Indian violence in West Florida, as predicted, since the departure of troops; stating that he will communicate with Major General Thomas Gage, commander of British troops in North America, seeking additional military protection
87. July 17, 1769 [151]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Browne, lamenting the death of Eliot and the charges against Browne; informing Browne that the King's policy was to welcome any French inhabitants of Louisiana who wished to migrate from

- the newly Spanish colony to West Florida [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 19]
88. May 14, 1769 [155/B14]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, conveying an "*Estimation...of the Different Ordnance Stores Necessary in the Province*" Eliot had previously ordered done [documents 89-91]
 89. April 18, 1769 [159]
Copy of "*Demand of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores*" from the Office of Ordnance at Pensacola for the years 1769 and 1770, including Laboratory Stores; signed by 3 individuals; enclosed with Browne's May 14, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 88]
 90. April 19, 1769 [169]
"*Demand of Stationary*" for use by the Ordnance Office for 1770; signed by 5 individuals; enclosed with Browne's May 14, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 88]
 91. [no date] [173]
"*Engineer Demand for Stationary*" in West Florida; signed by Elias Durnford, Engineer for West Florida; enclosed with Browne's May 14, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 88]
 92. May 14, 1769 [177/B15]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing copies of Council minutes [document 93]
 93. April 3 and April 7, 1769 [181]
Copies of Council minutes:
April 3 presided over by Eliot; taking of oaths by Eliot and Council members; oaths quoted in minutes; other business;
April 7 presided over by Browne; discussion and decision to dissolve and reconstitute the Assembly; other business [pages 190-191 microfilmed twice; enclosed with Browne's May 14, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 92]
 94. May 15, 1769 [195/B16]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, beginning anew his correspondence with Hillsborough as governing lieutenant governor of West Florida
 95. May 12, 1769 [199]
Petition from "*the Inhabitants of the Province of West Florida*" to the King; expressing "*dread*" that, following Eliot's death, governance of West Florida once again devolved to Browne; making accusations against Browne for his actions

during his previous administration; seeking relief from the King; signed by 53 individuals

96. August 4, 1769 [203]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Browne, informing Browne that, due to the charges against him, the King had decided "*to revoke the Commission by which you was appointed Lieutenant Governor of West Florida*" and to appoint in his place Elias Durnford; instructing Browne to deliver up to Durnford his commission along with instructions to the governor from the Secretary of State and other official papers [pages 204-205 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 20]
97. April 3, 1769 [207/B17]
Letter from Eliot at Pensacola to Hillsborough, informing Hillsborough that he had arrived at Pensacola the day before, finding that Lieutenant Governor Browne was in Mobile
98. June 11, 1769 [211/B18]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting duplicates of papers [documents 99-101] dispatched on May 13 in care of Durnford [document 82], in which he sought to explain the charges made against him and justify his actions [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 16]
99. [no date] [217]
Copy of letter from "*some of the Principle People of this Province with the Officers of this Garrison as well as that of Mobbille*" [as described by Browne in his letter of May 13, 1769 to Hillsborough [document 82], expressing support for the British Crown and to its government in West Florida [copy of document 84]; enclosed with Browne's June 11, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 98]
100. January 23, 1769 [221]
Copy of affidavit by Thomas Gronon and John Hayton of Pensacola concerning a conspiracy against Browne at Fort Bute; enclosed with Browne's June 11, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 98]
101. May 12, 1769 [225]
Copy of letter from Lionel Becker Westropp at Mobile to Browne, concerning a conspiracy at Mobile by Major Robert Farmer against Browne; suggesting that Durnford, "*in whom you placed unbounded Confidence, is Actually one of your most dangerous enemies*"; enclosed with Browne's June 11, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 98] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 25]
102. June 11, 1769 [229/B19]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, offering suggestions for how the "*Ordnance Establishment might be made more useful than at Present*", with

- supporting papers [documents 103-105] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 17]
103. May 15, 1769 [235]
Letter from Engineer John Campbell to Browne, offering suggestions about needs to improve the ordnance establishment; enclosed with Browne's June 11, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 102] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 18]
 104. June 6, 1769 [239]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Browne, making suggestions for a boat, men, and equipment for surveying; enclosed with Browne's June 11, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 102] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 19]
 105. June 6, 1769 [243]
Copy of letter from Benjamin Gower in the Ordnance Office at Pensacola to Campbell, concerning the need for more laborers for ordnance work; enclosed with Browne's June 11, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 102] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 20]
 106. June 14, 1769 [247/B20]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting papers [documents 107-109] supporting his suspicions against Farmar, in relation to ownership of Dauphin Island (located near Mobile) and actions he is taking regarding it [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 21]
 107. June 12, 1769 [251]
Copy of affidavit of William Kimbie late of Dauphin Island, concerning his observations of Farmar and Dougal Campbell of Mobile, burglarizing the house on the island occupied by an employee of Browne; enclosed with Browne's June 14, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 106] [copy at document 114 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 68]
 108. June 12, 1769 [255]
Copy of affidavit of Richard Hartley, late of Dauphin Island, Browne's employee, concerning the burglary by Farmar and Campbell; enclosed with Browne's June 14, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 106] [copies at document 114 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 69]
 109. [various dates in 1765] [259]
Copies of Council minutes:
February 5, 1765, concerning Farmar's claim that he had purchased ownership of Dauphin Island from French inhabitants and a competing grant by the King to three Brown brothers [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 22]

February 6, 1765, further discussion [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 23]

April 24, 1765, Council's decision that the Brown deed is more authentic than Farmer's claim [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 24]

All enclosed with Browne's June 14, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 106]

110. June 16, 1769 [267/B21]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, notifying Hillsborough that he will be sending a return of Indian presents in storage [documents 111, 112]
111. May 12, 1769 [271]
Return from the Ordnance Office at Pensacola reporting "*Indian Powder*" stored at Pensacola; signed by Benjamin Gower, Nathaniel Neil, and Joseph Smith; enclosed with Browne's June 16, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 110]
112. May 3, 1769 [275]
Return of "*Sundry Indian Presents*" in storage at Pensacola; enclosed with Browne's June 16, 1769 to Hillsborough [document 110]
113. July 26, 1769 [279/B22]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting copies of 6 new acts of the Assembly [not microfilmed here]; reminding Hillsborough of the "*discontent of and Measures used in Consequence by the Gentlemen of the Assembly*"; notifying him that John Stuart, Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs, had arrived to settle a boundary line with the Chactaws; enclosing further papers concerning Dauphin Island [document 114] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 67]
114. Copies of several legal papers, copied together on 17 pages, pertaining to the Dauphin Island breaking in and robbery case: [285]
June 12, 1769
Copy of affidavit of Richard Hartley concerning Dauphin Island [copies at document 108 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 69]
June 12, 1769
Copy of affidavit of William Thimble concerning Dauphin Island [copies at document 107 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 68]
June 13, 1769
Copy of order from the justices of the peace to the provost martial to conduct an investigation into the robbery by Farmer and others at Dauphin Island
July 1, 1769
Copy of an "Inquisition" or trial on the Dauphin Island matter [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 70]
July 4, 1769
Copy of the court's determination of the guilt of Robert Farmer, Henry Litto, William Harris, George Martin, and Thomas Gronon in the Dauphin Island

"Forcible Entry and Detainer" [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 71]

July 11, 1769

Copy of certification to Chief Justice Clifton of the July 1 trial in the Dauphin Island matter [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 72]

July 12, 1769

Copy of an order from Clifton to the provost martial that Browne have his Dauphin Island property fully restored to him

All enclosed with Browne's July 26, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 113]

115. August 20, 1769 [303/B23]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning relations with the Indians; informing Hillsborough of the arrival of Spanish troops in New Orleans under General Allesandro O'Reilly's command; possibilities for French and German inhabitants in Louisiana to move to British West Florida; update on the *"treatment I have received from a particular party, who I am Inform'd have sent Remonstrances against me home"*; defending himself against the charges against him; enclosing paper [documents 116, 117] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 74]
116. July 30, 1769 [311]
Copy of letter from John Campbell at New Orleans to Browne, reporting on the situation in Louisiana as Spanish troops arrive; enclosed with Browne's August 20, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 115] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 76]
117. August 19, 1769 [315]
Copy of letter from Captain William Phillips, commander of British naval forces at Pensacola, on board the *Tryal*, to Browne, responding to Browne's information that a congress was being designed between Spanish and Creek Indians at Apalachee Bay and requesting that a sloop of war be sent to frustrate this congress; assuring Browne that he will do all he can in this regard; enclosed with Browne's August 20, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 115] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 75]
118. November 22, 1769 [319/B24]
Letter from John Ellis, Agent for West Florida, at Gray's Inn [the Treasury] to John Pownall, Undersecretary of State for the Colonies, concerning Johnstone's method of accounting for *"Indian Presents and Contingent Fund"*, funds approved by Parliament, expenses approved by him, and the transition of accounting from Johnstone to Browne, enclosing accounting records [documents 119-125]
[Note: Pownall was long-time secretary to the Board of Trade and Plantations. Sometime in 1768, he changed ministries, becoming Undersecretary of State for the Colonies, working directly under Hillsborough, the Secretary of State for the Colonies]

119. [no date] [323]
Summary with notes of money disbursed by Johnstone until January 1767; enclosed with Ellis' November 22, 1769 letter to Pownall [document 118]
120. [no date] [325]
Johnstone's accounting of his public expenses while governor of West Florida, ending with a balance due to him of £2847.3.10; enclosed with Ellis' November 22, 1769 letter to Pownall [document 118]
121. January 10, 1769 [327]
Copy of an account listing Indian provisions and presents passed over from Johnstone to Browne, written on the date Johnstone left Pensacola to return to England; enclosed with Ellis' November 22, 1769 letter to Pownall [document 118]
122. [no date] [329]
Cover letter from Ellis for his accounting of "*The State of the Indian Presents and Contingent Funds for the Province of West Florida for three years 1764, 1765 & 1766*" [documents 123, 124]; enclosed with Ellis' November 22, 1769 letter to Pownall [document 118]
123. [no date] [333]
Ellis' accounting for the Indian Presents Fund; enclosed with Ellis' November 22, 1769 letter to Pownall [document 118]
124. [no date] [337]
Ellis' accounting for the Contingent Fund; enclosed with Ellis' November 22, 1769 letter to Pownall [document 118]
125. November 22, 1769 [339]
Ellis' abstracts, prepared in London, from accounts of the Indian Presents Fund and Contingent Fund; enclosed with Ellis' November 22, 1769 letter to Pownall [document 118]
126. December 21, 1769 [341]
Memorial to the Commissioners of the Treasury from Ellis, concerning the insufficiency of and issues in the funding of West Florida, including salary for an Indian interpreter, Lionel Becker Westropp, and other Indian expenses at Mobile; enclosed in January 9, 1770 letter from Thomas Bradshaw [in the Treasury office] [document 127]

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Note: DLAR document numbers appear at the left margin. Archivist Penciled Page Numbers and BCO Bundle Document Numbers appear at the right margin as “Penciled Page Number/BCO Bundle Document Number”.

127. January 9, 1770 [1/C1]
 Letter from Thomas Bradshaw, secretary to the Lords of Treasury, at Treasury Chambers, to John Pownall, Undersecretary of State for the Colonies, concerning the memorial of John Ellis, Agent for West Florida [document 126], requesting that the matter be laid before the Secretary of State for the Colonies Wills Hill, 1st Earl of Hillsborough, for a decision on payment
[Note: Pownall was long-time secretary to the Board of Trade and Plantations. Sometime in 1768, he changed ministries, becoming Undersecretary of State for the Colonies, working directly under Hillsborough.]
128. January 9, 1770 [5/C2]
 Letter from Bradshaw at Treasury Chambers to Pownall, concerning accounting issues relating to Indian expenses at Mobile under Lieutenant Governor Montfort Browne’s governance; enclosing a letter from Browne [document 129]; requesting that the matter be laid before Hillsborough for a decision on payment
129. October 5, 1769 [9]
 Letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Treasury, concerning his having found it necessary to fill the position of Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs at Mobile and to pay the salary of the new appointee, Lionel Becker Westropp; enclosed in Bradshaw’s January 9, 1770 letter to Pownall [document 128]
130. October 8, 1769 [13/C3]
 Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning actions of sloops of war Tryal and Druid in relation to the Spanish and Creek congress at Apalachee Bay; expressing fears that the Spanish have “*a purpose of Corrupting all the Indians surrounding us, and by these means driving us out of the Gulf of Mexico*”; enclosing copy of a letter from Browne to Major General Thomas Gage, commander of British forces in North America [document 137]; including related matters concerning the Spanish and Indians
131. October 9, 1769 [19]
 Duplicate of letter from Browne to Hillsborough, enclosing report from Engineer John Campbell [document 132], just returned from Iberville and Point Coupe,

- plus other papers concerning the situation with Spain in Louisiana; describing how the new Spanish commander, General Allessandro O'Reilly is restricting access of British boats along the Mississippi River; providing an update on the status of charges made against Browne; other papers enclosed [documents 133-136]
132. October 9, 1769 [25]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Browne, comprising his report on British access by water in relation to the Spanish forces and related matters; enclosed with Browne's October 9, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 131]
133. September 24, 1769 [37]
Copy of letter, written in Spanish, from O'Reilly to Browne; enclosed with Browne's October 9, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 131]
134. September 24, 1769 [41]
Copy of English translation of O'Reilly's letter to Browne, complaining about Campbell's snooping around "*without any motive or Grounds whatsoever*"; describing an incident of improper British behavior, from the Spanish perspective; enclosed with Browne's October 9, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 131]
135. October 14, 1769 [49]
Letter from Richard Nichols, a British trader traveling by boat on the Mississippi River, to Browne, in the form of a sworn affidavit, stating that the treatment he had received from O'Reilly "*appears to me so Contrary to what I Judged my Right as a British Subject and so very Prejudicial to all whose Business may call them up Said River*" that he felt compelled to testify about it; providing details, from the British perspective; enclosed with Browne's October 9, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 131] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 38]
136. October 14, 1769 [53]
Copy of letter from Jeremiah Terry, deputy secretary and clerk of the Council of West Florida, at Pensacola, to Browne, informing him, with regrets of his need to attend to personal matters in South Carolina and England; requesting a twelve-month leave of absence; enclosed in Browne's October 9, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 131] [pages 54-55 microfilmed twice] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 80]
137. August 19, 1769 [57]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Gage, reporting on the critical situation with the arrival of O'Reilly and his Spanish forces; hoping for more British forces to confront the Spanish; enclosed with Browne's October 8, 1769 letter to Hillsborough [document 130] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 78]

138. January 23, 1770 [61]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Secretary of State for the Southern Department [from October 21, 1768 to December 12, 1770] Thomas Thynne, Third Viscount Weymouth, conveying copies of the papers relating to the confrontation with O'Reilly and his Spanish forces concerning free navigation by the British along the Mississippi River [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 28]
139. January 24, 1770 [65]
Copy of letter from Pownall at Whitehall to Bradshaw, informing him that he had laid his two letters [documents 127, 128] before Hillsborough, but that he is unable to approve the payments requested by Ellis and Browne because no evidence is presented that the person to be paid in Mobile received his appointment through any official authorization [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 29]
140. February [?], 1770 [69/C4]
Report of the present state of magazines and ordnance storehouses in West Florida; signed by Arthur Neil
141. February 10, 1770 [73]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to the "*Lieutenant General and Principal Officers of the Board of Ordnance*", enclosing papers concerning West Florida's needs for ordnance; seeking advise on "*how far it may be reasonable and necessary to comply therewith*"
142. February 15, 1770 [77]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to the Lords of the Admiralty, requesting that passage be provided for the newly appointed governor of West Florida, Peter Chester, and his family, to travel to Pensacola to take up his duties
143. [no date; received March 3, 1770] [81/C5]
Remarks by Chester to Hillsborough "*for the better peopling and Cultivating the Province of West Florida & for the better securing it against any attempt of an Enemy, whether Spaniards or Indians*"
144. January 27, 1770 [85/C6]
Duplicate letters from newly appointed Lieutenant Governor Elias Durnford at Pensacola, to Hillsborough, stating accusations against Browne with evidence and details, enclosing a supporting paper [document 145] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 36]
[Note: Durnford, having served as chief engineer in West Florida, was sent by Browne in 1769 to help explain some of the financial irregularities of his acting governorship. Instead, Durnford returned to Pensacola in December with orders to replace Browne as lieutenant governor—and acting governor—a change that must have taken place very early in 1770.]

145. January 24, 1770 [93]
Address of inhabitants of Pensacola to Durnford, "*After the various Scenes of Misery and Misfortunes, which have happened in this unhappy Province, our Hopes again revive*" as they welcome Durnford to be the new Lieutenant Governor of West Florida, signed by 27 individuals; enclosed with Durnford's January 27, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 144]
146. February 3, 1770 [97/C7]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning immediate needs to establish a post at Fort Bute and to establish a town on the east side of Mobile Bay, with details and requests for assistance [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 37]
147. February 7, 1770 [105/C8]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing letters to Gage and other papers [documents 148-151]
148. February 7, 1770 [109]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing letters concerning the situation in New Orleans and along the Mississippi River; enclosed with Durnford's February 7, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 147]
149. February 1, 1770 [113]
Copy of letter from John Bradley at New Orleans to Durnford, congratulating him on his return to Pensacola and appointment as lieutenant governor; providing information about the Spanish and Indian situation up the Mississippi River; enclosed with Durnford's February 7, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 147]
150. January 24, 1770 [121]
Translation of a copy of orders given by O'Reilly to his commanding officers, concerning establishing "*harmony and reciprocal correspondence*" with British commanding officers and inhabitants; enclosed with Durnford's February 7, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 147]
151. February 6, 1770 [125]
Copy of an report to the Governor in Council by Mr. Fergy [?], just returned to Pensacola from New Orleans, concerning matters with the Spanish up the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Bradley's plantation; enclosed with Durnford's February 7, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 147]
152. February 15, 1770 [129/C9]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning difficulties in the relationship between him and former Lieutenant Governor Browne; enclosing supporting papers [see documents 153-174, not actually enclosed with this letter]

153. February 16, 1770 [133/C10]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing copies of his correspondence with Browne "*and some Observations relating to it*"; including matters of Browne's having taken the official seal of the colony with him to Dauphin Island, dismissal by Browne of deputy secretary of the province Francis Poussett and his replacement by a Mr. Ferry, Browne's retaining control of the province's official papers, and other similar matters; enclosing supporting papers [documents 154, 157, probably 155, 156 although not so identified, and 158-174]
154. February 14, 1770 [139]
Copy of "*State of the Provincial Accounts of West Florida*", including the Indian Contingencies Fund and Provincial Contingencies Fund, comprising transactions from June 24, 1769 to June 24, 1770; signed by Browne; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153]
155. "*Monday Morn'g*" [141]
Copy of letter from Browne, "*On board the Isabella...*", to Durnford, explaining reasons for his having taken official papers with him
156. [no date] [143]
Copy of letter from Durnford to Browne, concerning receiving official papers from Browne; hoping he will soon return to Pensacola
157. [no date] [145]
Statement, apparently by Durnford, concerning Browne's actions in recent months in relation to Durnford, incorporating into the statement the text of letters as follows:
May 12, 1769
From Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, requesting, since Browne was soon to be leaving West Florida, that Browne show him and leave with him important public papers
May 12, 1769
From Browne at Pensacola to Durnford, responding with surprise the news that he would be leaving the province and contesting its accuracy; expressing his intent to appeal it, if accurate; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153]
158. January 13, 1770 [155]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, repeating his request that Browne turn over the public papers of the province to him; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153]
159. June 13, 1770 [157]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, informing Browne that application had been made to reinstate Poussett; asking if Browne has any

reason to advise that he not be reinstated; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153]

160. January 15, 1770 [159]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Durnford, replying that the various dismissals and suspensions he approved were all done for good reason; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153]
161. January 18, 1770 [161]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Durnford, seeking permission to use the books of Council minutes to obtain information he finds necessary to take with him on his forthcoming return to England; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153]
162. January 19, 1770 [163]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, informing Browne that he has ordered the secretary to make copies of all the Council minutes Browne has requested; ordering Browne not to pay certain bills owed by government, leaving these to be considered, approved, and paid by Durnford's administration; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153]
163. January 20, 1770 [165]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Durnford, expressing displeasure at Durnford's implication that he does not trust Browne concerning governmental expenditures; related matters; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153]
164. February 1, 1770 [167]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, repeating, with impatience, his request that Browne deliver the official papers; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 53]
165. February 1, 1770 [169]
Copy of letter by J. Crawford at Pensacola to Durnford, responding for Browne that Browne will not deliver up official papers "*unless you can convince him that you are properly authenticated to be his Judge*"; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 54]
166. February 2, 1770 [171]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to [Browne], deploring Browne's ongoing delays in delivering the official papers; enclosed with Durnford's

- February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 55]
167. February 5, 1770 [173]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Durnford, stating his case for needing documentation to justify in England his conduct as lieutenant governor and therefore his continuing need to retain the official papers for the purpose of his obtaining justice, including in relation to the situation of a certain Mr. Jones; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 56]
168. February 3, 1770 [175]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, agreeing to pursue legal means to assist Browne's request to retain official papers; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153]
169. February 5, 1770 [177]
Copy of letter from Durnford to Attorney General Edmund Rush Wegg, enclosing Browne's request to retain official papers to help document his conduct and obtain justice, especially in relation to the situation of Mr. Jones [document 167]; seeking Wegg's advice on what can legally be done to comply with Browne's request; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153]
170. February 6, 1770 [179]
Copy of letter from Browne to Durnford, further justifying his holding official papers of the province; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 57]
171. February 6, 1770 [181]
Copy of letter from Wegg to Durnford, stating that at present, nothing can be done because Mr. Jones is neither "*dead or declared out of Danger, as M^r Browne is anxious to have a determination of this unhappy Affair*"; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 59]
172. February 6, 1770 [183]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, telling Browne he has conferred with Wegg, and that he (Durnford) has ordered the Provost Marshall to treat Browne in a manner becoming his character; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 58]
173. February 9, 1770 [185]

- Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Browne, repeating his request for the delivery of official papers, including specifically accounts he needs for governmental operations; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 60, dated February 8]
174. February 9, 1770 [187]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Durnford, angrily reasserting that he cannot be ordered around and that he requires the papers to defend himself against a "*black Confederacy formed against my Honor and Innocence*"; enclosed with Durnford's February 16, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 153] [copy in Board of Trade papers reel 2, document 61]
175. February 14, 1770 [191/C11]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Pownall, explaining his actions as lieutenant governor and acting governor; enclosing supporting papers; requesting that these items be passed on to Hillsborough
176. February 15, 1770 [195/C12]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Pownall, expressing his strong feelings of former Chief Justice William Clifton's integrity
177. February 17, 1770 [199/C13]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing a letter from the superintendent of Indian affairs [document 178]; concerning Indian affairs, proposed congresses with Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and related security matters [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 63, dated February 18]
178. January 4, 1770 [205]
Copy of letter from John Stuart, superintendent of Indian affairs for the Southern District, at Charleston, to Durnford, concerning Indian affairs and proposed congresses with Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations; relations with the Creek Nation; enclosed with Durnford's February 17, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 177] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 64]
179. February 18, 1770 [211/C14]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing minutes of a Council meeting [document 180], as a result of which the Justice of the Peace released Browne, since detaining him from returning to England was not justifiable [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 66, dated February 19]
180. February 17, 18, 1770 [215]
Minutes of Council meetings, concerning the release of Browne and the health of Mr. Jones, including text of a medical report from Surgeon John Lorimer, dated

- February 10, 1770; enclosed with Durnford's February 18, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 179]
181. February 18, 1770 [219/C15]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Pownall, concerning a disputed land grant of 2,000 acres near Mobile claimed by John Campbell and Captain Edward Crofton; enclosing related documents [document 182]
182. October 2, 1769 [223]
Copies of several documents relating to the Campbell/Crofton land grant, including
August 12, 1769
Petition of Campbell for a land grant of 1,000 acres on the Mississippi River;
February 18, 1770
Affidavit of Arthur French of Pensacola with a conflicting claim on the land
Campbell and Crofton claim near Mobile;
Enclosed with Durnford's February 18, 1770 letter to Pownall [document 181]
183. February 10, 1770 [227/C16]
Letter from Clifton at Pensacola to Pownall, agreeing to terms for him to return to duty as chief justice and expressing satisfaction with the appointment of Durnford as lieutenant governor and acting governor [pages 226-227 microfilmed twice]
184. April 21, 1770 [231/C17]
Letter from Browne at "*New Ex.^a Coffe house*" [in London?] to Hillsborough, urging his opinion that the order from the Secretary of State to replace him as lieutenant governor of West Florida with Durnford was unjustified, resulting from the "*load of Callumny heaped upon me by artfull Interested wick'd men*"
185. May 31, 1770 [235/C18]
Letter from four principal Officers of the Ordnance to Hillsborough, responding to West Florida's request for ordnance and ordnance stores; stating that the Office of Ordnance has no jurisdiction to approve such expenses, that only the Commander of Forces in North America has that authority; reporting a calculation of the value of the request at £6,306.9.6; providing advice on other requests, including paying artificers and allowing barracks, fire, candles, and rations to engineers
186. June 12, 1770 [239/C19; document 188 also identified as C19]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Chester, passing on to Chester the letter from the Office of Ordnance; commanding him to seek approval of Lieutenant General Gage concerning all ordnance requests [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 34]
187. June 14, 1770 [243]

Letter from Pownall to Bradshaw, concerning a request to pay a salary for Westropp as deputy superintendent of Indian Affairs in West Florida, reporting that Hillsborough had asked for particulars to explain the situation from Stuart; enclosing an abstract of Stuart's reply [enclosure not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 35]

188. March 25, 1770 [247/C19; document 186 also identified as C19]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, offering ideas for establishment of a post at Iberville (Fort Bute); seeking approval for construction funding; making additional, related suggestions; reporting on having requested approval from Gage for a barracks at Pensacola; enclosing estimates [documents 189-191]
189. [no date] [253]
Estimate for construction and annual expenses for proposed Fort Bute; enclosed with Durnford's March 25, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 188]
190. [no date] [258]
Estimate for constructing a post on "the Lake" [at Iberville?] and for annual expenses, for the purpose of controlling trade with New Orleans and with the Choctaw Indians; enclosed with Durnford's March 25, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 188]
191. [no date] [262]
Estimate for constructing a post on the Mobile River and for annual expenses, for the purpose of protecting settlers; enclosed with Durnford's March 25, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 188]
192. March 25, 1770 [265/C20]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing a request for needed ordnance stores [document 193]
193. March 22, 1770 [269]
Estimate from the Office of Ordnance at Pensacola of ordnance stores needed for the year 1770, including Laboratory Stores; signed by four ordnance officers; enclosed with Durnford's March 25, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 192]
194. April 20, 1770 [277/C21; document 204 also identified as C21]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, deploring that previous dispatches that just missed a packet are being sent somewhat delayed
195. April 25, 1770 [287/C22; document 205 also identified as C22]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, informing Hillsborough that he had drawn on Ellis for two sets of bills, one on the provincial contingent account and the other on the Indian Department account [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 82]

196. March 1, 1770 [285]
Copy of speech [presumably by Durnford] to the provincial Council and Assembly, at its opening session, recommending approval of several bills; clerk's note at top of first page "*This & the 7 foll.^g Papers were rec^d 23 July 1770 from Gov^r. Durnford without any Letter in closing them*"
197. March 2, 1770 [289]
Copy of written response of the Council to Durnford's speech and recommendations of bills
198. March 2, 1770 [291]
Copy of written response by Durnford to the Council's written message, thanking the Council
199. March 2, 1770 [293]
Copy of written response of the Assembly to Durnford's speech and recommendations; signed by Wegg, speaker of the House
200. March 2, 1770 [295]
Copy of written response by Durnford to the Assembly's written message, thanking the Assembly
201. [no date] [297]
Address of the inhabitants of Pensacola to Durnford, expressing gratitude and support; signed by 28 individuals
202. December 26, 1770 [date added later by clerk?] [299]
Note [from Durnford?] at Pensacola to "Gentlemen" thanking them for their support
203. [no date] [301]
Address of the inhabitants of Mobile to Durnford, expressing gratitude and support; signed by 21 individuals
204. [no date] [303/C21; document 194 also identified as C21]
"Memoire" (memorial), written in French, not signed or dated, from Monsieur le Comte de Montault de Monberaut requesting payment of a pension of 105 Livres promised by Johnstone
205. June 8, 1770 [315/C22; document 195 also identified as C22]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to [Hillsborough], containing an update on Indian affairs
206. June 9, 1770 [319/C23]

- Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to [Hillsborough], enclosing “*an exact Account of the Increase, and Decrease, of the Inhabitants of this Town*” [documents 207, 208]
207. June 10, 1770 [323]
Copy of register of burials of inhabitants of Pensacola town and province, from June 26, 1768 to June 10, 1770; signed by the town’s Rector, Nathaniel Cotton; enclosed with Durnford’s June 9, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 206]
208. June 10, 1770 [327]
Copy of register of births and christenings of inhabitants of Pensacola town and province, from June 26, 1768 to June 10, 1770; signed by Cotton; enclosed with Durnford’s June 9, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 206]
209. June 11, 1770 [331/C24]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing [document 211, which is also document 225] a sketch of the Iberville River where it “communicates” with the Mississippi River, with remarks [pages 330-331 microfilmed twice]
210. July 10, [19?]68 [associated with 335]
Archivist’s note stating that “*map of the communication between the Iberville and the River Mississippi*” had been removed to MPS 359 [see also document 224]
211. [no date] [335]
Sketch of “The COMMUNICATION Between the Iberville & the River MISSISSIPPI” with remarks written on the sketch; enclosed with Durnford’s June 11, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 209]
Also:
Sketch of a plan to establish a new town on the east side of Mobile Bay; enclosed with Durnford’s July 10, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 223] [same sketches in document 225]
212. June 12, 1770 [337/C25]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning a request to the Council for redress of grievances of the settlers on a schooner from Maryland bound for the Mississippi River; Spanish troops on the river had taken possession of the schooner and sent its passengers to Vera Cruz; later, the settlers were sent to Jamaica; enclosing papers [documents 213-215] [pages 338-339 microfilmed twice]
213. April 20, 1770 [341]
Copy of letter from John Chalmer [?] Jackson, commander of the British frigate *Druid*, at Pensacola, having returned from Vera Cruz, where he sought to obtain release of the Maryland schooner’s passengers from Spanish custody; enclosed in Durnford’s June 12, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 212]

214. March 22, 1770 [345]
Copy of letter, translated from Spanish to English, from Juan Fernando de Palacer [at Vera Cruz] to Jackson, requesting that the British ships “*go where they intend to go & leave this Coast*”; enclosed with Durnford’s June 12, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 212]
215. March 21, 1770 [349]
Copy of letter, translated from Spanish to English, from Palacer to [Jackson], expressing displeasure at the arrival of a British frigate and sloop; declining to offer assistance concerning the detained settlers; probably enclosed with Durnford’s June 12, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 212], although not so identified
216. June 13, 1770 [353/C26]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing minutes of a Council meeting and eight acts of the Assembly [enclosures not microfilmed here]
217. June 13, 1770 [357/C27]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to [Hillsborough], concerning the Vera Cruz situation; enclosing intelligence received from Mr. Hodge at Vera Cruz [document 218]
218. March 18, 1770 [361]
Report of intelligence from Hodge at Vera Cruz; enclosed with Durnford’s June 13, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 217]
219. June 9, 1770 [365/C28]
Letter from Cotton at Pensacola to Hillsborough, informing him that he has written to Ellis requesting funding for a proper church with the needed vestments, prayer books, etc.
220. July 8, 1770 [369/C29]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning relations with the Indians; reporting less than complete success with a supposed peace with the Choctaw and Creek Indians
221. July 9, 1770 [373/C30]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing report on the state of the province; enclosing a memorial from the Council [document 222]; expectations of sending a memorial from the Assembly soon; matters concerning relations with the Indians, access between the Carolinas and Florida, and possible Spanish friendship with the Lower Creeks [pages 372-375 microfilmed twice]

222. [no date] [377]
Memorial to Hillsborough from the West Florida Council, concerning a several matters of importance to the province, which need support from the Secretary of State; signed by six individuals, enclosed with Durnford's July 9, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 221]
223. July 10, 1770 [381/C31]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing plan for a new town on the east side of Mobile Bay [document 225; also document 211] [page 381 microfilmed twice]
224. March 8, 1928 [associated with 385]
Archivist's note stating that the plan of "*Mobile Bay (East side) Alabama, with plan of proposed new town*" had been removed to MPS 359 [see also document 210]
225. [no date] [385]
Sketch of a plan to establish a new town on the east side of Mobile Bay; enclosed with Durnford's July 10, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 223]
Also:
Sketch of "The COMMUNICATION Between the Iberville & the River MISSISSIPPI" with remarks written on the sketch; enclosed with Durnford's June 11, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 209]
[same sketches in document 211]
226. July 11, 1770 [387/C32]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning bills drawn to pay expenses from the general and Indian contingency accounts; enclosing statement of accounts [document 227] [pages 388-389 microfilmed twice]
227. July 11, 1770 [393]
Statement of accounts for West Florida; enclosed with Durnford's July 11, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 226]
228. July 12, 1770 [395/C33]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reporting that the Spanish government at New Orleans has requested that the British return all deserted Spanish soldiers; explaining that since O'Reilly's departure, the number of Spanish troops has been diminished
229. July 14, 1770 [399/C34]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning bad relations with the Indians in the Mobile area
230. July 14, 1770 [403/C35]

Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing copies of Council minutes and Assembly minutes [document 231, Council minutes only]

231. June 16, 1770 [407]
Copy of minutes of Council meeting; concerning a letter to Durnford [text quoted in minutes] from the Council, stating that two memorials signed by the “former” speaker of the Assembly to Hillsborough were improperly drawn after the Assembly had adjourned, and thus were not official; letter signed by six individuals; discussion and support for the position that the memorials are improper; enclosed with Durnford’s July 14, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 230] [pages 412-413 microfilmed twice]
232. October 3, 1770 [419]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Chester, who had already left England for West Florida, informing him of the contents of the various letters recently received from Durnford; offering advice about the King’s policies on various matters, including the proper role of the council and assembly in a colony [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 36]
233. December 11, 1770 [425]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Chester, enclosing the King’s disallowance of a West Florida Assembly act, enacted in June 1769, concerning settlement west of Charlotte County [enclosure not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 37]
234. December 17, 1770 [429/C36]
Letter from John Robinson at Treasury Chambers to Pownall, denying approval for payment for certain engineering services provided for the West Florida Office of Ordnance because the requests had not been properly approved in the province [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 39]
235. December 17, 1770 [433]
Copy of letter from Pownall at Whitehall to Robinson, stating that he has brought Robinson’s letter to Hillsborough’s attention and that the Secretary of State’s opinion is that the services were properly ordered and carried out in West Florida

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1. September 24, 1770 [1/D1]
Letter from Peter Chester, governor of West Florida, at Pensacola, to Wills Hill, the Earl of Hillsborough, Secretary of State for the Colonies, announcing his safe arrival at Pensacola on August 10, 1770 [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 99]
2. September 25, 1770 [5/D2]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, announcing appointments he has made to the Council [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 104]
3. September 26, 1770 [9/D3]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning development of a settlement in the Natchez area; making a case that this and similar settlements will benefit the mother country; enclosing supporting papers [documents 4, 5] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 105]
4. July 19, 1770 [23]
Copy of letter from John McIntire at Fort Natchez to [West Florida governor?], informing him that McIntyre and 80 other British settlers from upper North Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania have arrived from Fort Pitt to settle in the Natchez area; seeking support from West Florida to develop their settlement; enclosed with Chester’s September 26, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 3] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 107]
5. August 25, 1770 [27]
Affidavit of Daniel Huey of North Carolina, reporting that, while returning toward Fort Pitt from the Illinois country he met numbers of English settlers coming down the river with plans to settle in the Natchez area; enclosed with Chester’s September 26, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 3] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 106]

6. September 27, 1770 [31/D4]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning treatment of a British packet ship by the Spaniards; enclosing a letter [document 7] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 108]
7. August 28, 1770 [35]
Letter from Thomas Gallimore, [late captain of the British packet *Snow*] at Kingston, Jamaica, to Chester; concerning the incident of the packet with the Spanish; enclosed with Chester's September 27, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 6] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 109]
8. September 29, 1770 [39/D5]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning a decent government house for the new governor to live in and conduct business from; describing the history, costs to the Contingency Fund, and disrepair of the currently rented house; enclosing a letter [document 10] from James Jones, attorney to Brigadier General Frederick Haldimand, commander of British forces in the Southern Department and owner of the rented house, who is seeking to sell the house to the province; enclosing other papers [documents 9-11]; clerk's note: "*The Plans transmitted with this Letter, sent to the Plantation Office*" [copies in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, documents 84, 110]
9. September 28, 1770 [45]
Report of those employed by the governor to survey the condition of Government House; signed by four individuals; enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 8] [copies in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, documents 86, 111]
10. September 25, 1770 [35]
Letter from James Jones at Pensacola to Chester, providing legal representation for Haldimand's ownership interest in Government House; enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 8] [copies in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, documents 87, 112]
11. September 27, 1770 [53]
Letter from Elias Durnford, lieutenant governor of West Florida, to Chester, cover letter for the report by Pensacola's leading carpenters on the condition of Government House [document 9]; including a cost estimate for and enclosing plans for a new building; enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1770 to Hillsborough [document 8] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 85]
12. September 27, 1770 [57]
Letter from Edmund Rush Wegg, attorney general of West Florida, at Pensacola, to Hillsborough, concerning a dispute dating back to 1765 with customs officials at Boston relating to the sloop *Little Bob*; describing the situation; pleading for justice; enclosing supporting papers [document 13]

13. Extracts of letters: [61]
July 6, 1768, from [Wegg?] at Mobile to the Customs Commissioners at Boston;
November 6, 1768, from [Wegg?] at Pensacola to the Boston commissioners;
April 17, 1765, from Messrs. Robert Farmar, Thomas Miller, and Christopher
Miller, at Mobile, to Wegg;
All concerning the case of the *Little Bob*; enclosed in Wegg's September 27,
1770 letter to Hillsborough [document 12]
14. February 11, 1771 [65]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Chester, expressing support for
Chester's initial appointments and for a settlement at Natchez; unable yet, due to
many considerations, to offer support for requests to increase protection by
reopening posts; reporting having referred the request for funds for a new
Government House to the Board of Trade and Plantations [copy in Secretary of
State letters Reel 20, document 40]
15. December 23, 1770 [69/D7]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reporting having delayed a
planned tour up the Mississippi River due to illness and cold weather; expecting
to make the tour in February; expecting that the tour will form the basis for
developing a general plan for development in the province [copy in Board of
Trade papers Reel 2, document 113]
16. December 24, 1770 [73/D8]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, displeased that General
Thomas Gage, commander of British forces in North America, has decided that
only one regiment will be assigned to protect West Florida, while previously two
regiments were assigned; complaining that East Florida is less dangerous but
has two regiments; seeking Hillsborough's support to get a second regiment
assigned to West Florida [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 114]
17. December 25, 1770 [77/D9]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing copies of laws
passed during the past session of the West Florida Assembly along with copies
of Council and Assembly minutes; commenting on several laws, including those
on fraudulent mortgages and regulating the Indian trade; itemizing several laws,
passed during the times of Governor George Johnstone and Lieutenant
Governor Montfort Browne, which he feels should be reviewed for disallowance
by the King, including his reasons for objections; these laws relate to fees for
liquor licenses, to establishing a separate county and court at Mobile, to the
governance of slaves, and to a Court of Requests [copy in Board of Trade
papers Reel 2, document 116]
18. December 26, 1770 [83/D10]

Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning possible suspension of nonresident public officers, based on issues raised by John Ellis, agent for West Florida; recommending that his private secretary Philip Livingston Jr., be appointed secretary and registrar of the province, if the office should become vacant; [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 117; see also Reel 2, document 115]

19. April 1, 1771 [87]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Chester, offering no hope for a second regiment in West Florida; reporting having referred the acts Chester suggested for possible disallowance to counsel for the Board of Trade; stating that Chester is misinformed about suspension of nonresident public officers but that Hillsborough will keep Chester's recommendation of Livingston in mind [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 43]
20. March 8, 1771 [91/D11]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reiterating and documenting the need for protection and security in the province; enclosing supporting papers [documents 21-22] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 118]
21. March 10, 1771 [95]
Return of British troops quartered in West Florida; signed by Lieutenant [?] Hutcheson, acting brigade major; delivered to Chester; enclosed in Chester's March 8, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 20] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 120]
22. March 13, 1771 [99]
Copy of letter from Engineer Captain Thomas Sowers at Pensacola to Chester, reporting for Haldimand about current military construction projects; enclosed in Chester's March 8, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 20] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 119]
23. March 9, 1771 [103/D12]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, expressing appreciation that John Stuart, superintendent to the Indians in the Southern District, will be coming to Pensacola to assist in resolving tensions with Indians in the province; providing details of the current situation and making suggestions; enclosing a supporting paper [document 24] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 121]
24. [no date] [111]
Copy of affidavit of two servants of Indian trader Robert MacKay, William Smith and William Gregory, concerning their experiences of disturbances at the Lower Creek Nation village called Little Telasses Town; enclosed with Chester's March 9, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 23] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 129]

25. March 10, 1771 [115/D13]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning the provincial assembly's having improperly appointed a treasurer, Mr. Hanney, who then communicated directly with the Agent for West Florida [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 122]
26. March 11, 1771 [119/D14]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning General Gage's request that estimates be made for military protection between the Mississippi and Iberville Rivers; given hostilities between Spain and Britain, Chester has decided to further delay his planned tour up the Mississippi River [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 123]
27. March 12, 1771 [123/D15]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, responding to receipt of the text of King's speech to Parliament; expressing willingness, if the public tranquility is upset [by military hostilities with Spain] and "*matters came to Extremities*", he will be happy to receive whatever powers and instructions the King wishes to send him to execute his wishes [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 124]
28. March 13, 1771 [127/D16]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reporting that an employee in the office of the deputy provost marshal has committed a rape and subsequently "absconded"; that Chester has temporarily appointed a replacement officer [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 125]
29. March 14, 1771 [131/D17]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting copies of minutes of the Council, from when Chester arrived through February 11, 1771 [not microfilmed here], along with copies of the register of births and burials from June 24 through December 24, 1770 [document 30] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 126]
30. [no date] [135]
Copies of registers of West Florida births, burials, and christenings from June 24 to December 24, 1770; enclosed with Chester's March 14, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 29]
31. March 14, 1771 [143/D18]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing a letter recently received from John Robinson at the Treasury [document 32] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 127]
32. November 7, 1770 [147]

- Copy of letter from Robinson at Treasury Chambers to Chester, requesting that Chester submit a list of all customs fees charged by the province; enclosed with Chester's March 14, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 31] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 128]
33. March 14, 1771 [151]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to the Commissioners of the Treasury, enclosing, per Robinson's letter, lists of all customs duties normally collected in West Florida [documents 34-37]; enclosed with Chester's March 14, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 31]
 34. [no date] [155]
Copy of "*List of the Naval Officers [Customs] Fees taken as Established by the Governor and Council*"; enclosed with Chester's March 14, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 33]
 35. [no date] [157]
"*An Account of the fees Received by the Comptroller...at the Port of Pensacola*"; enclosed with Chester's March 14, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 33]
 36. April 3, 1770 [159]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting in which the text of a list of fees assessed, is quoted; enclosed with Chester's March 14, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 33]
 37. [no date] [161]
List of customs fees collected at Mobile; enclosed with Chester's March 14, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 33]
 38. April 5, 1771 [165/D19]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, pledging to execute the orders in Hillsborough's most recent circular letter, dated December 11, 1770 [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 130]
 39. April 6, 1771 [169/D20]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, having received the King's order disallowing West Florida's act of June 1769 concerning encouragement of settlement west of Charlotte County, pledging to take appropriate action; commenting on the difficult issue of freedom of religion in regard to such potential settlement [copies in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 131 and in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 39; see the King's order, dated December 9, 1770, in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 210 and in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 38]
 40. April 15, 1771 [173/D21]

Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing letter from Charles Stuart, deputy superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Southern Department [document 41]; still awaiting John Stuart's arrival at Pensacola; also enclosing depositions by settlers recently driven by Indians from their plantations [documents 42, 43]; noting uncertainty of whether the plantations in question are within the territory "*ceded by the Indians to the Crown*"; also enclosing copy of a memorial from Henry Lefleur to the Secretary of State seeking payment as an Indian interpreter at Natchez and former Lieutenant Governor Browne's letter to him [documents 44, 45] [copy dated April 13, 1771 in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 132]

41. [no date] [177]
Lengthy letter from Charles Stuart to Chester concerning Indian relations; enclosed with Chester's April 15, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 40] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 134]
42. April 12, 1771 [185]
Affidavit of Andrew Hamton (plantation located about 50 miles north of Mobile on the Alabama River) and Timothy Tryon (plantation located about a half mile down river from Hamton's); recounting their being forced off of their plantations by Indians; signed by only Hamton; enclosed with Chester's April 15, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 40] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 133]
43. April 12, 1771 [189]
Affidavit of Thomas Fleming, who was at Hamton's plantation; recounting being with Hamton and Tryon when Indians forced them off of Hamton's plantation; enclosed with Chester's April 15, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 40] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 136]
44. April 15, 1771 [date of copy] [193]
Copy of memorial of Henry Lefleur to Chester, seeking payment for Indian interpreter services at Natchez since 1766; enclosed with Chester's April 15, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 40] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 137]
45. November 26, 1768 [197]
Copy of letter from Browne at Pensacola to Lefleur, informing Lefleur that, because of cutbacks in interpreter positions in the provincial government, he will be paid by the Superintendent of Indian Affairs beginning November 1, 1768; enclosed with Chester's April 15, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 40] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 135]
46. July 3, 1771 [207]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Chester, commending Chester for his governance of West Florida; commenting that hostilities with Spain may have

eased; hoping that Stuart's visit to Pensacola will help with the Indian problems in West Florida; commenting on the interrelated issues of taxation powers and of regulation of the Indian trade in the British colonies; supporting Chester's plans to keep the Assembly "*in a state of due Subordination*"; supporting Chester's delaying his tour up the Mississippi [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 44]

47. July 29, 1771 [209/D22]
Letter from Robinson at Treasury Chambers to John Pownall, undersecretary of state for the colonies under Hillsborough, enclosing for Hillsborough's consideration copies of papers [documents 48-50] pertaining to the dispute between the Customs Office in Boston and West Florida and related issues of authority in West Florida government; expressing Treasury's view that sections of the West Florida act are contrary to British policy [see copy of the act in question in document 49] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 100]
48. February 12, 1771 [213]
Letter from Richard Reeve, secretary for the Commissioners of Customs in America, at Boston, to Grey Cooper, counsel for the Board of Trade, enclosing an act passed by West Florida, three clauses of which the customs commissioners "*apprehend tend to the Injury of His Majesty's Province*"; enclosed with Robinson's July 29, 1771 letter to Pownall [document 47] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 102]
49. May 9 and 19, 1770 [217]
Copy of "*An Act to prevent Masters of Vessels from Carrying off persons in debt from this Province for improving the Coasting Trade & for Deleating the acts of this Province therein mentioned*" passed by the Assembly on May 8, 1770 and by the Council on May 19, 1770; enclosed with Robinson's July 29, 1771 letter to Pownall [document 47] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 101]
50. June 11, 1770 [date copy was certified] [225]
Copy of dissenting statement by James Bruce, customs collector at Pensacola, concerning clauses 5 and 6 in the act concerning masters of vessels; enclosed with Robinson's July 29, 1771 letter to Pownall [document 47] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 103]
51. June 19, 1771 [229/D23]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, acknowledging receipt of information from Pownall that Parliament had approved the sum of £6,100 for the civil establishment of West Florida in 1771 [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 138]
52. June 20, 1771 [233/D24]

- Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning various ongoing issues, including relations with Spain and the Government House [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 139]
53. June 21, 1771 [237/D25]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting minutes of Council meetings from February 11 and April 8, 1771 [documents 54, 55] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 140]
54. April 8, 1771 [241]
Chester's certification of the accuracy of copies of Council minutes [enclosed with Chester's June 21, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 53]]
55. Copies of minutes of three Council meetings [243]
February 11, 1771, concerning instances of settlers having destroyed trees on His Majesty's lands;
April 4, 1771, concerning the disallowance of the June 1769 act relating to settlement of lands west of Charlotte County and other matters, including an examination of the accounts;
April 8, 1771, concerning payments to the coroner as requested, other accounts issues, several land grant or payment request petitions, including that from Lefleur [see documents 44, 45], and complaints about relations with the Indians, including transcripts of a letter by Charles Stuart [see document 41], and depositions by Andrew Hamton [see document 42] and Thomas Fleming [see document 43] [enclosed with Chester's June 21, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 53]
56. June 22, 1771 [279/D26]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning applications to relinquish certain land grants, including one from James Bruce [document 57, 58] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 141] [see letter with similar content one year later in Board of Trade papers, Reel 2, document 203]
57. June 8, 1771 [283]
Copy of petition to Chester and the Council from Bruce [enclosed with Chester's June 22, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 56] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 142]
58. July 28, 1766, June 11, 1771 [287]
Copies of Council meeting minutes concerning Bruce's land grant petitions [enclosed with Chester's June 22, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 56] [copy of 1766 minutes in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 143]
59. June 23, 1771 [291/D27]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning relations with Spain and the Indians along the Mississippi River following the seizure of the

packet; wishing to encourage settlement up the river; enclosing several supporting papers [documents 60, 61] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 144]

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60. June 23, 1771 [295]
Copy of letter from Durnford to Chester, reporting on the results of his trip to the Mississippi River to deal with the packet issue and other matters pertaining to future prospects for British settlement up the Mississippi; enclosed with Chester's June 23, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 59] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 145]
61. [no date] [299]
Printed form of patents for land grants in West Florida; enclosed with Chester's June 23, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 59] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 146]
62. August 24, 1771 [301]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, acknowledging receipt of 12 books on the manufacture of pitch and tar in Sweden [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 147]
63. August 25, 1771 [305]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reporting the death of Rev. Nathaniel Cotton, the minister at Pensacola; wishing for a quick appointment of a qualified successor [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 148]
64. August 26, 1771 [309]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing registers of burials and christenings for Pensacola [documents 65, 66] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 149]
65. [no date] [313]
Copy of register of burials at Pensacola from December 24, 1770 through June 24, 1771; signed by Cotton; enclosed with Chester's August 26, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 64] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 151]
66. [no date] [315]
Copy of register of christenings at Pensacola from December 24, 1770 through June 24, 1771; signed by Cotton; enclosed with Chester's August 26, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 64] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 150]
67. August 27, 1771 [317]

- Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning required notification of the governor's location, except when the military commander is in the same place; seeking guidance on how to interpret this and implement it [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 152]
68. August 28, 1771 [321]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing copies of Council and Assembly minutes and of acts enacted in the last session [enclosures not microfilmed here], with descriptions of the acts and their rationales [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 153]
69. November 24, 1771 [327]
Letter from Edward Mease at London to [Hillsborough], concerning a trip he took "*through several parts of the Province of West Florida in the Years 1770 and 1771*" that relates to British efforts to settle the province; enclosing a narrative of his journey [document 70]
70. [no date] [331]
Mease's narrative [lengthy document of about 100 MSS pages] [enclosed with Mease's November 24, 1771 letter to [Hillsborough] [document 69]]
71. December 4, 1771 [435]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Chester, supporting Chester's enthusiasm for settlement up the Mississippi; supporting inquiry into large land grants already made but not being cultivated and supporting Bruce's petition [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 47]
72. July 12, 1771 [439]
Letter from Rev. William Gordon, minister at Mobile, to [Hillsborough], seeking to be appointed to replace Rev. Cotton as minister at Pensacola
73. August 31, 1771 [443]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning "*Plans and Reports of the Western Part of the Province*", which he has prepared for Governor Chester; proposing that further surveying be done
74. August 30, 1771 [447]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, requesting a 12-month leave of absence to return to England to tend to personal matters
75. August 30, 1771 [451]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, expressing concern about efforts to dig into the province's past, including requests to see his correspondence; expressing his desire occasionally to write directly to Hillsborough making observations about what is happening in the province

76. August 29, 1771 [455]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning the building of a government house and barracks at the fort or garrison of Pensacola; seeking clarification on the jurisdiction and powers of the West Florida Governor vs. the military commander [Gage] for North America and of the Governor vs. the military commander [Haldimand] at Pensacola; enclosing papers [documents 77, 78] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 154]
77. August 23, 1771 [461]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Haldimand, informing him that the province expects to construct a government house in the garrison at Pensacola; requesting information concerning where he intends to build a barracks in the same garrison; enclosed with Chester's August 29, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 76] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 155]
78. August 29, 1771 [465]
Copy of letter from Haldimand at Red Cliffs Battery near Pensacola to Chester, stating that since he commands the fort at Pensacola, he does not feel he can approve any construction inside it; referring Chester's letter to General Gage for guidance; enclosed with Chester's August 29, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 76] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 156]
79. August 30, 1771 [469]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, informing him that John Stuart has arrived at Pensacola and of expectations of meeting with the Creek, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Indians soon [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 157]
80. August 31, 1771 [473]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, notifying Hillsborough that he has appointed Philip Livingston Jr. to serve as receiver general in the province, to collect quit rents coming due and overdue to the Crown on land grants relinquished by settlers [copies at Reel 8, document 29 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 158]
81. September 1, 1771 [477]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting returns of troops and ordnance/ordnance stores received from New York [documents 82-84] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 159]
82. August 20, 1771 [481]
Return of West Florida troops under Haldimand's command; enclosed with Chester's September 1, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 81] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 160]
83. August 31, 1771 [483]

- Return of remaining West Florida ordnance and ordnance stores at Pensacola; enclosed with Chester's September 1, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 81] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 161]
84. August 31, 1771 [487]
Return of West Florida ordnance and ordnance stores received from New York at Pensacola; enclosed with Chester's September 1, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 81] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 162]
85. September 26, 1771 [491]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, acknowledging receipt of a circular letter with information that the Queen had borne a baby prince [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 164]
86. September 27, 1771 [495]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, acknowledging receipt of copies of acts passed by Parliament concerning America [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 166]
87. September 28, 1771 [499]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning Durnford's report on the western area of the province and plans for settlement; transmitting maps of the area of Fort Bute, between the Mississippi and Iberville Rivers, and of the larger area of the province; with additional information, including a list of small tribes of Indians along the Mississippi River; enclosing a supporting paper [document 88] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 165]
88. [no date] [515]
"Estimate of the Expences which will attend making the proposed Cut from the River Mississippi to the River Iberville", signed by Durnford; enclosed with Chester's September 20, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 87] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 167]
89. September 29, 1771 [519]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting Council minutes from April 23 through September 9, 1771; notifying Hillsborough that Stuart had had doubts about the Secretary of State's instructions regarding the Indians in West Florida; enclosing papers [documents 90, 91] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 168]
90. September 10, 1771 [523]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to John Stuart, concerning ownership of land received from the French—Indian or British?; concerning whether to convene a congress of Indians; concerning other matters of Indian relations; enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 89] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 170]

91. September 12, 1771 [533]
Extract from letter from Alexander McIntosh at Mobile to [Chester], informing him that several Choctaw chiefs have gone to New Orleans apparently at the invitation of the Spanish governor there; stating that "*the Consequence to this Province is too plain to require being explained here*"; enclosed with Chester's September 29, 1771 letter to Hillsborough [document 89] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 169]
92. September 30, 1771 [537]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, informing Hillsborough that the Creek Indians were about to make war on the Choctaws before receiving an invitation to a congress and cannot be persuaded to come to the congress [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 171]
93. September 30, 1771 [541]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning the best way to proceed to occupy New Orleans if hostilities emerge between Spain and Britain

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94. January 11, 1772 [1]
Copy of letter from Wills Hill, the Earl of Hillsborough, Secretary of State for the Colonies, at Whitehall, to Governor of West Florida Peter Chester, concerning plans for the Mississippi and Iberville Rivers; support for a new minister in Pensacola; supporting the appointment of Philip Livingston Jr. as receiver general; expressing displeasure at new disputes over military command; concerning other matters; enclosing papers [document 95] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 48]
95. January 11, 1772 [5]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough to Lieutenant Governor of West Florida Elias Durnford, responding positively to the letters he has received from Durnford concerning Indian affairs [enclosed with Hillsborough's January 11, 1772 letter to Chester [document 94] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 49]
96. February 5, 1772 [9]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Chester, conveying disallowances by the King of two acts adopted by the West Florida Council and Assembly in January and June 1767 [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 50] [see King's disallowance order, dated January 15, 1772, in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 214]
97. December 20, 1771 [13]
Letter from Chester at Mobile to Hillsborough, concerning a meeting between Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Southern District John Stuart and Chester with chiefs of the Upper Creek Indians; listing their complaints and other matters; stating plans for a congress with Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians [see copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 172]
98. April 1, 1772 [19]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Chester, commending Chester for his actions in relation to the Indians; enclosing a copy of the Estimate for West Florida's civil government for 1772 [estimate found in Secretary of State letters Reel 20 document 53] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 52]

99. February 20, 1772 [23]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning the congress with Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians that started December 31, 1771; listing complaints; drawing a boundary line following the congress [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 176]
100. February 21, 1772 [29]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning a memorial from Catholic inhabitants at Mobile seeking royal approval for a salaried priest; enclosing petition [document 103] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 177]
101. March 3, 1773 [33]
Certification by Chester of the authenticity of copies of Council minutes
102. Copies of Council minutes: [35]
September 21, 1772, listing land grants approved;
October 7, 1772, concerning the confining of two prisoners on the Mississippi River; concerning petitions of William Parr, John Simpson, _____ Charlaville, Jacob Hankle, Henry Lefleur, Charles Clarke, and Captain William Hay, all requesting land grants
October 22, 1772, concerning a land grant for Captain Amos Ogden; concerning royal disallowance of two acts of West Florida; including the text of the King's disallowance, dated June 19, 1772; concerning a petition from General Lyman of Connecticut requesting a land grant
October 27, 1772, concerning petitions of Wills Escott, Alexander McIntosh, each requesting a land grant; other matters
November 2, 1772, concerning petitions of James Willing, Philip Conyers, Francis Poussett, Richard Carpenter, James Hamilton, Thomas Bentley, Thomas Topham, John Waugh, David Williams, George Castle, Stephan Woodhouse, Oliver Pollock, all seeking land grants
November 4, 1772, concerning petitions of Nathaniel Fountain, William Parr, Benjamin Barlow, Jean Claud Dupont, all seeking land grants
December 2, 1772, concerning petitions of Jesse Lum, Charles Stewart, Peter Miller, John Morison, Major John Small, Samuel Thomas, Elizabeth Fornirett, Robert Read, Francis Murphey, Oliver Pollock, and Jeremiah Jermin, all seeking land grants; concerning petitions of Thomas Hutchins, Lieutenant Colonel Dalling, reduced staff officers seeking redress; list of land grants approved
December 4, 1772, concerning two letters and an affidavit of John Thomas, all three included in text, appealing as an "*injured Officer and faithful Subject*" in relation to relations with the Indians; affidavit of Henry Lefleur, Indian interpreter, concerning the matter; text of letter from Council Secretary Alexander Macullugh to Thomas, explaining that the Council can do little to help him, referring the matter to the King
December 15, 1772, concerning old British ships purchased in the West Indies by the French for use in trade including up the Mississippi River

103. [no date] [73]
Petition, written in French, of inhabitants of Mobile requesting assignment of a salaried priest; signed by 24 individuals; enclosed with Chester's February 21, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 100] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 178]
104. February 22, 1772 [77]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing minutes of the congress with the Upper Creek Indians [documents 105-107] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 179]
105. February 22, 1772 [81]
Chester's certification of the authenticity of the copy of the minutes of the congress with the Upper Creek Indians; enclosed with Chester's February 22, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 104]
106. October 29-31, 1771 [85]
Copy of minutes of a congress of the principal chiefs and warriors of the Upper Creek Nation held at Pensacola with John Stuart; Chester, Durnford, and Brigadier General Frederick Haldimand, commander of British forces in the Southern District also attended; detailed description/transcript of proceedings, including statements and complaints about relations between the British and the Indians; negotiations about boundaries; agreements made, including an agreement on Indian cession of lands, setting new boundaries, including texts of Stuart's letter to Chester and Chester's response concurring in the cession of lands; enclosed with Chester's February 22, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 104]
107. November 2, 1771 [112]
Copy of treaty between West Florida and the Upper Creek Indians for cession by the Indians of certain lands; defining new boundaries; signed by Stuart and by eight chiefs; enclosed with Chester's February 22, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 104]
108. June 6, 1772 [117]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Chester, expressing pleasure that Chester's negotiations with the Indians seem to have produced positive results [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 54]
109. April 9, 1772 [121]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, conveying a copy of the minutes of the December-January congress with the Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians [document 111] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 185]
110. June 6, 1772 [125]

Chester's certification of the authenticity of the copy of the minutes of the congress with the Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians

111. December 31, 1771 to January 6, 1772 [127]
Copy of minutes of a congress of the principal chiefs and warriors of the Chickasaw Upper Creek Nation held at Mobile with John Stuart; Chester, Durnford, Brigadier General Frederick Haldimand, and others also attended; detailed description/transcript of proceedings, including statements and complaints about relations between the British and the Indians; negotiations about boundaries; agreements made, including an agreement on Indian cession of lands, setting new boundaries, including descriptions of follow-up actions taken to agree on the boundaries; enclosed with Chester's April 9, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 109]
112. April 10, 1772 [165]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting minutes of Council meetings from October 1, 1771 through November 1771; enclosing papers [documents 113, 114] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 186]
113. November 30, 1772 [169]
Chester's certification of the authenticity of the copies of the Council minutes
114. Copies of minutes of several Council meetings: [171]
October 1, 1771, concerning several acts of Parliament concerning America; concerning petitions of Rachael Hickman, James Durade, Jean Claude Dupont, Mary Ascott with various requests; concerning contracting for work on the new Government House
October 7, 1771, concerning complaints against traders with the Indians;
October 12, 1771, concerning the prosecution of James Colbert for having settled beyond the colony's boundaries; concerning relations with the Indians
October 14, 1771, concerning John Clarke's claim of land for settlement; concerning William Cantey's representation about settlement
November 2, 1771, concerning a treaty with the Creek Indians, submitted by Stuart; including text of Chester's responding letter indicating his and the Council's approbation of the treaty
November 5, 1771, concerning petitions of Jacob Blackwell, Robert Ross, and James McDonald about settlements; concerning establishing accurately the new boundaries approved in the treaty just approved with the Creek Indians; concerning settlement of French inhabitants near Mobile, including text of a letter from Stuart; concerning a request for a fire engine
November 23, 1771, concerning public use of a ship for the province; concerning Indian affair; concerning petitions from William Clifton, James Bruce, Philip Livingston Jr., Captain John Challmer Jackson, Richard Carr, Luis Durett; Enclosed with Chester's April 10, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 112]
115. April 11, 1772 [203]

- Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning charges relating to “despotic” behavior by John Thomas, Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs on the Mississippi River and a justice of the peace; enclosing Council minutes concerning the matter [document 116] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 187]
116. April 7, 1772 [209]
Copy of Council minutes, concerning a petition received from inhabitants of Manchac and Fort Bute in West Florida complaining about the behavior of Thomas, with details; signed by eight individuals; including texts of several documents, dated in spring 1772, among them letters to and from Thomas and letters to and from Stuart; enclosed with Chester’s April 11, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 115] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 188]
117. April 22, 1772 [225]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, relating the Thomas matter to relations with the Spanish along the Mississippi River; having received a complaint from the Spanish; having ordered Thomas to return to Pensacola; enclosing papers [documents 118-120] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 189, dated April 23, 1772]
118. April 11, 1772 [229]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Don Luis de Unzaga e Amezaga, Spanish governor at New Orleans, concerning the Thomas matter, hoping it will not create hostility from the Spanish; enclosed with Chester’s April 22, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 117] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 190]
119. March 28, 1772 [233]
Letter, written in Spanish, by Unzaga at New Orleans to Chester, with objections to Thomas’ behavior; enclosed with Chester’s April 22, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 117] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 191]
120. April 20, 1772 [237]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Unzaga, responding to his letter concerning the Thomas matter; enclosed with Chester’s April 22, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 117] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 192]
121. April 22, 1772 [241]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, conveying further information about Thomas
122. July 1, 1772 [245]

Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Chester, enclosing the King's order disallowing two West Florida laws passed in 1770 and 1771, suggesting, as recommended by the Board of Trade, passage of a new, acceptable law concerning a requirement for masters of vessels to show their fort pass [King's order found in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 56] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 55]

123. July 1, 1772 [249]
Copy of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Chester, approving of Stuart's and Chester's actions concerning Thomas, whose conduct "*appears to have been highly improper*" [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 57]
124. July 7, 1772 [253]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, reporting that issues with the Spanish governor concerning Thomas had been fully resolved, but that the Thomas continues to be a problem, having been charged with killing a man at Manchac; enclosing letter from Unzaga [document 125] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 193]
125. May 4, 1772 [257]
Letter, written in Spanish, from Unzaga at New Orleans to Chester, concerning the Thomas matter; enclosed with Chester's July 7, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 124]
126. July 8, 1772 [261]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, notifying Hillsborough that he has found it necessary to dissolve the West Florida Assembly; stating his reasons, relating to an elections provision "*artfully and Industriously instilled*" during the Johnstone period limiting the terms of assemblies to one year; reporting resulting irregularities and the necessity to call for a new election; enclosing papers [documents 127-129] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 195]
127. January 22, 1772 [269]
Extract from minutes of the West Florida Council at Pensacola, supporting dissolution of the Assembly and calling a new election; enclosed with Chester's July 8, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 126]
128. March 9, 1772 [273]
Copy of minutes of the West Florida Council at Pensacola, quoting text of returns of Writ of Election for Pensacola, Campbelltown, and Mobile; enclosed with Chester's July 8, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 126] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 197]
129. April 23, 1772 [277]

- Copy of minutes of the West Florida Council at Pensacola, concerning the prorogued Assembly and election process; enclosed with Chester's July 8, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 126] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 198]
130. July 9, 1772 [281]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing Council minutes [document 131] relating to Wegg's memorial concerning his inability to receive payment due him for his public service and expenses [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 199]
131. April 20, 1772 [285]
Extract from minutes of a West Florida Council meeting at Pensacola, quoting Wegg's memorial; support from the Council to ask Hillsborough to provide proper payment; enclosed with Chester's July 9, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 130] [pages 284-285 microfilmed twice] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 200]
132. July 10, 1772 [289]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing minutes of Council meetings [documents 133, 134] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 201]
133. May 14, 1772 [293]
Chester's certification of the authenticity of Council minutes; enclosed with Chester's July 10, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 132]
134. Copies of minutes of West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [295]
January 13, 1772: concerning a letter, whose text is quoted, of Richard Onslow, commander of His Majesty's ship *Diana*, stating that he intended to leave Pensacola; the Council's opinion and advice that he remain until his ship was relieved; concerning King's orders disallowing three West Florida acts dating from 1767 and 1769; including text of King's order disallowing acts concerning attachments and regulation of Marshal's proceedings, concerning attachments to debtors' estates, and concerning the sale of rum in Charlotte County; concerning clerk's salary payment due; concerning a land-grant petition of Thomas Conyers
January 28, 1772: concerning the election process; concerning a land-grant petitions of James Jones, Evan Jones, Edmund Rush Wegg, David Hodge, George Racinich [?], Philip Livingston Jr., Jacob Blackwell, James Bruce, William Godley, Alexander Macullagh, George Urquhart, John Allen Martin, John Lorimer, Renes Harpain de la Gautrais, Francis Poussett, Elias Durnford, William Wilton, James Lashly [extract of January 28 Council minutes in Board of Trade papers, Reel 2, document 196]
February 4, 1772: listing land grants signed; concerning land grant petitions of David Hodge, Neil McVeagh, John Crozer, James Chadwick, Elizabeth Chadwick, Thomas Creek, John Vaughan, James Ferguson, Colin Graham,

Richard Carr, Lieutenant William Barker, Duncan Campbell, Ensign William McPherson, Thomas Taylor Byrd, Lieutenant Thomas Usher, Prudence Selby, George Castle, John Scott, John Robinson, John Bristow Blackwell, Captain Richard Onslow, Robert Ross, Thomas Hardy, William Watson, George Browne, Charles Clark, Thomas Underwood, George Ross, Lieutenant Francis Downman, David Ross, James Amoss, Alexander McPherson, William Dutton, John Gradenigs [?], Thomas Organ, Anne Organ, Mary Organ, William Ogilvy, John Falconer, Thomas Boyd, Daniel Ward, Benjamin Ward, Fisher Fench, Thomas Rainsford Jr., Eleanor Rainsford, Alexander Ascott, Surgeon Edwin Thomas, Lieutenant John Jones, Francis Hutcheson, William Cox, William Matthews, John Campbell, Nicholas Christian, Francis Poussett, Jane Chestern, Rebecca Durnford, Anne Raincock, Rebecca Blackwell, Isabella Bruce, David Hodge, and Elizabeth Hodge

February 11, 1772: concerning construction of a government house; concerning land-grant petitions of Christmas Paul, Walter Young, William Paterson, Robert Barker, Robert Foley, Ephriam Wolfe, George Earl, Thomas Rawlinson, John Waugh, George Gould, Edmund Rush Wegg, Arthur Neil. Eleanor Neil, James Hamilton, Mary Martin, Elizabeth Augusta Martin, James Irving; list of land grants signed; concerning funds due the clerk of the Council and Assembly

February 17, 1772: concerning an incident with John Thomas, reported by inclusion of the text of an affidavit of John Fitzpatrick, dated Mobile, February 12, 1772, leading to a letter from the clerk to Thomas, text quoted; concerning construction of a government house; concerning land-grant petitions of Robert Foley, Philip Conyers, James Jones, Thomas Bentley, Arthur Struther, Benjamin Lackyer [?], Joseph Goodley, Glass Frazer, Landon Davis, Robert Davis, Lewis Davis, Lewis Curthbreath, John Waltaker

March 3, 1772: concerning petitions of Benjamin Lackyer, Edward Jones, Elizabeth Rochon, Joseph Barnard, F. Boudin, Augustine Rochon, Captain Anthony Forster, John Firby, Andrew Humber; concerning expenses in relation to the treaty with the Choctaw Indians; list of land grants signed

March 9, 1772: reporting the general assembly election results

April 7, 1772: concerning a petition, text included, from residents of Manchac, concerning the behavior of John Thomas, signed by eight individuals; including texts of letters of Thomas as justice of the peace, George Harrison and others at Manchac, and John Stuart, plus an affidavit of Henry Lefleur; conclusion of the Council that Thomas has been "*highly blameable both as a Magistrate and as Deputy Superintendent*" with recommendations that he be suspended from both positions

April 20, 1772: concerning memorial of Wegg, text quoted, seeking payments due him; Council recommendation to support payment through Hillsborough; continuation of the prorogue of the assembly; concerning King's order, text quoted, approving a land grant for Durnford; concerning land-grant petitions of Oliver Pollock, John Waugh, David Hodge, Philips Conyers, Stephen Woodhouse Gooding, Jacob Blackwell, Philip Livingston Jr., George Raincock, Alexander Macullagh, James Bruce, Captain Robert Montfort, David Holt, and Debdale Holt

April 23, 1772: concerning having sufficient numbers of elected Assembly members to lift the prorogue on it; decision to dissolve the Assembly
May 5, 1772: concerning land-grant petitions of Edward Chapman Bird, and Edmund Rush Wegg; concerning a petition of Deputy Provost Marshal Alexander Macullagh regarding land for a new jail
May 14, 1772: concerning land-grant petitions of Elias Durnford, James Nicholson, Henry Nicholson, and George Canty; list of land grants signed
All enclosed with Chester's July 10, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 132] [pages 294-295 microfilmed twice]

135. July 11, 1772 [413]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning issues surrounding the detention of certain ships, including packets [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 202]
136. July 12, 1772 [417]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning documenting land ownership in the Province and not allowing land owners to change the boundaries or locations of their land grants [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 203]
137. July 13, 1772 [421]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, expressing appreciation for Hillsborough's support for improvements on the Mississippi and Iberville Rivers and looking forward to receiving orders to proceed; expressing satisfaction for the King's policy, communicated to Gage and Haldimand, concerning the relationship between military and civil authorities [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 204]
138. July 14, 1772 [425]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, acknowledging receipt of circular and other letters, including news of the death of the Prince Dowager of Wales [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 205]
139. July 14, 1772 [429]
Letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Hillsborough, seeking permission for a leave of absence to return to England
140. November 4, 1772 [433]
Copy of letter from William Legge, 2nd Earl of Dartmouth, Secretary of State for the Colonies, at Whitehall to Chester, expressing approval of Chester's actions regarding Thomas and enforcing laws uniformly throughout the Province; support for Wegg's payment claim; other matters [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 59]

[Note: Dartmouth had succeeded Hillsborough as Secretary of State for the Colonies on August 27, 1772. On February 14, 1773, this was the first letter Chester received from Dartmouth. See Reel 7, document 14.]

