

best information here received of the vacant lands on this bay beyond us, we were fully convinced they do not merit our attention, the shore being very rocky, and the lands back, in general, unfit for cultivation. — Friday 19th, left the Acadian settlements, and walked to Holman's Point, along the beach, 11 miles, where we lodged. — Saturday 20th, left Holman's Point about ten o'clock, after a very harrassing walk of 18 miles, through the worst of roads. — Sunday 21st, took passage for Annapolis, where we arrived in the afternoon, and found Mr. Sayre, who had just arrived from St. John's. — September 24th, this day resigned our agency, and gave the book of proceedings, power of attorney, and the balance in our hands, to the Rev. John Sayre, to be by him delivered to Anthony Stewart, Esq. at Halifax.

Signed PHILIP J. LIVINGSTON.
NATHANIEL CHANDLER.

24 Sept. 1783.

Annapolis, Sept. 23, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE had the pleasure to inform you, in ours of the 19th of August last, of our arrival here on the 17th of the same month, and of our entering immediately on the business of our agency. The journal copy inclosed will give you such a detail of our transactions as can claim your attention. We have now to suggest our disappointment in not finding as yet tracts of land to locate equal to your reasonable expectations. You will please to observe, that the best lands in the province bordering on navigable waters have been granted many years ago, and that very few tracts, but such as are escheatable, are now to be obtained, which merit our notice. You will therefore consider, whether, under these circumstances, your Agents are to apply for lands of this description, conceiving from their instructions they cannot now attend to them. To aid you in this enquiry, we enclose you an act of assembly of this province respecting escheats*; which, we think,

* An Act for encouraging the improvement of lands in the Peninsula of Halifax, and further quieting Possession.

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