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FOREIGN OFFICE. Great Britain and General.

1. 1827 June 11. Upper Seymour Street. Albert Gallatin to Lord Viscount Dudley. Inquiry as to whether His Majesty's Government would allow copies to be made of documents relating to the colonial history of North Carolina. 81.816.1-2
Enclosing:
2. 1827 Feb 9. Copy of resolution by N.C. legislature requesting the governor to apply to the British Government for liberty to procure such copies. 81.817.1
3. 1827 July 13. Whitehall. Letter from H. Hobhouse (Home Office) to John Beckhouse (Foreign Office), enclosing list below, drawn up by State Paper Office, of books and papers on the subject of North Carolina. "I am to observe that Lord Dudley will probably think it imprudent to permit an inspection of the latter papers mentioned in the List"-- i.e., those going past 1776. Endorsement "This letter is not to be acted upon: but in it's stead Mr. Spring Rice's letter of the 27 July is to be used in the answer to Mr. Gallatin. 81.818.1-5
Enclosing:
4. "List of Books and Papers in His Majesty's State Paper Office, relative to North Carolina." 12 individual items 1663-1757, and 4 classes of bound correspondence, the last 3 of which continued past 1776. 81.819.1-4
5. 1827 July 27. Whitehall. Letter from Spring Rice (Home Office) to Beckhouse (Foreign Office). "I am directed by the Marquess of Lansdowne to acquaint you ..." that His Lordship will give access to and permit copies to be made of "any of the Documents included in the enclosed List" Endorsed "Copy of Inclosure to Mr. Gallatin August 2/27." 81.820.1-3
Enclosing:
6. Same list as above, without the last 3 classes of correspondence. 81.821.1-4
7. 1827 Aug 2. Foreign Office. Draft of letter from Viscount Dudley to Gallatin, "Directions will be given to the keeper of the State Papers to permit an authorized Agent on the part of the American Govt. to have access to and take copies of any of the documents mentioned in the List which I have the honour herewith to inclose." Board of Trade papers not included, as he understands that Mr. Grant, the vice president of the Board, has already communicated directly with Gallatin. 81.822.1-5
8. 1827 Aug 4. Upper Seymour Street. Gallatin to Dudley, expressing thanks. 81.823.1-3
9. 1833 Aug 27. 13 Old Cavendish Street. Letter from A. Vail to Lord Viscount Palmerston (Foreign Office) informing him that the Congress of the U.S. had appropriated funds "to procure from the public offices of Great Britain copies of documents relative to the history of the United States," and that their agent, I. Waller Barry, was now in London. Requests the necessary facilities and permission to make transcripts. Cites assistance given to North and South Carolina as a precedent. Minuted "answered in the negative 25 Febr. 1834." 81.824.1-4
10. 1833 Sept 20. Memorandum signed A. Turner, to person unnamed (Beckhouse?). "Rather doubtful" that Palmerston will comply with Vail's request. "You will have his report on the subject today." 81.825.1
11. 1833 Sept 20. Foreign Office. Unsigned memorandum in Palmerston's hand about Vail's application. Discusses the list approved for N.C. in 1827 and the work done by Mr. Cruger for S.C. in 1829. The work of Mr. Sparkes "a few years before" on the life of Washington is also mentioned. In each case their access to documents was strictly limited. 81.826.1-10

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12. 1833 Sept 28. State Paper Office. Letter from Robt. Lemar (deputy keeper) to J. Backhouse (Foreign Office) enclosing a list of the correspondence of the governors of British colonies in North America from 1760 to 1778, inclusive. 81.827.
13. EXTRACT from enclosure listing the volumes of correspondence with governors of N.C., giving the number of each volume and dates covered. 81.828.1
14. 1833 Oct 28. State Paper Office. Letter from Lemon (State Paper Office) to Backhouse (Foreign Office). Having been directed to transmit a "List of the Volumes of American Correspondence, which Messrs. Sparkes and Cruger were permitted to inspect," he encloses the lists drawn up in 1827 and 1829 of N.C. and S.C. documents, "which are considered to be the Lists referred to." Memorandum on endorsement: "Some of the Vols. mentd. in the Lists were withheld by the F.O." 81.829.1
15. 1834 Dec 2. 13 Old Cavendish Street. Letter from A. Vail (U.S. chargé d'affaires) to the Duke of Wellington (Foreign Office), requesting permission for Mr. Rich to copy certain documents in the British Archives required by the American Government to complete a documentary history of the American Revolution. 81.830.1-7
16. 1835 Jan 19, 21. Minute referring to Home Office and Colonial Office letter from Vail to Wellington requesting permission for Mr. Rich to copy documents relating to the American Revolution. 81.831.
Enclosing:
17. 1834 Dec 1. 12 Red Lion Square. Copy of letter from Mr. Rich to Aaron Vail, enclosing list of papers sent to him from Washington by Matthew St. Clair Clark and Peter Force, and also extracts from their letters to him. 81.832.1-2
Also enclosing:
18. EXTRACT from list of documents: "Speech of Governor Tryon to the Council assembly of North Carolina on the 23rd of October 1769; with their addresses in answer thereto." 81.833.1
19. EXTRACT from same: "Letter from Governor Martin to the Earl of Dartmouth dated New Bern, North Carolina, 1st September 1774 Received 27th January, 1775" with 3 enclosures listed and described. Also enclosing: 81.834.1
20. 1834 Sept 24. Washington. Extracts of two letters written to Mr. O. Rich from Matthew St. Clair Clarke and Peter Force. 81.835.1-2
21. 1835 Jan 26. Copy of memo by "G.M., Col. Dep." arguing for refusal of the request. Cites unfavorable comment about Lord Rawdon in S.C. which was only confirmed by search in the records. 81.836.1-3
22. 1837 Sept 16. London. Letter from James[?] A. Hamilton to Palmerston, requesting permission to examine certain documents. "His Lordship will perhaps recollect that Mr. Hamilton was introduced to him about a month since by Mr. Stevenson of the Foreign Office and at that interview he intimated a desire to obtain information in regard to remote Events." 81.837.1-3
Enclosing #24, below:
23. 1837 Sept 18. Memorandum from P[almerston]: "State that search shall be made and he shall be informed of the Result. Make search accordingly." 81.838.1
24. n.d. Statement signed by James[?] A. Hamilton: "It is of some importance to the person engaged in writing the life of my Father the late General Hamilton that he should ascertain the truth in regard to the transactions referred to in the following Statement ..." He wants to know about the negotiations leading up to the granting of independence in 1783, whether the French should claim credit for persuading the British to recognize the independence of the colonies as a preliminary to negotiations. 81.839.1-4

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25. n.d. Unsigned memorandum accompanying "Extracts from the correspondence between the British Government and it's Plenipotentiaries at Paris" July - Oct 1782. It concludes from this correspondence that "the Question of Independence had been definitively and satisfactorily settled, by direct Negotiation" between the U.S. and Great Britain before the French ambassador left Paris for London.

81.840.1-4