

her) in the River: that every effort to set her afloat proved fruitless, and despairing of a possibility, she can proceed to Annapolis, untill an approaching Spring Tides gives more depth of Water, I have left an Officer, and some careful Sergeants to Watch (with a detachment of men) the proceedings and Navigation of the Vessel and to conduct her (when practicable) to her first destination. It behoves me to mention also, that by my Direction, an Enquiry has been held on the Conduct of the Navigating Officer, and into the cause of this delay, the proceedings of this Court of Enquiry will be laid before you.

I have now Sir to report to You some circumstances respecting the state of the Deposit of Fuel here, which has called for attention since my return hither.

I have already mentioned that I arrived here early on Thursday the 1st Instant, and on the morning of the 5th Mr. Johnson Assistant Com^d General called on me with a very disagreeable Report of the state of the Coals already deposited in the Fuel Yard. I will not here intrude a minute Detail of Circumstances, but beg leave to refer you Sir, to the inclosed Copy of Garrison Orders Issued on the 5th 6th & 7th Instant, in consequence of those Circumstances.

I must add to the length of this letter in requesting you will be pleased also to peruse the inclosed Copy of an Official representation from the Assistant Commissary Gen^l addressed to me, on the Subject of reinforcing the detachment at the Coal mines on Breton Island. — There is a representation of the same nature and Substance, and to the same effect from Captain Henry Senior Naval Officer at this Post. — Captain Henry's letter will also be laid before you; it contains a very urgent requisition for assistance to disembark a Cargo

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I have the satisfaction to add that this morning the appearance of the birds gives now no longer any testimony of the ships being communicated either to the Wood or Buildings, how far we can compare the general consumption of the Coals by the Ship that can as yet be only temporarily smothered, remains yet a doubt.

Capt. H. also in the morning.

of Coals from Five different Transports now in Harbour: and anxiously wished to be dispatched in further service. — to this I conceived myself authorised to give a ready and cheerful Compliance. — as to the reinforcements required to the Coal mines, I shall wait untill your pleasure is signified on that head, as strictly conforming to the Instructions I received from You. — I flatter myself with a confident hope my Conduct will merit and must with your approbation. — I am much mortified to be rendered less active, by an unlucky hurt I received some days ago, in my left knee. — but I feel this inconvenienced the less by being assiduously, and essentially assisted by Major Lyons, whose Zeal as a Public Officer, deserves my best acknowledgements. Whilst I am writing, the Bonetta Sloop of War is entering the Harbour, I found the Vestal Frigate Captain Murray also arrived here since your departure, on my return hither from Windsor. — I do not learn that either of those Ships, have brought any Intelligence worth mentioning to You.

A Vessel arrived Yesterday from Newfoundland (that had sailed thither from one of the Continental States, but was not admitted to dispose of her Cargo there), her Passage from thence hither lasted Ten days. — The Governor of Newfoundland (Admiral Campbell) was (at this Vessel's departure thence) not yet arrived from Europe.

This letter will probably be delivered by Captain Munro (on his return to Canada) to whom I beg leave to refer for further Information and have the honor to be with Respect, Esteem and Regard. Sir

Your most obedient and
faithful humble Servant,

John Small M^l Col^l
Com^d 2^d Batt 81st Reg^t.