

even since your departure. He supplied us with Iron
that was his own very cheerfully when there was
none belonging to the settlement. I have also had steel
and files for general use from him, for which I have
directed him to charge in his account to you. He has
excited himself well since the cutter has been in the
Bay, and made in one week 57 axes and Tomahawks
and ten flat knives.

Thos. Hanson continued with the Blacksmith until
St. Patrick's Day last. If I should be called upon I
shall vindicate Mr. Hall's conduct and my own in
discontinuing his services.

The Graspetter succeeded Thos. Hanson. He made his
escape in the Endeavour, Captain Powell, after which
Stockwell volunteered his services.

I hope you will consider Stockwell and write in his
behalf to England. He and the Blacksmith are two useful
men here, both as their labours respect the natives
and the benefit of the settlement. The Smith is in my
opinion under Divine Providence a great means of
our preservation.