141. August 12, 1772 [437]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning complications and James Bruce's unhappiness about his land grant, as granted under a mandamus; enclosing papers [documents 142, 143] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 220]
142. July 28, 1772 [441]
Extract from minutes of a Council meeting, concerning the Bruce land grant; enclosed with Chester's August 12, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 141] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 221]
143. July 30, 1772 [445]
Extract from minutes of a Council meeting, concerning the Bruce land grant; enclosed with Chester's August 12, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 141] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 222]
144. August 13, 1772 [449]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning land-ownership relations between West Florida, merchants at Augusta, Georgia, and the Creek Indians; paper enclosed [document 145] ; acknowledging receipt of the estimate for West Florida's civil government for 1772 [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 223]
145. August 4, 1772 [453]
Affidavit of Joseph Dawes, hireling of William Gregory, Indian trader with the Creek nation, concerning the situation with the Augusta traders; enclosed with Chester's August 13, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 144] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 224]
146. August 14, 1772 [457]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing a map of the eastern part of the Province, as well as drawings and specimens of flowers [enclosures not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 225]
147. August 15, 1772 [461]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning documentation of land grants made
148. December 9, 1772 [465]
Copy of letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, responding to Chester concerning the land boundaries between Georgia and West Florida, the matter of

Bruce's land grant dispute, and other matters [copy in Secretary of State letters
Reel 20, document 60]

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1. October 26, 1772 [1]
Letter from Peter Chester, Governor of West Florida, at Pensacola, to Wills Hill, the Earl of Hillsborough, Secretary of State for the Colonies, concerning the Catholic inhabitants of Mobile; concerning the King's disallowance of West Florida acts from 1770 and 1771; other matters [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 227]
[Note: On August 27, 1772, William Legge, 2nd Earl of Dartmouth, had succeeded Hillsborough as Secretary of State for the Colonies, a fact that did not reach West Florida until February 14, 1773. See document 14.]
2. October 27, 1772 [5]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, noting the King's orders concerning the behavior of John Thomas, Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs on the Mississippi River and a justice of the peace, in relation to merchants at Manchac and the Spanish; updating Hillsborough about the Thomas situation [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 228]
3. October 28, 1772 [11]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting minutes of Council meetings [minutes not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 229]
4. November 16, 1772 [15]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, enclosing a letter by John McIntosh, a trader with the Chickasaw Indians, to Charles Stuart, deputy superintendent of Indian affairs in the Southern District; describing the situation and context of the letter relating to Indian affairs [document 5] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 235]
5. September 3, 1772 [19]
Copy of letter from John McIntosh, at the Chickasaw Nation, to Charles Stuart, concerning Indian relations with the Creek, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Indians to the north, toward Illinois; enclosed with Chester's November 16, 1772 letter to

Hillsborough [document 4] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 236]

6. November 17, 1772 [23]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting minutes of Council meetings [documents 7, 8] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 237]
7. November 17, 1772 [15]
Certification of authenticity of Council minutes by Chester; enclosed with Chester's November 17, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 6]
8. Minutes of West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola: [29]
August 1, 1772: Minutes of West Florida Council meeting at Pensacola, concerning land grant petitions of Philip Trott, Edward Carroll, John Crachatt; list of land grants signed;
August 1, 1772 (later in the day): list of land grants signed
August 4, 1772: concerning a letter dated August 3, 1772, at Pensacola, from James Bruce, customs officer at Pensacola and individual property owner, text quoted, about a mandamus and quit-rent land-grant issue; concerning land-grant petitions of Noah Phillips, Patrick Strachan, Richard Carrigin, John Southwell, Barnard Romans, Patrick Foley; sworn report from Joseph Dawes, Indian trader, recently arrived from the Creek Nation; list of land grants signed
August 6, 1772: concerning a land-grant petition of Patrick Strachan; list of land grants signed

August 15, 1772: concerning petition, text quoted, of Jean Francois Angias, late master and commander of the French brigantine *Languedoc*, seeking permission to sell his cargo because of his particular situation although not a British commander of a British ship
August 17, 1772: concerning a letter from Pensacola merchants Evan and James Jones, text quoted, about a certificate needed in relation to the cargo of the brigantine *Languedoc*; other related documents and sworn statements
August 20, 1772: concerning an affidavit, text quoted, of Pascal Teste, in relation to the *Languedoc* cargo matter and another affidavit, text quoted, of William Cox
August 28, 1772: concerning opinions from the Attorney General of West Florida about disposing of the cargo of the brigantine *Languedoc*
September 1, 1772: concerning land-grant petitions of Joseph Blackwell, John Vaughan, Thomas Creek, George Urquhart, Thomas Taylor Byrd, Neil McVeagh, Richard Carr, William McPherson, Thomas Hardy, John Falconer, Michael Hooter, Innis Hooper, Michael Cradles, Anthony Hutchins, Samuel Wells, William Ratcliff, William Joyner, Sarah Holmes, William Alexander, Absalom Hooper, Daniel Perry, Arthur Strother, Quin John Truman, Oliver Pollock, James Bruce, James Chadwick, Thomas Boyd, James Ferguson, Jonathan Ogden, Bernard Romans;

All enclosed with Chester's November 17, 1772 letter to Hillsborough [document 6]

9. October 6, 1772 [79]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, concerning the affair with the French brigantine *Languedoc*, on its way to Marseilles, which had arrived in Pensacola in "distress" and had asked permission to unload its cargo to make the ship seaworthy again or to obtain another ship; describing the ensuing events and actions taken, including that the Captain Augias had placed his cargo on the British ship *Planter* and was on his way to London; expressing need to supply this information so that this strange story would be accurately understood in London [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 232]
10. August 15, 17, 20, 28, 1772 [95]
Extract from minutes of a four-day Council meeting, concerning the *Languedoc* situation [same content as certified minutes of the same dates in document 8] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 233]
11. October 7, 1772 [107]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Hillsborough, transmitting a map of West Florida [map not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 234]
12. [no date] [111]
Estimate for the civil government of West Florida from June 24, 1772 through June 24, 1773, totaling £7,274.13.6 [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 63]
13. March 3, 1773 [115]
Copy of letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, commending Chester for his handling of the *Languedoc* situation and other recent matters
14. February 17, 1773 [119]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, acknowledging receipt on February 14, 1773 of the announcement of Dartmouth's August 27, 1772 appointment as Secretary of State for the Colonies; congratulating him [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 238]
15. February 18, 1773 [123]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, acknowledging receipt of a draft clause to be inserted in colonial governors' commissions; offering no objection to it [pages 122-123 microfilmed twice] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 239]
16. February 19, 1773 [127]

- Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, transmitting Council minutes [document 17]; concerning anticipated entry of a British warship into the Mississippi River to enforce British trade laws; enclosing Rodney letter [document 18] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 240]
17. December 15, 1772 [131]
Minutes of a Council meeting, concerning British built ships, sold to French merchants in the West Indies, that are now trading directly with foreign ports; and that, as a result, a British warship is to go into the Mississippi River; Council concurrence with this plan; enclosed with Chester's February 19, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 16]
 18. January 26, 1773 [135]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to British Admiral George Brydges Rodney at Jamaica, concerning the trade issue in the Mississippi River; enclosed with Chester's February 19, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 16]
 19. February 20, 1773 [139]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, reporting on a dispute between Chester and officers in the Ordnance Department of the Province relating to the authority of the governor; enclosing a petition [document 20] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 241]
 20. November 15, 1772 [147]
Petition to Chester of William Jackson, ordnance smith, reporting the beating of a boy by an ordnance engineer, requesting an inquiry into the matter; enclosed with Chester's February 20, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 19] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 242]
 21. February 21, 1773 [151]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, enclosing minutes of Council meetings [not microfilmed here] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 243]
 22. June 10, 1773 [155]
Copy of letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, supporting Rodney's naval presence in the Mississippi River; passing on to the British Ordnance Office Chester's information about problems in the West Florida ordnance department but warning that interference by a colonial governor in internal department matters is not proper
 23. July 5, 1773 [159]
Copy of letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, concerning Mobile's minister, Rev. William Gordon's plea for a housing allowance; enclosing Gordon's petition [document 24] [pages 158-159 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 65]

24. March 18, 1773 [163]
Petition to Dartmouth of Rev. Gordon at Mobile, requesting a housing allowance; clerk's note "*Gov' Chester directed to pay him £14 Pr ann out of Contingent Fund, July 5, 1773*"
25. May 15, 1773 [167]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning issues relating to the ongoing rental of the house owned by Major General Frederick Haldimand, late commander of British forces in West Florida, as the governor's house; enclosing letter from Haldimand [document 26] [pages 166-167 microfilmed twice] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 244]
26. April 20, 1773 [171]
Copy of letter from Haldimand at Pensacola to Chester, expressing willingness to sell the house to the government for £1,600 sterling; enclosed with Chester's May 15, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 25] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 245]
Note: In June 1773, General Thomas Gage, commander of British forces in North America, left New York for a leave of absence in England, and Haldimand was assigned his temporary successor. See minutes of an April 7, 1773 West Florida Council meeting in document 30. Haldimand never returned to live in Pensacola.]
27. May 15, 1773 [175]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning a contact from "northern gentlemen" wishing to settle up the Mississippi River, seeking support from West Florida; also a New Jersey minister who has brought some of his parishioners to settle at Natchez
28. May 17, 1773 [179]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, enclosing minutes of Council meetings [documents 29, 30] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 247]
29. May 13, 1773 [183]
Certification by Chester of the authenticity of the minutes forwarded; enclosed with Chester's May 17, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 28]
30. Minutes of West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola: [185]
January 18, 1773: concerning land-grant petitions of Thomas Bentley, Andrew Rainsford, William Murray, Captain Fiby [?] Maurice Conner, John Waugh, Peter de Forge, Peter de Forge, Charles Blanchard, Thomas Little
February 3, 1773: concerning a petition from a reduced staff officer John Sommers; concerning a land-grant petition of William Wilton

February 24, 1773: concerning a petition relating to malefactions by a justice of the peace

February 27, 1773: concerning the justice of the peace malefactions situation

March 3, 1773: concerning land-grant petitions of Alice Blommart, Patrick Strachan, Lieutenant John Thomas, John Waugh, William Ogilvy, Alexander Falconer, George Urquhart, Thomas Topham, George Castle; concerning a petition of Rhodam Home, commander of the provincial vessel

March 5, 1773: concerning a memorial to Chester from Colonel Israel Putnam, Captain Roger Enos, Mr. Thaddeus Lyman, and Lieutenant Rufus Putnam, who have organized an irregular force of "Adventurers" to support the West Florida colony, which the Council praised

April 7, 1773: concerning a land-grant petition of Charles Stuart; announcing that General Gage had been granted a leave of absence, and that, in his place, Major General Haldimand would be moving to New York

April 19, 1773: concerning a group, members present and listed, wishing to settle in the Natchez area; concerning land-grant petitions of George Urquhart, Frederick Haldimand (concerning clarification of land for military purposes), Wills Escott; list of one land grant signed

31. May 18, 1773 [211]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, expressing satisfaction at Dartmouth's support for various of Chester's policies and actions [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 248]
32. May 19, 1773 [215]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, expressing satisfaction that Dartmouth supports his policy toward James Bruce's land transaction case; hoping to proceed with improvements between the Mississippi and Iberville Rivers planned previously with Hillsborough's support; concerning land grants to expand the province's prosperity; promoting West Florida as having potential to become "*one of the most growing flourishing and happy Colonies on the Continent of North America*" [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 249]
33. May 13, 1773 [223]
Letter from Edmund Rush Wegg, Attorney General of West Florida, at Pensacola, to Dartmouth, requesting payment of past due salary and expenses
34. August 4, 1773 [227]
Letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, taking into consideration the purchase of Haldimand's house; informing Chester that a Mr. Chapman is on his way as new minister at Pensacola; stating that the status of land grants in West Florida will be determined when the King decides on a general land ownership policy for all of the western areas in the colonies [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 66]

35. August 26, 1773 [231]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, expressing great satisfaction at learning that the Queen had “*brought to bed of a Prince*” [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 250]
36. August 27, 1773 [235]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, expressing satisfaction at Dartmouth’s support of his actions in relation to the *Languedoc*; expressing unhappiness that the map he sent has been lost; acknowledging receipt of notification of this year’s estimate for West Florida’s civil establishment [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 251]
37. August 28, 1773 [239]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, reporting on a “barbarous” murder and robbery by British subjects of three Frenchmen and two Negroes up the Mississippi River near Natchez; enclosing papers, including correspondence with the Spanish governor on the matter [documents 38-40]
38. July 30, 1773 [243]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Spanish Governor Luis Unzaga e Amezaga, at New Orleans, responding to Unzaga’s letter to him about the barbarous murders on the Mississippi River; expressing satisfaction that the Spanish apprehended the murderers and cooperated in turning him over to British authorities; enclosed with Chester’s August 28, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 37]
39. June 8, 1773 [247]
Letter from Unzaga, written in Spanish, to Chester, concerning the murders on the Mississippi River; enclosed with Chester’s August 28, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 37]
40. July 1, 1773 [251]
Copy of letter from George Urquhart at Sempas Vale Mississippi, to Chester, being delivered along with the three persons charged with the murders on the Mississippi River, describing the crimes; raising issues of protection and law enforcement up the Mississippi River; enclosed with Chester’s August 28, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 37]
41. August 29, 1773 [255]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, enclosing minutes of Council meetings from April 19 through July 10, 1773 [documents 42, 43] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 252]
42. August 28, 1773 [259]
Chester’s certification of authenticity of the Council minutes; enclosed with Chester’s August 29, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 41]

43. Copies of minutes of West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [261]
May 4, 1773: concerning land-grant petitions of William Gostling, Elenor Neil, Major John Small, Frederick Haldimand, Andrew Rainsford; listing land grants signed
May 12, 1773: concerning a letter, text inserted, dated April 14, 1773 from Rodney at Jamaica relating to sending British warships up the Mississippi River; list of land grants signed
June 2, 1773: concerning petition of Thomas Hutchins and others, from Pennsylvania, wishing to settle in an area southwest of Natchez and requesting a land grant; concerning petitions of Arthur Clarke, a reduced navy lieutenant, William Chester, a reduced subaltern, David Dickson, a reduced brigade major, each seeking a land grant; concerning land grant petitions of John Stephenson, Luke Home, Thomas Hutchins, Elihu Hall Bay, William Cadwallader, Jerome Matulick, Charles Dumoine, Henry Milton, Charles Loreinses, John Watkins, William Webster, Patrick Strachan [extract of June 2, 1773 minutes concerning Hutchins in Board of Trade papers Reel 3, document 19]
June 17, 1773: concerning surveyor fees
June 25, 1773: receiving report of the committee to look into surveyor fees, text of report inserted
July 7, 1773: concerning a mandamus and petition of Phineas Lyman granted by the King, text inserted, allowing an opportunity to establish a settlement of "*foreign Protestants or Persons that shall be brought from his Majesty's other Colonies in North America*"; concerning land-grant petitions of Jacob Winfree, Joseph Blackwell, William Strother; list of a land grant signed
July 9, 1773: concerning petitions of "*Colonel Israel Putnam, Roger Enos, Rufus Putnam and Thaddeus Lyman on behalf of themselves and the Company of Military Adventurers*" and of the same persons "*and their associates*" relating to exploration up the Mississippi River and proposed settlement at the confluence of the Mississippi and Yazoo Rivers; concerning petition of Wait Goodrich and his associates relating to the Company of Military Adventurers' settlement plans
July 10, 1773: concerning land-grant petitions of Peter Van Brugh Livingston, Evan Jones and James Jones
All enclosed with Chester's August 29 , 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 41]
44. December 1, 1773 [295]
Copy of letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, stating that Chester's conduct concerning the murders on the Mississippi River was proper [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 67]
45. [no date] [299]
Copy of "*An attempt towards a short Description of West Florida*", containing a detailed description, organized geographically, of places, rivers, settlements, and resources in West Florida; notation at end "*Copied from the Original and general Map of West Florida drawn by B. Romans July 22, 1773*" [probably written by Elias Durnford; see document 48]

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46. January 8, 1774 [1]
Copy of letter from William Legge, 2nd Earl of Dartmouth, Secretary of State for the Colonies, at Whitehall, to Peter Chester, Governor of West Florida, instructing Chester to approve a 5,000 acre land grant for Mr. Cater, “*a foreigner of Rank*”
[**Note:** Perhaps Thomas George Cater of Antwerp. Copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 68; see also Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 181 and Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 3]
47. January 15, 1774 [5]
Letter from Elias Durnford, Lieutenant Governor of West Florida, on leave in London, to Dartmouth, writing as the province’s engineer, concerning the need for a government house and proper church in Pensacola
48. January 15, 1774 [9]
Letter from Durnford at London to Dartmouth, enclosing a description of West Florida and encouragement of poor settlers for Dartmouth’s consideration in the interest of encouraging the development of the province [documents 49, 50]
49. [no date] [13]
“*A Description of West Florida with the State of It’s Settlements*”; a description similar to but different from the “*Attempt toward a Short Description*” not attributed to Durnford but perhaps also by him [document 45]; enclosed with Durnford’s January 15, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 48]
50. [no date] [29]
“*Encouragement for Poor Settlers in West Florida*”, in particular those from “*Back Settlements of the more Southern Provinces*”; plans for encouraging such settlers to come to West Florida; enclosed with Durnford’s January 15, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 48]
51. March 2, 1774 [33]
Copy of letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, enclosing copies of a petition of Arthur Neil and a memorial of Lieutenant of Engineers John Campbel, both complaining about injustices in the conduct of William Clifton, Chief Justice

of West Florida; reminding Chester of the importance of maintaining justice in all the colonies [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 69]

52. "Wednesday Morning" [37]
Note perhaps from Mr. Vokes [see document 54, same handwriting] concerning Campbel's request to meet with Dartmouth about his memorial
53. [no date] [41]
Memorial to Dartmouth of Campbel, concerning alleged injustices to his character on the part of Clifton; seeking relief; clerk's note "*Referred to Gov' Chester March 1774*"
54. February 17, 1774 [45]
Note from Mr. Vokes forwarding petition of Arthur Neil to Dartmouth
55. [no date] [49]
Petition to Dartmouth from Neil, concerning past injustices in the conduct of Clifton
56. December 1, 1773 [53]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, acknowledging receipt of an order from the King dated April 7, 1773, which is being implemented
57. December 2, 1773 [57]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning payment of the minister at Mobile for housing; expressing joy at soon obtaining a minister at Pensacola; stating his continuing enthusiasm for interior settlements but restraining such settlements until the King's policy is known
58. December 3, 1773 [61]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, acknowledging receipt of letters, copies of parliamentary acts concerning America, and the King's speech to Parliament
59. December 4, 1773 [65]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning the need for more effective administration of Justice, as represented by Attorney General Edmund Rush Wegg and Chief Justice Clifton, in the interior parts of the province; enclosing papers [documents 60, 61] [pages 64-65 microfilmed twice]
60. November 25, 1773 [69]
Copy of letter from Wegg at Pensacola to Chester, concerning the administration of justice in interior West Florida; enclosed with Chester's December 4, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 59]
61. November 30, 1773 [73]

- Copy of letter from Clifton at Pensacola to Chester, concerning the administration of justice in interior West Florida; enclosed with Chester's December 4, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document t 59]
62. December 5, 1773 [77]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, enclosing Council minutes from July 21 through September 13, 1773 [documents 63, 64]
 63. September 13, 1773 [81]
Chester's certification of authenticity of Council minutes transmitted to Dartmouth; [enclosed with Chester's December 5, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 62]
 64. Copies of West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [83]
July 21, 1773: concerning charges against the alleged murderers of three Frenchmen and two Negroes up the Mississippi River
July 23, 1773: concerning a land grant petition of Colonel Anthony Hutchins; concerning the land-grant petition received from the Committee of Military Adventurers; list of land grants signed
August 25, 1773: concerning land-grant petitions of Patrick Morgan, Alexander Dickson, John White, George Raincock, William Godley, James Bruce, Benjamin Marlow, Captain William Hay, reduced Brigade Major John Small, Captain FitzMaurice Conner, John Morisen, Charles Blanchard, John Waugh; concerning Dartmouth's instructions concerning settlement up the Iberville and Mississippi Rivers; list of land grants signed
September 1, 1773: concerning a land grant petition of James Bruce
September 19, 1773: concerning Bruce's petition; [enclosed with Chester's December 5, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 62]]
 65. December 20, 1773 [103]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, enclosing a statement of the state of land grants in the province [document 66]
 66. [no date] [107]
"A State of All Grants of Land" in West Florida, whether by family right or purchase, since Chester's arrival on August 10, 1770 to November 4, 1773; list by date, name of grantee, situation of the land, and number of acres by type of grant; total of 184 grantee names, with some duplication of names, most with multiple grants; enclosed with Chester's December 20, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 65] [pages 106-107 microfilmed twice]
 67. October 22, 1773 [115]
Letter from James Bruce at Pensacola to Dartmouth, enclosing a memorial concerning his land-grant desires and rights [document 68]
 68. October 22, 1773 [119]

Petition to Dartmouth of James Bruce at Pensacola, concerning his land-grant desires and rights, with details, documentation, and an account of money expended on patents for "his" land [pages 122-123 microfilmed twice] [enclosed with Bruce's October 22, 1773 letter to Dartmouth [document 67]

69. [no date] [127]
Estimate for the civil establishment of West Florida from June 24, 1773 to June 24, 1774, totaling £4,850
70. June 4, 1774 [131]
Copy of letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, stating that the King's policy on settlement on the Mississippi River has still not been settled; stating that James Bruce's petition to move his land grant seems to have merit
71. March 7, 1774 [135]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning relations with the Creek and Choctaw Indians and the safety of settlers, enclosing papers [documents 72, 73]
72. January 27, 1774 [141]
"Extract of a Letter from David Taitt Commissary in the Creek Nation" to Chester, describing details of violence of Indians against settlers; enclosed with Chester's March 7, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 71]
73. January 29, 1774 [145]
Copy of letter from Taitt to [Chester?], with more details on Indian violence; enclosed with Chester's March 7, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 71]
74. March 8, 1774 [149]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, supporting the settlement of Connecticut settlers in the interior, northern part of West Florida; enclosing papers [document 75]
75. March 5, 1774 [153]
Memorial to Chester of Major Timothy Hurlihy, Captain John Ellsworth, John Kirby, Hugh White Jr., and Thomas Lyman, all of the Company of Military Adventurers, at Pensacola, and their associates in Connecticut, seeking to settle in the interior; hoping for approval, through the King's policy, of their settling there; reporting that some settlement has already started; enclosed with Chester's March 8, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 74]
76. March 9, 1774 [161]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning the need for a minister to replace Rev. Nathaniel Cotton, who died in July 1771; seeking approval to pay Rev. William Gordon some or all of Rev. Cotton's unused salary

to support Gordon's providing minister services occasionally in Pensacola, as he has been doing

77. March 10, 1774 [165]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, stating his inability to procure requested information in a timely manner because of the need to obtain it directly from settlers in the interior
78. March 11, 1774 [169]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, enclosing minutes of the Council from September 13 to December 22, 1773 [documents 79, 80]
79. December 22, 1774 [173]
Chester's certification of the authenticity of Council minutes; enclosed in Chester's March 11, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 78]
80. Minutes of several West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola: [175]
September 27, 1773: concerning land-grant petitions of Captain Amos Ogden and associates, Garret Rapalje [?] and associates, James Willing, William Wilton, Major John Small reduced brigade major, George Carter, Thomas Topham, Prisaeur [?] Libby; list of land grants signed
October 6, 1773: concerning dispatches received from Dartmouth, including, text quoted, the King's orders of April 7, 1773, concerning control over approving new settlements through the Board of Trade and Plantations; concerning settlers coming in large numbers from northern colonies, many wishing to settle in the interior; other matters concerning land grants; concerning land grant petitions of Charles Clarke, Captain Amos Ogden, and Colonel John Dalling
October 20, 1773: concerning a letter from Rodney, now stationed at Pensacola, complaining about the inhabitants' disrespect for the Navy personnel and property, especially the Navy garden; Council's opinion that Rodney has been misinformed
November 4, 1773: concerning certain expense accounts; concerning land-grant petitions of Daniel Perry, reduced non-commissioned officer William Southall, reduced staff officer William Marshall; one land grant signed
November 24, 1773: the swearing in of two new Council members, including, text quoted, the oath administered
December 1, 1773: concerning land-grant petitions of reduced lieutenant Philip Brown, reduced lieutenant William McIntosh; concerning letter from Stuart about Indian affairs and letter from Deputy Superintendent John Thomas at Charleston, dated October 3, 1778, text quoted
December 2, 1773: including text of a response letter to Thomas dated December 2, 1773 at Pensacola, with directions from Chester; including a letter to David Hodge, text quoted, up the Mississippi, with information about Thomas' letter to be shared with people at Manchac; concerning a circular letter from Dartmouth, dated Whitehall July 5, 1773, text quoted, requiring that detailed

information about commerce and inhabitants be compiled and sent to England; including text of 22 questions to be answered in the required report
December 4, 1773: Chester submitting a “minute” containing tasks to be completed by the clerk
December 22, 1773: concerning land-grant petitions of reduced captain William Johnston, reduced lieutenant Alexander Fowler
All enclosed with Chester’s March 11, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 78]

81. April 2, 1774 [211]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, reporting further violent actions against settlers by Creek Indians
82. July 6, 1774 [215]
Copy of letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, concerning Chester’s handling of Indian affairs; denying special consideration for settlements for the Company of Military Adventurers [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 73]
83. June 4, 1774 [219]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, expecting further hostilities on the part of the Indians along the Georgia and West Florida boundaries; related matters of Indian affairs
84. June 5, 1774 [227]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning safety and security in Pensacola, given the threat of Indian violence; renewing requests for fortifications, arms, and ordnance
85. June 6, 1774 [235]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, reporting on prosecution of English subjects charged with the robbery and murder of two Frenchmen and two Negroes and especially on its high cost; enclosing papers [document 86, 87]
86. [no date] [239]
“An Account of the different Sums paid on Account of the Prosecution carried on against Innis] Hooper and [Charles] Holmes who were lately executed for the Robbery which they committed on the Mississippi in December 1772”; total amount £248.10.3½; enclosed with Chester’s June 6, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 85]
87. May 24, 1774 [243]
Copy of letter from Wegg at Pensacola to Chester, describing the difficulties of the prosecution of Hooper and Holmes
88. June 7, 1774 [247]

Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning the need for a pilot on the Mississippi River, enclosing papers [documents 89-92]

89. April 20, 1774 [257]
Copy of petition to Chester from "*Masters of Vessels and others Trading in the River Mississippi*", concerning the need for a "*proper English pilot*" to assist British ships up and down the river; signed by 18 individuals; enclosed with Chester's June 7, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 88] [pages 256-259 microfilmed twice]
- Public Record Office printed form indicating that a plan of the mouths of the Mississippi, enclosed with Chester's June 7, 1774 letter to Dartmouth was removed to the Map Room (map room reference M.P.G.530), dated October 21, 1929 [254]
90. [no date] [255]
"*A Plan of the Mouths of the Mississippi by George Gould M.A.*", "*For the Right Honourable The Earl of Dartmouth*"; enclosed with Chester's June 7, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 88]
91. January 7, 1770 [257]
Extract of letter from George Gould at Pensacola to Arthur Forrest, then commander of British ships at Jamaica Station, concerning boundaries of Spanish territories as of that time; enclosed with Chester's June 7, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 88]
[Note: Forrest died in Jamaica on May 26, 1770.]
92. [no date] [261]
Proclamation by Chester appointing John Salkeld to perform the duties of pilot for English vessels on the Mississippi River; enclosed with Chester's June 7, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 88]
93. June 8, 1774 [265]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, enclosing copies of minutes of Council meetings from December 22, 1773 to March 28, 1774; enclosing minutes [documents 94, 95]
94. March 28, 1774 [269]
Chester's certification of the authenticity of Council minutes; enclosed with Chester's June 8, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 93]
95. Copies of minutes of the West Florida Council at Pensacola: [271]
February 11, 1774: concerning the petition from the Company of Military Adventurers, including text of a letter to Chester dated November 5, 1773 and extract minutes of company meetings held on November 3, 4 and December 2 1773 at Hartford, Connecticut, detailing plans to go ahead with the settlement of

townships in the West Florida interior despite royal limitations placed on the West Florida government concerning interior settlement; concerning Indian affairs matters, including text of a letter from David Taitt, deputy superintendent of Indian affairs to the Creek Indians, at Little Tallassie, dated June 27, 1774; concerning security in Pensacola; concerning land-grant petitions of reduced staff officer Patrick Young, reduced lieutenant Turbutt Francis, reduced subaltern James Quincy

March 5, 1774: concerning a memorial and a petition of Hurlihy and others of the Company of Military Adventurers, arguing the case for their settlement plans; other matters

March 7, 1774: concerning the custody of several prisoners charged with various crimes

March 26, 1774: concerning violence by Creek Indians against settlers and security in Pensacola; concerning a memorial of Alexander McIntosh of Point Coupé; concerning land-grant petitions of reduced staff officer James Barbut; list of land grants signed

March 28, 1774: concerning establishing pickets around Pensacola for security
All enclosed with Chester's March 28, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 93]

96. June 9, 1774 [309]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, expressing pleasure that Dartmouth is pleased with his efforts and is supporting his efforts for security and settlement in West Florida
97. June 10, 1774 [313]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, notifying Chester that a land grant of 5,000 acres has been approved for Cater, at a location of his choice; Chester requesting that a similar grant be approved for himself
98. June 11, 1774 [317]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, acknowledging receipt of printed copies of speeches by the King to Parliament
99. June 12, 1774 [321]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, acknowledging receipt of a directive to send out flags, colors, and tools for use in the province; but reporting not yet having received these items
100. October 5, 1774 [325]
Copy of letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, expressing the expectation that the latest altercations with the Creek Indians will be overcome and peaceful relations restored; stating uncertainty about the reasonableness of the expenses for prosecuting the robber/murderers; agreeing on the necessity of a Mississippi River pilot but unsure without more information about whether Chester's actions toward a pilot so far have been proper and unsure about the

boundary among islands in the river between Spain and Britain [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 74]

101. September 6, 1774 [331]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, acknowledging receipt of directions from Dartmouth concerning the granting of land; expressing confusion about the intent of one section [pages 332-333 microfilmed twice]
102. September 7, 1774 [335]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning having received from Dartmouth a petition from Arthur Neil and a memorial of Lieutenant John Campbel complaining of unjust behavior on the part of Chief Justice Clifton, describing the situation; enclosing papers [documents 103-106]
103. August 30, 1774 [339]
Memorial to Chester of Clifton at Pensacola concerning the allegations of his unjust behavior, offering lengthy and detailed defense of his actions; enclosed with Chester's September 7, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 102]
104. [no date] [351]
Extract of a libel case record in the Court of Admiralty of West Florida; enclosed with Chester's September 7, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 102]
105. November 20, 1764 [355]
Copy of extract from the journal of a Georgia General Assembly Upper House meeting offering commendations for Clifton's work there then, signed by Charles Watson, C.G.A.; enclosed with Chester's September 7, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 102]
106. November 20, 1764 [357]
Copy of extract from the journal of a Georgia General Assembly Lower House meeting offering commendations for Clifton's work there then, signed by Watson; enclosed with Chester's September 7, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 102]
107. September 8, 1774 [359]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the King's speech to Parliament and of an act of Parliament pertaining to West Florida
108. September 9, 1774 [363]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, expressing pleasure at the news that the Queen had birthed a healthy prince baby
109. September 10, 1774 [367]

Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning Spanish seizure of a merchant ship on the Mississippi near New Orleans, owned by Joseph Nash of Rhode Island, enclosing papers [documents 110-113]

110. July 17, 1774 [371]
Copy of memorial to Chester of Joseph Nash, who lost his cargo and ship; seeking redress, in light of Spain's alleged violation of the treaty between Spain and Britain; including a lengthy, detailed, itemized accounting of the value of his lost property; including texts of supporting papers; enclosed with Chester's September 10, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 109]
111. May 16, 1774 [415]
Copy of letter from [?] at Pensacola to Chester, concerning seizure of Nash's vessel; enclosed with Chester's September 10, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 109]
112. June 17, 1774 [419]
Copy of letter, written in Spanish, from Spanish Louisiana Governor Luis Unzaga e Amezaga, at New Orleans, to Chester, concerning the seizure of Nash's vessel; enclosed with Chester's September 10, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 109]
113. June 17, 1774 [423]
Translation into English of the letter from Unzaga at New Orleans to Chester, concerning the seizure of Nash's vessel, contesting that the existing treaty allows either open navigation or open trade on the river; explaining his actions in relation to the ship and its cargo; enclosed with Chester's September 10, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 109]
114. September 11, 1774 [427]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, announcing that, since Alexander McPherson, deputy clerk of the crown, had died, Chester had replaced him with John Allen Martin
115. September 12, 1774 [431]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, enclosing minutes of Council meetings from December 22, 1773 to June 13, 1774 [minutes not microfilmed here]
116. December 10, 1774 [435]
Copy of letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, expressing the need to stick to the King's policy on land grants [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 75]

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1. September 22, 1774 [1]
Letter from West Florida Governor Peter Chester at Pensacola to Secretary of State for the Colonies William Legge, 2nd Earl of Dartmouth, reporting having appointed Elihu Hall Bay as deputy judge of the admiralty, replacing the deceased Alexander McPherson in one of his positions
2. September 23, 1774 [5]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning a land-grant petition of Valens Stephen Comyn
3. September 24, 1774 [9]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, reporting dismay that a determination still has not been made about settlement of the western, interior part of West Florida; reporting that he is providing a land-grant patent for James Bruce, customs collector at Pensacola, as directed by the King; reporting the death of Mr. Cater in the Mississippi River, probably before he learned that his land-grant request had been approved by the King [see Reel 7, document 46]
4. September 25, 1774 [13]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, acknowledging receipt of two acts of Parliament, which he has made public.
5. September 26, 1774 [17]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning construction of batteries and provision of ordnance and ordnance stores for West Florida, enclosing a paper [not microfilmed here]
6. October 9, 1774 [21]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning the routing of packets to deliver mail to West Florida, so as to increase the regularity of delivery; enclosing a petition [document 7]
7. September 25, 1774 [25]

- Copy of petition to Chester of merchants and inhabitants of Pensacola, requesting that the current packet be delayed for a few days and that packet arrivals be made more regular; signed by William Clifton, chief justice of West Florida and 26 other individuals [enclosed with Chester's October 9, 1774 letter to Dartmouth [document 6]]
8. February 1, 1775 [29]
Copy of letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, responding to Chester's appointments, the Comyn land-grant petition, the request for a more regular packet schedule [pages 28-29 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 76]
 9. January 21, 1775 [33]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, reporting on a trip made to the western part of the province, up the Mississippi River as far as Natchez
 10. January 22, 1775 [37]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, reporting that a circular letter dated July 6, 1774 stopping all trade with the Creek Indians was being observed, after having been received belatedly in January, after Chester's return from his trip up the Mississippi River
 11. January 23, 1775 [41]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning providing a pilot to guide boat traffic in the lower Mississippi River; enclosing a paper [document 12]
 12. [no date] [45]
Extract from answers responding to the Secretary of State's request for information about the state and situation of West Florida; includes question II, relating to the province's boundaries; enclosed with Chester's January 23, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 11]
[Note: This may refer to one answer to one question contained in Dartmouth's July 5, 1773 circular letter requiring each colony to respond to 22 detailed questions about its state and situation. See the text of Dartmouth's questions quoted in the West Florida Council minutes of December 2, 1773, within Reel 7, document 80.]
 13. January 24, 1775 [57]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, acknowledging receipt of approved estimate for West Florida's civil establishment for 1775 totaling £4,050, as well as several acts of Parliament and a speech by the King to the House of Commons
 14. March 3, 1775 [61]

Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, conveying a petition [document 15] from West Florida merchant Alexander Moore, which Chester has not been able to redress

15. March 1, 1775 [65]
Petition to Dartmouth from Moore, seeking reimbursement for destroyed property in the Pensacola fort; enclosed with Chester's March 3, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 14]
16. June 2, 1775 [69]
Copy of letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, supporting on humanitarian grounds a memorial from Elizabeth Phillips that she receive a land grant; memorial enclosed [document 17] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 80]
17. [no date] [73]
Copy of memorial to Dartmouth and the Board of Trade, of Elizabeth Phillips, requesting that her late husband's land grant be granted to her; enclosed with Dartmouth's June 2, 1775 letter to Chester
18. [no date] [77]
Copy of memorial to Dartmouth of Elias Durnford, chief engineer and surveyor general of West Florida, as well as lieutenant governor, requesting an increase in the pay for laborers doing surveying work
19. September 1, 1775 [81]
Copy of letter from Dartmouth at Whitehall to Chester, requiring that Chester investigate and report on a complaint received from the Spanish ambassador concerning alleged activities by British settlers to induce Indians in Spanish territory to renounce allegiance to the Spanish and accept allegiance to the British; requiring that Chester take action to ensure that such activities are not engaged in by West Florida settlers [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 82]
20. April 22, 1775 [85]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, reporting that the entire £2,550 allocated for construction of a new government house at Pensacola has been expended, but the house is not completed; explaining the situation and offering suggestions for additional funding; concerning other road and bridge construction needs [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 3, document 4]
21. June 9, 1775 [89]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, expressing pleasure that the King has granted him certain authority to make land grants for new settlements
22. June 10, 1775 [93]

Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, acknowledging receipt of various royal orders and speech by the King to Parliament; expressing support for “*His Majesty’s firm and steadfast Resolution to withstand every attempt to weaken, or impair the authority of the Supreme Legislature...against the unwarrantable pretensions which have been held forth by artful and designing men*”

23. June 11, 1775 [97]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, enclosing [document 24], as requested, a “*State of the Council of this Province*”
24. June 11, 1775 [101]
List of the Council members, including reasons for any absence; signed by Chester; enclosed with Chester’s June 11, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 23]
25. October 4, 1775 [105]
Copy of letter from John Pownall, deputy secretary of state for the colonies, at Whitehall, in Dartmouth’s brief absence, to Chester, informing Chester that dispatches are no longer safely conveyed through Charleston to London and that Chester should send all future dispatches via Jamaica [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 83]
26. August 5, 1775 [109]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, avowing his and his fellow West Floridians’ loyalty to the Crown, their support for the “*moderation of Parliament,*” and their opposition to the “*unwarrantable proceedings, and Acts of disobedience into which most of th Colonies have been very unfortunately misled*”
27. August 7, 1775 [113]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, expressing pleasure at Dartmouth’s support for his appointments; stating that he will make a grant, as directed, of 2,200 acres of land to Comyn; reiterating his “*demand*” for ordnance and ordnance stores
28. August 8, 1775 [117]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning the proposed filling of the office of Receiver General of West Florida with Captain Andrew Rainsford, including particular information about the office and its long vacancy, and recommending, instead, Philip Livingston Jr. for the position; enclosing papers [documents 29, 30]
29. August 31, 1771 [121]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Wills Hill, the Earl of Hillsborough, then Secretary of State for the Colonies, concerning the need for a receiver general to receive quit rents and other land-related payments; enclosed with

Chester's August 8, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 28] [copies at Reel 6, document 80 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 158]

30. January 11, 1772 [125]
Extract of letter from Hillsborough at Whitehall to Chester, supporting Chester's appointing Livingston receiver general; enclosed with Chester's August 8, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 28] [complete letter at Reel 6, document 94]
31. January 25, 1776 [129]
Copy of letter from Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the Colonies at Whitehall, to Chester, concerning orders from the King for the protection and security of West Florida "*in any Event which may happen in the present State of Rebellion in North America*"; stating that a detachment of "*foreign Recruits for the Royal American Regiment*" will immediately be assigned to Pensacola, which the West Florida government will be responsible to disembark and lodge; stating that "*I should hope there is not much ground to apprehend, that the Rebels will make any attack upon West Florida, but at the same time you cannot be too much on your guard*"; instructing Chester to work with Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs Charles Stuart in Mobile to keep the Chickasaw, Choctaw, and other Indians on the Mississippi friendly and disposed to assist the British
[Note: Germain replaced Dartmouth as Secretary of State for the Colonies on November 10, 1775. Chester kept corresponding with Dartmouth until June 25, 1776, having received news of Germain's appointment on June 16, 1775.] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 84]
32. February 7, 1776 [133]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, notifying Chester of the King's approval, pursuant to a memorial, of a 2,000 acre land grant for William Sumpter [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 85]
33. May [?], 1774 [137]
Incomplete copy of a report by Lieutenant of Engineers John Campbel, to Dartmouth, concerning the situation and settlement opportunities in West Florida
34. November 17, 1775 [141]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning relations with the Indian nations, relating especially to the potential of their siding with the rebels in the colonies to the north and fighting against British troops; noting that British troops stationed in West Florida were being moved to St. Augustine, raising questions about the defense of West Florida; enclosing papers [documents 35-37]
35. September 30, 1775 [145]
Extract of meeting of the West Florida Council at Pensacola, attended by Charles Stuart, concerning Indian affairs and the rebellion to the north; reporting that John Stuart, superintendent for Indian affairs in the Southern Department, had

left Charleston and was safe in St. Augustine; information about how South Carolina and Georgia were to assume their own relations with the Creek and Cherokee Indians; information and questions about how the Spanish were going to react to the rebellion, in relation to the Indians; including texts of several letters, especially from David Taitt, commissary to the Creek Indians; enclosed with Chester's November 17, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 34] [full minutes included among others in document 54]

36. November 17, 1775 [153]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to John Stuart, concerning how South Carolina and Georgia are going to handle Indian affairs; offering assistance to the Department if needed; enclosed with Chester's November 17, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 34]
37. August 15, 1775 [157]
Copy of letter from John Stuart at St. Augustine to Chester, describing the beginning of the rebellion in South Carolina and Georgia, raising questions about whom the Indians will side with and what should be done to befriend and arm them; enclosed with Chester's November 17, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 34]
38. November 18, 1775 [161]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning reports based on Indian intelligence of hostilities by Spaniards against the British government; concerning fortifying Pensacola to better defend itself; the reports having been found false, the issue remains concerning the defense of Pensacola and West Florida; seeking assistance but hoping to keep expenses low; enclosing papers [documents 39-40]
39. September 24, 1775 [173]
Copy of letter from David Holms at Halfway House to David Taitt, with Creek Nation, passing on reports of Spanish hostilities up the Mississippi River; enclosed with Chester's November 18, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 38]
40. October 2, 1775 [177]
Copy of report by Engineer Thomas Hutchins to Major David Dickson, commander of troops in West Florida, concerning needs for new fortifications in West Florida; enclosed with Chester's November 18, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 38] [pages 178-179 microfilmed twice]
41. November 19, 1775 [181]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, acknowledging receipt of Parliament's act to restrict commerce with the New England colonies and other acts and orders
42. November 20, 1775 [185]

Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning efforts being taken to reduce the rebellion and regain the loyalty of British subjects in the colonies to the north; informing Dartmouth that he has published a proclamation welcoming inhabitants of the northern colonies who wish to remain loyal to the Crown to settle in West Florida and promising land; exploring possibilities of West Florida supplying lumber and food products to the West Indies, replacing previous sources of these products in the northern, rebellious colonies; enclosing papers [document 43]

43. November 11, 1775 [197]
Copy of Chester's proclamation designed to attract loyalist settlers from northern, rebellious colonies; enclosed with Chester's November 20, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 42]
44. May 27, 1775 [201]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, expressing surprise at Chester's description of Pensacola's defenses as being weak; expressing intent to request an enquiry to correct the situation; expressing surprise that Durnford had "quitted the province" (but was expected to return) without leaving information about the contracts for and status of government house construction; offering advice on how to handle these situations
45. November 20, 1775 [209]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning the filling of the receiver general position by Rainsford, seeking instead to have Livingston appointed as customs collector at Mobile, replacing Jacob Blackwell, who had died
46. December 30, 1775 [213]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, updating reports on rebel activities in relation to the Indians and related matters
47. December 31, 1775 [217]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, enclosing minutes of Council meetings from September 5, 1774 to March 5, 1775 [documents 51, 52], plus the state of the Council [document 48]
48. December 31, 1775 [221]
Copy of list of West Florida Council members, including reasons for any absences; signed by Chester; enclosed with Chester's December 31, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 47]
49. March 5, 1776 [225]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, reporting surveying underway on certain of the King's lands, in preparation for their being sold

50. March 6, 1776 [229]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, enclosing minutes of Council meetings from March 5 to November 28, 1775 [documents 53, 54]
51. December 31, 1775 [233]
Chester's certification of the authenticity of the Council minutes; probably enclosed with Chester's December 31, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 47]
52. Copies of minutes of several West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [235]
September 5, 1774: concerning recent disturbances at Boston and the resulting Boston Port Bill; concerning land-granting-procedures instructions from the Board of Trade [text quoted]; concerning a land-grant petition of Major Robert Farmar
September 8, 1774: concerning land-grant petition of Valens Stephen Comyn
January 2, 1775: concerning relations with the Indians
January 31, 1775: concerning petitions from two generals in jail under sentence of death, William Spencer and Samuel Hughes, and whether mercy should be shown them—pardoned; concerning land-grant petitions of Isaa Monsanto, Mr. Delagantrais a commissary to the Indians, Charles Blanchard
March 4, 1775: concerning a 4,000 acre grant of land by the King to James Bruce; concerning land-grant petitions of Daniel Perry, Daniel Bush, Henry Smith, Joseph Blackwell, Jacob Blackwell, William Gilchrist, Alexander Boyd, Manuel and Jacob Monsanto;
All probably enclosed with Chester's December 31, 1775 letter to Dartmouth [document 47]
53. March 6, 1776 [271]
Chester's certification of authenticity of Council minutes, enclosed with Chester's March 6, 1776 letter to Dartmouth [document 50]
54. Copies of minutes of several West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [273]
September 30, 1775: concerning Indian affairs and Stuart's safe arrival at St. Augustine, including quoted abstracts from letters from Taitt to Chester dated August 21, 1775, from Taitt to Stuart dated August 27, 1775, and from Taitt to Stuart dated September 2, 1775 [extract of minutes at document 35]
October 1, 1775: concerning Indian affairs
October 2, 1775: concerning Indian affairs; concerning engineer recommendations for defense "*works*" thought necessary at Pensacola
October 5, 1775: concerning Indian affairs; concerning a report from Major Dickson at Pensacola, dated October 2, 1775, presenting recommendations for needed fortifications at Pensacola; questions concerning how to pay for desired fortifications; concerning a letter from Dartmouth asking that West Florida do all it can to assist colonies wishing not to be a part of the rebellion to the north and to assist loyal colonists wishing to move to West Florida, including granting them lands; concerning petition of Garrik Rapalse [?], a merchant from New York, wishing to move to West Florida with his family and to obtain a grant of land

November 13, 1775: concerning establishment of a new town at the confluence of the Iberville and Amit Rivers, to be called Dartmouth, including provisions for selling land there; granting lands to several applicants at Manchac

November 28, 1775: concerning a shipload of arms and ammunition arrived at New York, intended to be sent on to Pensacola, but held up because of new orders prohibiting importation of British arms to the North American colonies, agreeing to conditions to make possible legal shipment of the arms and ammunition to Pensacola;

All enclosed with Chester's March 6, 1776 letter to Dartmouth [document 50]

55. April 8, 1776 [291]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning the Spanish governor's complaint about actions of a British citizen; explaining to Dartmouth the situation and mentioning past improper actions of John Thomas; planning to make further investigation of the matter
56. April 9, 1776 [295]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, acknowledging receipt of orders to correspond with the Secretary of State via Jamaica and of a copy of the King's speech to Parliament and "*addresses in Answer thereto*"
57. April 10, 1776 [299]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Dartmouth, concerning discontinuation of a "*salary of £50*" for botanist Bernard Romans, who had left the colony in 1773 with no apparent intention of returning; recommending that the salary be given to Dr. John Lorimer for continued "*observations on the Country Climate and natural products thereof*"
58. August 1, 1776 [303]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, expressing satisfaction "*that no just grounds of complaint*" by the Spanish exists; supporting an ongoing salary for a botanist in West Florida
59. November 6, 1776 [307]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, expressing the importance to the Crown of the safety of and continuing commerce between West Florida and England; explaining that a British warship and German troops will be coming to Pensacola, along with a shipment of ordnance and presents for the Indians; enclosing speeches by the King to Parliament and responding addresses [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 91]
60. June 25, 1776 [313]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain; congratulating Germain on his appointment as Secretary of State for the Colonies, replacing Dartmouth

[Note: Germain succeeded Dartmouth on November 10, 1775. Chester learned of the change on June 16, 1776. Germain received Chester's letter of congratulations on December 9, 1776.]

