

Primary Document Form

Doc # C1001

Title – Isaac Royall, Sr.'s & Isaac Royall, Jr.'s Account Book (partly shared with Jacob Royall)

Date of Item – 1724 to 1749

Description/Pages – 44 pgs

Database/Repository – Boston Athenaeum

Format – Negative copy of account ledger

Call Number – Mss. L511, fol. 2 (at the Boston Athenaeum)

Creator/Author – Isaac Royall, Sr.

Other author(s) – Jacob Royall, Isaac Royall, Jr.

City – Medford

Date accessed – 6/10/09

Series Notes – This page, from the Royall account ledger, was chosen to represent the entire account book because it highlights debts owed to Isaac Royall that were paid with 'five Negros.' The account book can be viewed in its entirety by appointment only at the Boston Athenaeum or the Royall House Association. A transcription of this account book can also be found in Appendix A, number 5, on pages 427 to 444 in *The Slaves of Colonial New England: Discourses of Colonialism and Identity at the Isaac Royall House, Medford, Massachusetts, 1732 – 1775*, by Alexandra Chan.

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall Sr.; Isaac Royall, Jr.; Jacob Royall, Account book, Royall Slaves

What the said Uncompliant Party
did receive for & for what L¹ 1555. 83. 10

A. P. The five Negroes in the (1st) part of the Decree
amounting to L¹ 1006. 10 Pence were specifically given.
The said ~~and~~ ~~mentioned~~ ~~belonged~~ ~~to~~ ~~James~~, ~~the~~ ~~Deputy~~
obliged to take care to pay debts for want of other M¹ttle.
And James wife & ~~the~~ debt due to Gibbs by Execution
1634.

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Doc # C1002

Title – Letter from Isaac Royall, Sr. to Hon. Edmund Quincy

Date of Item – August 15, 1736

Description/Pages – Typed transcription; 4 pgs

Database/Repository – Royall House Association

Format – Letter

URL – N/A

Creator/Author – Isaac Royall

Other author(s) – N/A

City – Boston

Publisher – N/A

Date accessed – 6/8/09

Series Notes – General correspondence between Isaac, Sr. and Judge Quincy. For the majority of the letter Isaac discusses various merchant topics. It is unknown if the original document still remains or where it may be housed.

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall, Sr.; Edmund Quincy; Merchant Trade

(Antigua)
Aug. 15, 1735

Dear Sir,

I now am to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letters for Capt. Prince with Mady. Quiney's present of three Barrels of Apples, three Bottles of Honey and two Boxes of Parmalade, all of which came to hand, and were exceedingly good. The apples were the best that I have seen for many years, out of three Barrels I got one that was very good and sound, which was more than I got out of ten Barrels that were sent me the last year from some other friends, in six Barrels of which there was not one sound apple. I believe you would be desirous to know how they proved after you had taken great pains to put them up, for which reason I give you this account. My wife and self join in our hearty thanks to Mady. Quiney and yourself, as the best acknowledgements we can make at present to our worthy friends.

When I wrote you the last year I expected to have the pleasure of blessing your hand early this, which I certainly should, if it had pleased God, to have given me a safe passage there, but my little wild Son's coming away as he did, occasioned by the unkindness treatment of his Tutor has been one great reason to determine me to stay one year more here, and another, that the grievous and contagious Distemper that carried off such great numbers of young people and children, quite discouraged my Wife from the thoughts of carrying home, that were here, into a place where she was apprehensive of so great danger. So are told here that there were some thousands of young people and children carried off with it, which is a great calamity upon that Country. Pray God to put a stop to it. I yet flatter myself with having the pleasure of seeing you pretty early next spring.

I have got a very good Tutor for my Son for one year certain, and he seems now to delight in learning, is pretty diligent, and has been so since he is able to hold up his head, he having had an intermitting fever off and on since the 27th of April last, which has brought him very low, and what the consequences will be God only knows, he now wishes himself in his Father's again, if it shall please God to spare his life, I am not without great hopes but that he will at last answer my expectations, and prove a blessing to his parents and friends, he is yet young, in his seventeenth year, and with the care and diligence that he now seems to prosecute his studies, and that with delight and pleasure, gives me great hopes, that three or four years will give him a pretty good taste as to letters, and as to vices, the common bane of youth, he seems to have an utter aversion to the most of them and I hope to all, which still gives me further hopes and I have reason to think that I am not deceived, though it is not certain that his having had so much of his own way in New England, has been of great prejudice, especially as to his learning, when I have done all I possibly can, and that which is incumbent on me to do, I must leave the rest to infinite Providence, still hoping for the best.

I am further to observe your recommendation of Capt. Prince to me for my assistance on account of his owners, your worthy friends, and I assure you that no man living would have had a greater weight with me, but it was not in my power to do him any service as I certainly should have done, had not my Brother had a ship here, and he being ill and not able to do anything himself, the trouble fell wholly on me to load his ship, on which I was forced to put ^{the} ^{the} of sugar to dispatch her, which was all that I shipped for London this year, we having had only indifferent crop occasioned by the weather which has proved exceedingly dry and still continues, water is now sold at 2^d 3^d a pail. I shall be obliged to distill salt water for my people to drink, if it shall not please God to send us rain within eight or ten days. I never know so many ships here in any one year since I lived in the Island, abundance of which went away empty, and I believe one half of the London ships that use this trade, are, and will go home half full, and come just in their ballast alone, few indeed that had great interest here got their full loadings. I was, myself, put to my utmost to get my Brother's ship that was consigned to him her full loading in ten weeks time, and had I not given her so great a lift at first, to encourage others, it would not have been done, so that I hope both you and your friends will excuse me. Prince has gone home after lying here five months with little more than half his loading, as I am told, I am sorry for the loss his owners will sustain, had he been my brother, after I

was engaged for the other ship, I could not have done his any service as others ran this crop, everybody being under engagements to serve their friends, which is generally the case in a short one.

I observe what you say in relation to the melancholy circumstances you are under with respect to your currency, paper bills and notes of various kinds that have been issued in the several provinces, but I hope that it is not yet too late for the Legislature to interpose, and to endeavour to find out some way to put a stop to the sinking credit of my country, which will most certainly be brought to the brink of ruin in a few years, if there be not some extraordinary and speedy methods found out to keep it, at least, at the present value it now is, by what I can understand it has fallen in value above seven per cent every year for six or seven years past, and if it be so what a hopeful hand does that man deal to himself that lent his money seven years ago at six per cent expecting to have maintained himself and family with his interest money. I think it is plain that he gives the person that the money is lent to at least one per cent per annum for keeping it.

For example I sold a bill of exchange for one hundred pounds sterling in the year 1730 at 250 per cent, which made New England money £ 350, and then I put out that sum to interest at 6 per cent per annum, which interest and principal were paid me in 1736 and amounted to the sum of £ 476 at which time I bought a bill of £ 100 sterling for which I gave £ 200, being the then currency, so that although my principal and interest were justly paid me I lost out of pocket £ 24 which is above one per cent per annum which appears by an account that I have lately received from thence, and if the value of your lands should fall in proportion to your money, I am at a loss to know what real value can be put on a landed estate, however I please myself with the thought that land near Boston will hardly ever fall in value, but on the contrary rather rise, as that and the other towns near it shall increase in inhabitants. And I have thought if a land estate could bring the owner but 3 per cent per annum, it might in many respects be better than the value of it put out to interest at 6 per cent even if your currency were never so well established but I shall instance only in one particular at present as I hinted to you in a former letter, and that is when an estate is likely to come into the hands of a young heir that might be able to make ducks and drakes of it, on many occasions as the old saying is before he once begins to think, but there are many other reasons too that give my thoughts the turn they have at present.

