

the Laborious extra Work of the Seamen during the Winter, cutting Ships Timbers, sawing &c.

9<sup>th</sup> — To procure orders from the General to enlarge Niagara Navy Hall Wharf, there being too little Water at the present Wharf to Careen large Vessels at, and it being too small for three Vessels to Winter at.

10<sup>th</sup> — To procure orders to enclose Detroit Ship yard, to Build Barracks for the officers and Seamen, Store House and Rigging Loft.

11<sup>th</sup> — To procure orders to build a Vessel at Niagara, in lieu of the Haldimand, the state of her given in by the Masters Builder; informed that she cannot last above another year therefore no time should be lost to provide timber.

12<sup>th</sup> — To procure orders to erect Barracks at Navy Hall, for the Seamen, a Riggin, and Sail Loft absolutely necessary to fix Rigging, and make Sails in the Winter.

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Niagara, 13<sup>th</sup> May 1778.

Indorsed: "Memorandum relative to the Naval department on the Upper Lakes by Capt. Andrews, 13<sup>th</sup> May 1778."

Memorandums, relative to the Naval Department of the Upper Lakes.

1<sup>st</sup> — It being reported that the Seamen's allowance of one & a half ration of Provisions with half a pint of Rum per day, is shortly to be reduced to a single ration, which reduction, and at this particular juncture, tis much to be apprehended, will be very detrimental to His Majesty's service on these Lakes; and it must be further observed on this head, that shortly after the commencement of the Rebellion of the Colonies, Lieut. Gov<sup>r</sup> Hamilton and Capt. Grant were thro' circumstances (to be explained by Capt. Grant) under the necessity of entering into Articles with the seamen employed in the department at Detroit, assuring them that during the present troubles unless positively countermanded by the Commander in Chief, they, shou'd have one & a half Ration, with half a pint of Rum p<sup>r</sup> day, £4 N. York Currency p<sup>r</sup> Month, and thirteen months to the year, as customary in the navy, — A copy of these Articles were transmitted