

which has caused a quarter of the Kiln to be coar and has done some damage to the casks that goes in the Sloop. If the weather is the least favorable shall have one Kiln burnt and another ready to set fire to by the time the Sloop can return. We beg that you will send 70 or 80 H'lds in her for the second, as we cannot have more than casks enough for the first made by the time it is finished and not more than ten days before the second may be filled. (Abbot makes but one Cask per day).

We have made a smaller collection of Furrs this year than last, occasioned by the Large Demands of the Priest for his services and his ordering the Indians to leave their hunting a month sooner than usual to keep certain Festivals, and by our being too late at their Village the reason of which we informed you in our last. The Inhabitants have paid little or nothing of debts this Spring and the Freighters Newman cannot pay a quarter of the amount of their freight; the family taken in at the Eastward will never be able to pay a farthing. We think it will be better for you to receive all passages and freight at Newbury, as has been the custom of others. Mr. Livingstone* writes that the order is made payable in Boston tho' we are surprised that he should mention anything of the sums not being due when not only that but near as much more has been advanced to save the lives of the wretched crew he sent. We have ever found that ye doing business for others is an office the most unthankful, and equally unprofitable. Mr. Shorne has arrived with some Familys from New York to settle his own and some other Rights. He will want some articles purchased at Newbury for which he proposes to pay Bills.

Mr. Livingston's recommendation we recite and beg your opinion of the matter that we may be able to give answer to his request.

Mr. Shorne† the bearer of this is a Proprietor in our Lands and has left Ireland with an intention of settling a number of Rights on this River and for that Purpose is invested with powers from his friends to draw for any sum that may be necessary on this occasion; I must beg your kind assistance and advice on his behalf as he does not appear to be much acquainted with the Settlement of Lands; you may with great safety I think take any Bill from him for a moderate sum.

We are of opinion that the new regulations is the best and that the Township of Sunbury is the best in the Patent and that Newton is the next to it according to the Quantity of Land as it will have a good

* Probably Philip John Livingstone, an original Grantee of the Gagetown Township, and an agent for the settling of the Canada Company's lands in the Townships on the St. John river.

† Richard Shorne and Phineas Nevers were returned in 1768 as members for Sunbury in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly.