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Sackville, N.B.
January 30th, 1957.

Dear Mr. Raddall:

Some time ago I wrote to you for information on privateering in Nova Scotia during the American Revolution. Your advice was that one manuscript would lead to another and I can say now that such was the case.

I am also attempting to give an account of the various attitudes about privateering. J. E. Mullins in his Liverpool Privateering Notes mentions the memorial that has been set up to commemorate the Liverpool privateers. Also I believe you refer to ^{the} some incident in your short story - Memorial to Miss Letty.

I would like to ^{write a} short account of the motives behind the memorial, that is about the setting up of such.

where is it actually situated and
what wording has been proscribed
on it? Is the Memorial to
Miss Letty a true account?

I hope you will not find
my questions too inquisitorial. I
should appreciate a reply in
the near future.

Yours Truly,
James A. Ross.

February 8, 1957

Dear Mr. Ross,

The privateer memorial as described in "Miss Letty's" adventures was once a project of a lady rather like her, and she thought it might be fun to raise the money in the manner I have described. Actually she never did. Eventually some local people, including myself, interested the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board in putting up a cairn and a bronze plaque, which records a little of the story of the Liverpool privateers in three wars.

The cairn stands on the site of the old battery on what is still called Fort Point at Liverpool, a position looking out over the harbor and the channel through the harbor bar. Close by is Ballast Cove where, as the name indicates, many of the old windjammers used to load beach rocks for ballast. On the inner side of the little point stands the Dexter house, once a favorite tavern with the Liverpool privateersmen, where the boat ferry went across the harbor to Sandy Cove.

It was on this point, during the American Revolution, that the men of Liverpool first fired on their brethren from Massachusetts -- a Yankee privateer attempting to "cut out" a ship inside the harbor bar, the opening of the breach between "His Majesty's Yankees" and the other colonies.

Sincerely,

Mr. James H. Ross