61. June 26, 1776 [317]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, acknowledging receipt of the parliamentary act "*to reduce His Majesty's Rebellious Subjects in North America to obedience and to restore legal Government*"; promising to display it in West Florida; hoping that the law will have "*the desired wish of bringing about a happy and lasting reconciliation and union between Great Britain and her Colonies*"
62. June 27, 1776 [321]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, promising to implement orders received to provide services to vessels proving supplies to British forces engaged in the rebellious colonies
63. June 28, 1776 [325]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, promising to implement the act prohibiting "*all Trade and intercourse with the Rebellious Colonies*"
64. June 29, 1776 [329]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, promising to implement an order granting 2,000 acres of land to William Sumpter
65. June 30, 1776 [333]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing minutes of Council meetings from November 28, 1775 to March 23, 1776; list of Council members enclosed [document 66] [minutes not microfilmed here]
66. June 30, 1776 [337]
List of Council members with reasons for any absences; signed at Pensacola by Chester [enclosed with Chester's June 30, 1776 letter to Germain [document 65]
67. July 1, 1776 [341]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the immediate need to complete fortifications in West Florida, for which funds are not available, given the expected prospect of rebel naval attacks; seeking assistance in obtaining funds; enclosing minutes of a Council meeting and a plan for a stockade ford at Pensacola [documents 68-70]
68. May 6, 1776 [345]
Copy of minutes of a Council meeting, at Pensacola, concerning news received from Jamaica of American rebel raids in the British Caribbean to acquire arms and destroy property; discussion of the unready and incomplete status of defenses in the province, including text of a report with estimated costs by

Durnford as chief engineer; enclosed with Chester's July 1, 1776 letter to Germain [document 67] [pages 344-345 microfilmed twice]

[Public Record Form dated October 21, 1929, stating that a plan of the stockade fort of Pensacola had been removed to the Map Room (Map Room reference M. P.G 527)]

69. [no date] [349]
Plan for a stockade fort at Pensacola; enclosed with Chester's July 1, 1776 letter to Germain [document 67]
70. July 6, 1776 [351]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Pensacola to Chester, informing Chester that he has sent his plan for a stockade fort at Pensacola along with estimates of cost; enclosed with Chester's July 1, 1776 letter to Germain [Document 67]
71. July 2, 1776 [355]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, informing Germain that arms and troops have arrived at Pensacola; hoping the rebels will not attack at Pensacola; planning to seek to keep the Indians loyal and friendly to the British; enclosing papers [documents 72-74]
72. June 19, 1776 [359]
Letter from Stuart at Pensacola to [Chester], concerning keeping the Chickasaw, Choctaw, and other Indians up the Mississippi River friendly; enclosed with Chester's July 2, 1776 letter to Germain [document 71]
73. June 17, 1776 [363]
"A Talk from the Leading Man of the Cherokee Deputies to His Excellency Governor Chester", [in Stuart's handwriting] expressing loyalty to *"Our Father"* the King of England; signed by Chenouée *"Alias the Slave Catcher"*; enclosed with Chester's July 2, 1776 letter to Germain [document 71]
74. [no date] [367]
Apparently transcript of Chester's *"talk"* response to Chenouée and the other Cherokee Deputies, which opens *"Great Warriors and Leaders of the Cherokee Nation, Friends and Brothers"*; enclosed with Chester's July 2, 1776 letter to Germain [document 71]
75. July 3, 1776 [371]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning rations for troops; concerning funding for fortifications; enclosing a paper [document 76]
76. June 25, 1776 [375]
Copy of letter from Lieutenant Colonel William Stull of the 3rd Battalion, 60th Regiment and Major Alexander Dickson of the 16th Regiment of Foot at

Pensacola to Chester, requesting that their soldiers, who are working on fortification construction projects, be allowed to receive their military rations in addition to their daily subsistence while so employed; enclosed with Chester's July 3, 1776 letter to Germain [document 75]

77. July 6, 1776 [379]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the need to use an alternative method from the usual one through The Barrack Master General in North America to furnish troops in West Florida; enclosing a paper [document 78]
78. July 1, 1776 [383]
Copy of letter from Andrew Rumsford, Barrack Master at Pensacola, to Chester, explaining his lack of success obtaining money through the Barrack Master General in North America to furnish the troops in Pensacola; requesting assistance in what to do; enclosed with Chester's July 6, 1776 letter to Germain [document 77]
79. July 7, 1776 [387]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, providing a follow-up report on the Spanish complaint, acknowledging that the improper behavior of Thomas, and reporting that Thomas had recently died; enclosing a paper [document 80]
80. [?] 2, 1776 [393]
Letter, written in Spanish, from Spanish Governor Luis de Unzaga e Amezaga at New Orleans to Chester, concerning the complaint against Thomas; enclosed with Chester's July 7, 1776 letter to Germain [document 79]
81. September 1, 1776 [395]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, informing him of plans he has learned about for the Indians on the northwestern frontier to confederate in warfare against frontier settlers; expressing uncertainty about rebel designs on West Florida or on seeking to recruit the Indians to their side; other matters of Indian affairs

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82. September 14, 1776 [1]
Duplicate of letter from West Florida Peter Chester at Pensacola to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, concerned that hostilities with rebels and or Indians may be probable in the near future; expressing, again, the dire need for funding to pay for fortifications projects already under way; enclosing papers [documents 83, 84]
83. September 14, 1776 [5]
Duplicate of letter from [John Stuart, superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Southern Department], at Pensacola, to Chester, concerning fears of hostilities with Indians related to the rebellion in the northern colonies; enclosed with Chester's September 14, 1776 letter to Germain [document 82]
84. Minutes of several West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [9]
September 4, 1776: concerning difficulties with fortification construction leaving Pensacola vulnerable in a critical time, including extracts from two intelligence letters from Charles Stuart, deputy superintendent of Indian affairs at Mobile to John Stuart, plus a letter from Thomas Brown to John Stuart; concluding that the threats to Pensacola are real; concerning having an armed sloop assigned to Pensacola harbor for defense
September 5, 1776: concerning an estimate, dated September 5, 1776 at Pensacola, from Lieutenant Governor and Chief Engineer, of costs for immediately needed fortifications
September 7, 1776: quoting the report of a committee that had met on September 6, 1776 concerning the status of defense of the fort at Mobile and what emergency actions were needed to improve it; reporting that John McGillivray, a wealthy property owner and Indian trader, had offered to organize two companies of volunteers; offer accepted if he will bring the companies to Pensacola, not Mobile; concerning protection of the harbor by ships of the navy, including a letter from Lieutenant Charles Cobb aboard the Province's armed sloop *Florida* at Pensacola;
All enclosed with Chester's September 14, 1776 letter to Germain [document 82]
85. September 30, 1776 [41]

Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing minutes of Council meetings from March 23 to September 21, 1776; list of Council members enclosed [document 86] [minutes not microfilmed here]

86. September 30, 1776 [45]
List of Council members and reasons for their absences; signed by Chester at Pensacola; enclosed with Chester's September 30, 1776 letter to Germain [document 85]
87. October 7, 1776 [49]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, reporting great satisfaction at having been informed that the Queen had birthed a prince
88. October 8, 1776 [53]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, responding positively to news that needed ordnance will be sent to Pensacola promptly
89. October 9, 1776 [57]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning construction of fortifications and paying for them
90. July 7, 1777 [61]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, supporting Chester's efforts to provide defenses for Pensacola; stating that the Treasury will pay for these efforts but that requests for payment must be properly documented; not objecting to the decision to both pay for subsistence and provide rations to the soldiers; disagreeing that rebel attack may be imminent via the Ohio and Mississippi or that it would be in the interests of the Indians to join with the rebels on the frontier; supporting deploying armed vessels on the coast and in the lakes near Spanish New Orleans
91. March 1, 1777 [69]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, concerning a land grant for William Danskin and John Taylor, heirs of James Danskin, which has not been carried out; requesting that the grant be properly completed [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 93]
92. October 24, 1776 [73]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, acknowledging receipt of the estimate for West Florida's civil establishment for the coming year along with news of British military success in Canada
93. October 25, 1776 [77]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the persisting war between Creek and Choctaw Indians along West Florida's northern border;

wishing to find ways to reconcile the two tribes; recounting steps taken through the Superintendent of Indian Affairs

94. October 26, 1776 [81]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning his concerns and those of Governor Patrick Tonyn of East Florida, without much actual information, concerning rebel intents against their provinces, directly, using Indians friendly to them, or by capturing ships with badly needed provisions for the provinces; expressing the expectation that the rebels will seek to obtain supplies from the route up the Mississippi River, counting on the friendly assistance of the Spanish; expecting that all goods for the Indians should go through the West Florida government so as to maintain control over relations with the Indians
95. March 5, 1777 [89]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, enclosing a copy of West Florida's civil establishment estimate for 1776-77 [document 97] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 95]
96. March 6, 1777 [93]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, denying the request for full rations for soldiers, as opposed to General Jeffrey Amherst's policy of additional pay; enclosing paper [pages 94-95 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 94]
97. [no date] [97]
Estimate for the civil establishment of West Florida from June 24, 1776 to June 24, 1777, totaling £5,900; enclosed with Germain's March 5, 1777 letter to Chester [document 95] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 96]
98. April 2, 1777 [101]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, recounting that the supply ships Chester was concerned about arrived safely, and that the rebels had abandoned any intention of attacking St. Augustine; thanking Chester for providing useful information [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 97]
99. December 26, 1776 [105]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, providing information about a rebel boat expedition, led by George Gibson, that had come down the Mississippi River, past Natchez, to New Orleans, with the stated intent of trading with Indians in Spanish territory, but actually to obtain gunpowder and ammunition, which Gibson sought to convey to Philadelphia by ship; expressing concern that this might become a frequently used strategy of the rebels and that the boat trip was also a spying trip sponsored by the Continental Congress to assess the strength

of West Florida; expressing hopes for British military success in the northeast; enclosing a paper [document 101]

100. November 4, 1776 [113]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, reporting that a party of rebels from Pennsylvania, led by a George Gibson, had arrived at New Orleans, intending to open up trade between rebel America and Spain
101. December 27, 1776 [117]
Extract of examination under oath of William Tracey, a rebel deserter, who reported having been a part of a rebel army of 1,900 men, commanded by Colonels William Christie, Lewis, and Russell, who marched from the Holstein River in Virginia to the Cherokee Indians, with the intent of jointly attacking Mobile; enclosed with Chester's December 26, 1776 letter to Germain [document 99]
102. December 27, 1776 [121]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, expressing satisfaction at approval of his recommendation to replace Bernard Romans as botanist in West Florida with Dr. John Lorimer [see document 57]
103. December 28, 1776 [125]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing copies of Council minutes from September 21 to November 6, 1776 [not microfilmed here], and a list of the Council [document 104]
104. [no date] [129]
List of Council members with reasons for absences; enclosed with Chester's December 28, 1776 letter to Germain [document 103] [pages 128-129 microfilmed twice]
105. January 22, 1777 [133]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing Council minutes from November 8 to December 16, 1776 [documents 106, 107]
106. December 16, 177[6] [137]
Chester's certification of authenticity of the minutes enclosed; enclosed with Chester's January 22, 1777 letter to Germain [document 105]
107. Copies of minutes of several West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [139]
November 8, 1776: concerning merchant William Struthers, who had returned to Mobile from living in Georgia, seeking to defend himself against statements that he had gone over to the rebels; his interrogation in the Council meeting; concerning an error in a warrant for 430 acres to William Gorman; concerning the inconvenience of Natchez inhabitants having to travel to Pensacola to get legal documents finalized; concerning land grants in the town of Harwich

November 11, 1776: concerning evidence that William Struthers actually had been an officer in the rebel army, which the Council found to be a misunderstanding and not accurate; concerning a pardon request from Absolum Hooper, accused of robbery on the Mississippi River; concerning land-grant petitions of Henry Bradley, Sarah Nease, and Philip Alston

December 10, 1776: concerning petition of Alexander Ross of Virginia, who had been captured by the rebels in Virginia, suffered hardships, and wished to seek asylum and settle in West Florida, therefore seeking a land grant of 5,000 acres, granted 1,000 acres; concerning petition of William MacKinnon, who had escaped from the rebellion in South Carolina, seeking a land grant, 1,000 acres granted; concerning petition of Humphrey Grant, having had to abandon Georgia property on the St. Mary River, seeking to settle near Mobile, 1,000 acres granted; concerning land-grant petition of John Alston; concerning petition of James Fell, who had left Pennsylvania to escape the rebellion, seeking asylum and to settle, granted 500 acres for him and his family; concerning petition of Samuel Cooper, who escaped the rebellion in Georgia, granted 300 acres for him and his family; concerning land-grant petitions of Thomas Coddry, James Amond, John Lot, Charles Stuart, Edward Foreman

December 16, 1776: concerning land-grant petitions of John Alston, Alexander Ofpet [?]

All enclosed with Chester's January 22, 1777 letter to Germain [document 105]

108. January 23, 1777 [177]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning payments for work done on the barracks and other defenses at Pensacola
109. January 24, 1777 [181]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, transmitting information about rebel construction of boats at long Island on the Holstein River in Virginia; saying that "*I trust that they will be disappointed in their Intentions and that the Colonies are by this time brought to See their Error and to a proper Sense of their Duty*"
110. May 8, 1777 [185]
Estimate of expenses for the defenses at Pensacola, totaling £9,300; signed by Captain Thomas Hutchins, acting engineer
111. [no date] [189]
"*Return of Stores Wanted to finish the Publick Works in the Engineers Department at Pensacola*"; signed by Hutchins
112. March 5, 1777 [193]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing copies of Council minutes from December 26, 1776 to January 28, 1777 and a list of Council members [documents 113-115]
113. January 27, 1777 [197]

Chester's certification of authenticity of enclosed Council minutes; enclosed with Chester's March 5, 1777 letter to Germain [document 112]

114. Copies of minutes of several West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [181]
December 26, 1776: concerning views from Jamaica and other West Indies islands concerning possible rebellion in the southern colonies, including West Florida, including quoted text of a November 14 and 15, 1776 council meeting at St. Iago de la Vega, Jamaica, on the issue, which within it are found quoted texts of several letters; concerning land-grant petitions, several of families seeking to resettle away from the rebellion, of Harry Alexander, William Walker, Jane, Nancy, and Russel Walker, Thomas Colinson, Levi Porter, John Mitchell, James Donald, Robert Donanld, Francis Lewis, Bernard Lintot, Mark Pringle, James Elliot, Christian Buckler, Evan Mills, David Gillies
January 14, 1777: concerning land-grant petitions, several of families seeking to resettle away from the rebellion, of Allan Grant, William Swanson, Henry Woodward, Alexander McCulloch, William Dickerson, William Carr, Thomas Spell, John Spell, Thomas Graham, John Wornger, William Jackson, John Mathews
January 28, 1777: concerning a letter from justices of the peace about alleged plundering of ships in the Pensacola harbor, recommending convening of a special court; inquiry into the allegations
All enclosed with Chester's March 5, 1777 letter to Germain [document 112]
115. March 5, 1777 [237]
List of Council members and reasons for any absences; signed at Pensacola by Chester; enclosed with Chester's March 5, 1777 letter to Germain [document 112]
116. March 6, 1777 [241]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning replacing Rev. Nathaniel Cotton, who had died in July 1771, as both minister for the town of Pensacola and chaplain to the garrison, recommending recently arrived David Gillies
117. March 7, 1777 [245]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing several vouchers for payment [vouchers not microfilmed here]
118. March 8, 1777 [249]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning new forms for Mediterranean passes; acknowledging receipt of information about British victories at Long Island and New York
119. March 9, 1777 [253]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, expressing concern on learning that some of his dispatches had not reached London; concerning naval

protection along the West Florida coast and in the lakes and rivers; notifying Germain of arrival of the *Lord Amherst* with arms and goods for the Indians

120. March 10, 1777 [257]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the ongoing rebel construction of boats on the Holstein River; expressing continued concern that they may be used for an attack on Mobile; stating that the inhabitants along the Mississippi River are also alarmed; passing along information that the Spanish are encouraging the French to trade in Louisiana; enclosing a paper [document 121]
121. January 16, 1777 [261]
Translation of letter in Spanish from Louisiana Governor Bernardo de Gálvez at New Orleans to Chester, expressing his wish, upon becoming governor, of continuing a policy of friendly relations toward the West Florida government and any of its citizens who find themselves in New Orleans; enclosed with Chester's March 10, 1777 letter to Germain [document 120]
122. April 11, 1777 [265]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, submitting requests for payment for expenses
123. April 12, 1777 [269]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, reporting that the schooner *Thistle* had been captured by a rebel privateer about a year ago and sent to Philadelphia; deposition [document 124] of Charles Roberts, late master of the schooner, that supports fears of a possible rebel invasion to the south
124. March 28, 1777 [273]
Deposition of Roberts, including information about formation of a rebel army on the western frontiers of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, plus the shipping of ammunition from New Orleans; enclosed with Chester's April 12, 1777 letter to Germain [document 123]
125. July 2, 1777 [277]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, stating his belief that the actions to strengthen the fortifications at Pensacola and to station two ships along the West Florida coast "*will be more than sufficient to prevent any attempt of the Rebels upon it by Sea*" and that sufficient gifts were being given to the Indians to keep them friendly to the British and that therefore, "*the Rebels will find an Invasion by Land or by the Chanel of the Mississippi too hazardous an Enterprise for them to undertake*"; expressing sorrow at not having so far been able to provide a replacement for Rev. Cotton; notifying Chester that the tariff he instituted in West Florida for the regulation of Indian trade has been approved by the Board of Trade [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 98]

126. September 3, 1777 [283]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, concerning a land grant for Edward Mease, which had not yet been approved; ensuring Chester that "*You must be the best judge of the truth of the Case*" and that he and his council should act accordingly; enclosing Mease's letter and memorial to Richard Cumberland in the Board of Trade office, forwarded to Germain [documents 127, 128] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 99]
127. [no date] [287]
Copy of memorial to Germain of Edward Mease; enclosed with Mease's August 5, 1777 letter to Cumberland [document 128]; enclosed with Germain's September 3, 1777 letter to Chester [document 126]
128. August 5, 1777 [291]
Copy of letter from Edward Mease at London to Cumberland enclosing a memorial [document 127] seeking approval for a land grant in West Florida; enclosed with Germain's September 3, 1777 letter to Chester [document 126] [page 291 microfilmed twice]
129. June 10, 1777 [299]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing copies of minutes from January 29 to March 29, 1777 [not microfilmed here]
130. June 3, 1777 [303]
Letter from Lieutenant Colonel William Stiell of the 60th Regiment of Foot, commander of forces in West Florida, at Pensacola, to Germain, concerning civil-military relations in Pensacola, which he says are characterized by harmony; concerning worsening West Florida military and commercial relations with the Spanish in New Orleans; enclosing a paper [document 131]
131. June 1, 1777 [309]
"*Return of His Majesty's Forces stationed in the Province of West Florida*"; signed by Stiell; enclosed with Stiell's June 3, 1777 letter to Germain [?] [document 130]
132. June 11, 1777 [311]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, reporting that the Spanish have seized several British vessels in the Mississippi River, with explanations of his actions; enclosing several papers [documents 133-138]
133. May 19, 1777 [315]
Duplicate of minutes of West Florida Council meeting at Pensacola, concerning the Spanish seizure of vessels and Spanish Governor Gálvez' proclamation ordering all Spanish subjects to leave the territory of West Florida, including text of several documents: Gálvez' proclamation and another document, written in French and, following, translated into English; text of letter by Captain Thomas

Lloyd of the British sloop of war *Atalanta* to Gálvez, dated April 2, 1777, complaining about the seizures, with details; text of English translation of Gálvez' response to Lloyd, dated May 1, 1777; text of Lloyd's response to Gálvez, dated May 4, 1777; text of English translation of Gálvez' response back to Lloyd, dated May 11, 1777; text of letter from "*Sundry Merchants at New Orleans*" to Lloyd, dated April 26, 1777, concerning the seizures of vessels, signed by Patrick Morgan, David Ross, John Campbell, William Strother, and Robert Ross; texts of separate letters from British subjects Philip Barbour, Robert Boierne, Archibald Dalziel, William Strother, Robert Ross, William Forrester and William Strother to Lloyd dated between April 27, 1777 and May 11, 1777; texts of other related letters and petitions; text of English translation of letter from Gálvez to Lloyd, dated May 12, 1777; enclosed with Chester's June 11, 1777 letter to Germain [document 132] [copy of these minutes in document 151]

134. April 4, 1777 [347]
English translation of letter from Gálvez at New Orleans to Chester, justifying the seizure of British ships partly because, he claimed, the Spanish could not tell the difference between rebel and loyal British ships; enclosed with Chester's June 11, 1777 letter to Germain [document 132]
135. May 1, 1777 [351]
Copy of letter, written in Spanish, from Gálvez at New Orleans to Lloyd, concerning the seizure of ships issue; enclosed with Chester's June 11, 1777 letter to Germain [document 132]
136. May 11, 1777 [355]
Copy of letter, written in Spanish, from Gálvez at New Orleans to Lloyd, concerning the ship seizure issue; enclosed with Chester's June 11, 1777 letter to Germain [document 132]
137. May 12, 1777 [359]
Copy of letter, written in Spanish, from Gálvez at New Orleans to Lloyd, concerning the ship seizure issue; enclosed with Chester's June 11, 1777 letter to Germain [document 132]
138. June 10, 1777 [363]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Gálvez, explaining the British view of the seizures and proclamation; hoping to resolve the issues and expressing the wish for mutual friendship with the Spanish; enclosed with Chester's June 11, 1777 letter to Germain [document 132]
139. June 12, 1777 [375]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning Indian affairs and rebel activity among the Chickasaws; enclosing papers [documents 140-144]
140. June 1, 1777 [379]

- Extract of letter from John Stuart at Velleige [?] to Chester, concerning Indian affairs in East Florida and other matters; enclosed with Chester's June 12, 1777 letter to Germain [document 139]
141. May 3, 1777 [383]
Extract of letter from John Stuart at Mobile to Chester, concerning Indian affairs and rebel "*emissaries*"; enclosed with Chester's June 12, 1777 letter to Germain [document 139]
142. April 20, 1777 [387]
Copies of two letters from Patrick Tonyn, governor of East Florida, to David Taitt, commissary in the Creek nation, seeking to get the Upper Creeks to move into Georgia to assist Britain against the rebels; enclosed with Chester's June 12, 1777 letter to Germain [document 139]
143. May 23, 1777 [391]
Copy of letter from Taitt at Little Tallassee to Tonyn, explaining that Tonyn's wish cannot be accomplished because the Creeks, being aware of how the rebels are treating the Cherokee, are afraid to go against the rebels; additional related observations; enclosed with Chester's June 12, 1777 letter to Germain [document 139]
144. May 23, 1777 [395]
Copy of letter from Taitt at Little Tallassee to Stuart, concerning attempts to recruit Creek Indians in the cause against the rebels; related matters; enclosed with Chester's June 12, 1777 letter to Germain [document 139]
145. October 11, 1777 [399]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, concerning the issues with Spain and with the Indians in relation to the rebels, which Germain considers very important [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 100]
146. August 22, 1777 [405]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing Council minutes from March 29 to May 27, 1777; enclosing papers [documents 147-151]
147. August 22, 1777 [409]
List of Council members with reasons for absences; signed at Pensacola by Chester; enclosed with Chester's August 22, 1777 letter to Germain [document 146]
148. March 29, 1777 [413]
Chester's certification of authenticity of enclosed minutes; enclosed with Chester's August 22, 1777 letter to Germain [document 146]
149. Copies of minutes of West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [415]

March 26, 1777: concerning land-grant petitions of Henry Stuart, Jane Moore, James Cook, George Pearis, William Miller, Arthur Coody, John Fargie, Earl Douglass, John Mitchell Jr., William Oats, James Falconer, John Baird, William Wilton, and John Montgomery, George Troup, John McIntosh, James Cuthbert, John Hudson, Abraham Gainey, James Farro, Widow Azman, and Michael Grant
March 29, 1777: concerning land-grant petitions of Jane Moore, Patrick Gallachan, Robert Abrams, George Alexander, Abraham Little, Daniel Hall, John McKenzie, and Daniel Merrill; concerning letters from Captain Lloyd concerning hostilities with the Spanish on the Mississippi River
Enclosed with Chester's August 22, 1777 letter to Germain [document 146]

150. May 27, 1777 [435]
Chester's certification of authenticity of enclosed minutes; enclosed with Chester's August 22, 1777 letter to Germain [document 146] [copy in Reel 9, document 2]
151. Copies of minutes of West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [437]
April 25, 1777: concerning petitions for funds and/or land grants from John Stuart, Henry Woodward, Edmund Rush Wegg, John Donaho, William Hindson, John Priest, Thomas Scott, William Wickoff, Arthur Moore, John Low, and Isaac Roberts; concerning appointments requested by John Stuart of Henry Stuart to be deputy superintendent in the Mississippi and Jarquhar Betheme to be commissary in the Choctaw Nation
May 13, 1777: concerning a petition of William Burns, pilot in Pensacola harbor, whose services had not been recognized, despite his being a government pilot; concerning land-grant petitions of Robert Gordon, John Ames, and John Cowan
May 19, 1777: concerning the dispute with the Spanish governor at New Orleans over a proclamation and ship seizures, including texts, in French and English translation of several documents of Spanish Governor Gálvez and other documents [copy of these minutes also in document 133; described in more detail there]
May 27, 1777: concerning the trial and execution of a Negro named Will for having murdered Samuel Burch; concerning public accounts of certain individuals
All enclosed with Chester's August 22, 1777 letter to Germain [document 146] [copy in Reel 9, document 3]
152. August 23, 1777 [495]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the defense of Pensacola; agreeing that he now sees little chance of a rebel invasion of West Florida; other matters; enclosing papers [documents 153-155]
153. August 22, 1777 [499]
Copy of letter from the Office of Ordnance at Pensacola to [Chester], concerning efforts to fortify Pensacola and to keep proper accounts; signed by five

- individuals, including Durnford; enclosed with Chester's August 23, 1777 letter to Germain [document 152]
154. March 4, 1768; March 29, 1768; February 19, 1773; December 8, 1774 [503]
Abstracts of several letters concerning repairing and maintaining fortifications at Pensacola; enclosed with Chester's August 23, 1777 letter to Germain [document 152]
 155. August 16, 1777 [507]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Ordnance Officers at Pensacola, informing the officers that Germain has approved spending for defense works at Pensacola, to be paid for by the British Ordnance Department; enclosed with Chester's August 23, 1777 letter to Germain [document 152]
 156. August 25, 1777 [511]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the Spanish allegations of illegal British trade along the Mississippi River, leading to seizures of British river vessels; offering thanks for Germain's assistance toward building better defenses at Pensacola; concerning Indian affairs; enclosing papers [documents 157-159]
 157. June 23, 1777 [515]
Abstract of Council minutes, concerning detailed instructions for two West Florida officials to follow while visiting New Orleans to inquire into the ongoing problems with Spanish Louisiana; enclosed with Chester's August 25, 1777 letter to Germain [document 156] [full Council minutes in Reel 9, document 5]
 158. August 24, 1777 [533]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, requesting Germain's personal assistance in helping Chester obtain a grant of land in West Florida
 159. August 25, 1777 [537]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to William Knox, concerning a grant of land for Knox

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1. October 4, 1777 [1]
Letter from Peter Chester, Governor of West Florida, at Pensacola, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing minutes of the West Florida Council for meetings from, May 27, 1777 to September 1, 1777 [documents 2-5]
2. May 27, 1777 [5]
Duplicate of Chester's certification of authenticity of the enclosed minutes; enclosed with Chester's October 4, 1777 letter to Germain [document 1] [copy in Reel 8, document 150]
3. Minutes of several West Florida Council meetings, at Pensacola [7]
April 25, 1777: concerning land-grant petitions of John Stuart, Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Southern District, Farquhar Bethune, Edmund Rush Wegg, Attorney General of West Florida, John Donaho, William Findson, John Priest, William Wishoff, Arthur Moore, John Gore, and Isaac Roberts; concerning appointments of Henry Stuart as deputy superintendent of Indian Affairs on the Mississippi and Farquhar Bethune as commissary among the Choctaw Nation
May 13, 1777: concerning impressment of a pilot boat crew member by a British warship in Pensacola harbor, which the Council felt was an obstruction of the public service in West Florida; concerning land-grant petitions of Robert Gordon and John Ames
May 19, 1777: concerning "*disagreeable Intelligence*" about relations with the Spanish on the Mississippi River, including text, in French, followed by English translation, of a proclamation by Spanish Governor Bernardo de Gálvez, at New Orleans, dated April 18, 1777; also including texts of letter from Captain Thomas Lloyd, commander of the British warship *Atalanta*, which had been patrolling on the Mississippi River, to Gálvez, dated April 27, 1777, English translation of letter from Gálvez to Lloyd dated May 1, 1777, letter from Lloyd to Gálvez dated May 4, 1777, English translation of letter from Gálvez to Lloyd dated May 11, 1777, letter from "*Sundry Merchants at New Orleans*" to Lloyd dated April 26, 1777 signed by P. Morgan, Donald Ross, John Campbel, William Strothers, and Robert Ross, letter from Philip Barbour to Lloyd dated April 27, 1777, letter from

Robert Bourne to Lloyd dated April 30, 1777, letter from Archibald Dalziel to Lloyd dated May 1, 1777, letter from William Strother to Lloyd dated May 3, 1777, letter from Messrs. Watts and Flowers to Strother dated April 8, 1777, petition of William Forrester, merchant ship owner, to Lloyd dated May 4, 1777 in prison at New Orleans, petition of Robert Ross to Lloyd dated May 11, 1777, letter from Forrester to Lloyd dated May 11, 1777, English translation of letter from Gálvez to Lloyd dated May 12, 1777; discussion concerning the situation with the Spanish at New Orleans resulting from Spanish seizure of several British merchant vessels on the Mississippi River

May 27, 1777: concerning charges against a Negro charged with murder, his trial and execution; concerning several matters of individual accounts of public money

All enclosed with Chester's October 4, 1777 letter to Germain [document 1] [copy of each in Reel 8, document 151]

4. September 1, 1777 [67]
Chester's certification of authenticity of the enclosed minutes; enclosed with Chester's October 4, 1777 letter to Germain [document 1]
5. Minutes of several West Florida Council meetings, at Pensacola [69]
June 23, 1777: concerning detailed instructions for Lieutenant Colonels Alexander Dickson and John McPherson to take with them to represent the British position to the Spanish Governor at New Orleans [copy in Reel 8, document 157]
August 28, 1777: concerning orders for proper surveying for locating the garrison at Pensacola
August 29, 1777: concerning land-grant petitions of Isaac Roberts, John Chrystie, Seth Doud, Moses Kirkland, William Eason, James Murray, Harpean [?] Lagoutrais, Daniel Ward, William Woodward, William Marshall Jr., and Alexander Ross
September 1, 1777: concerning land-grant petitions of David Holmes, Richard Ellis Jr., Samuel Swayze [?], Stephen Swazie, Richard Swazye, Sarah Smith, John Collins, Obediah Brown, William Collins, William Smith, Ephraim Goble, Alexander Shaw, Charles Piercy, John Mayott, Lucy Graves, Eleaser Gosset, Henry Roach, Mary Chausin Threeps [?], Joseph Charleville, Thomas Temple, John Perry, Thomas Heaton, Joseph Rice, Ezekiel Hull, James Peterkin, John Bisland, William Neis, Nicholas Trisk, Charles Duncan, Joseph Jackson, James Traviss, William Thompson, John Winn, Richard Baily, Walter Scott, John Low, Charles Roberts, Langley Bryant, Andrew Cowie, Isham Safold [?], George Pentecost, and William Rogers; concerning John McGillivray's application for a license to permit William Struthers to settle and trade with the Creek Nation
All enclosed with Chester's October 4, 1777 letter to Germain [document 1] [pages 96-97 microfilmed twice]
6. October 6, 1777 [123]

Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, containing further information about the Spanish seizure of British vessels on the Mississippi River and about relations with the Indians, enclosing papers [documents 7-9]

7. August 26, 1777 [129]
Letter, written in Spanish, from Gálvez to Chester concerning relations between Spanish New Orleans and British West Florida; enclosed with Chester's October 6, 1777 letter to Germain [document 6]
8. September 29, 1777 [133]
Extract of minutes of a Council meeting at Pensacola, concerning report of Dickson and McPherson on their diplomatic trip to New Orleans concerning the seizures of British vessels on the Mississippi River, with texts of seven letters which are a part of their report, plus the text of their report, including: English translation of letter from Gálvez to Dickson and McPherson dated New Orleans, July 21, 1777, letter from Dickson and McPherson to Gálvez dated on board the *Atalanta*, August 2, 1777, English translation of letter from Gálvez to Dickson and McPherson dated August [?], 1777, letter from Dickson and McPherson to Gálvez dated August 17, 1777, English translation of letter from Gálvez to Dickson and McPherson dated August 19, 1777, letter from Dickson and McPherson to Gálvez dated August 19, 1777, English translation of letter from Gálvez to Dickson and McPherson dated August 26, 1777, the lengthy report of Dickson and McPherson to Chester, which includes a list of "*the Vessels Seized and the Price they were Sold for*", which, with the value of property onboard them, was totaled at 53.475 dollars; enclosed with Chester's October 6, 1777 letter to Germain [document 6] [copy of full minutes in document 13]
9. August 11, 1777 [175]
Extract of intelligence in letter from Henry Stuart at Manchac to John Stuart, concerning Indian relations with the Spanish, including a large conference of Indians with the Spanish governor at Point Coupé; including text of letter from Monsieur Rocheblave, commandant at Illinois, at Fort Gage, to Henry Stuart, dated July 4, 1777, concerning rumors of Spanish preparations to transport troops in Illinois country, perhaps to Detroit but perhaps down the Mississippi River; enclosed with Chester's October 6, 1777 letter to Germain [document 6]
10. October 7, 1777 [179]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing correspondence to the Treasury concerning bills for work done on the barrack and common dock at Pensacola and at Mobile [not microfilmed here]
11. January 15, 1778 [183]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing minutes of Council meetings from September 1 to October 1, 1777; enclosing papers [documents 12, 13]

