

A subscription for the purpose of affording some *immediate aid* to the sufferers, has been consequently opened in this place, and the means of purchasing a quantity of such articles as are considered to be best adapted to the exigencies of the moment, have been readily contributed by a number of its inhabitants.

The American brig *Messenger*, Capt. PETERSON, having been chartered for the exclusive object of carrying this offering to St. Johns, we have now the honour to enclose you a bill of lading and manifest of her cargo, consisting of the following articles:—

174 barrels Flour,	} Bread.
125 barrels Meal,	
11 tierces Rice,	
	29 bbls. and 963 bags

which, in behalf of the contributors, we request that you will have the goodness to receive, and cause the same to be distributed among the sufferers by the late conflagration, in such manner and in such proportions as their respective circumstances may require.

We beg leave to recommend the bearer, Capt. PETERSON, to your kind protection, and pray that every facility may be afforded to him in the prompt discharge of his cargo and the despatch of his vessel. The cause of humanity alone, has induced him to undertake, at this inclement season, a voyage which, under other circumstances, he would have felt himself obliged to decline.

We have the honour to be, with all due consideration, your Excellency's obedient humble servants,

{ Signed)	JAMES PERKINS,	} Committee of the contributors for the relief of the distressed in- habitants of St. Johns.
	ARNOLD WELLES,	
	JONA. AMORY, JR.	
	BENJAMIN RICH,	
	TRISTRAM BARNARD,	
	JOHN HOUSTON,	

Boston, Dec. 27, 1817.