

Maine, escaped from Boston jail, and arrived at Quebec at the close of August, 1779. There he joined Colonel Rogers' regiment, receiving a commission as captain, and was sent to Penobscot. From that point he engaged in forays against the Americans at the head of a company known as "Jones' Rangers." His swarthy complexion gained for him the nickname of "Mahogany Jones."* Simeon Baxter, the superintendent of hospital stores in Boston, was another of those whose loyalty was too active to be tolerated by the revolutionists. He was, therefore, condemned to be incarcerated in the jail at Worcester, but, breaking away, he did not regard himself as beyond the reach of danger until he had gained the shelter of Fort George.** John Long, a native of Nantucket, also resorted thither, probably as early as the year 1779. In his new retreat he made himself useful by securing intelligence for Captain Mowatt, but fell into the hands of the enemy. However, he succeeded in making his escape, and during the remainder of the war commanded a privateer belonging to the Pagan brothers.† Another Massachusetts tory who joined the contingent at Penobscot in 1779 was James Symons of Union River. Like most of the other refugees who settled within the shadow of the post, he remained there until the peace.‡ Meantime, Nutting was serving as overseer of the works with such satisfaction to Colonel Campbell, who was then in command of the fort, that the latter "in consideration of his Attachment to His Majesty's Government," made a "Gratuius Grant" to Mrs. Nutting of "a lot of land to settle upon . . . on the N. E. Side of y Road leading to Fort George, formerly the property of Joseph Pirkins now in Rebbelion." Upon this lot the Overseer built him a house, which he valued at £150.|| Thus, a population of loyalists was gathering within the boundaries of the proposed province of New Ireland.

*Acadiensis, July, 1907, 276. Bartlet's Frontier Missionary, 325.

**Audit Office Claims, XII, 44; (in the Public Record Office, London.)

†Sec. Report, Bur. of Archives, Ont., Pt. I, 315-317.

‡Ibid., 323, 324.

||Batchelder. John Nutting, 82.