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Mar 3 1770. Entered partnership with Thos Perkins and Heremiah COGLIN of BRISTOL, mchts. under the name of Perkins, Coghlan, Cartwright and LUCAS (formerly Lt Lucas RN).

We bought an 80 ton schooner from Perkins/Coghlin then lying at POOLE "Enterprise".

MAY found they had already sent it to Fogo (where they had the main part of their business), to be given to us there. They sailed for Nfld the day after I arrived.

We bought a 50 ton ship - apptd Mr FRENCH master. Perkins/Coghlin had a Salmon brook at Charles Brook

## LABRADOR.

1768. Under Pallisers auspices, Cartwright explored interior of nfld. With him went JOHN COUSINS, Planter of Exploits bay.

"There are a great number of inhabs and many houses in Fogo Harbour."

Mentions Perkins/Coghlin dealing in WET FISH (????) "Hezekiah Guy and Co" delivered 2700 qtl of seal oil/skins to Cartwright at Seal Island 2 Jan 1771 (part of their winter voyage)

20 July 1771 found capt Helling with a Noble and Pinson Brig at Lance Cove. had taken 320 qtl per boat - but had lost a boat and 4 men. my bot took in 6 H Hd of salt from Perkins/Coghlin, stage at HENLEY Harbour.

9 Aug 1771 spent the day with Coghlin "who resides at Fogo during the the season."

Mr Bell - surgeon at Fogo.

24 Aug 1771 Sent Jon McGill with Dry fish to Fogo.

Oct 24 JN TICHFIELD arrived in "Sanson" shallop with provs from Fogo.

5 Mar 1772 went with Mr HENET agent for Noble and Pinson, to see his place (Pitt's Harbour) - they were building shallops.

18 Mar found Hewitt and several of his servants drunk (St Patricks day yesterday - THEIR national saint).

27 Jun Bought provs/salmon nets from Noble/Pinsons agent - who taking advantage of our distress charged exhorbitantly - wanted our OIL for payment - gave only £12 ton.

1772 Feud with Noble/Pinson people, who occupied his house

12 Sep House burnt down - lost £500 "private" loss - partnership lost £250.

22 Sep Dined at Pinsons house at LANCE cove.

10 Oct sent letters to England on Pinsons SCHOONER

7 Nov Embarked with Pinson on the "Mary" Capt Geo Munday.

Sailed for Ireland on the 8th. Arrived at WATERFORD 24th (brought indians with him).

*Cartwright*

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1773 Protested to the BOT(Ld Dartmouth) of the dispute with Noble and Pinson in Charles river. He ordered my salmon fishery to be retained but NOT my sealing post near Cape Charles.

The time of partnership with Perkins etc being expired I dissolved it. With £2000 given by my father went out to Labrador on my own. "Lady Tyrconnel" 80 tons loaded provs at London, and I ordered the other to LYMINGTON/WEYMOUTH/WATERFORD - under Munday(who had had the "Mary").

9 May 1773 sailed. Took nets and other goods on ~~at~~ <sup>from</sup> BRIDPORT at WEYMOUTH on the 18th. Crew hit by fever - had to put into Plymouth - one of the Indians died at Stonehouse Jone Ist.

Went to London to see Dartmouth about this.

Sailed from Plymouth on the 5th June. - did not arrive at Waterford until the 10th - but CAUGHT plenty of Mackerel on the way.

Bought provisions until the 15th - hired another women servant on the 16th and sailed for Labrador. Westerly wind at this time of year - passage took longer - arrived Charles harbour on 27 August.

sep 1773 mentions that Perkins/Coghlin had dissolved partship.

29 Sep Henley harbour - found a SLADE sealing crew heading north and 3 boats of COGLINS going to NELD.

10 Oct maid servant ran away with JN Templeton - Noble and Pinson "head man".

11 Oct sent 45 tce salmon to Pinson "to send to market on freight".

23 Nov Left for England - arrived LONDON 14 dec.

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third voyage.

Dec 1773. Partnership with Capt Robt Scott - late of the "Speaker" EAST INDIAN ship and JN SCOTT his younger brother (ex 4th mate). They had 50%. I provided my ship/stock and £2000 - they provided equal in cash.

