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on, thro' the 5th range of townships between the rivers &
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the mouth of the Pescattequis, a western branch of the Pe-
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town I passed. In N^o. 3 there were 17 ^{families} in N^o. 4 & 2 adjoining
may be 10 apace. they generally attended & were very
attentive on the Sab. I preach'd there. The land in those
parts is good. from N^o. 3 I took a southerly direction to Ohio
from thence to Bangor. There I found 2 or 3 persons that
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winter. spent my 4th Sab. in Hampden. met cong. brother Sam^l
at Buckston the next Sab. sent him to Orington & I went to
Taunton bay. on Monday I went 15 miles from Taunton bay
in an almost impassible way, partly back again to a
settlement on Morrison river, where I met Samuel, who got
there by traveling more than 20 miles from Dr. Shenniney
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know but I found one or two of my spiritual children
and another at Schoodick. all the glory is due to God. I have
got to be willing to be the instrument of the conversion of
souls, ~~if they do~~ ^{if they do} turn Baptists & methodists, &
any thing, if they may but get to heaven at last.
God is a Sovereign, & if I am unwilling that he should act
in that character, I am so far in heart a rebel to him.
Last sab. I preach'd in Eastport on the maine, which was
the sab. after Sam^l preach'd on M. island from thence I
went by water on Monday ^{25 miles} to ^{commonly called Macadway} Maique-ca-de-wick or St Croix
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upon it, but the upland looks something like the land
where there are
up the Androscoggin river ^ a number of barren hills. I preach'd
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the meetings were full & solemn. there are a number
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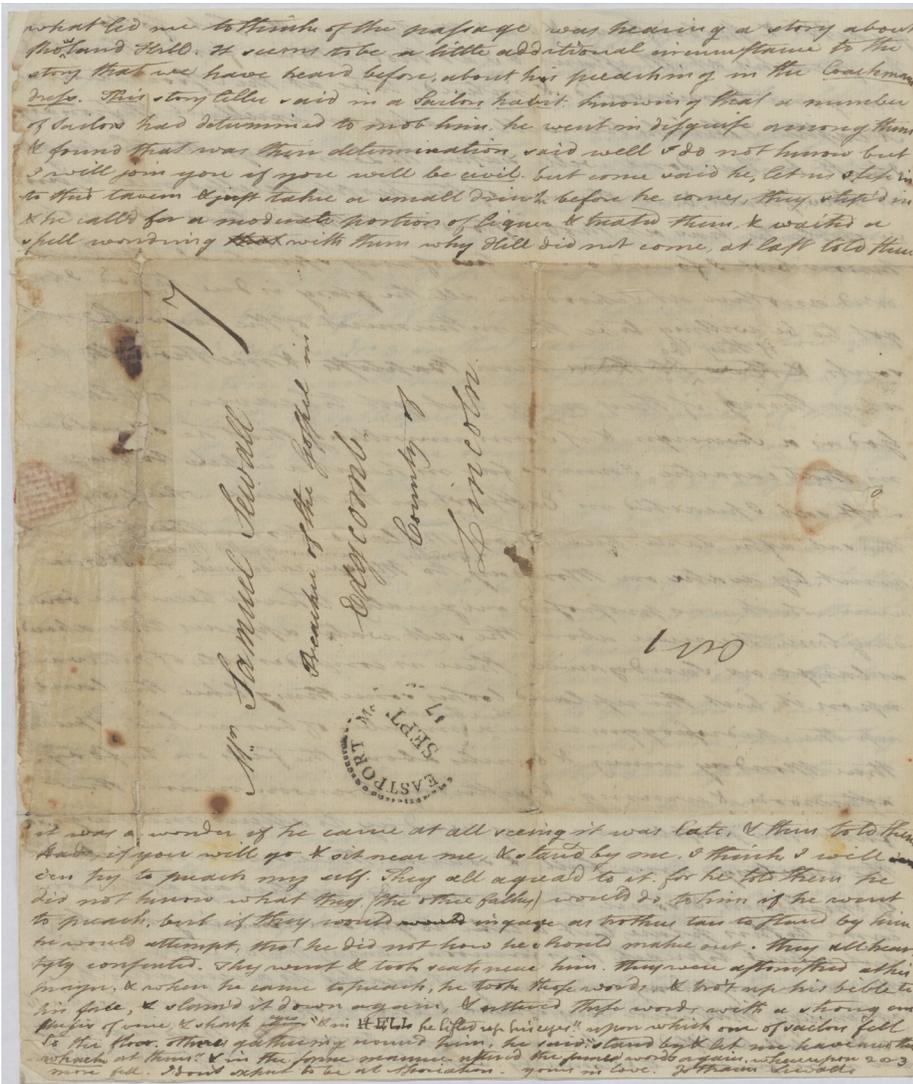
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Ro^land Hill. It seems to be a little additional circumstance to the story that we have heard before, about his preaching in the Coachman dress. This story teller said in a Sailors habit knowing that a number of Sailors had determined to mob him he went in disguise among them & found that was their determination, said well I do not know but I will join you if you will be civil but come said he, let me step in to that tavern & just take a small drink before he comes, they step'd in & he called for a moderate portion of liquor & treated them & waited a spell wondering ~~that~~ with them why Hill did not come, at last told them

[address sideways]

Mr. Samuel Sewall
 Preacher of the Gospel
 Edgcomb
 County of
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[Stamp] Eastport Me Sept 17

it was a wonder if he came at all seeing it was late, & then told them Lads if you will go & sit near me & stand by me I think I will [cross out] e'en try to preach my self. they all agreed to it for he told them he did not know what they (the other folks) would do to him if he went to preach, but if they would ~~would~~ ingage as brothers [?] to stand by him he would attempt, that he did not how he should make out. they all heartily consented. They went & took seats near him. They were astonished at his [?] & when he came to preach, he took those words, & bro't up his bible to his face, & slamm'd it down again & uttered those words with a strong con-

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[?] of voice & sharp [cross out]^ "& in HELL he lifted up his eyes" upon which one of sailors fell to the floor, others gathering around him, he said "stand by & let me have another whack at them." & in the same manner uttered the same words again. whereupon 2 or 3 more fell. I don't expect to be at Association. yours in love Jotham Sewall