



Edgartown Sept. 9. 1779.

Gent^m

These may serve to acknowledge the receipt of yours by the hand of M^r. Eben. Smith, and observe the contents. We will give our attendance at the time & place by you pointed out to hear & act on such matters as may be communicated to us, which we wish to conduct with candor & propriety.

From y^r. most hble serv^t

W^m Jennigan.

John Pease. "

Regulated the Price of provision.

viz.	
Beef.	3 ^d 9
Pork.	4 ^d 11.
Butter.	9 ^d 4.
Potatoes.	1 ^d 2 ptw.
Turnips.	1 ^d 6.
Eggs.	9 ^d — p. doz.
Geese.	1 ^d 6.
Turkies.	3 ^d 1 apiece.
Fowls.	9 ^d 1

No person will presume to offer or receive a higher price for the above articles than those affixed in this regulation. nor will any person under my command take from the inhab^{ts} any of the above articles without paying the full of those sums. And no person will be permitted to purchase any articles of provision from the inhab^{ts} except by written license first obtained from Capt^r Samuel Oldsbury. 10th Sept. 1779.

The following principal Inhabitants of the Island Beriah Norton. John Pease. Matthew Mayhew. John Allen. Marshal Jenkins. Jonathan Allen. Moses Lumber. Peter Pease. Shubael Cottle. James Coffin. Joseph Pease. John Worth. Tho^s. Cooke. Eben. Smith. William Jennigan. Jon^s. Marbor. appeared & declared their readiness to render every assistance in their power to enable us to fulfill the Wood Contract. 10th.

Went on shore on the East Chop, convers^d with the Inhab^{ts}, purchas^d stock, &c. & endeavor^d to convince them of our pacific inclinations.