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to give life & spring to y^e affair. I hope you'l encourage y^e same. I have written to Doctor Hale to desire y^e Gov^r to ord^r all y^e men to march in next week. I pray you to make ready to be at Boston next week, for dispatch is y^e life of businesse. I have proposed y^e 2000 men, if no more, be ready to sail by y^e twentyeth day of y^e month. I hear y^e you intend to be at this town Mondy next; shall endeavor to wait on you, should do it sooner but y^e I expect you 'l be full of comp^s.

I am your hum^b sert.

W. VAUGHAN.

Hon^{ble} W. PEPPERRELL, Esq^r.

ANDREW LE MERCIER * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

SIR, — I give myself the honour to write you to acquaint your Honour that the Honourable Samuel Waldo hath been appointed by the comitee of our General Court to speak to my son Andrew (now at Falmouth) and to encourage him to go with you and your army against Cape Breton, in quality and in the character of a linguister. Tho' I want him very much about some other busines, yet if he can be serviceable in the intended expedition, I would consent to his going upon a suitable encouragement. It is uncertain yet how much the General Court will allow him. It is not likely that they will grant what I call a sufficient encouragement, except you are pleased to give him a lieutenancy in your own regiment or some other. Indeed, Sir, what makes people fond of commissions in your army is a hope, well or ill grounded, that if the place be taken they may have their commissions confirmed at home, and so have either a full sterling pay, if they are employed, and if they are dismissed a half-pay.

* Minister of the French Protestant Church in Boston. He died Mar. 31, 1764, in his seventy-second year. See Memorial History of Boston, vol. ii. pp. 254-258. — Eds.

For that reason I would have him receive a lieutenant's commission, and be left in garrison there. However, I would desire it upon these terms, that during the expedition he would only act as a linguister, and after the taking of the place as both a Lieutenant and a linguister. My son hath by him a plan of Louisbourg and the fortifications of the town, drawn by himself, which (as Captain Loring saith) is truer than any extant, and might be of some use in this expedition. Pray, Sir, honour me with one word of answer. I pray the God of Hosts to be your shield against all your ennemies, to crown your undertaking with succes and your person with His best blessings, and I pray you to believe me, most respectfully, Sir,

Your Honour's most humble and obedient servant.

ANDREW LE MERCIER.

To the Honourable Brigadier PEPPEREL, Esq^r, &c., &c., &c.

Boston, the 8th of February, 1744

JOHNSON HARMAN * TO WILLIAM PEPPERRELL.

*To the Hon. William Pepperrel, Esq^r, Brig. General, at Kitterey.
 & Cap^t Beal.*

YORK, Feb^r 16th, 1744.

HON^d SIR, — This waits on you with my duty, wishing you all the success and comfort that prosperity can afford you in the great trust repos'd in you. May the conduct of Heavn always atend you in evere scene of life. The Providence of God blessing me with so good a measure of health, and my inclinations being strong to wait on you to Lewisburgh, I am perswaded their is something yet for me to do their before I leave the world. And as your smiles is all I crave in order to my going with you, I shall

* Col. Johnson Harman had been in earlier life one of the most noted Indian fighters of the time, and was associated with Col. Moulton in many of his expeditions. At the date of this letter he must have been well advanced in years. — EDS.