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Dr. Sir

Newport in Rhode Island April 11. 1729


In compliance with your own desire I delay'd 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, <sup>this</sup> not quite so cold in the winter as I have known it in many places north of Rome. But the spring is later. The fields are <sup>now</sup> 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 a proof of this. The face of the country is pleasantly laid out in hills, valleys, and rising grounds, watered with several ~~pleasant~~ rivulets. There are also in some parts very amusing rocky scenes, and fine land shepherds 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 access, 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 Simons are now at Boston where they propose passing a few days. 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 celat and importance that for many years



years both been transacted in the Rhodian Government  
the principal part of the State having all interests  
within. I had purchased a pleasant farm of about  
one hundred acres with two fine groves and a winding  
rivulet upon it. till such time as I hear of my af-  
sociate being arrived with his Majesty's bounty money  
at Bermuda I do not think I could 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 keep it warm in your heart. I intended to  
have wrote by this same opportunity to Dr. Rundle but think it  
will be better to wait for another not to ~~be~~ overcharge you with  
two letters at once. I doubt not you have made the most pro-  
fitable of my friends which I desired. you will be a good <sup>common</sup> friend  
made my humble service & best respects accepted of all ~~my~~  
friends. To mention particulars would be endless. Thus in ~~Hammer~~  
London & Dover Street and always especially to be understood. I in-  
quire for Mr. Talbot who had been ~~so~~ <sup>very</sup> useful in  
my college patents and so was obliging to me might well have expected  
I should not have left the Kingdom without waiting on them. But you  
know the reason. I have all the gratitude imaginable towards those  
Gentlemen & a most particular respect for my Lady York whom  
I look upon to be one of the most reasonable and valuable  
women in Europe. God protect & preserve you Dear  
Archdeacon to the joy of all your friends among whom  
I am sure you will rank <sup>high</sup> in this new world & so  
and most sincerely yours but no body is or can be more than  
I have not had a line from Europe that ever you are. I be-  
lieve you most affect  
themselves since my arrival nothing can be more welcome  
than a letter from you could be in a word to Thomas (last day)  
at the Admiralty office.  
Wm. Pitt Rivers

for majorities instructing meel with great opposition in the neighboring government of New England, the church of England more as many as did in the assembly on the council and all uncertain as to complying in the most respectful manner with the Governor, every impartial Statesman who knows how things are in these parts must conclude it would be the most effectual, the cheapest, & the best account the most desirable way to promote and secure his Majesty's planting an Episcopal Seminary in Rhode Island which I doubt not would stand upon that part, which at present was unoccupied in New England. You will know the progress it is to make of this kind, or whether any of them is to make of it before the 1<sup>st</sup> of this taking may be paid or the mind of the court is resolved further on that matter. I long to hear something what progress your mission is to be.

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To  
The Reverend Dr. Benson  
Prebendary of Durham to be  
left at The Bishop of Durham's  
House in Hammer Square  
London