

No. 15.

Extract from Mr. Goff's Letter to Mr. Geo. Birnie, dated Charlotte Town, Prince Edward Island, July 18, 1818.

"Every day times have been getting more and more difficult; a principal part of the noyau and indigo I sent ^{Sales of con-} to Halifax remains still on hand uncalculable, and the goods sold have gone off at a heavy loss from their deteriorated ^{shipment at} quality, added to the state of the market. A large proportion of the goods had from thence have been expended in ^{Halifax.} rescuing the houses, &c. from decay, and rendering them useful, and the balances due on these goods, in conse- ^{Expenditure on} quence of the great loss on the sales of those forwarded from this, will take all my assiduity to extinguish this fall; ^{houses.} but which I hope to accomplish through sales of timber, oatmeal, &c. here. Collection of debts to any extent has ^{Balances due at} been, from the causes I have stated, impracticable; and I clearly see it will take a length of time before it will be ^{Halifax.} possible to effect this object."

The cargo of timber mentioned in Messrs. Birnie and Company's letter which I shipped last year, I purchased from Ewen Cameron, and had to give him bills for its amount, therefore could not send the amount to them. The transaction left a profit of about £50, which appears in their books.

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EXTRACT OF A LETTER TO MR. GOFF FROM MR. GEORGE BIRNIE, DATED
LONDON, SEPTEMBER 13, 1817.

"Dear Sir,

"My father desires me to state in my letter to you, that, in consequence of Mr. Waters being in France with his family on a tour, he will not be able to forward you the necessary documents respecting Mr. Cambridge's action before next month's packet. Counsel's opinion will be sent out on the matter.

"I am also to state, that it is their desire that you should dispose of the entire stock on hand in the way ^{General direc-} you have mentioned, in the course of the fall; and they leave all matters, in dispute or otherwise, relative to the ^{tion} concern entirely to your own judgment, trusting that you will adopt such means as may be the most to their advantage." The residue of this letter is taken up with a further allusion to Mr. Cambridge's claim, and some private affairs of Mr. George Birnie.

For the extracts from Mr. Goff's letter to A. Birnie and Company, of December the 12th, 1817, see ante, page 14.

Whereupon, it is ordered by the said Court, that the said rule so obtained by the said defendant, Edmund Waters, in this cause be discharged.

By the Court,

FADE GOFF, C. C.

Trinity Term, 3 Geo. 4, A. D. 1822.