12. October 1, 1777 [189]
Chester's certification of authenticity of enclosed minutes; enclosed with Chester's January 15, 1778 letter to Germain [document 11]
13. Minutes of several West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [191]
September 16, 1777: concerning bills to pay for public works at Pensacola and Mobile; concerning land-grant petitions of John McGillivray, William Dunbar, Stephen Watts, John Nash, William Henderson, William Housdan, and John Hostler
September 29, 1777: concerning a land grant to Isaac Roberts, contested by Robert Farmar, including texts of statements relative to the case; concerning Dickson and McPherson's mission to New Orleans, including texts of several letters and their report: English translation of letter from Gálvez at New Orleans to Dickson and McPherson dated July 31, 1777, letter from Dickson and McPherson, on the *Atalanta*, to Gálvez dated August 2, 1777, English translation of letter from Gálvez to Dickson and McPherson dated August [?], 1777, letter from Dickson and McPherson to Gálvez dated August 17, 1777, English translation of letter from Gálvez to Dickson and McPherson dated August 19, 1777, letter from Dickson and McPherson to Gálvez dated August 19, 1777, English translation of letter from Gálvez to Dickson and McPherson dated August 26, 1777; report of Dickson and McPherson [abstract copy at document 8]
October 1, 1777: concerning land-grant petitions of Arthur Neil, Stephen Watts, Samuel Flower, Hugh Hamilton, Richard Pears, John Wheeler, Hugh Crawford, Walter Scott, David Holms, Charles Duncan, Isham Safold, Langley Bryant, Thomas Temple, Joseph Jackson, James Peterkin, John Perry; concerning the engineer's accounts and vouchers for public works expenses, which are found to be in order and are listed and commented upon
All enclosed with Chester's January 15, 1778 letter to Germain [document 11]
14. March 10, 1778 [253]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, informing Chester that he has received all the papers concerning the Spanish situation; supporting efforts to improve West Florida's defenses since, although France and Spain "*continue to profess that their Intentions are altogether pacific...it behoves Us to be upon our guard and to stand prepared against any sudden attack*"; further instructing Chester to act to counteract the Spanish attempt to "*draw off the Indians from Our Interest, or to induce them to permit Spanish Traders to come among them*" [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 101]
15. May 4, 1778 [257]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, informing Chester that the Treasury has asked, before approving the expenses for public works for which payment has been requested, to know the authority for making these expenses, and has suggested that the bills should be presented to the Ordnance Department; informing Chester that sending additional troops to West Florida is being considered, to be detached from the "*main Army in America,*" given "*the*

prospect of a War with France"; offering suggestions for construction of needed fortifications and a governor's house [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 102]

16. January 16, 1778 [263]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, informing Germain of having received a letter from General William Howe in New York dated July 12, 1777, stressing the importance of "keeping the Southern Indians in the King's Interest"; describing his actions in West Florida in this regard
17. January 17, 1778 [267]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, stating that he has received local funding from the General Court totaling £280 toward construction of a church and that appeals are being made for matching private donations; hoping to receive a minister soon
18. February 3, 1778 [271]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, attaching a general abstract of expenses for public works at Pensacola and Mobile; asking that it be placed before the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing papers [documents 19-21]
19. September 1, 1777 [275]
Estimate for public works proposed as needed at Pensacola, totaling £3,936; signed by Chief Engineer [and Lieutenant Governor] Elias Durnford; enclosed with Chester's February 3, 1777 letter to Germain [document 18]
20. September 1, 1777 [279]
Estimate for public works proposed as needed at Red Cliff at the entrance to Pensacola harbor, totaling £980; signed by Durnford; enclosed with Chester's February 3, 1777 letter to Germain [document 18]
21. September 1, 1777 [283]
Estimate for temporary repairs needed at Fort Charlotte at Mobile, totaling £180; signed by Durnford; enclosed with Chester's February 3, 1777 letter to Germain [document 18]
22. May 15, 1778 [287]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, stating that since Chester's submission of bills to the Treasury and Germain's instructions to send them to the Ordnance Department had crossed in transit, Germain would send the bills on to Treasury; still having no luck sending a clergyman to Pensacola; happy to learn that the Indians "*are brought back to their former favorable disposition towards Us*"; supporting West Florida's efforts in this direction [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 103]
23. March 24, 1778 [291]

Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing Council minutes from October 1 to November 18, 1777 [documents 24-25]

24. November 18, 1777 [295]
Chester's certification of authenticity of enclosed minutes [enclosed with Chester's March 24, 1778 letter to Germain [document 23]
25. Minutes of several West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [297]
October 8, 1777: concerning a renewed Commission of the Peace for the province, including a list of eligible men; concerning petition from Anthony Hutchins in behalf of inhabitants of Second Creek, concerning a specific limit on land grants because of a road
October 11, 1777: concerning land-grant petitions of John Mason, Matthias Freyley, Timothy Tierney, Edward Teal, Patrick Conroy, Ebenezer Bourn, Peter Beeson, Jacob Cable, Daniel Oglisby, Thomas Hewman, Andrew Cypruss [?], William Irwin, Justus King, John Collins, William Collins, Job Corey, Roger Ross, Donald McGillivray, Sarah Bucher, James Wilson, Abraham Odom, Anthony Hamberlin, Augustus Moreau, George Watson, Robert Duff, William Clark, and Philip Moore
October 22, 1777: concerning a complaint of abuse by the deputy surveyor of lands; concerning land-grant petitions of Robert Taitt, Charles Roberts, Parker Carradine, Swanson McGillivray, William Struthers, and Peter Deforge
October 29, 1777: concerning a proper list of fees for use by the deputy surveyor of lands, including related petitions from Wegg and Durnford; concerning land-grant petitions of Parker Carradine, Elizabeth Burch widow, John Terry, John Staybraken, Andrew Knott, Joseph Dawes, James Truly, "*Asabel Lewis Batchelor, Liby Lewis and Freddy Lewis Spinster*"
November 5, 1777: concerning prohibiting trade with the Creek Indians; concerning a land-grant petition of William McIntosh
November 10, 1777: concerning establishment of a new town called Dartmouth, with regulations; concerning surveying for the town of Harwich; concerning regulations for the deputy surveyor, including text of letter from Durnford dated at Pensacola November 18, 1777
All enclosed with Chester's March 24, 1778 letter to Germain [document 23] [pages 338-339 microfilmed twice]
26. March 25, 1778 [341]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, reporting that rebels had "*penetrated*" the western part of the Province via the Mississippi River and "*laid waste*" a large area near Natchez, including details and describing protective actions being taken in the Province, including requests for assistance from East Florida; expressing apprehension that the rebels intend to attack West Florida's settled areas; enclosing a paper [document 27]
27. February 21, 1778 [353]

Copy of document imposed on Natchez district inhabitants by Captain James Willing “*in the service of the United states of America*” after he and his detachment of followers landed at Natchez and made the residents prisoner; signed by Willing and eight “delegates” of the Natchez inhabitants; enclosed with Chester’s March 25, 1778 letter to Germain [document 26]

[Note: Some years before, James Willing had settled as a storekeeper in the British settlement at Natchez. Early during the American Revolution, he sided with the “rebels,” closed his shop, and went up river. By 1778, he had returned. However, his rank of captain was self-conferred, and his “detachment” was no part of the Continental Army. He was a free-lancer seeking to convince loyalists to change sides. In practice, his destructive and imperious methods won over few loyalists.]

28. March 26, 1778 [357]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning West Florida’s incomplete readiness to defend itself; plans, despite his having broken his leg, to persevere in getting the works under construction completed; enclosing a paper [document 29]
29. March 23, 1778 [361]
Copy of letter from Lieutenant Colonel William Stiell of the 3rd Battalion, 60th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Dickson of the 16th Regiment of Foot, and Captain of Cavalry William Johnstone to Chester stating that Pensacola’s incomplete works are not ready to withstand an attack by the rebels; enclosed with Chester’s March 26, 1777 letter to Germain [document 28]
30. April 14, 1778 [365]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, reporting that the rebels have been well received by the Spanish authorities at New Orleans; details of John McGillivray’s organization of a provincial corps of five companies at Mobile, which will prepare to march, with Indian assistance, to Natchez; speculation about what the rebels, Spanish and Indians might do; enclosing pertinent Council minutes [document 31]
31. Copies of minutes of West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [373]
March 2, 1778: concerning the rebel incursion down the Mississippi River, with details, including capture by the rebels near Manchac of the British merchant ship *Rebecca*, master John Cox, including text of “*Information upon Oath*” of Thomas Watters, late of the *Rebecca*’s crew, corroborated by William Burns, master of a “*drogre*” [a kind of boat?]; recommendation that Chester request that Captain William Garnier of the British frigate *Southampton* sail up the river to intercept the *Rebecca*
March 3, 1778: concerning the rebel incursion and the *Rebecca*, including text of letter from Garnier to Chester dated March 3, 1778, stating that he has ordered Captain John Ferguson of the *Sylph* to sail up the river, text of letter from Lieutenant George Burdon on the Province’s armed sloop *West Florida* near

Manchac reporting additional news and actions he was taking, text of information under oath of James Cheesbrough, master of the sloop *Hillsborough*, dated March 3, 1778; recommendation to send a detachment of garrison troops plus a detachment of Indians from Colonel Stuart's Corps of Rangers to Lake Pontchartrain to work with Burdon to protect British citizens, including text of written instructions from Chester

March 5, 1778: concerning new information and actions relating to the rebel situation on the Mississippi River, including text of information upon oath of John Watkins of the Natchez district, dated March 5, 1778; recommendation to seek further assistance from Garnier on the *Southampton*, including text of letter by Chester to Garnier and text of Garnier's response to Chester stating that he believes the rebels number no more than 100, in two separate parties, that his ship, drawing 17 feet, could not take action up the Mississippi River, but that the Province might use a smaller vessel

March 10, 1778: concerning information and advice from Stiell and Dickson, including text of a letter by 16 inhabitants of Mobile to Dickson concerning the defense of Mobile and text of a document of "*Reasons why the Fort of Mobile ought to be defended*"; recommendation that all efforts be made to defend Mobile; concerning new information from Natchez, including information upon oath of Joseph Dawes of the Natchez area, dated March 10, 1778

March 17, 1778: concerning the ongoing rebel incursion situation, including text of letter and capitulation document to Willing of delegates William Hiorn, Richard Ellis, and Joseph Thompson of the Natchez area, text of information upon oath of Alexander McIntosh of the Natchez area, dated March 17, 1778

March 18, 1778 (daytime): continuing concern about rebel incursion, including text of letter from William Wilton at New Orleans to Chester, dated March 9, 1778 with more information about rebel depredations against British planters and about his attempts to meet with the Spanish governor, representing the West Florida government; including text of anonymous letter to British merchant at New Orleans John Campbell, dated Point Coupé March 1, 1778, describing the "*descent*" of the Americans, who "*have carried every thing before them with fire and sword*"; stating that Willing had left Philadelphia with 27 men and picked up others along the river to a total of about 100, with other details; including text of letter from Donald Campbell to John Stuart dated New Orleans, March 5, 1778, reporting on the rebel incursion, stating that Willing and his Lieutenant McIntyre left Fort Pitt in January with 35 men, with additional information on inflated estimates of the number of men arriving in the Natchez area; including text of letter from Wilton to David Hodge dated New Orleans March 8, 1778 with information similar to that in his letter above to Chester; including text of letter from Burdon to Chester dated Lake Pontchartrain March 3, 1778; including text of letter from Philip Moore to Chester, dated Baton Rouge February 24, 1778 with additional information; including text of information upon oath by Thomas Gibson, mariner on a merchant brig in the Mississippi River, dated March 18, 1778; recommendation to seek further British naval assistance up the river, including Chester's letter to Captain Joseph Nunn of the sloop of war *Hound* and his letter to Captain Thomas Lloyd of the *Atalanta*, both dated March 18, 1778,

seeking their assistance; recommendation to send another 100 men to the lakes area, if they can be spared from the Pensacola garrison, and to request additional Rangers from Colonel Stuart

March 18, 1778 (evening): continuing from daytime session, including abstract texts of Colonel [and Superintendent of Indian Affairs] John Stuart's instructions and letters to his Ranger officers; recommendations to assist prompt readiness of the Rangers and McGillivray's Corps; hopes that citizens of West Florida will prove their loyalty decisively if the rebels penetrate farther into the settled part of West Florida

March 19, 1778: continuing with the same concerns, including text of Captain Nunn's response to Chester's letter, dated March 19, 1778, expressing willingness to help but before doing so, requesting copies of relevant treaties between Spain and the colonies; including text of letter from Stuart to Chester, dated March 18, 1778, concerning use of Stuart's sloop to be sent to the lakes region to cooperate with Burdon on the *West Florida*; including text of letter from Chester to Nunn dated March 19, 1778, requesting that the crew of the condemned armed sloop *Florida* be assigned to Stuart's sloop and summarizing Article 7 of the 1763 Treaty of Paris; including text of letter from Nunn to Chester, dated March 20, 1778, stating that only a few crew members are available from the Florida; concerning employing Henry Smith as a scout in the lakes area, including text of Chester's letter to Burdon concerning plans to send another vessel up to the lakes region, dated March 19, 1778; text of letter from Chester to McGillivray at Mobile, dated March 19, 1778, concerning his Corps; information requested from Alexander Cameron, commissary for the Cherokee Nation and Captain in Stewart's Rangers; text of letter from Lloyd to Chester, dated March 19, 1778, explaining that the *Atalanta* has been ordered to sail shortly for England and cannot offer assistance in the Mississippi River; discussion of information that the rebels were coming down the river in large boats, perhaps with the intent to attack Mobile

All enclosed with Chester's April 14, 1778 letter to Germain [document 30]

32. July 1, 1778 [457]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, expressing dismay that "so many" British settlers along the Mississippi River had had their property plundered by "*an inconsiderable Party of the Rebels from Fort Pitt*" but supporting the steps the Province has been taking for protection; expressing surprise at the inadequate status of the fortifications at Pensacola and the apparent waste of public moneys there; stating that a "*General Officer*" will take over control of military operations and construction in the Province [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 106]
33. July 1, 1778 [463]
Extract sent to Mr. Boddington of letter from Germain at Whitehall to the General Officer Commanding in West Florida, instructing that "*it is determined immediately to establish a considerable Post*" on the Mississippi River, near Iberville and Fort Bute, with instructions concerning financing of the work and its

possible design; instructions also to take over the construction of fortifications at Pensacola; instructions concerning relations with Spain and the Indians

34. May 21, 1778 [475]
Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Hutchins at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the situation with the rebel incursion in West Florida
[Note: Hutchins was a prominent citizen of British Natchez. As a staunch loyalist, he had been captured by Willing's "detachment" and carried to New Orleans. After he was released, British West Florida hailed him as a hero and made him a military officer. See also document 35-37]
35. May [?], 1778 [483]
Duplicate of letter from Hutchins at Pensacola to Germain, with more information and opinions on the rebel situation; perhaps enclosed with Hutchins' June 6, 1778 letter to Germain [document 36]
36. June 6, 1778 [491]
Letter from Hutchins at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing a duplicate of a document that he fears may not have been delivered [document 37]
37. May 21, 1778 [495]
Copy of West Florida Council meeting minutes at Pensacola, taking notice "*of the late spirited Behaviour of Anthony Hutchins Esquire*" and commending him for "*his loyal, brave, & spirited exertion in defence of His Majesty's Government*", in particular, "*in the Action with the Rebels at the White Cliffs*"
38. May 7, 1778 [499]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, providing detailed updated information on the situation in West Florida, with postscript dated May 10, 1778; enclosing several papers [documents 39-52]
39. April 14, 1778 [509]
Copy of letter from Nunn, on the *Hound* off of New Orleans, to Spanish Governor Gálvez, conveying a letter from Chester to Gálvez; enclosed with Chester's May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38]
40. April 14, 1778 [511]
Copy of letter from Gálvez at New Orleans to Nunn, stating that he will respond to Chester's letter; enclosed with Chester's May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38]
41. April 16, 1778 [513]
Copy of letter from Nunn, on the *Hound* off of New Orleans, to Gálvez, expressing astonishment at Gálvez' "*ordinance of this days date requiring from his Britannick Majestys Subjects an Oath Comprehending allegiance and Neutrality, as well as a Parole of Honor to the Spanish Crown*"; responding

otherwise negatively to the Spanish role in the recent rebel hostilities; enclosed with Chester's May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38]

42. April 21, 1778 [517]
Letter, written in Spanish, from Gálvez at New Orleans to Nunn; enclosed with Chester's May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38] [translated in document 43]
43. April 21, 1778 [521]
English translation of Gálvez' letter to Nunn [document 42], responding to Nunn's astonishment; justifying the ordinance as "*Voluntary and Provisional*" for purposes of security; expressing hostility back to the British; enclosed with Chester's May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38]
44. April 22, 1778 [525]
English translation of letter from Gálvez at New Orleans to Nunn, having received copies of several letters, including from Lieutenant Colonel Hutchins, who has been in the Natchez area, and a letter from Burdon on the *West Florida*; stating to Nunn that "*I hope that you will let me know if you approve of Colonel Hutchins Conduct and of the Letter of the West Florida*"; enclosed with Chester's May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38]
45. April 23, 1778 [527]
Copy of letter from Nunn on the *Hound* off of New Orleans to Gálvez, supporting Hutchins but expressing displeasure with Burdon's letter; enclosed with Chester's May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38]
46. April 29, 1778 [531]
Letter, written in Spanish, from Gálvez at New Orleans to Nunn; enclosed with Chester's May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38]
47. April 29, 1778 [535]
English translation of Gálvez' letter to Nunn, protesting at the reported seizure of two Spanish boats in Lake Pontchartrain by the British war ship in the lake, in reportedly Spanish territory; demanding immediate restitution; enclosed with Chester's May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38]
48. May 1, 1778 [539]
Copy of letter from Nunn on the *Hound* to Gálvez, declining to comment on the supposed seizure; enclosed with Chester's May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38] [pages 540-541 microfilmed twice]
49. [no date] [543]
English translation of letter from [Gálvez] to Chester, explaining the Spanish situation and policy "*in this Critical and Calamitous situation*" that has led to the necessity of the oath; expressing the possibility of Spain's leaving New Orleans if

hostilities become too great; enclosed with Chester's May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38]

50. April 15, 1778 [547]
Copy of Gálvez' notice for all British citizens in New Orleans to assemble the next day [to hear and respond to the new oath requirement]; enclosed with Chester's May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38]
51. April 25, 1778 [549]
Extract from minutes of the West Florida Council at Pensacola, concerning the situation with the Spanish; concerning the "*late Noble & Spirited Behaviour of Adam Chrystie Esquire, a Magistrate of Manchack District*"; including texts of several letters and other papers concerning the situation in relation to the Spanish of British commerce on the Mississippi River, designated by letters and numbers as follows:
(A): letter from Nunn to Chester dated April 14, 1778
(A.a.): letter, undated, from David Ross and Company, English merchants on the Mississippi River, to Gálvez seeking restitution for losses of slaves, schooner, etc. totaling 21,240 dollars
(B.1., 2., 3., 4, 5.): letters from Captain John Ferguson of the British sloop of war *Sylph*, on the Mississippi River near New Orleans, to Gálvez dated respectively March 14, March 14, March 15, March 20, March 24, 1778, concerning Ferguson's attempts to protect British commerce on the Mississippi River
(C.1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., 7.): English translations of letters from Gálvez at New Orleans to Ferguson, responding to Ferguson's letters, dated respectively March 14, March 15, March 18, March 20, March 21, April 1, April 6, 1778
(D): proclamation from Ferguson "*To all His Britanick Majestys loyal subjects in the Province of Louisiana & the Town of New Orleans*", dated March 23, 1778, informing them that the Spanish Governor has agreed to "*restore*" all property "*that shall be proved to have been seized*"
(D.d.): proclamation by Ferguson to British subjects, dated April 3, 1778, requesting any whose slaves now being kept on board the *Sylph* (which the Spanish claim are runaway slaves of Spanish owners) should come to claim any they own
(E.1.): letter signed by 14 British subjects at New Orleans (including David Ross) to Ferguson dated March 27, 1778, stating the impossibility of his ship's protecting their economic interests in Louisiana but applauding his efforts to protect British shipping seeking to leave via the river
(E.2.): letter signed by British subjects at New Orleans P. Morgan and Robert Ross (not signers of E.1.) to Ferguson, dated March 28, 1778, seeking to join a "convoy" down the river under Ferguson's protection, in their merchant ship Live Oak "*which is laden with our Peltries and Indigo for London*"
(F): English translation of letter from Gálvez at New Orleans to Chester, dated March 29, 1778, concerning the matters which Gálvez and Ferguson have been discussing and his concurrence with Ferguson's proclamations to mitigate the situation

(G): information upon oath of Alexander Ross, dated at Pensacola, April 25, 1778, concerning the situation with British subjects in New Orleans, the seizures of property, and American rebel involvement in the seizures

(H): English translation of the oath the Spanish Governor imposed on British subjects who sought protection in the Province of Louisiana, dated April 16, 1778 “*to observe, neither directly or Indirectly to Offend or Conspire against the Spanish Nation which this day protects us*” with details of necessary behavior All enclosed with Chester’s May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38]

52. April 27, 1778 [599]
Copy of Council Minutes, at Pensacola, concerning the papers received in the April 25 Council meeting and what should be done in this situation; recommending calling an Assembly, immediately establishing and sending troops to a post at Manchac; other recommendations; commendations of the actions of Nunn and Ferguson; enclosed with Chester’s May 7, 1778 letter to Germain [document 38]
53. August 5, 1778 [607]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, supporting British actions concerning the situation with the Spanish at New Orleans; warning “*that you take every Precaution to prevent any Violence or Injury being done to His Catholick Majesty’s Subjects, or affording any just ground of Complaint of any Infraction on our part of the Peace and Friendship which so happily subsists between the two Crowns*”; hoping that the Spanish will comply with restitution for the seizures; expressing deeper offence on the part of Britain at the “*countenance...shown to the rebels*” by the Spanish; expecting that the British ambassador in Madrid will be making an official protest [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 108]
54. May 30, 1778 [613]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, updating Germain on the New Orleans situation; stating that some of those in New Orleans who helped the rebels are some British subjects who own property in West Florida; seeking advice on how to dispose of their property
55. June 1, 1778 [617]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, stating that, since James Jones, a member by mandamus of the West Florida Council, has left West Florida for New Orleans and has sworn an oath to Spain, Chester has suspended him from the Council
56. June 2, 1778 [621]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning correspondence with Gálvez about the Spanish treatment of the rebels; concerning actions being taken to protect West Florida at Manchac and at Pensacola; reporting arrival at Pensacola of a French brig from New Orleans with

further news of Spanish collaboration with rebels, including soldiers arrived from Havana and arrests of British subjects; enclosing papers [documents 57, 58]

57. May 14[?], 1778 [625]
English translation of letter from Gálvez at New Orleans to [Chester], concerning his “neutral” treatment of the rebels; justifying his actions in relation to the British subjects and rebels; enclosed with Chester’s June 2, 1778 letter to Germain [document 56]
58. May 28, 1778 [629]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Gálvez, concerning the meaning of Gálvez’ government’s actions in relation to the rebels and British subjects; making the British case with details that the Spanish have improperly been treating the rebels and loyal British subjects in New Orleans in the same way; reiterating the British demand for restitution for the seizures of British property and for cessation of Spanish encouragement of the rebels against the British subjects; enclosed with Chester’s June 2, 1778 letter to Germain [document 56]
59. June 3, 1778 [641]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing copy of a letter to Treasury concerning several bills of exchange drawn for contingency expenses [enclosure not microfilmed here]
60. August 1, 1778 [645]
[Duplicate of ?] letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing copy of a letter to Treasury concerning several bills of exchange drawn for defense expenses for Pensacola’s town and fort [enclosure not microfilmed here]
61. August 22, 1778 [649]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing minutes of Council meetings from January 10 to April 25, 1778 [minutes not microfilmed here]
62. August 24, 1778 [653]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, reporting that actions taken to increase security in West Florida are having a positive effect and that the British demands on the Spanish government at New Orleans have met with “*more compliance than heretofore*” providing details; concerning Indian affairs, differing with the Superintendent of Indian Affairs that the Indians are reliably loyal to Britain; enclosing papers [documents 63, 64]
63. July 4, 1778 [661]
Letter from John Osborne, captain of the armed sloop *Catherine*, on the *Sylph*, two leagues below New Orleans, to Chester, concerning the sloop *French*, which struck a log in the river and stove her bottom; describing the unsuccessful effort to salvage the boat but successful rescue of the crew; Osborne now on board the

Sylph to avoid the danger of being captured by the rebels; enclosed with Chester's August 24, 1778 letter to Germain [document 62]

64. July 31, 1778 [665]
Extract of letter from Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Hutchins at Natchez to Chester, reporting that rebels have captured "*the Illinois Fort and Country*" more "*troops*" were coming down the Ohio and Mississippi to make a total of more than 500; enclosed with Chester's August 24, 1778 letter to Germain [document 62]
65. November 4, 1778 [669]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, sending a warrant to cover approved expenses [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 109]
66. December 2, 1778 [673]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, stating that reinforcement troops are being sent from New York to help protect West Florida; warning that care must be taken not to do anything that might upset delicate negotiations between Britain and Spain; saying loyal British subjects might be allowed to occupy lands left behind by those joining the rebel cause; approval of having suspended Jones [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 110]

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1. October 29, 1778 [1/1]
“*Copy of Col^l Stuarts Observations on an Indian Law to be passed in West Florida*”
2. January 19, 1779 [9/5]
Letter from Samuel Hannay at Philpot Lane [London?] to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing a memorial from land holders in West Florida and prospective merchants, seeking support [document 3]
3. [no date] [13/7]
“*Memorial of the Proprietors of Land in West Florida, and of the Merchants trading thither*”; enclosed with Hannay’s January 19, 1779 letter to Germain [document 2]
4. October 7, 1778 [17/9]
Letter from Elias Durnford, Lieutenant Governor of West Florida, at Pensacola, to Germain, seeking to promote himself and ingratiate himself to Germain
5. October 15, 1778 [23/12]
Letter from Lieutenant Colonel William Stiell, 3rd Battalion, 60th Regiment of Foot, at Pensacola, to Germain, reporting on the effects of a great hurricane that had recently devastated the West Florida coast
6. September 11, 1778 [27/14]
Letter from Peter Chester, Governor of West Florida, at Pensacola, to Germain, enclosing several papers concerning settlement and trading in West Florida [documents 7-11]
7. September 9, 1778 [31/16]
Memorial from Robert Ross and John Campbell, merchants along the Mississippi River, at Pensacola to Chester, concerning their involvement in legal problems in

- New Orleans ; enclosed with Chester's September 11, 1778 letter to Germain [document 6]
8. September 24, 1778 [39/20]
Affidavit of Little Page Robertson concerning the situation with American troops in the lower Mississippi River area; enclosed with Chester's September 11, 1778 letter to Germain [document 6]
 9. September 11, 1778 [49/25]
Extract from minutes of the Council of West Florida at Pensacola, concerning Ross's and Campbell's legal difficulties in New Orleans; enclosed with Chester's September 11, 1778 letter to Germain [document 6] [page 49/25 microfilmed twice]
 10. May 14, 1778 [53/27]
Document, written in Spanish, concerning the legal matters between Ross and Campbell and Spanish authorities in New Orleans; enclosed with Chester's September 11, 1778 letter to Germain [document 6] [pages 223/112 microfilmed twice]
 11. May 14, 1778 [289/130]
English translation of the document written in Spanish [document 10], including copies of correspondence between Ross and Campbell and the Spanish government at New Orleans; enclosed with Chester's September 11, 1778 letter to Germain [document 6]
 12. September 15, 1778 [373/187]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing various financial papers [not microfilmed]
 13. September 19, 1778 [377/189]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning commissioning privateers against the rebels and the apparent inevitability of war with France; enclosing papers [documents 14, 15]
 14. September 7, 1778 [381/191]
Copy of letter from Henry Atkins, Indian Interpreter, at the Choctaw Nation, to Charles Stuart, Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs, concerning Indian relations with the Spanish; enclosed with Chester's September 19, 1778 letter to Germain [document 13]
 15. September 15, 1778 [385/193]
Extract of letter from Charles Stuart to Colonel John Stuart, superintendent to the Indians in the Southern Department, concerning Indian affairs; enclosed with Chester's September 19, 1778 letter to Germain [document 13]

16. September 21, 1778 [389/195]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, expressing satisfaction that the Treasury has approved requested expenses for West Florida, that the Ordnance Department has approved requested fortifications, and that requested troops will be coming; concerning settling the public accounts of Durnford; concerning negotiations for purchase of General Ferdinand Haldimand's house to serve as government house
17. November 24, 1778 [393/197]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning calling a provincial Assembly meeting and other matters of governing the province; describing difficulties with a vocal faction of a few assembly members who wish to limit its business to their privileges and have held up other business; concerning previous and continuing practices put in place by the same faction of limiting office holding to one year; concerning other ongoing election issues with historical background in detail; enclosing papers concerning this situation [documents 18-20]
18. April 27, 1778 [409/205]
Extract from minutes of the West Florida Council at Pensacola, concerning issues of calling a new Assembly meeting, preceded by an election; enclosed with Chester's November 24, 1778 letter to Germain [document 17] [similar extract in Board of Trade papers Reel 3, document 71]
19. October 22, 1774 [413/207]
Copy of letter from Henry Middleton, president of the Continental Congress, urging West Florida to join the other British colonies in North America in adopting positions against British subjugation and for just and constitutional liberty within the British Empire; enclosed with Chester's November 24, 1778 letter to Germain [document 17]
20. November 23, 1778 [417/209]
Copy of acts of West Florida recently adopted, pertaining to representation and elections; enclosed with Chester's November 24, 1778 letter to Germain [document 17]
21. November 25, 1778 [425/213]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, reporting that the Office of Ordnance in the province had refused to draw for their expenses directly to the Board of Ordnance rather than through the provincial government, without a written order from the Board of Ordnance to do so; itemizing his own outlays of money for provincial expenses; enclosing papers [documents 22-27] [pages 424-425/213 microfilmed twice]

[Public Record Office note dated April 18, 1928, concerning moving a plan of the city of Pensacola, an enclosure to Chester's November 25, 1778 letter to Germain, to MPG 358.]

22. November 24, 1778 [430/215]
Plan of the city of Pensacola, specifically, a detailed plan of its fortifications; enclosed with Chester's November 25, 1778 letter to Germain [document 21]
23. October 5, 1778 [433/216]
Copy of letter from [Chester] at Pensacola to the officers of the Office of Ordnance of West Florida, ordering them to draw for their expenses to the Board of Ordnance; enclosed with Chester's November 25, 1778 letter to Germain [document 21]
24. October 7, 1778 [437/218]
Copy of letter from officers of the West Florida Ordnance Office stating that they have no authoritative orders on how to draw money for their construction expenses; signed by William Johnstone, Arthur Neal, Elias Durnford, Benjamin Gower, and William Wilton; enclosed with Chester's November 25, 1778 letter to Germain [document 21]
25. October 8, 1778 [441/220]
Copy of letter from [Chester] at Pensacola to the Ordnance officers, expressing surprise at their disregarding his orders concerning drawing money to cover their expenditures on construction projects; enclosed with Chester's November 25, 1778 letter to Germain [document 21]
26. October 14, 1778 [445/222]
Copy of letter from the Ordnance Office officers to Chester, stating again that they believe they have no authority to request payment for expenditures, as Chester's order supposes they do have; enclosed with Chester's November 25, 1778 letter to Germain [document 21]
27. December 8, 1774 [449/224]
Copy of letter from Ordnance Office officers to "*Respective Officers of West Florida*" stating that they must follow instructions from the Board of Ordnance that "*the Board will answer no Bills without their Authority.*"; enclosed with Chester's November 25, 1778 letter to Germain [document 21]
28. November 26, 1778 [453/226]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the memorial of Captain Francis Miller, who, with his family, is in a situation of real distress, enclosing Miller's memorial [document 29]
29. [no date] [457/228]

Memorial of Francis Miller; enclosed with Chester's November 26, 1778 to Germain [document 28]

30. November 27, 1778 [461/230]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the organization of Colonel John McGillivray's Provincial Regiment; reporting the arrival of Colonel Guillard and Doctor Farrar at Natchez from South Carolina with 30 or 40 white men and 500 Negroes with the intent of settling, being opponents of the American independence movement; they have not yet taken the oath of allegiance to Britain; enclosing papers [documents 31, 32]
31. November 9, 1778 [465/232]
Extract from minutes of the West Florida Council at Pensacola, concerning McGillivray's Provincial Regiment; enclosed with Chester's November 27, 1778 letter to Germain [document 30]
32. October 16, 1778 [469/234]
Extract of letter from Captain Alexander McIntosh at Natches to [Chester], concerning the arrival of nearly 600 men from South Carolina at Natches, who initially caused alarm until it was learned that the men's intention was to settle; still, it was felt prudent not to administer the oath of allegiance to them until their intentions were verified; enclosed with Chester's November 27, 1778 letter to Germain [document 30] [pages 471/235 microfilmed twice]
33. March 15, 1779 [473/236]
Letter from Hannay to Germain, including minutes of "*a meeting of West Florida Merchants & Planters*" chaired by Hannay, concerning a memorial to the King from the West Florida Assembly and a report of a committee chaired by Hannay; containing several papers [documents 34-41]
34. November 25, 1778 [477/238]
Memorial from the West Florida Assembly to the King, expressing loyalty and abhorrence to the rebel independence movement; recounting the King's establishment of civil government in West Florida; describing the current conflict between the Governor and Assembly; seeking redress; enclosed with Hannay's March 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 33]
35. November 17, 1778 [493/246]
"*Copy of a Letter of thanks from the Principal Inhabitants of the Town of Mobile to the following Gentlemen*", members of the West Florida Assembly, concerning Mobile's representation on the Assembly; signed by 34 individuals; enclosed with Hannay's March 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 33]
36. [no date] [497/248]

“Copy of Governor Chester’s Answer to the Messages from the Assembly”, including a message from the Assembly dated October 26, 1778; enclosed with Hannay’s March 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 33]

37. [no date] [503/251]
“Copy of Governor Chester’s Answer to the Message of the Upper House of Assembly of the 20th October 1778”; enclosed with Hannay’s March 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 33]
38. [no date] [505/252]
“Extract from His Majesty’s Commission to Peter Chester Esquire Governor of West Florida Referred to by His Answer to the Message of the Upper House of Assembly”; enclosed with Hannay’s March 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 33]
39. October 27, 1778 [507/253]
“Extract from the Journals of the Upper House of Assembly”, including an extract from the 17th Article of the Governor’s Instructions, concerning representation in the Assembly; enclosed with Hannay’s March 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 33]
40. [no date] [509/254]
Copy of a West Florida bill establishing representation of the towns and districts of the provinces; enclosed with Hannay’s March 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 33]
41. October 1, 1778 [515/257]
Document by Chester describing his announcement that the Assembly will meet, results of the election of representatives, and the meetings of the Assembly and surrounding politics; followed by
[no date]
Message from the Governor, conveyed by Mr. Macullugh, Deputy Provost Marshall, to the Commons House of the Assembly, concerning conduct of the Assembly meetings; followed by
[no date]
Speech by Chester at the first meeting of the Assembly, concerning the dire straits of the western part of the province, especially given the prospects of war with France; concerning attempts to control and pacify affairs with the Indians; followed by
[no date]
Speech by Chester to the Assembly, concerning orders from the King relating to the rebellion situation; followed by
[no date]
Speech by Chester to the Council, seeking support by Council members to maintain harmony among the branches of the legislative branch; followed by
[no date]

Orders of the Assembly concerning appointments of clerk and messenger and similar matters; followed by

October 2, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning amending the "*Founding Rules and Orders*" of the House; other matters, including thanks for the work of Captain [elsewhere identified as Lieutenant Colonel] Anthony Hutchins

[Note: For more on Hutchins and why he was being thanked, see Reel 9, document 34]; followed by

October 3, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning and including text of an "*address*" of the House to Chester; responding to Chester's speech at the first session of the House; criticizing Chester and other top leaders for not acting sooner in a way that might have avoided the rebel invasion in the western part of the province; praising Chester for other actions taken to protect the province; concerning certain representatives not yet attending because their qualifications had not been approved; followed by

October 5, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, including text of letter to the House from Chester promoting harmony among the branches of government; followed by

October 6, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning various business; followed by

October 7, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning the delayed qualification of certain elected members; followed by

October 8, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, including orders by Chester dated October 7, 1778 concerning Assembly membership and swearing in; including the report of the Committee of Privileges and Elections on past elections in Mobile (1767) and Charlotte County (1769), that had bearing on the delay in qualifying certain elected members in the 1778 election; the situation requiring the issue of new writs of election for certain of the 1778 elections; followed by

October 9, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly; adjourned at 10 AM due to an impending hurricane; followed by

October 10, 1778, October 12, 1778, October 13, 1778, October 14, 1778

Copies of minutes of the House of the Assembly; adjourning each day without doing business

[Note: On page 534/277, a detailed third-party description is written in the margin.] [page 534-535/277 microfilmed twice] followed by

October 15, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning delivery of new writs of election; other business; followed by

October 16, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning various business; including the Council's request to consider and vote on certain bills under consideration by the House; followed by

October 17, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning bills on the price and assize of bread and on the regulation on weights and measures; followed by

October 19, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning the committee's recommendations to change the standing rules and orders; 19 amended rules were discussed and adopted with full texts included in the minutes; request from Council to inspect the House's minutes; followed by

October 20, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning new writs of election not having been sent to Mobile and questioning the governor's actions, including text of a message to Chester on this matter; concerning apparent lack of representation of Campbell Town, including message to Chester on this matter; adopted the bill on the price and assize of bread; followed by

October 21, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning a bill to establish the number of representatives for the towns and districts or shires of the colony, and to ascertain the rights of elections and duration of assemblies; discussion of related issues; text of a message from Chester, via Macullugh, expressing surprise that the House has not limited itself to agenda items recommended by the Governor in his opening session speech and warning the House against going astray into other areas, especially matters concerning privileges, and explaining why new writs of election were not issued for Mobile and Campbell Town; followed by

October 22, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning messages from the House responding to the Governor; concerning a bill being considered by the Council on the liability of people who leave the province leaving debts behind; discussion on a bill concerning representation and election rights; further discussion on a weights and measures bill; followed by

October 23, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning several issues; followed by

October 24, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning election laws and appointing a militia; concerning a message from the Council about the "*Purchases of Lands and Tenements against Latent Judgments*"; followed by

October 26, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning, again, the matter of purchases of lands and tenements against latent judgments; followed by

October 27, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning inspecting the journal of the Council; concerning an act for appointing a militia; concerning the Council's having established a committee it wishes to have meet with a committee of the House for an open discussion of the issue of election process; the House established a committee to meet with the Council committee; followed by

October 28, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning the House committee to meet with the Council committee; followed by

October 29, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning issues in the election law, especially concerning Mobile's representation; concerning the House committee to meet with the Council committee; concerning other matters; followed by

October 30, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning a bill for appointing a militia, concerning the Council committee to meet with the House committee; concerning an act for attachment of estates of those leaving the province; followed by

October 31, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning the House's issues in the recent performance of the election law, especially in relation to Mobile, which were brought by the House committee to the Council committee, which responded that no new writs of election would be approved for Mobile; concerning the Council's questions about the propriety of the House's actions, to which the House answered that they indeed were unprecedented but, under the circumstances, justified; followed by

November 2, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly; met and adjourned; followed by

November 3, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning commendation of McGillivray for his regiment's successful actions against rebels; concerning further consideration of a bill for appointing a militia; followed by

November 4, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning further consideration of the bill for appointing a militia; followed by

November 5, 1778

Copy of minutes of the House of the Assembly, concerning receipt of a message from the Governor ordering them to meet with him immediately to hear a speech he will make to both houses, in which he disagreed with the House's positions on the election process;

All enclosed with Hannay's March 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 33]

42. [no date] [619/309]
Estimate of the civil establishment of West Florida from June 24, 1778 to June 24, 1779, totaling £4,900

