

of them are now lost. All that I have been able to discover are those that are here given. Where practicable the letters have been copied from the original manuscript ; a few foot notes have been added by way of explanation.

W. O. R.

No. 1.

PASSAMAQUADA [PASSAMAQUODDY,]

18th August, 1764.

SR.:— Rec'd your & Mr. Blodget's Letters and Goods pr Captns March & McCown. Since wrote to [you] each by a Piscatawa Vessel.

The sloop Bachellor is now ready to sail : the contents of Cargo is 251 Quintles Cod and Polluck of her crews catching, 30 Do. of Hunts : Cox's part of Oyl in barrels mark'd W. H.

The great sloop arrived ten days ago : has made but an ordinary fare said to be 300 Quintles. Will sail with dry fish in about a fortnight : you'll be looking out for business for her.

With respect to Indian trade it is absolutely necessary to get Licence both for that & selling Liquors. I don't know any way to get to Halifax this fall being so confined here yet shall if possible, as vessels goods & fish of all unlicenced traders will perhaps be seized. I have sent to his Excellency* an account of my settlement in fishing & of having credited men so as to make it difficult leaving that trade, praying that no advantage may be taken by men that are able to make formal application ; how far that will avail is uncertain as we have adversaries to encounter, We shall want the old Sloop at St Johns but do not know how you'll send her there without extraordinary Cost. If you & Mr. Blodget think it will be best to carry on business largely at St. John's, we must have another house with a cellar ; the latter is now dug and stoned & will keep apples, potatoes & cther things that will not bear the frost, for a large trade ; this building will serve as a house and store, the Old Store for a Cooper's Shop.

If the Lime answers well we shall want 150 Hd. [hogsheads], it will be best to get the cheapest sort such as are powder-posted (often sold at half price) with hoops & Boards for heads ; also boards for a house, some glass, &c, Bricks for Chimney & hinges for 2 Doors. I think the business at St. John's may be advantageous if not too much entangled with other. We can work at Burning Lime, catching fish in a large wire

* Governor Montagu Wilmot of Nova Scotia.

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