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 vessel come round we should
 all have been ruined as sure
 as a gun. - This is to be sure but
 but a negative kind of good
 fortune - but a penny saved is
a penny got which you are to
 consider as the basis of my
 argument

Capt. Collwill tells me there
 was an instruction sent you
 to take all receipts in the name
 of J. A. Coffin Esq. and I have
 accordingly complied with
 it, so that the stile now is

Received of J. A. C Esq. by the
 hands of E. W. Esq. D.D. for
 the province of N.B. the sum of

There must also be a witness
 to the signatures - This form
 I shall keep steadily to in
 future, and I flatter myself
 that we shall at least keep
 pace with your Brother pay-
 master of Halifax in ac-
 curacy, regularity, formality,
 and all the &c. &c. - My ap-
 plication about irregularities ap-
 pears a little ridiculous, but
 I think it might be twisted
 into some kind of meaning
 if one was clear headed enough
 to attempt it.