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PORT MEDWAY

(Entries in Perkins diary, Champlain Society edition.) ~~Champlain Society~~

~~Page 20~~ June 4, 1766 I agree with (Cornelius) Knowles to take $\frac{1}{4}$ of vessel building at Port Medway. Stevenson and Dodge take $\frac{1}{4}$ and agree to furnish sails and rigging for the remaining half, for which Knowles is to give, if price here in this currency, what they cost at Boston in lawfull money. To pay freight and insurance, to have six months credit, after that to allow interest if not paid in one year. Stevenson and Dodge are to sell the vessel in one year.

~~Page 20~~ Sept. 19, 1766 I go to Medway with Esq. Doggett, Mr. Cheever, and Stevenson, to launch Schr. Experience. Go in Snow's boat. Off Pudding Pan Island sea was heavy, and we had to land at Ragged Harbor. We walked to Smith's thence to Port Medway. (diary Oct. 8, 1767 says she cost £852/19/1; diary Nov. 19, 1767 says she was wrecked near Eagle Head.)

Sep. 20, 1766 At 9 a.m. attempted to launch. The vessel went 8 ft. and stuck. We sent to Dexter and Tupper at Liverpool to bring bed screws. The boat arrived that day bringing Dexter and Tupper, Capt. John Harriss, Leah and Manuel, and my brother Hezekiah.

Sep. 21, 1766 Tried thrice before the vessel went off, which was at 10 A.M. After one p.m. we set out for Liverpool Harbor, arriving at the western head in three hours. Very Rainy.

Sep. 22, 1766 Schr. Experience arrives from Medway.

Oct. 11, 1766 Word comes from Port Medway that the bones of four human beings and two dogs are found in an old cellar. They are supposed to be the bones of four Liverpool men who went there gunning five years ago in March, and were supposed to be lost at sea.

Nov. 21, 1766 I go to Port Medway to examine the bones found there, supposed to be the remains of John Young, Joshua Harding, John and Elisha Dexter, missing since March 1761. John Doggett, Peleg, Joseph and Enoch Dexter, Prince Snow and Nathaniel Godfrey go with me. We saw the bones of one dog, the other was ~~lost~~. The bones looked old, and must have been burnt. I do not think they are the bones of the missing ones. I lodge at (William) Cahoon's.

Nov. 22, 1766 We arrive at Liverpool at 2 P.M., bringing the bones.

June 3, 1767 Schr. Sally sails for Port Medway, for deals for Rumney. (On Sep. 23, 1767 Perkins ~~has~~ noted, "Ship William and Mary, from London, Samuel Doggett, master, about 160 tons, arrives and will load ~~xxxxxx~~ oak timber 12 in. square and upwards, 25 feet long and upwards, with some 3 in. deal." On Sep. 24/67 he had noted, "Mr. Rumney, from London, comes. He is agent from Briggen, of London, and will inspect the lumber Doggett gets. He delivers me a letter from Anthony Wayne in his recommendation.")

June 8, 1767 Schr. Sally arrives from Port Medway with deals and boards.

June 29, 1772 I sold at auction Samuel Mack's house and lot at the Point for £28, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the old sawmill at Port Medway for £9/7, to pay Doctor Moseley.

(Footnote to June 21, 1780:- "Samuel Mack, trader from East Haddam, Conn., purchased Cyrenus Collins' right of land in Liverpool Township in 1765. His sawmill was one of the first on the Medway River. He owned vessels in the West Indies trade. Married Desire Cohoon at Liverpool, 1766. Died in 1783 at age 46.)

