

St. Johns Newfoundland 18 Novem
1820

My Dear Brother

Arrived here on the 17th inst:
after a passage of 19 days, during which
I never felt any cause to be considered
one the season of the year, with us favorable
winds we had the favorable wind for
more than 10 days, during the passage.
I wrote your son some time ago by way of In-
form which I hope she has received by this
time. This is a wild country, and from what
I have seen do not like it well. They are all
mostly Irish, except a few Merchants,
& a few Scotch. The Island is not known
in the interior, but it is supposed that
there are nothing but Indian savages.
I saw some of the coast is inhabited
by fishermen, it is a very wild country about
St. Johns, & depending with wood here & there
and but few houses. The houses are all wood
except this and another one, there are plenty of
stones here but no lime and people are not
acquaint. I am standing in a shop
selling coarse articles for fishermen such
as they. Daws, vests, trousers, and many
things besides, also copying letters to
The Fishermen and their fish for
goods and we ship to Cham or Portugal
and it likewise, which we send to
Greenock

I do not know what wages I am to
have I received a letter from my Uncle
James about the end of Sept. He dated
the 28. of August, he mentions I must by
Saint Gods year as he was and of
my wages August, as I am to the
good will of the house I suppose
I will not have more than 200 £ 30, the
first year, and so in advance, I have had
board washing, there are no workmen
in the house, but they are all put out
I get them very well done.
I have no hand truly from the
house as there are no any person to
take charge of them, there are four
young men in the house besides me,
and Mr. Fisher the Manager, some
of the Farmers, two servants for making
wreath, sweeping table, making table
etc. We are things just now and will
be wanted at the end of the year new
by enclosing the Book but after that they
will be doing until about it being
cold here during winter we had a
just a week ago, with the record
last one.

They were talking of sending me some
shirts and stockings but they said they wish
they would send a towel, with them at the
same time making 6 altogether. I would like
to get some Gump's papers, collected and
sent, which would please me well, if you
could get them. This I would you by a vessel
going to Greenock, and intending to
return again by a Mr Douglas, which
will be the last time out till May.
I expect, to have a long letter from
you early in the morning, by the young
man's return, he would
bring me out the stockings
shirts, & towels, you must
buy me 2 dozen more cotton
stockings as the weather
is very warm here in
summer, let them be got
with long legs send out
some of the woollen stockings
white. I hope you have paid
Mr. Henderson or long as this for
my account, write me if you have and
if you received the saddlebags,
I have directed to Mr. Graham,
I wrote my uncle to mention to
Mr. Potter when he wrote him
of any opportunities for Greenock
and my uncle to inform you,

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