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cures the said Deserters so as their Officer may have them again, shall receive Three Pounds Reward for each, and all reasonable Charges: or if any one will inform the said Officer, by whom either of them are conceal'd, so that it may be prov'd, shall receive Five Pounds Sterling for each of them, paid by

Anthony Palmer.

N. B. If either of the said Deserters will return, they shall be kindly received by their Officer, and not prosecuted.—The Pennsylvania Gazette, July 22, 1742.

A Letter from a Minister in the Country, to his Friend in Boston.

At the same Time I am not ashamed to own, that I had the same Sentiments of Mr. Whitefield and Company, as Mr. G. Tennent, has of the Exhorters and the Moravians; and therefore will apply his Words [See his Letter in the Evening-Post May 3d] with a few Additions, "I Know that rash headed young Zealots (and old ones too) are apt thro Ignorance, &c."

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. Mr. G. Tennent, to the Rev. Mr. Dickinson of the Jerseys, the Original of which is in the Hands of the Rev. Mr. Clap, Rector of Yale-College, and was lately given him by Mr. Dickinson.

Dear Sir,

I Have had many afflicting Thoughts about the Debates that have subsisted for some time in our Synod: I would to God, the Breach were healed, if it was the Will of the Almighty. As for my own
Part, wherein I have mismanag'd in doing what I did;—I do look upon it to be my Duty, and should be willing to acknowledge it in the openest Manner.—I cannot justify the excessive heat of Temper which has sometimes appeared in my Conduct.—I have been of late (since I returned from New-England) visited with much spiritual Desertions, Temptations, and Distresses of various kinds, coming in a thick, and almost continual Succession; which have given me a greater Discovery of myself, than I think I ever had before: These Things, with the Trials I have had of the Moravians, have given me a clear view of the Danger of every Thing which tends to Enthusiasm and Division in the visible church.—I think that while the Enthusiastical Moravians and Long-Beards or Pickists, are uniting their Bodies, (no doubt to encrease their Strength) and render themselves more considerable) it is a Shame that the Ministers, (who are in the main of sound Principles of Religion,) should be divided and quarrelling.—Alas for it! My Soul is sick of these Things: I wish that some Scriptural, healing Methods could be fallen upon, to put an End to these Confusions. Sometime since I felt a Disposition to fall upon my Knees if I had opportunity, to entreat them to be at Peace. I add no more at present, but humble and hearty Salutations; and remain with all due Honour and Respect,

Your poor worthless Brother,

in the Gospel-Ministry,

New-Brunswick,

Feb. 12. 1741, 2.

G. Tennent.