- Oct. 5, 1773 I appoint Josiah Marshall surveyor of lumber at Port Medway, on recommendation of Mack.
- Oct. 21, 1773 I advertise $\frac{1}{2}$ of Mack's sawmill, for Doctor Moseley, to be sold Nov. 1.
- Nov. 7, 1773 The English brig, Capt. Walker, that loaded at Medway, put in here, the wind being contrary.
- June 18, 1774 I advertised the remaining $\frac{3}{8}$ ths of Samuel Mack's new sawmill for Doctor Moseley, to be sold June 30.
- June 30, 1774 Sold by auction, by Nathaniel Freeman, $\frac{3}{8}$ of Samuel Mack's new sawmill. Bid off by Michael H. Hawkins for £62. I bid up to £61.
- Oct. 11, 1774 I bought one ton English hay at Metway, at 20 shillings per ton
- ✓ Nov. 13, 1774 Mr. Cheever has gone to Portmitway (sic) to marry William Cahoon jr. to Tabathy, daughter of Stephen Smith.
- ✓ July 15, 1775 Rev. Mr. Cheever goes to Portmitway to preach, and marry Joseph Atkins to Waitstill Cahoon.
- Sep. 27, 1775 I agree with Tinkham, in company with Thomas Gardner and Reuben Dexter, for his old sloop to go haying one month, at \$30. I send it to Portmitway to cut on McDonald's marsh, agreed for at 55 shillings.
- Oct. 10, 1775 The sloop Abigail sailed for Portmetway for hay. Took B. Godfrey's gondola to carry at $\frac{3}{6}$ per day.
- Oct. 20, 1775 The sloop Abigail arrives from Portmetway with hay. Get out three gondolas of hay and send them to the Falls.
- May 9, 1776 My brother (Jabez) goes to Medway to take boards of Mr. Samuel Mack.
- August 15, 1776 A ship, Captain Austin, and a brig, Capt. Smith, are arrived at Medway to load with timber etc. Mr. Mack loads the former, and Mr. Tinkham the latter.
- Sep. 27, 1776 Capt. Bartlett Bradford comes by land from Portmetway and reports that his sloop that was loading hay in that harbour, for me and the Freemans, was taken yesterday by (an American) privateer, with all the hay but about four tons they allowed Capt. Ford to take out. They also took Capt. Smith's brig, loaded with timber for England, released all his hands, but kept him and carried him off in the brig. They also plundered a ship in the same harbour, loading with timber. Took her sails, guns, stores etc., but none of her men.
- Feb. 5, 1778 At evening Angus Chisholm comes from Portmetway with news that a privateer sloop (intends to) come in here and ... rob the stores.
- March 19, 1778 Capt. Stephen Atwood returned from Port Metway and reports that a privateer schooner was in there, and had boarded Mr. Mack's sloop.
- June 15, 1778 By Elisha Doliver from Portmetway we hear that the sloops General Gage, and General Howe, and another large armed sloop were at that place, and drove the small privateer on shore
- April 13, 1779 Mr. Angus Chisholm of Portmetway was accidently drowned yesterday morning, or rather the day before, as he and Gamaliel Doliver were going up the river to carry Mr. Samuel Mack to his place. They run on a rock and overset. Mack held upon the boat. Chisholm and Doliver attempted to reach the shore but Chisholm failed. Doliver got on shore and found another boat, and took Mack off, almost perrished.

Oct. 2, 1779 Capt. Cobb, of Mr. Tinkham's schooner, and Peter Collins, master of a small schooner, both came from Portmetway, and report that a privateer came in there and took both of their vessels this day, and carried them out to sea.

Feb. 27, 1780 A schooner from Martinique, loaded with molasses etc., bound to and owned at Marblehead, is in at Portmetway. The inhabitants of Portmetway armed themselves, went off in boats, and carried her in to the harbour, demanded her papers, and have kept possession of her. (Note: She was the Dolphin, a legal prize, and she was sold at auction in Liverpool for £160 on March 21/80.)

April-23, 1780 Two cannon are heard about Portmetway and towards night we hear that a privateer went in there yesterday.

April 24, 1780 Some people from Portmetway report that the privateer anchored there on Satterday and went on board Gorham's shallop, and soon went out again. The people on board are mostly from Cape Cod, as they say.

Oct. 9, 1781 Two men belonging to the Chatham man of war came to town from Portmetway. They report that they belonged to a prize taken by the Chatham. She was a small sloop loaded with tobacco and had been at sea 8 months, had been taken and retaken 18 times. She went into Portmetway for water. These two men being on shore, and the sloop at anchor, a small privateer schooner came in and took her away.

