

the Centre of the Harbour for that purpose. There is on the Land a Vain of Clay, a sample of which was sent home by Commodore Walker, who was the Discoverer of this very Excellent Harbour, and it proved in Quality very equal to those called Queens Ware. The Proprietor could enlarge to a Voluminous Bulk upon the advantages of this situation, but confines himself to say that whoever may be inclined to embarque with him upon an establishment similar to the above description he will most cheerfully proceed to fix the Establishment and see it properly carried into Execution, and will readily proceed with the first cargo of Salmon up the Mediterranean, where, by his knowledge of the Languages and police of those Countries he will be able to establish and fix a proper correspondence, which may considerably in time augment the undertaking.

Any person inclined to become concerned in the above proposed undertaking, and possessed of a capital sufficient for such an undertaking, by a line directed to the Registrar's office, at Halifax, will be satisfied as to any further particulars."

There are in the writer's possession three letters of some little interest connected with Colonel Gould's property here, which, for completeness of the subject are incorporated in the sketch. They suffice to show that the fishing privileges of the Nepisquit were known and valued at an early period.

Honorable Sir,

Ristigouch, 2d Aug't, 1784.

This Comes to inform you that as the River of Nepesiquit is not Fish'd by no person as yet, and as I am inform'd that is your property, I would gladly fish the said River if you would Consent to my terms, which is as follows:—If you Chuse to give me Liberty to fish the said River for the Ensuing year I will agree to pay you Twenty Pounds Curr'y in Cash, which shall be remitted to you by the Bearer hereof, Mr Burque*—and at the end of first year, If I find I can afford to pay you more Money for said River we shall make another agreement, because I intend to Settle there on your Lands, both to improve Land and Fishing.

This I hope you will take to consideration and let me know your Opinion of the same—as also Lett me know what place I may have Liberty to fish, if you agree to my terms, likewise let me know if I can have the use of the house there Remaining, together with the vats, so that no disputes may arise between John Young and me. I am inform'd John Young has Liberty to fish One half of that River, the Truth of which I should be glad to know, because If I fish there I shall be glad to know my own Rights. This being the Needful I add no more, But beg leave to subscribe with due regard Hon'ble Sir,

Your most Obed't & Humble Ser.,

ROBERT ADAMS.

* Rev. Joseph Bourg, the priest to the French and Indians.