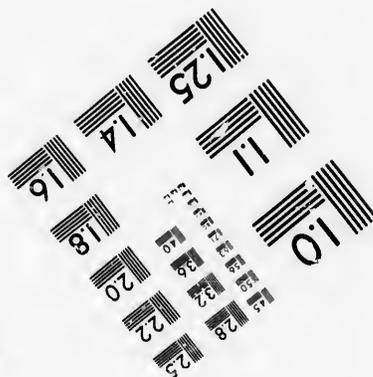
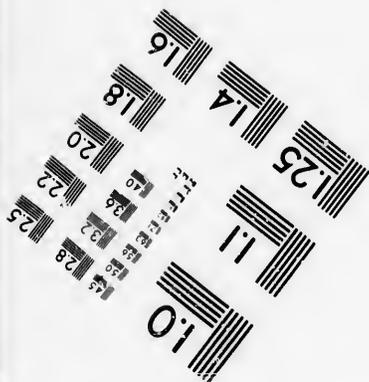
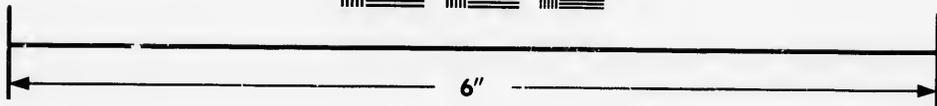
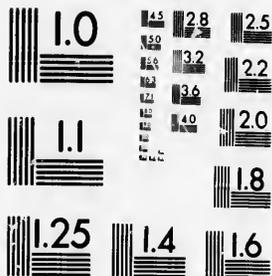


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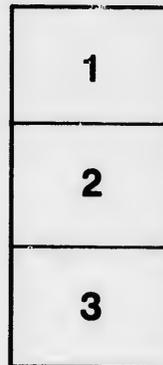
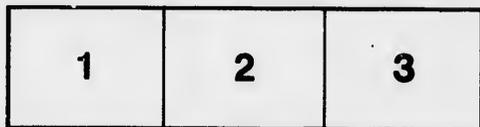
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A COPY of a LETTER from *Quebeck* in *Canada*, to a  
Pr-e M--r in *France*, dated *October 11, 1747*:

G R E A T S I R,

**B** E I N G 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 Enemy, who have given me a large Account of the several Provinces, Cities, Towns, and Villages, along the Sea-Coast, from *South-Carolina* to *Newfoundland*. A particular Information would be incredible to you in *France*, that in our 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 hundred thousand Inhabitants; and their Trade in Navigation is so surprizingly large, that it will surmount your Belief; when I tell you, That their Shipping, large and small, is so numerous, as to amount to several thousand 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*, *Rhode-Island*, *New-York*, and the several Sea-Port Towns, did us more Damage this War, 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 twenty to thirty Guns, that they 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* have the Spirit and Blood of old *Oliver Cromwell*; they are of the Race of the *Puritans* that fled into *New-England* in the Time of Persecution, and they maintain an implacable Hatred against the *Romish* Religion; and their Resolution and undaunted Courage is such, that whatever they undertake by Sea or Land against us, they prosecute with such Violence, that we dread one Thousand of them more than five thousand hired Soldiers from *Old England*: Witness that unparallel'd Conquest of our *Cape Breton*; such a Fortress as did not fear all the World! But, *Oliver-like*, they said, *They could take it, and they would take it, and* (to the Surprize and Wonder of all the World) *they did take it!* They are as bold as Lions, and carry all before them. Their Principles are such, they have no Dread in Battle: They are taught they shall not die a Moment before their Time; so that if ten thousand Cannons are pointed at them, they regard it not. They seem to be like the *Israelites* of Old; one Thousand will put ten Thousand to Flight: And we believe in *Canada*, if twenty thousand Troops had come from *Old England*, they never would have taken that Fortress: For you know, great Sir, such an Armament is never fitted out in *England*, but great Part of the Officers are *Scotch* and *Irish*, and many of them of our Religion; but that is a Secret, and the major Part are seldom of any Religion; and as Money is what they are after, a sufficient Number of our *Louis d'Ores* will at any Time furnish them with a tolerable Excuse to raise a Siege, and withdraw. What a fine Joke did our young Hero put upon General *Cope's* Army in *Scotland*, by our taking Care before hand to have some of our hearty Friends in Office in that Army: But the Fate of our Friends in *Scotland* was, that the Duke had a Number of new Troops raised by some *Protestant* Noblemen, who filled up their Regiments with such Officers and Soldiers, that it was not in our Power to bribe, nor had we any Time to corrupt them; that the Duke's Army was like those *New-England Puritans*, who have their Religion so much at Heart, that to destroy our holy *Catholic* Church, is their Glory; and I believe, better Subjects to a *Protestant* Prince, is not to be found on the Globe; they seem to be united as one Man against us, except a Number of *Scotch* and *Irish*, that fled over to *New-England*, that are of our Religion, and some lately, upon that fatal Battle at *Culloden*; and I understand, some of the latter were Officers in Prince *Charles's* Army, and I trust our true Friends will promote them. Now, great Sir, I will first inform you of our present Circumstances in *Canada*; and then the Reason *New-England* so surprizingly exceeds us in Number of Men, Shipping, Trade, &c. and then a Method to weaken and

