

municate this letter together with the votes passed upon this river (which will be delivered you by a committee sent on purpose) to your town that they may have opportunity to act in it as they judge expedient.

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THO<sup>s</sup> GOLDTHWAIT.

Judge Williamson of Belfast sends me word that the earth-works of Fort Pownal are still discernible, and that its site is now the property of the U. S. government, and is under the control of the Lighthouse Board, which, at his suggestion, has, within a few years, built a fence around it, for the purpose of preserving its historical memories and associations.

While living in Boston, Col. Goldthwaite was one of the subscribers to "Prince's Chronology," the list of whom is considered to include Boston's most intelligent citizens at that day. Brief memoirs of some of these subscribers have been printed in various numbers of the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*.

Little is known of Col. Goldthwaite between the surrender of Fort Pownal, in the spring of 1775, and his arrival in England early in 1780. When the fort was burnt, on the night of July 20, 1775, by Col. Cargill of the Eastern Lincoln Co. Regiment, the latter, in his report, mentions his previously assisting Col. Goldthwaite to carry his effects into the chapel; and when, October 23d of the same year, he, with the other officers and soldiers of the garrison, petitions the General Court for payment for services rendered, before being disbanded, he was presumably in the same vicinity. The following, from the *New London Gazette*, dated Boston, July 8, 1779, shows him as then still in that region, rendering it extremely probable that he had not left it:

"By three persons who arrived at Newburyport yesterday sennight from Penobscot and that run from the Le Blanc Frigate we are informed of the enemy's force there. The Le Blanc frigate of 32 guns full manned A. Barclay Commodore. Those men left the above named frigate the 16<sup>th</sup> ult. The land forces were all landed, no artillery landed then, nor any fortifications erected. The talk was that they should begin the next day. Col. Goldthwait and Dr.