

very slow and unfaithful, and not only neglected the fisheries but the Mill also, for which reason we have not a full load for the Sloop. Have not been able to collect any thing valuable of the Inhabitants but are coming into measures to effect it. The Indian debts we cannot lessen being obliged to give them new credit as a condition of their paying their old debts. They are very numerous at this time but have made bad hunts; we have got a share of their peltry, as much as all the others put together and hope soon to collect some more. There is scarcely a Shilling of money in the Country. Respecting goods we think it will be for our advantage not to bring any Toys & Trinkets (unnecessary articles) in sight of the Indians, and by that means recover them from their Bankruptcy. They must have provisions and coarse goods in the Winter, and if we have a supply of those articles by keeping a store here and up the River\*, make no doubt of having most of the Trade. Shall have a Store ready by September next, and hope to have it finished by the last of that month, we have by sad experience been admonished of a further delay. The winds back in the Country are forever northerly in the fall.

The Mill we have not nor shall be able to keep at work without more and better hands; have four less than we ought to have for different branches if all of them was good boys, and those that are bad must make a bad figure.

We have promised 30 to 40 H'hds Lime to Mr. Best (H'fx) and hourly expect a Vessel for it, and have encouragement of a contract for King's works; expect nothing but to disappoint him as that rascal negro West cannot be flattered or drove to do one fourth of a man's work; shall give him a strong dose on Monday morning which will make him better or worse, no dependence can be put on him.

As the season is somewhat advanced, or will be before another Cooper can be sent we think it will be best to send all salt and other goods in hogsheads that will not want trimming and even send them empty when there is room for them. You will be judges whether sending them or a Cooper is the easiest & cheapest way. We apprehend there must be salt sent soon to Passamaquoddy.

Such an one as Stickney's Sloop we think we can load with Lime & Lumber in three or four weeks from this time; if the price is in proportion there will be no loss from her smallness.

\* According to the late Moses H. Perley the first trading house up the river was built by Simonds and White, at or near St. Ann's Point; it was carried off by an ice freshet and was replaced by another one. John Anderson, another trader, had an establishment at the mouth of the river Nashua, where he received a grant of 1,000 acres, Oct. 9, 1767.