and impoverish them, and advance ourselves upon their Ruin. As to the Inhabitants of *Canada*, our principal Men are Officers and Factors: The Officers are Spiritual and Military: We of the Spiritual Order, you know, great Sir, will have the Fat of the Land at Home or Abroad; the Civil and Military are yearly paid their several Salaries, with Cash sent from our Royal Master, with which they make a considerable Figure; the Planters and Artificers are generally very poor, seldom having any Money but when the Soldiers are paid off, and then they get a few Livres, but are immediately obliged to go and pay it to the Factors, who trusted them for some coarse Cloathing, and the Factors send the Cash to *France* again, in order for a new Supply of Goods; and the poor Creatures seldom handle a Livre more, until the Soldiers are paid off again; and I am bold to say, all our little Farmers and Mechanics are not able to build and fit out a Vessel of any Bigness for a foreign Voyage. If they can own a Fishing-Shallop, they are brave Fellows. And were it not for the Natives, whom, by our extraordinary Pains and Industry, we get and keep in our Interest, we should be soon drove out by these implacable *Ojibweans*. But I must now inform you of the true Reason why our Enemies on the Sea-Coast so abundantly surmount us in Men, Shipping, Trade, &c. as our Friends inform me: They say, When those *Puritans* first came over to *New-England*, they were distressed, as we now are, for Want of Money, and could not fit out a Ship nor Vessel, no better than our Poor; but, as Necessity is the Mother of Invention, they got into a Method of making Paper Money, and it soon obtained a Currency; so that in a little Time the several Provinces got into the Practice, and furnished the Inhabitants with large Sums at an easy Lay, that in a short Time they were enabled to tear up Trees by the Roots, and to split the Rocks in Pieces, clear their Land, fence it in, plough, sow, reap, and mow, build Houses, Ships and Vessels of all Sorts, load them with Masts, Spars, Boards, Staves, Oil, Bone, Fish, Tar, Turpentine, Iron, Beef, Pork, Butter, Cheese, Wheat, Flour, Rice, Tobacco, Skins, Furs, &c. So that in half a Century they covered the Seas with Ships and Vessels, and sent them to foreign Markets, and in Return, over and above what Produce they wanted, they brought vast Quantities of Gold and Silver, and sent that Home to their Mother Country, to pay for what Necessaries they wanted, having no Use for the same, so long as Paper Currency answers for a Medium of Trade. The making Paper Money, I am told, has been of such general Advantage, that they send Home in hard Cash, many hundred Thousand Pounds *per Annum*; and there are very few Poor amongst them. The Farmers and Tradesmen of all Sorts, sit jointly concerned with the Merchant, in building and fitting our Ships and Vessels, and in owning and fitting out Privateers this War; so that we need not wonder the Seas were so full of them out of *North-America*, when all the Inhabitants of all Ranks and Degrees are unanimously agreed to serve their King and Country, and distress us; and all by the Help of that pernicious Paper Money, that makes them rich and powerful, able to do Wonders by Sea and Land. I am told, the small petty Colony of *Rhode-Island*, has two hundred Sail of Vessels belonging to it, and had above twenty Sail of Privateers of large Force this War; and if the Governments are suffered to go on making Paper Money, they will drive us out of this Part of the World, without any Help from their Mother Country. And I must tell you, great Sir, if Half the Force that took *Cape Breton*, had come directly to *Quebeck*, we should have surrendered; for our chief Concern was about packing up our All, and vanishing off, having a Rumour of their coming; and we dreaded these *Puritans*, knowing there were none of our Religion amongst them; and they were not to be bribed with *Louis d'Ors*, as the *European* Officers often are.

But the Scheme, I propose, great Sir, is, I have certain Information, that great Numbers of the rich Merchants have a Desire to have a final Stop put to Paper Money, by reason the Planters and Mechanics run so much into Trade and Navigation, that they cannot endure their Fellow-Functioners should grow rich by the same Advantage as they got their Estates by. 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

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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 if 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 Tradefmen 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*, design, as soon as ever it is stopped, 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 like our Poor, to be well 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 which is outstanding; and by this Method they will come in for a large Share of Lands, and so become little Lairds; 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 *Frenchmen*, and send them into the several Sea-Port Towns on the Continent, *viz. Boston, Rhode-Island, New-York, Philadelphia*, and where-ever we can carry on Trade; and these Men must get into Favour 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 by our Manufacturing that, we shall make double Profit, and deprive our Enemies of that Advantage. And those Men thus employed, must impower the *English* Merchants to sell our Produce for them, who will readily do it for Part of the Gain, and, in order to procure Silver and Gold: For our Planters must not take any Thing in Return but Cash; and by this Method we may procure all the hard Money that is stirring amongst them. For when Paper Money is once stopp'd, there can be no Medium of Trade; and their Trade will be so reduced, that there will be but little of that; and those *English* Traders that are not concerned with our Friends, will soon have no Use for their Vessels; and being often obliged to sell at a low Price, our Friends, must be employed to buy them as Opportunity offers. If this Method, great Sir, is industriously and faithfully pursued, and carried on, we shall unavoidably impoverish, distress, and confound them: All the lower Class will no more be able to pay for Cloathing from their Mother Country, but must be contented to live as they did of Old, to wander about in Sheep-Skins and Goat-Skins, and to dwell in Caves and Dens of the Earth; and those of the highest Class will be obliged to lessen their Trade, sell their Vessels, and no more be able to send Home to their Mother Country such Quantities of Silver and Gold. Then no more *New-England* Invasions, no more beating down our Walls at *Cape Breton*; and when we have another War, we shall not only have their Money, but their Vessels; and their Men, being poor, must seek Shelter in some foreign Land.

I conclude,

GREAT SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

and a faithful Subject to His most Christian Majesty,  
our Royal Master,

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