

GOVERNMENT EMIGRATION OFFICE,

*Saint John, New Brunswick,*

*January 22, 1850.*

SIR,—In obedience to the instructions contained in your letter of 3rd August last, I proceeded immediately on its receipt to execute the duties therein designated.

A Circular letter asking information as to the Fisheries of the Gulf Shore was prepared and printed for distribution, a copy of which is annexed.

I left this City on the 12th of August last, accompanied by one of my sons, and proceeded directly to Miramichi, by Shediac and Richibucto.

At Chatham I engaged two canoes and three Indians, and proceeded to the northward, visiting every Island, River, Creek, Gully, Harbour, and Fishing Station from Miramichi, along the Coast, to Shippagan; thence around the Islands of Shippagan and Miscou, to Caraquet Bay, from whence I coasted the southern shore of the Bay of Chaleur to Bathurst. Leaving the sea-going canoes at Bathurst, I hired a light river canoe with a resident Indian as pilot, and ascended the Nepisquit River to the Grand Falls, where I rested one night. On my return to Bathurst, I resumed the sea-going canoes, and proceeded up the Bay to Dalhousie, examining the Coast and Fishing Stations and the Jacquet River by the way.

From Dalhousie I went by land to Athol House, at the head of Ship navigation on the Restigouche; and on my return to Dalhousie, I proceeded in the canoes down the northern or Gaspe side of the Bay of Chaleur, sixty miles, to Paspebiac. From that place, I crossed the Bay of Chaleur, in Messrs. Le Boutillier's yacht, with the canoes on board, to Little Shippagan, from whence I made the best of my way to Newcastle on the Miramichi, where I arrived on the 29th September.