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Description: Extract of a letter of instruction to Mr. John Jones about property ownership near the Kennebec river.

The following is an Extract of instructions given to Mr. John Jones about fronting the ten mile back Lotts
January 1774

Sir

As the ten mile back lotts on the West side of Kennebec river cannot be found unless they be fronted & well marked you are desired as soon as may be to front the said lotts for which purpos you here have the width of said Lottes, in order to sett out right you must begin at Abagadipett point on Kennebec river, on the division line between Lott No 24 & Lot No 1 fronting on the said river the first belonging to James Bowdoin Esq and the latter to the late Mr Benjamin Hallowell and from thence carefully run and mark the said line being[?] A West North West line from said point This line must be run at least five miles and a half to git beyond the rear of some of the 3200 acre lots fronting on sd[?] river there You must erect a large monument of stones round some remarkable tree marking it **EB No 3** on the southerly side and **BH No 4** on the northerly side from thence you are to run a line North North East which will cross the said ten mile lots at right angles and on this line mark the divisions between the said lots as follows viz, from the monument aforesaid measure on the said line for part of Lott No 3 and for Lott

No	Area	Unit	Granted	to	Grantee
No 4	360	Rods	Granted	to	Benjamin Hallowell Esq ^r
" 5	240	d ^o	ditto	to	Samuel Goodwin
" 6	240	d ^o	d ^o	to	Stone Whitmore & Goodwin
" 7	240	{d ^o	d ^o	to	Wm Bowdoin Esq ^r
" 8	240	{d ^o	d ^o	to	Jeffries J[?] Flagg
" 9	260	d ^o	d ^o	to	Thorentius Vapell Esq ^r
" 10	260	d ^o	d ^o	to	Thwing Fox [?]
" 11	260	d ^o	d ^o	to	Chas ^s W. Apthorp Esq ^r
" 12	260	d ^o	d ^o	to	James Pitts Esq ^r
" 13	260	{d ^o	d ^o	to	Wm Taylor Esq ^r
" 14	260	{d ^o	d ^o	to	John Jones Esq ^r
" 15	256	d ^o	d ^o	to	Thomas Hancock Esq ^r
" 16	256	d ^o	d ^o	to	James Bowdoin Esq ^r
" 17	{256	d ^o	d ^o	to	Thomas Hancock Esq ^r
" 18	{	d ^o	d ^o	to	James Bowdoin Esq ^r
" 19		d ^o	4800 d ^o	to	James Bowdoin Esq ^r
" 20	320	d ^o	4800 d ^o	to	
" 21	304	d ^o	4800 d ^o	to	
" 22	256	d ^o	4800 d ^o	to	the northerly half to Wm Vapel Esq

The several foregoing lots must be properly marked for instance the tree that stands on the line between Lot No 4 & 5 must be marked on the South erly side **BH No 4** and on the Northerly side **SG No 5** which signifies that No 4 was granted to Benjamin Hallowell & No 5 to Saml Goodwin and the other lots with their numbers & in like manner [?]

