

to this place, believe it will be best to keep the schooner constantly running between here and Newbury. If Lime answers well can burn any Quantity whatever. The want of H'hds is the greatest difficulty, the want of a house to cover it the next.

I doubt not of your making the greatest despatch in all business relating to this concern, and wish I could make you sensible of the disadvantages we are under to do the same. I thank you for the willingness you express to relieve me, and that you think there is any difficulty to go through in these parts. The fishermen's accts will settle here, if possible. With respect to Mr. Blodgets not advancing more than precisely $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the outsets is what I never before understood; I am sure by his situation that he cannot do but a little part of ye Business, and therefore think he ought to excell in his proportion of Supplys rather than to fall short. You may depend upon it that no pains will be spared in this quarter to make the Concern advantageous. There is such a number of traders at Passamaquada that I don't expect much trade there this Spring; have prevailed with the Commandant to stop them from going up this River; there has been no passing the falls till now by reason of the freshet. Shall go over this afternoon and proceed directly to Ocpaque, an Indian Village eighty miles up this River.

I have no Objections to yr proposals (say disposal) of the vacant part* of the Concern; Mr. White will write respecting himself in the affair. I am obliged to you for sending some furniture, for truly none was ever more barely furnished than we was before. Gentility is out of the question. The chief of my small supplys Mr. Hazen is due for some small Bills I had not got in when I left home and must beg to be excused till I pay you a Visit at Newbury the last of the Summer. I can think of no better way to settle with Mr. Peaslee than to allow him for his Supplys, and he give in his time as we do on this Station. I shall be extremely glad to wait on Mr. Hazen when the Sch'r returns.

I trust you have done with the Sloop "Peggy & Molly" what is for the best. Mr. Marvel appears worthy of the character you gave of him, but fear his discipline will be too mild for such a sett of fishermen.

On ye 20th of March rec'd the contents of Mr. Studholme's† bill, which is forwarded in ye Sch'r. Have been obliged to credit the

* The reference here to the "vacant part of the Concern" is explained in the following extract taken from a letter written by Messrs. Hazen and Jarvis to James Simonds, under date the 3rd day of April, 1765:—"Mr. Peaslee is determined to sit down in Haverhill and to leave this Concern, and as by this means and the death of your brother (in which we sincerely condole with you) one sixth part of the Concern has become vacant, we think to let Mr. White have one eighth and to take three eighths ourselves." Robert Peaslee here referred to was a brother-in-law of Wm. Hazen, and a partner in the Company.

† Capt. Giffred Studholme commanding the garrison at Fort Frederick.

Inhabi
to be p
down).
is to be
best to
in war
inclosed
want of
Indians
memo.,

Sin
[empty
thirty
directly
be best
heads a
a frame
Have b
set fire
lime can
any Ver
which I
&c, thou
some me
& Bulle
acct., an
their acc
acct. for

To Mess

MESSRS
GEN
The Sloc
ing. W

* Gaspe