

BOSTON, Dec'r 8th, 1762.

Sir: Yesterday I Rec'd your fav'r of the 13th of Nov'r, also inform'd of your Draft on me for £30, which I shall honour.—Appley to Cap'n Blake to Enlist Sippeo, & that he make a Return to Gen'l Amherst as well as to the Gov'r & do you Receive the Bounty and advise me of it.

I confess I was a little surprised att your oppinion of Roderick Random, for it is allow'd by all that ever I heard Judg of it, that it is a well wrote Novell. I have enclos'd the \* \* \* [name of book indecipherable] to Cap't Blake & have deseyr'd him to favour you with it after he has Red it.

I have enclos'd an almanake for the year 1763, the Better to helpe you in your Devotion, as well as to point out the Right Day, for the flagg is not enfallable.

I conclude this appisell with exhorting you to wright at all opportunity and as as protickler as you shall Judg necessary. If any soldier wants his wages drawn for him I will do it, and send it by the First safe Conveyance to him, you witnissing the order: this you may publicly acquaint them.

A plesent winter to you. Adue.

Y'r H. Serv't

SAM'L BLODGET.

To MR. JS. WHITE.

P. S. My Complements to the Gentlemen officers. I wish you was so handy as to send Sippeo for some Custards, Roast Turkey, &c., &c.—tomorrow being the annuall Thanks giving.

I forgat to tell you, all your friends are well at Haverhill. Mr. Chandler of Bellircea is no more. Lidia White that kept house for her Brother Jn'o is married to Mr. Kidder of Bellircea.

James White's papers show that he was engaged in the business of Tailer and Blodget at Crown Point continuously from September, 1761, to July, 1763, consequently the statement contained in the late Moses H. Perley's well-known lecture on New Brunswick history, that Samuel Peabody, James Simonds and James White came to St. John in a small vessel from Newburyport in May, 1762, is a mistake so far as James White is concerned; and the late Joseph W. Lawrence, who fixes August 28, 1762, as the date of the arrival of the party,\* is equally in error in including Mr. White amongst their number.

In the early part of the year 1764 James White was employed by Mr. Blodget in business transactions at Haverhill, New Salem and Bradford. He was at Haverhill as late as March, 1764, at which time the Messrs. Blodget, Hazen, Simonds, White and Peaslie formed a company to "enter upon and pursue with all specd and faithfulness the

\* See Lawrence's "Footprints," p. 4.