

No. 4.

HALIFAX, March 18th, 1765.

SIR :— I am just arrived here on the business of the Inhabitants of St. John's. As Capt. Harris is now going to sail, can only just let you know that all was well at St. John's when I left that place. Have sent a Memorandum for Goods this Spring with alterations from that sent by Cap. Story, as I have since been up the River & seen the scarcity there. The people have but little money, their pay must be Shingles, Clapboards, Rafters &c.; pray send word whether it will do to take such pay for goods.

I have seen Capt. Glazier who informs me that he is getting a grant for a large tract of land at St. John's for a number of Officers and that your brother* is one of them.

St. John's is made a County [Sunbury] and I hope will soon make a formidable appearance. I can only add that I beg you will despatch the Vessel early, that we may not lose any time in trade this Spring, and that I am Sir

Your Humble Servant,

JAS. SIMONDS.

Mr. William Hazen, Newburyport.

No. 5.

ST. JOHN'S RIVER, 27th May, 1765.

GENTLEMEN :— I Rec'd yours of 3d April the 1st Inst, and of the 18th on the 9th Inst. The Schr Polly was dispatched immediately for fishing. She is now near loaded. I am sorry the same dispatch could not be made with ye Schr Wilmot. A cargo of Lime could not be prepared before hand for want of Oxen to draw wood, but thought it would be better for her to wait three or four days extraordinary than to return in her Ballast.

Have had very bad luck in burning the lime, the wood being wet, as the snow was but just off the ground. One third of the kiln is not burnt; however as the salt is here that ought (great part of it) to have been landed at Passamaquaday it must be sent back which will make a full freight to that place.

The winter has been much here as in N. E. If you can get freight

* Moses Hazen. The Township of Burton is probably here referred to of which James Simonds, William Hazen and Moses Hazen were grantees.