

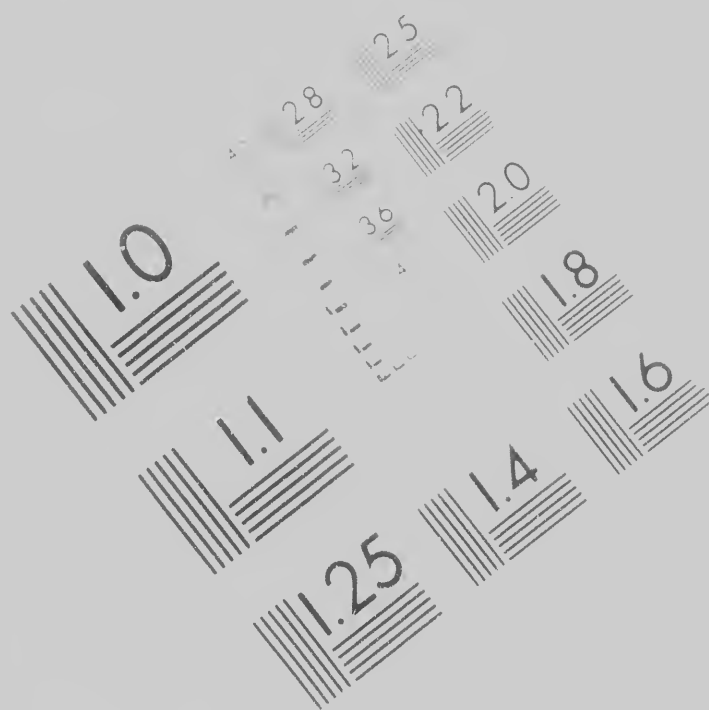
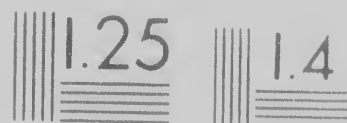
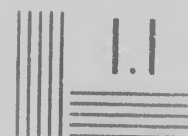
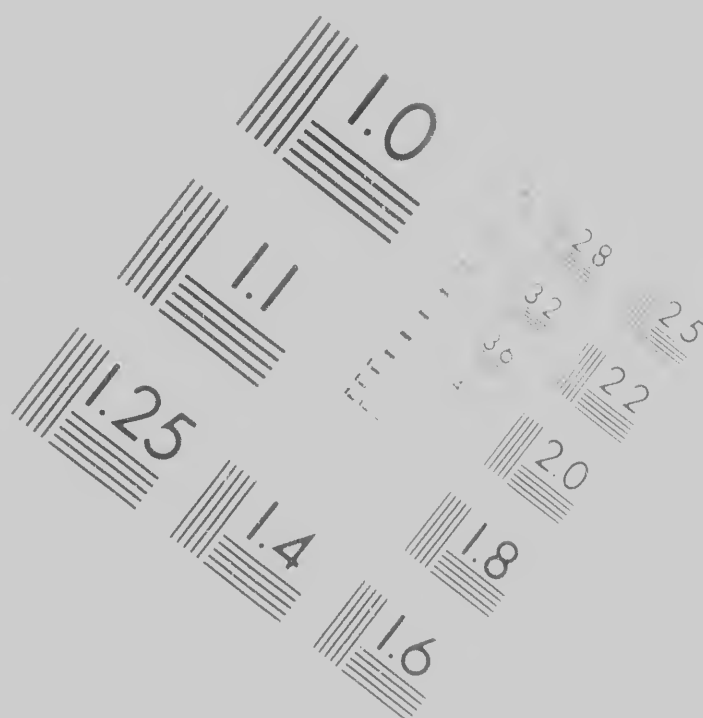


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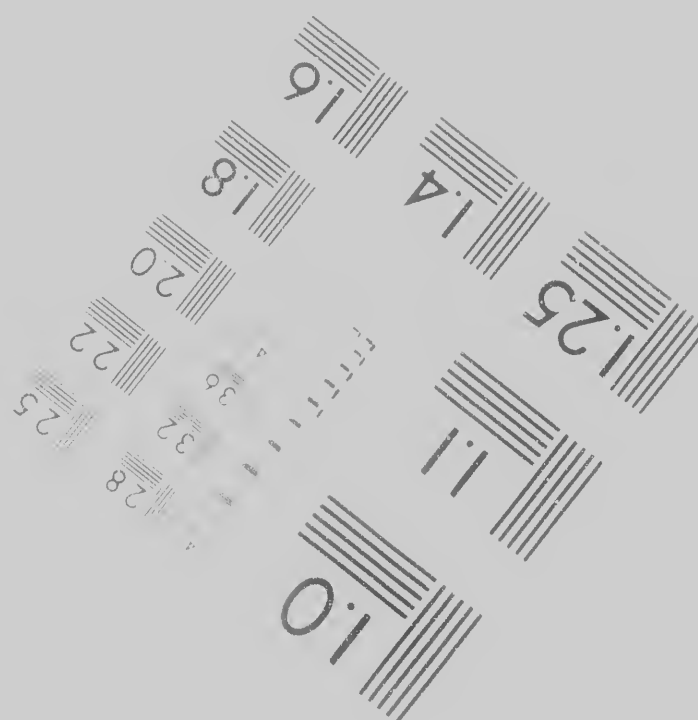
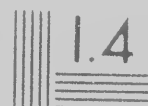
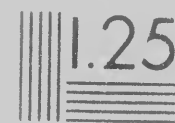
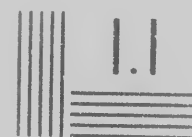
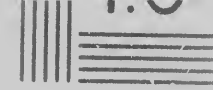
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A Copy of a Letter from Quebec, in Canada, to a
P. M. in France, dated October 11. 1747.

GREAT SIR,

BEING resident for some Years past in this remote Part of the World, and my chief Employ being to visit the several Nations of *Indians*, in order to establish them in the *Catholic* Religion, which makes them loyal Subjects to his most christian majesty our royal master; and agreeable to your Instructions, great Sir, I have taken Pains to settle a Correspondence with some of our Friends among the *Acadians*, who have given me a large Account of the several Provinces, Cities, Towns, and Village, along the Sea Coast, *from South Carolina to New-foundland*. A particular Information would be incredible to you in *France*, that in one Century should spring out of a barren Wilderness, such a Number of fine large Cities, Towns, and Villages, peopled in so prodigious a Manner, as to amount to many 100,000 Inhabitants; and their Trade in Navigation is so surprizingly large, that will surmount your Belief, when I tell you, That their Shipping large and small, is so numerous, as to amount to several 1000 Sail, that they even cover the Seas, and carry on Trade to almost all Parts of the World; and by the best and most authentic Accounts I have received, the Privateers fitted out of *North-America*, *viz.* *Boston*, *New-York*, *New-Haven*, and the several Sea Port Towns, did us more Damage this Year, by distressing our Trade, and taking our Treasures coming from our Sugar Plantations, than all the *English* Men of War in the *American* Seas. The Privateers were so numerous, and of such Force, from 20 to 30 Guns, that would block up our Harbours, and take a Fleet of Ships at once, richly laden with Plantation Produce, besides Silver and Gold in Abundance. The Inhabitants of *North-America* are the Spirit and Blood of old *John Cromwell*; they are of the Race of Puritans that fled into *New-England* in the Time of Persecution, and they maintain an invincible Hatred against the *Romish* Religion; and their Resolution and undaunted Courage is such, that whatever they undertake by Sea or Land against us, they execute with such Violence, that we dread more of them, more than 5000 hired Soldiers from *Old-England*. Witness that unparalleled Conquest of our *Gen. Brerton*.