Dec. 15, 1781 Mr. Allin the Preacher (i.e. Henry Alline) goes to Portmetway with Mr. Stephen Smith. He is generally liked by the people. Mr. Cheever, it is said, is not well satisfied that he preached in the ~~pulpit (at Liverpool)~~ pulpit (at Liverpool) and some others do not approve of him.

Dec. 25, 1781 Lieut. Ridley of HMS Belasarius (i.e. HMS Belisarius, of 24 guns) informs me that he was in a privateer ship, the Harlequin of Salem, taken by the Belasarius and cast away at Portmetway beach last Thursday. The ship he has sold to the people of that place, and has brought his crew here.

May 8, 1782 Dorcas Nickerson, that lived with us last year, came to our house and says she has been captured by a privateer and landed at Lehave, from whence she traveled to Portmetway and lay out one night. She was with Lemuel Hobbs (of Argyle township, near Yarmouth) in a small schooner built by him and his brother, loaded with boards and hay.

~~Oct. 6, 1782 The party that went with Mr. Callahan and most of the party that went~~

Oct. 4, 1782 Elisha Hopkins comes by land from Portmetway. Says his shallop is taken by a privateer, and that they have put on board her the cannon and one anchor at Portmetway, that belonged to the Harlequin privateer, cast away there.

Oct. 5, 1782 Some of the militia are amind to go to Portmetway to recover Hopkins' shallop. A party is mustered, 9 in all, under the command of Robert Callahan.

Oct. 6, 1782 The party that went with Mr. Callahan, and most of the party that went with Capt. Hopkins, return from Portmetway by land. They have captured John Leonard Hammon, sailing master of the privateer schooner Race Horse, Stover commander, who they captured at Lodowick Smith's house. They complain of William Cahoon Jr. for misdomeanors and took him prisoner. The people in general did not use them with civility. Mrs. Smith secreted my orders that I gave to Mr. Callahan, and by some means took copies of them and threatened to set up as many of them on the

trees as there is "Irishmen in Newfoundland". They got one of the copies from Nathaniel Atkins and threatened to bring him with them, but did not bring him.

Oct. 7, 1782 I give out a warrant for William Cahoon and Benjamin Snow, both for Corresponding with the Enemy, and Cahoon for abuse of the militia. They both appear, and Cahoon is bound in £50 for his good behaviour and appearance at the Sessions. Snow was examined and dismissed.

Oct. 8, 1782 I wrote a line to Joseph Atkins, who was accused of taking a copy of my orders to the militia party, and the names of the party, with design of informing the Enemy etc. I also copy some laws for the Portmetway people.

March 5, 1784 William Cahoon Jr. from Port Metway called on me last evening with a petition or request from the freeholders and others at Medway, requesting that some vacant land there may be laid out for a town plot.

Jan. 26, 1785 A black man was this day found dead near Mr. Mack's road. He had lived with Elijah Minard, (who said) that some time ago he and the Negro were going through the woods, and the Negro stopped and would go no further, but said he would return to Liverpool. That they had a keg of rum, which he took with him, and left the Negro very near the place where he was found.

Jan. 27, 1785 Mr. John Man, the Preacher, came to town last evening by ~~xxx~~ land from LeHave in company with James Watson. They were very near perishing in the woods, traveling from McDonald's place the east side of Port Medway to Mr. Macks.

April 16, 1786 Mr. Nathaniel Cahoon comes from Port Metway and reports that he found the body of Peter Preston Pain near the parth (sic) leading to Port Metway, about a mile and $\frac{1}{4}$ this side that place. He has been missing more than a fortnight. (Note: Evidently Pain was caught in a sudden and severe blizzard on April 2nd.)

May 9, 1786 Set the bounds of the river fishery at Port Metway. No nets to be set above John Cranes, except two of 12 fathom, one by Doran and one by Wm. Dunlop.

May 16, 1786 The Sessions ... receive a return from the surveyors ~~of~~ at Port Metway, of a road laid out there.

Aug. 8, 1787 Near 3 o'clock I set out with a number of gentlemen and ladys, in Mr. Foster's shallop, for Mr. Doran's, to attend the wedding of Mr. George Mitchell to Miss Elizabeth Mack. We were unfortunately overtaken in the fog and overrun our port. We were in some danger among the rocks, but by the goodness of God we arrived at Broad Cove, and my self, my wife, and most of the company took up our lodging at Matthias Smith's, where we were accommodated as well as the poor peoples ability would allow. We were short of provisions, and the fleas and musketoos were very trouble some.

