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**FROM MR. JAMES CLEVELAND.**

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SIR

I Am So well Satisfied that you have Got the Last letter that I Shall Not right So Full as I Should If I thought that Could fail as I Give you a Full aCount of all My Prosedeurs & that the sarvents Plaged me Much At that Time Fore of them Ware gone to the Indanes town & that Day I Should Set out after them but Concluded To Send Stefenes after them & he Returnd to me Last Night With two of them & the Man that I have Sent with him as a pilet is gone one to the other town as these Two ware So fare Spent that thay Could hardell Git home & are know both of them Sick & So pore that if thay live Thay Would Not be abel to worck in less than tenn Dayes the best aCount I Can Give you is that one of them is Starved to Deth as he Could Not Swim thay Left him With out fire tacklen & as thay weare 17 Dayes out So that he Must be Dead but if he Should Git to any of the towns I shall Git him because I have Got Capt Russell to right to the king of the Indanes & he has promist if any of his hunters Comes a Cross him he Shall be brought in Safe but I think he is Dead for When the rest left him he Was all Most Spent his Name is Edward Cu [mutilated] & John baley & W brazer [?] & Charles Stefenes & Willum trase the head man, this trip he is a good hand or I would Sell him the other fore When I Stand by Cant Do as Much as he Can but tenn pounds is the most that I have been oferd for ither of them & that Molisk [?] Pay so that I Do Not know What to Do but as thay Would Not stay at home & Good for

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Nothing When there & all the hiord hands wore out I am resolved to part With them tho  
you Would Be a loser the time after them is is more as I have Lost 49 Dayes after them  
besides Expences so that My Improvements is small as yet but small as there Are ther has  
been No lost time Nor shall Not bee While I live

I have got but 25 ½ bushells of Corn at this time & None to be had hear I hope you would  
be hear soon [?] And bring us Corn or flower & I thinck flower is As Cheap as Corn be  
Cause in broth it goes further & that is Chef of our Diat When we Can Git any thing to  
Mack it I am bulding know & hope to Right better to you Next time I have had so Much lost  
Time that my Worck Done is Not worth menching So I ConClude

your To Command JAMES CLEVELAND NB Pray let me know how Matters Stands  
between Great Britton & america