

No. 9.

Mr. Goff's next letter, of 7th January, 1817, referred solely to Mr. Pleece's accounts.

No. 10.

"Charlotte Town, Prince Edward Island,
May 31, 1817.

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favour of 8th November, and continued to 7 April last, per Mr. Wm. Townshend, with the inclosures."

Expenditures on properties, &c. "Remittances, from the state of the times and of the stock and expenditures on your properties, will be next to impossible this year. I have built a small lighter last winter, for the purpose of conveyance of manure, fire-wood, &c.; the latter I can by this means obtain much cheaper than by hauling with horses, and I trust she will clear the expense in one season. I do not find much variation of consequence in the list of furniture, save reasonable tear and wear; the articles deficient I found in the trunks, save those accounted for by Mr. George Birnie."

In the foregoing letter was inclosed another from Mr. Goff to Edmund Waters, Esq. dated Charlotte Town, May 23, 1817, and containing as follows:—

Future business. "I am convinced the establishment would yet do well if regularly and moderately supplied with suitable goods. I think there is little doubt of our agricultural produce supporting a saving price in Newfoundland and Halifax, from which places remittances should be made home."

No. 11

"Charlotte Town, Prince Edward Island,
December 12, 1817.

Sales of con- "I was favoured by the September mail with Mr. George Birnie's letter of 13th September last. I am alignment at sorry to acquaint you that the goods which I advised you I forwarded to Halifax have, owing to the pressure of the times, and their decayed state, sold at a very low rate, and great part of the novau and indigo remain on hand at present unsaleable, unless sacrificed. I fear the whole will not net much more than one-third of the amount at which they appear here in stock; but the chief of the stock handed to me by Mr. Pleece, you may perceive by the list, to be the damaged refuse of the whole of your original investments in this country, which, as I before mentioned to you, might have been realized without much loss during the American War at Halifax, where almost any thing would sell, but that opportunity is lost never to be retrieved."

Balances owing for goods bought at Halifax. "Owing to the state of the last year, I have not been able to make such remittances to Halifax for the goods I had from thence as I could have wished, and have to make up a considerable balance in the ensuing spring, which I expect to do by sale of timber, which I shall have collected this winter, as well as other produce."

No. 12.

"Charlotte Town, Prince Edward Island,
December 13, 1817.

Future business. "I wish much for your final and decided determination as to doing business here, which is necessary both for your interest, and to enable me to act as best suits my situation in life."—The remainder of this letter is engrossed by various inquiries and suggestions about doing business for the house.

No. 13.

Anxiety for replies. On the 14th February, 1818, Mr. Goff again wrote Messrs. A. Birnie and Company, stating, *inter alia*, his anxiety for replies from them to his last letters; and again, on the 13th May, 1818, in reference to Mr. Charles Stewart's claim aforesaid.

N.B. The above are all the letters which the deponent, to the best of his remembrance and belief, has at any time written to A. Birnie and Company, jointly or individually, up to the present day, July 1, 1822, except one other in reference to Mr. Charles Stewart having issued an execution.

(Signed) F. GOFF.

No. 14

On the 15th September, 1817, Mr. Goff wrote Mr. George Birnie, but kept merely a copy of the heads of the communication, as follows:—

Letter to Geo. Birnie. "Trade extremely dull here; much difficulty in making remittances to Halifax, for goods received last fall. The old goods sent there are likely to leave heavy loss from dullness of times and their bad condition. very anxious for information as to future intentions of the concern as to business: expenses heavy in clerks, house expenses, fires, candles, &c. &c.; recommend a wholesale establishment on a limited scale."