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Tuesday 25. Sept. ~~at~~ Shipped 2 men to go in
the Schooner, ^{to Halifax} at 80/ ~~for~~ Mr. Jon^r Barker &
John Boyd

Dennis & Francis
Put two of my People ashore ^{sick} they
have been unwell these 3 days & been
unable to do any duty — Trade here
very dull — & very difficult to collect the
produce of the country — They are not in
the practice of bringing it to any ship-
ping place

Wednesday 26 Sep^r — Still a very slow sale for
my Cargo — Peter Burke taken sick — I have now
but one well man aboard — The French is some
thing better —

Thursday 27 Sep^r. Slow sale — Three of my men
unwell — but I hope getting better — have only
one to do duty —

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Friday Sept. 28. Dull doings — This place fills
me with Melancholly — 'Twas once a place of conse-
quence — the Scene of Action of some ~~few~~ persons for
whom I had the highest esteem & warmest attach-
ment — what was their habitation is now a heap
of ruins — The present Inhabitants seem to live
in an unsocial morastick way — seldom you see
them in the Streets — Nor do they pay any ^{of 4th} attention
to Strangers which is common to be shewn by mankind
in general in places where Strangers but seldom
come — Two of my People still very sick
the other one who was sick ~~still~~ but just crawling
about —

Monday Oct^r 1. Finding my Salt sell very — very
slow indeed by retail only at the rate of about 2 1/2
bush of day — I thought it for the best interest of the
Concerned to sell the whole at once & to get away
from this as fast as possible — I therefore have agreed
wth Col^o Prime for the whole @ 6/ of bush — He to
furnish me with my Cargo for Halifax at the