

Nipisquid, June 20th, 1785.

Hon. Sir,—I am happy to acquaint you of my safe arrival here the 17th Instant, in Company with Capt. White of your town, whom I have made mention off to you in a former Letter from Niposick pr Jno. Thurston, which I presume came safe to hand by this time. On my arrival here I met with John Young, who had taken possession of your River, moor'd his Nets and commenced a Fishery. I told him my Business was the same and had your orders and directions, which I produced him, and desired he should take all his Netts out of Water, Except One, which would be sufficient to catch Fish for his Family's consumption; he hesitated for some time, and asked me If I would join him in this present year's Fisherv, which I agreed to, rather than have any difficulty with him. The Terms I have agreed for is this, viz: We are to lay in the same number of Netts, Men, &c., and to have an equal Share of Fish, and out of this proportion he is to give me the 1-8 share. I insisted at first on having the one-sixth, but on his producing me the Invoice of his Supplies, the high prices he is charged for Netts, &c., which was £150 p. cent more than I knew the like Articles to be sold for Even in War time, I consented to the 1-8. Young has a partner by name of Robertson, a very worthy man, who served the late Commodore Walker for many years in this Bay, and now resides at Nepisquid with his family. I have known him for some years back, both in this Bay and Quebec, and would not wish to have Connections with a better. I had not time to see him as yet, being so much hurried in landing my Crafts.

My agreem't with Young makes no manner of difference with Respect to-us both, however, its what I would not have done without your honor's approbation, which would be too late to have. This Letter I would have sent by the Rev'd Mr. Bourke, who proceeds to Halifax in a few days, but as I suspect Mr. Bourke on his way will touch at different places, I tho't it more advisable to send it by Capt. White, who proceeds directly for Halifax. Was it not for Capt. White and Mr. Wm. Cort I could not undertake the Fishery this year, as Mr. Nevison's Vessel is not yet arriv'd, of whom I was to have my supplies—no news could be more joyful to the Inhabitants of Carraquit and Nipisquid than your visiting this Bay, and on my arrival I told them you proposed coming, which pleased them much, as they have several Grievances to lay before your Honor. Seventeen Sail of Vessels sail'd from your harbour this morning, who had called in for bate. I propose, God willing, to lay in Salt, &c., this Fall for the ensuing season. I cannot Express to you what I am like to suffer this year for want of salt. I proposed to be here by the 20th of May, had Mr. Nevison's vessel arrived. The whole commerce of this Bay was hitherto Monopolized by a Mr. Robine, who sold his Goods at so high a price that the poor Inhabitants can scarce breathe, he ties them down to such Restriction, but as he supplies them with Salt they are obliged to deliver him all the fish cured by that Salt, which prevents them to pay any debts contracted to others. Jno. Young tells me he wrote your honor two Letters, but, had no answer

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