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To W. L. Phillips Esq^r
Secretary to the Lieut. Governor

Sir //

We the undersigned for ourselves and the other Merchants of the Settlement Request to know if the Lieut. Governor will sanction a Meeting of a Committee of the Merchants for the purpose of drawing up an Address to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales for his gracious Present to the Island, and whether the Lieut. Governor will do them the honor to forward the same;

We have the Honor to be Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

James Scott

Will Lindsay

Tho^s Stutton

John Chiene

Tho^s Halyburton

John Baird

Signees

To Mess^{rs} James Scott Will Lindsay, Tho^s Stutton, John Chiene, Tho^s Halyburton and John Baird Merchants

Gentlemen //

I have Rec^d and submitted to the

George Town
Nov^r 8th 1801.

the Lieut. Governor your letter to me of yesterday's
date; and am directed to say in Reply thereto
that the Lieut. Governor is pleased to comply
with the Request it contains. — I am

Gentlemen Your Obedient Servant

Signed W. P. Phillips

Port Cornwallis
the 9th Nov. 1801

Secy to the L. Gov^r

George Town, Prince of Wales Island
November 12th 1801.

At a Meeting of the Merchants and
Inhabitants of George Town held at
Ossian's Hall this day, by permission
of the Lieut. Governor, for the purpose of
acknowledging the high and distinguished
mark of His Royal Highness The Prince
of Wales condescension in sending an
Original Painting of His Royal
Highness, as a Present to the Government
House of this Island, and as a Proof of
the Interest he takes in this valuable
Settlement, Present

James Scott Esqre
Captain Macalister
Messrs John Chene
Peter Chene
John Elliot
W. H. Mason

Leoa Hupar
Amerjan Miskan
Barapet Phanoos
Jacob Mepas
Gregory Aratoon

George Halyburton
 John Baird
 Robert Landers
 Thomas Halyburton

Shenazar Awachjan
 Newark Markar
 Attigua

Proxies

James Scott for Chas^d W Young
 David Clark
 Will Scott

Capt Macalister for Will Lindsay
 John Colhoun
 A. M. Sutyne

Robert Landers for Thomas Jones (and)
 John Elliot for Joseph Cooper

The Meeting unanimously elected James Scott Esq^r to be President and Tho^s Halyburton Secretary.

A copy of a letter from Adm^t Payne Secretary to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales dated Carlton house 28 March 1801 addressed to Sir John MacPherson; and a copy of a letter from Sir John MacPherson of date 28 March 1801, addressed to the Lieut. Governor of Prince of Wales Island for the time being; as also a letter from Sir John MacPherson addressed to Captain Macalister dated Brampton the 30 March 1801 being then Read, copies of them were directed to be inserted ad referendum, and the Meeting unanimously came to the following Resolutions

Resolved 1st That a Present of Two Pipes of the best Madeira wine procurable on the Island shall

shall be sent to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, and one Pipe to Sir John MacPherson by the Double Company's Ship Duke of Buccleugh

That this Present of two Pipes of Madeira to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, and of one pipe to Sir John MacPherson be continued annually, and that proper measures be taken for procuring in future the best wine that can be had in India. 2^d

That a subscription be opened for depaying the expence of the above Presents, and that all Subscriptions be entered into a Book to be kept by the Secretary for that purpose. - That the Secretary receive Subscriptions from the Europeans, 3^d

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| Leid Hussen from the | Arabs |
| Pasqual de Silver | Portuguese |
| Amerjan Wiscan | Americians |
| Alliqua | Chinese |
| Bader Meyden | Shutians |
| Moqua da Frang | Buggesses |
| Lally | Malays (and) |
| Bukerijy | Perses |

The different Subscriptions to be paid to the Secretary, when collected, ~~or~~ should there be any Surplus after paying the Wine and necessary Expenses, such Surplus to remain in the hands of the Secretary till next year.

That an humble and loyal Address to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales to be signed by the heads of each class as above be 4th

be drawn up, expressive of the high sense this Meeting entertains of the distinguished honor conferred by His Royal Highness on this Island; that the same be enclosed in a letter to Adm. Payne, requesting he will have the goodness to present the same to His Royal Highness and to tender to his Royal Highness the Present of the two Pipes of Madeira Wine; and that this letter covering the Address be sent to Ser Jno MacPherson Bart. for his personal to be by him delivered to Adm. Payne.

