

during that year and left it in the Spring of 1780, when the Deponent removed to Diggedeguash aforesaid then also and still remaining under the British Government and protection, under which he has resided within the said County of Charlotte ever since.

New Brunswick, {
Charlotte, SS. }

JOEL BONNEY.

Be it remembered that on the thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord 1817 before me Donald McLauchlan, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Charlotte in the Province of New Brunswick, personally appeared the above named Joel Bonney and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God made oath that the matters contained in the foregoing deposition by him subscribed are just and true; the said Joel Bonney being at the time of full and sound memory and understanding.

DON. McLAUCLAN, J. P.

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[On Public Service.]

MECHIAS, June 4th, 1779.

Gentlemen,—At a Conference with the Merrisheete, Penobscot, and Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians, on the 28th May past, complaint was made by said Indians, That a Number of Inhabitants, Subjects of America, had Taken possession, & where making Improvements on an Island call'd Grand Manan the property of said Indians.

Upon Examination It was found you & Familys had Done This & the most Evil Consequences might be Expected from such proceedings.

You must know Gentlemen, That this Island has Accation'd much Dispute between the Court of France, & the Court of Great Britain, in Former times, and now the Court of Great Britain claims it as theres as they say it Belongs to Accadia or Nova Scotia contrary to their Former claims. However let this be as it will, it was Left for the Benefit of the Indians, who had no Concern in the Dispute and who had the original right, in this Case it was Guaranteed to them by promise in Behalf of the United States, till a further Ditermanation of Congress or any other Sutable authority.

I do therefore Warn you to leave without Delay the said Island, as you will answer the Consiquence at your Peril, for a Breech of Treaty between the United States and said Tribes of Indians, and I have farther to Warn you That the Greatiest Threats is thrown out against you by said Indians, The Execution of which will not be in the power of the Superintendent & Agent to prevent.

Therefore if any difficulty befalls you or your Familys it will be your own faults as you now have Sufficient Notice.

I am, In behalf of the Continantal Agent,

Your verry humble Sarvent,

LEW'S FRED'K DELESDENIER,

A. D. C. and acting Secretary to the

Commanding officer of this Place, &c.

To Messrs. Abial & James Spragues and Joel Bonny
now Inhabitants of the Island of Grand Mannan.