43. April 1, 1779 [623/311]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, concerning the memorial of Ross and Campbell, stating that they should not be encouraged but suggesting that rebel property should be confiscated and distributed partly to benefit such petitioners; expressing displeasure that the Assembly is taking up issues of rights and privileges, suggesting Chester's personal appearance before the House [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 111]
44. March 18, 1779 and April 15, 1779 [627/312]
Copy of letter from William Knox, secretary to Germain, at Whitehall, to John Boddington at the Treasury, passing on requests for payment for useful fortifications built in West Florida under the direction of Captain Thomas Hutchins of the 60th Regiment
45. January 24, 1779 [631/314]
Copy of letter from Hutchins in London to [Germain], describing with details the military construction he recommends in the area of Lake Ponchartrain and the River Iberville
46. [no date] [639/318]
Estimate for proposed military works to make the Iberville River navigable between the Mississippi River and Lake Maurepas, totaling £2,500
- [Note:** Public Record Office notice dated March 16, 1828 that a map of the Mississippi from the River Yazoo (the northern boundary of West Florida) to Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas was moved to M.R. 107]
47. [no date] [map pages not numbered]
"A Plan of the Lakes Ponchartrain and Maurepas and the River Iberville and also of the River Mississippi from its mouth to the River Yazou...A Distance of 450 miles", a multi-page, hand-drawn map.
48. May 5, 1779 [643/321]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, concerning bills received through the MP for Lincoln, England for expenses in the town of Lincoln in West Florida, with Germain's wish that, though they seem private expenses, they should be honored by the West Florida government [page 643/321 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 113]
49. April 22, 1779 [645/323]
Copy of letter from Rev. Gilbert Benet, at Lincoln, England, to [the MP of Lincoln], concerning losses he has sustained in supporting development in West Florida
50. April 10, 1779 [651/326]

State of the account of Benet for expenses in West Florida, kept by William Clifton, Chief Justice of West Florida

51. December 22, 1778 [653/327]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, expressing thanks for Germain's approval to send additional troops and that he is trying to follow all Germain's wishes; concerning compensation for planters and merchants who have sustained losses inflicted by the rebels and allowed by the Spanish
52. December 30, 1778 [657/329]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the failure of ordnance office officers at Pensacola to draw bills for expenses to be paid by the Board of Ordnance; concerning Chester's being forced to draw on additional funds from the Treasury; enclosing papers [documents 53, 54] [page 658/330 microfilmed twice
53. December 23, 1778 [661/331]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to officers of ordnance at Pensacola, advising them again to draw bills for their expenses to the Board of Ordnance in London; enclosed with Chester's December 30, 1778 letter to Germain [document 52]
54. December 23, 1778 [665/333]
Letter from Officers of the Ordnance Office to Chester, reiterating that they have orders to request funding from either the military commander or governor; enclosed with Chester's December 30, 1778 letter to Germain [document 52] [page 665/333 microfilmed twice]
55. June 2, 1779 [669/335]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, explaining a delay in approval of Chester's bills by the Treasury; supporting the Pensacola ordnance officers against Chester in the drawing of bills issue [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 114]
56. March 23, 1779 [673/337]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, reporting the death of John Stuart; reporting consulting with newly arrived Brigadier General John Campbell about expanding the defenses of the province; concerning the payment of bills to the Treasury, with the support of Campbell
[Note: Campbell had been sent by Germain from New York to take control of the military forces in West Florida]
57. April 1, 1779 [677/339]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, reporting having appointed a body of commissioners to handle the duties of the deceased Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Southern Department

58. May 7, 1779 [681/341]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing duplicates of various previous letters; listing expenditures he has drawn on the Treasury, totaling £1,530.18.5
59. May 7, 1779 [685/343]
Separate letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, introducing to Germain Philip Livingston, member of the West Florida Council and bearer of this letter
60. May 10, 1779 [689/345]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, recommending to Germain Captain John Ferguson of the *Sylph* in West Florida
61. August 5, 1779 [693/347]
Letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, concerning the death of John Stuart and appointment of a successor as superintendent of Indian affairs in the Southern Region; concerning McGillivray's regiment; concerning a petition received by ship from a large number of West Florida inhabitants and conveyed by "*some of the most respectable Traders of your Province*", which he had referred to the Board of Trade [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 115]
62. January 7, 1779 [699/350]
Statement from Chester certifying enclosed minutes of Council meetings
63. Copy of minutes of West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [701/351]
October 8, 1778, concerning a statement of Richard Wilder Carr affirming his loyalty to England and to Governor Chester
October 28, 1778, concerning Indian relations, including extracts of two letters from John McIntosh to John Stuart, dated October 23 and October 24, 1778
November 2, 1778, concerning Spanish relations in Natchez, including text of letters from McIntosh to Chester dated Fort Panmure, October 16, 1778 and a letter from the Governor of Spanish Louisiana
November 9, 1778, concerning disbanding McGillivray's regiment and replacing it with two independent companies; concerning discontinuing exports except to Mobile and Manchac
November 13, 1778, concerning petitions of Thaddeus Lyman, Thompson Lyman, Experience Lyman, and Elenor Lyman, who had come to West Florida from New England to escape the rebellion, seeking land grants; land grant petitions of Isiah Flower, Isaac Sheldan, Daniel Maggot, Henry Dwight, Benjamin Day, Abraham Thnapp, Timothy Hotchkiss, Abijah Leonard, Ira Whitmore, Thomas Andrews, Silas Crane, John Felt, William Neilburd, Mathew Phelps, James Crunkleton, John Stowers, Caleb Thing, Alexander Rose, Sereno Edwards Dwight, John Gardner, Francis Miller, and Simon Monro

November 16, 1778, concerning several land grant petitions from John Bell, Mary Bell, Daniel Gardner, John Oxbury, Jacob Coburn, William Jenkins, Neamiah Carter, Charles Allen, Edward Carless, James Clayton, Samuel Heady, Jerimay Morgan, Alexander Boyd, Benjamin James, Robert Montgomerie, Stephen Shakspear, Robert Crovin, James Fairlie, Charles Percy, John Firby, John Fogel; petition from Jean Baptiste Marellin seeking a commission

November 17, 1778, concerning land grant petitions from officers of the *Sylph*; land grant petitions from Thomas James, Francis Spain, John Nevall, John Heartly, Joseph Ironmonger, Joseph Alison, John Chrystie, Joseph Pinkorn, John Salkeld, Michael Jackson, Robert Welsh, Hugh McCree, Hardy Perry, Philip Hammond, Cornelius McCurtin, George Beal, Hannah OGilby, Michael Grant, Alexander Maccullagh, and John Wathine

November 18, 1778, concerning disputes over land holding along the Mississippi River; land-grant petitions from Abraham Mayer on behalf of his mother Sarah Mayer, and from Justice King

November 20, 1778, concerning pay for McGillivray's corps of provincials; concerning reappointment of magistrates who had previously held magistrate positions in the rebel states or who had sworn neutrality

January 7, 1779, concerning the conduct of Doctor John Laffon in his relationships with rebels and the status of his property near Natchez; land-grant petition from John Turner

64. May 10, 1779 [781/391]
Letter from 12 "*gentlemen*" at Pensacola to Messrs Clark and Milligan, seeking their support for the signators' petition to the King reiterating their grievances against Governor Chester and requesting his recall from his position
65. [no date] [785/393]
Memorial to the King of "*Gentlemen, Freeholders, and Principal Inhabitants of the Province of West Florida*", complaining that the current rebellion plus the "*bad Police[y], and mismanagement of Peter Chester Esquire your Governor of this Province, has worked itself into a System, nearly Subversive of our Liberties, with the loss of this your Province*"; enumerating specific charges, such as: selling land, especially to his favorites, without consulting the Council and refusing to grant lands to others; granting lands to his secretary, member of the notoriously rebel Livingston family of New York; misusing Indian presents to cloth Livingston's Negroes; putting to his own uses certain public monies; making judgmental decisions against the evidence; other actions that have resulted in gains for the rebels and losses to the property of loyal West Florida inhabitants; requesting the immediate recall of Chester and his replacement with a successor who will govern justly for the benefit of West Florida's inhabitants; signed by 129 individuals [pages 784-785, 790-791 microfilmed twice]
66. August 17, 1779 [817/409]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning difficulties of communicating reliably with Germain via the Jamaica packet; mentioning

several areas of concern to be communicated about, including finances and Indian relations

67. November 15, 1779 [820/411]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, reporting that the Spanish have taken control of both the Manchac and Natchez areas; reporting actions to acquire reinforcements from Jamaica; reporting much loyal support along the Mississippi River, and his declaration of martial law; enclosing papers [documents 68-71]
68. November 6, 1779 [825/413]
Copy of letter from Major General John Campbell, commander at Pensacola, to Chester, concerning the dire circumstances in relation to the Spanish; seeking the Governor's action to call out the militia; the need for other actions; enclosed with Chester's November 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 67]
69. November 8, 1779 [829/415]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Campbell, explaining the status of the province's militia law, which will require convening the Assembly, which Chester will now do only with the King's approval; enclosed with Chester's November 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 67] [pages 828-829 microfilmed twice]
70. September 21, 1779 [833/417]
Copy of Articles of Capitulation [by the British] agreed upon between Louisiana Governor Bernardo de Gálvez and British commander on the Mississippi River Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Dickson of the 16th Regiment of Foot for the "*Garrison and District of Baton Rouge in West Florida*", including a provision that the same rights and privileges granted to the inhabitants of the Baton Rouge District shall be granted to those in the Natchez District; enclosed with Chester's November 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 67]
71. Copies of minutes of West Florida Council meetings at Pensacola [841/421]
September 11, 1779, concerning a request from Campbell for Chester to declare martial law, which the Council advised should be done, after consideration of the legalities
September 14, 1779, concerning additional steps needed, according to Campbell, to defend Pensacola and the province, to which the Council responded as it could
September 25, 1779, concerning a question from Campbell about the authenticity of reports that Baton Rouge and Natchez had fallen to the Spanish; summary of express messenger John Anderson's deposition before the Council; extracts of several letters to Colonel Anthony Hutchins, dated October 5 and October 6, 1779
All enclosed with Chester's November 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 67]

72. November 14, 1779 [853/427]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the petition from "*Traders and Proprietors of Lands*", which Chester claims was "*a great surprise*"; justifying his governing [pages 852-853 microfilmed twice]
73. November 17, 1779 [857/429]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning bills he has submitted to the Treasury, which he hopes will be honored; his inability to get approval of bills by Christopher Nesham, the King's agent for West Florida's Contingency Account; enclosing a paper [document 74]
74. September 13, 1779 [861/431]
Letter from Andrew Rainsford, barrack master at Pensacola, to Chester, concerning bills due; enclosed with Chester's November 17, 1779 letter to Germain [document 73]
75. November 18, 1779 [865/433]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, expressing happiness at the news that the Queen has brought forth a prince; expressing congratulations for Britain's victories in the East Indies and West Indies
76. November 20, 1779 [869/434]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, acknowledging receipt of an account "*said to be due from Mr. Clifton*" to Benet; enclosing a letter from Clifton with a paper enclosed, concerning the account [documents 77, 78]
77. September 15, 1779 [873/435A]
Letter from Clifton at Pensacola to Chester, with a detailed explanation of the circumstances of and status of the account of money due by Clifton to Benet, including delays in payment and various culpable people, enclosing a paper [document 78]; enclosed with Chester's November 20, 1779 letter to Germain [document 76]
78. May 22, 1778 [881/439]
Copy of letter from Matthew Wyldbore at Great George Street [probably London] to Charles Pryce at Parsons Green, referred to by Clifton in his letter, concerning his involvement with the Benet account; copied by Clifton and enclosed with his September 15, 1779 letter to Chester [document 77]; enclosed with Chester's November 20, 1779 letter to Germain [document 76] [pages 882-883 microfilmed twice]
79. October 24, 1779 [885/441]
Letter from Clifton at Pensacola to Knox, concerning the Benet account
80. November 26, 1779 [889/443]

Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning payment for the construction of barracks and rental/purchase of the Haldimand house as Government House, enclosing papers [documents 81, 82]

81. November 25, 1779 [893/445]
“*The answer to the foregoing Letter*”; Letter from the Office of Ordnance at Pensacola to Chester, declining to respond to Chester’s request that the Ordnance Office seek payment for the barracks construction and Government House rental/purchase from the Ordnance Department in London, stating that “*we have received no direction from our office in England on this head*”, signed by William Johnstone, Elias Durnford, and Arthur Neil; enclosed with Chester’s November 26, 1779 letter to Germain [document 80]
82. October 30, 1779 [895/446]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to the Officers of Ordnance at Pensacola, requesting payment from the Ordnance Department through the local Office of Ordnance for barracks construction and Government House rental/purchase; enclosed with Chester’s November 26, 1779 letter to Germain [document 80]
83. December 10, 1779 [897/447]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning outstanding bills; enclosing several papers [not microfilmed here]
84. April 5, 1780 [901/449]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, expressing dismay at the loss of the posts up the Mississippi River and their garrisons; expressing satisfaction that Pensacola and Mobile have been made secure against attack by the Spanish; expressing dismay that West Florida lacks a militia law; stating that the Board of Trade is considering what to do about the petition from West Florida against Chester; stating that the “forms” were being done properly so that the Ordnance Department can pay for purchase of the Haldimand house; stating that he is taking actions regarding the Benet account; enclosing a petition of William Gordon, rector at Mobile, to Germain [document 85] [pages 902-903 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 116]
85. January 3, 1780 [907/451]
Petition of Gordon at Mobile, seeking back and continuing payment of his house rent by the Governor of West Florida, as these payments had been discontinued since June 1778
86. [no date] [911/453]
Estimate of the Civil Establishment of West Florida from June 24, 1779 to June 24, 1780, totaling £3,900 [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 118]

87. April 13, 1780 [915/455]
From Richard Cumberland, secretary to the Board of Trade at Whitehall to Knox, secretary to Germain, concerning Chester's request for payment of contingency expenses; forwarding copies of letters from Agent to West Florida Nesham, and from Chester to him [documents 88, 89]
88. April 4, 1780 [919/457]
Copy of letter from Nesham at Newboth near Durham to Cumberland, concerning the accounts of West Florida and Chester's request for payment of contingency expenses, including "*extravagant Disbursements*" for Indian goods; enclosed with the Board of Trade's April 13, 1780 letter to the Secretary of State [document 87] [copy in Board of Trade papers, Reel 3 document 44]
89. September 25, 1779 [923/459]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Nesham, requesting payment for contingency expenses; enclosed with the Board of Trade's April 13, 1780 letter to the Secretary of State [document 87] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 3, document 45]
90. September 1, 1779 [927/461]
Cover letter from James Macpherson at London to Germain, for his resignation as Secretary, Clerk of the Council and Register of Grants, Patents, etc. for the Province of West Florida"; enclosing his resignation paper [document 91]
91. September 1, 1779 [931/463]
MacPherson's statement of resignation; enclosed with his September 1, 1779 cover letter to Germain [document 90]
92. May 17, 1780 [935/465]
Duplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, expressing unhappiness that some of his requests for payments have been denied, including payments for McGillivray's regiment; entreating Germain to assist in gaining approval for all of his bills, which he feels are justified; expressing his concern that the petition against him is being considered by the Board of Trade and wishing for an early opportunity to answer all the charges; reporting that Mobile had followed the Mississippi country in being taken by the Spanish; enclosing several papers [documents 93-95]
93. July 1, 1776 [939/467]
Letter from Barrack Master Rainsford to Chester concerning expenses and needed payments; enclosed with Chester's May 17, 1780 letter to Germain [document 92]
94. [no date] [943/469]

Copy of articles of capitulation proposed by Durnford at Mobile, indicating those articles agreed to by Gálvez; the fort was turned over to the Spanish on March 14, 1780; enclosed with Chester's May 17, 1780 letter to Germain [document 92]

95. May 7, 1780 [947/471]
Copy of letter from Rainsford at Pensacola to Chester, restating the payment problems as reported in his letter of July 1, 1776 [document 93] and updating the ongoing problem situation through the years down to 1780; enclosed with Chester's May 17, 1780 letter to Germain [document 92]
96. November 1, 1780 [951/473]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, stating that he has "*long since*" approved payment of the bills of Barrack Master Rainsford
97. July 6, 1776 [955/475]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the bills of the barrack master [enclosed with Chester's May 17, 1780 letter to Germain?]
98. August 7, 1780 [959/477]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, notifying Germain of the "Capture and Reduction of the fort and District of Mobile by the Spaniards, an Event which has rendered our Situation here exceedingly precarious"; hoping for reinforcements; stating that he has acted properly in the situation resulting in lack of a militia law in West Florida, because the Assembly refused to adopt one; repeating that bills he has sent to the treasury have been returned "*protested*"; reiterating that the Ordnance Office has refused to seek payments from the Ordnance Department; enclosing a paper [document 99]
99. August 2, 1780 [963/479]
Copy of letter from Rainsford at Pensacola to Chester, containing a detailed accounting of the money owed him from unpaid bills; enclosed with Chester's August 7, 1780 letter to Germain [document 98]

- **Volume 596: Official correspondence and documents 1780-1783:**
40 documents with dates from April 11, 1780 through February 3, 1783; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 169 (disregarding a second unrelated set of numbers); no Archivist Stamped Page Numbers; no BCO Bundle Document Numbers.

Note: DLAR document numbers appear at the left margin. Archivist Penciled Page Numbers appear at the right margin.

100. January 13, 1781 [1]
Copy of letter from Secretary of State for the Colonies Lord George Germain, at Whitehall, to Governor of West Florida Peter Chester, at Pensacola, wishing that Chester had pressed the Assembly harder to obtain a militia act in time to withstand the Spanish invasions; entreating Chester to put all his energies into defending Pensacola
101. October 30, 1780 [7]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the petition against him, stating "*that the whole of that cruel and ungenious accusation was founded in Malice and disappointed Ambition*"; offering other reasons for his difficulties in governing and defending himself, given "*the confused and unsettld State of the Colony*"
102. March 7, 1781 [11]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Chester, stating that he has no response to Chester's October 30 letter [copy in Secretary of State letters Reel 20, document 121]
103. February 18, 1781 [15]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, commenting that the new estimate for civil government contains no funding for the provincial Indian department; requesting that Germain use his influence with the Treasury to obtain the needed funds; also stating the need for special funding to cover the costs of a grand jury; enclosing a paper [document 104]
104. February 21, 1781 [19]
"Account of Ballances left in the hands of His Majesty's Agent for West Florida and drawn for by His Excellency Governor Chester at the Close of the Provincial Years accounts from the 24th June 1771 to the 24th June 1780 inclusive"; signed by Chester; enclosed in Chester's February 18, 1781 letter to Germain [document 103]
105. February 17, 1781 [23]

- Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing his response to the petition against him [enclosure not microfilmed here]
106. February 18, 1781 [27]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, informing Germain that a Spanish fleet planning to invade West Florida was diverted and decimated by a great gale
 107. February 22, 1781 [31]
Letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, informing Germain that a Spanish prize had been brought into Pensacola harbor and condemned; enclosing papers [documents 108, 109]
 108. January 2, 1781 [35]
Proceedings of the Admiralty Court against the schooner *El Poder de Dios*; enclosed with Chester's February 22, 1781 letter to Germain [document 107]
 109. February 21, 1781 [55]
Letter from Elihu Hall Bay I.U.A. at Pensacola to Chester, enclosing a report on the state of the case of the *El Poder de Dios* [report not microfilmed here] enclosed with Chester's February 22, 1781 letter to Germain [document 107]
 110. February 12, 1781 [59]
Duplicate of letter from William Clifton, Chief Justice of West Florida, at Pensacola, to William Knox, secretary to Germain, concerning the claim of Gilbert Benet for losses in West Florida development
 111. June 15, 1781 [63]
Letter from Samuel Hanney, Provincial Agent for West Florida, at Philpot Lane [London?], to Germain, seeking assistance in regard to an "*application*" to Lord North, enclosing his letter to Lord North [document 112]
 112. June 1, 1781 [67]
Copy of letter from Hanney at Philpot Lane [London?] to Frederick "Lord" North, 2nd Earl of Guilford and long-time British Prime Minister, raising as an important issue for civil officers in West Florida, the fact that those officers had not been paid for their services since June 24, 1780; seeking assistance in releasing the necessary funds to pay the officers; enclosed with Hanney's June 15, 1781 letter to Germain [document 111]
 113. November 24, 1780 [71]
Triplicate of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, acknowledging receipt of news and copies of Parliamentary acts and circular letters; reporting intelligence that a Spanish fleet has left Havana toward Pensacola; enclosing information on the fleet [document 114]; seeking from New York "*all the Sea and Land Forces they can possibly send down to our assistance*"; stating that West Florida and Pensacola in particular "*must be of infinite consequence to Great*

Britain” because of its harbor and other natural resources; enclosing a [page 74 microfilmed twice]

114. [no date] [77]
List of armaments in the Spanish land and sea forces supposed to be sailing from Savannah toward Pensacola on October 17, 1780; enclosed with Chester’s November 24, 1780 letter to Germain [document 113]
115. [no date] [79]
Estimate for the civil establishment of West Florida from June 24, 1780 to June 24, 1781, totaling £3,900
116. July 17, 1781 [83]
Letter from Samuel McNamara, commander of the *Prince Edward*, at Spithead, to Germain, enclosing letters from Chester [document 117] and Major General John Campbell, commander of British forces at Pensacola [not microfilmed here]
117. February 24, 1781 [87]
Cover letter from Chester at Pensacola to Germain, stating that Captain McNamara will be delivering a paper and that he can provide useful information about the situation at Pensacola; enclosed with McNamara’s July 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 116]
118. July 30, 1781 [91]
Petition to Germain from Rev. William Gordon, rector at Mobile, at London, seeking recompense for loss of his house in Mobile during the Spanish takeover; including certifications of the situation and value of the house, one dated February 22, 1781, signed by George Troup and Thomas Strother, stating that the house was burned, the other dated July 24, 1781, signed by Elias Durnford, Engineer, commander at Fort Charlotte, Mobile, West Florida, stating that the house was dismantled by the British “*as it obstructed the Defence of said Fort*”
119. July 2, 1781 [101]
Letter from Chester at Charleston to Germain, informing Germain of the surrender of Pensacola to the Spanish forces; hoping to tell the whole story when he returns to England, which he hopes is soon; the British in Pensacola were besieged and embattled from March 9 until they capitulated on May 8; enclosing two copies of the articles of capitulation [documents 120, 121]
120. May 9, 1781 [105]
Articles of Capitulation between the Spanish and British at Pensacola, 28 articles, with the Spanish response to each article written in Spanish, signed by Chester and Campbell for the British and by Bernardo de Gálvez, Governor of Louisiana, for the Spanish; enclosed with Chester’s July 2, 1781 letter to Germain [document 119] [page 116 microfilmed twice]

121. May 9, 1781 [119]
Second copy of the Articles of Capitulation, with the Spanish response to each article translated into English; enclosed with Chester's July 2, 1781 letter to Germain [document 119]
122. February 6, 1782 [129]
Letter from Richard Cumberland, secretary to the Board of Trade [which Parliament disestablished later in 1782], at Plantation Chambers to [?], concerning the current year's estimates for the civil establishment of West Florida, enclosing the estimate [document 123]
123. [no date] [133]
Estimate for the civil establishment of West Florida from June 24, 1781 to June 24, 1782; enclosed with Cumberland's February 6, 1782 to [?] [document 122]
124. August 11, 1780 [139]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to captains of merchant ships in Pensacola harbor, requesting that they supply crew members for urgent duty in preparing defenses at Pensacola

Note: Starting with document 125, archivists began to record two penciled page numbers on each page. While one set of numbers appears to continue the previous sequence, although not consistently, the second set deviates in unpredictable ways.

125. April 14, 1780 [140/141]
Letter from several merchant ship captains at Pensacola to other captains, soliciting support for combined naval and merchant ship efforts to improve Pensacola's defenses
126. July 19, 1780 [141/143]
Extract of minutes of a West Florida Council meeting held at Pensacola, concerning a petition of Thomas McMin, a merchant ship captain, seeking an allowance while helping the naval ships to improve the Pensacola harbor defenses
127. February 21, 1781 [142/145]
Extract of minutes of a West Florida Council meeting held at Pensacola, concerning the McMin petition; his merchant ship and others had been "*detained*" by an embargo thought necessary by the government
128. March 22, 1782 [143/147]
Letter from William McKinnon, executor to Colonel John Stuart, at London to Knox, seeking to resolve an issue concerning vouchers for Indian presents purchased by Stuart, so he can return to America to continue his work in Indian affairs

129. April 29, 1782 [145/175]
Letter from Durnford at New Street, Hanover Square [London?] to [?], requesting that Home Secretary the Earl of Shelburne consider his memorial to be paid for cattle supplied to Indians in West Florida in 1779; enclosing his memorial [document 130]
[Note: William Petty, 2nd Earl of Shelburne, became the first Home Secretary in March 1782. The position of Home Secretary replaced the previous Secretary of State for the Colonies. Germaine's long term in the latter position lasted from November 1775 until February 1782. Shelburne remained Home Secretary for only three months before being promoted to Prime Minister in July 1782.]
130. [no date] [147/179]
Memorial of Durnford to Shelburne; enclosed with Durnford's April 29, 1782 letter to Shelburne [document 129]
131. [no date] [149/181]
Certification of the value of Durnford's cattle supplied to the Indians in 1779
132. June 19, 1782 [151/152]
"Case of Mr. David Taitt, Dep^y. Superintendant of Indian Affairs for the Creek Nation under Colonel Stewart"; wishes for employment in government; wishes for pay from when taken by the Spanish at Pensacola on June 1, 1780 until his return to England on April 22, 1781
133. July 5, 1782 [154/155]
Letter from McKinnon in London to [?], concerning the vouchers for Indian presents purchased by Stuart
134. [no date] [156/189]
Petition to Home Secretary Thomas Townshend, 1st Viscount Sidney, from Taitt, desiring employment
[Note: Townshend replaced Shelburne as Home Secretary in June 1782 and remained in this position until April 1783.]
135. September 24, 1782 [158/187]
Petition to Townshend from Taitt in London, desiring back pay
136. December 21, 1782 [159/160]
Letter and memorandum from Taitt, on Swallow Street, Hanover Square, to E. Napine, seeking to gain support for his petitions to Townshend; clarifying that he wishes to gain employment in West Florida if and when it becomes British again
137. February 3, 1783 [164/167]

Letter from Taitt at 75 New Street, Hanover Square, to Napine further seeking to gain support for his petitions, expanding his quest to include possible employment in the West Indies [page 164/167 microfilmed twice]

138. [no date] [166/171]
Memorandum that three ships owned by a William Robertson had been taken into the service of West Florida to increase its defensive forces; Robertson now seeking payment for the time they were thus detained

139. [no date] [169/195]
Memorial to Home Secretary Lord North, from "*proprietors of Land Planters Merchants and others Inhabitants late of West Florida*", seeking relief from their losses, signed by 40 individuals
[Note: After serving since 1770 as Prime Minister, through the entire American Revolutionary War period, Lord North resigned on March 20, 1782, a signal of the failure of his pro-war, anti-American policies. He didn't leave government, however. On April 2, 1783, he replaced Townshend as Home Secretary, a position North held only briefly, until December 19, 1783.]

[Note: Here end the **Secretary of State** official correspondence and documents for West Florida.]

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Reel 11 Military Correspondence

Note: See the **General Contents and Notes** section that precedes the **Annotated List of Contents** for general information on how the microfilmed West Florida papers are organized by Reel, Volume, Bundle and Document with Archivists' Penciled and/or Stamped Page Numbers.

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- **Volume 598: Military correspondence and documents 1779-1783 (Part 2):** 26 documents; DLAR document numbers 108 through 133; no Archivist Penciled Page Numbers; Archivist Stamped Page Numbers 1 through 66; no BCO Bundle Document Numbers.

Reel 11 itemized, annotated contents:

- **Volume 597: Military correspondence and documents 1778-1781 (Part 1):** 107 documents with dates from December 25, 1778 through December 7, 1781; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 771; Archivist Stamped Page Numbers 1 through 385; no BCO Bundle Document Numbers.

Note: DLAR document numbers appear at the left margin. Archivist Penciled Page Numbers and Stamped Page Numbers appear at the right margin as “Penciled Page Number/Stamped Page Number”.

1. December 26, 1778 [1/1]
Letter from Brigadier General John Campbell, at Kingston, Jamaica, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, reporting on having arrived at Jamaica from New York, on his way to Pensacola; stating that the situation in West Florida is represented in Jamaica as “*by no means pleasing....in very great Distress*” because the most fertile part of the colony, up the Mississippi River, has been deserted because of hostilities there, lack of supplies, and “*an Embargo laid on Provisions in this Island*”; stating also that he understands that the troops at Pensacola are unpaid and lack provisions; reporting that he is transporting with him provisions for settlers and military and that he hopes the extra costs of these provisions will be approved; enclosing a return of the state of the troops under him [document 2]
2. December 26, 1778 [5/3]
“*State of a Detachment of Troops under the Command of Brig. Gen^l. Campbell on their Passage from New York for Pensacola in West Florida*”; signed at Kingston by Campbell; enclosed with Campbell’s December 26, 1778 letter to Germain [document 1]
3. April 1, 1779 [9/5]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Campbell, supporting Campbell’s expenses; reiterating Campbell’s instructions of July 1, 1778; adding consideration of constructing a passage between the Mississippi into the Iberville River, as suggested by Captain Thomas Hutchins of the 60th Regiment, and referred to the Department of Ordnance; instructing Campbell to take under his command all troops recruited by Governor Peter Chester and by Superintendent of Indian Affairs Colonel John Stuart; enclosing papers [not microfilmed here]
4. March 22, 1779 [17/9]
Letter from Campbell to [Germain], reporting the “*Impossibility of Executing* [his instructions] *with that Promptness and Dispatch that seems to be expected and Required*” because of a lack of money and credit, boats, and other resources;

reporting on having met with Chester and Stuart and finding a situation of some confusion; enclosing papers [documents 5-14]

5. February 20, 1779 [29/15]
“*List of Public Works to be carried on*” at the Pensacola Garrison, Buck Kilns, Red Cliffs, Tartar Point, and the Mobile Garrison, signed by Campbell; enclosed with Campbell’s March 22, 1779 letter to Germain [document 4]
6. January 24, 1779 [33/17]
Copy of letter from Campbell to Bernardo de Gálvez, Spanish Governor of Louisiana, concerning Spanish-British relations on the Mississippi River and the movement of Spanish troops at Manchac, followed by [no date]
Copy of letter from Gálvez to Campbell in response to Campbell’s letter, stating that his troops’ actions are all proper, followed by February 20, 1779
Copy of letter from Campbell to Gálvez, stating that he wishes to maintain good relations with the Spanish
All enclosed with Campbell’s March 22, 1779 letter to Germain [document 4]
7. February 10, 1779 begun, with latest entry March 21, 1779 [41/21]
Copy of lengthy letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Sir Henry Clinton, commander of British Troops in North America, reporting on the situation in West Florida; enclosed with Campbell’s March 22, 1779 letter to Germain [document 4] [content difficult to read due to very light microfilm images]
8. January 22, 1779 [99/59]
Copy of memorial to Campbell from Lieutenant Colonel William Stiell of the 3rd Battalion of the 60th Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Dickson of the 16th Regiment of Foot, and Artillery Captain William Johnstone, at Pensacola; enclosed with Campbell’s March 22, 1779 letter to Germain [document 4] [content difficult to read due to very light microfilm images]
9. January 3, 1779 [103/52]
Copy of letter from John Dalling, Governor of Jamaica, to Campbell; enclosed with Campbell’s March 22, 1779 letter to Germain [document 4] [content difficult to read due to very light microfilm images]
10. January 25, 1779 [107/54]
Copy of memorial to Campbell from John Lorimer, surgeon in the hospitals for British forces at Pensacola, seeking promotion to chief surgeon with a pay raise; enclosed with Campbell’s March 22, 1779 letter to Germain [document 4]
11. [no date] [111/56]
Copy of “*Representation and State of the Hospitals*” in West Florida, including proposal to appoint a “*purveyor*” over the hospitals of the colony, submitted by

- Lorimer, along with proposed funding; enclosed with Campbell's March 22, 1779 letter to Germain [document 4]
12. March 8, 1779 [117/59]
Copy of memorial to Campbell from Captain Andrew Rainsford, fort adjutant and barrack master at Pensacola, seeking adequate subsistence pay; enclosed with Campbell's March 22, 1779 letter to Germain [document 4]
 13. December 25, 1778 [121/61]
Copy of letter from Henry Hamilton at Fort Vincennes to John Stuart, reporting on Indian affairs; enclosed with Campbell's March 22, 1779 letter to Germain [document 4]
 14. January 13, 1779 [125/63]
Copy of letter from Hamilton at Fort Vincennes to Stuart, concerning Indian affairs; enclosed with Campbell's March 22, 1779 letter to Germain [document 4]
 15. June 24, 1779 [129/65]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Campbell, announcing approval by the Ordnance Department of the project for a cut between the Mississippi and the Abbeville Rivers, with Campbell, not Hutchins, in charge of it; bemoaning the death of John Stuart; considerations for his replacement; pros and cons of buying Rhode Island Negroes vs. hiring local Negroes to do the work on this project
 16. May 10, 1779 [137/69]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, complaining about the inadequacy of the packet service between West Florida and Jamaica; reporting that the "loss" of cypress wood will be necessary to construct forts up the Mississippi River; stating the neglect of needs for medicines in West Florida; concerning the need for a new house for the commanding officer; concerning payment for the provisions he has brought in from Jamaica; enclosing papers [documents 17, 18)
 17. April 15, 1779 [149/75]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Sir Peter Parker Knight, Rear Admiral of the *Blue* and commander of the British squadron at Jamaica, concerning the naval need to station a ship of war near the mouth of the Mississippi [pages 149/75 and 151/76 microfilmed twice]

[Public Record Office notice that the "*plan of the E.O.'s quarters at Pensacola*" had been removed to MPG 980, dated "6:3:67"]
 18. [no date] [157/78]
[Plan for E.O.'s quarters at Pensacola]

[Public Record Office notice that "*Folios 79-80 are blank and have not been copied.*"]

19. April 7, 1779 [161/81]
Duplicate of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, notifying Germain that the Royal Townshend and possibly two other supply vessels were destroyed [by a storm?], the former in a Jamaica harbor; the loss of provisions is serious for West Florida; seeking alternative sources from Clinton and Dalling; planning to make a journey up the Mississippi River, even though Hutchins has not yet arrived from up there; giving consideration to building a fort located near the Iberville River, replacing what had been Fort Bute near Baton Rouge; thoughts concerning the two companies raised by Governor Chester and commanded by Captain Hutchins and Captain Thaddeus Lyman; intention to turn the deceased John Stuart's office into a commission until the King decides what to do concerning a replacement; thoughts about a land grant with public expenses necessary for a levee; papers enclosed [documents 20-26] [page 83/165 microfilmed twice]
20. [no date] [177/89]
Duplicate "*Copy of Captain Miller's Report to Lieu^t. Col^l Dickson of the situation proper for a Fort*" near Baton Rouge; Dickson was now commanding on the Mississippi River; enclosed with Campbell's April 7, 1779 letter to Germain [document 19]
21. [no date] [185/93]
Duplicate "*Copy of Mr. Graham's Report to Lieu^t Colonel Dickson of the Situation proper for a Fort*" near Baton Rouge; enclosed with Campbell's April 7, 1779 letter to Germain [document 19]
22. March 12, 1779 [193/97]
Duplicate extract of a letter from Dickson at Manchac to Campbell, reporting that the Mississippi River is flooding and only the levee built by the British has saved Manchac from being flooded; hoping for the arrival of provisions; enclosed with Campbell's April 7, 1779 letter to Germain [document 19]
23. March 13, 1779 [197/99]
Duplicate of extract of letter from Dickson at Manchac to Campbell, concerning the high water level in the Mississippi River; enclosed with Campbell's April 7, 1779 letter to Germain [document 19]
24. March 23, 1779 [201/101]
Duplicate of extract of letter from Dickson at Manchac to Campbell, concerning surveying, property ownership, proximity to the Spaniards, and other factors relating to a needed fort in the Manchac/Baton Rouge region; concerning continuing rains and flooding; enclosed with Campbell's April 7, 1779 letter to Germain [document 19]

25. March 23, 1779 [205/103]
Duplicate of extract of letter from Dickson at Manchac to Campbell, concerning intelligence received of a possible attempt by rebels to seize a ship on river and sail it to North Carolina; enclosed with Campbell's April 7, 1779 letter to Germain [document 19]
26. March 16, 1779 [209/105]
Duplicate of copy of Stephen Watts' proposal to Dickson for sale of 200 acres of land to erect a fortification at Belmont, and other similar matters; enclosed with Campbell's April 7, 1779 letter to Germain [document 19]
27. August 5, 1779 [221/111]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Campbell, concerning the shipping of equipment and supplies to Pensacola
28. December 15, 1779 [229/115]
Duplicate letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, announcing with "*grievous mortification*" Spanish conquest of the western part of West Florida; Watts now in a "*distressed*" situation; commenting "*that Spain had predetermined on a Rupture with Great Britain long before the Declaration was made on the 13th day of June*"; other related comments, and his own continuing plans to arm the British military at Pensacola as best as he can; defending the actions he has taken thus far and blaming the current situation on "*the Results of Necessity and the unavoidable Consequence of the Nature of Things*"; asserting the inadequacy of the arms they now have, despite efforts to acquire more; commenting on the situation in relation to the Indians following the death of Stuart; commenting on the differing relationship in Louisiana of Spanish inhabitants toward their former French rulers vs. their current Spanish rulers, in light of the fact that Spain and France are now allied against Britain; expressing his opinion of Governor Chester as being "*indifferent in his Conduct, and would not proceed one Tittle beyond the Strict and most limited Construction of Law to save West Florida*"; enclosing papers [documents 29-34]
29. October 20, 1779 [255/128]
Duplicate of copy of letter from Dickson at New Orleans to Campbell, informing Campbell of the negotiation in French of the British capitulation in September and of the situation of British military prisoners of war; stating that they are being treated well; enclosed with Campbell's December 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 28]
30. [no date] [259/130]
Original Articles of Capitulation negotiated between Gálvez and Dickson, written in French; enclosed with Campbell's December 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 28]