5th

That at same time a letter of Thanks be written to Ser Jno MacPherson expressive of the sense this Meeting entertains, of the trouble he has been pleased to take in forwarding the painting of His Royal Highness, and of the sentiments of attachment and regard which he is kindly pleased to express for this Settlement, and respectfully Requesting him to accept of a Pipe of Madeira Wine as a mark of gratitude for his attention to its interests.

6th

That this letter to Ser John MacPherson covering the letter to Adm. Payne with the Address to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, be sent with the inclosures open to Ser George Leith, Bart. Lieut Governor for his inspection, and that he be respectfully Requested to take the earliest opportunity of transmitting the same to Ser John MacPherson.

That

That a letter of thanks be written to Captain ^{of the}
Wall of the Double company's Ship Duke of
Buccleugh, expressive of the sense this Meeting
entertains of the care which he has taken of the
Prince's Picture in bringing it out, and of the
handsome manner in which he has volunteered
to carry home the wine for His Royal Highness,
The Prince of Wales, (and) Sir John Macpherson

That a committee of the following European ^{of the}
Gentlemen and Natives be appointed to carry
the above Resolutions into Effect, of which any
four with the President to be a quorum. — three
of the number being Europeans;

James Scott Esq^r President

Captain Macalister

Messrs George Dalrympton

John Elliot

W. H. Mason

John Baird

John Colhoun

Said Hussan

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George Town, Prince of Wales Island

At a Meeting of the committee held this
12 Novemb^r, 1801. — Present

James Scott Esq^r President

Captain Macalister

Messrs

Messrs John Elliot
 W H Mason
 American Mission

The Committee authorized Captain Macalister,
 John Elliot and W H Mason to select three
 Pipes of the best Madeira wine to be got on the
 Island and to have it sent on board the
 Honourable Company's Ship Duke of Beverleigh
 addressed according to the Resolutions of the
 Meeting with all possible despatch. —

George Town Prince of Wales Island
 November 19th 1801. —

At a Meeting of the Committee

Present

James Scott President

Capt Macalister

John Elliot

W H Mason

John Colhoun

Messrs Elliot and Mason and Capt Macalister
 Reported that they had purchased Two Pipes of
 Madeira Wine from W. Mason at Two hundred
 and Twenty dollars each, and One from W.
 Abbot at Two hundred and Fifty Spanish
 Dollars, of which the Committee approved and
 authorized the Secretary to pay for the same

so soon as he was in possession of funds
from the subscription for that purpose. - And
Mess^{rs} Elliot Mason and Capt Macalister
were requested to send the wine on board the
Honble Company's Ship Duke of Buccleugh

The Drafts of the Letter to Adm^l Payne
meant to cover the address to His Royal High-
ness The Prince of Wales, of the Letters to Sir
John MacPherson Bart. and to Capt Wall, and of
a Letter to the Secretary of the Lieut. Governor meant
to convey to him for his inspection the address
to His Royal Highness and the Letters to
Adm^l Payne and Sir John MacPherson were
then Read and Approved, and copies of them
ordered to be inserted ad Referendum; And
the Secretary Mr Halyburton was directed
to draw up the address to His Royal High-
ness The Prince of Wales to be signed in con-
formity to the Resolutions of the meeting by
the head of each class of the Inhabitants in
the character in which such class writes.

To Adm^l John Payne

Secretary to His Royal Highness

The Prince of Wales

Sir

We a Committee of the European (and)
Indian Inhabitants of George Town Prince

Prince of Wales Island, having been favoured by the
 Next Governor Sir George Keith with the Perusal of
 an address from you to Sir Geo Maclherson
 accompanying an Original Picture of His Royal
 Highness The Prince of Wales, sent as a proof
 of the Interest His Royal Highness takes in this
 valuable establishment, and as a Present to the
 Government House, - Impressed with a high sense
 of His Royal Highness's Condescension in thus
 interesting himself in our welfare, Anticipates
 with much satisfaction the Beneficial Effects
 likely to Result; as that Spirit of Enterprise
 which has unnoticed Raised this Settlement
 in the short period of sixteen years from an
 uninhabited Cunge to rank with the other
 Maritime and Commercial Ports in India,
 under his Royal Highness's fostering patronage
 will soon raise it to equal, if not surpass,
 them all. in a few years

The Committee Benefitting by his Royal
 Highness's gracious indulgence have sent two
 Pipes of Wine, the best procurable on the Island
~~conveyed~~ by the Honble Company's Ship Duke of
 Beaufort Captain Thomas Wall who has
 kindly taken charge of them, and which with
 all deference we Request you will be so
 good as tender to His Royal Highness in
 the

the name of the Inhabitants, and at same
time present the enclosed Address,

We have the honor to be Sir

With all Respect

Your most Obed^t & very hble Serv^{ts}

Prince of Wales Island

Nov^r 13th 1801.

