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In the last paper some additional light was thrown upon the circumstances that led to the settlement of James Simonds and James White at St. John harbor in April, 1764. A few words will now be added respecting their business transactions at Passamaquoddy.

This place by reason of its proximity to New England was the first to attract the attention of Mr. Simonds and his partners as a desirable fishing station, and they had for several years quite an extensive Indian trade there. However the multitude of their rivals* soon led them to concentrate their business at St. John.

The smaller vessels of the Company, such as the sloop "Peggy & Molly" and the schooners Eunice and Polly, were often employed during the summer season in fishing at Passamaquoddy. Special crews were engaged and placed in charge of the masters of the vessels. The latter usually received £4 per month for

*Among their rivals was Alexander Nichols, who received supplies from Simonds & White, Aug. 10, 1764, and another was James Boyd, who was there in 1764.