



Colo^l John Gorham

Kittery April y^e 6 1751

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I am favour'd with yours of the 12th of Last Month. It would have given me a Pleasure to have seen You at Boston, or at Halifax in my Passage from England my Design was if we had fallen near to have gone in and & paid his Excellency Governor Cornwallis and Friends a Vissit tho I have no Acquaintance with that Worthy Gentleman I did my self once the Honour to write to him but never was favour'd with a Line from him I am sure I should be glad to Do him any Service I desire you would make my Compliments to him my friend Green & Lady & all Inquiring Friends

I Met with a very handsome Reception at Great Britain I think they have at home a great Value for this Country & I hope wee shall always behave so as to Deserve it What you have heard as tho this government are not well Dispos'd to Encourage the Settlement of Nova Scotia must be a great mistake for Certainly every thinking man must be Sencible that not only the four governments Call'd new England but the whole English America Depends under God in the well Settling & fortifying Nova Scotia

As you observe the Lieu^t governor refer'd governor Cornwallis's Letters to a Com^{tee} of both Houses of which I was chairm[edge missing] and as such you are Sencible by the Rules of our Court I was oblig'd to sign the Report whether I agreed to it as not, But n[missing] one man of that Com^{tee} was against supporting that Plac[missing]

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 Description: William Pepperrell letter about the Battle of Louisbourg.

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 Remembrance was that we were a large Frontier and like to
 be Involv'd in an Indian War and that Considering how many
 of our men had been Impress'd on board the Kings Ships
 & not Return'd & how many lost at Louisburgh & Minas.
 they did not apprehend it Convenient or Safe at that time
 to spare men out of this Province or if they did the Men could
 not be Rais'd & sent Down soon Enough to answer the End
 propos'd by his Excellency: & that the other Governm'ts who had
 no Frontiers & had not lost so many Men as we had in the late
 War & could spare men without any Hazzard of the Enemy where
 not apply'd to. I have no reason to believe but that if Several
 other Governm'ts on this Continent would join to send Men
 to Remove those Vexatious Neighbours, this Providence would very
 Heartily concur with them- I am sure I know of one Man who
 would gladly Do all in his Pow'r to Promote the Design
 I join with you in the Opinion that our Americans use'd
 to the Woods are the best Men to Pursue the Indians ye And I
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 I have recommended in our Mother Country the good Services of
 Col^o Gorham & others that behav'd well against Louisburgh
 I might Possibly have met you in England had not it been for a
 very sore Stroke which I met with the first day of the last Month
 in the Death of my Dear & only Son who after eight or ten days
 Illness with a nervous fever then Died. And now I cannot tell what
 to do I desire to be Enabled to Acknowledg God Aright in all my Ways
 & then I shall be safe in Life or Death
 I wish you much of his gracious Presence & am
 Sr your obedient Humble Servant
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