

We the Subscribers Ministers of the  
Gospel upon the East Side of Long Island, having had  
intimate personal Acquaintance with Mr. Sampson  
who for a Number of Years past hath officiated in the Char-  
acter of a School-Master at Manhasset and of late in Conjunction  
therewith as Licensee Preacher of the Gospel.

By these Profane practices, wants, &c. all whom it may  
concern, that we have neither observed, nor ever heard of the long  
Shame of moral Deceit that he has been guilty of; but  
so far as we have Knowledge, has in the Character of a  
Christian, School-Master, and Preacher of the Gospel, behaved  
well, even so as to be an eminent benificent to Religion.

And we take the Liberty to add, that with much Pleasure  
we beheld the good Effects of his zealous Labours among the  
Indians. The Children and young People among them have  
in general, by his Diligence, learned to read, and many of them, at  
the same time, and able to sing the Praises of God in a regular Manner.  
The same People that had the Bible read to them in their own  
Language, and by means of Mr. Curran have greatly improved in  
Sacramental Knowledge. The worship of God has been kept up,  
and religious exercises in a regular Manner performed on the Lord  
Days, &c. especially during the sojourn of Mr. Curran with  
them. It has been his holy profession, that of promoting the progress  
of wisdom and separating Principles, and the raising up of preachers  
in the Gospel. For he has recommended Religion to them by good  
and wholesome Advice. And we have Reason to hope that God has been  
pleas'd, especially of late, to reward his Labours with several Success  
to the satisfaction of many, and the benefit and conversion of some.  
And we shall gratefully rejoice in a measure in his continuing Fidelity  
and Management to provide in preaching the Gospel, as far as the  
Providence may open a Door therefor, (including our former Duties  
to the same) Devotion, Diligence and watching, the testimony of what  
we have now written, we subscribe  
Yours Truly  
James Brewster

East Hampton March 25

For Mr. Curran

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Book of the Lord of the  
Rivers of the Kingdom  
1758.