

With respect to Land there is no prospect of ever getting a Grant of any Valuable from this Government though doubtless whatever asked for in England, if right steps is taken, may be had with little cost, several large grants have lately been made there. The land is very valuable.

Inclosed is a third list of goods for the fall with some additions lest the first and second should miscarry though I hope, without a very quick passage of this letter, that all goods will be sent before the receipt of it. Anything more may perhaps be sent on Freight. Pray do with my Vessel building with Mr. Johnson as you think will be most for my advantage & send the prices of Oars, Rafters, Shingles, Clapboards, Staves, Sparrs &c.

In haste ; have only time to send this by Vessel just going. Compliments to all Friends.

I am Sir

Y'r Most Humble Serv't

JA'S SIMONDS.

Mr. Sam'l Blodget  
Boston.

No. 3.

ST. JOHN'S RIVER, Dec. 16th, 1764.

MESSRS. BLODGET & HAZEN,

I have long waited with impatience for the arrival of the Sloop with Goods, Stores, &c : have now given her over for lost. All the hopes I have is that the winds were contrary in New England as they were here all the fall, that detained her until too late, and you concluded not to send her.

We had a fine prospect of a good trade the last fall ; and had the goods come in season, should by this time have disposed of them to great advantage ; but instead of that we have missed collecting great part of our Indian Debts, as they expected us up the River and have not been here on that account ; besides the disappointment for want of provisions and supply for our men, and hay for our cattle, will not be trifling, as the former must be provided for at retail prices here, the latter sent up the River to be wintered, which will entirely overthrow our plans for this winter, which was to sled Wood and Limestone for next summer — a much easier way than carting.

We have Stone dug for 500 H'g'ds, and near Wood enough cut to burn it ; that must now lay till carting, and we shift as well as we can