

is feared, will lose their toes and fingers. As soon as they are in a state to be moved, I intend proceeding from hence in a schooner to Halifax, with a view to obtain a passage in one of the packets, as there are no vessels about to sail from hence for England, and none that could accommodate so great a number. I trust their Lordships will approve of what I have considered it my duty to do by these unfortunate men.

Brigadier Gen. Skerritt has been so kind as to give us quarters in the garrison, and has issued rations for our support, as well as maintenance to Halifax, at the expense of Government, for which, I shall give receipts.

I should be wanting in gratitude, were I not to make particular mention of the kind and humane attentions we have all experienced from General Skerritt, the officers of the garrison, and many of the inhabitants of St. John's.

I have the honour, &c.

WM. DORSET FELLOWES.

F. Freeling, Esq.



General Post-Office, 18th Aug. 1803.

DEAR SIR,

Having laid your affecting and interesting narrative before my Lords the Postmaster-General, I am commanded to send you a copy of their Lordships' minutes thereon. I assure you, I enter fully into all their Lordships' feelings for your past sufferings; and entertain the same sense of your patience, fortitude, and perseverance; and I beg you to believe I have
pleasure