In Great Britain as I am told, there are very few estates that clear their owner more than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 per cent per annum according to their real value. Allowing their interest at 5 per cent there is one advantage in a landed estate, as in a well settled farm that with any prudent management I am apt to think that a family may live handsomely within themselves, let the money or trade of their country be never so bad, the which I fear will never be very good again in New England, even if the Parliament should by bounty encourage the raising of hemp, flax, pig iron, tar, turpentine and all other naval stores. They will endeavour to cram you in everything else as I find it has lately been proposed that you shall not carry on any manufactures even for your own uses, to be limited to a certain number of looms in every town, and then to be registered, and so likewise the shoemakers and all other trades as well as hatters, and if that proposed all should pass as an Act of Parliament, I fear it will bring our country into exceeding great distress and difficulties not easily surmountable, and then one half of the men must turn hunters and cloath the selves with beaverking of necessity, as the Indians did before the wilderness was inhabited by our forefathers. I forget to tell you that you are to be allowed to make hornshoes and hornshoe nails, and no other iron work whatsoever but what must be worked up in Great Britain, as for ship building etc. And if those Acts are so or cannot be put in execution by the Governours there, then there must be a number of regular troops to see or force it to be put in execution, and then to be maintained by the Country as those are upon the Irish Establishment. Those are the chief heads of the proposition that is to be laid before the Parliament, but I have hopes that they may be means found out, if not to divert, yet to moderate it in many respects, but I believe that if your Agent found that such an Act was likely to take place, you would have a more full and perfect account of it than we have here. I saw it in print but cannot as yet get it to send to you. I find it has for some time been upon the anvil. It is also proposed that all ships that go with fish or labor to Spain, Portugal or the Straits, shall

shall be obliged to go from thence to Great Britain before they return to New England again which must make a long and expensive voyage to be born in a common trade.

I give you my most hearty thanks for your friendly and confidential relation to the settlement of an estate, your reasons being so very strong and clear to me that I cannot but join you in every particular, and when I read over your friendly letter, as I often do, it is with the greatest pleasure and delight.

Since my last to you, my Brother has purchased a farm for me of six hundred and odd acres, part of it having been mortgaged to me for some years past, which obliged him to pay off some circumstances, in order to secure the whole, it lies in Torrington upon Taunton River, and I am told by some Rhode Island men here, that it is look'd upon as a very good farm, it is about ten miles from Howlands Ferry, as I am told. I have desired my Brother to draw in thirty or fifty acres of my salt meadow at my Charlestown farm, to cut all the wood down, but to shade for the cattle and to break up all that ground as soon as convenience will permit and after it has been manured for two or three years to lay it down with grass seeds, for as it is now so full of woods and shaded the feeding can't be of little worth. I hope that four or five thousand pounds were laid out upon it, will not only make it a delightful, but, a profitable bent. And I am in great hopes to purchase two hundred and fifty acres that join to it, and formerly belonged to it, which does now belong to Doctor Coleman's children, he having made me an offer of it by his letter to me, but before my answer got to him his daughter Turill died which put a stop to it, but I have yet some hopes that there may be ways found to make me a good title and if not for the whole, yet for one half of it, that belongs to his other daughter. It would be a good entertainment to mine, and I am of opinion that a good man there can manage a part, might with ease manage the whole, it lying so contiguous, for which reason I think it would be of more value to me than to any other person but how your late are as to orphan's estate, I know not.

My Wife sent per Capt. Sam Waterhouse, a small barrel of sugar, and a pot of tamarinds, which she begs Madam Quincy's acceptance of. I designed then to have wrote you, but delayed so long, that when the ship was upon sailing I had not time to do it by reason of some unexpected business that I was engaged in, about some affairs of my Brother's that was then very much out of order which I hope will in some measure excuse it.

When I began this I did not design to have gone the length that I have but it was to a worthy and sincere friend, so I could not help running a little over in affairs to him, who I know will excuse my mistakes and not expose them.

You are pleased to tell me that your two sons are fallen into the way of merchandize, and your son in law also. I heartily wish them all possible success in their undertaking. A great deal of good success may gain a good estate that way but it must then be with great hazard, trade of late years having been very precarious, and being over done in almost every species, and to every place, that it requires great thought and the utmost application to get anything, especially in the trade of shipping, which has of late years proved the destruction of many worthy merchants, for my part I look upon it, that is, the trading in shipping, to be very near akin to throwing the die. Indeed a man that begins with a little, or in a manner, nothing, is sure never to be worse, let him hazard what he will, and sometimes succeeds well, but for a man that has a good estate to run such risks, I think it is a madness, for which reason I am endeavouring to dissuade my little son from ever being any more engaged in trade, especially in a foreign and shipping, but in an inland trade there there not be such great bite in common at once, yet in time it generally proves better, and where there is one man that gets an estate by shipping, I believe ten men should get one in an inland trade, which is a general observation in Great Britain and I am apt to believe it will hold good with you. I am sure it is where patience and diligence seldom miscarry, which I think, were it not to tire your patience, I could demonstrate pretty plainly to you that it is the difference in trading. And had I my whole family concerned in trade, one at least should use an inland one, were it in my power to persuade them to it. And if I did sell a land estate to give them a good stock to trade on I would oblige them, or some of them, to carry on an inland trade as before mentioned. I have had great experience in that way of trading as well as in some shipping, yet

I may be mistaken in my judgement and hope that you will not take what I have said amiss, as I wish all possible happiness and prosperity, to yourself and whole family, it has given me that turn of thought occasioned by your trial to me of selling your estate which has been in your family and more or less one hundred years, but had I not another I think no relation should oblige me to part with it.

I fear your patience will be worn out before you can read this long letter, for which reason I shall not add at present, but to entreat you to make mine, my Wife's, Son's and Daughter's most humble services acceptable to Madam Quincy and Family, and that you will accept the same and ever believe me to be, as in truth I am most worthy Sir

Your most obliged humble servant

Antigua, August the 15th, 1736 /s/ Isaac Royall
To The Hon^{ble} Judge Quincy
(viz: Judge Edmund Quincy who died in 1737.
Agent for Mass. in London.)

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Primary Document Form

Doc # C1003

Title – Letter by Isaac Royall, Jr. requesting another evaluation of property in an effort to lower his taxes

Date of Item – February 2, 1740 / 41

Description/Pages – Typed transcription; 1 pg

Database/Repository – Royall House Association

Format – Letter

URL – N/A

Creator/Author – Royall, Isaac

Other author(s) – N/A

City – Boston

Publisher – N/A

Date accessed – 6/8/09

Series Notes – Letter by Isaac, Jr. asking the tax assessors for Charlestown to re evaluate the value of his taxable property. It is unknown if the original document still remains or where it may be housed.

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall, Jr., Taxes

February 2, 1740/41

Gentlemen,

I should have waited on you myself but being indisposed am obliged to give you ye Trouble of this apprehending you are mistaken in taxing me for the last year as appears by ye large sum in my Bill, which is more than ever my Father was taxed altho he had a larger estate & a great deal more stock than I have now. I woud inform you Gentlemen that there is but one half of ye farme in my possesion, the other being lett to Mr. Skinner who is oblig'd to pay ye Tax himself; my last Bill was judged too large when I had ye whole farme in my own hands & should have waited on you then for redress but putt it of till too late, & I now find you have advanced upon me. I also perseave I am rated above any Gentlemen in town (except one) and I believe there are numbers of twice ye Estate then mine & Improve their facultes in trade while I employed mine in spending my money in the Country. I hope you will give what I have mentioned an emparchal Consideration, and then I shall not Doubt my Bill will be much lessened; my overseere Mr. Michell will aquante you with severell perticulars which I have omitted. I depend upon your Justice & am Gentlemen

Your most humble Sert.

