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Graves Papers

1761 - 1767

Microfilm copy of the papers relating to Newfoundland of Admiral Lord Thomas Graves (1725 - 1802), Governor of Newfoundland, 1761 - 1764.

Originals in the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, England. G.R.V.103 to G.R.V.107. M.S.9365. Public Archives of Canada, 1955. Public Archives, Ottawa. Microfilm, negative, 25 feet. The documents have been listed in the order they appear on the microfilm.

- G.R.V./103 Instructions as Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Newfoundland, 30 May, 1761. 39 pp.
- Copy of the 13th and 14th Articles of the Treaty of Peace concluded at Utrecht between Great Britain and France. 2 pp.
- A general scheme of the Fishery and Inhabitants of Newfoundland, 1761. 2 pp.
- Commission as Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Newfoundland, 14 Jan., 1762. (filmed in sections).
- G.R.V./104 Papers related to the French Ambassador's Memorial concerning fishing rights in Newfoundland, 1763 - 1764. 31 pp.
- Lord Halifax to the Lords of the Admiralty, 11 Nov., 1763. Copy. Concerning the French Ambassador's Memorial on the complaints of the French fishermen. 3 pp.
- Copy of the 13th Article of the Treaty of Peace concluded at Utrecht between Great Britain and France. 2 pp.
- Mémoire concernant la pêche de Terre Neuve, 10 Nov., 1763. Copy of the French Ambassador's Memorial on the complaints of French fishermen. 6 pp.
- Observations on the French Ambassador's Memorial, n.d. 4 pp.
Draft of above. 7 pp.
- Draft of a letter by Graves to Philip Stephens, Admiralty Office, concerning the French Memorial, 17 March, 1764. 4 pp.

- G.R.V./105 Letter by Graves to Board of Trade and Plantations,
18 March, 1764. 3 pp.
Enclosures: Answers to Questionnaires on Newfoundland;
Captain John Ruthven 6 pp.
Captain Douglass 19 pp.
Justice William Keen 3 pp.
C. Thompson 6 pp.
Robert Davison and
Richard Willis, fishermen 16 pp.
Justice Michael Gitt 4 pp.
- G.R.V./106 James Cook, London, to Graves, 15 March, 1764.
Copy. 1 p.
General George Davis, Poole, Newfoundland,
14 March, 1764. Copy. 1 p.
Captain John Ruthven, H.M.S. Terpsichore,
St. John's, Newfoundland, to Graves, H.M.S.
Antelope, 20 Oct., 1763. Copy. 4 pp.
Same to Same, 30 Oct., 1763. Copy. 1 p.
Same to Same, 9 July, 1763. Copy. 1 p.
Extract. Section 9. Admiralty Orders to Graves,
3 May, 1763. Copy. 1 p.
- Cook to Graves, 15 March, 1764. Original of
above. 1 p.
Davis to Cook, 14 March, 1764. Original of
above. 1 p.
Ruthven to Graves, 20 Oct., 1763. Original of
above. 6 pp.
Ruthven to Graves, 30 Oct., 1763. Original of
above. 2 pp.
Ruthven to Graves, 9 July, 1763. Original of
above. 2 pp.
- Instructions to Graves, H.M.S. Antelope, 2 May,
1763. Concerning the formation of a convoy to
protect the Newfoundland fishing fleet. 15 pp.
- G.R.V./107 Graves, Cadiz, to the Admiralty, 16 March, 1764.
Account of his service in Newfoundland: his
appointment as governor in 1761; his arrival
in Newfoundland in 1762 to find French in
possession of St. John's; his role in their
defeat with aid from Amherst at Halifax; his receipt
of a new commission as governor; and his duties in
respect to the French treaty rights to the fisheries. 2 pp.
- Graves, Cadiz, to the Admiralty, 17 March, 1764.
In answer to criticism of the length of his stay
at Cadiz. 2 pp.
- Graves, Cadiz, to the Admiralty, 18 March, 1764.
On the office of the Governor of Newfoundland:
the difficulty in combining the duties of a naval
commander with that of a civil governor; the
peculiar character of the governorship due to the
short term of office. 2 pp.

Graves, London, to Justice William Keen at
Tinnmouth and George Olive at Poole in Newfoundland,
27 March, 1764. Requesting information concerning
the Northern Settlements. 2 pp.

Case for Dr. Hay's Opinion: Minute describing the
capture by the French of St. John's, Newfoundland,
in 1762, and its recapture by an English squadron
under Graves' command three months later, and
requesting a decision as to the state of merchant
ships and stores as "Prize". With list of questions
annotated by Dr. George Hay, 31 March, 1763. 3 pp.

Philip Stephens, Admiralty Office, to Graves, H.M.S.
Temeraire, Plymouth, 4 Sept., 1767. Requesting an
account of Robert Nicholson's procurement of French
anchor cables as "Salvage" from the harbour at St.
John's, Newfoundland. 1 p.

Nicholson' Memorial requesting "Salvage", 2 Sept.,
1767. See above. 4 pp.

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NEWFOUNDLAND - TERRE-NEUVE

- first Baron Graves*
 1. GRAVES, THOMAS, ~~FIRST BARON GRAVES~~ (1725?-1802)

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Thomas Graves (1725?-1802), first Baron Graves, had attained the rank of lieutenant in the Royal Navy by 1743 and captain in 1755. He was commander of the Newfoundland station, 1761-1763, and commander of a squadron in North American waters, 1780-1782. He was promoted vice-admiral in 1787 and admiral in 1794.

Microfilmed in 1955 from the originals in the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, Eng.

The finding aid provides a descriptive list of the documents filmed.

Selected items from the papers of Admiral Lord Graves, 1761-1767. Included are his commission and instructions, 1761-1762, and various papers relating to French rights in the fisheries, the capture of St. John's, and naval matters.