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SYDNEY, Thomas Townshend, first Viscount (1733-1800)

Originals, 1750-1798. 86 pages. Finding Aid No. 147.

Thomas Townshend (1733-1800), first Viscount Sydney, served as Secretary of State for the Home Department, 1782-1789, and as President of the Board of Trade, 1784.

Finding Aid No. 147 provides a descriptive list of the items acquired in 1916.

Correspondence and memoranda received by Lord Sydney, chiefly relating to trade with Newfoundland and with the affairs of Nova Scotia and Quebec, in particular compensation for Loyalists and settlement of the colonies (82 pages). Acquired in 1916.

Letter of Charles-Louis Tarieu de Lanaudière, 1782, concerning a petition for compensation for losses suffered during the American invasion of Quebec in 1775-1776 (2 pages). Acquired in 1955.

Letter of Thomas Ainslie, 1784, concerning the propriety of his being appointed to the Executive Council of Quebec, as senior Revenue Officer of that province (2 pages). Acquired in 1972.

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Bayard to Sydney, 28 April, 1785

Commission of his grandfather, Samuel Vetch; patronage for his son who has gone to settle in Nova Scotia; his claim for losses is before the Commissioners.

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Richard Champion to Sydney, 2 March, 1784

Supporting Mr. Noble (of Bristol) who wishes to obtain provisions from the United States to supply his Newfoundland and Labrador fisheries.

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Richard Champion to Sydney, 15 March, 1784

Same subject.

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John Cutler to Sydney, 7 January, 1785

The merchants of Dartmouth cannot devise regulations that would prevent abuse of a privilege to import provisions from America to Newfoundland. He himself feels that this produce should not be admitted.

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Alex. Davison to T. Townshend, 26 June, 1785

Lease of King's Posts.

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Alex. Davison to T. Townshend, 9 July, 1785

Affairs in Lower Canada, difficulty of making a separate government for the loyalists.

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