

Saint John's,

1st January 1803.

Sir,

Nothing material has occurred since your Excellency's departure from hence, and it gives me great pleasure to observe the quiet and orderly conduct of all descriptions of people in this place.

I find my expectations as to the catch of fish last season will not be realised: and the Autumn has proved very unfavourable for curing it.

Should any of the Exporters of Fish be unable to fulfil their contracts made here last year, it will be productive of great distress, and the very heavy losses they must sustain, makes it highly probable: a calamity of this kind, would cause a strong sensation, particularly among the servants, and Boatkeepers of moderate circumstances.

The price of Fish last year, in the United States, was 13/6 per quintal for all qualities: our price since October has been 18/- to 22/6 per quintal for Merchtable, and 11/ to 14/- for Madeira, by this it is

evident

evident the American merchant can afford to sell his fish at market, for a much lower price than it can be sold for here. More than one hundred and thirty cases have been decided in the Surrogate Court, the property amounted nearly to five thousand pounds, this I consider as an unfavourable circumstance, as it indicates a scarcity of funds, which is one great cause of lawsuits here.

The only appeal is in a case of no difficulty: it is on the construction of a written contract, respecting the pasturage of some oxen.

I am &c..

(Sd) Thomas Fremlett.

His Excellency

James Gambier Esquire.

Saint John's,

17th January, 1803.

Sir,

On the 4th instant I wrote to inform Your Excellency of the sudden death of Mr. Williams, and that I should give every assistance in my power, in keeping the records of the Court of Sessions.

I avail myself with much satisfaction of the last vessel for Europe to inform your Excellency that the most perfect good order and regularity subsists in this district, and in all parts of the Island, as far as I am informed.

Enclosed I have the honour to transmit a list of the causes in the Surrogate Court, I am sorry they are so very numerous, but at the close of a war the Trade of this Island is prosecuted with too much enterprise: the prices paid here for fish, and the servants wages, greatly exceed what the proceeds of the voyage at Foreign markets can support.

Provisions of all kinds are reasonable, and there appears to be a sufficient supply for the winter.

His Excellency

I have etc.,

James Garbier Esquire.

(sd) Thos. Treviott.

Fort Townshend.

30th. August 1803.

Sir,

I have given orders to Captain Cumancy commanding His Majesty's Sloop Falcon, to receive you on board with the High Sheriff and any other Officer of the Supreme Court whom you may have occasion to take with you, and to convey you to the South Coast of this Island where it is my desire that you visit Placentia, Harbour Breton, and such other Harbours on that Coast as you may Judge necessary for the administration of Justice and the regulation of affairs in the Judicial department Captain Cumancy is directed on his return to touch at Trepassey and any of the Harbours on this side of Cape Race, where you may think it necessary to call. In the performance of which service, I have to desire you will use all convenient dispatch, as I am anxious that the Falcon should return here as soon as possible.

You will please to see that the Proclamation issued by me last Year be published and hung up in some
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conspicuous place in every Harbour you visit.

I am &c.

Thomas Tremlett Esquire.

(sd)

J. Gambier.

Chief Justice.