

committed to me, which I accepted to prevent another person being appointed who would be a trader. I dont know but I must reside in the Garrison, but the privilege of the fisheries on that side of the River, and the use of the Kings boats will be more than an equivalent for that inconvenience."

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No. 11.

Letter from Simonds and White to Hazen and Jarvis, dated 11th August, 1768. *Missing.*

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No. 12.

ST. JOHN'S RIVER, Decr 21, 1768.

MESS. HAZEN & JARVIS,

GENTN, We have sent by the Schooner *Polly* what Furs, Feathers &c we have collected at this place, invoice of which is enclosed. We imagine we have about the same quantity in store up the River but have heard nothing from there since the Gondolas returned, which was immediately after their arrival, by reason of the ice in the River. There is commonly no passing in the cold season, only between the first of January and the last of February, and then many times, difficult. But if it would be of any material service in the sale of those Furs together with what may be received during the winter, they might be sent to Newbury before the fishing season comes on. Of this you will be able to determine; the extra expence of carriage about forty shillings.

We shall have no meat or bread left by first of April, so that we cannot subsist without that article beyond that time which will not be much if any too early to proceed up the River with all the goods.

We have hitherto lost a valuable part of the trade, either by the goods coming too late or by our being embarassed with other business when attendance should have been given on trade only, for which reason we think that having a vessel building and fitting out in the Spring will be of like detriment to the Concern on account that the timber must be picked up at a great disadvantage this winter and that in the Spring we must go into the Weirs every tide; (this we must do if it was for nothing else but to keep our men from selling bait to the fishermen for rum, which is not only attended with the loss of the fish so sold, but of the men's time who would drink so to excess as not to be able to do anything).