

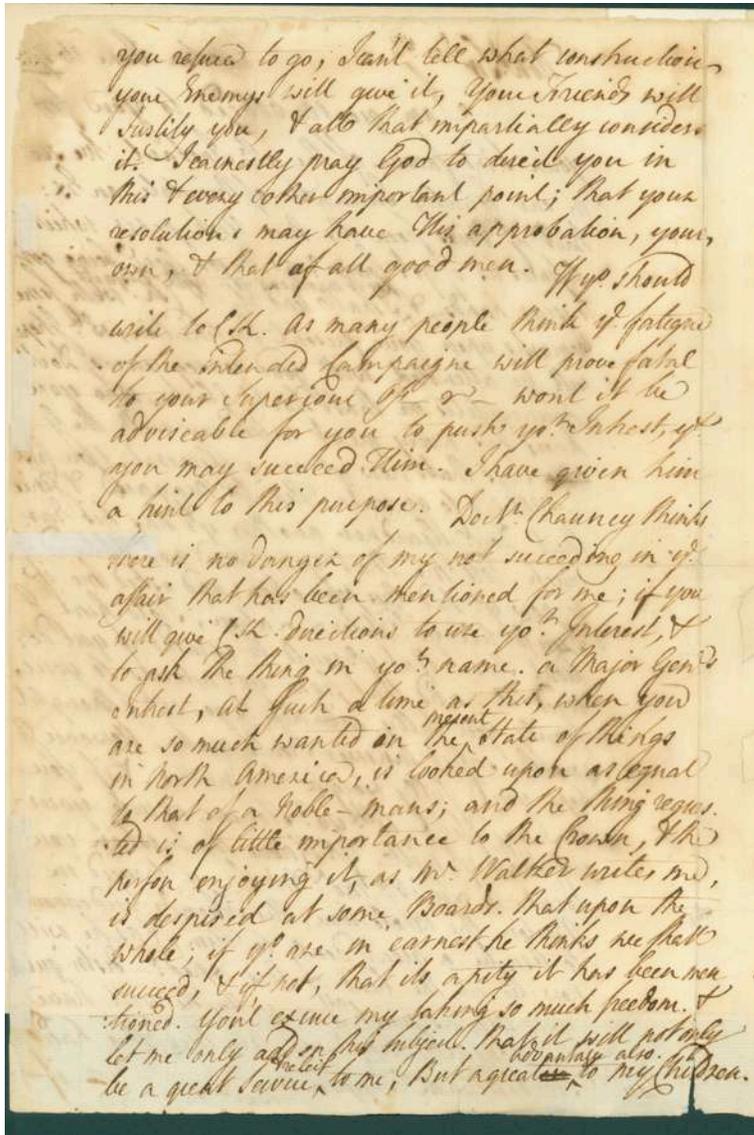
Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

Boston June 16 1755

I am greatly obliged to you for your kind favour of the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant. We see in our Country Journalls of this date, an Ex: hait[?] of News from the New York paper. which assures us of yo<sup>r</sup> Comm<sup>o</sup> as Major Gen<sup>l</sup> being got as it mentions you with respect to your hands. ^&^ I shall send it to CSh. with some remarks upon your present destination, w<sup>ch</sup> I hope will be attended with good consequences. Doct<sup>r</sup> Chauncy tells me that Doct<sup>r</sup> Clarke, who you know has a very great intimacy with the G—<sup>r</sup> tells says that now y<sup>o</sup> are a General, you Can't be obliged to go under Him to Niagara. & since that Doc<sup>tr</sup> Gardner another y<sup>l</sup> has his ear much, told me that you were not obliged to go now y<sup>o</sup> had this promotion; and asked me if I could tell yo<sup>r</sup> determination; I told him I didn't know that y<sup>o</sup> could be excused if you de: sired it; and that from yo<sup>r</sup> adieues to your family you fully intended to go. w<sup>ch</sup> I thought was the safest answer I could make. However I hope you'll fully weigh the matter. & if you can consistent w<sup>th</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Honour excuse your self, that y<sup>o</sup> will, y<sup>o</sup> know that when you went to Luisb<sup>e</sup> tho' M<sup>r</sup> J - - y tarryed in Boston the whole time, His Friends endeavour'd to ascribe a great deal to Him, & as he will now be at the head of this Exped<sup>o</sup> - distinguish as your self, as much ^ you will, He will have the Honour & applause. On the other hand if

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir William Pepperrell Bar<sup>t</sup>

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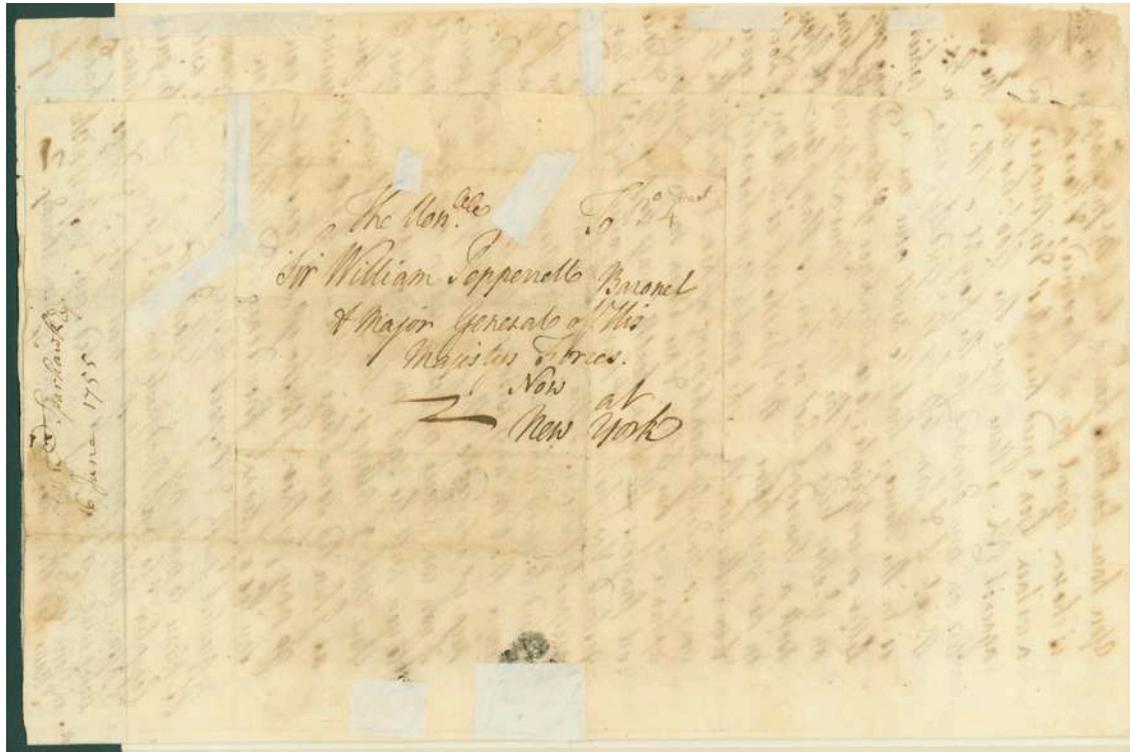
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