Isaac Royall

To The Gentlemen
Assessors for Charlestown

Primary Document Form

Doc # C1004

Title – Letter from Simon Tufts to General Sullivan regarding use of Royall House Estate

Date of Item – January 1775

Description/Pages – Handwritten; 1 pg

Database/Repository – Royall House Archives

Format – Letter

URL – N/A

Creator/Author – Simon Tufts

Other author(s) – N/A

City – Medford

Publisher – N/A

Date accessed – 6/8/2009

Series Notes – It seems General Sullivan inquired with Simon Tufts to stay at the Royall House for an unknown allotment of time. In the letter Simon gives him permission to use to the house, but warns him that there are only poor quality bed linens and no table linens in the house at present. This document is of particular interest because it shows that Isaac Royall, Jr. while still in possession of the property was no longer living there.

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall, Jr.; Simon Tufts, General Sullivan, Royall House Estate

To General Sullivan

Jan^r 10th 1775

I have no Objection to your living in Coll: Royale, House as you proposed; But it is beyond my Power to Oblige you with the whole of the Furniture as you desired. For Mr. Hunt tells me that there was no Linen in the Trunk, wherein Mrs. Telfs that it was, it being ~~sent~~ sent to Boston last Winter; ~~and~~ but 3 or 4 ϕ Sheets & them poor ones left & little or no Table Linen. If you can supply the Place of these, the other Articles you may have.

I am S^r y^{rs} Ham^l Serv^t

Simon Telfs

Copy

Gen^l: Sullivan

Mem^o. The Agreement was that the Gen^l. should give what any proper Judges should ~~be~~ just for the Use of the Furⁿ: in ~~the~~ House & make good the Damages.

Primary Document Form

Doc # C1005

Title – Letter addressed as ‘Verdict of Special Jury on the Lands of Mr. Royall’s Estate at Mount Hope’

Date of Item – post April 19, 1775 (but otherwise unknown)

Description/Pages – Letter; 2 pgs

Database/Repository – Public Record’s Office, London, Great Britain via Boston Athenaeum

Format – Copy of a handwritten letter

Call Number – Mss. L511; Folder 3

City – Unknown

Publisher – N/A

Date accessed – 6/10/09

Series Notes – A letter reporting the ruling in favor of confiscating Isaac Royall’s property. The original copy of said letter is housed with other Royall correspondence at the Public Record’s Office in Great Britain; however, a photocopy of the original is available for study at the Boston Athenaeum.

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall, Jr.; Royall Property Confiscated

In the Cause, Wm Channing Attorney of
 V. Isaac Royall Esq. We find specially
 that if the Court are of Opinion that
 Isaac Royall Esq's Departure from ²⁴³
 New England to Great Britain since
 the Nineteenth Day of April 1775
 and before the Declaration of
 Independance & Continuance
 there, is a Breach of an Act of
 this State, intitled an Act for
 confiscating the Estates of certain
 Persons therein described, then we
 find him guilty, otherwise not guilty.

Verdict of Special
Jury on the Tryals
of W. Royall's Estate
at Mount Hope



Primary Document Form

Doc # C1006

Title – Letter from Isaac Royall, Jr. to Reverend Samuel Cook

Date of Item – March 29, 1779

Description/Pages – Typed transcript; 8 pgs

Database/Repository – Royall House Association

Format – Letter

URL – N/A

Creator/Author – Isaac Royall, Jr.

Other author(s) – N/A

City – Boston

Publisher – N/A

Date accessed – 6/8/09

Series Notes – Isaac details the circumstances surrounding his departure to Halifax and ultimately back to England in 1775. He argues that he was not fleeing New England as a loyalist. Parts of this letter can also be seen as featured in a news article in Document N1022.

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall, Jr.; Rev. Samuel Cook; Isaac's Account of his departure back to England in 1775

Letter of Isaac Royall to the Rev. Samuel Cooke, March 29, 1779.

Dear Sir

Our long acquaintance and Friendship you profess'd and shew for me and my Children and Family induc'd me to write you soon after my arrival in England as I thought it would give you pleasure to hear from me I therein gave you a particular account of our voyage which Letter I ^{hope} you receiv'd at the same time I wrote my Worthy Friend Mr. Turyll but as I have not had the pleasure of hearing from either of you in return makes me fearful they did not get to Hand and meeting the other Day with Malachi Salter who is Uncle to Mr. Willis Hall's wife and who told me he was bound to Halifax and from thence Home to Boston and if I had any Letters to send to my Friends would be glad to oblige me and would take particular care of them so that I thought this would be a good opportunity of sending you a Letter by him who will be able to tell you my state of Health and situation and can give you an account of my Dear Motherless Grand-Children who he has seen and for whose Mother you always express'd so great an esteem and regard and Mary the second Daughter looks very much like her tho they are all very healthy fine promising Children as you would wish to see in a Thousand my Heart I confess is too much bound up in them tho I think they ~~are~~ at present bid fair to deserve every esteem and regard I can possibly express for them by their sweetness of Temper and good Behavior that if you was to see them you would think so too but of this Capt. Salter can tell you more than I have time to write.

In my former Letter I acquainted you that at the commencement of these troubles my Business call'd me to the West Indies to settle my affairs there and to look after that little Estate I had there and if I could sell it and accordingly I bespoke my passage for myself and my Nephew Doct. Charles Russell who offer'd to accompany me and to do some Business for his Mother in Law my Sister Vassall on board Capt. Mackay a Vessell belonging to Mr. Bileston I pack'd up my Sea Stores and Cloaths for the passage and came to Boston after attending the Public Worship on the Lord's Day Evening before the Battle of Lexington to take leave of my Children and Friends intending to have gone from thence to Salem to embark for Antiqua but unfortunately staid at Boston Two or Three Days and din'd with the Hon^{ble}. Capt. Erving the very Day the Battle happen'd after which it was impossible to get out of Town for Gen^l. Gage had issued Orders to prevent any one coming in or going out upon which I thought it most prudent as my affairs call'd me to the West Indies and a good opportunity offering I went to Halifax expecting there to meet with a vessell bound to Antiqua but was disappointed I remain'd in Nova Scotia upwards of a Year the greatest part of the time in the Township of Windsor without meeting with a favorable opportunity till then for Antiqua as the Small Fox being in Halifax prevented my going into that Town to get a passage and my Son in Law Mr. Erving And my Daughter to my very great surprize came down to Halifax in the Fleet after the Troops evacuated Boston before I ever heard of it they over persuaded me to give over my Voyage to Antiqua and to accompany them to England as I did not know whether I should ever live to see my Grand Children again if I did not and therefore complied with their earnest solicitations and accordingly

took passage with them in Capt. Hall and arriv'd after a very short and pleasant passage of One and Twenty Days and had the pleasure to find my Son in Law Sir William and his Family very well we all liv'd together for about a fortnight and then Sir William's little Boy about Thirteen Months old was taken ill and he remov'd to Kensington where we tarried about a Month and then remov'd to Bright-helmstone for the benefit of the Childs bathing in Sea Water where I had my Health very well for the first Six Weeks or Two Months after which I was taken very ill of a slow nervous Fever which disorder continued the best part of the Winter following and I have never had my Health since from that time to this and that Sickness prevented my going to the West Indies wholly so that I have never been able to go there since as I wrote you my intention was to go there to settle my affairs and to sell my Estate if I could and then return Home to Medford as soon as possible but Providence has seen fit not to permit these things and therefore I must make myself as easy as I can tho I was oblig'd to let the Lease run out which had got Two Years from next August before it expires. I little thought the last time I saw you that I should see England as I design'd for Antiqua it was a thing foreign to my thoughts and quite unexpected to me as I never had the Small Pox upon that account did not think I should ever see England and I have hitherto escap'd the Small Pox but have been pretty much confin'd and never ventured to London without going in a close conveyance and then tho I have seen them in the Streets yet have been in a Coach I mention this to let you see how much a Slave I have been for fear of that Distemper so that I have been to no Public Diversions but to see One Play and Two Oratorios but that I don't so much regret if my Health was but in any degree

