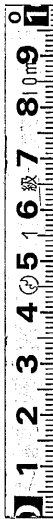


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COMMUNICATIONS that have passed between the BOARD OF ADMIRALTY, the LORDS OF THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL FOR TRADE, and, the LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF HIS MAJESTY'S TREASURY; on the Effect of the present High Price of COPPER, with respect to the Service of HIS MAJESTY'S Navy.

COUNCIL - OFFICE, WHITEHALL,  
10th March, 1800.

SIR,

THE Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, having received a Letter from Mr. Nepean, inclosing Copy of a Letter from the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, representing the very great and progressive Increase, which has taken place in the Price of Sheathing-Copper, and suggesting that some Steps should be taken in consequence; I am directed to transmit to you, without Delay, Copy of the said Letters, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury; the Lords of the Council being of Opinion, that the subject Matter of the said Letters deserves the immediate Attention of the Lords of the Treasury, especially as the Lords of the Council have received further Information of the great Rise in the Price of Copper, to the Detriment of His Majesty's Naval Service, of the Shipping Interest in general, and of all the Manufactures of this Kingdom, in which Copper is employed.

I am,

SIR,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

STEPH. COTTRELL.

Geo. Rose, Esq.

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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE,  
7th March 1800.

S I R,

I AM commanded, by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to transmit to you, for the Information of the Lords of His MAJESTY'S most Honourable Privy Council, the Copy of a Letter which I have received from the Navy Board, representing the very great and progressive Increase that has taken place in the Price of Copper-Sheathing, and suggesting that some Steps may be taken in consequence.

I am,

S I R,

Your most humble Servant,

(Signed) EVAN NEPEAN.

William Fawkener, Esq.

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NAVY-OFFICE,  
5th March 1800.

S I R,

AS Copper-Sheathing is a considerable Article of Naval Expence, we think it proper that the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty should be informed of the very great and progressive Increase that has taken place in the Price of that Article.

Since the Beginning of last Year, there has been an Advance upon it of upwards of £. 27. per Ton; and having had an Interview with the Agents for the Contractors, we learn from them, that a much further Increase of the Price may be expected.

Under these Circumstances, we submit to their Lordships, whether it may not be proper to take some Steps to correct the growing Evil.

We are, &c.

A. S. HAMOND. C. HOPE.  
W. RULE. GEO. MARSH.

Evan Nepean, Esq.

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