Appointed ROBERT HUNTER MCHT OF LONFON as FACTOR to buy another ship/provs for ys. He bought a new AMERICAN ship of 230 tons - ~~sxxxxix~~ we called it "Earl of Dartmouth" - JN DYKES - capt - sent him to CADIZ for wine for ADAM LYMBURNER of QUEBEC on 10 March 1774. She was to get bread/flour/planks/H Hd and "Cee packs"/such other things as were cheaper than in england. JN SCOTT went as SUPERCARGO.

Discharged MUNDAY for misbehaviour on last voyage.

"Ldy Tryconnel given to THOS VENTURE - sailed from PLYMOUTH 23 march for other supplies. We engaged Mr RitKetly as SURGEON AND CLERK.

Apr 13 1774 left Plymouth - capt was negligent - ran on the roads off lands end. Arrived CORK on the 14th. Had letter of credit to JOS LUCAS of CORK for provs - also engaged men for Nfld for 2 SUMMERS and winter (ie before "ACT"). Ship damage - condemned as unfit - much cargo spoiled.

30 apr got a new brig built at CORK - 130 tons "Success" - Ldy TYRConnel now in hands of UNDERWRITERS.

12 May - cleared. On 14th the pilot ran us aground - no damage. June 13 - damaged in storm off Cape Clear - jury mast fitted - 2 men injured aloft.

Jun 14 - arrived Charles Harbour.

20 Jun - small brig of HOOPERS at Cape Harbour, and shallowey of Coghlin's.

14 July "E of Dartmouth" arrived.

22 Sep sent a boat to Hooper room with dried fish.

4 Oct "E of Dart" sailed for ST JOHNS and england (had discharged servants aboard).

1775.

12 July. NO COD on the coast yet.

15 Jul The PLANTERS shallop got a few small codfish. (fish were here from now on).

20 Jul 1776??? "Two Sisters" Robt MAXWELL arrived - chartered by Scott for supplied - he said he had SOLD both our ships (my brother John bought the Dartmouth) - our partnership dissolved.

*19 Jul*

Fourth Voyage.

Apr I 1777. In 1775 my brother John but my business in the hands of Alderman WOOLDRIDGE who "sacrificed my interest to his own" - sent rum/porter on "Effingham" to Quebec to get the £200 freight. Hence detained for a month in England - arrived late in Labrador to my great loss - and had to go on to Quebec. Arrived back empty - expenses were more than the freight - and was damaged - cost me a lot.

Put provisions aboard at London - went to LYMINGTON for SALT(100 tons). Left Lymington 29 Apr - arrived Waterford 4 May - Nfld convoy there - HMS Pegasus - convoy pressed an ITALIAN /"Roco Guager" from MY ship - tho he had a protection.

Got provisions and 30 fishermen at Waterford.

10 May convoy sailed - but many(incl us) forced back by wind.  
11 sailed again. Criticises Capt Gore who(in spite of pteer reports) did not attempt to keep convoy together - spoke to none of the ships we passed/he saw but a 1/4 of the fleet - WE left the convoy.

28 May - saw a pair of gannets.

14 June found bottom(170 fathoms).

25 Sep - heard that coast fishery had failed greatly all over Nfld and our salmon fishery bad - but coast fishery very successful at Labrador. Capt Scott sold 200 tce salmon to NOBLE.

- Oct 1 1776 - Pinson - lost a ship from Ireland - lost upwards of £300 to me(had provisions aboard) - JN Scott ~~had~~ this bread/Flour/Molasses Pork etc from owner. This left me in want for winter supply - Pinson refused to assist me - only at an exorbitant price which I had to pay.

Oct 4 Hired JN BRUCE - late mate of "2 sisters" as AGENT.

- Oct 9 Capt Dan KINBACK arrived in my ship with 2 CLERKS for winter. "Countess of Effingham" - bad weather - cargo damaged. My Chief clerk was Mr Dochery.

Oct 26 Discharged servants went to Noble/Pinsons ship at Temple bay.

Nov 5 Sailed in "Ann" small brig commanded by WM PINSON (Pinson's son), with Scott, Pinson and discharged men. Sailed for DARTMOUTH

Nov 25 Arrived home in Dartmouth.

