

Sir

Being on the point of embarking for
Newfoundland to enter upon the duties of my Office
and the short time that has elapsed since my
appointment, not permitting me to settle my
affairs in this Country, I trust you will pardon
the liberty I take of soliciting your interference
with Mr Long to obtain permission for me to
come to England for a few months in the beginning
of the Winter: I expect to be back at Newfoundland
from a short visit to Prince Edward Island about

the first of Oct^r, and in Nov^r the Admiral will
be returning to this Country, by that time I shall
have arranged and brought into a regular train
the business of the Pay Office, and if I obtain leave
of absence will take a passage with him, being
a Person in the Office approved of by General Hunt
for whose conduct I am to be answerable according
to the custom of the service: I will have the winter
then before me to settle my affairs, and also in on
the spot to give such information and furnish such
materials and documents as may be necessary to
bring about a final settlement of the public affairs
of Prince Edward Island now so long delayed.

If I had not been present last year, and General
Auklands eyes to some of the projects that were
brought before the Board of Trade, it is very
probable that considerable mischief would have

been done, and whatever time the affairs of the
Colony may be entered upon the presence of a
Person well acquainted with the circumstances of the
Island in all their bearings, I humbly presume to
think will be found useful, and all will most
likely be settled soon enough, to enable me to return
to Newfoundland by the first Spring Convey.

There is embarked here at present three large
Families from the Edward Island, from Scotland
People of property, who are in connection with a
number of others who propose going out in the Spring
indeed it is now clear that there is nothing wanting
but a proper decision on the points which have long
been under the consideration of Government to
enable us to get on as rapidly as we could

wish or expect I have not yet heard from Mr
Harrison which surprises me much

(1512) I have the honor to be with the
highest respect

Sir

your faithful and
much obliged humble servant

J. Stewart

GD 51/6/1512

Post Office
Yorkshire House

June 19th 1807

The Right Honble
Robert Dundas

R. A. A.

MS
The Hon. J. Stewart
Edinburgh