

Appendix, N^o 13.

LETTER from Mr. Graham to Mr. Greaves; dated Government House, St. John's, 23^d October, 1790.

SIR,

I AM commanded by the Governor to desire you will favor him with a Note, informing him in what (the least) Time your Vessel will be ready to receive and sail from hence with Passengers; the Reason of his Excellency's desiring this Information so soon after having seen you this Morning, is, that Mr. Emmet has just now complained "that his Time of Service has been expired since the 20th Instant; that you will not furnish him with his Accounts, and therefore he cannot return to England (which he is very desirous of doing) in any of the Passage Vessels which are daily sailing from hence, although your Vessel (in which you want him to go) cannot possibly be ready in less than Ten Days or a Fortnight." I am commanded to add, that so far from wishing the Masters should be deprived of the Advantage of carrying Home their Servants in their own Vessels, he thinks it a very proper Thing that the Masters should insist upon having that Indulgence, and will assist them to the utmost of his Power in forcing the Seamen and Fishermen to go Home in that Manner; but, on the other Hand, if the Vessel belonging to the Master, in which he wishes to send Home his Servants, cannot be got ready in a reasonable Time (at the utmost Six or Eight Days) the Governor thinks in that Case that the Servant has a Right to demand his Wages, and to go Home in whatever Vessel he may think fit to take a Passage in. But in either Case the Servant is not justifiable in saying he will not go Home at all; for upon making any such Declaration, the Master will do right (and his Excellency will support him in it) to take a Passage for and force him on Board any Vessel bound to Great Britain or Ireland.

I am, &c.

To Mr. Richard Greaves.