*K. H. 2/24*

1778.

June 20 Entered Cartwright Harbour.

July Plenty of fish.

3 Jul heard that american pteers were cruising off Belleisle. One of Noble/Pinsons ship had arrived at temple bay - but NOT WM Pinson. He sailed from Waterford the day before me - suppose he has been taken. Last winter was the worst ever known.

10 JUL manned two shallops with 2 crews I sent from Waterford on one of Mr LESYERS ships.

Heard of capture of "FOX/several bankers. My ship did not arrive - taken by americans?)

19 Jul ICE finally brokeup.

31 Jul WM PHIPPARD with his crew - wintered at INuckuk Bay - very bad for furs - bought many from iddians.

22 Aug "C of Effingham" arrived David Koback? with salt from Lisbon(left there 4 July) - told of hostilities with france.

27 aug TAKEN PRISONER by party from "Minerva" of Boston - 20 guns

160 men. Had also taken 3 noble/pinson ships at temple bay laden with fish/stores. Said many of their fishermen had entered with them - and that two ex svts of mine had told them where to find me,

At Charles harbour he took a ship of SLADES and one of Mr SEYDr. plundered my goods there and at ranger lodge - many of MY men entered her. Took most of my stores - but let me keep boats/most of my sails. Left on 30 Aug.

THERE WERE NOT 10 AMERICANS aboard her - mostly english/Irish. I lost £14000.

9 Sep Wm PHIPPARD with 4 men came - going to winter. Said temple bay/charles harbour mchts hit worse than I. Sent to Nfld for supplies. The boat returned on 4 Nov.

1779

18 June - Phippard returned - paid me debt which his LATE PARTNER JN WRIXON had contracted (in skins)

9 Jul heard that "C of Effingham" safe at North Harbour, with all the salt/most of the other goods which the "Minerva" had taken - retaken on way to Boston by 5 of the men (3 had worked for Noble/pinson). They took her to DARTMOUTH where she was delived to my AGEBT.

2 July Heard that small american pteer had taken a ship with "Old fish" of slade of Poole at TWillingate in the spring - had given all the stores on the ship to the POOR INHABS. Had taken another Slade ship at Dattle Harbour.

*K. S. H.*

I779

20 Aug HMS Marten came with letter from Mr BECHER of London - also left arms/amm for defence.

Found "William" brig at Spear Harbour on 11 Sep.

14 sep. Went to Charles Harbour to my room - also Mr SEYDES room and Mr THOMAS'S at Cape Chalres.

17 Sep mentions Thomas' agent Geo MARCH. Pteer schoonat White Bay looking for 2 ships of TORY.

25 Sep Mr FORSYTHE Cohlin agent swapped provs for some salt/wine. 2 of SLADES boats said Torys ships had been burnt by pteers in White Bay.

10 Oct Shallop with 5 men of one of TORYS PLANTERS at White Bay arrived - who HAVING FAILED from American attacks had given the boat to them in lieu of wages - offered to serve me. They had resisted the Pteer - who had half his men killed/wounded - beaten off but she burnt the ships. It then went to Cape Frills and sank several fishing boats - then back to TWillingate and with assistance of one of SLADES men took a sloop and dry fish of his.

FORSYTHE did not give me any provisions - this puts my crew in distress.

27 Oct I779 sailed. Joined convoy at St Johns - Left 4 Nov. I LANDED all my discharged servants - got provs for winter. 84 mcht ships there (with ours, left after the convoy).

22 Nov arrived KINSALE. Got some money from Jaspar Lucas at Cork went by Privateer to Bristol.

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Cartwright fifth voyage.

Found I was BANKRUPT - but used my FATHERS ESTATE(He NOT yet dead) to pay them - left me a competent maintenance.

I told my creditors of this - they agreed to wait.

Each year met with more misfortunes - "Effingham" dashed to pieces at Trinity bay inspring I781. I had a schooner built at PARADISE arrived at Dartmouth with most of cargo washed away - and only £100 insurance at 33%. Next year she was taken by the enemy.

This prevented my fish in labrador being set to market.

Father died ~~Spring~~ Dec I781 - left £950 pa to my brother.

