

on the vessel; (she is to be launched by the last of August). If such an one is agreed with that you think will answer, and the pay agreed for made easy, please to be accountable for his wages while at work on the Vessel if requested.

Mr. Richard Hazen\* writes us that he likes the country up the Bay, where he has been, and determines to carry on business there, that he is desirous our being concerned with him, but as our outstanding debts here are large and in dull hands we give him no other encouragement than to conform to your Inclination in that matter.

We are of opinion that a Trade might be carried on to good advantage at Windsor; the general scarcity of money is the only difficulty that we can foresee.

We are Gentlemen

Your most obedient Humble Servants

SIMONDS & WHITE.

MESSRS HAZEN & JARVIS,

P. S. Please to advance a trifle to help Black's wife to Newbury, if she cannot come without, as he is, and will be, uneasy without her, and to forward the inclosed Letters to Halifax the directest and safest way that is possible—they were expected by a post that was lately sent and returned without them.

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No. 14.

ST. JOHN'S RIVER, May 10th, 1770.

GENTLEMEN,

The Sloop St. John's Paquet arrived here the second inst, but the river was so high and full of ice that we could not begin to unload until 3 days ago; have taken out 200 Hogs'ds Salt and 4 tun 36 cwt sugar and have left 650 bushels of salt on board, and ship'd all the lime that is burn'd and furs that we have yet rec'd.

This spring has been so backward that there has been no possibility of burning any lime. The piles of wood and stone are now frozen together. We have not more than half men enough to save the fish (seven in all—the rest have left us some time since) the first School is now running and the Wires wholly broken down with ice; have no help of the fishermen, only about 10 days work of two hands.

The Mill could not go before the middle of April and the ice has been continually breaking the dam ever since.

\* Richard Hazen was a cousin of Wm. Hazen; he was born at Haverhill in the year 1722.