

N° 6.

Extract of a LETTER from Sir JOHN WENTWORTH to the Duke of Portland; dated Halifax, Nova Scotia, 4th November 1797.

(N° 53.)

(One Inclosure.)

THE Maroons improve in their Conduct; and I trust will gradually forget the Impressions made on their inexperienced and violent Minds by interested and ill-disposed Persons. They are healthy and increase, as appears by the Physician's Report herewith inclosed. Nor have they a single Complaint to offer. Those that were taught to them heretofore, now diminish; and the mild pleasant Weather of this Autumn satisfies them that they can be comfortable. It is much to be regretted that the Island of Jamaica has not taken effectual Measures for Payment of the Bills drawn by Mr. Quarrell for their Support. The Bill-holders decline consenting to his Return to Jamaica; and the Refusal of his Drafts has so effectually suspended his Credit, that he could not obtain any Money or Supplies for them, neither would any Person take his Bills on any Terms. I have therefore been unavoidably necessitated to conduct this Service, and draw Bills on Messrs. Milligan and Mitchell, on account of the Island of Jamaica, referring them, in case of Difficulty, to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury. By this Mode, the Island will pay in the First Instance, and according to their Engagements, or be ultimately responsible for it. Mr. Quarrell feels himself much injured by the Dishonour to his Bills, and still more so in the consequent Detention from his Affairs in Jamaica.

(N° 1. In Sir JOHN WENTWORTH's, of 4th November 1797.)

A RETURN of Sick and Number of Maroons, from the 1st October to the 1st of November 1797.

Names.	Diseases.	Dead.
John Linton - - -	Consumptive and sick before he came to Nova Scotia.	
Bessy Sewell - - -	Scrophulous Swellings in the Neck, and Consumptive.	
Total in Hospital - - -		2.
Increase in Births since last Return - -		5.
Total Number of Maroons - - -		

(Signed) JOHN OXLEY, Surgeon.