

Blackpoint the 15th September 1676

Edward S<sup>r</sup> Blackpoint the 15th September 1676

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 of Casco Bay, moved towards us within a mile of our garrison &  
 broke up a house in the night & within two miles fired two houses, slew  
 one man, took another prisoner, & wounded a third who escaped,  
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 brave with blue, black & yellow ribbons on his knees, a hat buck-  
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 French by an Indian Interpreter who spoke very good English of the  
 Captives, whether it were difficult to take Richmond Island & Blackpoint  
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 as they have done along the Eastern shore, which soe alarmed Richmond  
 Island as that it is deserted, & hath put our inhabitants into such a fright  
 (that those who have stood by it all this war) being in expectation of  
 relief from our army & none appearing, the body of them removing,  
 though we hope so many will abide, as with the assistance of the 12  
 county soldiers will leave us in a capacity to defend ourselves until help  
 come in, which we daily look for having dispatched a post to our Maj.  
 the same day this accident befell. We feare the Army unless  
 they bring bread with them or soon to be sent them, will not be in a capacity  
 to manage a pursuit of them, though the enemy, if they keep their station  
 being for night the seah[?] & capeland, giveth opportunity of a defeat[?].  
 Sir we are at the present the frontier garrison, which if not maintained  
 fear little security this side Piscataquay river knowing the  
 travaile[?] of the spirit for the safety of the whole, beg that the little remnant  
 may be preserved, our poor people having lost 2 crops sink under discour-  
 agement, & the rather because Mr. Richworthe[?] & complices designe being  
 effected, as they are informed, of making this County a peculiarity, thereby  
 have excluded them the association of the united Colonies, whereby we shall  
 without your Christian compassion be inevitably exposed to the ruins & rage of the  
 heathen, for want of ability to beare our own charges, but we hope to  
 find favor from those who have taken us under protection as well as govern-  
 ment, thus humbly craving pardon for our boldness, we rest.

Yours Honours and humble servants

Henry Jocelyn  
 Josh Scottow

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 appearance at the General Court it may  
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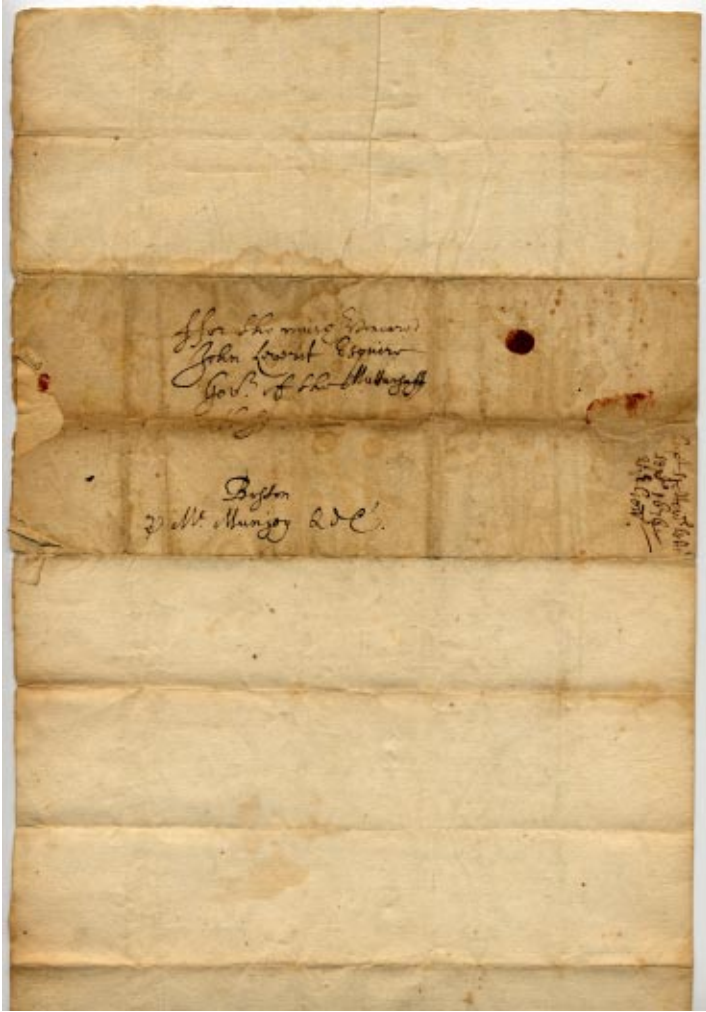
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 Jocelyn and Josh Scottow regarding an Indian raid on Casco Bay  
 settlements..



For ?  
John Leverett Esquire  
Gov. of the Massachusetts  
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Boston  
Mr. Munjoy