Aug. 9, 1787 Early in the morning we got a boat from the people there, and Smith, Stewart and Connelly came with us, as it was very foggy. We rowed most of the way, and arrived at Portmetway at about 12 oclock, and arrived at Mr. Doran's about 2 P.M. Drank tea, dined, and attended the wedding. Has a pleasant evening and comfortable accommodations.

Aug. 10, 1787 Viewed the settlement (i.e. about the ~~Dorans~~ sawmills, later known as Mill Village). I find more good land thereabouts than I have seen in the township.

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Sunday, Feb. 16, 1783

(In Liverpool) "Mr. Alline preached both parts of the day and evening. A number of people made a relation of their experiences, after the meeting was concluded, and expressed great joy and comfort in what God had done for them. Mr. Alline made a long speech, very sensible, advising all sorts of people to a religious life, and gave many directions for their outward walk. This is a wonderful day and evening. Never did I behold such an appearance of the spirit of God moving upon the people since the time of the Great Religious Stir in New England many years ago."

Monday, Feb. 17, 1783

Mr Alline sets out for Portmetway & Lunenburg, etc.
(Note:- Henry Alline on this occasion delivered the "Sermon at Port Medway, 1783" which was printed as a pamphlet at Dover, New Hampshire, in 1797. He never returned to Nova Scotia, but died in his late thirties, completely burnt out by his own fervor, at Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1784. The epitaph on his tombstone there calls him "The Apostle of Nova Scotia". The printed "Sermon at Port Medway, 1783" remains a scarce item of early Nova Scotian literature.

- Dec. 14, 1787 Alex. Godfrey sailed for Portmetway to take a loading of boards for Mr. Doran, to carry them to Halifax.
- Dec. 16, 1787 Alex. Godfrey returns again from Port Metway, that river is so frozen that he cannot raft boards
- May 31, 1790 The schooner Springbird, Jesse Atwood master, sails for Port Metway to git boards from Mr. Doran.
- June 2, 1790 Capt. Hopkins schooner arrives from Port Metway with about 100 bbs alewives from Mr. Doran and others.
- June 3, 1790 I hear by Mr. Samuel Mack that the Springbird was at Port Metway & would probably git her load down this day. (Note by Champlain Society editor:- Samuel Mack (1768-1855) son of Samuel and Desire (Cahoon) Mack, was born at Liverpool. He was a fisherman and lumberman, and had a sawmill at Mill Village. In 1791 he married Sophia, daughter of Prince and Zerviah Knowles. In 1839 he had a controversy with the County authorities over mill-dam rights at Mill Village, and published a pamphlet, "A Strange But True History Of A Dam, Fine Piece Of Work".
- June 11, 1790 I hear from Port Metway that the wife & child of Joseph Foster, and a daughter of Stephen Morine were last night accidentally drowned. There was another daughter of Morines in the boat, who was saved. These women were in a skiff boat & run upon a rock near the place called Ruff's Point, towards night.
- June 21, 1790 Patrick McCabb returns from Mr. Dorans with an answer that I cannot have any lumber from there. They have ~~engag~~ engaged it to Halifax and Shelburne.
- July 18, 1790 The Springbird is arrived from Halifax and Port Metway, has brought me a few articles from Messrs. Cochrans, and some iron. Some wood from ~~Port Metway~~ Port Metway.
- Aug. 6, 1790 The Polly arrives from Port Metway with 5 M. boards from Mr. Dorans, 2 cord wood from Morine, and some trunnels from Dunlop.
- ✓ June 18, 1791 Mr. Grandine returns from Petit Riveer. Has preached there, and at Port Metway. (Note:- Mr. William Grandin was an itinerant Methodist minister.)
- June 23, 1791 Benjamin Kinney was brought from Port Metway sick with the small pox. He is ordered back again by the magistrates & overseers of the poor, to the house of William Burk, of South West Cove, and Laurence Hayes appointed a nurse. (Note:- Benjamin Kenny was born at Liverpool in 1770, and died of smallpox at Port Medway in 1791. William Burke (1764-1835) was an adopted child of Samuel Mack of Mill Village. He became a ~~skilful~~ skilful hunter and woodsman, and explored the interior of Queens County. In 1798 he was one of a group who blazed a line and cut a road from The Falls (Milton) to Nictaux. In 1800 Burke and his family moved ~~the~~ to Brookfield -- the first settler in North Queens.)
- June 29, 1791 I heard this day that Mr. Milton Foster, with his brothers Joseph and John, were out a fishing (i.e. at Port Medway) and they being all in the cuddy, a squall took the boat and overset her, and had just time to git out before she sunk, and were taken up by Gamaliel Deliver.
- ✓ Oct. 24, 1792 The pollock are so plenty at Port Metway, that it is said 30 quintal were caught by people standing on the rocks at Tobey's Island.

