

Office of the Mayor of Boston
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Kind that you and your Tenants are continuing to
molesta part of the Community of the City of Boston
of the town I cannot think but that you certainly know
that you cannot lawfully do so unless the Common
ly was divided and even in that case I will think
that part would come to your share If you have
any particular right to do a thing so common
and in my opinion is unavoidable I hope you
acquaint me and satisfy me as immediately as possible
otherwise be assured that I will use all the means in
my power for behoof of the City not only to stop your
progress in building but also to demolish what you
have already built on that part I expect my name suff
Jas G. signed for the Voluntee Directed to Mr Robert
Monroe of Boston

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Sir Justice you some time ago desiring that you
pay the Rent duty of your Quays at Wrentham you once
promised to pay me which you never did as you are
near hand I should be glad to see you here for that
purpose and cannot go to the house of Wrentham
because I am prohibited there

With regard to the Common I am taking in will
not be equivalent to Rumpies which is 6th of an and
that will be little more than the half which makes
me at a considerable loss If I should take in more
than Rumpies you might complain but now you have
no reason you told me you would take all you could
but would part with nothing therefore I want nothing
of you but what is just and right and that I am determined
to have you need not think to frighten me with your
threatning I was not born in a world to demolish what
is built you know better than I at least you ought to know
better the Law respects in both things & you come
pay your Rent duty every day I am sorry you must be
Jas G. signed for the Voluntee Directed to Mr Joshua
Johnston Constable

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Sir In answer to yours of this date I remember indeed
to have rec^d a letter from you concerning the Rent duty
but as I did not doubt you an answer immediately for
reason which has escaped my memory I expected
expecting to have seen you and settled the matter
you remember you told me there would be a balance

in your hands & the time for the Church of England to come
to my coast and there is 5 or 6 Shillings to my sister
which makes me think there will be little due of
the friendly of flatter myself you show me your right
to it and shall a few weeks and we may soon settle the
matter

As to the Common of England we need not care
much by letters as you seem determined to persevere in
your enclosure and as you say the Law is open to both
it will be determined that matter But you can neither
justly say that I either told you I would take care I would
but part with a nothing nor that I threaten you with
violent measures I have not taken any thing to keep
but what was the ancient possession of England partic-
ularly in the King's part your present enclosure is a
recent and most unjustifiable encroachment in all
respects The Law will determine us and then your
experience what I know or ought to know and whether
you or I am the right in this affair I am determined
as I ought indeed have told you neither to take
nor part with any part of the Common in any time
unless upon a legal or amicable division I know
you ought to know we cannot justly do otherwise
A legal affair of this nature would than you & I should
before the Sheriff's Court ought to resolve you and I
hope that upon due reflection you will immediately
and without unnecessary trouble and expense both
to you and me you may very justly lay your mind
with the loss of all expenses &c

I do not know that you mean by saying you are
prohibited the house of England I all ways would
you to where I had the say and just now while I am
here you are as welcome to come to me here as I would
be to you at your house and unless you come first
I shall take it as a challenge to come to stand upon the
same principles not to come to you I shall expect you
soon here and am Sir your most respectful
servant
John Bull

Directed to Mr. Robinson of Newton

Convent

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Thomson

Robinson