

The saving of the Gondalos from being lost at the places where they was left last Fall has taken a great deal of time, have got the last of them home today but have not anybody to caulk them — have no nails to trim casks, or board the frames, nor any hoops but what is picked up at an amazing expense. But what has been the most difficult and distressing was the *want of provisions and hay*. Such a scene of misery of man and beast we never saw before. There was not anything of bread kind equal to a bushel of meal for each person when the Sch'r sailed the 6th of February and less of meat and roots in proportion — the Indians and hogs had part of that little.

The flour that came in the Sch'r has been wet and much damaged and having no Indian Corn it will be mostly gone by the time the hunts are finished.

We meant by our memorandum to have the articles over and above what would fit out the fishing vessels — they will want 7 or 8 Barrels of pork and all the bread for the whole season. They ought to have all their stores when they leave this place about the first of June. We have expected Capt. Newman for some time but begin to think he or you have altered your minds about the trip.

There is great uneasiness among the fishermen about Coffee; they say you promised them 5 lb. each man, the same as they had last year and a barrel of molasses to each vessel. We have not had any of these articles nor any tea except that of the Spruce kind for three months past. We beg that we may have the articles in our inclosed memorandum by the first opportunity.

If hands can be got to work on shore we think it will be best to send the Sloop back immediately and have her graved here — there is part of pitch enough that we shall not want at present, and if Newman does not come there will be no other way to bring the Lumber down the river but in the Sloop.

We have only to add that we shall do all in our power to catch fish and burn lime but cannot tell what quantities we shall have as the few hands here are sickly and not to be depended upon.

We are Gentlemen, Yr Humble Serv'ts

Messrs Hazen & Jarvis, Merchants  
Newbury Port.

SIMONDS & WHITE.

No. 15.

Letter of Simonds and White to Hazen and Jarvis, dated 9th July 1770. *Missing.*