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Doran detail

(Footnote to Oct. 15, 1782, in which "James Grady complains of Patrick Doran for striking. I promise him a warrant.")

Patrick Doran, of Waterford, Ireland, was a shipmaster, ^{and later} a justice of the peace, and judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas. He is said to have lived first at New Dublin, N.S. He came to settle on the Medway River about 1788, and died in Mill Village in the 65th year of his age, Oct. 17, 1818.

July 25, 1793 Mr. Doran and wife are in town to sware to their answer to Doc. Moseley's bill in Chancery. (Note:- Dr. Thomas Moseley, of East Haddem, Connecticut, had a share in the first sawmill at ~~XXXXX~~ Port Medway, and seems to be have been a silent partner in the early firm of Backus & Perkins.)

July 30, 1793 I sent Peter West yesterday a crost the woods (i.e. by the path from Sandy Cove to Port Medway) to Doran's, to acquaint him that his wife wishes him to come and settle the business in Chancery with Benajah Collins. He came over accordingly. (Note:- the distance from Sandy Cove to Port Medway by this bridle path was at least 12 miles, and another 5 miles by the path up the Medway River to the sawmills.)

Aug. 1, 1793 Sit in arbitration ... and unanimously agreed that Mr. Doran etc. should pay Doc. Mosley seventy five pounds, and have a quit claim of all the lands and tenements that were secured by Mr. Sam. Mack to Doc. Mosely. The parties appear to be satisfied.

Aug. 16, 1793 Mr. Fidler returns from Port Metway. He preached at the lower ~~settlement~~ settlement, and twice at Mr. Doran's. (Note:- Mr. ~~Fidler~~ Daniel Fidler was an American Methodist minister who acted as a traveling missionary in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio, and later in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He was the first minister to preach in the Methodist chapel, in Liverpool, in June, 1793.)

Oct. 29, 1797 Mr. Grandine is gone to Port Metway.

Sep. 26, 1798 Perkins reports a terrific hurricane with much damage at Liverpool. On Oct. 1 he notes:- "I hear considerable damage has been done at Port Metway. Samuel Dolliver lost 40 or 50 quintals fish, and some quantity of (God liver) oil, and many people there have lost fish and oil, and the fish houses, etc. Capt. Bradford lost ~~40~~ 40 cords wood there.

Sep. 16, 1799 My schooner ELIZA goes to Port Metway. My wife, sons John and Simeon, go in her. Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Rogers are gone to make a visit to Mrs. Doran. The schooner is to git some wood and hay.

Sep. 14, 1801 Mr. and Mrs. Newton, my son John, and daughter Elizabeth, set out for Port Metway mills on a visit; and Mr. Newton, being a commissioner of that road, goes to view the upper and lower roads to form a judgement where it will be proper to lay out the money granted for the purpose.

Sep. 15, 1801 My son John returned from Port Metway at evening. Mr. Newton, with Capt. Doran and John, went from Doran's to Lower Port Metway by water. They came thro' the lower road to the barrens.

Sep. 16, 1801 Mr. (Joshua) Newton comes home to consult on the business of the road. Left his wife and Betsey at Mr. Doran's. He reports that the lower Port Metway road is not so difficult as we have expected. He intends laying out about three fourths of the money granted, on that road, and one fourth on the road to Doran's, which has met the approbation of people in general.

