

Extract of a LETTER from Lieutenant Governor Sir JOHN WENTWORTH, Baronet, to His Grace the Duke of PORTLAND; dated Halifax, Nova Scotia, 21st December 1796.

THE Maroons continue to be in good Health, only One old Man, upwards of Eighty Years old, is sick. Their Apprehensions of the Winter's Severity is entirely done away, by Experience, good Health, and comfortable Cloathing and Subsistence, which is amply furnished by the Arrival of the Stores from London. Every possible Attention is exercised towards their Comfort, which will be greatly increased by removing them in Families into separate Houses and Farms annexed, as soon as the ensuing Season admits. At present there are more in each House than would be expedient, owing to the Want of Materials and Artificers to build more before the Winter commenced. Every Sunday public Worship is performed in the Church by the Reverend Mr. Gray, which is attended with great Decency and Desire of Instruction—several are baptized, and some married under Engagements to avoid Polygamy. The School is also daily attended by the Children, under Instruction of Mr. Chamberlain, a Man of Education and excellent Principles, peculiarly qualified, having formerly been a Teacher to the Indians in the Wilderness of America, but being a Loyalist, removed to this Place. These Gentlemen, with their Families, have, at my Request, removed into the Maroon Settlement, that, by their daily Advice to the Families, they may be comforted; all Casualties explained, and Modes applicable learned to them, which they are made to comprehend without Difficulty, as all of them understand the English Language, and many of them speak it fluently. From a faithful and judicious Perseverance in these important Institutions, I anticipate the greatest Benefits to these People; and I am fully justified in such Expectations from the Progress already made.