Stoning. 14. May 1771.—

Honble And" Oliver Esq.

Sir,

By the Honble Commissioners Votes of Jan. 2. granting a Sum of Money [illegible crossout] [illegible crossout], to extricate Mr Deake from his difficulties, and order ing “the same to be paid to me or my order, that I, as “Agent for the Commisrs” might See that ye money be “paid to Applyd to ye. e payment of Mr Deakes Creditors, and “that they discharge him Accordingly,” And alfo by your Honours particular Instructions to me, respecting sd votes, “that I previously Obtain a List of his Creditors &c.” w h were punctually Oberved, I verily thought that ye money, above granted, was deſign d to be paid to me, And that, as Agent, I was plonally to pay ye. e money Same to Mr Deakes Creditors, & take their Discharge: And accordingly made provifion to Attend ye. e Buſineſſe, when ye money came, having spent much time & taken due pains, from ye. e beginning, in preparing matters for Such An Adjustment. — But when the Poſt brought the Money, he refuſd to leave it where I adviſed — Car ryd it back to N. Port, ordering Mr Deake to meet him, the Real Post-day, And receive it, for he Said he had Special & Express Orders to pay it to him & to no man else. — This was what I did not Underſ tand: but concluded ei ther that there was a Mistake in ye Poſt, or yt I mistook the Votes above, or otherwife ye. i had, ignorantly, diſobligd the ye. e Honable Commisſers, & occaſioned them to Send counter orders, w h gave me no Small concern.

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The Poſt paid Mr Deake the Money according to his order was paid to Mr Deake, by ye Poſt before I could See him at my Lecture, laſt week, he put into my hand Re ceipts & Diſcharges From his Creditors, near to ye. e Amount of ye. e Sum given. The Affair is not yet entirely fi -niſhd. I shall See that tis compleat, at my next Lec -ture, & give further Acct.— I believe Mr Deake has honestly purſued ye. e Deſign. He tells me All things Are now easy & quiet: And I hope ye. e Affair will ifſue well. If the Honble Commisſrs are Satisﬁed with the disposifion of Affairs Above, and I have been so happy as not to give offence, I shall thank ye. a take it as a Compenſation for my real & intended Service. —

The State of ye. e Indians at Narraganſet & of my Labours Among them, is much as heretofore deſcribd. I have good Evidence of my Continuing in Fav. with ye Indians Coun cil, & many of ye. e principal inhabitants: tho’ they are too slothfull & much to blame, by their non Attendance.

The School had been Mr Deake had Difmiſsd his School for some days, when I was laſt there, by reaſon of Mr Deakes heavy & dangerous sicknels, the Event of w h I fear.—

We have no Ind. School, just now at Stonington; for
want of a proper place to keep it in. The Late Edwnds Widw, refuseth to let us have her house Any lon-
ger, though the Commisrs gave him 40/ a few years ago to fit a room for that purpofe. The Widw Says, we have taken it our already, in ye Use of ye room; if not she will pay us what is behind, rather than have it there any longer. The Inds here, talk of building a little house for ye School & for meeting to worship; which I am apt to think they Would do if they were Able to purchase Nails & Glass; but which they sorne defray me to mention to ye Honble Com-
mißrs, but I told ye I dare not move for any Such favour just now. A Number of Five Indian Children, not living within reach of

of our School at Stonington or otherwife when we had no Indian School kept at Stonington. Attended one of our public Englißh Schools, kept by Mr Wm Wheeler, to ye Amount of 55 weeks for one 18/4 L.M. @ 4. a Week per head. And upon his Applying to me, knowing ye.\textsuperscript{1} the Commissioners had heretofore Anfwerd Such demands, I ventur'd to pay Mr Wheeler 18/4 L.M.; And have drawd for ye Same. Some of them livd with ye Indian Parents, & Some at English houses; but I could not learn ye. their masters, were under a bound to teach ye.\textsuperscript{1} to read. —

With dutifull regards to the honble Commissioners, I am Sir, with great respect, your Honours most Obed.\textsuperscript{1} & very humbl Serv. — — Joseph Fish

Honble Andr\textsuperscript{e} Oliver Esq.\textsuperscript{r}

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My Letter to
Governour Oliver
May 14. 1771