Sep. 18, 1801 Mr. and Mrs. Newton, my daughter Betsey, and son Simeon, arrive at evening from Port Metway mills. They left there ½ past 3 o'clock. Mr. Newton has contracted with Capt. Doran to do the work on the upper road, to amount to £45, and with Mr. McVicar on the easterly part of the lower road, to amount of £95.

Oct. 6, 1801 I ride thro to Portmetway on the road now cuttting by two gangs under Isaac Dexter and John McVicar. Mr. Dexter takes this part of the road from the 4 mile mark, and has cut thro the whole. he has made excellent bridges over the half way brooks. There is two brooks, but I under^{stand} and they are one and the same, above and below. (Note:- Evidently the "half way" brook was the stream which flows to Beach Meadows, and the new road crossed it in two places.)

The road will never be very good without a vast sum, but may be made tolerable for riding, and very comfortable for foot people. Mr. McVicar has not got through his part but has done nearly three miles very well. The road will be a great acquisition to the settlement. We got back to Esq, Barss's house (i.e. the present Lane's motel) at a little dusk (sic) having been near 3 hours from Mr. McVicar's.

Jan. 27, 1802 Have a considerable conversation with Capt. Doran on the subject of a business at Portmetway, in connection, and to build a vessel there, etc.

March 2, 1802 John goes to Portmetway mills, in company with Mr. Hunter and Mr. Wilson, to see Messrs. Doran and S, Mack on the subject of our intended company at Port Metway.

March 6, 1802 My son John comes from Portmetway. Samuel Mack comes with him. In the evening Mr. (Daniel) Bishop, Mr. Mack, John and myself have a consultation on the subject of doing business, in Company, at Portmetway. Capt. Doran also to be concerned. Mr. Mack makes difficulties of beginning this spring, as there is no store built, and thinks he cannot git ready in time. He proposes to git the store built in the run of the summer, and to git timber for a vessels to be set up next Fall, and built in the winter, to be ready in the spring, but not to have any person on the spot till spring, but to charter a vessel and load her for the West Indies, procure salt and other things to begin with in the spring. We make difficulties in the way of that mode. It is left for him to consult Mr. Doran and see if they can git ready. (Note:- Daniel Lathrop Bishop, a native of Lisbon, Connecticut, apparently came to Liverpool about this time, working as a book-keeper and store-man. In 1805 he married Perkins' daughter Lucy.)

March 20, 1802 Capt. Doran comes to town, his daughter with him, by land. We have some conversation on the subject of our partnership at Port Metway, and I write one set of Articles. We conclude to write five, and each partner may have an original. We are to commence the 30th of this month, and continue five years. Capt. Joseph Freeman, being now at sea, is to be recd. as a partner from the beginning, if he inclines to it when he arrives, and puts one hundred pounds into Stock in 3 months, which is the terms the other partners agree to.

March 22, 1802 Our Portmetway Company, all except Mr. Samuel Mack, signed the agreement for the partnership this evening at my house. Capt. Doran and his daughter~~X~~ stay with us.

April 3, 1802 In the evening our Portmetway Company have a long conversation. Mr. Samuel Mack raises objections to Mr. Bishop having £100 a year, and wishes to do the business himself... The Company are of opinion that it will be attended with incOnveniences, and do not agree to it. (Mr. Mack) finally refused and did not sign the Articles.

April 5, 1802 We sign ~~several~~ letters to several gentlemen in Halifax to introduce Mr. Daniel L. Bishop as the ostensible person to carry on our partnership business at Port Metway.

April 8, 1802 Mr Daniel Bishop commences business yesterday, and is under pay from yesterday, ~~at £100 a year, clear of his board~~ at £100 a year, clear of his board.