restor'd I intended to have been Innoculated but my Sickness render'd it improper and which has been the case ever since. This is a Country where Gaiety and Dissipation are too apt to get the pre-eminence tho I have seen but few diversions and little Gaiety myself for neither my time of Life or Purse will admit of it and I thank God my inclinations do not now lead to it however they might have done some years past I have not seen Lord North or any of the Ministry nor have I been in company with any of the Nobility nor have I been able to go *either* to the House of Lords or Commons to hear the Debates since I have been ~~in England~~ except Lord Edgcumb who I saw once or twice at my Son in Law Sir William Pepperells and once about a year ago had the pleasure of dining at a Friends House at Brighthelmstone with the Duke of Manchester who seems to be a very sensible and agreeable gentleman. I have shown Capt. Salter Copies of Two Letters I wrote Lord Dartmouth at the commencement of these troubles with an intent to convince him I did everything in my power to prevent their taking place and to clear up the misrepresentations that might have been made to his Lordship concerning our Province I sent them enclos'd to my Friend and Correspondent Joseph Paice Esqr. to deliver them with his own Hands which he has since inform'd me he did but they had not the desired effect Mr. William Winter copied these Letters fair for me and if he is living can doubtless remember a good part of the contents of them and I think I shew them to Charles Felham Esqr. before I sent them. Upon my first arrival in England I thought it my Duty to wait upon Lord Dartmouth and accordingly did so likewise upon Lord North and Lord Germaine but had not the honor of seeing them as the servant said they were gone out of town and after I so far recover'd my Sickness as to be able to come to London. I waited upon them but was

answer'd they were engaged so that I never attempted to go afterwards and I have not seen any of the Ministry since as I mention'd before I waited also upon Gov. Pownall who I had the pleasure of having a long conversation with and he ask'd very kindly after a great number of his Friends and ^cacquaintances in particular after Mr. Bowdoin and Mr. Pitts and express'd a great regard for them both ^{and} for the Province in general as being a very fine Country and a good sort of People and was very sorry for the difficulties that have happened and said had his advice been seasonably taken it is likely it would have prevented all these troubles. Gov. B. and Gov. H. came to see me soon after my arrival and I return'd their visit and soon after Gov. H. was so complaisant as to invite me to dine with him but I did not go so our ^cacquaintance soon broke off Lieut. Gov.^r Oliver has lost his Wife she died about Two Months ago and his is remov'd with his Family to Bristol as is Mrs. Bearland and Family and Mr. Lechmere and Family and a good many more of our Country People Mr. Simpson talks of going in a few Days to live there so that I shall be left alone from all my American acquaintance except Mr. Flucier who is but a little distance from me I never was at Bristol but they say it is a pleasant place and that they can live a third cheaper there than they could here I have thoughts of going there ^{soon} in about a fortnights time to drink the Hott Well Waters which the Doctors tell me is good for Disorder I complain of upon my Liver that I have been for some years afflicted with tho I thank God I am much better than I have been for this Twelve month past and am in hopes this journey to Bath and Bristol Hott Wells will recover me entirely.

Some time past I receiv'd a Letter from my Attorney M^r. Simon Furts at Medford dated October 22 wherein he says that the committee

of Medford for the last year voted my Estate out of his Hands as they said I was an Absentee and forbad him having anything further to do with it whereupon he applied to the General Court by Petition but could not get it ^{revers'd tho it} past by no great Majority in answer to which I have wrote Dr. Tufts and desir'd him and Mr. Hall to apply to Mr. Dana or some other good Lawyer to draft up for him and Mr. Hall to sign a suitable Petition or Memorial in my name and behalf and as my attornies to the General Assembly setting forth the services I have formerly done the Province in my Legislative Capacity the true cause of my leaving the Province at the commencement of the War and the perfectly inoffensive conduct I have observ'd since and that I have not only shown my comparsion for the Poor American Prisoners but my regard to my Country by giving last year to Mr. Beddington The Treasurer of ~~the~~ Society for that purpose Six Guineas towards their relief and I wish it had been in my power to have given Ten times as much and that I have occasionally assisted my Countrymen here who ask'd assistance of me by giving some a Guinea and some Two Guineas as their necessities requir'd and I could spare the Money and pray that the Act so far as relates to me may be repeal'd and that they as my Attornies may be permitted to take Possession of the Charge I have by my Power committed into their Hands and the Rents and Issues of my Estate be appropriated to my use and further that I have no doubt on such a representation of my true Character and such a Prayer that the relief will be obtain'd and that they must also mention in the Memorial that it is my purpose and intention as soon as my Health will permit to return and reside in America I should have return'd with Mr. Brattle when he went and even now with Mr. Salter by this opportunity but my Health will

not admit of it and besides I have lately been informed that at
past in the General Court or Assembly that any Person who has left the
Massachusetts without leave and come to Great Britain who shall pre-
sume to return without leave from the Assembly to any part of the Mass-
achusetts shall be sent back to the Kings Troops if they are able at
their own expense if not to be paid by the Public and if they ever re-
turn again they are to be deem'd to forfeit their lives and to suffer
Death without benefit of Clergy this I can hardly believe for I have
never seen the Act tho I have made strict enquiry after it but have
not been able to obtain it and what is very surprising I am informed
my Name is mention'd in the Act likewise which I can scarcely believe
as I had done everything in my power to serve the Province but Business
and my ill state of Health made me leave it. Now I request the favor
of you as you are acquainted with the Gentlemen of the General Court
and the Council that you would speak to them in my behalf and use your
influence that my Attornies may improve my Estate for my use and that
I may have leave to return home as you knew my conduct and character
while I was concern'd in Public affairs and that I ever was a true
Friend to the Province and I shall think it both my Duty and advantage
as soon as I have leave to return home and get a good Wife and I have
had an exceeding good Wife already I hope I shall in some measure make
up my loss for I think it now my Duty to marry as I have had the mis-
fortune of losing my beloved Daughter Lady Pepperell by getting another
in my own Country and among my acquaintance and live and end my Days
among you and be buried with my dear Wife and Father and Mother and
the rest of my dear Friends hoping I shall hear from you soon I shall
conclude with wishing you the continuance of your Health and every
other Blessing and remain with my respects to your Family and to your

Brother Mr. Hastings and his Wife and to all our Cambridge Friends

Dear Sir

Your

Friend and h'ble

Serv't.

P.S. I have taken this opportunity by Capt. Salter to send you a pair of the best Temple Spectacles with Silver Bows in a case with the Initials of your Name upon it which I beg your acceptance of as a token of my Respect and hope they will suit your eyes. I have likewise sent you my own Picture fram'd in profile and enclos'd the Picture of a surprising Musical Child the admiration of the whole Kingdom and a thing that perhaps mayn't happen again in a Century. Mr. Salter saw it with me and will be able to give you a more particular account of it.

The above went by Capt. M. Salter but for fear you should not get it I send this copy by Mr. Oliver Smith who will be able to inform you of my Health &c. and am with respects to yourself and Family and all Cambridge Friends

Dear Sir

Your

Friend and h'ble Serv't.

Signed I. Royall

Primary Document Form

Doc # C1007

Title – Letter to Edmund Quincy by Simon Tufts

Date of Item – May 26, 1780

Description/Pages – Handwritten; 1 pg

Database/Repository – Massachusetts Historical Society

Format – Letter

Call Number – Misc. Bd. 1780 May 26

URL – N/A

Creator/Author – Simon Tufts

Other author(s) – N/A

City – N/A

Publisher – N/A

Date accessed – 6/11/09

Series Notes – Tufts notes his caring for Isaac Royall, Jr.'s property and affairs in Medford while he is in England.

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall, Jr., State of Royall Estate post Revolutionary War, Simon Tufts, Edmund Quincy

Mass Hist. Soc.
Misc. XVI 1772-1783
Simon Tufts to Edmund Quincy, Esq.

Bedford, May 26, 1780.

Sir,

Please to excuse my not answering your first letter as I have been journeying and when at home engaged in writing to Coll. Royall and those abroad. Have only now to say with reference to the point that the Court say very kind words but have only rec'd the petition of Mr. Hall and mine and as we say hang it up and by what I can learn from them will remain in that situation for some time. They are as willing to grant it for him as for anyone they say (Having consulted numbers about it), but to use their phrase, it will open a door, which the majority don't seem to be fond of, tho with submission. I think this reasoning produces a very hard consequence and I fear a bad one. Rhode Island's Government have confiscated his estate - this State by their Atty. Gen. have filed a bill here for the same purpose. But I am informed by a Gent^m that the Court will stop it.

This is all I can acquaint you with relative to the matter at present.

I am Sir

Your most humble Servt.

/s/ Simon Tufts

Edm^d Quincy, Esq.

S^h 40

Medford May 26th 1880

Please to Excuse my not answering
your first letter as I have been from July
to when at home engaged in writing to
Col. Russell & others as to the
now to say so. Reference to the point
that the Court say very kind words, but
have only the position of Mr. Hall
& mine it as we say, hanging up and by
what I can see in front of them, will
remain in that situation for a time
they are as willing to grant it for him
as any one they say having consulted
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with relative to the matter at present.

I am S^h
Edw. Quincy Esq.

Yours truly
Simon S. Smith

Primary Document Form

Doc # C1008

Title – Letters from M. S. O'Donnell to General Samuel Lawrence & reference page

Date of Item – August 17 and 20, 1906

Description/Pages – Handwritten; 3 pgs (with 1 reference pg)

Database/Repository – Royall House Association Archives

Format – Letter

URL – N/A

Creator/Author – M. S. O'Donnell

Other author(s) – Samuel C. Lawrence (reference pg)

City – Malden; (Bass River [reference pg])

Publisher – N/A

Date accessed – 6/8/09

Series Notes – These letters pertain to a letter written by Isaac Royall that “shows Royall in a new light as a friend of the people and against the Royal Government.” O'Donnell offers to sell this letter to General Lawrence for \$25. It is presently unknown by the Royall House Association what Isaac Royall letter O'Donnell is referencing or if General Lawrence did indeed purchase it for the Royall House Archives.

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall, M.S. O'Donnell, General Sameul Lawrence, Isaac Royall Correspondence

River Street
Mass River, Massachusetts.

September 19th, 1944.

Royall House Association
George Street
Medford, 55, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed letter was found among the effects of the late
General Samuel C. Lawrence of Medford, Massachusetts.

His nine grandchildren thought that it should be given to the
Association, to be hung in the Royall House and have asked me to send it
to you.

Yours truly,

Samuel C. Lawrence

Samuel C. Lawrence.

Gift acknowledged Oct. 3, 1944.

Malden Aug 17, 1906

Gen Lawrence

Dear I have a fine
Historic letter of Sir Isaac Royall's
dated 1749. The letter is quite
in perfect condition.
It shows Royall in a new light
as a friend of the people, as
against the Royal Government
It should be in the hand of
some Medford Man
If you would like to see it I
will call on you at such time
as you will set.

it came to me with other
Autographs. it is the only letter
of that name I have ever seen
although I have been collecting
for years.

the price of the letter is twenty
five dollars

Yours

Th. S. O'Donnell

Aug. 18/06 Mailed ch. for \$25. as per letter of 17/6.
(L.B.D.)

To S C Lawrence Esq

Malden Aug 20 1906

My Dear Gen Lawrence.

I send the Royall letter I
you will find it all that
told you it was.
he was the first Buzachee
appointed by the Royal Gov
of N.H.

I am very glad that you
are the owner as I know it
will be taken care of

Yours

M. S. O'Donnell

Fellsway East

Malden

Mass

Primary Document Form

Doc #C1009

Title – Governor Jonathan Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr.

Date of Item – Sept 4, 1731

Description/Pages – Handwritten transcript of a personal letter from Gov. Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr. thanking him for the Negro boy, commiserating over drought conditions.

Database/Repository – copy of handwritten transcript owned by Royall House Association. Location of original letter not known.

Format – personal correspondence

URL – not applicable

Creator/Author – Governor Jonathan Belcher

City – Boston

Date accessed – 6/9/09

Series Notes – Gov. Belcher thanking Isaac Sr for the Negro boy, and stating that he hoped for 2 according to his order. Also commiserating over drought conditions.

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall Sr., Governor Belcher

Links – pdf saved

Sept. 4, 1731

You have received Copy of mine of 7 June - I am
now to own the Parsonage of you of 26: same
month. & Wellington, and thank you for the Negro
Boy by him, he seems to be likely & hope will prove
well - I wish you had sent me two according
to my order. - I thank your care & shipping the
Balance of Mr. Hawkschaws account to London -
I am glad the Gain came on, and that you had a
Prospect of a Good Exp. God continue it - as to the
Bill past in the House of Commons, and lost in
the House of Lords, I must confess I am at
a loss whether it might be good or hurt to
the English Colonies on the Continent, nor should
I know how to vote in the Case - Were the
Prohibition to be confined to the French Colonies
only, I should not be against it. - I am sorry
the thought of the Affair of Fox's Estate still
detour in the Pleasures of Mr. Royal's Camp
at Boston which I should greatly esteem - &
Remain with my best Regards to yourself and
good Lady - Dear Sir
Your most obedient humble servant
J.B.

Primary Document Form

Doc #C1010

Title – Governor Jonathan Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr.

Date of Item – January 18, 1732

Description/Pages – Handwritten transcript of a personal letter from Gov. Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr. asking him for another Negro boy.

Database/Repository – copy of handwritten transcript owned by Royall House Association. Location of original letter no known.

Format – personal correspondence

URL – not applicable

Creator/Author – Governor Jonathan Belcher

City – Boston

Date accessed – 6/6/09

Series Notes – Gov. Belcher asking Isaac Royall Sr. for another Negro boy as apprentice to his coachman

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall Sr. , Gov. Belcher, Negro boy

Jan. 18, 1732

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Sir

The foregoing was an answer to the best of your Favours and since that the General Assembly of this Province and of Hampshire have been almost continually sitting, and so in the Assembly here now, and keeps me pretty fully employed. Yet I can't help sending you my hearty Wishes for your Health & Prosperity, and that we may see you here early in the Spring. I believe your Brother has taken all the prudent Care he possibly can for the purchasing of Usher's Farm but his Council hesitated in the Law seem to make some difficulty in the Title. I believe you need not fear it going from you; I have assured your Brother of my zeal to your Service in that or any other Affair, as he may please to Command me, and the Bargain being concluded, that he may accordingly to your Order call on me for the Balance of your Account.

The Negro Boy you sent me last year looks likely, and I hope will make a good Servant - I must ask your Pardon for the Trouble I sending me one more, not less than 16; & not exceeding 20 years of Age. Let him be a likely one; altho he should cost five Pounds extraordinary - I have a very good Cookman to whom I intend he shall be an Apprentice. He must therefore be a

tractable & good upon all accounts according
to the best of your judgment.

