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From another Letter, dated Carbonear, 4th February 1817.

“ The number to whom it has been found necessary to extend the relief is astonishing; not less than 400 men, women, and children altogether, have been helped in this way, many of these are strangers lately come here.

“ All the dread now existing seems indeed to arise from the suspicion, that down the shore and up the bay great distress prevails, and that the inhabitants of those parts of our district may be inclined to pay us a visit in search of provisions. A regular watch is kept on our stores day and night.

“ In Harbour Grace the distressed people have gone to the court-house with arms in their hands, demanding provisions of the magistrates, which have been granted to them, under the direction of a committee, in a manner similar to that in which things are conducted here; but I am fearful there is less provision *there* in proportion to the number of people than *here*; but every thing is at present quiet there, as well as at this place, and every precaution taken that it should continue so. In the meantime an application is gone round the bay to Saint John's for a military force, which I hope will be granted, and that it may be effectual to preserve tranquillity. I must own however, I have strong doubts of the place continuing quiet, unless further supplies arrive before the end of April; but we must do as well as we can, and you may rely on every exertion in my power to keep order and guard your property.”

From another Letter dated Carbonear, 11th February 1817.

“ The number altogether relieved by the committee of supply at this place, now amount to nearly 500 persons (men women, and children). There can be no preventive so effectual against the recurrence of the outrages we have witnessed, and the state of alarm in which we are now placed, as the removal of a considerable part of the population, and this ought and will, I apprehend, be the first thing attended to after we have assistance from home.”

From another Letter, dated Carbonear, 19th February 1817.

“ We have not received any military assistance from St. John's, as was expected when I last wrote, nor it seems are we likely to have any help from thence, the force there being too small to be divided, and the season such as not to admit of the schooner *Pike* coming round, which, strange as it may appear, is the only vessel of war left on this coast, so that we are to depend upon our own exertions for the preservation of the peace, and I hope these exertions will be effectual; though in whatever way affairs may terminate, great blame is imputable somewhere, for leaving the country in so exposed a state.

“ It is expected, that at the beginning of March, there will be a considerable increase to the number of applicants for relief. Those to whom, immediately after the disturbance, a month's supply was given, will again be in need, and to those may be added, many who before the riots were partially supplied for the Winter, and whose stock is now nearly exhausted. I have hopes notwithstanding, that the provisions will hold out, and that the sealers will be enabled to go to the ice, though upon a shorter allowance than usual. Besides the strangers lately attracted to the bay, from the report of its having provisions and employment to give them, and the dealers discarded from old established houses here, there is a third and very numerous description of persons about this district, who are reduced to great need this Winter, and that is the planters, who have been accustomed to receive their supplies from Saint John's merchants and others, who, in the course of the last year, failed, or withdrew themselves from the business.”

To Geo. & Jas. Kemp & Co.

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Extracts from Letters from St. John's, Newfoundland, 4th to 31st March, 1817.

“ I have received advices from Harbour Grace and Carbonear, up to the 10th instant, by which it appears, that the people of those places were still disposed to display again the spirit of riot and violence, by obstructing the outfit of about 40 schooners which are destined for the seal fishery, from those two ports in Conception Bay, and the disappointment of which, to the owners, would, in such an event, be very considerable, and to some it might have a heavy loss.

“ Under these circumstances, and at the request of Mr. Pack and Mr. Elson, I made application to Captain Buchan, the senior naval officer on this station, for the