- April 30, 1802 We ship a punchion of rum and some articles recd. from Boston, to our Company store, Perkins, Bishop & Company, at Port Metway.
- May 1, 1802 Capt. Joseph Freeman joins our Portmetway Company, Samuel Mack having declined.
- May 27, 1802 John Thomas Esq. goes to Port Metway to marry ^{Mr} William Lewis to Widow Hannah Dolliver Jr.
- June 13, 1802 The brig Rover goes for Portmetway. My son goes in her. Captain Doran sends an Indian, with a letter to John, to purchase salt.
- June 21, 1802 I hear by William Mack that the brig Rover sailed from Portmetway last Saturday for Barbadoes. (She was loaded with barreled alewives and lumber.)
- Sunday, July 18, 1802 Mr. D. Bishop rides from Portmetway to Herring Cove, attends meeting, and returns.
- August 19, 1802 Capt. Doran, Capt. Freeman, my son John, & myself, have a conference on the subject of building a house at Portmetway for our partner, Mr. Bishop, to reside in, as he finds himself uncomfortably situated in boarding. The store is built by Capt. Doran, the Company to pay the rent. It is raised last Tuesday and I expect will soon be covered and fit to receive goods. The house is to have a parlour, bed room, and kitchen, and adjoining or near to it, a place for dry goods, these last to be built by the Company and to be owned by them. Expençe of the house calculated at £150.
- August 22, 1802 Capt. (Zebulon) Perkins' brig sails for Portmetway to compleat her loading for Newfoundland. My daughter Mary, and Mary Freeman, accompanied by my son John, go in her. The girls are to make a visit at the Mill Village. (Note:- This is the first time that Perkins calls it Mill Village. Before it was always the Portmetway mills.)
- Sep. 11, 1802 The brig Rover arrives at Portmetway last evening from Barbadoes and Turks Island with salt, rum, sugar and molases. Her cargo (from Portmetway) was mostly alewives. They sold at 5 dollars (per barrel).
- Sep. 15, 1802 Mr. Newton goes to Portmetway, round by the falls, and returns before sunset.
- Sep. 28, 1802 My son John sets out on foot for Portmetway to manage the business for the Company in the room of Mr. Bishop, while he is gone to the States.
- Oct. 28, 1802 John sets out on Anthony Lyal's horse for Portmetway. John Thomas Esq. goes with him, to marry John Paterson to Widow Lucy Briggs, and John Dexter to Waite Atkins.
- Nov. 25, 1802 At 2 o'clock I receive a letter from my son John at Mr. Doran's. He writes me that the house building by the Perkins, Bishop & Company, raised last Thursday, was yesterday blown down by a hard gust of wind. The people at work shingling the roof were not hurt. Of those in the house making mortar etc. Michael McGowan and Patrick Holland received some hurt.
- Nov. 28, 1802 My son John arrived by land, on foot, from Portmetway. They have replaved the timber that was broke by the fall of the house, and have taken off the shingles, and got ready to repair the frame.

Nov. 29, 1802 Capt. Hopkins in his brig sails for Portmetway, to take on board some loading for the West Indies, our Company being chartered one half. John goes to Portmetway with Hopkins. (Also) Michael Creamer goes with Capt. Hopkins, and moves his family, he having agreed to work for Perkins, Bishop & Company, at 9/6 a day, until some time in May, as master workman on a schooner they are about to build, of about 80 or 90 tons.

Jan. 15, 1803 My son Simeon sets out for Portmetway in company with Seth Bangs. Go to Herring Cove by water. He is gone with a view of remaining awhile with Mr. Bishop to git some instruction in Arithmatick and to assist him if necessary.

April 19, 1803 Mr. Stephen Snow being engaged to go to Boston in the schooner Harlequin for our Portmetway Company to bring sundry goods and provisions. Mr. Bishop came from Portmetway on Sunday and returned this day by land.

April 19, 1803 Miss Catherine Doran, who has been with us some days on a visit, returns home. Mr. Harry Newton and my son Simeon accompany her. The lads return in season not much fatigued, and say Miss Catey held out to travel very well. (Note:- "Catey" was 17 years old)

May 26, 1803 Mr. Bishop comes by land from Portmetway and says he is out of salt, that the pollock are very plenty, but the people must stop fishing soon if no salt arrives.

June 16, 1803 Jonathan Phillips' boat goes for Portmetway. My son John, Capt. (Zebulon) Perkins, Harry Newton, Frederick Thomas, and Mr. Phillips are gone to see the launching of the Company's new schooner.