Your assured Friend &
Servant

If you have any fresh
news from Europe hand
it along. —

J. Sept. Webster

JTB

June 12, 1732

p. 353

Worthy Sir

The 5th June I rec^d $\frac{1}{2}$ of yr Brother Mr. Am^l Poy's your
kind letter of 2^d May with the Inclos^d from Mr. Pitter
& Harkshaw. The latest account we have of the Sugar
Bill from London is of 7th April and that it was
generally supposed it would not pass the House
of Lords. I think Mr. Pitter has the best notion
of regulating the Sugar Trade & the advantage
of G^t Britain and the Islands —

As to Mr. Harkshaw, I wish you would let one of
your servants make out Copies of the Ships' duty and
send him that he may be satisfied as they were transacted
by you, they will go more properly than from me.

I am obliged for your readiness to share my
Joy, when it may fall in your Way. —

The whole Province laments the death of worthy
Col. Taylor, who was a sincere Friend to his Country and
to all others who he protect it.

I think the Affair of Usher's Farm has been

Primary Document Form

Doc #C1011

Title – Governor Jonathan Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr.

Date of Item – June 12, 1732

Description/Pages – Handwritten transcript of a personal letter from Gov. Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr. asking again for another Negro boy.

Database/Repository – copy of handwritten transcript owned by Royall House Association. Location of original letter no known.

Format – personal correspondence

URL – not applicable

Creator/Author – Governor Jonathan Belcher

City – Boston

Date accessed – 6/6/09

Series Notes – Gov. Belcher asking Isaac Royall Sr. again for another Negro boy. Also informing him on progress of the purchase of the Medford estate.

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall Sr. , Gov. Belcher, Negro boy

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I am obliged for your Readiness to share my
Loss, when it may fall in your Way. —

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Col. Taylor, who was a sincere Friend to his Country and
to all others who respect it.

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Compounded among all the Hires, a few Day's
Sine, which I believe will prevent any further
Difficulty about the Bill; But they talk of raising
the Price; there seems to me no great danger
of its being bought out of your Hands. —

I take notice of what you say about the
Manner of passing and paying Accts in your
Assembly; It is very different here, & stated by
the Charter, which must be the Rule, and I have
from His Majesty by one of the Spring Ships,
a fresh order, not to suffer any Supply of the
Treasury in Contradiction to His Royal Instruction
and which the King insists upon, as essential to
the Charter

I find after long Expectation we are not
to have the Pleasure of Lord Royal's Company
till the next year; I pray God to restore &
confirm your Health & that you may maintain
a Resolution to make yourself Easy & happy
among your Friends.

The last Negro Boy you sent me proves a
good one, and when you send the other I must
pray your particular Care about him, being for
a Coachman, let him be from 16: to 20. and if
45 extraordinary can be prudently given in his
Price I shall be well content to do it.

With my best Regards to yourself & Good Lady

Remain
Your most Faithful
Friend & Servant
J.B.

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Primary Document Form

Doc #C1012

Title – Governor Jonathan Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr.

Date of Item – August 15, 1732

Description/Pages – Handwritten transcript of a personal letter from Gov. Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr. regarding a meeting with Jacob Royall on purchasing Medford Estate.

Database/Repository – copy of handwritten transcript owned by Royall House Association. Location of original letter no known.

Format – personal correspondence

URL – not applicable

Creator/Author – Governor Jonathan Belcher

City – Boston

Date accessed – 6/6/09

Series Notes – Gov. Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr. regarding a meeting with Jacob Royall on purchasing Medford Estate, giving estimate of additional costs for repairs and beautification, advising him to spend his money elsewhere.

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall Sr. , Gov. Belcher, Jacob Royall

Aug. 15, 1732

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See

Since mine of 13th June 3, Huntington Duplicate
whereof is herewith I am favoured with yours
of 2nd some Month 9, since - If you can send me
a Negro Boy agreeable to my directions I shall
take it very kindly. -

I believe there will be no more attempts
for the Sugar Colony but - For my own Part I never
was much concerned about the Event of it, you
have thought the Success of it would have
been any real Damage to this Province, yet there
is a General joy here upon its miscarriage.

I this Day sat for your Brother Mr.
Jacob Goyal, and had another full Talk with him
upon the Affair of the late Gov^r Escher's Farm -
To which I believe there may now be made a good
Title by a joint Deed from all the Heirs But
their Demand is higher than formerly -
at least 10,500! -

And as the Buildings & Fences are all in a
ruinous Condition and the Land desperately
worn to put all things into proper Order
& Repair according to the best Information
I can get will cost at least

3 500! -
£ 14, 000! -

And when does the Farm want hardly let for
£ 400! a year, which is not 3 percent for your money,
and if you or your Brother would be advis'd by me

I think you may lay out your money to a
much greater future Advantage to your Family -
I mean in uncultivated Wilderness Land in this
Province, in which good Bargains are to be had
almost every day, and they rise & will constantly
rise in Value; I have Orders going by me from
Gent^m in England to make such Purchases and
am now in Treaty for one Tract of 4000 Acres -
Col^d Brown left a great Estate in such Lands, and
inherited them, & I will soon sell and if you was
here I am persuaded you would not be so
fond as you have been of Fisher's Farm. It
will never rise any thing considerable in Value,
but such Lands as I mention will advance
your Estate three times faster than Money put
to Interest. I have some Reason to believe
Col^d Tailor's Farm will be sold and when you
come hither, you would perhaps like that better
to live on than any other, being in your Native
Town, so near Boston, & no ferry to pass -
As to your money in my hands, it shall be done
with as may best suit you? Either in Purchases
or put to Interest. - I should think myself happy
to reside Mr^r Belcher in King's Cove & your Lady
well in this healthy Country - I am

J. Carterett
Dolbear

J. B.

Primary Document Form

Doc #C1013

Title – Governor Jonathan Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr.

Date of Item – January 29, 1732/33

Description/Pages – Typed transcript of a personal letter from Gov. Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr. encouraging his move to Massachusetts and requesting a Negro boy in the spring.

Database/Repository – copy of typed transcript (page 1 only) owned by Royall House Association. Location of original letter no known.

Format – personal correspondence

URL – not applicable

Creator/Author – Governor Jonathan Belcher

City – Boston

Date accessed – 6/6/09

Series Notes – Gov. Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr. encouraging his move to Massachusetts, teasing Madam Royall about her fear of northern winters. The letter also mentions a request for a Negro boy in the spring, duty per head on Negroes

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall Sr., Gov. Belcher, Negroes

As to the relationship between the Lewis' and the girls; this may be a clue: "Jan. 12, 1740/41 To Nathaniel Blagrove. Isaac Royall complains that his wife's guardian does not file his accounts; wishes justice done in the matter." (Gov. Belcher's letters. Vol. VII Part II p. 550) Mass. Hist. Coll. 6th Series Vol. VI Part I, Vol. VII Part II. The foregoing is the subject of the letter. Each collection of letters and papers has an explanation as to their present location. I believe these are in the Mass. Hist. Soc. (MH), that is, the originals. The name of the guardian is probably there but it might be easier to look first in the Suffolk Probate Records under MacIntosh or Job Lewis. This might throw some light on what happened to the girls' mother.

