

Moments in Our History

(Excerpts from the Dissenting Church of Christ at St. John's 1775 – 1975)

A Sufficiency of Land (Part 6)

The last reply was from Mr. Thomas Crews, Jr., of Poole sent through the good offices of “our mutual and dear friend Mr. Brown.” He agrees with Greatheed “not to be discouraged by or attend to Dr. Stafford’s advice.” They now have almost £ 60, therefore, purchase the land. The letter continues “Consult with Mr. Brown about what bricks may be wanted for the chimney we may contrive to send them out in the spring on the most economical plan, and don’t you think that the House could be framed at Halifax and brought down thence much cheaper than it can be done at St. John’s, let this matter be enquired into and advise us.” It ends rather nicely “My love to all the Church.”

“In consequence of the foregoing encouragements” the Church drew up a very solemn Declaration of Intent signed and sealed in the presence of three witnesses “at St. John’s in the island of Newfoundland this Fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Seven and in the Twenty Seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc.”