

Recd Sir

I am sorry you  
cant get at least some Money for  
David. it looks like Presumption for us  
to go on long Journey thro' Christians with-  
out Money. if it was altogether among  
Indian Heathen we might do well enough  
But I have Determined to go. Tho' no white  
Missionary would go in such Circumstances  
— I leave my House and other Business to  
be done upon your Credit, and it will be  
Dear Business in the End, if I had hired  
one good Carpenter and some other good  
Hands, my House would have been  
forwarder than it is now, so the best  
Judges tell me — I have Impowered Mr  
Peabody of Norwich Landing to act for  
me to Carry on my Business, by virtue  
of the Paper you put into my Hand,  
he is to get all the Materials that my  
House will require, and to Hire Hands

and to pay them at any Merchants  
who will except and trust to your  
obligation. — Besides all, have said  
my family now wants Cloathing and  
provision they must now have, or  
my Business can't go on — I have  
 lately heard there is salt meat enough  
at the Landing to be sold — In a word I  
leave my Poor wife and Children to  
your feet, and they hunger starve and die  
let them die there — Sir I shall endea-  
our to follow your Directions in all  
things — This in utmost haste and with  
Sincere obedience, is from

your Good for  
Nothing Indian  
Servant —

Sampson Occum

This Letter came to hand Sept: 8. 1764.  
and is the first Intelligence I have had that his  
Building was not conducted prudently & suc-  
cessfully & without much loss. It is now  
~~Monday~~ <sup>Friday</sup> returning and next Monday morning I  
am to set out on a journey to Milford. My  
Engagements are such as cant be dispensed with

Mr Deacon Sept 1764

To  
The Rev: & Magnificent  
at  
Lebanon