

L<sup>d</sup> spare me till Spring, it will be my way to crowd in w<sup>th</sup> my friends there. S<sup>t</sup>, I am so full of bisyness as to this place holding out, y<sup>t</sup> I cant write as I would : must refer to Cap<sup>t</sup>. Appleton & Mr. Russell. I question whether y<sup>e</sup> settling y<sup>e</sup> Garrison ag<sup>n</sup> at Brookfeild will answer y<sup>e</sup> cost, & winter is at hand. I am only able to add at p<sup>sent</sup>, the L<sup>d</sup> sanctifie all his stroakes to me, speak effectually to my heart, & teach me by his own spirit.

Y<sup>r</sup> very humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN PYNCHON.

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CORRESPONDENCE OF SAMUEL APPLETON.

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The Council of Massachusetts to Captain Samuel Appleton.

CAPT. APPLETON,

The Councill have seriously considered the earnest desires of major Pynchon & the great affliction upon him & his family, & have at last consented to his request to dismiss him from the cheefe comānd over the Army in those parts, and have thought meet, upon mature thoughts, to comitt the cheefe comānd unto yourselfe, beeing perswaded that God hath endeowed you with a spirit and ability to mannage that