

pine timber ready for market, two thirds more than has been obtained in any one season prior to the last, with logs sufficient to employ forty saws in the different mills within the County. Your astonishment will be less when you understand that seventeen twentieths of the male population of this County are what is termed here "Lumbermen" and were employed in procuring this large quantity of timber. Reserve Number Two in the parish of St. David's from its convenient situation has been the scene of great depredations for some years past. It abounded in excellent timber and a large quantity has been cut the last winter on it, but it is now so intermixed with what is called Lot timber, that I apprehend it will be difficult to designate it except by direct information, which is not to be expected.

For a number of years past the inhabitants of this County have cut timber of any size without any check wherever it suited their convenience. Mr. Brown, the late Deputy Surveyor, never interfered to prevent it altho' he has been frequently informed of it. ~~as he did~~ ^{the} magistrates and other leading characters whose duty it was to disapprove of measures so injurious to the public interest were silent none opposed it because it suits every person. I trust it will not appear to you as an easy task to eradicate ^{business} ~~a~~ of so long a standing, with such props as follows, Mr. Pagan owner of saw mills and purchases large quantities of timber, Messrs. McManister, Porter, Wiger, Campbell, Lindsay, Cristy, ^{all engaged in this business.} ~~all engaged in this business.~~ Col. Mackay concerned in ^{logging} ~~logging~~ timber teams with a long list of tenants. Foreigners as well as subjects. However I am inclined to believe that with steadiness & prudent measures

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