

great support to them. We have bin considering y<sup>e</sup> making of a boate or boats, & finde it not adviseable ; first, because the River is not Navigable, & so none made here can be had up ; Secondly, should we make any above the falls, there must be an army to guard the workmen in the worke ; Thirdly, we finde exceeding hard, by any provision, to secure o<sup>r</sup> men in the boats, by reason y<sup>i</sup> y<sup>e</sup> high banks of y<sup>e</sup> River give y<sup>e</sup> enemy so great advantage of shooting downward upon us ; And lastly, as we must follow the enemy where he will goe, we must either leave a very strong guard upon o<sup>r</sup> boats, or lose them perhaps as soon as made. There being now come in sixty men under Capt. Poole and Lieft. Upham, and we needing Co<sup>m</sup>anders, especially part of o<sup>r</sup> men being now at Springfeild, & we not daring to send all thither, we have retained Capt. Poole to co<sup>m</sup>and these sixty men untill further orders be given.

We are but this evening come up from Springfeild, and are applying o<sup>r</sup>selves p<sup>r</sup>sently to y<sup>e</sup> sending out scouts for y<sup>e</sup> discovery of the enemy, y<sup>i</sup> so the Lord assisting, we may w<sup>th</sup> these forces that we have, be making some onsett upon him, to do some things for y<sup>e</sup> glory of God and releife of his distressed people : the sence of w<sup>ch</sup> is so much upon my hart, y<sup>i</sup> I count not my life too dear to venture in any motion wherein I can persuade myselfe I may be in a way of his Providence, and expect his gracious p<sup>r</sup>sence, w<sup>th</sup>out w<sup>ch</sup> all