31. [no date] [267/134]
Copy of a return of the British troops who surrendered to the Spanish at Baton Rouge, Manchac, Thompson's Creek, River Amet, a Store Ship on the Mississippi River, and on the lakes, as well as those killed, wounded, or dead since becoming prisoners; signed by Dickson; enclosed with Campbell's December 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 28]
32. September 22, 1779 [271/136]
Copy of letter from Dickson, at Baton Rouge Redoubt, to [?] concerning the status of fortifications in the Baton Rouge area in the summer of 1779, British concentration of forces at the Baton Rouge Redoubt when the Spanish/rebel force approached, the Spanish attack with superior force, and the necessity of the British to surrender the Redoubt; statements of Dickson justifying his actions; enclosed with Campbell's December 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 28]
33. October 4, 1779 [275/138]
Copy of address from inhabitants of Natchez to Dickson, thanking Dickson for negotiating generous terms for the people of Natchez in the capitulation at Baton Rouge; signed by 59 individuals; enclosed with Campbell's December 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 28]
34. September 21, 1779 [279/140]
Duplicate copy of letter from Harry Alexander, "*For and in the name of all the Inhabitants of the settlement*", at Baton Rouge, to Dickson, expressing thanks for Dickson's having negotiated generous terms with the Spanish for the people of Baton Rouge and for the "*gallant*" behavior of Dickson's troops during the siege; enclosed with Campbell's December 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 28]
35. June 25, 1779 [283/142]
Copy of "*Secret and Confidential*" letter from Germain at Whitehall to Campbell, concerning "*the King's determination in consequence of the Hostile Declaration of the Court of Spain*"; consideration of an attack on New Orleans; need for more intelligence on the strength of the Spanish garrison there and about the readiness of Campbell's forces, augmented by loyal Indian forces and naval forces from Jamaica, to undertake this attack; commitment of funding from the Treasury for these military activities
36. January 2, 1780 [291/146]
Cover letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing a duplicate copy of his December 15, 1779 letter to Germain [document 28]
37. April 14, 1780 [295/148]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Campbell, acknowledging surprise at the severity of the British defeat on the Mississippi River; encouraging Campbell to be ready, with additional promised forces, to attack the Spanish; recognizing the importance of Indian relations in this period of conflict with the Spanish;

expecting the Indians, whom he considers not to be a warlike people, to remain neutral, but recognizing the need to keep their friendship through presents and congresses; worrying that “*the present Superintendants of Indian Affairs are not to be considered on the same Foot with the late Colonel Stuart; but are intended to be made subservient to the military Commanders in their districts*”; instructing Campbell to rely on Jamaica alone as his source of assistance; directing that Mr. Watts and Mr. Flowers, whose houses were burned by Dickson for defense purposes at Baton Rouge, be compensated for the value of their losses

38. March 23, 1780 [311/156]
Cover letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing a duplicate copy of his February 12, 1780 letter [document 40] with enclosures [not microfilmed here] to Germain
39. February 10, 1779 [315/158]
Copy of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Clinton, reporting on the situation and actions taken; expressing dissatisfaction with relations with the Indians, complaining that neither the superintendent nor the governor will provide entertainments for them through a congress; describing in detail the inadequacies of the current forces in West Florida; enclosed with Campbell's February 12, 1779 letter to Germain [document 40]; enclosed with Campbell's March 23, 1780 letter to Germain [document 38]
40. February 12, 1780 [327/164]
Duplicate of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, enclosing a copy of his letter to Clinton [document 39] with its detailed information; reporting new information that the Spanish and rebels had arrived by ship at Mobile Bay, that other Spanish ships were moving to block communication between Jamaica and Pensacola, and that some Indians were joining the rebel side at Mobile
41. March 24, 1780 [331/166]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, reporting with “*mortification*” that Fort Charlotte, at Mobile, had surrendered on March 14; explaining his actions to try to defend against the Spanish attack; recognizing that “*By the above Event His Majesty's Territories in West Florida are Reduced to the District of Pensacola alone, and we have every Reason to Expect that this place will soon be invested and besieged, unless speedily Relieved by a naval Reinforcement from Jamaica*”; expressing “*Cruel Mortification to Reflect that one single Frigate would have prevented our late disaster*”; enclosing papers [documents 42-45]
42. March 1, 1780 [341/171]
Copy of letter, written in French, from Gálvez at La Pointe des Chakto to [Captain Elias Durnford, chief engineer, lieutenant governor, and commanding officer at Mobile] offering terms of surrender and capitulation; enclosed with Campbell's March 24, 1780 letter to Germain [document 41]

43. March 1, 1780 [343/172]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Fort Charlotte, Mobile, to Gálvez, refusing to surrender; enclosed with Campbell's March 24, 1780 letter to Germain [document 41]
44. March 2, 1780 [345/173]
Copy of letter from Durnford at Mobile to Campbell, reporting receipt of Gálvez' letter proposing surrender, his negative response, and the garrison's support of his position; enclosed with Campbell's March 24, 1780 letter to Germain [document 41]
45. March 17 [?], 1780 [349/175]
Copy of letter from Durnford to Campbell, notifying Campbell that Durnford and all his forces at Mobile had surrendered to the Spanish; stating that the terms of capitulation would follow; enclosed with Campbell's March 24, 1780 letter to Germain [document 41]
46. March 28, 1780 [353/177]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, informing Germain that the day before the Spanish fleet of 21 sail had been spotted sailing toward the Pensacola harbor; stating that he had received the articles of capitulation at Mobile; March 29, 1780: reporting that the Spanish fleet numbered 29 sail; enclosing a paper [document 47]
47. March 13, 1780 [357/179]
Copy of Articles of Capitulation of British forces at Mobile, signed by Gálvez and Durnford at Fort Charlotte, Mobile; enclosed with Campbell's March 28, 1780 letter to Germain [document 46]
48. July 4, 1780 [365/183]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Campbell, announcing the "*glorious*" British victory at Charles Town and capture of rebel land and sea forces; acknowledging the "*unfortunate loss*" of Mobile; stating that a British fleet from Jamaica had been ordered to protect West Florida from the Spanish fleet, but Germain lacked intelligence on the Jamaica fleet's whereabouts
49. July 27, 1780 [369/185]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, concerning Treasury matters contained in a letter dated October 31, 1779 from John Robinson to Governor Chester [document 54], of which a copy was sent to Campbell, enclosing papers [documents 50-54]
50. July 27, 1780 [373/187]
Copy of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Robinson, responding to Robinson's letter to Chester, suggesting that a mistake had been made in a

contract for military provisions; enclosed with Campbell's July 27, 1780 letter to Germain [document 49]

51. July 26, 1780 [377/189]
Copy of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Chester, concerning the Robinson letter, Robinson's tone toward the Governor, and the issue of a mistake in a military provisions contract; enclosed with Campbell's July 27, 1780 letter to Germain [document 49]
52. July 28, 1780 [381/191]
Duplicate copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Campbell, responding to Campbell's previous letter, justifying his actions in relation to details from Robinson's letter; enclosed with Campbell's July 27, 1780 letter to Germain [document 49]
53. July 28, 1780 [385/193]
Duplicate copy of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Chester, concerning the Robinson letter, with further thoughts of Campbell's position; enclosed with Campbell's July 27, 1780 letter to Germain [document 49]
54. October 31, 1779 [389/195]
Copy of letter from Robinson at Treasury Chambers at Whitehall to Chester, concerning procedural problems with a contract for military provisions; enclosed with Campbell's July 27, 1780 letter to Germain [document 49]
55. September 14, 1779 [393/197]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, reporting on hostilities between the British and rebels/Spanish on the Mississippi and at New Orleans; reporting that Galvez was advancing on Manchac with a "*considerable Force*"; reporting Dickson's intelligence about the redoubt at Baton Rouge and the house at the Watts and Flowers Plantation; stating that Dickson's troops and those at Natchez "*are disagreeably and critically situated*"; referring to a copy of a letter from Campbell to Clinton for more information; reporting also on the situation at Mobile and elsewhere; stating the lack of a militia law in West Florida and the resulting difficulties for defense of the province
56. May 15, 1780 [405/203]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, describing the situation at Pensacola from March to May, with arrival of a supply convoy from Jamaica but with British understanding that the Spanish still fully intend to take Pensacola; enclosing papers [documents 57-59]
57. April 9, 1780 [413/207]
Copy of translation of letter from Gálvez to Campbell, responding to a letter from Campbell, complaining about the British raising large numbers of Creek Indians

- to help defend Pensacola; enclosed with Campbell's May 15, 1780 letter to Germain [document 56]
58. April 20, 1780 [417/209]
Copy of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Gálvez, disputing Gálvez' interpretation of the proper use of Indians and their motivations; refusing to consider giving up to the Spanish; enclosed with Campbell's May 15, 1780 letter to Germain [document 56]
 59. May 13, 1780 [425/213]
Copy of letter from Campbell to Admiral Sir Peter Parker commander of British fleet at Jamaica, reporting on arrival of the Spanish fleet on March 27 at Pensacola harbor and subsequent events, suggesting ways a relief fleet could help defend Pensacola; enclosed with Campbell's May 15, 1780 letter to Germain [document 56]
 60. May 19, 1780 [433/217]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, concerning the status of property, including Negroes, until recently belonging to British inhabitants at Mobile; enclosing a paper [document 61]
 61. February 19, 1780 [437/219]
Copy of letter from James Campbell [of Mobile] at Pensacola to Lieutenant Governor Durnford, concerning a wish to retrieve and dispose of property, including Negroes, from Mobile; enclosed with Campbell's May 19, 1780 letter to Germain [document 60]
 62. September 6, 1780 [441/221]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Campbell, concerning supply ships with presents for the Indians reported to have arrived at Pensacola; concerning probable loss to the enemy of a ship containing ordnance for West Florida
 63. June 14, 1780 [445/223]
Duplicate of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, reporting that despite the threats of fleet and Indians, the Spanish have so far refrained from attacking Pensacola; expressing hope that reinforcements can be sent from New York or Jamaica
 64. July 22, 1780 [449/225]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, concerning possible ways to defend Pensacola using friendly Indians; other concerns and problems in seeking to keep Pensacola's defense strategy intact and functioning; enclosing a paper [document 65]
 65. July 19, 1780 [457/229]

“Demand of Ordnance & Ordnance Stores” needed to complete fortifications to defend the harbor and town of Pensacola; signed by William Johnstone, Arthur Neal, and William Wilton of the Office of Ordnance at Pensacola; enclosed with Campbell’s July 22, 1780 letter to Germain [document 64]

66. November 1, 1780 [465/233]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Campbell, reporting on plans for an attack on New Orleans with a fleet and troops from Jamaica; instructing Campbell and his forces to *“do every thing in your Power to rendor it successful”*
67. November 1, 1780 [469/235]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Campbell, suggesting that recent expansion of British forces at Jamaica should help make Pensacola more defensible and the Spanish more cautious; hoping that the Creek Indians might be helpful in removing the Spanish garrison from Mobile; stating that *“It is unfortunate that the Officers of the Ordnance Department cannot pay their Bills for defraying the expence of completing the Works you have ordered them to construct”* except that *“they had so long neglected to transmit the proper Vouchers”*; comments about the management of Indian affairs with multiple commissioners following the death of Stuart; comments concerning desertions among West Florida soldiers; telling Campbell to expect a supply convoy from Jamaica
68. August 6, 1780 [481/241]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, providing updates on continuing efforts to improve Pensacola’s readiness for a possible Spanish attack and other matters
69. January 13, 1781 [489/245]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Campbell, anticipating Spain’s next move against West Florida with hopes that Admiral Parker in Jamaica will provide sufficient defensive forces; approving steps made toward management of Indian affairs
70. September 22, 1780 [495/248]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, containing update reports on Indian affairs (the Indians at Mobile were actually Choctaw, not Creek), arrival of supply ships, and other matters; enclosing a paper [document 71]
71. August 26, 1780 [499/250]
Return of soldiers killed or made prisoners of war at Fort Charlotte, Mobile as of March 14, 1780; signed at Pensacola by Campbell; enclosed with Campbell’s September 22, 1780 letter to Germain [document 70]
72. September 23, 1780 [503/252]

Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, concerning correspondence with Galvez about matters pertaining to the British prisoners of war from Mobile and related matters; enclosing papers [documents 73-74]

73. June 8, 1780 through September 14, 1780 [503/252]
Copies of correspondence between Campbell and Lieutenant Colonel Don Joseph de Ezpaleta, Spanish commander at Mobile; all written in, or translated into, in English, all dealing with issues following the British surrender at Mobile; many of them disputatious, reflecting ongoing hostilities between the British and Spanish:
June 8, 1780—Ezpaleta at Mobile to Campbell at Pensacola
June 10, 1780—Campbell to Ezpaleta
August 18, 1780—Campbell to Ezpaleta
August 22, 1780—Ezpaleta to Campbell
August 26, 1780—Ezpaleta to Campbell
August 29, 1780—Campbell to Ezpaleta, inclosing copy of superintendent of Indian affairs report dated and signed at Pensacola, August 29, 1780, by Alexander Cameron
August 30, 1780—Campbell to Ezpaleta
September [?], 1780—Ezpaleta to Campbell
September 4, 1780—Campbell gto Ezpaleta
September 14, 1780—Campbell to Ezpaleta
Enclosed with Campbell's September 23, 1780 letter to Germain [document 72]
74. May 19, 1780 through August 29, 1780 [531/266]
Copies of correspondence between Campbell and Gálvez; all written in, or translated into, English, all concerning issues following the British surrender at Mobile; many of them disputations, reflecting ongoing hostilities between the British and Spanish:
June 5, 1780—Campbell at Pensacola to Gálvez at New Orleans
May 19, 1780—Gálvez to Campbell
June 10, 1780—Campbell to Gálvez
June 30, 1780—Gálvez to Campbell
August 29, 1780—Campbell to Gálvez
[page 531/266 microfilmed twice]
Enclosed with Campbell's September 23, 1780 letter to Germain [document 22]
75. October 31, 1780 [551/276]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, concerning various matters and concerns of managing the military operation at Pensacola
76. March 7, 1781 [555/278]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Campbell, stating that the Spanish attack fleet of 1780 apparently was decimated by a hurricane; stating that for the same reason, Parker did not think he had sufficient ships to send a detachment to West Florida; praising West Florida for gaining over the loyalty of the Choctaw

Indians; stating that West Florida's forces should be prepared this year for a return of the Spanish attack, since sufficient provisions have been sent and more are coming from Jamaica

77. April 12, 1781 [561/281]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Campbell, reporting intelligence that the Spanish will attack Pensacola; hoping that Parker in Jamaica will respond with his fleet; stating that "*I am not extremely apprehensive for your Safety, as I have no doubt you will exert every means in your power to preserve the valuable Possession committed to your Care, and you have now had full time to complete your Works, and the whole of the Southern Indians appear to be apprized how much it is their Interest to support you in the Defence of Pensacola*"
78. November 26, 1780 [565/283]
Duplicate of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, providing updates on the situation with the Spanish in relation to West Florida; reporting not having received word from Parker that he is coming with assistance
79. January 5, 1781 [573/287]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, reporting on ongoing military preparation for a possible Spanish attack and related matters [page 573/287 microfilmed twice]
80. January 7, 1781 [577/289]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, reporting intelligence of British [?] repulse of a rebel [?] detachment near Mobile, with details of losses etc. [content difficult to read due to very light microfilm images]
81. January 11, 1781 [581/291]
Duplicate of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, reporting a more detailed description of the repulse of the detachment at Mobile; enclosing a paper [document 82]
82. January 7, 1781 [584/293]
"*Return of the Killed and Wounded at the Village opposite Mobile*"; enclosed with Campbell's January 11, 1781 letter to Germain [document 81]
83. February 15, 1781 [585/293]
Duplicate of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, reporting that Spanish forces were coming from Mobile toward Pensacola; still expecting promised reinforcement assistance from Jamaica; reporting limited supplies and need for more provisions; reporting difficulties with pay for the soldiers; update on status of defensive works at Pensacola [for original letter, see document 85]
84. February 23, 1781 [593/297]

Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, reporting the current situation in West Florida [page 593/297 microfilmed twice]

85. February 15, 1781 [597/299]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, [original letter, of which document 83 is a duplicate]
86. February 23, 1781 [603/302]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, reporting on the current situation in West Florida and the service to Britain of the West Florida forces [different from document 84]
87. August 17, 1781 [607/304]
Letter from Campbell at New York to Germain, enclosing duplicates of his letters to Germain dated May 7, May 12, and July 21, 1781 [documents 88 and 89 (not including the July 21 letter), and probably including the enclosed correspondence and papers in documents 90 through 102]
88. May 7, 1781 [611/306]
Duplicate of letter from Campbell at Fort George, Pensacola, to Germain, describing the French and Spanish force that besieged Pensacola and details of the actions during the siege; concluding that "*our Fate Appears inevitable*"; enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]
89. May 12, 1781 [619/310]
Duplicate of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, describing the fall of Pensacola to the Spanish, with details, followed by British capitulation and surrender; Campbell's hopes that this "calamity" will not be charged against him; enclosing the capitulation document and other correspondence [documents 90 through 102]; enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87] [pages 619/310 and 621/311 microfilmed twice]
90. Duplicates of correspondence, written in English or translated from Spanish, between Campbell and Gálvez, all at Pensacola [631/316]
March 20, 1781—from Gálvez to Campbell
March 20, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez
March 21, 1781—Campbell to Gálvez
March 21, 1781—Gálvez to Campbell
March 21, 1781—Campbell to Gálvez
March 22, 1781—Gálvez to Campbell
March 22, 1781—from Gálvez to Chester, enclosed with Gálvez' March 22, 1781 letter to Campbell
March 22, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez
April 19, 1781—from Gálvez to Campbell
March [April?] 19, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez
May 8, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez, offering to capitulate

May 8, 1781—from Gálvez to Campbell, including “*Articles which must be agreed to without which a Cessation will not be granted for a capitulation*”

May 8, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez, acknowledging that the capitulation will occur, based on articles of capitulation proposed by Chester

May 8, 1781—from Gálvez to Campbell, concerning implementing the capitulation

Gálvez’ answers to Chester’s proposed articles of capitulation

“*Copy of two Articles sent to Gen^l. Gálvez with a message that Unless they were Agreed to Hostilities might immediately commence*”; one on the status of forts

still occupied by British forces; the other on the status of certain Negroes

Gálvez’ answers to the two proposed articles, to which Gálvez agreed with exceptions

May 9, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez; this and the remaining Campbell/ Gálvez correspondence deals with implementation of the details of the Pensacola capitulation, as well as the previous capitulations at Natchez, Baton Rouge and Manchac, and Mobile, including a dispute over the status of Natchez

May 14, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

May 19, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

May 21, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

May 24, 1781—from Gálvez to Campbell

May 25, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

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May 24, 1781—from Gálvez to Campbell

[no date]—from Campbell to Gálvez

May 26, 1781—from Gálvez to Campbell

May 26, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

May 26, 1781—from Gálvez to Campbell

May 27, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

May 27, 1781—from Gálvez to Campbell

May 28, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

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May 30, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

May 31, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

May 31, 1781—from Gálvez to Campbell

June 1, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

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June 2, 1781—from Gálvez to Campbell

June 3, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

June 3, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

June 3, 1781—additional articles of capitulation proposed between Gálvez and Campbell, proposed by Campbell, concerning the status of certain forts at Natchez and Pensacola

June 3, 1781—from Gálvez to Campbell

June 3, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

June 4, 1781—from Gálvez to Campbell, including a summons from Campbell to John Blommart, commanding officer at Fort Panmure at Natchez, ordering him to give up the fort and garrison to the Spanish, including proposed articles of capitulation for this fort and garrison, with Gálvez' response to each article

June 4, 1781—from Campbell to Gálvez

June 5, 1781—from [possibly acting?] Governor O'Neil to Campbell

June 5, 1781—from Campbell to Galvez, complaining about the tone of O'Neil's letter

All enclosed with Campbell's May 12, 1781 duplicate letter to Germain [document 89], which in turn was enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]

91. May 9, 1781 [695/348]
Duplicate of articles of capitulation of Fort George, Pensacola, between Chester, Campbell, and Gálvez; signed by all three; enclosed with Campbell's May 12, 1781 duplicate letter to Germain [document 89], which in turn was enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]
92. May 10, 1781 [711/354]
Copy of return of killed, wounded, and deserted British land and sea forces during the siege of Fort George, Pensacola, West Florida; enclosed with Campbell's May 12, 1781 duplicate letter to Germain [document 89], which in turn was enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]
93. May 11, 1781 [715/356]
Copy of general return of the garrison of the Royal Navy Redoubt when delivered up to the Spanish; signed by Campbell; enclosed with Campbell's May 12, 1781 duplicate letter to Germain [document 89], which in turn was enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]
94. May 10, 1781 [719/359]
Copy of general return of the garrison of Fort George and its adjoining works at the time of surrender to Spanish arms; signed by James Campbell, major of brigade; enclosed with Campbell's May 12, 1781 duplicate letter to Germain [document 89], which in turn was enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]
95. May 12, 1781 [721/360]
Copy of return of iron and brass ordnance and of ordnance stores in Fort George and adjacent works at the time of surrender to Spanish arms on May 10, 1781;

directed to John Campbell; signed by William Johnstone, captain of artillery; enclosed with Campbell's May 12, 1781 duplicate letter to Germain [document 89], which in turn was enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]

96. May 12, 1781 [725/362]
Copy of return of iron ordnance and ordnance stores in the Royal Navy Redoubt at the time of capitulation to Spanish arms; directed to John Campbell; signed by William Johnstone, captain of artillery; enclosed with Campbell's May 12, 1781 duplicate letter to Germain [document 89], which in turn was enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]
97. May 15, 1781 [729/364]
Copy of return of provisions and rum remaining in British stores when delivered to Spanish forces on May 15, 1781; signed at Pensacola by Campbell and by William Garden, D. C. G^l.; enclosed with Campbell's May 12, 1781 duplicate letter to Germain [document 89], which in turn was enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]
98. May 10, 1781 [733/366]
Copy of return of barrack stores remaining at Fort George and its dependencies at the time of surrender to Spanish arms; enclosed with Campbell's May 12, 1781 duplicate letter to Germain [document 89], which in turn was enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]
99. May 14, 1781 [737/368]
Copy of list of goods remaining in the Indian store and delivered to the Spanish on May 14, 1781; signed by Augustin de Frivilla; enclosed with Campbell's May 12, 1781 duplicate letter to Germain [document 89], which in turn was enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]
100. May [?], 1781 [739/369]
Copy of deposition of Henry Smith at Pensacola, stating that when on the Escambia River on May 7 and 9, 1781, he was carrying 98 kegs of rum up the river in a sloop, which he delivered to the Indians at the Saw Mill; having received instructions from Henry Stuart to bring the sloop and a flatboat down the river, following the capitulation; enclosed with Campbell's May 12, 1781 duplicate letter to Germain [document 89], which in turn was enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]
101. May 10, 1781 [743/371]
Copy of letter from Stuart at Pensacola to Smith and Donald McPherson referred to in Smith's deposition [document 100]; enclosed with Campbell's May 12, 1781 duplicate letter to Germain [document 89], which in turn was enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]

102. April 20, 1781 [747/373]
Copy of letter from James Campbell at Fort George to McPherson and Smith concerning preparations to burn the sloop *Christiana* and galley *Pontchartrain*, along with the ammunition and provisions on board, intended for the Indians, to keep the Spanish from taking them; enclosed with Campbell's May 12, 1781 duplicate letter to Germain [document 89], which in turn was enclosed with Campbell's August 17, 1781 letter to Germain [document 87]
103. July 21, 1781 [751/375]
Duplicate of letter from Campbell at New York to Germain, concerning ongoing disturbances among inhabitants in the Natchez area against the "*Tyranny and Oppression of the Spanish Government*"; concerning correspondence with Gálvez about the capitulation of Fort Penmure at Natchez on May 5, 1781; concerning allegations made against him for "*Breach of Faith*", which he considers unfounded
104. September 15, 1781 [755/377]
Copy of letter from Germain at Whitehall to Campbell, agreeing that the fall of West Florida was "*unavoidable*"; commending Campbell that the "*Intrepidity & Bravery of the Officers & Men under your Conduct & Example made so gallant a defence...*"; expressing satisfaction that a cartel vessel had arrived safely in New York but stating that "*There being as yet no Cartel established here with Spain, it is not possible at present to effect your Exchange, or that of any part of those who were made Prisoners of War at Pensacola*"; doubting that the insurrection at Natchez can be useful in light of the capitulations of British forces to Spain
105. August 18, 1781 [759/379]
Letter from Campbell at New York to Germain, thanking Germain for Campbell's having been appointed Colonel of the 57th Regiment
106. August 26, 1781 [763/381]
Letter from Campbell at New York to Germain, introducing and commending to Germain Lieutenant Colonel Dickson of the 16th Regiment
107. December 7, 1781 [767/383]
Letter from Campbell at New York to Germain, introducing and commending to Germain Mr. Gould, previously a surveyor for the admiralty in West Florida

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108. May 31, 1779 [1]
Duplicate of letter from Brigadier General John Campbell, commander of British forces at Pensacola, to General Sir Henry Clinton, commander of British forces in North America, reporting on various things, including appointment by West Florida Governor Peter Chester of commissioners to conduct the function of superintendent of Indian affairs for West Florida; concerning the recruitment of companies engaged as "*Military Batteauxmen, by which I mean, to serve occasionally either as soldiers or Rowers*"; concerning the "*Numerous Contingent Accounts, that were daily presented to me*"; reporting "*the very uncommon and extraordinary Rise of the Mississippi this Year*"
109. June 22, 1779 [5]
Order from Campbell appointing Lieutenant Colonel William Stiell of the 3rd Battalion of the 60th Regiment of Foot to preside over a court of inquiry to inspect the contingent accounts of Captain William McIntosh of the Loyal Refugees to determine whether charges in the accounts "*are warranted and supported by sufficient Authority from the Superintendent of Indian Affairs*" and related issues
110. June 23, 1779 [7]
Copy of proceedings of the court of inquiry, which found all the charges in the McIntosh accounts proper
111. May 31, 1779 [9]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Don Bernardo de Gálvez, Spanish governor of Louisiana, concerning Indian relations between British West Florida and Spanish Louisiana
112. May 31, 1779 [11]
Duplicate of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, concerning pay issues and debts for expenses unpaid, as well as related Indian affairs, including the questioned contingent accounts of McIntosh; reporting intelligence about rebel attack on Fort Chartres in Illinois, which raised concerns for Campbell for the safety of British forts along the Mississippi River, especially at Manchac, which he had reinforced; reporting arrival of a provision ship as part of a convoy from Cork to Jamaica; making suggestions to improve the packet service to and from Jamaica

113. July 18, 1779 [17]
Extract of letter from Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Dickson of the 16th Regiment, commander of British troops on the Mississippi River, at Manchac, to Campbell, reporting intelligence that rebels may be coming down the Mississippi River
114. May 31, 1779 [19]
Copy of letter, written in Spanish, from Gálvez at New Orleans, to [?], identified in English as being "*Observations on the Importance of Pensacola 1779*"
115. September 5, 1779 [21]
Copy of letter from James Campbell, secretary to John Campbell, at Red Cliffs, to Captain le Montrais, commanding the British sloop of war *Stork*, forwarding John Campbell's request for convoy assistance on the Mississippi River of military goods being transferred on the transport *Charlotte* to Manchac
116. September 6, 1779 [23]
Copy of letter from le Montrais on the *Stork* at Pensacola to James Campbell, informing John Campbell that he and the *Stork* are unable to assist with convoy duty, as his vessel was unfit to sail
117. September 9, 1779 [25]
Copy of letter from John Campbell at Red Cliff to West Florida Governor Peter Chester, calling for a complete embargo of British shipping from Mobile and Pensacola harbors to Spanish ports
118. September 10, 1779 [27]
Copy of letter from Chester at Pensacola to Campbell, concurring, along with the West Florida Council, with the embargo requested by Campbell
119. September 9, 1779 [29]
Copy of letter from James Campbell at Red Cliff to Dickson, conveying John Campbell's orders that, in light of the declaration of war by Spain on Britain, steps be taken immediately to ensure continued access and communication to Manchac and the Mississippi River; including additional, detailed orders
120. September 9, 1779 [33]
Copy of letter from James Campbell at Red Cliff to Captain Anthony Forster, conveying John Campbell's orders for Forster to join with Dickson at Manchac, his task being to secure boats for military activities along the Mississippi River; including additional, detailed orders
121. September 9, 1779 [35]
Copy of letter from James Campbell at Red Cliff to Charles Stuart, deputy superintendent of Indian Affairs, announcing royal approval of the appointment of Captain Alexander Cameron as [sole] superintendent of Indian Affairs [replacing

a commission temporarily created to replace John Stuart, the previous superintendent, and Charles' father, who had died]; requests that this information be kept secret and that Charles seek to assemble the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians to come to the aid of Britain against Spain

122. September 10, 1779 [37]
Copy of letter from Campbell at Red Cliff to Chester, seeking to raise civilian armed men to help the cause against Spain, despite the lack of a provincial militia in West Florida; seeking Chester's approval to declare martial law to help defend the colony; requesting that Chester alert private merchants and persons that their services to assist the military may be required
123. September 10, 1779 [39]
Copy of letter from James Campbell at Red Cliff to le Montrais, conveying John Campbell's orders that only certain military officers be told of the Spanish declaration of war, so as to give the British military time to take steps before the general populace and Spanish authorities learn the news and can commence hostilities; informing le Montrais of the importance of procuring boats and of protecting access to and communications with Manchac; including related matters
124. September 10, 1779 [41]
Copy of letter from Le Montrais on the *Stork* to James Campbell, informing him that no boats have been able to be acquired; providing intelligence from Sir Peter Parker, commander of British forces in Jamaica, that Jamaica is in danger from a French fleet commanded by Admiral Charles Hector, Comte d'Estaing but that *"he would send to Pensacola a considerable Force as could be spared from that island"*
125. September 11, 1779 [43]
Letter from Chester in Council Chambers at Pensacola, to Campbell, responding to Campbell's request for a declaration of martial law, stating that he has convened the Council, and enclosing minutes of the Council's meeting, which responds to Campbell's request [document 126]
126. September 11, 1779 [45]
Copy of minutes of a West Florida Council meeting, declining, by tie vote, to recommend martial law, but recommending that inhabitants be required to swear allegiance to Britain and enroll on a list to create a militia; advising Chester to request that military officers assist magistrates in enforcing the requirement for an oath and registration for the militia
127. September 12, 1779 [47]
Copy of proclamation from Campbell exhorting all inhabitants, in light of the critical situation, to voluntarily enroll themselves and declare their loyalty, including text of the declaration to be used

128. September 14, 1779 [49]
Copy of letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Chester, informing Chester that Germain has stated that Parker in Jamaica will be sending military reinforcements, after the danger to Jamaica is tended to; requesting that Chester and the Council cooperate in detaining the Carteret Packet Boat, currently in Pensacola harbor, for needed military purposes here; further requesting that Chester instruct customs house officers, despite the embargo, to look favorably on any vessels choosing to equip themselves as men of war; seeking Chester's and Council's concurrence with his proclamation and declaration [document 127] as a workable substitute for the lack of martial or militia laws
129. September 14, 1779 [51]
Copy of minutes of West Florida Council meeting at Pensacola, concerning Campbell's communications and proclamation/declaration; making alternative recommendations that civilians be recruited as those are for provincial troops, with similar incentives
130. September 11, 1779 [53]
Copy of letter from Campbell at the entrance to Pensacola harbor to Clinton, informing him of recent news received upon arrival of the Carteret Packet, including approval of a British attack on New Orleans, for which preparations must be made; expressing discouragement that sufficient boats, troops, and other needed resources can be assembled to effectively defend West Florida or attack New Orleans; expressing dismay at the "backwardness" of the civilian inhabitants in not being ready to step up to serve their government in the absence of a coercive law
131. December 18, 1779 [61]
Letter from Campbell at Pensacola to Germain, describing the difficulties of Barrack Master Andrew Rainsford, who approved expenditures, based on discretionary power granted by the Barrack master General for North America, but without proper specific approval, and cannot now be paid for by the government nor by Rainsford; providing details; requesting that Germain provide some protection for this unfortunate man
132. August 29, 1783 [63]
Letter from Archibald Campbell at Parliament Street, [London], to Evan Nepean, concerning the case of Captain James Campbell of the 42nd Regiment, who served as brigade major under John Campbell in West Florida; describing the ill treatment he had endured following the capitulation; "*requesting that application may be made for the releasement of Major Campbell from his Imprisonment at New Orleans*"; followed by
July 21, 1783

*“Extract of Letter from Cap^t Stoney of the Fox Frigate”, at Savannah, concerning
“Poor Major Campbell (a Relation of our Governors) [who] is not yet released tho
a Vessell was sent down to New Orleans, for him and the four Culprit...”*

133. November 3, 1783 [65]
Memorial to Secretary of State for the Home Department Frederick (Lord) North,
2nd Earl of Guilford, of Adam Chrystie “*Captain Commandant of the West Florida
Royal Foresters*”, at New York, describing his military services in West Florida
and praying, on behalf of himself and his “*Cornot [?] John Allinder*”, “*that the
same indulgence of Half Pay, Lands &c. which has been granted to other
reduced Provincial Officers, may also be extended to them*”; note at end, John
Campbell’s positive recommendation

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Reels 12 through 19

Entry Books of Letters, Instructions, Warrants, Commissions, Grants, Legal Instruments, etc.

Note: Reels 12 through 19 contain legal documents, most pertaining to real-estate transactions, many of which are mentioned in documents contained in Reels 1-11 and 20. The documents in these reels are not included in this Annotated List of Contents.

The general contents of these reels is as follows:

Reel 12	Vol 599	1763-1769	Commissions, instructions, etc. A
Reel 13	Vol 600 Vol 601	1769-1782 1764-1768	Commissions, instructions, etc. B Grants of land, mortgages, conveyances, etc.
Reel 14	Vol 602	1765-1767	Grants of land, mortgages, conveyances, etc.
Reel 15	Vol 603 Vol 604	1765-1768 1765-1768	Grants of land, instructions to surveyors, and certificates Grants of land, instructions to surveyors, and certificates
Reel 16	Vol 605	1768-1772	Grants of land, mortgages, conveyances, etc.

[Note: Volumes **606 through 611** are not found in the David Library's microfilm collection. These contain documents of land grants, mortgages, and town lots (printed documents in 606 and 608) dated between 1768 and 1780, plus an index, in Volume 609, for Volume 608.]

Reel 17	Vol 612 Vol 613	1770-1779 1771-1779	Mortgages Powers of attorney, bills of sale, etc.
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Reel 20 Letters from and to the Secretary of State

Note: See the **General Contents and Notes** section that precedes the **Annotated List of Contents** for general information on how the microfilmed West Florida papers are organized by Reel, Volume, Bundle and Document with Archivists' Penciled and/or Stamped Page Numbers.

Reel 20 summary contents:

- **Volume 618: Letters from the Secretary of State 1766-1767:** bound letter book containing copies of 6 letters; DLAR document numbers 1 through 6; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 12; no Archivist Stamped Page Numbers; no BCO Bundle Document Numbers.
- **Volume 619: Letters from the Secretary of State 1768-1781:** bound letter book containing copies of 125 letters; DLAR document numbers 7 through 121; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 210; no Archivist Stamped Page Numbers; no BCO Bundle Document Numbers.
- **Volume 620: Letters to the Secretary of State 1766-1770:** bound letter book containing summaries and copies of 126 letters and related documents; DLAR document number 122 for the entire letter book; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 274; no Archivist Stamped Page Numbers; no BCO Bundle Document Numbers.
- **Volume 621: Letters to the Secretary of State 1770-1776:** bound letter book containing copies of 171 letters and related documents; DLAR document number 123 for the entire letter book; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 370; no Archivist Stamped Page Numbers; no BCO Bundle Document Numbers.
- **Volume 622: Letters to the Secretary of State 1776-1781:** bound letter book containing copies of 78 letters; DLAR document number 124 for the entire letter book; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 186; no Archivist Stamped Page Numbers; no BCO Bundle Document Numbers.

Reel 20 itemized, annotated contents:

- **Volume 618: Letters from the Secretary of State 1766-1767:** bound letter book containing copies of 6 letters, with dates from September 22, 1766 through June 20, 1767; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 12; no Archivist Stamped Page Numbers; no BCO Bundle Document Numbers.

Notes:DLAR document numbers appear at the left margin. Archivist Penciled Page Numbers appear at the right margin.

All letters were written at Whitehall by William Petty, 2nd Earl of Shelburne, Secretary of State for the Southern Department

The copy book also contains multiple references to circular letters that are not microfilmed here.

1. September 22, 1766 [1]
To Governor George Johnstone, Governor of West Florida, informing Johnstone that the King has approved the "*application from your Friends to me*" for leave to return to England for six months "*on your Private Affairs*", informing him that Lieutenant Governor Montfort Browne will assume charge of West Florida during the governor's absence [see also Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 248]
2. September 22, 1766 [2]
To Browne, informing him that Johnstone's leave has been approved and that Browne will be in charge in West Florida during the governor's absence [see also Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 248]
3. February 19, 1767 [4]
To Johnstone, expressing the King's strong disapproval of his warlike actions against the Indians; informing him of the King's resulting action to recall Johnstone; instructing Johnstone to hand over charge of the West Florida government to Browne
4. February 19, 1767 [5]
To Browne, informing him of the King's disapproval of the West Florida government's warlike actions against the Indians, of the recall of Johnstone, and that Browne will again take charge of West Florida's government until a new governor arrives; ordering Browne to end hostilities against the Indians; ordering Browne to "*restore Concord in your Government, and to heal all internal Differences*", referring especially to "*the late Animosities which have too much subsisted in West Florida between His Majesty's Civil and Military Officers, & that want of Harmony so necessary for the Establishment of an Infant Colony*"; holding up East Florida's government as an example to follow, suggesting that

“you cannot therefore correspond too closely with Governor Grant nor follow his Example too minutely”; informing Browne that John Stuart, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, has been instructed to convene a Congress of the Indians; subsequently adding that late word from Pensacola indicated that hostilities with the Indians had already been ceased, so a Congress would not be necessary

5. April 11, 1767 [10]
To the Governor of West Florida, attaching a revised estimate for the civil establishment of West Florida [estimate not microfilmed here]

6. June 20, 1767 [11]
To Browne, informing him that Navy Captain John Eliot had been appointed to be West Florida’s next governor and that he should be sailing for West Florida by September
[**Note:** He actually finally sailed in January 1769, arriving in Pensacola on April 2, 1769.]

- **Volume 619: Letters from the Secretary of State 1768-1781:** bound letter book containing copies of 125 letters, with dates from February 14, 1768 to March 7, 1781; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 210; no Archivist Stamped Page Numbers; no BCO Bundle Document Numbers.

Notes:DLAR document numbers appear at the left margin. Archivist Penciled Page Numbers appear at the right margin.

Most letters were written at Whitehall by Secretaries of State for the Colonies, a new position created in 1768 and discontinued in 1782, which superseded the Secretaries of State for the Southern Department in relation to West Florida, as follows:

Wills Hill, 1 st Earl of Hillsborough	February 27, 1768 to August 27, 1772
William Legge, 2 nd Earl of Dartmouth	August 27, 1772 to Nov. 10, 1775
Lord George Germain	November 10, 1775 to February 1782

A few of the microfilmed letters, related to letters by Secretaries of State, were written by other State or Treasury officials.

