

Those improvements were carefully examined by James Moore, esq. a magistrate, and Mr. John Wallace, of Shubenacadie, who furnished a joint certificate of the above facts, for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

“Petitioner also visited a settlement of Indians at Gold River, in the vicinity of Chester, consisting of 32 persons, who, during the last winter, for the first time, applied for assistance. These Indians had also during the last summer, made considerable improvement: six acres of their land was in the best possible state of cultivation, and contained excellent crops of potatoes, cabbages, turnips, barley, and English hay, all of which were enclosed by good fences: they have also assisted in erecting two frame houses, which they now occupy; and as their crops of potatoes, &c. were carefully stored, they have not required the usual supply of fish and meal given by Petitioner to other Indians. A certificate of the foregoing facts was furnished, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, by David Crandal, esquire, a magistrate, residing at Gold River, whose disinterested aid in this cause of suffering humanity has produced the happiest effects.

“Petitioner could enumerate other pleasing information respecting the improvements made by smaller divisions of Indians, who have been furnished with seed potatoes, &c.; he will, however, briefly state, that if the means afforded were commensurate with the