1773.

A similar circular, with an additional direction to return the number of ships of British and every other nationality arriving at the ports within their departments, was also sent to Sir John Hort and the other Consuls.

11 May. Dom.Entry Bk., v. 24, p. 350. 163. EARL OF SUFFOLK to ROBT, PELL, Esq.

Has sent his letter of the 6th inst. to Lord North, and will be very glad if his Lordship thinks it expedient to comply with the very resonable request it contains, but being a matter entirely out of his (Suffolk's) department he cannot speak more positively about it.—St. James's.

11 May. Ireland, v. 446, No. 2. 164. EARL OF ROCHFORD to the LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND.

Relative to the retirement of Lt.-Col. Duncan. Unless he is willing at the regulated price to dispose of his commission to Major Legge, he must not expect on any future occasion to be permitted to retire, &c.—St. James's. A draft. 1½ pp.

12 May.

Dom. Gco. III.,
v. 13,
No. 37 a, b.

Let. Bk., Sec.'s,
1771-5, p. 139.

165. STEPH. COTTRELL to JOHN POWNALL, Esq.

Enclosing an Order in Council of the 6th inst., dismissing, as inadmissible, the petition and appeal of Michael Brislane from a sentence passed against him in Montserrat for the murder of his wife. Also a copy of the Minute of the Lords of the Committee of Council of 27th March last, the time their Lordships took this matter into consideration.—Whitehall, Council Office.

The copy of the Minute only. $2\frac{1}{2}pp$.

12 May. Dom. Geo. III., pcl. 367, No. 6. 166. Wm. Preston to Sir S. Porten.

As to certain business which he was requested to transact at Naples, but which on account of his departure he had delegated to Sir Wm. Hamilton.—Turin. 2 pp.

13 May,
Dom. Geo. III.,
v. 13, No. 21.
Dom.EntryBk.,
"Dom.
despatched,"

1771-6, p. 94.

167. Mr. POWNALL to Mr. EDEN.

Lord Dartmouth submits to Lord Suffolk whether the points in dispute upon the coast of Africa do not involve questions of too great delicacy and importance to be discussed and negotiated upon by the Committee of the Company of Merchants trading to Africa, and therefore whether it may not be most advisable that such a negotiation should be carried on by persons appointed by His Majesty,—Whitehall. A draft. 1 p.

14 May.

Dom. Geo. III.,
v. 13, No. 22.

Let. Bla., Sec.'s,
1771-5, p. 142.

168. WM. EDEN to MR. [POWNALL].

Relative to the disputes of the African Company with the servants of the Dutch West India Company. Lord Suffolk much approves of the Commissary to be sent by the States being instructed to treat and conclude with such person as His Majesty shall appoint.—St. James's. 1 p.