Perhaps you have found this letter but if not, here it is:

Gov. Belcher to Isaac R. 29 Jan. 1732/33 (Vol. VI Part I p. 255-257) †

Dear Sir-The 13th inst I rec'd your favor of 30 Septr (per-MFR) Dove, and am oblig'd for your care in the negroe, boy, which you will be pleased to send me by the first good opportunity in the spring. ‡ I take a very particular notice of all you say about the Sugar Bill & confirm what I wrote in my last that I have not those terrible apprehensions about it as to this Province which most people have. I am very sorry to hear of the impovrisht circumstances to which most of our English islands are reduc'd; and if the bill shou'd not pass in all its parts, yet I shou'd think it very just to lay a large duty on the produce of foreign countries. Mr. (Jacob) Royall compleated the purchase of Usher's farm some time ago. I believe the title is good, & it's a good estate & it will cost to have all things done to your mind at least £ 15,000. But of this & and the improvement of it we may talk more when I have the happiness to see you. You are right to sell Roe's estate for the most you can.

We have a duty here of £ 4 a head on negroes, laid many years since; but I have lately recd his Majesty's commands not to suffer any new duty. You will have seen by several of my speeches that I shou'd have thought it wise in this Assembly to have laid a heavy duty on rum, more especially on that of foreign islands; but I have not been able to prevail. I promise myself, Sir, much pleasure in seeing you here sometime in May or June next. I pray you to make mine and Mrs. Belcher's compliments to your lady and little Miss, & let Mad^m Royall know we have plenty of good wood & can keep our house warm enough in the coldest winter. She must therefore not entertain a thought of staying behind. Besides you may tell her the Gov^r & Council here have the power of divorces, & I wou'd not have her run the hazard of losing so good a husband for want of paying him due honour & respect. At least she must come and try one winter & I have no doubt but she'll as good health as ever Antigua gave her. Mad^m & you will forgive this freedom.

This day your brother Mr. J. Royall was with me to know whether I inclin'd to part with my house & gardens in Hannover Street, & I told him as I might never live in it again, if I cou'd find a person to my mind to succeed in it I believ'd I should sell it.* He told me he had a mind for it for yourself. I told him I had rather you shou'd have it than any other man. It is certainly the most of a gent^m's seat of anything in this country. He says he hints it to you so you'll give him an answer

Primary Document Form

Doc #C1014

Title – Governor Jonathan Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr.

Date of Item – Nov 16, 1736

Description/Pages – handwritten transcript of a personal letter from Gov. Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr. about young Isaac's tutor.

Database/Repository – copy of handwritten transcript owned by Royall House Association. Location of original letter no known.

Format – personal correspondence

URL – not applicable

Creator/Author – Governor Jonathan Belcher

City – Boston

Date accessed – 6/6/09

Series Notes – Gov. Belcher to Isaac Royall Sr. about young Isaac Jr. and his tutor. The letter also refers to the suitability of the Medford property, once finished, to be a "Gentleman's seat".

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall Sr., Gov. Belcher, Isaac Jr.

Apr. 16, 1736

Sir - I have now before me your Favour of
30th Sep. & 29th Aug last, which came to Fowler &
Vickers, & as my last was got to your hand I
hope it serv'd in answer to your last.

I am much oblig'd to you for the kind
thoughts you have of my Administration and I can
assure you most uprightly, that all my
understanding has been continuously employ'd in
doing everything I judg'd right most of all
to promote the Welfare and Happiness of my
Country, nor have I knowingly done any
Injustice to the Province, or to any private
Person in it; I might have been thousands
richer than I am, if I would have taken
the Gifts and Presents, that have been offered
to me from time to time, but I thank God,
who has? me to withstand 'em all with
Modesty and Resentment.

I take a particular Notice of all you
write about your Son's Future, and shall
send for your Brother and talk over the
matter, and be glad to do anything I can that
may contribute to your Interest & Honour;
I really think I do a year? money (with
his meat drink, Washing & Lodging) a full reward
for his Services.

As you observe, our Bills of Credit passing
in lieu of money are becoming better than a
public Fraud and there are such a number
of debtors in the General Assembly, whose
interest it is to endeavor still to depreciate
them, that I almost despair of their applying
any Remedy to this growing Evil, tho' I intend
once more to urge it upon them.

Many Gentlemen here fall in with your
thoughts and from time to time are purchasing
land, more especially those uncultivated and
as the Country greatly increases, it is judged
there is the best Security for an Estate here.

The House I mentioned to you is sold
for \$ 3700, which was \$ 300 less than I
offered it to you for; it is a fine spot of land,
and a good accommodation for this Town, but
the Buildings are old, and will soon want a
thorough Repair, yet I wish you had had it, it
would have been a good Winter House, for perhaps
you might fancy to live more than the summer
season in the Country.

When you have done what you intend at
Medford, it will be a fine Estate for a Gentleman
to live on. I have a small farm at Milton
which I am gradually bringing to & where, if God
spare my life, I intend to build a House to
live.

3.
You give me Hopes of the pleasure of
seeing you in the Spring for which I thank
you, to pray you to keep your Resolution
& come to spend the rest of your days
in your Native Country, among your Friends
and I hope we shall find a Seat for
you at the Council Board.

I take gratified notice of your Postscript
I am sure every opportunity of doing you and
your Family good would give me a particular
Satisfaction yet as I am in years (55) I should
be glad you would excuse me especially since
you have a Brother as capable & so faithful
in all your affairs.

I am now Sir to tell you that it
has pleas'd the Holy & Wise God to take from
me my late dear Wife after a longling Con-
sumption of 2 or 3 years; she dy'd with much
Serenity & Composure; expressing her great
Faith & Dependence on the Mercy of God
thro' Jesus Christ alone. I desire to be
quiet & resign'd to the Will of God on the
Melancholy Providence and that I may be
more carefully preparing for the Great
Change of Death which I must very soon
undergo.

4.

I Commit this letter to the
Care of your good Brother Jacob Fogel
Esq. with one of the Funeral Escutcheons,
and Gloves and Ring, for yourself & Lady,
to whom you'll please to make my
Complements, as also to Mr. Isaac, & to the
young Lady, your daughter.

I am

Sir

Your Friend and
Most Humble Servant

JB

Primary Document Form

Doc #C1015

Title – Isaac Royall Jr. to Lord Dartmouth

Date of Item – Jan 1774

Description/Pages – typed transcript of letter from Isaac Jr. to Lord Dartmouth about his political views

Database/Repository – typed transcript (incomplete -3 pages only) owned by Royall House Association. Location of original letter thought to be at the Public Records Office, London England Reference #PR Prec XIII. 179-183.

Format – personal correspondence

URL – not applicable

Creator/Author – Isaac Royall Jr.

City – Medford

Date accessed – 6/6/09

Series Notes – Isaac Royall Jr. writes to Lord Dartmouth from Medford, New England about his views on the relationship between Great Britain and the colonies.

Subject(s) / Keywords – Isaac Royall Jr., Lord Dartmouth

Letter of Isaac Royall Jr. to Lord Dartmouth

Medford New England Jan^{ry} : 1774

My Lord

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The Melanchely and distressing Circumstances these Colonies but especially this Province are now reduced to with respect to their Public Concerns very much engages my attention very much distress my Heart and fill me with very great anxiety of Mind not without the most alarming Fears for the consequences which I cannot but think may be greatly injurious if not fatal to both Great Britain and America occasion^d by the unhappy Disputes between them a high regard and esteem for the Mother Country Joind to a natural affection and attachment to my own induces me with ardency to wish their mutual welfare and impress me to endeavor their true Interest Peace and Happiness This I humbly Trust in your generous Mind will apologize for my presuming to address you Lordship to whom I have not the Honor of being personally known tho I am no Stranger to the amiable Character you sustain having often heard that great and good Man my worthy and intimate Friend the Rev^d Mr. Whitefield express in highest Terms his exalted opinion of you and warm Respect and Esteem for you he ad a very Sincere Love for these Colonies and used to observe that he knew your Lordship had a very great regard for our Civil and Religious Interests which inducd him frequently to wish that you might be appointed Secretary of State for the American Department and when my Lord I heard of your Appointment to that important Office the Conversation of my Dear Friend came to my Mind and with a Joy unfelt before I could not but congratulate myself and my Country upon an Event so repleat with the most pleasing Prospects of great advantage to America and the whole British Empire in consequence thereof I cannot but think the Interests nay the very Being of Britain and her Colonies are in the nature of our Constitution so connected as not to admit of a Separation without very injuriously affecting if not entirely ruining both

