

Mar 8

Hampden

Mar 8 40

Mattawombague
Mar 12. 5

18³¹/₁₀

Almon Richards esq

Lincolnton
Me

[Decorative flourish]



[Signature]

Mount Fish River March 8th 1848

Friend Richard,

With pleasure I seize this opportunity to answer the receipt of which I was much pleased and highly gratified to receive.

At the present I am ~~in the enjoyment~~ and have been in the enjoyment of good health and that this may find you on the same is the wish of our gods is proud, he & your friend and his. how your companion and fellow soldier in defence of the sites which our poor fathers gained for us. I assure ~~at Fish~~

River the 1st day of November and found the a company of 25 men employed in making preparations for a block house - we have now a house that is nearly finished - Its height on the ground is 23 ft square the a story projecting over the 1st 2 ft with a round of part holes in both stories also the king post runs up from the top of the roof 44 ft with a play pole on that that is 35 ft making a pole ~~on~~ some more than a hundred ft from the level of the ground - The above building I have the honor of being master work man

as for news I have not much -
There has been 37 horses taken
from trespassers and a considerable
quantity of provisions - we have
had no disturbance as yet - The
provisional Landagent was here
a few days since for what purpose
I know not but appeared very friendly
and gave Capt Rives a very polite
invitation to call and see him
There is a military post erected by
the British at the demarcation lake
the report is that it is very strong
more so than post fairfield -
It is also reported that there are
trespassers on the waters of America
at the amount of 4 hundred men
I do not know as there has been
any movement made to take of
those trespassers or the parts of
which I suppose you know best -
We do not get much news hear nothing
more than what is translated by
Mr. The man that I am a going to
send this day is a matter for me I
must learn to a sure
Believe me to be your most
obedient friend

Thomas Shannon

2/8/1840