

1. Mr Colbeck Suffered them to take past
the half of the remaining property without
opposition, which half was immediately and
on the Spot Subdivided into Shares among
the Crews of the Vessels and put and con-
-verted to private use and Consumption and
that without Mr Colbeck or any other per-
son taking any part of their proceeding
and then without any previous leaving he
consented to take the remainder and pay
the proceeds into the hands of the
Treasurer

Were any other instances occurring
to implicate this officer in Gross Dereliction
of duty your Memorialist would further
State that last winter a Ship was found
Derelict in the bay near these Islands
and Mr Colbeck suffered her to be Robbed
of all her Rigging, Stores and a Large
Part of the Cargo by the Inhabitants
without taking any measures either as
Collector or as a Magistrate to prevent
them from converting the whole Plunder
to their own use, a Part of this property
was divided in your Memorialist's pre-
-sence

Your Memorialist would
further State that more recently a Leaking
Vessel belonging to these Islands touched at
Anticosti and discovered the Dead Bodies

of a number of people who had been ship-
wrecked and perished on that desolate place
the crew of this vessel carried away the
most of the Effects, in Cash. Watches
Quadrants and a number of other articles
and as usual divided the Spoil at the
Magdalen Islands - and altho this circum-
-stance was known to Mr Colbeck on the
14th May yet up to the Period of my arrival
he took no measures to secure the Property
During which ^{time} several much of the property
disappeared, and many Books and other
Documents had been transferred to other
hands and destroyed the only means of
Identifying the Ship or other property

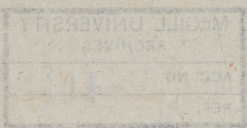
Your memorialist would further
inform your Excellency that these Islands
are well known to be very dangerous
to Shipping, and many vessels are every
year wrecked there, that the Islands
their Inhabitants, Minerals & Fisheries are
all highly important and would require
a more respectable Administration
of Justice - the Inhabitants are from
1000 to 1200; owning about 60 Sails of
Fishing Craft - the Exports of Fish and
oil this year will not be less than
£15000 and as this is chiefly Exchanged

for Dutiable Goods from this and the adjoining provinces, a very considerable revenue might be raised from the Trade, more particularly as west India produce is the Principal article of Import.

Your Memorialist would further State that he has felt it his duty to recommend to the Committee at ~~London~~ to have a Special Agent on those Islands, but until there are authorities there that will protect him in the Discharge of his duty he can be of little use to the Underwriters.

Your Memorialist would further State that from the Knowledge he has of the Inhabitants of these Islands he has no hesitation in saying that they are a hardy race and might be made valuable auxiliaries in saving lives and property if under the Authority of a respectable Magistracy.

Your Memorialist has now only to subjoin the names of the Masters and Owners of those Vessels which brought Cargos or Parts of Cargos to these Islands from the West.



in House Harbour or Harbour Meson
Isaac Arseno - Francis Viano
Francis Petipas - Belone Vinea
Simon Barsua

in Minister Harbour or Harbour Lecan

Benawa Badiat - Francis Lapeau
Joseph Phison - Malin Bark

Some other vessels were informed were
at the wreck but did not learn
the names of the masters

Substance for
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the Hon. Council
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