

our readers of the lamented death of that distinguished Individual who has lately been administering the Government of this Province,

THE HON. WARD CHIPMAN.

This melancholy event took place at Fredericton about 3 o'clock on Monday last, after an illness of only a few days, brought on, we fear, by the intense application which he has been compelled to bestow on public affairs. As a Member of Society, a Friend and a Man, his loss will be alike deplored. In him the Province has lost a Father, and Society one of its brightest ornaments. And while through a long life his private character has justly entitled him to the appellation of *good*, his public conduct and brilliant talents compel us to add that of *great*."

LETTER OF MOSES GERRISH TO HON. WARD CHAPMAN.

GRAND MANAN, Feb'y 20th, 1817.

Dear Sir,—I do myself the honor of returning your paper of interrogatories with my answers to them. My delay has been occasioned by my waiting for the evidence of an ancient person who formerly resided in Passamaquoddy, which I have at length obtained; and now send you every information respecting the former state of Grand Manan that I have been able to procure, though it is not so material or satisfactory as I could wish.

In the spring of the year 1763 Messrs. Vose & Miller, two men belonging to Cape Forcu,* moved to this Island with their families; the men were charged with having plundered a Vessel that had been stranded on that shore; and through fear of being arrested they moved here, built themselves huts and planted some potatoes; but at the close of the following summer they moved to Machias, and left their potatoes for fishermen to eat. These were the first families that ever attempted to make a settlement on this Island.

In 1766 a Mr. Robert Boyd† came to Passamaquoddy on speculation, having failed as a Merchant in Newbury, and being a Scotchman he was of course patronized by Lord Wm. Campbell who appointed him a Magistrate, and promised him a grant of 1000 acres of land including Saint Andrews, on condition of his placing 100 families in that vicinity. Mr. Boyd accompanied Lord Wm. Campbell to this Island, and was promised a part of it, in case he would settle on it. In 1778 Mr. Boyd returned to New England, and finally died a dancing master in Boston. Mr. Boyd's eldest son, Robert Boyd, a respectable man, was above twenty years of age when the family moved from Passamaquoddy, and now lives in Portland, and might give you some useful information, if his political principles did not prevent it.

* Usually spelled "Fourchu" the name signifying "Forked Cape;" it lay on the westward side of Yarmouth Harbor.

† This should be James Boyd and the date 1763.