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Dr. Sir

Newport in Rhode Island April 11. 1729

In compliance with your own desire I delayed writing till such time as I could say something from my own experience of this place and people. The inhabitants are a mixed kind containing many Sects and Subdivisions of Sects. Here are four sorts of Anabaptists, besides Independents, Quakers and many of no profession at all. These several Sects do all agree in one point viz: that each thinks our church the second best.

The climate is like that of Italy, not quite so cold in the winter as I had known it in many places north of Rome. But the spring is later. The fields are ^{now} green and the trees budded but the leaves are not yet shot forth. To make amends I am told on all hands that they have the pleasantest summer and the longest & most delicious autumn in the world. The great plenty of melons, Standard peaches, and wild vines are and a proof of this. The soil of the country is pleasantly laid out in hill, valley, and rising ground, watered with several ~~abundant~~ streams, &c. and also in some parts very charming rocky scenes, and fine bold shapes of the sea intermixed with capes and islands. But I forbear for fear of being thought romantic. Give me leave only to add that the town of Newport is exceeding pretty and hath the advantage of a very fine situation both for prospect and convenience, the harbour being very commodious. The people are industrious and not given to quarrel about religious matters. Mr. Heyman the only Episcopal clergyman of this island is a scholar and every way a man of considerable merit. James is not yet arrived from Virginia. Dalton hath been here some time, he and Simlott are now at Boston where they propose passing a few daies. Your little friend hath been much embarrassed in dealing with a Quaker of this island for the hire of his farm. This affair is one of the greatest celer and impertinence that for many years

year hath been transported in the Rhodeian Government
the principal persons of the State having all interdicted
therein. I have purchased a pleasant farm of about
one hundred acres with two fine groves and a winding
rivulet upon it. All such time as I hear of my as-
sociate being arrived with his Mass. & his family many
at Bermuda I do not think I will be so useful in any
part of the world as in this place. The subject of
our last conversation I am now convinced of more than
ever. God keeps it warm in your heart. I intended to
have wrote by this same opportunity to Dr. Rundell but think it
will do better to wait for another, not to overcharge you with
two letters at once. I doubt not you have made the proper arra-
ngement to my friends which I desired. You will be now as to
make my humble service & best respects accepted of all my
friends. To mention particulars would be useless. That in Ham-
mond Square I doth shew as always especially to be understood Sir
Philip York & Mr. Talbot who had been so ~~useful~~ useful in
our College patents and so very obliging to me might well have deserved
I should not have left the Kingdom without waiting on them. But you
know the reason. I have all the gratitude imaginable toward those
gentlemen & a most particular respect for my Lady York whom
I look upon to be one of the most respectable and valuable
women in Europe. God grant & propose you dear
Archdeacon to the joy of all your friends among whom
I am for you will next hope in this new world who
and myself sincerely yours but no body is as can be more than
I have not had a line from Dr. Rundell yet & am from me Dr. Dr. yr most affec-
tions since my arrival nothing can be more welcome. I enclose you
a letter from your colleague in Law to Thomas Collet Esq. G.W. Bishop
at the Admiralty office.

For many of his instructing meet with great opposition in the neighbouring government of New
England. The church of England now as many as are in the colony or the country are
all unanimous for uniting in the most effectual manner with the Governor & every
important Statesman who knows how things are counts in these parts will conclude it will
be the most effectual, the cheapest & you all account the most desirable way to promote
and secure his master's ^{success} in planting the Episcopal Garrison in Rhode Island which
I doubt not will great ^{success} obtain that party which at present may encroach in
New England. You will know the proper time to be made of this hint or whether any of
them do much of it before the 1st of October; many to be paid on the mind of the country
I do.