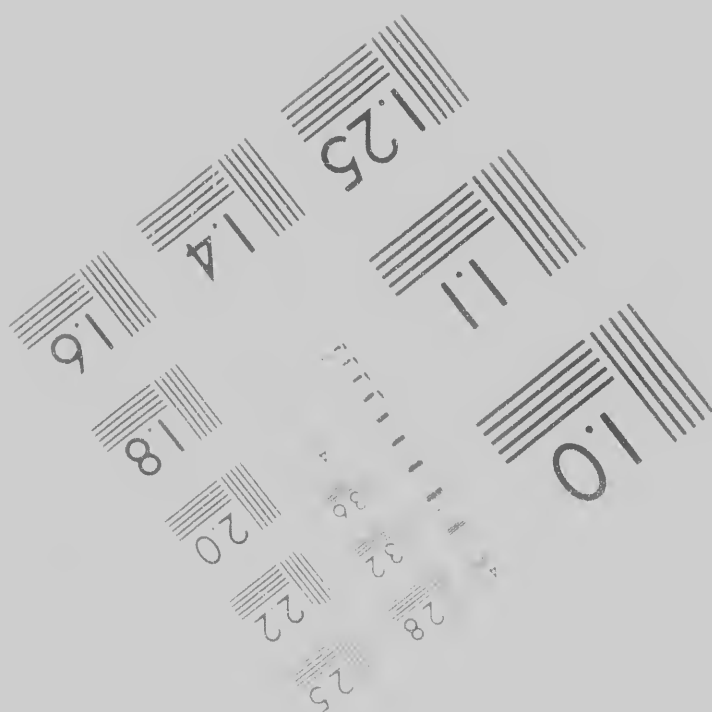


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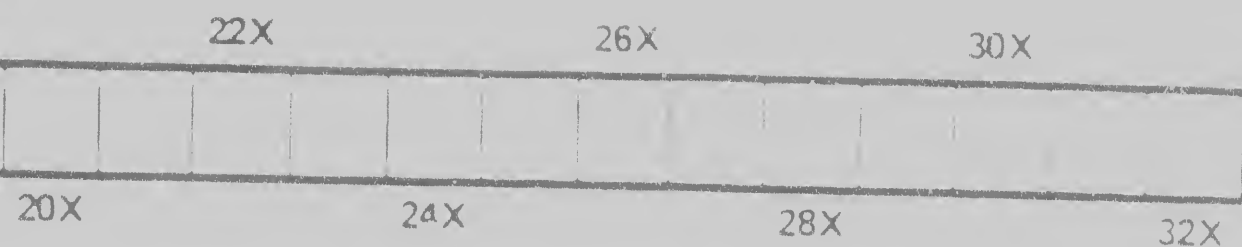
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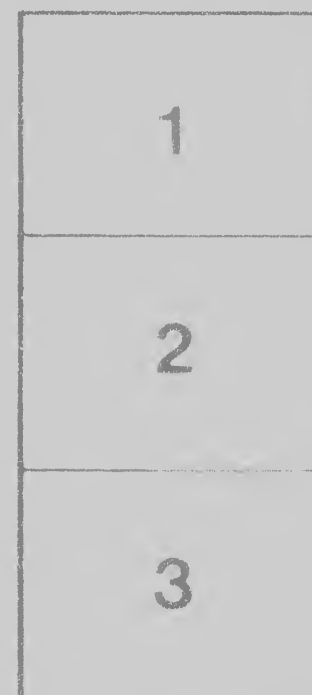
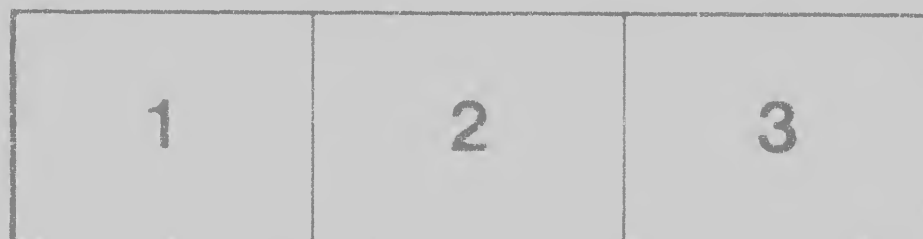


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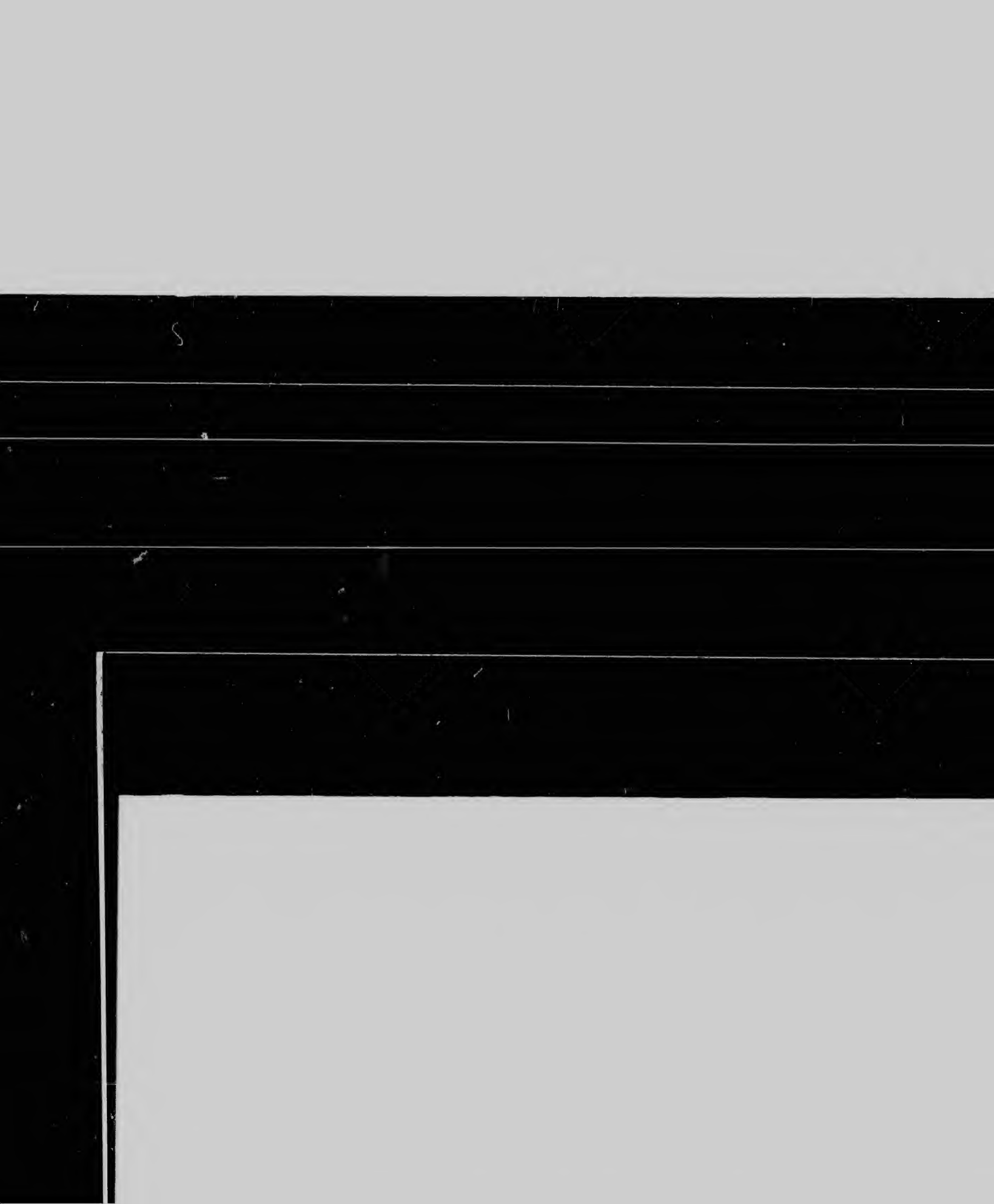
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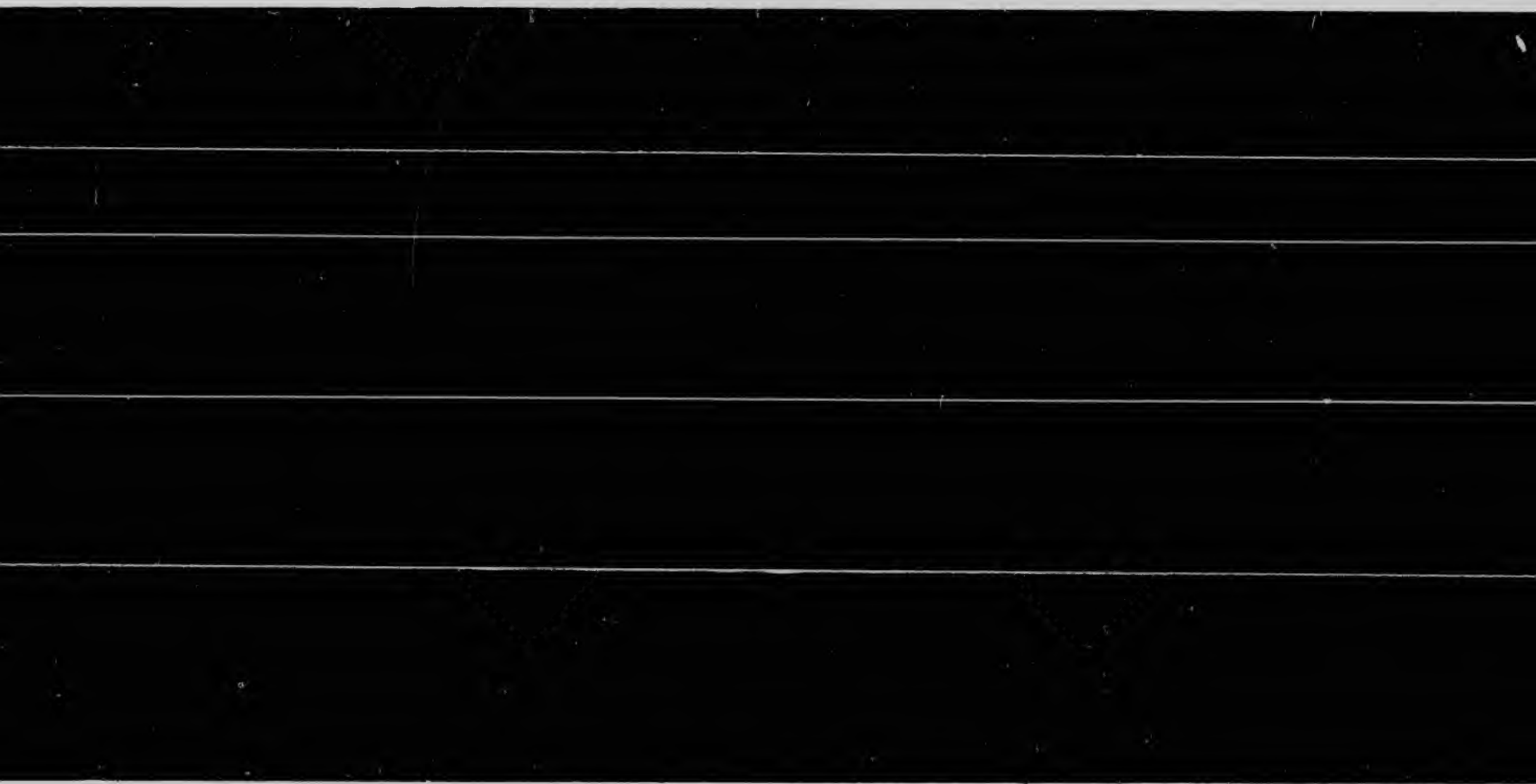


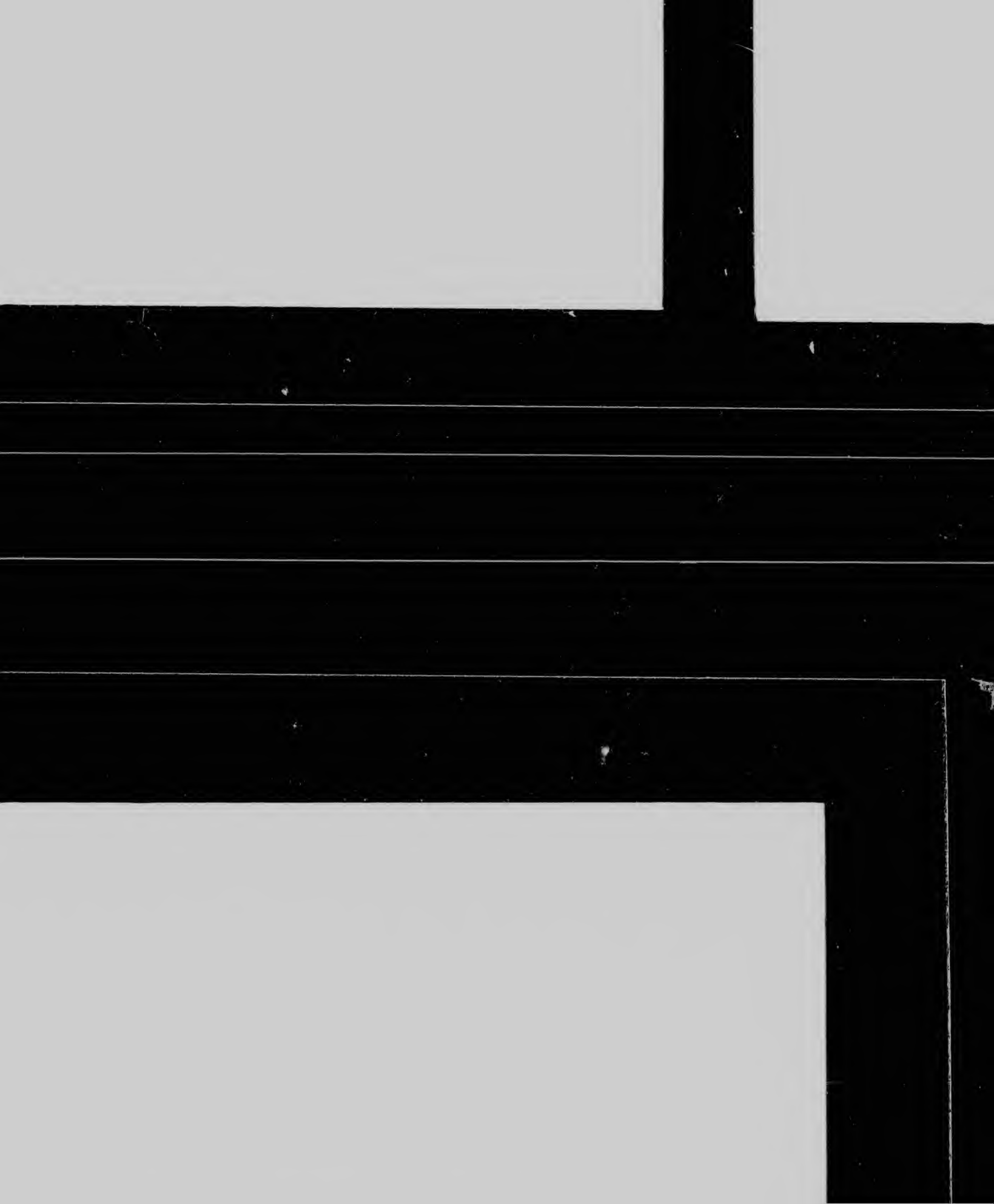
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It seems most of the rich Merchants in the several Governments were originally mean Farmers and Tradesmen, as Shoemakers, Taylors, Coppersmiths, Carpenters, and the like : But what Need we care what they were, or what they are, if we can Accomplish our Ends by their Help ; and to bring this about, great Sir, we must