

these Lands, have in general been granted and a Number of People already settled upon them, who had begun to clear and cut the Timber which I have put a Stop to till I receive further Orders from you.

A Number of the Settlers have been with me and represented their Situation which, as near as I can learn, is as follows

Most of them have been allowed to clear these Lands to this Day from the Order of the seventh of August never having been published till I arrived here, they have now to begin to clear a fresh Piece of Land, which for want of Labourers most of them will not be able to effect before the Winter: they think it particularly hard after Governor Pains having given them this Land, and their having been at a great deal of Expence and Trouble clearing it, that it should be taken from them without any Compensation

These are the Representations of the Principal Inhabitants here, which I thought my Duty to make you acquainted with

We are encamped immediately opposite the Town and have begun to clear Land, and make every Thing ready for building the Log Houses for Winter

Cornmills & Stoves were begun and are now almost finished before my Arrival on a small Island near the Town.

It is impossible for the Commanding Officer here, to do his Duty without a Boat, for which Reason I have been under the Necessity of ordering one of the Engineers Boats to attend me till I should acquaint you with my Situation and beg your permission either to purchase one or order one to be built. I mentioned this Matter to Col. Moser, when he was here, who likewise saw the Necessity of

my being provided with one

I have the Honor to be

Your mo^t. Obedient Serv^t

Camp Opposite Shelburne
Sept. 8th 1783.

T. Pitcairn
Major 82^d Reg^t

Brig^d Gen^l. Fox.

Sept.

New York 31st Aug^t 1783

Sir,

I have been honored with your Letter of the 15th Instant, communicating to me sundry Alterations made by your Directions in the Issues of Rum & Fuel; all which appear just and proper, and have the Commanders in Chief full approbation, except the allowance of fuel to the Regiments, for Officers Mess Rooms

Your sending the Sloop Delight to Penobscot with Flour proves fortunate, as Orders have been sent to stop her Voyage to Bermuda, the Troops on that Island being to embark for Nova Scotia. Hence I beg she may be sent here the Moment she returns from Spanish River and delivers her cargo of Flour at Halifax.

The Helderberg store Ship sailed this Day, and to morrow the London will follow both for Halifax, with Bedding, Cloathing, Camp Equipage, &c. &c. &c. each about 500 Tons, and their cargoes nearly similar; their Invoices and Bills of Lading are sent to Mr. Johnson the Assistant Commissary, with Directions to unload the Ships and return them to this Port with all possible Dispatch, for they are much wanted, hence I hope they will meet with no Delay, and that

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Brigadier Gen^l. Fox
Nova Scotia