



A Copy of a Letter from the
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 to the Rev. Mr. *Barber*, of
Groton in *Connecticut*.



Reverend and Dear BROTHER!

GRACE, Mercy and Peace, by all
 in Heaven, and all in Earth, that
 love Zion's Prosperity; ever-
 lasting Praise to the everlasting
 GOD, the Father, Son, and Holy
 Ghost, that in infinite Mercy the eternal Hea-
 vens are bowed, and Jehovah himself is come
 down by way of divine Influence upon, and in
 the Hearts of People in *East-Hampton*, with
 amazing Power and Glory, exceeding all I ever
 before saw, and all I have read or heard of since
 the primitive Times of Christianity. For

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many Weeks past God has been preparing his Way ; his own Children has been remarkably replenished with Love, holy Joys, & unutterable Groanings in Prayer, for the out-powering of his holy Spirit upon us : Our Assemblies, numerous and solemn, and the Arrows of Conviction, Sermon after Sermon, have been fastened in the Hearts of Sinners. Thus has it been for some Time past ; but for a Week past, Heaven and Hell has seemed to meet here, and to reign here. God's People have almost all been favoured with such Manifestations of divine Glory, such Communications of Light, Love, Joy and Comfort, and been under such labouring Pangs, and in such Agonies of Distress for Sinners, that in some Instance it seemed as if Soul and Body would be seperated in many, beyond all I have now seen : But oh ! the Agonies and Cries, and Importunities of Sinners for Mercy ! Mercy, Mercy, Lord ! pardoned Mercy, for Jesus Sake, for the chief of Sinners ! Such praying for Mercy, such Earnestness of Expression, and by way of Submission to God, I have heard from modist Women, young People and Children, in great Numbers, and such Declaration of Man's Sinfulness by Nature & Practice, of God's Justice and Mercy, and Christ's infinite Merit ; and all by those in quest of Mercy, as exceed all I ever before heard or read of. Every Day, for a Week past, the House of God has been repaired to by all our People in general ; by nine o'Clock, no preaching was appointed, excepting



excepting one of the Days, when it was supposed there was a Thousand, People on a Week Day in the House of God, and all seemed somehow impressed with a weighty Sense of eternal Things. Never did I see such an Assembly, before ! God's Glory filled the House. Our Pews, Allys, Stairs, Seats, above and below, contained therein wounded and distressed Souls ; and from Time to Time, Day after Day, the Holy Ghost evidently came down as a mighty rushing Wind : Sometimes almost as sudden as a Flash of Lightning, bowing our Assembly, and producing the most amazing Agonies of Soul, and Cries, ever you heard. My House from Day to Day, when we were not in the House of God, began from early in the Morning, to be filled with Sinners, and their Cries for Mercy, continually 'till ten in the Evening : Their Cries you might hear in every House, as you walked the Streets. In short, as some of our solid old Christians say, so I think, if any one that has not seen these Things, would form an Idea of them, they must think as well as they can, how it will be at the Day of Judgment, when God's People will be full of divine Joy, and Sinners full of Hell. I have indeed seen great Numbers the Week past, one would think the Damned scarce felt more of the Wrath of God ; and I think I have Scripture Warrant to hope that several of the People in this Town, have experienced a saving Change in about a Week or a little more : Many of them have seemed to others,

as well as themselves, to come as it were out of Hell, into Heaven! Husbands and their Wives, Parents and their Children, hopefully New-born. All the Town seems bowed before this of amazing Power and Glory, and scarce a single Instance of a Person out of Christ, above eight Years of Age, (and several under;) but is with Sollicitude inquiring, "What they should do to be saved!" Most all our young People, as well as others, many of them Eight, Ten, and Twelve Years of Age, are now hopefully converted.—Among the Rest, we have a JEW, that I have Reason to think is now a true Believer in the Messiah, whom he always despised, 'till within a few Days, the Dispensations of God are amazing, which I can't now relate. The Power of Scripture-Truth upon the Heart, under a Work of the Law, & the Application of the Gospel thereupon, in this Work, is amazing! Some of our Justices and great Men in Town, that as they now own, never before liked Religion, in the Power of it, bow before this Work which has seized their Hearts; one of them says in Distress of Soul, "This is all the Work of God! Oh that I may share in another, tho' I fear there is no Mercy for me, any more than for Devils; Yet if I was now to die, I would leave my Testimony (this is the Work of God!)" Another with Tears rolling down: "Heaven is now come down in *East-Hampton!*" They are in utmost Distress of Soul, for an Interest in Christ. All the Town seems bowed as it were like one Man; never did you