I beg leave to observe to your Lordship that I have been of his Majesty's Council and House of Representatives here Thirty Years without intermission the last Twenty of which has been at the Council Board and that I firmly believe this People to be as Truly loyal to his Majesty as cordially affected to the illustrious House of Hanover and as ardently desirous that there may never be wanting one of that August Family to sway the British Sceptre until Time shall be no more as any of his Subjects in all his extended Dominions Please to observe Sir however that I don't pretend to justify any Disturbances which have altho they were not more or greater perhaps than often occur in large and free governments but Sir while this People in general fear God and thus truly honour and are attacht to their King and his Royall House they are at the same Time Tender very feelingly Tender and Zealeously tenacious of their inestimable Charter Rights and Priviledges which they apprehend (and your Lordship will Judge whether their apprehensions are well founded or not) have been greatly infring^d and broken in upon through the Machinations and Misrepresentations to the former Ministry from Persons on this side the Atlantic who from an Insatiable Thirst after Power and Gain are far from seeking the welfare of Great Britain and her Colonies the aggrandising and enriching themselves to th^e their grand Ultimatum and doubtless these Persons have also the same Selfish views made similar Misrepresentations to the present Ministry in general and to Lord North in particular (who from the Character I have heard of him from my Son in Law Will^m Pepperrell Esq. who had the honor more than once of being introduced into his Lordship's Company) I esteem as a Candid Worthy and valuable Nobleman to these Misrepresentations is also a very great measure the Difficulties and Distresses the Colonies now labour under An Act for the sole purpose of raising a Revenue whereby our Money is taken from us not only without but against our Consent together with

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the late Maneuver to enforce and support the Act by empowering the Hon
East India Company to export their Tea to America subjected to a Duty payable
in America have my Lord among many other grievances complained of given the
Alarm and caused that great uneasiness which now so universally prevails
through the Colonies and which if not speedily and amicably adjusted it is to
be feared will be productive of the most fatal Consequences. This Province
Sir has always been foremost even beyond its ability (and not withstanding
the present unhappy disputes would perhaps be so again if there should be the
like occasion for it) in promoting the Honor of their King and Nation Wit-
ness theirtwice saving Nova Scotia from falling into French Hands the Reduction
of Louisbourg in 1745 under that valuable and much esteemed General Sir
William Pepperrell Bar^t and their many other expensive and heroic Expeditions
against the common Enemy in the Wars that when these worthy
Gentlemen Shirley and Pownall were successively Governors here under their
mild and prudent Administration this People were happy among themselves and
highly in favor with the King and his Ministers and it is the general opinion
of all prudent and judicious Person and restere that solid and desirable
Harmony and Tranquillity which is so essential to the mutual Happiness of a
King and his Subjects. I am not govern by any Party I am anxious that in all
Public affairs I have made the Honor of my King and the real Interests
and Peace of my Country the ultimate end of all my Transactions I aim so to
live in this World as that I may be happy in another and no Man more ardently
wishes and earnestly Prays to the God of Peace for the Restoration of these
happy Times which formerly subsisted between us and our Mother Country than I
do for Sir while these Animisities continue our Implacable French and Spanish
Enemies doubtless do and will triumph in and God knows whether the
Machinations of these restless Fees are not at work behind the Curtain in
sewing and fomenting Jealousies and Divisions between us but be that as it may

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Royall's requests for aid

My Lord

Kensington May 31, 1777

I hope your Lordship will pardon the presumption of this address. My health being so inform that I am unable to pay my personal respects to you I am one of the unfortunate persons who from the dreadful tempest of the times in the Massachusetts Bay was obliged to leave that country and finally take refuge in this leaving in it a large landed Estate worth Thirty thousand pounds sterling besides coutstanding debts at the Mercy of the people - part of my Estate I have been informed bya a Gentleman lately from Boston the congress have taken into their possession and leased it out.

For twenty five years successively I have been chosen member of his Majesty's Council according to the charter. On the change of the constitution in the year 1774 I was nominated in his Majesty's Commission as one of the new Council previous to this the very preceeding year I had resigned my seat in the provincial Council on account of my ill health and for the same reason it was that I could not accept the King's appointment.

Soon after the battle of Lexington not being able to support the difficulties and distresses that I foresaw would happen in Boston I retired to Halifax where I stayed until the month of May following when I embarked with a number of the Council for this place and arrived in June. Soon after my arrival I called with my son in law Sir William Pepperell at you Lordships house to pay my respects and not finding you at home I left a carde. Some time after this I received of the Treasury Two hundred pounds equal to what was paid to the Council; this unsolicited favor I felt myself obliged to your Lordship for and should have called again on your Lordship to pay my acknowledgements but my indisposition obliged me to go out of town a few days after.

I went to Brigh / with my son in law Sir William Pepperell and his family for he

I lay eight Weeks under the attendance of three physicians who despaired of my recovery the fever at length left me but in a low low consumptive way and thus

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have continued in a very dangerous way until within these few weeks that I have began to mend so as to give my friends some hope of my recovery.

I mean my Lord by this recital of my case to communicate to your Lordship that notwithstanding I have left so great a part of my Estate in New England I had 400 pounds in the hands of my correspondent here, which would have supported me with economy tobblerbly decent provided I had enjoyed my health without making myself troublesome to your Lordship or to Government but the charge of Physicians, Apothecarys, Nurses etc. has so exhausted my finances that I have been lately obliged to borrow two hundred pounds, and am obliged to apply to your Lordship to request your interest to procure for me some temporary relief which Im greatly encouraged by Sir William Pepperell toexpect, who mentioned my situation to your Lordship a few days ago and received your kind assurance of taking my case into consideration and of doing something for me, for which friendly interest permit me my Lord to pay my most grateful acknowledg^ement.

I pray to God to bless his Majesty's measures with success that it may be the means of opening the Eyes of the deluded Colonists to see their true interest, to know that to be subject to Great Britain is far ? Independency, and that they may be brought to a sense of their duty to their Mother Country and to the best of Kings.

I am my Lord with great deference and respect

Your Lordships much obliged and

Most obedient humble servant

Isaac Royall

To Right Honorable Lord North

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Kensington August 6th 1777

My Lord

As I understand the Treasury Board have been sitting for sometime past upon granting allowance to the Americans who have been drove from their Estates to this country for refuge~~e~~ and support, and that this business has been carried on alphibetically and is now near got thro and passed the letter of my name without any consideration or instruction respecting me, from which I cannot but infer that your Lordship must have forgot my case as I had no memorial at the Treasury Board to remind you, and as your promise to my son in law Sir William Pepperell gave me great confidence that your Lordship would have afforded me an adequate relief.

I therefore take leave to inclose copy of the letter I wrote your Lordship the 31th of May, in hopes it may remind you of my peculiar case, being reduced to be troublesome to your Lordship to request your interest for some temporary relief on account of a tedious long and expensive sickness which I have not yet recovered from tho I have been gradually growing better sometime past.

I am my Lord

Your Lordships most obedient

& most humble servant

Isaac Royall

The Right Honorable Lord North

On the back:

6 August 1777

Massachusetts

? of Isaac Royal

Councillor of Massachusetts

stating his pretensions to favor

Temporary support

2nd Aug 76 Mr. Royal had 200 issued to him but struck out of the List

for any farther payment 8th Aug. '77

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