

Port Rosaway May 1783

People begin to be sensible that they have acted
very foolishly in more things than setting
woods on fire in a dry high Windy day —
Things will come right by & by —

Thursday 29 — Yesterday at Town all day fixing
people upon ^{many} lots — ~~some~~ are pleased — the idea
of owning land is some how or other exceedingly
agreeable to the human mind — some whose
lots have fallen to them in not so pleasant
places are much out of Temper — & some dis-
-signing ones who have missed the advantage
-geous situations are likewise dissatisfied —
came home late in the afternoon — Smelly
& fatigued — to day on the same business
& laying out new lots for new Comers — the
same Occurrences daily present themselves

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in this business — weather continues
very fine — a very favorable circumstance
to people ~~but~~ who are as yet but slightly
sheltered from its inconveniences —

June

Sunday 1 — For these two days past from early to late
fixing People to their lots — Have seen several
marblehead men in here — Poor fellows they
nor their Vessells dont look as they used to do
— work to Halifax — — Rec^d. a few days ago a letter
from the Secretary of the Association requesting to know
what I would ask for laying ^{out} 10 acre lots — I wrote
them word 11/8 a ff^t. — yesterday two Persons — who
I know look upon ^{myself} as Chief men asked me
if I would take 2/6 for running the front lines only
— That is if I would take 1/4 my price for doing ab^t