7. February 14, 1768 [1]
To Lieutenant Governor Montfort Browne, then in charge of the West Florida government, concerning various governmental issues, including settlement of French Emigrants, laws passed during Governor Johnstone's time, the appointment of Navy Captain John Eliot as West Florida's governor, expenditures by the West Florida government; enclosing a reduced estimate for the civil establishment for 1767-1768; [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 3]
8. [no date] [7]
Estimate for the Civil Establishment of West Florida for the period June 24, 1767 to June 24, 1768, totaling £4,400
9. February 14, 1768 [8]
To Governor Eliot of West Florida, enclosing a letter to Browne [probably the letter above dated February 14, 1768]; naming three individuals whom Browne had added to the West Florida Council, Elias Durnford, James Marsh, and Alexander Moore
10. February 23, 1768 [8]
To Browne, expressing royal approval of Browne's having sent the West Florida provincial sloop to Havana, seeking certain records; restoring Chief Justice William Clifton to his office [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 4]

11. May 12, 1768 [10]
To Browne, expressing royal approval of Browne's having visited the interior parts of the province; expressing satisfaction that "*all differences between You and the Assembly have subsided*" and that relations with the Indians have improved [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 16]
12. July 20, 1768 [12]
To John Ellis, Treasury Agent for West Florida, from John Pownall, in Hillsborough's office, directing Ellis to "*immediately purchase a proper Assortment of Goods for Presents for the Indians connected with the Colony of West Florida*" to be taken to West Florida by the new Governor Eliot [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 23]
13. August 17, 1768 [13]
To Eliot, informing him of West Florida laws passed in January 1767 that have been disallowed by the King, with instructions on how to present the disallowances to the West Florida government and avoid similar laws in the future [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 24]
14. August 12, 1768 [14]
Report of the Board of Trade and Plantations on the West Florida Laws, enclosed with the August 17, 1768 letter to Eliot
15. November 16, 1768 [17]
To Eliot, enclosing the King's speech at the opening of Parliament and addresses from each house of Parliament to the King; announcing the birth of a princess to the queen; concerning charges against Browne for "*very great irregularity in the transmitting fictitious Vouchers for the Contingent Acco^b*"
16. December 10, 1768 [19]
To Eliot, concerning West Florida's concern about troops having been removed from West Florida; stating that he has communicated with General Thomas Gage, commander of British troops in North America, seeking his judgment on the matter [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 61]
17. March 24, 1769 [21]
To the Governor of West Florida, enclosing a copy of the 1768-1769 estimate for West Florida's civil establishment
18. [no date] [21]
Estimate for the civil establishment of West Florida from June 24, 1768 to June 24, 1769, totaling £4,800
19. July 17, 1769 [22]

To Browne, concerning possibilities of receiving French settlers from Louisiana if Spain decides to take over governance of New Orleans [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 87]

20. August 4, 1769 [23]
To Browne, concerning examination of the public accounts during Browne's administration, "*in consequence of my Letter to the late Gov^r. Eliot of the 15th of Nov^r 1768*"; informing Browne that, in consequence of complaints about his behavior, the King has revoked his commission as lieutenant governor, to be replaced by Durnford [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 96]
21. November 16, 1769 [25]
To Ellis, from Pownall, enclosing former Governor Johnstone's account; requesting that Ellis verify that the account and its balance correspond with Ellis' records
22. [no date] [26]
"*Money disbursed by Gov^r. Johnstone to Jan^y. 1767 on account of the Contingent Expenses of the Province...*"
23. [no date] [27]
Johnstone's public money account while governor, showing a balance due to Johnstone of £2,847.3.10
24. January 8, 1770 [29]
To the Lord Chamberlain, requesting, Peter Chester having been appointed governor of West Florida, that "*the Allowance of Plate and other Things, which are customary on the like Occasions*" be given to Chester
25. January 8, 1770 [29]
To the Lords of the Admiralty, requesting that Chester, having been appointed Captain General as well as Governor in West Florida, that the Admiralty "*grant him such Powers, as have been usually granted*" to other captains general for colonies in America
26. [no date] [30]
Copy of the King's commission of Chester to be Captain General and Governor of West Florida, containing details of his civil and military authority and powers, along with other legal matters
27. January 18, 1770 [54]
To Lieutenant Governor Durnford, enclosing the King's speech to Parliament and both houses' addresses in response, and announcing a change of government in Parliament
28. January 23, 1770 [54]

To Thomas Thynne, 3rd Viscount Weymouth, Secretary of State for the Southern Department, concerning obstruction of navigation on the Mississippi River by Spanish Governor of Louisiana, Alejandro de O'Reily, as reported by Durnford, with enclosures about related matters [not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 138]

29. January 24, 1770 [55]
To Thomas Bradshaw [at the Treasury?], from Pownall, concerning a memorial of Ellis regarding authorization for payments of a salary for an Indian interpreter in West Florida, a salary for a deputy superintendent of Indian affairs, and for Indian presents; agreeing that payments be withheld until authorization is clarified [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 139]
30. February 10, 1770 [57]
To the Board of Ordnance, concerning West Florida's request for ordnance stores; requesting a response indicating "*how far it may be reasonable & necessary to comply therewith*"
31. February 15, 1770 [58]
To the Admiralty, requesting passage for Chester and his family and baggage to Jamaica and thence to Pensacola
32. March 7, 1770 [59]
To Durnford, enclosing the 1769-1770 estimate for the civil establishment of West Florida
33. [no date] [59]
Estimate for the civil establishment of West Florida from June 24, 1769 to June 24, 1770, totaling £4,800
34. June 12, 1770 [60]
To Chester, enclosing the Board of Ordnance's report on West Florida's requested ordnance stores, which states that these and all similar requests must be referred to General Gage [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 186]
35. June 14, 1770 [61]
To Bradshaw, from Pownall, concerning a salary for a deputy superintendent of Indian affairs, submitting an extract from a letter from Stuart on the matter [extract not microfilmed] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 187]
36. October 3, 1770 [62]
To Chester, concerning information on the situation in West Florida received from Durnford after Chester's departure for Pensacola [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 232]

37. December 11, 1770 [67]
To Chester, enclosing the King's disallowance of a West Florida act passed in June 1769 [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 233]
38. December 9, 1770 [67]
The King's disallowance of the West Florida act of June 1769 [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 210; see also]
39. December 17, 1770 [69]
To John Robinson at the Treasury, concerning a memorial from Engineer Campbell in West Florida seeking payment for surveying done; supporting his being paid [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 234]
40. February 11, 1771 [70]
To Chester, concerning land grants in West Florida; expressing doubt about the benefit of settling in the area around Natchez; concerning the need for a government house at Pensacola [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 14]
41. February 12, 1771 [73]
To Chester, from Pownall, enclosing the estimate for West Florida's civil establishment for 1771
42. [no date] [74]
Estimate for the civil establishment of West Florida from June 24, 1770 to June 24, 1771, totaling £6,100
43. April 1, 1771 [75]
To Chester, concerning the security necessary in West Florida [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 19]
44. July 3, 1771 [76]
To Chester, considering concerns about possible war with Spain and the security issues resulting from that threat; believing that such a threat is a "*distant Prospect*"; concerning Indian affairs and the need to keep relations friendly; concerning keeping the Assembly subordinate to the governor; concerning a claim of Henry le Fleur; enclosing the King's disallowance of three West Florida laws of 1767 and 1769 [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 46]
45. June 7, 1771 [83]
The King's disallowance of West Florida laws of 1767 and 1769 [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 213]
46. September 4, 1771 [85]

To Chester, from Pownall, informing him, in Hillsborough's absence, that his dispatches numbers 20 through 24 have been received

47. December 4, 1771 [86]
To Chester, agreeing that settlement along the banks of rivers where West Florida has control is desirable; expressing concern about Chester's report of "extravagant" land grants already made along the rivers [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 71]
48. January 11, 1772 [88]
To Chester, concerning settlement in the interior; responding to several other issues; enclosing several extracts of letters and orders from the King [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 94]
49. January 11, 1772 [91]
To Lieutenant Governor Durnford, acknowledging receipt of "*useful*" ideas concerning Indian affairs [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 95]
50. February 5, 1772 [92]
To Chester, enclosing the King's disallowance of two West Florida acts of January and June 1767 [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 96] [see King's disallowance order, dated January 15, 1772, in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 214]
51. January 15, 1772 [92]
The King's disallowance of two West Florida acts of January and June 1767 [pages 91-92 microfilmed three time] [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 214]
52. April 1, 1772 [94]
To Chester, concerning Indian affairs, land grants; enclosing a copy of the estimate for the civil establishment for 1771-1772 [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 98]
53. [no date] [96]
Copy of estimate for the civil establishment of West Florida from June 24, 1771 to June 24, 1772, totaling £5,650, enclosed with April 1, 1772 letter to Chester
54. June 6, 1772 [97]
To Chester, explaining that although the Treaty of Paris of 1763 guaranteed the free exercise of religion, it did not go so far as to require the British colony of West Florida to provide priests; therefore, a memorial from West Florida inhabitants is denied [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 108]
55. July 1, 1772 [98]

To Chester, informing him of the King's decision to disallow two laws of West Florida from 1770 and 1771 and enclosing supporting papers [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 122]

56. June 19, 1772 [99]
Copy of the King's disallowance of two West Florida laws passed in 1770 and 1771; enclosed with July 1, 1772 letter to Chester [pages 99-100 duplicated twice]
57. July 1, 1772 [101]
To Chester, concerning the improper conduct of Mr. Thomas [deputy superintendent for Indian affairs on the Mississippi River], in relation to Indian affairs and the Spanish [see also Board of Trade papers Reel 2, documents 187, 189, copies of which are also found in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, documents 115, 117] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 123]
58. August 13, 1772 [102]
Editor's note that the Earl of Hillsborough had resigned on this date and the Earl of Dartmouth had succeeded him on the following day
59. November 4, 1772 [103]
To Chester from William Legge, 2nd Earl of Dartmouth [new Secretary of State for the Colonies as of August 27, 1772], expressing satisfaction that the situation with Thomas had been handled well and that the irregular practices concerning indentures had been resolved, concerning [West Florida Attorney General Edmund Rush] Wegg's request for compensation; concerning lands on the Mississippi [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 140]
60. December 9, 1772 [105]
To Chester, concerning [Pensacola Customs Collector James] Bruce's request to move his land grant; concerning relations with the Creeks and settlement along the Mississippi River; concerning [West Florida botanist Bernard] Romans [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 148]
61. March 3, 1773 [108]
To Chester, expressing satisfaction with Chester's handling of the case of the French Brigantine *Languedoc*; concerning Indian affairs, as reported by John McIntosh, with the Chickasaw Indians, to Charles Stuart, deputy superintendent of Indian affairs at Mobile [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 13]
62. March 3, 1773 [109]
To the Governor of West Florida from Germain's Secretary William Knox, enclosing a copy of the estimate for the West Florida civil establishment for 1772-1773

63. [no date] [110]
Copy of estimate for West Florida's civil establishment from June 24, 1772 to June 24, 1773, totaling £7,274.13.6 [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 12]
64. June 30, 1773 [111]
To Chester, concerning how to respond to "*illicit and fraudulent Commerce which you state to be carried on on the River on Mississippi*"
65. July 5, 1773 [112]
To Chester; concerning the request from Rev. William Gordon, minister at Mobile, for financial assistance [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 23]
66. August 4, 1773 [112]
To Chester, concerning Chester's proposal to purchase General Ferdinand Haldimand's house as a Government House in Pensacola; concerning the need to curtail settling lands and making improvements up the Mississippi River until the King's policy is clarified [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 34]
67. December 1, 1773 [114]
To Chester, concerning an "*inhuman*" murder on the Mississippi and the need for communication with the Spanish in resolving the matter [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 44]
68. January 8, 1774 [115]
To Chester, concerning a requested land grant of 5,000 acres from a Mr. Cater [Note: Perhaps Thomas George Cater of Antwerp. Copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 46; see also Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 181 and Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 3]
69. March 2, 1774 [115]
To Chester, transmitting copies of petitions of Arthur Neil and Lieutenant John Campbell, complaining of injustice by [West Florida Chief Justice William] Clifton; directing Chester to ensure strict adherence to justice in West Florida [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 51]
70. April 30, 1774 [116]
To Chester, from Pownall, enclosing the estimate for West Florida's civil establishment for 1773-1774
71. [no date] [117]
Copy of estimate of the civil establishment for West Florida from June 24, 1773 to June 24, 1774, totaling £4,850 [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 69]

72. June 4, 1774 [118]
To Chester, concerning settlement up the Mississippi; concerning Bruce's request to move his land grant
73. July 6, 1774 [119]
To Chester, concerning Indian affairs; expressing support for Rev. Gordon's request [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 82]
74. October 5, 1774 [120]
To Chester; concerning relations with the Creeks and abuses by traders and their servants; concerning disputes over military authority and command; concerning robberies on the Mississippi River; concerning establishing a pilot on the Mississippi River [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 100]
75. December 10, 1774 [123]
To Chester, concerning settlement and improvements up the Mississippi River [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 7, document 116]
76. February 1, 1775 [124]
To Chester, concerning appointments made following deputy clerk Alexander McPherson's death; concerning Valens Stephen Comyn's case; concerning request for ordnance and ordnance stores; warning against holding up the sailing of packets, despite the request of merchants and inhabitants of Pensacola to do so [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 8]
77. May 3, 1775 [126]
To Chester, containing "*nothing...that requires any particular Instructions*"
78. May 3, 1775 [127]
To Chester, from Pownall, enclosing the estimate for West Florida's civil establishment for 1774-1775
79. [no date] [127]
Copy of estimate for West Florida's civil establishment for June 24, 1774 to June 24, 1775, totaling £5,450
80. June 2, 1775 [129]
To Chester, instructing Chester to approve a land grant for Elizabeth Phillips, pursuant to her memorial asking for lands granted to her late husband [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 16]
81. July 5, 1775 [130]
To Chester, concerning the "*unnatural Rebellion which has Broke out in so many parts of North America, & which menaces the Subversion of the Constitution*"; concerning protection of those loyal to Britain and to colonies remaining loyal;

suspending sales of new land grants in order to offer land to loyalists coming to West Florida; concerning encouraging the export of lumber to the West Indian colonies; concerning sparing use of the Contingent Fund to assist inhabitants in poverty

82. September 1, 1775 [133]
To Chester, concerning Spanish complaints that British officials are seeking to entice the Indians to support the British; instructing Chester to investigate and report and to enforce the policy against such enticements [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 19]
83. October 4, 1775 [135]
To Chester, from Pownall, acknowledging in Dartmouth's absence receipt of Chester's dispatches; instructing that correspondence should be sent via packets to Jamaica, no longer to Charles Town, which offers "*no longer any safe conveyance*" [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 25]
84. January 25, 1776 [136]
To Chester from Lord George Germain [who succeeded Dartmouth as Secretary of State for the Colonies on November 10, 1775], with information on how Britain will protect its loyal colonies, including sending a "*Detachment of foreign Recruits for the Royal American Regiment*" will be sent to Pensacola, which the colony will have to accommodate; hoping that West Florida will not be attacked by the rebels but "you cannot be too much on your Guard", including keeping the Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians on the British side [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 31]
85. February 7, 1776 [138]
To Chester, concerning the memorial of the Thomas Sumpter, heir of William Sumpter, seeking a 2,000 acre land grant in West Florida [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 32]
86. May 24, 1776 [139]
To Chester from Knox, at Germain's command, enclosing a copy of the 1775-1776 estimate for West Florida's civil establishment
87. [no date] [140]
Copy of estimate for West Florida's civil establishment from June 24, 1775 to June 24, 1776, totaling £4,950
88. May 27, 1776 [141]
To Chester, expressing surprise at the "*weak & ruinous state of the Works*" at Pensacola; taking action to rectify the funding situation with the Ordnance Board but telling Chester he should have taken action himself to order the needed works when needed, regardless of the source of funding; concerning Durnford's

having left the colony “*without informing you of the Contracts he has made, or the expence he had incurred in respect to the Governor’s House*”

89. August 7, 1776 [145]
To Chester, concerning relations with the Spanish and British settlement on the Mississippi River; suggesting that Romans no longer deserved largesse from the British government, after previously having been rewarded by it but not acting in British interests as West Florida’s botanist by leaving the colony and was thought to have joined the rebels; suggesting that Dr. John Lorimer is a “*proper person*” to be employed as botanist for the colony
90. October 1, 1776 [147]
To Ellis from Knox, concerning the Romans situation, stopping payments to Romans and instructing that the money be held pending new instructions
91. November 6, 1776 [148]
To Chester, informing Chester that steps have been taken to help protect Pensacola and the Mississippi River and to send ordnance stores to West Florida [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 59]
92. February 7, 1777 [150]
To Chester, reiterating that defense works to protect the colony are a top priority; recommending that Chester seek payment from the Ordnance Department, either in New York or in London, or, if it seems more advantageous, to seek payment directly from the Treasury in London; consenting to Chester’s having increased the pay for workers on the defenses; expressing uncertainty that intelligence received so far indicates a strong possibility of a rebel invasion via the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers; additional positive information on the situation of Britain in relations with the Indians; nevertheless, instructing Chester to continue his defense preparations as precautions
93. March 1, 1777 [155]
To Chester, concerning a petition of William Danskin and John Taylor, heirs of James Danskin, relating to their father’s 10,000 acre land grant [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 91]
94. March 6, 1777 [157]
To Chester, informing Chester that his policy of increasing pay for troops working on the defense works is contrary to policy and must be reversed [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 96]
95. March 5, 1777 [158]
To Chester, from Knox, enclosing the civil establishment estimate for West Florida for 1776-1777 [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 95]
96. [no date] [159]

Copy of estimate for West Florida's civil establishment for June 24, 1776 to June 24, 1777, totaling £5,900 [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 97]

97. April 2, 1777 [160]
To Chester, informing him that the rebel threat to St. Augustine had been given up; encouraging vigilance for defense and security and in obtaining good intelligence [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 98]
98. July 2, 1777 [162]
To Chester, hoping that the current measures to protect West Florida will be sufficient; expressing sorrow at not being able to send a minister to replace Mr. Cotton; informing Chester that the West Florida tariffs on Indian trade are acceptable [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 125]
99. September 3, 1777 [165]
To Chester, concerning the memorial of Edward Mease for a land grant [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 126]
100. October 11, 1777 [166]
To Chester, concerning relations with Spain; concerning Indian relations, including Indian complaints about the introduction of rum by the British; suggesting that West Florida, do what it can to curtail sales of rum to the Indians [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 8, document 145]
101. March 10, 1778 [169]
To Chester, concerning problems of rebel seizure of British vessels on the Mississippi River; warning that West Florida's defenses may now be tested, as the French and Spanish seem to be arming to attack Britain; warning Chester to keep a sharp eye on the Spanish in New Orleans [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 9, document 14]
102. May 4, 1778 [171]
To Chester, concerning payment, whether by Treasury or the Ordnance Department, of defense expense bills for West Florida; announcing that more troops will be sent to West Florida, given the increasing threat from France, and that barracks will be needed for these troops at Pensacola; supporting purchase of the Haldimand house for government use [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 9, document 15]
103. May 15, 1778 [174]
To Chester, stating that all cost accounts and receipts for immediately necessary defense works have been received; the bills have all been sent on for payment; supporting requested funding to build a church in Pensacola; reporting still no success in finding a replacement minister [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 9, document 22]

104. June 3, 1778 [176]
To Chester from Knox, enclosing the estimate for West Florida's civil establishment for 1777-1778
105. [no date] [177]
Copy of estimate for West Florida's civil establishment from June 24, 1777 to June 24, 1778, totaling £4,900
106. July 1, 1778 [178]
To Chester, expressing concern that British loyal subjects along the Mississippi River are being "*plundered of their effects by an inconsiderable party of the Rebels from Fort Pitt*" despite expectations that "*the Banks of that River were sufficiently guarded by Parties of Indians under the direction of trusty white men employed by the Superintendent*"; expressing surprise in learning that the works constructed by Durnford "*were fallen to ruin*"; expressing disappointment that West Florida had allowed these defenses to deteriorate without any request or action to rectify the situation; stating that when British troops arrive at Pensacola, they will be in charge of all further defense works construction [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 9, document 32]
107. July 4, 1778 [181]
To the General Officer Commanding in West Florida, pointing out the importance of military protection for the loyal subjects of Britain along the Mississippi River; announcing the determination in London to immediately construct a "*considerable Post*" on the Mississippi River somewhere near where Fort Bute once stood; observing that "*all the Works hitherto constructed in West Florida, except the Barracks built at Pensacola by Cap^t. Hutchinson have been only a waste of the Public Money*"; stating that the commander should take control of all works in West Florida, including especially the ruins of Dunford's works; making further suggestions for payment of expenses, the possible need of a floating guard on the river, and the importance of not giving offence to Spanish subjects or friendly Indians
108. August 5, 1778 [186]
To Chester, hoping that the defense measures already taken will give West Florida inhabitants some time still to prepare for possible hostilities; expressing the current importance of not offending Spanish people or interests; importance of observing the official split of the river and other boundaries between Spanish and British territory so that navigation will remain open for both colonies; still, maintaining the British position that the Spanish have been hostile by supporting the rebels who are plundering along the river [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 9, document 53]
109. November 4, 1778 [189]

- To Chester, concerning use of Court of Common Pleas fine money to construct a church in Pensacola [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 9, document 65]
110. December 2, 1778 [190]
To Chester, telling Chester to expect troops to be arriving from New York; hoping that their arrival “*may be expected to increase the Civility of the Spanish Governor*”; concerning land owned by West Florida inhabitants who have joined the rebels, allowing loyal refugees to occupy them “*until peace is restored or some other arrangement is made*” [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 9, document 66]
111. April 1, 1779 [176]
To Chester, concerning the case of Robert Ross and John Campbell, British merchants whose ship was seized on the Mississippi; supposing that by now, Brigadier General John Campbell and his detachment from New York should have arrived and have taken command; expressing unhappiness that the West Florida Assembly has been speaking up for its rights and privileges; unhappiness about complaints from traders and proprietors of West Florida against Chester’s conduct; suggesting that Chester quickly act to vindicate his conduct; affirmation of James Jones being suspended from the West Florida Council because he has sought protection from Spain [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 10, document 43]
112. January 22, 1779 [195]
Copy of the King’s determination that James Jones, who has been absent from Council since 1773, and has put himself under the protection of Spain, be suspended from the West Florida Council
113. May 5, 1779 [197]
To Chester, concerning an account of money due Clifton to pay Gilbert Benet of Lincoln, England [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 10, document 48]
114. June 2, 1779 [197]
To Chester, concerning the arrival of Campbell and his troops; rejecting the propriety of the officers of ordnance in Pensacola drawing on the Ordnance Board for bills due [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 10, document 55]
115. August 5, 1779 [199]
To Chester, concerning not approving new commissioners of Indian affairs following the death of John Stuart since the commission no longer exists; having passed on vouchers for bills due to Treasury, including pay for McGillivray’s Regiment; expressing sorrow for the “*discontents*” of the Assembly and at having received a petition for Chester’s recall “*signed by a considerable number*” [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 10, document 61]
116. April 5, 1780 [201]

To Chester, expressing that “*The loss of the ports upon the Mississippi and the Capture of the Garrisons are very unfortunate Events in the King’s Affairs*”; commenting that Campbell had not had time to construct a fort near Manchac; expressing satisfaction that Pensacola and Mobile “*have been put into a State of Security against any sudden Attack*”; expressing unhappiness at lack of a militia law in West Florida; concerning complaints against Chester; concerning purchase of the Haldimand house; concerning the payment to Benet; concerning Rev. Gordon’s memorial [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 10, document 84]

117. July 13, 1780 [205]
To Chester from Knox, concerning West Florida civil establishment’s 1779-1780 estimate, which he enclosed
118. [no date] [206]
Copy of estimate for West Florida’s civil establishment from June 24, 1779 to June 24, 1780, totaling £3,900 [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 10, document 86]
119. November 1, 1780 [207]
To Chester, stating that Chester’s expected letter concerning the complaints against him had not arrived in the recent packet from New York
120. January 10, 1781 [208]
To Chester, expressing distress that members of the Assembly had blocked Chester’s attempt to enact a militia law; expecting Sir Peter Parker to send a detachment from his very large fleet at Jamaica to assist defense of West Florida
121. March 7, 1781 [210]
To Chester, reporting not having received papers referred to in Chester’s letter; stating that “*I have not any Commands from His Majesty to signify to you by this Conveyance*” [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 10, document 102]

Note: Here end the **Letters from the Secretary of State.**

- **Volume 620: Letters to the Secretary of State 1766-1770:** bound letter book containing entries for 126 documents—some summaries of and mostly quoted copies of letters and other documents—with dates from January 12, 1766 through December 17, 1770; Archivist Penciled Page Numbers 1 through 274; no Archivist Stamped Page Numbers; no BCO Bundle Document Numbers.

Notes:DLAR document numbers appear at the left margin. Archivist Penciled Page Numbers appear at the right margin

This letter book contains summaries, paraphrases, and copies of letters and related documents most, but not all, of which are addressed to the Secretary of State. In the listing below, the Secretary of State is identified only when he is the sender. Unless identified otherwise, the Secretary of State is assumed to be the recipient.

Clerks initially listed letters and documents with brief summaries in the third person. Soon, their practice evolved into longer, more detailed summaries resembling paraphrases, still in the third person. Beginning with the letter dated September 29, 1767, clerks began to write out verbatim copies of the letters and other documents.

Since the letter book is essentially an annotated list of letters and documents, it is the only “original” document in this volume, and is identified as such here.

Many of the letters and other documents contained in this letter book appear elsewhere in the West Florida Colonial Office papers. One advantage of reading them here is that the quality of manuscript copying is high, and the manuscripts are clearly and sharply microfilmed.

122. Bound letter book containing summaries and copies of West Florida letters and enclosed documents directed to the Secretary of State from 1766 to 1770. Details of the contents are as follows: [2]

September 26, 1766 [2]

Letter from Governor George Johnstone of West Florida to John Pownall, secretary of the Board of Trade and Plantations; a second copy of this letter is listed as well [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, documents 221 and 222 and Secretary of State papers Reel 4, documents 116 and 117]

[Note: Correspondence to the Board of Trade summarized here had been transmitted to the Secretary of State’s office from the Board of Trade.]

January 13, 1767 [2]

Letter from the Secretary of State to the Governor of West Florida

- October 22, 1766 [2]
Letter from Johnstone at Pensacola to Pownall [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 228 and Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 166]
- October 22, 1766 [2]
Letter from Johnstone to the Board of Trade [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 223 and Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 167]
- October 3, 1766 [3]
Proceedings of a West Florida Council meeting at Pensacola [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 229 and Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 172]
- October 6, 1766 [4]
Proceedings of a West Florida Council meeting at Pensacola [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 231 and Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 173]
- October 8, 1766 [4]
Letter from Brigadier General William Tayler, commander for the Southern District of North America, to Johnstone [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 232 and Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 175]
- October 9, 1766 [4]
Letter from Johnstone to Tayler [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 233 and Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 174]
- October 18, 1766 [5]
Proceedings of a West Florida Council meeting at Pensacola [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 224 and Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 170]
- October 20, 1766 [5]
Protest of members of the Council of West Florida concerning sailing of the packet from Pensacola [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 227 and Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 171]
- October 18, 1766 [5]
Letter from West Florida Lieutenant Governor Montfort Browne to Primrose Thompson, Johnstone's secretary [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 225 and Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 168]
- October 19, 1766 [5]
Letter from Thompson to Browne [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 226 and Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 169]

- October 23, 1766 [6]
Letter from Johnstone to Board of Trade [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 234 and Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 176]
- February 19, 1767 [7]
Letter from the Secretary of State to Johnstone
- February 19, 1767 [8]
Letter from the Secretary of State to Browne
- January 12, 1767 [9]
Letter from Browne to the Secretary of State r [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 248]
- January 20, 1767 [9]
Letter from Browne at Pensacola to the Secretary of State [see Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 190]
- January 22, 1767 [9]
Letter from Browne [see Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 191]
- November 22, 1766 [10]
Letter from Johnstone [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1 document 240]
- April 11, 1767 [10]
Letter from the Secretary of State to the Governor of West Florida
- January 25, 1767 [10]
Letter from Browne to the Board of Trade [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1 document 249]
- June 20, 1767 [11]
Letter from the Secretary of State to Browne
- March 25, 1767 [11]
Letter from Browne [see Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 195; see similar letter to Board of Trade in Reel 1, document 250]]
- April 13, 1767 [12]
Letter from Browne [see Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 198; see similar letter to Board of Trade in Reel 1, document 253]
- November 22, 1766 [13]

Representation of the Council and Assembly of West Florida to the Board of Trade [see Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 245 and Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 180]

July 11, 1767 [14]
Circular from the Secretary of State to Browne

June 8, 1767 [15]
Letter from Browne [for the following letters dated June 8, 1767, see Secretary of State papers Reel 4 documents 200, 201]

June 8, 1767 [15]
Letter from Browne [see above]

June 8, 1767 [16]
Letter from Browne [see above]

June 8, 1767 [16]
Letter from Browne [see above]

April 11, 1767 [16]
Letter from Browne

June 29, 1767 [17]
Letter from Browne [see Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 202]

June 29, 1767 [17]
Letter from Browne [see Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 203]

August 6, 1767 [18]
Letter from Browne [see Secretary of State papers Reel 4 document 215]

September 29, 1767 [20]
Letter from Browne
[Note: Beginning with this letter, the clerk began quoting letters and other documents verbatim, rather than summarizing or paraphrasing in the third person.]

September 29, 1767 [22]
Letter from Browne

February 1, 1768 [23]
Letter from Browne to Secretary of State for the Southern Department, William Petty, 2nd Earl of Shelburne [copy (not very readable) in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 11; similar letter to Board of Trade in Reel 1, document 265]

[Note: Shelburne was superseded on February 27, 1768 by Wills Hill, 1st Earl of Hillsborough, the first to hold the new position of Secretary of State for the Colonies.]

February 28, 1768 [29]
Letter from Browne [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 12]

[several dates] [30]
Enclosures: Minutes of a February 25, 1768 West Florida Council meeting in Pensacola; February 25, 1768 affidavit of Peter Levrier; List of French emigrants shipped on board the Red Head galley [no date] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, documents 13, 14]

May 18, 1768 [34]
Letter from Mr. Bradbury, deputy secretary to the Board of Trade [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 17]

February 1, 1768 [35]
Letter from Browne to the Board of Trade [copies in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 266 and in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 18]

February 1, 1768 [35]
Letter from Browne to the Board of Trade [copies in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 268 and in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 19]

February 1, 1768 [36]
Letter from Browne to the Board of Trade [copies in Board of Trade papers Reel 1, document 267 and in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 20]

June 28, 1768 [36]
Letter from John Eliot, new governor of West Florida, at Spring Garden, London [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 21]

July 7, 1768 [38]
Memorial of John Ellis, agent for West Florida [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 22]

June 6, 1768 [39]
Letter from Browne [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 26]

July 1, 1768 [40]
Letter from Browne [for the following four letters and two below, all dated July 1, 1768, copies are found in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, documents 27, 28, 29, 48, and 49]

July 1, 1768 [41]

Letter from Browne [see above]

July 1, 1768 [42]
Letter from Browne [see above]

July 1, 1768 [43]
Letter from Browne [see above]

July 6, 1768 [45]
Letter from Browne [for the following two letters dated July 6, 1768, copies may be found among the following documents in the Secretary of State papers Reel 5, documents 30, 38 and in the Board of Trade papers Reel 2, documents 1, 2, 5]

July 6, 1768 [59]
Letter from Browne [see above]

August 10, 1768 [61]
Letter from Browne [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 39]

August 16, 1768 [67]
Letter from Browne [pages 66-67 microfilmed twice] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 42]

November 3, 1768 [70]
Memorial of the Merchants trading to West Florida [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 45]

June 30, 1768 [72]
Letter from Browne [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 47]

July 1, 1768 [73]
Letter from Browne [see note above for July 1, 1768 letters]

July 1, 1768 [76]
Letter from Browne, including quoted enclosures: Abstract of letter from Ellis to Browne dated Gray's Inn, December 10, 1767; Abstract of a letter dated February 11, 1768; Abstract of a letter dated March 10, 1768; additional enclosures listed but not quoted [see note above for July 1, 1768 letters]

August 25, 1768 [82]
Letter from Browne, including quoted enclosures: Address of the Council and Assembly of West Florida to His Majesty, dated August 24, 1768; Memorial to the Secretary of State for the Colonies Wills Hill, 1st Earl of Hillsborough, dated August 24, 1768 [for the following two letters dated August 25, 1768, a copy is found in the Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 56]

- August 25, 1768 [90]
Letter from Browne, including quoted enclosure: Memorial of Merchants of Liverpool in behalf of themselves and others trading to West Florida [no date] [see above]
- December 1, 1768 [97]
Letter from Browne [for the following two letters dated December 1, 1768, copies are found in the Secretary of State papers Reel 5, documents 62, 64 and in the Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 6]
- December 1, 1768 [97]
Letter from Browne [see above]
- November 26, 1768 [102]
Letter from Jacob Blackwell at Pensacola, concerning need for a post office [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 66]
- November 30, 1768 [103]
Letter from Rev. Nathaniel Cotton at Pensacola [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 67]
- December 20, 1768 [104]
Letter from Browne [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 70]
- December 15, 1768 [106]
Letter from Cotton [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 74]
- February 25, 1769 [108]
Letter from Browne [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 75]
- February 27, 1769 [112]
Letter from Browne [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 76 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 9]
- February 28, 1769 [113]
Letter from Browne [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 77]
- February 28, 1769 [119]
"The State and Condition of New Orleans and Louisiana" [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 78 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 11]
- April 19, 1769 [124]
Letter from Eliot, followed by a list of enclosures [not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 80]

- May 13, 1769 [128]
Letter from Browne, followed by a list of enclosures [not microfilmed here]
[copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 82 and in Board of Trade
papers Reel 2, document 13]
- May 14, 1769 [137]
Letter from Browne [for the next three letters dated May 14, 1768, copies are
found in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, documents 86, 88, 92]
- May 14, 1769 [138]
Letter from Browne, followed by a list of enclosures [not microfilmed here] [see
above]
- May 14, 1769 [138]
Letter from Browne, listing enclosures [not microfilmed here] [see above]
- May 15, 1769 [139]
Letter from Browne [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 94]
- April 3, 1769 [140]
Letter from Eliot [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 97]
- June 11, 1769 [140]
Letter from Browne, followed by a list of enclosures [not microfilmed here] [for
the following two letters dated June 11, 1769, copies are found in Secretary of
State papers Reel 5, documents 98, 102 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2,
documents 16, 17]
- June 11, 1769 [143]
Letter from Browne, followed by a list of enclosures [not microfilmed here] [see
above]
- [June] 14, 1769 [147]
Letter from Browne, followed by a list of enclosures [not microfilmed here]
[copies are found in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 106 and in
Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 21]
- June 16, 1769 [148]
Letter from Browne, followed by a list of enclosures [not microfilmed here] [copy
in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 110]
- July 26, 1769 [149]
Letter from Browne, followed by identification of one enclosure [not microfilmed
here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 113]
- August 20, 1769 [151]

Letter from Browne, followed by a list of enclosures [not microfilmed here]
[copies are found in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 115 and in
Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 74]

January 9, 1770 [156]

Letter from Thomas Bradshaw, on the staff at Treasury Chambers to John
Pownall, secretary to the Secretary of State for the Colonies [for the two letters
below dated January 9 1770, copies are found in Secretary of State papers Reel
5, documents 127, 128]

October 5, 1769 [157]

Letter from Browne [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 129]

January 9, 1769 [actually 1770] [159]

Letter from Bradshaw to Pownall [see above]

[December 4, 1769] [160]

Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of John Ellis, financial agent for West
Florida [copy in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 30]

October 8, 1769 [164]

Letter from Browne [copy of this and next letter dated October 9, 1769 is in
Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 77]

October 9, 1769 [169]

Letter from Browne, "*annexed*" to the previous letter [see above]

October 9, 1769 [172]

Letter from Engineer John Campbell to Browne, enclosed with Browne's October
9, 1769 letters, ending with a list of French settlers who had left the north end of
lake Pontchartrain and taken oaths of allegiance to Britain [copy in Board of
Trade papers Reel 2, document 79]

September 24, 1769 [187]

Letter from General, commander of troops, and Governor of Spanish Louisiana
Alejandro O'Reilly at New Orleans to Browne, written in English translation,
enclosed with Browne's October 9, 1769 letters [copy in Secretary of State
papers Reel 5, document 134; copies of original Spanish document in Secretary
of State papers Reel 5, document 133 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2,
document 81]

October 14, 1769 [193]

"*Declaration of Rich^d Nicholls*" to Browne, enclosed with Browne's October 9,
1769 letters [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 135 and in
Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 38]

- October 14, 1769 [200]
Letter from Jeremiah Terry at Pensacola to Browne, enclosed with Browne's October 9, 1769 letters [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 136 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 80]
- August 19, 1769 [201]
Letter from Browne to General Thomas Gage, enclosed with Browne's October 9, 1769 letters, enclosing an address from inhabitants of Pensacola on Durnford's arrival in West Florida [not microfilmed here] [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 137 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 78]
- January 27, 1770 [204]
Letter from Lieutenant Governor Elias Durnford at Pensacola [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 144 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 36]
- February 3, 1770 [213]
Letter from Durnford [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 146 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 37]
- February 7, 1770 [220]
Letter from Durnford, including a list of enclosures [not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, documents 147 or 148]
- February 15, 1770 [221]
Letter from Durnford [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 152]
- February 16, 1770 [225]
Letter from Durnford [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 153]
- February 14, 1770 [231]
Letter from Durnford to Pownall [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 175]
- February 15, 1770 [233]
Letter from Durnford to Pownall [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 176]
- February 17, 1770 [234]
Letter from Durnford [copies in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 177 and in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 63]
- February 18, 1770 [237]

Letter from Durnford, enclosing Mr. Campbell's petition for a land grant [not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, documents 181, 182]

February 10, 1770 [242]
Letter from William Clifton, Chief Justice of West Florida [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 183]

May 31, 1770 [244]
Letter from the principal officers of ordnance in the West Florida Office of Ordnance [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 185]

March 25, 1770 [246]
Letter from Durnford, enclosing an estimate for the necessary posts in West Florida [not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 188]

March 25, 1770 [249]
Letter from Durnford, enclosing estimate of demand for ordnance stores for West Florida [not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, documents 189-192]

April 20, 1770 [250]
Letter from Durnford [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 194]

April 25, 1770 [251]
Letter from Durnford [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 195]

June 9, 1770 [253]
Letter from Durnford, enclosing registers of births and burials [not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 206]

June 11, 1770 [254]
Letter from Durnford [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 209]

June 12, 1770 [256]
Letter from Durnford, including a list of enclosures [not microfilmed here] [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 212]

June 13, 1770 [257]
Letter from Durnford [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 216]

June 13, 1770 [259]
"Private" letter from Durnford [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 217]

- March 10, 1770 [260]
Enclosure in previous letter from Vera Cruz, containing information about military strength in New Spain and specifically at Vera Cruz [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 218]
- June 9, 1770 [261]
Letter from Rev. Nathaniel Cotton, missionary in West Florida, at Pensacola [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 219]
- July 8, 1770 [262]
Letter from Durnford [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 220]
- July 9, 1770 [264]
Letter from Durnford [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 221]
- July 10, 1770 [266]
Letter from Durnford [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 223]
- July 11, 1770 [267]
Letter from Durnford [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 226]
- July 12, 1770 [268]
Letter from Durnford [copy in Secretary of State papers Reel 5, document 228]
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- November 28, 1770 [271]
Letter from John Robinson of the Treasury Chambers, enclosing a "*Report of the Officers of the Ordnance upon the Memorial of John Campbell, Engineer*" [not microfilmed here]
- November 30, 1770 [delivered to Hillsborough's office] [273]
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Letter from Chester, including list of enclosures [not microfilmed here] [copies in Board of Trade papers Reel 2, document 118 and in Secretary of State papers Reel 6, document 20]

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Letter from Lieutenant Colonel William Stiell of the 60th Regiment of Foot,
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