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Dear Mr. Lawton:

As I told you over the phone, I recently read the novel about your family and I enjoyed it very much.

Enclosed are copies of the descriptions of the Cunningham collection and three Gibbons collections at Georgia Historical Society. They do not seem to contain any of the information that you requested. There are some Cunningham-Lawton papers that should be processed early next year. An archivist checked through them and they do not seem to contain anything pertinent.

I personally checked the "Grimball Plantation Journal" for the missing pages, but they contained only business accounts that would not be of interest to you.

Also enclosed are copies of two articles from the newspaper index about Captain Lawton. There was no more about him in the newspaper index, 1763-1799.

This completes the five hours work that I had agreed to do for you. I would be happy to do further work for you.

Yours truly,

*Kaye Kole*

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P.S. Happy New Year!

likely to fall on this colony, and from his Majesty's justice, paternal and equal regard for all his people, we conclude that no more for the future than a due proportion will be asked from this colony.

Our experience convinces us that your Excellency will embrace every opportunity of promoting his Majesty's Service, and the interest of this colony: But at this inconvenient season we can only present such things to your Excellency as will not admit of delay.

New York, June 3, 1767. WILLIAM NICOLL, Speaker.  
To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following ANSWER.

*Countess of the Great Assembly,*  
I RETURN you my hearty thanks for your address, and the readiness with which you have entered on the matters recommended to you at the opening of the session.

I am so far from desiring in any shape to add to the distresses of the province, that I should be extremely happy in having an opportunity of alleviating them; and whenever the demands of the crown are thought burdensome, a respectful and well grounded representation to our most gracious sovereign, of any hardship or inconvenience which the province may labour under, cannot fail of obtaining that relief which, from his Majesty's justice and paternal regard for his people, has always been extended to his most distant subjects.

June 8. His Excellency Governor Wentworth arrived here on Saturday the 31st ult. from Philadelphia in his way to his government of New Hampshire, and we hear he is about to embark in Capt. Lawton, to go to Rhode-Island by water.

Capt. May from Port Louis, informs, that about the first of March an English frigate being at the Isle of Ash for wood, a French guarda coast boat of 26 guns, on falling her, sent her boat on board to know who she was, that the English captain detained the boat all night, and in the morning dismissed her; after which the snow came up along side of her, and proved in a broadside, which was smartly returned by the frigate, by which the snow was greatly damaged; having her masts wounded, and all her upper works shot away even with the deck fore and aft, had a great number of men killed, and was obliged to be towed into Port Louis to rest; that afterwards she went out again, and brought in two English sloops belonging to Jamaica, that she met with trading. That about the first of May, a French Gofneyman getting intelligence of a New-England schooner being in Little Bay to forward, trading, manned his lower and cock boat, brought her into Port Louis, where the captain and crew were immediately put in prison, and she was condemned.

Saturday last his Excellency the Governor was pleased to give his assent

to a bill for the better regulation of the militia, which was read the first of three readings, or for settling a regulation for the troops quartered within this colony, and for paying Capt. Phillip Morris, the losses he sustained in the house

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vessel shall be laden or in ballast, shall publicly in the Custom-House answer upon oath to such questions as shall be demanded of him by the Collector and Comptroller concerning any such vessel, and the destination of her voyage, or concerning any goods that shall or may be laden on board her, upon forfeiture of 100l. Sterling for every default.

ROSEAU, in DOMINICA, JULY 18.

**B**Y the way of Granada we have the disagreeable advice of the death of CAMPBELL DALRYMPLE, Esq. Lieutenant Colonel of the King's own regiment of dragoons, and formerly Commander in Chief of the Islands of Guadaloupe and Dominica.

*Roston, August 24.* In the Schooner Sultana, which sailed a few days ago for London, went passenger one — Gibbons, who had been a soldier upwards of 16 years, and lately discharged from Col. Dalrymple's regiment at Halifax, by an order from the Secretary at War, and arrived last week in the packet from thence. He is said to be going home to take possession of an estate that has fell to him by the death of an uncle, consisting of 7000l. sterling, in cash, and an income of 3000l. like money, a year.

We hear the whale fishery off the Western Islands is like to turn out very successful this season, two vessels having returned from thence to the Cape with upwards of 300 barrels each.

*New-York, August 24.* Captain Tucker, from York's-Island, informs, that many settlers have lately arrived there from Bermuda, and that the place bids fair for being, in a short time, very considerable on account of trade; that Governor Seymour has appointed a council, and the inhabitants have chosen an assembly, by virtue of an order from England; and that several French sloops have lately been there, but could not dispose of their cargoes, there being but very few purchasers. Salt very scarce.

We hear from Canada, that there has lately been a terrible storm there; and in the town of Montreal, out of 33 steeples, 31 had been blown down. We have not yet heard any further particulars.

*August 31.* By Captain Mathalia, in 11 days from Bermuda, we learn, that some time in June last, a snow from Cape Francois, for Bourdeaux, was cast away upon the rocks near that island, loaded with sugar, coffee and indigo, and that most of the cargo was either lost or damaged.

By Capt. Lawton, who arrived here yesterday from Rhode-Island, we have advice, that a few days ago, a brig bound into that island, from Jamaica, belonging to Mr. Malbone, was set on fire by the carelessness of a boy in drawing rum, off Point-Judah, by which accident the vessel was burnt down, and of the crew and passengers, 25 in number, 5 women lost their lives in the flames.

George Gazette, 14 Oct. 1767 p 1 c 2