

[weir] we have built for bass up the River at the place where we trade with ye Indians, trade with ye Soldiers\* and Inhabitants, &c. Next winter we can employ the Oxen at Sleding wood and Stone, Mr. Middleton at making Casks; don't think it best to keep any men at Passamaquada. The Lands are very Valuable if they may be had. The Old Sloop can bring the Bricks, boards, Ho. H'ds, the Great Sloop the goods for the fall trade and carry a load of Lime home; perhaps you'll get some Freight.

It may be of some advantage to get a Licence from Governor Bernard,† you'll speak to Mr. Blodget about it. Polluck will sell best in the country, pray sell as many that sort as is possible. It is best to be careful of over paying the men who come home from here. Wiggins took the Opportunity when I was Sick to go away in Debt.

Hilliard & Berry have lost considerable & have made out poorly; Nason ditto.

All stores if any are left you'll take care of. You have not said whether the Draught was accepted.

My compliments to Mrs. Hazen & all Friends.

I am S'r,

Y'r Humble Servant

JAS. SIMONDS.

N. B. Mr. Walker has been in Mr. Boyd's‡ employ, he came after we was fully Man'd. My brother knew nothing of his being indebted to you or of any charges arising by being out; he was willing to work with Mr. Boyd instead of us. Lately Mr. Boyd has charged his passage (high); he has rec'd an Order on Mr. Morland for his wages; you may stop them if you look out in season. We shall need two or three sets of trus hoops.

[Addressed :—"To Mr. William Hazen, Merch't,  
Newbury-port."

"pr. Capt. Eaton."]

\* The garrison at Fort Frederick, at the mouth of the river St. John.

† Sir Francis Bernard, governor of Massachusetts, whose jurisdiction extended over what is now the State of Maine.

‡ James Boyd, who was engaged in trading and the fishery at Indian Island in Passamaquoddy Bay.