or I see the first Commandment, so certified, as now in this Town : Hundreds are now in Distress of Soul for a Saviour, complaining of hard Hearts and blind Minds. I can only tell you by some Hints, what has been, and what is before us ; I know not yet at present : It looks as if God was on his Way, to cause us all to know him from the Greatest to the Least ; yet 'tis to be feared some will remain as Marshes in miry Places : When the Vessels are full, the Oil will be stayed. If any besides yourself, should read or hear these Lines, doubtless some at least, if not all, will be shock'd, and wonder, as well they may, and the Wonder would grow upon them to a seven-fold Degree, was they to see and hear what I have for a Week past : But I assure you, my dear Brother, if I know any thing about a Work of God's Grace, in the Heart of Man, from God's Word, from and by God's Ministers, and pious Authors ; from the Experience of the dear People of God, and from my Experience of the Power of Religion in my own Soul. Blessed be God, for about thirty Years, I can't but declare, to the Glory of God, so far as I can judge from all these Things, that the Work of God now in *East-Hampton*, is far the most God-like, Christ-like, excellent & glorious, that ever I knew. If any one can call this Work a Delusion, as to the Essentials of it, I am fully perswaded they can do more than Devils can do : But personally considered, this gives me no Concern ; the Work is in the Hands of God, and there let it

be forever ! You know, my dear Sir, I have been studying the Prophecies concerning the latter Day of Glory, for a Number of Years past, and was about to speak to the Publick from the Press, not as timing Events hopefully near, as I was designing to shew by a Treatise upon Daniel's four Monarchies, St. John's Revelation, and correspondent Prophecies ; but that Work lays by at present : For there is now Work enough in *East-Hampton*, for many Ministers. I hope some Glimerings of the new Jerusalem is breaking forth here ; in my Study and other Rooms, I hear the Cries of Sinners for Mercy. By some young People, the singing of Psalms and Hymns, and by Children that have come as it were out of Hell's Horrors ! These Words frequently repeated, " King Jesus reigns, God's own almighty Son ! " In short, for I can't be particular, People in general here seem to think the time is come, that they must make or break for the World eternal ! All our young People that are yet Christless, see the World empty ; and seem resolved never more to have Comfort or Rest, unless they can find it in the Lord Christ. How these extraordinary Appearances will terminate, is not for me to say ; at present I can only tell what has been : And as I know not for an Hour, I have all the Satisfaction I want, without pretending to know the Heart, that a large Number of my dear People, of late are New-born ; and with Christ's old Disciples, are bowed for Glory. I make no Pretences to

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a prophetic Spirit ; but I can't think this Work will end here : And I may venture to say, if this Work of God should spread, & be diffused over New England, as I pray God it may, I believe that much more of God and Christ, of the marvellous Operations of the holy Spirit, and of Man's Heart, and of Heaven and Hell, will there be known, than was ever known before ! Incomparably more, if God should come down upon the Hearts of People in general, as here it will be in his own Time, which is always the best Time. In the mean while, I hope God's Ministers, such as love the Coming of our Lord, and his Kingdom, will be found in the Spirit of Elias ; and appear full of the Holy Ghost. May God help his own dear Children to be incessant, as well as fervent, for a Day of such Power & Glory ! 'Tis amazing, when viewed aright, that the Thoughts is no more affecting ; namely, that we live in a Day in which Thousands are going down to Hell around us, for want of the divine Influence from on High ! But I must add ; doubtless you will want to know how it has been with my own Soul, during this Season. I have no Disposition to multiply Words ; I shall only say, giving all the Glory to God : My spiritual Exercise, divine Manifestations, Supports, Comfort and Assistance, have born some Proportion to this extraordinary Day. I know I want heavenly Wisdom, the Zeal of a Seraphim, the Purity of a Saint in Glory : May God uphold me, or I cannot serve him. Pray hard for me and mine,
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my dear Brother, and give all the Glory to the
 sacred Trinity; the whole and entire Glory:
 For thus must it, and may it be with each of
 our Souls everlastingly, and by all in Heaven!
 And this we now feel to be Heaven begun,
 even while we are more truly, methinks, than
 St. Paul, the chief of Sinners.—I add not,
 unless that I am your's,

In our sweet Lord Jesus!

Samuel Buell.

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