employ our Friends at *London* and elsewhere, and advise them to make our *Scotch* Friends in the several Towns in *New-England* popular, by putting them into Business, as Masters of Ships, and by Consigning large Quantities of Goods to others, which will make them popular and powerful ; so that they may get into Favour with such Merchants as are against Paper Money, and then by any Art or Craft, get a Number of them to sign a Petition to go Home to the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, in order if possible to put a Stop to the Currency ; and if such a Petition should come to *London*, signed as before mentioned, you must enjoin our true Friends in and about *London*, to spare no Pains nor Money to get the Petition to pass ; and to we bring this Scheme about, and stop a Paper Currency, I am bold to say, instead of their having a hundred large Privateers out of *North-America*, it will be a Wonder if they have Twenty ; for I am told, the Farmers and Tradesmen have put their Land in Pledge for the Paper Money they fit out so many Vessels with ; and the Merchants that have got the Paper Money in their Hands for the *European* Goods, as soon as soon as ever it is stopp'd, and to be called in, to take the Lands that are in Pledge, from all the common People ; so that all the lower Class will become the poor Poor, to be we'll off to own a Fishing Shallop. I would advise our *Scotch* Friends, as soon as the Paper Money is stopp'd, and to be called in, to collect all that they possibly can of that, that is outstanding ; by this Method they will come in for a large Share of Lands, and to become little Lards ; and it may be, in half a Century, we may have their several Clans to assist us, as we have in the Highlands. The next Method I propose, is to reduce the richest Merchants among them, and oblige them to lessen their Trade ; and that is, great Sir, you must write to our several rich Planters at our Sugar Islands, and advise them to employ a Number of our polite *French* Men, and send them into the several Sea Port Towns on the Continent, *etc.* *London*, *Rhode-Island*, *New-York*, *Philadelphia*, and wherever we can carry on Trade ; and these Men must get a good Voyage with some considerable Merchant in each Town, to furnish them with a sufficient Number of Vessels, in order to bring over our Produce, such as Rum, Sugar, Molasses ; in short, we must wink and connive at any of our Produce, to carry on our scheme ; but let Rum be the chief Article, for he has a great Design that our *Scotch* Merchants should be able to

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