

was got down, and if it had there was no Possibility of setting off, as two Vessels intended to have been made use of for that Occasion were both fore fast and no Possibility of getting them out. The Friday following was there appointed by which time the Stores were all lodged when one of the Vessels had cut out off the Ice and was gone upon another Voyage. Another Vessel at some Distance was then proposed, but thro' Sadness of the Weather high Wind, and low Tides has not been able to get down to them. The Men in Number about forty five have been at the Bay side ever since: I saw the Captain yesterday, he seems to have suffered a good Deal, supposes his Men much more; he informs me two of them are very ill. He expects to cut off as this Day, or to Morrow for Satafoco, and hopes your Excellency will lodge Orders for him there, directing him how to act. Captain Browne has promised me a List of those Persons he shall return, which when received I will immediately inclose. I am very well satisfied with what your Excellency says in regard to Mr. Hands, and am Sir with very great Respect.

Your obed<sup>t</sup> humble Servant, Richard Lloyd

Went County, Feb: 27, 1750.

P.S. Our Misfortune seems attended with another, I just now looked out of my Window and find Chesquamma is broke up, the Bay very full of Ice.

Sir. My last gave you an Account that forty to fifty of Captain Browne's Men had been for some time at the Bay side waiting for Vessels to carry them: they on Monday last in three small Vessels set off, and that Night got under the Western shore, nigh Satafoco. The Gale of Wind that came up the next Morning obliged them all to run into Shelter for a Harbour, where, either thro' Mismanagement or from its over blowing, they all went on Shore, one of the Vessels immediately sprung a Leak and threw over Board about thirty Barrels of Bread, and some other provisions, many of the Men there are now better, they are all returning and determined to stay, let the consequence be what it will. My Declaration made in the most solemn manner, that if no other Officer in the County would do his Duty, yet I would do more, and that I never would undertake to say that a Law allowed by all to be in Force, ought not to be executed; I am convinced was the cause of these Men's going to speak my Mind freely, I look upon the Law to be as usual as it possibly can be, and if fully executed must ruin the People, and ruin