Signed

La. Scott President

John Elliot

M^r J. Mason

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To Sir J^r Macpherson Bart

Sir

We a Committee of the European and
Indian Inhabitants of George Town Prince of
Wales Island having been favored with
your address to the Lieut Governor covering
a letter from Adm^l Payne and accompany
ing an original picture of His Royal High
ness The Prince of Wales, consider this
Settlement as fortunate in having attracted
your attention, and in being flattered with
your support which it will be the peculiar
ambition of its Inhabitants to deserve.

Our hitherto Rapid Advance does
broad to the discernment and abilities with
which the Settlement was made, and we
hope will continue to Reflect honor on
you as its founder

Captain Thomas Wall of the

the Duke of Buccleugh has been so kind as to receive on Board a Pipe of Madeira which the Inhabitants Request you would accept as a Mark of their Respect. -

We have enclosed a letter to Admt. Payne covering an address to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales open for your perusal, which he so good as see delivered. -

We have the Honor to be with all Regard

Sir

Your most obed^t & very humble Serv^{ts}

Prince of Wales Island
November 13th 1801

Lat. Scott Presid^t

John Elliot

Signed

Wm. H. Mason

J. Colhoun

To Capt. Thomas Wallace

Commander of the Honble Co's Ship

Duke of Buccleugh

Sir,

We a Committee chosen by the Inhabitants of this Town to carry certain Resolutions of theirs into Effect in conformity thereto have much pleasure in conveying to you their thanks for your care of the Painting of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales delivered you by Sir J. MacPherson and for your kind offer to take an equal share of two Pipes of Madeira wine sent by them for

for his Royal Highness and one for Sir John,

And our President Mr James Scott as
expressive of his sense of the handsome man-
ner in which you have acted herein

Requests your acceptance of a Pipe of
Wine.

We have the honor to be Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

George Town

Nov. 13th 1801

J. A. Scott Presid.

John Elliot

Signed

W. L. Mason

J. Colbourne

To Mr P. Phillips Esq

Secretary to the Lt Gov

Sir,

Benefitting by the Lt Governor's in-
dulgence of the 8th the European and
Indian Inhabitants of George Town held a
Meeting at the Place of Assize on the 12th Inst.
when they came to certain Resolutions for
the better effecting which they chose as a
Committee the undersigned directing that we
should Request the Lt Governor to forward
by first good occasion the following Letters

N^o 1. One to Genl Payne covering an address
to the Prince of Wales, (and)

One to Sir John Macpherson

sewing

serving as an Envelope to the others both open
for the Lieut^g Governor's inspection

We have the Honor to be with Regard

Sir Your most Obed^t & every able Serv^t

Prince of Wales Island
Nov^r, 13th 1801

La Scott Presid^t

John Elliot

Signed

W. H. Mason

John Colhoun

George Town, Prince of Wales Island
Novem^r, 16th 1801.

At a Meeting of the Committee

Present

James Scott President

Capt Macalister

John Elliot

W. H. Mason

John Colhoun (and)

George Halyburton

The President presented the following
letter from the Secretary of the Lieut^g Governor
addressed to the Gentlemen on whose application
the Lieut^g Governor's license to meet was obtained

To Mess^{rs}: La Scott, W. H. Mason, John Elliot
John Colhoun, John Halyburton and J. Beard

Gentlemen / Merchants
The Lieut^g Governor having learnt

learnt with surprise, that the
Shulkans ^{&c} have been called upon to attend
the Committee sanctioned by him in conse-
quence of your Address of the Inst., I am
directed to intimate to you, that when the
Lieut Governor acquiesced in your Request,
such Committee was understood, and expected
to consist of the European Merchants only
of this Settlement and not to embrace any
other class of its Inhabitants: He therefore
disapproves of, and consequently forbids
your including any other than European
Merchants in such Committee I am
Gentlemen Your Obedient Servant

Edw. W. Phillips
Secy to the Lt. Gov.
Port Cornwallis
The 15. Nov. 1801

Which having been Read the following
Answer was Approved Signed and Sent

To W. Phillips Esq^r
Secretary to y^r Lieut. Gov^r

Sir,
In consequence of the Lt. Governor's
licence of the 8th a Meeting of the Merchants
generally described was Requested at the
Hall of Assize on the 12th Inst. and sundry
Resolutions agreed to; We the undersigned
being chosen a Committee for carrying these

these Resolutions into Effect.