Debts on estate were more than the residue - hence my debts increased. My AGENT Robt COLLINGHAM told us he had discovered ORE.

Took a DERBYSHIRE miner with me. went to POOLE and stayed with LESTER Jun 5 I783.

Jul 7 went on a LESTER ship "Labrador" JN PITT for Trinity.

Aug 19 "struck foundings on Nfld Bank".

Aug 23 Arrived Trinity. went ashore to Mr STONE, LESTERS PARTNER - he had sent a ship to labrador for all my fish/oil. "Catherine" thos GAYLOR to take me to Labrador.

30 Aug sailed.

12 Sep I783 Bad fur season last winter. The CREW was useless.  
"I clearly foresaw inevitable ruin."

6 Oct embarked on Catherine of Trinity(nearly lost in storm) - arrived 30 Oct - all my cod/skins shipped on "Sandwich"(Lester/stone ship) for Leghorn.

5 Nov Shipped my furs WHALEBONE(\$500( on a new ship of theirs "John" assigned to Lester at Poole.

18 DEC Sailed on "Little Benjamin" a new brig then on the stocks of lester - with Lester/and stone. Capt PITMAN master.

7 Feb I784 Arrived in England. Heard that "JOHN" foundered a few days after leaving trinity(NO INSUTANCE on my goods).

- I owed £7500. I asked creditors for discharge offering to pay the whole if I could go to Nfld, and peace was restored - when I asked to be declared a bankrupt they refused

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Cartwright

sixth Voyage.

My brother has offered to give me an allowance to live comfortably in England BUT I must pay every penny I owe - hence I must return to Labrador - only a few suits - with fur in the winter/trade with Indians in the summer.

NEPEAN under sec to Ld SYDNEY prevailed with me to take 4 NEWGATE convicts(my brother has helped me).

16 Apr 1785 Stayed at LESTERS home "my friend".

18 Apr "Susan" Moses Creaton arrived with salt from straits-filled up here with goods for her Lester and co owners.

28 Apr Sailed for Studland.

28 May Brig on the MAIN BANK - fished a long time but none came.

31 May arrived trinity. Stone told me late ice had interrupted the fishery,

June 1-3 Auctioned some of my old fish/goods at St Johns. Hired JN Tiffent for 2 summers/winter and PASSAGE HOME, as Bt master at St Johns.

4 Jun The auction went well(better than bankrupts normally do in Nfld).

14 Jun Catalina harbour - found 2 small schooners - one of Lester the other from the W.I "Davis" - both from trinity to Bonavista.

15 June went to Mr CHILDS fishing room. Had capt Davis and Mr PRESTON a Lester clerk, to dinner. This harbour used to be full, but American attacks caused its abandonment except by CHILD - who has only 2 servants - one a RED INDIAN(mention "an old methodist preacher" passenger on a Lester shallop to Bonavista from trinity.

25 June sailed.

26 June arrived Greenspond. Eat at Mr READS house(agent of Lester and Co).

28 June Brig "SUSAN" Lester and Co caught fire -but was put out quickly. Much cod in the harbour.

30 June Had 3 of Lesters BANKERS in from First trip(So far North?) with only 4-6000 fish each(should have had 10000). Another of his bankers had SUNK in collision with a FRENCH ship. Cod/Caplin plentiful at trinity.

4 July Asked JOHN SLADE to send my goods to Battle harbour - he said season "much forwarder" than in Nfld.

5 July Slade boat "Hay" sailed for market with Old fish.

6 July 6 French ships at Fleur de Lys. Dined at a FRENCH CAPTAINS HOUSE. French lost 2 ships in the ice/many damaged. Heard that French had been ordered to turn out English settlers.

*Handwritten signature:*  
R. Slade



I785

19 Jul 3 boats of TORY and his Planters from Sop Arm going to Labrador to fish, as they are so scarce here they have not killed above 1 qtl each.

8 french ships at Conche. II at Carriage. Fishery very successful. Capt Guidelon at Quirpon - proprietor of the greatest frenchhouse in the Nfld trade(had been a successful privateer). Fishery good everywhere between Quirpon-Conch, but very bad between Belleisle straits and St Lawrence full.

