

Portland, 7th April, 1828.

Samuel Cook Esq.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 17th ult. postmarked Old Town, March 27th, was duly received, and I am obliged to you by the information communicated. It is desirable to have correct intelligence of what is going on upon the Frontier, and dependent, as you are of necessity, upon occasional reports, to prevent erroneous impressions from being conveyed, as far as possible.

From what has recently transpired however, as well as from former evidence, I think there can remain no ground of doubt that the upper settlers on the Aroostook have been seriously agitated and alarmed.

From intelligence you will have received ere this, respecting the determination of the national government to station a Safe-guard at Houlton, I think a greater degree of Security will be imparted and a more tranquil feeling inspired on the frontier.

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Description: Letter to Samuel Cook from C.S. Davies about settlements along the Aroostok River and the unrest along the border between Maine and Canada.

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the relief of your vicinity, it certainly behooves
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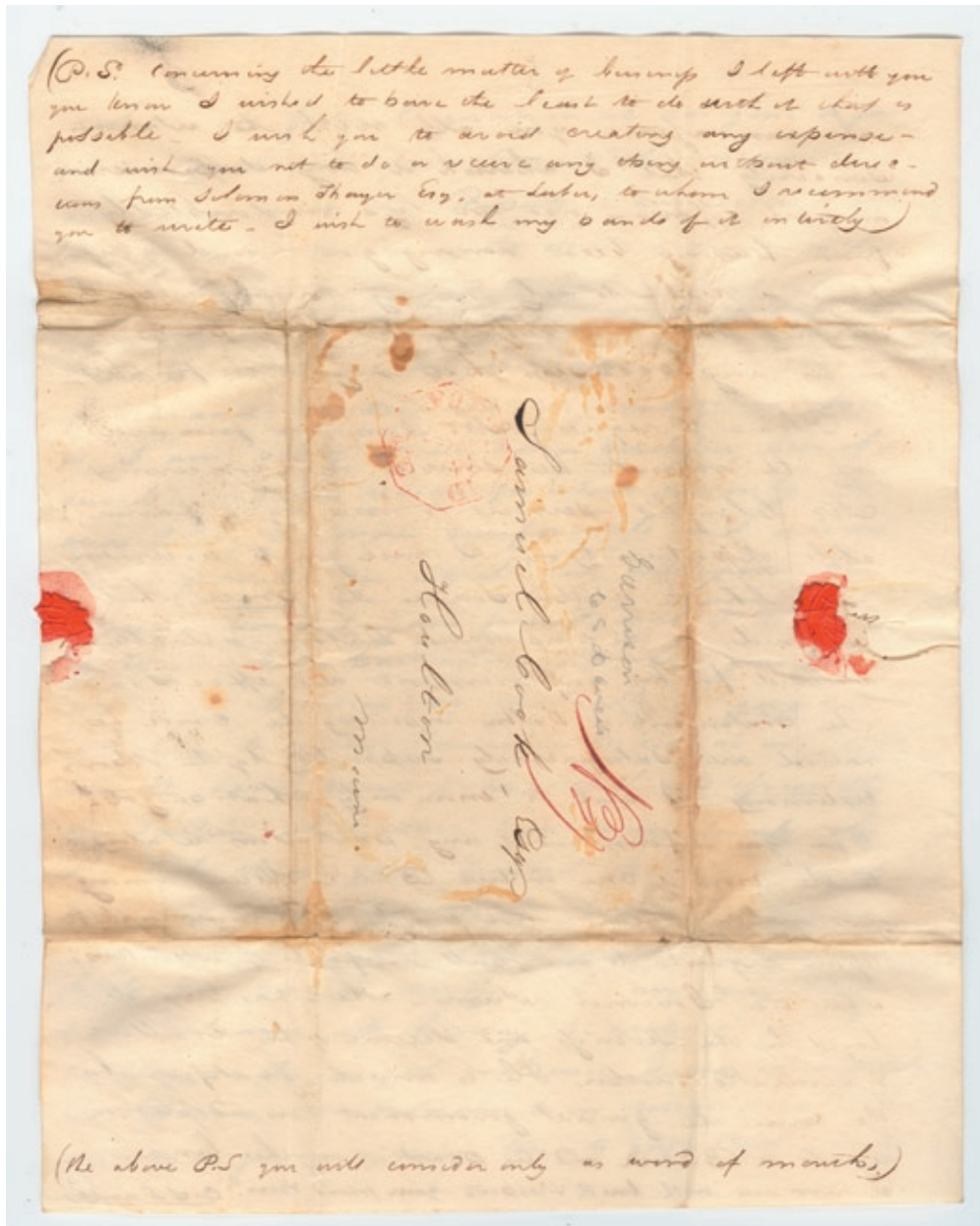
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(P.S. Concerning the little matter of business I left with you, you know I wished to have the least to do with that as possible. I wish you to avoid creating any expense,-- and wish you not to do or receive anything without directions from Solomon Thayer, Esq. at Lubec, to whom I recommend you to write, --- I wish to wash my hands of it entirely.)

Samuel Cook Esq.
Houlton
Maine

(The above P.S. you will consider only as word of mouth)