Some of the Gentlemen on whose application the Licence was obtained being Members of the Committee have this day delivered us your letter of the 15th instant, conveying to them the Lieut^g Governor's surprize that Chulians ^{Sea} have been called to attend the Committee and forbidding their including any other than European Merchants therein.

The present Committee beg leave to state for the information of the Lieut^g Governor that we met for dispatch of business, the 13th Inst. and in conformity to the Resolutions of the Meeting purchased and shipped three pipes of Wine on the Duke of Newcastle, wrote a letter to Adm^l Payne, and one to Sir J. Mordaunt and directed Mr Halyburton to draw up an Address to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, which in conformity to the Resolutions of the Meeting was to be signed by the head of each class in the character in which such class wrote, this the Meeting considered as more Respectful to His Royal Highness than one from a few European Merchants.

We as a Committee cannot alter what has been done, without a new meeting for which there is not time (and) We Request to know, whether the
Address

Address as intended meets the approbation
of the Lieut^g Governor — We are Sir

Your most obed^t & able Serv^{ts}
Nov^r 16th 1801.

On the 17th Novemb^r, the President
Mr Scott Received the following letter from
Mr Thomas Halyburton Secretary to the
Committee;

Dear Sir,

Along with this you will
receive the Lieut^g Governor's Answer to the
Committee's letter addressed to his Secretary
of yesterday's date, from which you will
observe the turn, that the Proceedings
of the General Meeting and Committee are
likely to take. —

When I volunteered to be
Secretary to a Meeting, to be held for the
purpose of sending an Address to His
Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, for
the distinguished mark of His Royal
Highness's Condescension in sending
his Picture as a Present to the Government
House of this Island, I must confess, I
did

did not expect, any such controversy would have
take place, as seems likely to be, the Result;
that being the case, I hope I shall be excused
for declining any longer to act as Secretary

I request you will have the goodness to
lay this before the first Meeting of the
Committee and Oblige D^r Sir,

Yours most sincerely

17th Nov. 1801.

Signed Thomas Haliburton

To James Scott Esq^r

Presid^t of Committee of Merchants

Along with this you will likewise
receive a letter from Capt Wall I have this
moment received

Yours truly

Signed T. H.

Copy of the Letter from the Secretary
of the Lieut^t Governor alluded to
in the above

To Messrs J. Scott, J. Elliot, W. L. Mason,
G. Bolhoun & Geo Haliburton

Gentlemen / Merchants

I have this instant received,
and submitted your letter of this day's date
to the Lieut^t Gov^t who directs me to say in
Reply, that in consequence of a letter ad-
dressed to me, he sanctioned a Meeting
of the Merchants to draw up an Address
to

to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
expressive of their gratitude for his Gracious
Present to this Island: That he expects
the Meeting will adhere strictly to the
Request made therein, and that the
Gentlemen whose names are subscribed
to that Request are in full possession
of his sentiments as to the persons who
are to sign the Address to His Royal
Highness. —

To the 3^d paragraph of your
letter, the Lieut^g Governor can give no answer,
as it is upon subjects with which he is
totally unacquainted, but he supposes a
Meeting of Merchants assembled by his
Sanction for a particular purpose will
not presume to deviate therefrom.

The Lieut^g Governor is at a loss to
understand the meaning of the phrase "there
is not time" the Original application for
the Meeting particularly requesting he
would forward the Address, and conse-
quently he conceives He is to judge of the
mode, and period of its being transmitted
to His Royal Highness, at the same time
he desires me to observe to you, that he
deems it extraordinary to be called upon
to give his approbation to an Address not
yet shown to him. I am Gentlemen
Yours

Fort Cornwallis
16th Nov: 1801.

