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**Barbados and Leeward Islands, financial administration papers (MS401)**

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Reference	Dates	Object title	Scope and content
MS401/1	1669 February 5 – 1669 June 11	Minutes of Council for Plantations	Minutes from Council for Plantations meetings concerning the difficulties of collecting dues of 4.5%. On February 5 the council orders obedience to Lord Willoughby and his deputies. On June 11 the Council orders the Master Rolls to come before the board to explain matters relating to collection of 4.5% tax.
MS401/2	1672 March 21	J. Strode to Mr Arum	Letter from John Strode to Mr Arum concerning mistaken information he gave to Arum about payment/tax system for plantation owners.
MS401/3	c.1673	Memorandum Signed by J. Strode	Note by John Strode concerning the sending of a letter from the treasurer to Lord Willoughby telling them not to stop their efforts on Strode's behalf in order to get his allowed salary; mentions getting a King's Letter to send to Barbados to facilitate this.

MS401/4	1677 October 30	Charles Bertie to Auditor Aldworth	Letter from Charles Bertie to Auditor Aldworth, telling Aldworth to see the Lord Treasurer the next day with his accounts regarding payment of 4.5% and other payments relating to businesses.
MS401/5	c.1677	Drafts (from Council for Plantations or Treasury)	Drafts of a letter to Barbados merchants informing them about matters relating to accounts and salaries for Barbados farms and telling them about affairs relating to Sir C. Wheler, R. Spouser (?) and J. Strode.
MS401/6	c.1678	Sir C. Wheler to the auditors	Letter from Charles Wheler to the auditors concerning the accounts for a four year period for Col. Strode. Wheeler apologises for mistakenly thinking that the accounts had been sent and promises to send them as soon as possible, asking for instructions to be given so that he can carry this out.
MS401/7	1679 September 19	J. Strode	Letter from John Strode to unknown recipient (estate manager?) instructing him to make a delivery to Mr Norwood and to pay him.
MS401/8	1679 February 19	Henry Guy to Auditor Aldworth	Covering letter from Henry Guy to Auditor Aldworth telling him about enclosed letter from Charles Wheler concerning payment of the 4.5 % on Barbados farms.
MS401/9	1679 February 26	Henry Guy to Auditor Aldworth	Letter from Henry Guy to Auditor Aldworth passing on instructions from the Lord Treasurer about looking at the accounts of Charles Wheeler and John Strode for the last three and a half years with regard to 4.5% tax.
MS401/10	1680 June 16	Henry Guy to W. Blathwayt	Letter from Henry Guy to W. Blathwayt instructing him to visit J. Strode to inspect and audit his accounts from 1670-1678 and also to inspect and audit accounts of other farmers from Barbados and the Leeward Islands.
MS401/11	1680 March 9	W. Blathwayt to J. Strode	Letter from W. Blathwayt to J. Strode asking Strode to send the tallies of the accounts for his farm before Blathwayt goes to Oxford.
MS401/12	1680 March 23	Abraham Langford to W. Blathwayt	Letter from Abraham Langford to W. Blathwayt giving him information and advice concerning financial affairs.
MS401/13	1680 March 23	Bastiaen Bayers ? (endorsed Coll. Byers) to W. Blathwayt	Letter from Bastiaen Bayers to W. Blathwayt informing him that he and Captain Freeman have signed a report, and explaining that he has received letters from the Leeward Isles.

MS401/14	1681 April 18	Copy Dated from Treasury Chambers, Oxford to Governor of Leeward Isles.	Letter to Governor of the Leeward Isles, asking him to cooperate fully with the inspection of affairs under his predecessor Sir Charles Wheler.
MS401/15	1681 April	Copy dated from Treasury Chambers, Whitehall to Mr Steed (or Stede)	Letter to Mr Steed acknowledging his report and commending him for the information he has given relating to accounts in Barbados and approving of his method of collecting the 4.5% tax there.
MS401/16	1681 April 24	Sir W. Stapleton	Letter from Sir W. Stapleton about details concerning payment of the 4.5% tax, and excusing himself of any responsibility for incorrect entries in accounts or negligence relating to them.
MS401/17/1	1681 May 11	(Copy) J. Strode to W. Blathwayt	Letter from J. Strode to W. Blathwayt concerning salary allowed to Barbados farms. Strode understands that Blathwayt will not pay the salary without receiving tallies and asks him for further instructions.
MS401/17/2	c.1681	(Copy) J. Strode to W. Blathwayt	Letter from W. Blathwayt to J. Strode informing Strode that he cannot make him the allowance of the 4.5% tax given to Barbados farms without tallies from the last four years or further instructions from the Treasury.
MS401/18	1681 June 15	Copy. H. Guy (?) to Sir C. Wheler and J. Strode	Letter to Sir C. Wheler and J. Strode informing them that the Commissioners of the Treasury looked at the accounts and noticed that the farms have not given tallies for the first four years; they have delayed matters in order to allow these tallies to be provided.
MS401/19	1681 June 27	H. Guy to W. Blathwayt	Letter from H. Guy to W. Blathwayt informing him that the Commissioners of the Treasury have put off the hearing of the Barbados farms until Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July and asking him to attend the hearing on that date.
MS401/20	1681 July 6	L. Prescott (on behalf of Sir C. Wheler) to W. Blathwayt	Letter from L. Prescott to W. Blathwayt about enclosed documents from Sir C. Wheler relating to the Barbados farms and his dealings with J. Strode. He tells him that Wheler does not want these to be seen until after Strode has brought his papers, and will see Blathwayt on Monday or sooner.

MS401/21	1681/2 March 5	Certificate from the Earl of Danby (in the form of a signed memorandum)	Memorandum by the Earl of Danby stating that he judged it to be a service to the King to make the farmers give accounts for every years and that he judged this to have saved the King at least £10,000.
MS401/22	1682 December 20	Copy. Dated from Treasury Chambers to Governor of Barbados (Sir Richard Dutton)	Letter to Governor of Barbados asking him to accept £579 (which was meant to be awarded to the Crown from Col. Codrington) as part of his salary and to provide a receipt for this transaction.
MS401/23	November 22-June 22	Drafts of Heads for letter, headed 'Capt. Crisp, Escheator'	List of letters to be written. The Lords have not answered the letters yet. The King expects [not of?] money. Thanks for his sugar.