

PRIAULX PAPERS

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Guernsey.

The items of Canadian interest are mostly in the
correspondence of CARTERET, PRIAULX & COMPANY;
most of them are letters to the firm from friends,
or business associates, or captains of their own
ships.

The principal interests of the firm were fish and
wine - Newfoundland fish, and the port wine of Oporto
or the Spanish wines of the Mediterranean.

Important correspondents include the Janvrins, of
Jersey, and Baine Johnson & Company, who were
Carteret, Priaultx & Company's agents in St. John's.
A note I have from Dr. Fay states that "the Baine
Johnson correspondence is very full for 1813-1817."

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C. Priaulx and Co., 1807-1819. 4 inches.

Correspondence received by Cartaret Priaulx and Co., of Guernsey, from agent firms and ship captains, as well as with firms associated with them in the Arichat and Gaspé Society, 1807-1819. There is one letter from Cartaret Priaulx to his brother, 1812 (pp.68-70). Photostats. Originals in the Priaulx Library, St. Peter's Port, Guernsey.

The Priaulx Company appears to be a family concern conducted by Cartaret and Anthony Priaulx and their brothers. Their closest associates were the Janvrin Company, of Jersey, the Delisle and the Tupper firms. Newfoundland was the meeting places of the fleets and it would appear from these papers and other available sources that while the Janvrin associates developed their establishments at Gaspé, the Priaulx agents despatches the ships of both companies to Central America, South America or the Mediterranean according to the best opportunities revealed themselves.

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