

N. B. For promise to Maj'r Studholme and Dr. Sherman, see my letter.

To Geo. Manning, the house that he lives in at present and the land that he improved last year thereabout, also pasturage and hay for his Cattle (about six head) all at a reasonable rent, and liberty to cut some Spars this Winter.

To Lemuel Cleveland, licence to build a House near the Beach.

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No. 21.

March 19th 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

As I could not agree with you, when here, either to purchase or hire my Interest at Monuguash, I have rented to William Simpson the Salt Store, a third of the Wharf, a third of the Fishery, and a third part of the privilege of the Common Landing fronting the inclosed lands for two years, reserving only a right of entry on the premises at the end of one year, in case of my selling my right at or before that time.

I have also promised to Geo. Manning the House wherein he now lives for one year, and mowing and pasturage for his Cattle the same term.

As I have taken only the most useless buildings and such other articles as cannot infringe on any Contracts which you made the last year, or thwart any plan of your business for the present, I hope for, and expect your approbation of my proceedings. The remainder of my Right is yet undisposed of, and I think that you can have no objection to my receiving payment for whatever stock may be put upon the lands by others, unless they should amount to more than my share, you know that I have received but little benefits the last three years.

I am Gent'n Y'r Most Humb'e Serv't

JA. SIMONDS.

Messrs Hazen & White.

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No. 22.\*

February 23d, 1784.

GENTLEMEN,

I rec'd your letter by Dr. Sherman on the subject of lands and am sorry that it is not in my power to assist in the business (on the spot) agreeable to y'r request. I am with you fully convinced of the necessity of attending to our interest; But the irregular and outrageous

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\* This letter was written by James Simonds from Lower Manguerville (now Sheffield), where he was then living, and forwarded by the hands of Samuel Peabody to Messrs. Hazen and White.

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