June 20, 1803 All the concern in the Portmetway Company waite upon Mr. Newton and sware to the property of the new schooner Active, lately launched. He has made out the necessary documents for the register. We must send 32/6 with them to Halifax. Mr. Doran and Mr. Bishop set out for Portmetway in Mr. Cahoon's boat.

June 24, 1803 Moses Mingo (negro) comes from Portmetway with a letter from Perkins, Bishop & Co. They are in want of several things from the blacksmith and blockmaker, and wish to cut 18 inches from the length of the topsail yards, and to have the sails made accordingly. Capt. Thomas Burnaby arrives from Halifax and brings new that war was declared in England against France and Holland. The brig Rover is expected to be fitted as a privateer immediately. I write the Company at Portmetway that I think the voyage proposed for the schooner Active to the West Indies must be given up, and propose a voyage to Newfoundland. Several boats arrive from Portmetway with fish for Mr. Kirk.

August 4, 1803 I receive letters from my son John Perkins, master of the Company's schooner Active, at New York. My son advises of the failure ~~of~~ in business of my brother Jabez Perkins, of Norwich. He adds his arrival to a very bad market.

August 15, 1803 (The Active arrives from New York) Mr. Bishop comes from Portmetway, and we consult what is best to do with the Active. We conclude to take out some small things here, and send the schooner to Portmetway tomorrow, land the flour there, and ship it as occasion may offer to Halifax or to Newfoundland, and then load the Active for Newfoundland with lumber.

Sep. 15, 1803 My wife, Mrs. Bradford, Mr. Newton and wife set out on horseback for Portmetway mills on a visit.

Sep. 17, 1803 My wife, Mrs. Bradford, and my daughter (Mrs. Joshua) Newton arrive safe from the Mill Village

May 20, 1803: - Foster's schooner sailed for Portmetway.
 Mrs. Creamer's mother and Miss Hagerth Kirk are passengers.
 Miss Kirk is to keep school there.

✓ Nov. 7, 1803 The schooner Active sails for Portmetway at 12 o'clock. My sons John and Simeon go in her there. John Roberts is to command her to the West Indies. My daughters Lucy and Betsey go in the Active. Ruth Freeman goes with 4 children to keep school. (Ruth was the widow of Elkanah Freeman, who died of smallpox at Liverpool in 1801. They had at least 9 children.)

Nov. 17, 1803 Mr. Bishop arrives from Portmetway by way of the mills. He says my daughters are well at the mills, and he will contrive about getting them home. Mr. Masden (Methodist) is there, and preached last night at Capt. Doran's. He set off again in a short time for Portmetway. Capt. Doran is going on with the wharf.

✓ Dec. 3, 1803 Wind NW and grows very cold. My daughter in law Ruth Freeman comes from Portmetway ~~by boat~~ mills by land. She is in good health, and says she is well situated for the winter at Solomon Mack's.

✓ Feb. 20, 1804 Mr. Bishop and Ruth Freeman set out for Portmetway Mills. The snow is so deep I fear they will be much fatigued.

✓ Oct. 1, 1810 My wife, daughters Betsey and Mary, set out for Lunenburg on Horseback. We ~~have~~ sent the horses round by the Falls, and they went over the river in a boat. John Thomas Esq. accompanied them as far as Mill Village. I expect they will stop at Capt. Doran's till tomorrow morning, and he and his daughter Catherine will accompany them towards Lunenburg.

Oct. 11, 1810 My wife and daughters arrived in safety on the (Dean's, now called Bristol) Point at noon. I sent a boat but the wind was very strong and they declined coming over until night. They met with polite treatment and are very well satisfied with their visit.

✓ Nov. 8, 1810 Mr. Richard Carder arrived at 1 or 2 o'clock this morning, with three long boats he built at Pleasant River. He came down thro the lakes and Port Metway river over very bad falls and scant water.

April 8, 1812 Wind easterly and sets in to snow about ten o'clock and continues towards night. The (militia) battallion exercises notwithstanding the storm. (Note:- The "battalion" included companies from Port Medway, Port Mouton, The Falls, and Liverpool. Drill was conducted under A regular officer, Colonel Darling, who was making the rounds of the province inspecting the militia.)