

on my Behalf— At Halifax I met with the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Seccombe of Chester and the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Gannet of Cumberland, Gentlemen whom I had never been acquainted with before, and was much pleased to find such serious and good Ministers in this Province, for I have not before been acquainted with any one, except Mr Wood, who has consented last Summer, I am informed, that his People should be no longer obliged to give him any support, nevertheless has offered to preach this Winter for Nothing as they call it.

This Town is very much detach'd from the rest of the Province, to the northward and eastward there is no regular settled Town higher than Annapolis, and to the southward Barrington or Cape Sable is the highest which is Twelve Leagues hence — and Halifax Fifty — There is a comfortable Unity in Opinion amongst us in this Part of the Town call'd Cape Forechu, about Two Thirds of the Inhabitants here, have laid themselves under some Obligation to give me Fifty Pounds pr Annum, but I have not received the One half of that, for the Time that I have preached here since last summer was Three Years, the People not being well able — A Congregational Church was gathered here, last September Three Years ago, in which I have to this Day officiated as their Minister — The other Part of the Town settled on a River called Tabogue are less happy than we in Regard of Unity — The Rev'd Messrs Reed & Conant of Bridgewater if I mistake not were here last Spring to assist them to Unity, and so far succeeded as to persuade them to meet in One Assembly, till the last Sabbath, when they parted again, and One Part have Mr Scott a layman among them, & the other Part Mr Moulton a Baptist Minister from Brimfield

From Your humble Servant, & Fellow-Labourer in the Gospel

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YARMOUTH IN NOVA SCOTIA NOV. 16. 1770.

To The Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr. ANDREW ELIOT. In Boston New England.

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