

Houlton July 3 - 1832

To the Select Men of Houlton,
Gentlemen, The Inhabitants

of Bangor have become considerably alarmed, in consequence of the reports that have reached them of large numbers of Irish emigrants, which are said to be making their way up the river St John, with the intention of coming through to our village. We deem it the duty of every town and village at the present alarming crisis, when the pestilence that has committed such fearful ravages in Europe, is about visiting our shores, to use the utmost vigilance and mutually advise each other, in guarding against its introduction among us. With these views, we have thought proper to address you upon the subject, with a request that you will send us such intelligence as you may have in your possession, as to the number of emigrants in the Province that will be likely to come this way, the state of their health, and whether sickness prevails at Fredrickton or St John. And should you find them crossing the lines in this direction in such a condition as will be likely to spread contagion among our citizens, we would recommend their expulsion by force. Should such an event occur, you may rely upon the assistance of Bangor, to cut off the communication between the state and Province.

James B. Fisher } Committee
John Hodgdon } of Bangor

P.S. Please inform us what intelligence you have upon the subject by return mail -

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Description: A letter from the Committee of Bangor to the Select-men of Houlton expressing their fear that Irish immigrants traveling up the Saint John River and passing through Houlton on their way to Bangor may be carrying disease, perhaps cholera, and that these Irish immigrants should be stopped by force if necessary.

James B. Fisk
John Thayer
Committee of
Boston
July 3-1832

about Irish
immigrants
(opposed to) via
London

Summers
July 3

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To the Selectmen of Boston

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