28 Jul No fish south of conch - several english boats from Twillingate/White bay going to Labrador - and from Fogo, on the 31st.

Aug 2 LANCE cove - drank TEA with Wm Pinson agent for Noble/pinson  
Aug 3 arrived Battle harbour - only 100 qtl per boat on this shore and "none to be caught now".

Aug 5 2 Slade boats from Belleisle laden with fish - PLENTY there.

Aug 16 "Mary" Wm DYER from Paradise to Temple bay with salmon arrived. He said fishery bad on Sandwich bay - and indian trade

Sep 5 Dier is ~~to~~ to be "Winter supt" for Noble/pinson in fishery at PARADISE. My late stores at sandwich bay were sold to them by my assignees for "a paltry £250" - worth £1000. Was sold privately to them rather than publicly at POOLE.

sep 8 Heard that Dyer had seized all my goods for w m Pinson.

sep 28 Heard they had been restored - Pinson shipped them "on freight" on the "Mary"(commanded by himself) consigned to "our Friend" Benj Lester at Poole(was he a CREDITOR?)

I786.

2 Jan saw Noble/pinson shallop.

19 Jan learnt that sealing was bad in labrador last winter. Many ships lost going to England that year - incl one commanded by Mr WELLS(Brother in law of PINSON) - he and all crew perished.

Heard that my goods sold last year had been assigned to Noble/Pinson.

Aug 6 Venison Harbour "very good sealing house" built last fall by Mr HYDE of Poole - new adventurer on labrador coast.

aug 6 Thos SLADE came in looking for BAIT. HYDE has built a room at Eagle cove. Jn DEAN came in for bait. Cod/Seal very bad this year in Labrador - very few "have made a saving voyage"

aug 7 "Squire island Harbour" - found my supplies on a brig of TORYS who has got a codfishery here on the Room I once had(having been forced out of white bay by the treaty).

*K. H. Z. H.*

I786

Aug 9 arrived Battle harbour. Letter from LESTER/Geo GARLAND/MOSES CLEATON. Very poor catch of fish here - but now fairly plentiful. Embarked on HMS Meteor for st Johns.

Aug 21 Lance au Loup - Mr HARE - Pinson son in law the agent here "master of a fishing brig".

aug 28 Forteau Bay - Mr DURRELL - agent for JERSEY coy. Several planters here.

aug 29 Blanc Sablon - another Jersey coy. Several american WHALES around here - BURNT flakes. Sent most of their catch to europe but now war with Barbary, hence sent to america - get good prices.

sep 1 Port S ? french fishery very bad.

sep 4 Heard that 13 men lost when 2 nobl/pinson shallops got caught in a storm between temple bay - lance au loup.

sep 12 Fishery very bad in codroy area.

sep 15 Grand Bay. 2 Jersey fishing ships - poor voyages "urant Island(now french) - formerly Jersey fishery.

Oct 2 Met My friend ROUTH - went with him to Mr OGDEN "SURGEON OF THE ISLAND". - "Very genteel dinner" - played cards and supped.

Justice GILL of adm court("a man whose public conduct in no one instance that came to my knowledge, did credit to his public denomination") sent his deputy to make illegal seizure of a Bt keepers property. He applied for redress at adm court. Prince WILLIAM HENRY pleaded his case - gill had to condemn his deputy.

ASTOMISHED at changes in st Johns since hear in "Guernsey" 1766/8. elegant houses/mchts "live comfortably and some even luxuriously" settlers greatly increased - abundance of HORSES/cultivation - much Potato/barley/oats etc.

Oct 19 "John" of TEignmouth came in Jn Battell Owner/master with Gen Benedict Arnold. III discharged men came aboard(ships company was 10).

23 Oct 3 ships lost 495 miles from st Johns.

30 Oct found "Hopewell" Poole ship with dry fish abandoned/wrecked off Scillies.

2 Dec saw a small schooner from twillingate - Poole owned by HEZEK GUY - FOERMERLTSVT OF MINE - commanded by his brother. Landed at BRIXHAM Nov 3.

Heard a GREAT NUMBER of nfld ships had been lost - one BELONGING to this PORT is greatly damaged - 9 men lost overboard when masts carried away.

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