

to employ our men so as not to have them run us in debt. I have not heard from Passamaquada for six weeks, but fear they have little or no provisions, and am sure they have no hay for a Cow that is there. She being exceeding good shall endeavour to save her life till you can send hay for her ; I shall go there as soon as the weather moderates (that has been intensely cold lately) and employ the men there as well as I can, as they are confined there contrary to intention for the Winter, and return here as soon as possible.

I have been trying and have a great prospect of getting one or two Rights [shares] for each of us concerned and to have my choice in the Townships of this River,* the land and title as good as any in America, confirmed by the King in answer to our petition.

Tho' loath to project any scheme that would have the least tendency to involve or hinder us from making speedy remittance, yet being obliged, as I before observed, to leave the business allotted for the winter can think of nothing better than to make a resolute push up the River with our men, employ some of them at making Lumber, others at clearing Land and fitting it for grain in the Spring. According as crops heretofore have been, it will more than pay for clearing the first year ; the produce equal to cash — (bread and meat for all our Men, excellent for Hemp and Flax), and every year be growing more valuable. The Men are in low spirits, having nothing to eat but Pork & Bread and nothing but Water to drink. I therefore pray that you would send the inclosed articles as soon as possible in the Schooner *Polly*, as those that we have not present use of will sell immediately. Knowing thus much, I trust you will lose no time in sending to our relief.

Please to give my compliments to all Friends.

I am, Gentlemen

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

JAS. SIMONDS.

N. B. Memorandum inclosed in Mr. Blodget's note two days since. This sent if a Vessel should touch in at Newbury instead of Boston.

To Messrs. Sam'l Blodget & Wm Hazen,
Newbury, Mass.

* The townships referred to were Burton, Gagetown and Conway, granted Oct. 18, 1765 ; and Manguerville, Sunbury and New Town, granted Oct. 31, 1765. Messrs. Simonds, Hazen and White at the time the Loyalists came to New Brunswick are said to have owned about 60,000 acres of land at various places on the River St. John.

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