

we expected to have been placed, and as placed in which your kindness considered us—We regard your supplies according to the benevolent feelings which actuated you in sending them—We would consider them as coming to us in the depth of winter, and in the midst of famine.

You will not from what we have said, conceive that we are not distressed—the supplies to which we have alluded, have indeed removed the fears of absolute famine, but they do not afford us the means of rebuilding our houses; or replacing our furniture, our clothes, our fuel—or even our provision. It is here that your bounty appears as truly valuable; it removes our fears—it does more—it supplies our immediate wants; and by thus affording us relief, contributes towards restoring us to our former standing in Society.

You heard of our distress; you pitied us; you relieved us; we owe you our most grateful acknowledgments; but how shall we express our feelings? Had your kindness been less, we might have been able to say more; but when we regard your bounty; when we consider all circumstances under which it has been given—the feelings in which the measure originated—and the manner in which it has been executed, we feel ourselves at a loss for words. Our hearts are full. We thank you—most sincerely and cordially do we thank you. Allow us to express our most earnest wishes for your welfare. May that Being whose example you have imitated, whose commands you have obeyed—and whose bounty you have been instrumental in conveying, be, in prosperity or adversity alike your friend.

Signed in the name and on behalf of the Meeting.

N. W. HOYLES, *Chairman.*

St. Johns, 30th Jan. 1818.