Your Obedient Servant
Signed W. L. Phillips
Secy to the Lieut Gov^r

Copy of a Letter from Capt Thomas
Wall Commander of the Honble Co's
Ship Duke of Buccleugh
To Mess^{rs} James Scott, John Pritch,
W. H. Mason, and John Colhoun
Gentlemen

I have just now been honoured
with the Receipt of your letter of this date
informing me that you have been pleased
to order me a Pipe of Madeira for my Care
of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
Picture from England to this Island, which
bears his Highness's name. - Permit me to
assure you that I shall ever feel the
greatest satisfaction in contributing to
every measure that tends to the general
satisfaction and welfare of the Merchants
of this Island and this pointed mark
of their attention to me, which I shall with
much pleasure accept, of shall always
be remembered with kindness by

Prince of Wales Island
16 Nov: 1801

Gentlemen

Your mo Obed^t Serv^t
Signed Tho: Wall
Subsequent

Subsequent to the Receipt of these
letters by the President, the foregoing letter
from the Secretary of the Lieutenant Governor
addressed to the Committee being circulated
Messrs S^r Baird, John Colhoun and George
Haliburton declined longer acting as
Members of the Committee, and the Com-
mittee being consequently dissolved W^o
Scott President on the 19th November, wrote
to the Secretary of the Lieut. Governor

To W^o Phillips Esq^r

Sir Secretary to the Governor

Be so good as to inform the L^o
Governor that your letter of the 16th was
transmitted ^{to} me as President of a Committee
of Merchants by W^o Thos^s Haliburton
on the 17th Inst.

At same time W^o Halib-
-urton advised me that he declined any
longer acting as Secretary to the Committee
subsequent thereto, Messrs G. Haliburton
J. Colhoun and S. Baird have declined
acting as Members of this Committee
and those remaining not being sufficient
to form a quorum, the Committee is
virtually dissolved.

When a Meeting of
Merchants

Merchants sanctioned by the Legal Governor
 Requested I would act as President of a
 Committee to carry into Effect certain Resolu-
 tions and I acquiesced therein, I could not
 foresee that a measure thus publicly sanctioned
 would be traversed or done away by dis-
 tinctions, which I have uniformly with the
 other Members of the Committee considered
 as unfounded - for as the Painting is sent
 by His Royal Highness, "as a proof of the
 Interest he takes in this valuable Settlement
 " it seems to follow if it is acknowledged at
 all, it ought to be by the Inhabitants of
 the Settlement, a great majority of whom
 are Merchants, and it was thought
 unbecoming in the Europeans to apply
 the Epithet Merchants to themselves
 solely, and Exclude the others; because,
 what is good for the one, is equally good
 for the other, Classes of Merchants.

I thought this Justification neces-
 sary, and I hope it will be received
 without giving Offence. I am Sir

Your most obed. Servt.
 Signed J. Scott

Nov^r 19th 1801.

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To this letter Mr. Scott received the following answer

To James Scott Esq^r
Sir

I have received and submitted to the Lieut^g Governor your letter to me of yesterday's date, and have his directions to say in Reply. — That at the Request of several of the European Gentlemen of this Settlement he sanctioned their calling a Meeting of the British Inhabitants for the purpose of drawing up an Address to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales expressive of their gratitude for the picture with which he had honored this Island:

To this Request the Lieut^g Governor gave his consent, but subsequently being informed that the Indians had been summoned to attend such Meeting, and the Lieut^g Governor deeming the Picture to have been sent to the British Inhabitants only, directed, that none but British should be included in the Address; Whether any of the Members of the Committee elected by the Inhabitants have Resigned their situations or not, concerns the Spectors only, the Lieut^g Governor conceives — I am therefore directed

directed to return you your Letter, as he
does not acknowledge your Right as an
Individual to address him on the part of
the Committee elected by the British Inha-
bitants of this Settlement I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant

W. Phillips

Secy to the Gov^r

Fort Cornwallis

The 20 Nov^r 1801

In Reply to this Mr Scott wrote the
following Letter,

To Mr Phillips Esq^r

Secy to the Gov^r

Sir

I am favored with your letter of the
20th Instant accompanying mine of the
19th returned as by Official.

Be pleased to inform the Gov^r that
as I had applied for his Licence to call a
Meeting of the Merchants, as I had ap-
-pointed for a time as President to a
Meeting, so sanctioned, I considered as
only commonly polite to inform him it
was dissolved. - But as the Gov^r
does not chuse to receive it as such, I
shall consider myself justified in ex-
-pressing my sense of the Prince's atten-
-tion without further troubling him

him therewith - I am Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

23^d Novr, 1801 Lewis LaSalle