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Stockbridge Octob. 18. 1753.

Rev. & dear Sir,

The last November I wrote a Letter to you, and desired Mr. Foxcroft to put up with it for you one of my Answers to Mr. Williams. After that in the latter Part of the winter I received a Letter from you, dated June 15. 1752. with Milton on Hivings, & Duplicates of a Letter from a Gentleman in Town &c. & Answers to the Reasons of Dissent &c. I now return you my hearty Thanks for these Things. Since that I have received Letters from Mr. ~~Esch~~ McLawrie & Mr. Esquire, with various Pamphlets & Prints relating to your extraordinary Affair.

I think dear <sup>Mr.</sup> that altho' your sufferings are like to convince the General Assembly having neglected to restore you to your former ~~Station & Employment~~ in the Ch<sup>h</sup> of Scotland, yet your sufferings are attended with many manifestations of the Goodness & fatherly Kindness & Favour of the great Governor of the World, in the many alleviating supporting Circumstances of your Persecution; In that so many of God's Ministers and People have appeared to be so much concerned for you, and have so zealously & yet so properly exerted themselves in your behalf, and have so many ways given their Testimony on your behalf, and to the Goodness of the Cause wherein you suffer, & the unrighteousness of those Hardships which you have been subjected to; and that even so great a Part of the general Assembly themselves have in Effect given this Testimony for you, in there being but a very small majority but what openly appeared for the taking off the Censure of the former Assembly, without any Recantation, or so much as Application from you desiring them so to do.

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you have some peculiar Reason to rejoice in your sufferings, and to glorify God on the account of them. They having been so greatly taken notice of by so many of the People of God, and there being so much written concerning them tends to render them, with their Circumstances, and particularly the Patience and meekness with which you have suffered, so much the more extensively & durably to the Glory of the Name of your blessed Lord, for whom you suffer. God is rewarding you by laying a Foundation, in what has been said & done and written concerning your sufferings, for Glory to his own Name, & Honour to you, in his Church, in future Generations. Your name will doubtless be mentioned hereafter with peculiar Respect on the account of these sufferings, in ecclesiastical History; as they are now the Occasion of the Exercise of a tender Affection in multitude of Gods Saints, that otherwise would perhaps have never heard of you, and of their fervent Prayers for you, as they are doubtless an Occasion of the ~~for~~ a peculiar Notice which Saints & Angels in Heaven take of you, and of their Raies to God on your Account & will be the Occasion of a peculiar Reward which God will hereafter bestow upon you, when you shall be united to their Assembly.

As to my own Circumstances, I am still meeting with Trouble, and expect no other as long as I live on ~~this~~ this World. Some great men have mightily opposed my continuing the Missionary at Black Bridge, and have taken occasion abundantly to reproach me, and endeavour my Removal. But, I desire to bless God, He seems in some respects to fit me



out of their Reach. He raises me up Friends, who  
 are exerting themselves for me in opposition to my  
 Enemies; particularly the Commissioners for Ind-  
 an Affairs in Boston, with whom innumerable  
 Artifices have been used, to disaffect them toward  
 me, but altogether in vain. Governor Belcher  
 also has been unable much to exert himself in  
 my behalf on occasion of the opposition made  
 to me. My People, both English & Indians, stead-  
 fastly adhere to me, excepting the Family with  
 whom the opposition began, & those related to  
 that Family, which Family greatly opposed me  
 while at Northampton. Most numerous, con-  
 tinued & indefatigable Endeavours have been used  
 to undermine me, by alienating my People from  
 me; innumerable mean Artifices have been  
 used, with one and another, young & old,  
 men & women, Indians & English; but hitherto  
 they have been greatly disappointed. — But yet  
 they are not weary.

As we, dear Sir, have great Reason to sympathize one  
 with another with peculiar Tenderness, our Circum-  
 stances being in so many Respects similar, so I  
 hope you I shall partake of the Benefit of your  
 fervent Prayers for me. Let us then endeavour to  
 help one another (tho' at a great Distance) in travelling  
 through this wide wilderness. That we may have the  
 more joyful meeting in the Land of Rest, when we  
 have finished our weary Pilgrimage. I am, dear Sir,  
 your most affectionate Brother & Fellow-  
 sufferer.  
 Jonathan Edwards



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— his own suff. at Hockbridge

Mr. Gillerpie

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