

however Our Enemies have taken no Advantage of their distressed situation, and up to the present time, there has not been a single life lost in this Quarter, in consequence of the War. how long this may continue, God only knows. I'm neither informed nor do I make Any Enquiry into the Views of our Govern^t here. they appear very Extrordinary to many Others as well as me. how far all may have been done in consequence of Orders I'm unacquainted with. I cant write M^r Todd at this time, or rather could have nothing [to] say, but what I now say to you, and which I'm sure you will make him Acquainted with, should this Letter reach you, & yours him. some few Canadians, but many more English of the river[?] Trench, are come of[f] from Malden without leave. I realy think the distressed state of their Families and the harvest being so very near, is the general cause. General Hull has taken no notice of their haveing taken up Arms Agns^t him. he desires them to go home & keep quiet. he wants no service from them, unless such as choose to offer themselves Volenteers. He has no Indians with him on this side, and I heard would not Employ them.

The Crops in this place are the finest that have been seen for many years

No prospect of receiving any paym^t of any Debt for the present. M^{rs} A & I Enjoy good health, which I'm surprised at. May God of his infinite goodness & mercy, preserve you & yours in this time of Danger are the prayers of M^{rs} A as well as those of Your etc

Since writing the Inclosed, General Hull has taken possession of privat[e] property goods & Prov^s belonging to M^r M^cGregor, M^r Baby & M^r David, which he said in my hearing yesterday (y^e 19^h) he would return, when some private property taken in a Vessell near Malden, was given up. Our Canadians now desert in numbers. Our officers will have no men. My son James is Capt & Alexd^r L^t in the Militia at Malden.

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