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 time, and order a pipe of Madeira wine from y^e West Ind^s
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~~to open~~ I have begun to open ^{& shall endeavor} to let them know who has ben
 your truly New England's Friends
 as I was about sealing this letter my wife ~~begs~~ begs her
 Compliment to your self, Lady &c & saith she is afraid
 it will never be in her power to make ~~any~~ retaliation
 for the care you all took of her husband when with you —

Dear Sir
 Decer 20. 1750

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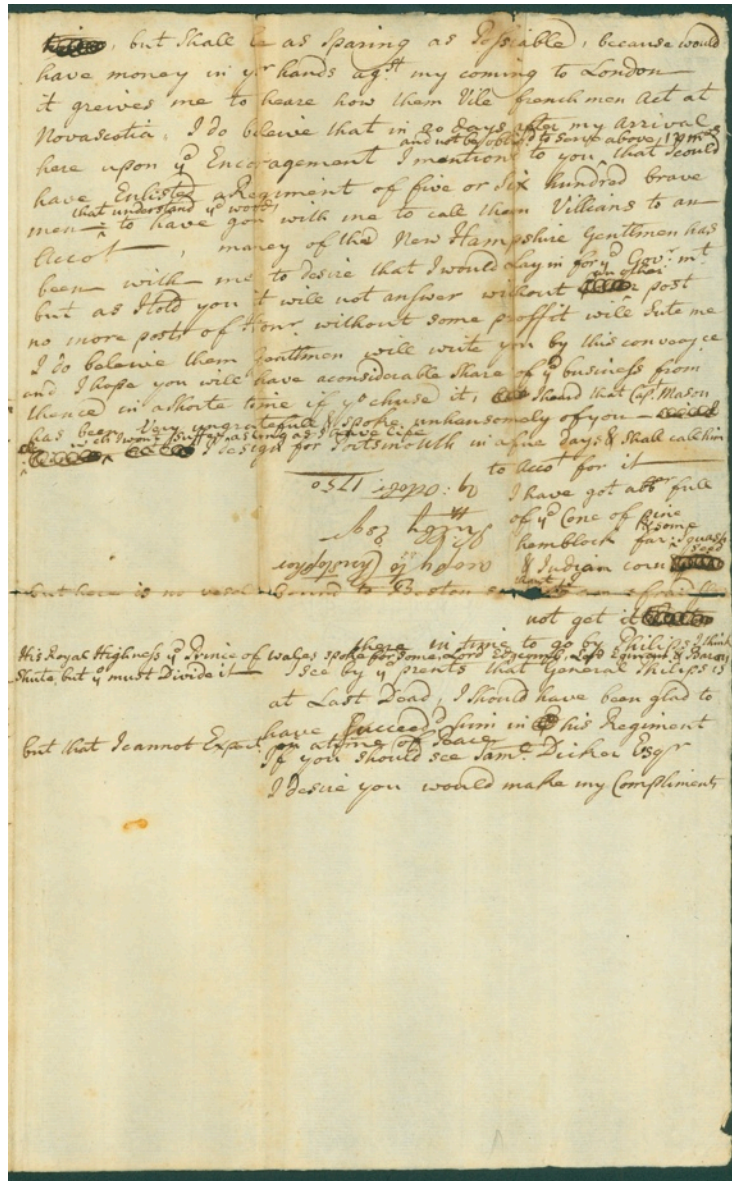
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[crossed out], but Shall be as Sparing as Possible, because would have money in y^r hands agst my coming to London it grieves me to heare how them Vile french men Act at Nova Scotia, I do believe that in 20 days after my arrival and not be oblig^d to Serve above 12 m^{os}

here upon y^d Encouragement I mention to you ^ that I could have Enlisted a Regiment of five or six hundred brave that understand y^d words

men ^ to have gon with me to call them Villians to an Acco^t— many of the New Hampshire Gentlemen has been with me to desire that I would Lay in for y^d Gov^rm^t an other

but as I told you it will not answer without ^ [crossed out] post no more posts of Hon^r without some proffit will sute me

I do believe them Gentlemen will write you by this conveyce and I hope you will have aconsiderable Share of y^d business from thence in a Shorte time if y^o chuse it, [crossed out] I heard that Cap^t Mason has been very ungratefull & spoke unhandsonly of you [crossed out] etc. w^{ch} I wont suffer as long as I have life

[crossed out] ^ I design for Portsmouth in a fue days. & Shall call him to Acc^t for it

- I have got abb^t full
- of y^d Conc of pine
- & some
- hemblock fur[^] squash
- seed
- & Indian corn [crossed out]

[can't read the next few lines]

not get it [crossed out]

there in time to go by Philips I think

His Royal Highness y^d Prince of Wales spoke ^ for some, Lord Edgcomb, Lord Egincourt & Baron

Shute, but y^e must divide it — I see by y^d prents that General Philips is at last Dead, I should have been glad to have succeed^d him in y^d his Regiment in a time of Peace
If you should see Sam^l Dicker Esq^r
I desire you would make my Compliments

[written upside down in middle]

A copy to Christopher

Kilby Esq^r

29 : Octob^r 1750