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Dear

Sir,

I am favour^d with yo^{rs} of 4^d.11th of
 Last month, I admire that Ward did not wait on
 you at Louisbourg those that are gone there from
 hence of my Friends I have recommend^d them to take
 your advise. Some of those men that was clear^d
 out of our Regiment after they came up here have
 Enlisted for Canada. I am oblig^d to you for y^d acco^t you
 write me of the ill naturd things sayd of me, and as you
 mention that they are very unpleasing to you, this I very
 ; ly believe for I never doubted of yo^r Sincere Friendship
 but I hope shall never be guilty of anything that will
 lessen my Charact^r with Honest [several words scratched out]
 it was for y^d subalterns
 ^mentiond to me that yd Commission sent blank^ was a perquisit
 to the Coll^{os} untill y^d Corps of y^d New England Forces was alterd
 w^{ch} I think was sometime in May last my answer was that
 if it was my due I ought to have it if otherwise I did not

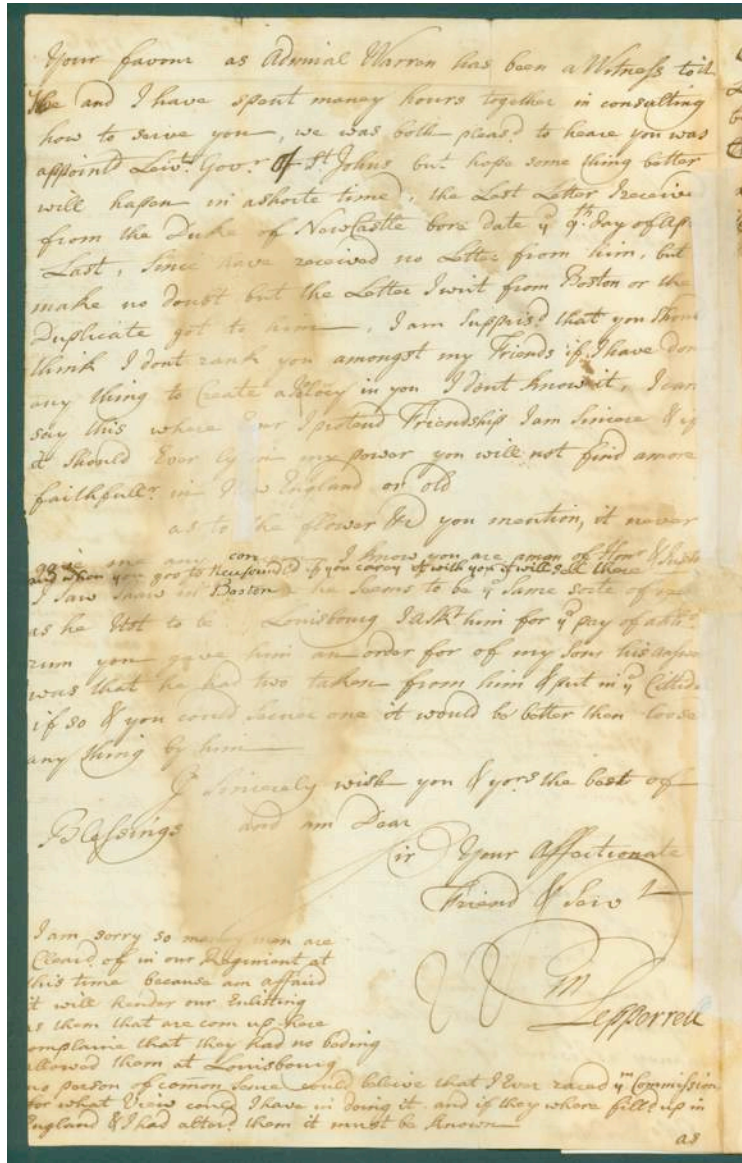
& I have heard t y^d other Regiment Acted accordingly
 ^ note

desire it ^ but to take a promissary^ from any officer I never
 did, some of the Commissions when they where delivered me
 by the Leiu^t Coll^o had been Raisd I ask^d him the reason
 of it he told me it was done in the Secret^y of Warrs office
 before they was delivered him, as to my part I never did any
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 thing of raceing them but only fill^d them this I Solem^{ly}—
 declare. I am sorry for Leiu^t Grants imprudent behavior

I have writ you Several Letters since have been in New
 England w^{ch} you dont Acknowledge y^d receipt of. but not as
 many as I would if my time would have permitted me
 but I can assure you that I have wn't maney to England in

your

Coll^o Bradstreet



Your favor as Admiral Warren had been a Witness to it
 He and I have spent many hours together in consulting
 how to serve you, we was both pleas'd to heare you was
 appointed Lieu^t Gov^r of S^t Johns but hope some thing better
 will happen in a shorte time, the Last Letter I received
 from the Duke of Newcastle bore date y^d 9th day of April
 Last. Since have received no Letter from him, but
 make no doubt but the Letter I writ from Boston or the
 Duplicate got to him, I am surpris'd that you should
 think I don't rank you amongst my Friends if I have done
 any thing to Create a Je^lo^usy in you I dont know it, I can
 say this where Ever I pretend Friendship I am Sincere & if
 it Should Ever lye in my power you will not find a more
 faithfull^r in New England or old

as to the flower &c you mention, it never
 gave me any concern I know you are a man of Hon^r & Inst[unreadable]
 and when you goo to Newfoundld if you carey it with you it will sell there—
 I saw Shaw in Boston he Seems to be y^d Same sorte of man
 as he ust to be [page torn] Louisbourg I ask^t him for y^d pay of ath[unreadable]
 rum you gave him an order for of my sons his answer
 was that he had two taken from him & put in y^d Cittidal
 if so & you could secur one it would be better then loose
 any thing by him—

I Sincerely wish you & yors the best of
 Blessings and am Dear
 Sir Your Affectionate
 Friend & Serv^t
 Wm Pepperrell

I am sorry so many men are
 Cleard of in our Regiment at
 this time because am assur'd
 it will hinder our Enlisting
 as them that are com up here
 complaine that they had no beding
 allowed them at Louisbourg
 no person of comon sense could believe that I ever raced y^m Commissions
 for what View could I have in doing it, and if they where filld up in
 England & I had alterd them it must be known



as you will be ~~[word crossed out]~~ I advise you not to stir from
Louisbourg untill yo^r Leiut Gov^{rs} Commission coms to you
but do yor Duty according to the Commission you have
~~[4 lines crossed out]~~ WP



To
Coll^o. John Bradstreet
at
Lousibourg

[Written at side]
A Copy to Coll^o
John Bradstreet
1746