

Men will engage, and thereby release some of the Inhabitants to assist in the Harvests and other Civil Occupations, which are now much distressed for Want of Hands.

The greatest Care will be taken to preserve Peace and good Order among these People; who seem perfectly well disposed, insomuch that there is not any Cause to apprehend the least Inconvenience, but on the contrary, that very salutary Effects will be derived from this Measure, which, His Royal Highness being now much engaged, desires me to represent; and that he will particularly report to your Grace by the Hussar Frigate, expected to sail from hence with a Convoy in less than Three Weeks.

I am, &c.

(Signed) WENTWORTH.

His Grace
the Duke of PORTLAND.

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Extract of a LETTER from Sir JOHN WENTWORTH to the Duke of PORTLAND; dated Halifax, Nova Scotia, 13th August 1796.

THE Maroons are now lodged about Two Miles from this Town, with tolerable Convenience to themselves—separate from the Inhabitants, and well supplied with Provisions and such Cloathing as is most immediately necessary, and to be procured here.—This is done by my Advice, and under my daily Inspection, by William Dawes Quarrell, and Alexander Ochterlony, Esquires, who came with them as Principal and Deputy Commissary appointed by Lord Balcarres, and supplied with a Credit of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, Jamaica Currency, by that Government, for the Uses of these Maroons; which is applied accordingly as Occasion demands. These Gentlemen are exceedingly interested in Behalf of the Maroons; judicious, discreet, prudent, and attentive to every Thing that may promote their Welfare. By my Advice and Information they purchased several Estates within Five Miles of this Town, whereon there are Houses and Lands cleared for Cultivation; which, with Eight or Ten more which we can erect immediately, will commodiously and warmly lodge them for the ensuing Winter, and before any cold Weather can trouble them.—These Tracts are contiguous, and will comprise upward of Three Thousand Acres, and with the Buildings and Repairs necessary, will cost about Three Thousand