

Halifax February 1783

20th This day the Harbour cleared of Ice - the
wind Northerly - fresh

24th A few days ago a Vessel from Antigua with
King's Speech from which & some other intelligence
there is good reason to suppose that war this aspect
is concluded - This causes great dejection among
people here - civil as well as military - expect-
-ting - The former a great diminution in ^{of} per-
-fects by business - The latter - many of them
to be faced to it right about - so little are our
People actuated by public spirit & love for
Country - That provided they can thrive them-
selves - That - poor thing! - may go to wind
uncared for - unthought of

Monday April 21. This day Charles Morris
Esq engaged me to go to Port Prasaway to
assist in laying out a New Township there

Monday 28th Embarked on board the Gath

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& that night got as far as Prospect - next day
Tuesday arrived at Lunenburg - we have
called in here for a Set of Surveying Instrum^{ts}.
Mr Will^m Morris is with me in this expedition
rather I am with him
Wednesday April 30

at Lunenburg all day wind bound - dined on shore
with Capt Bethell

Thursday May 1.

Left Lunenburg with a fair wind - reached the
Ragged Islands about night - it fell calm
came to anchor at a mile from shore -

Friday May 2

Came to sail early - got into Port Prasaway
& came to anchor within McNut's Island to
the Westward - from came to sail & ran up to
the head of the Eastern branch & anchored in a
snug Cove - at night calm & Wind S Wly

Saturday May 3

Ashore all day exploring the Country - the soil of
which much better than - & accounts have had of it