

filed up the shells in the manner you describe
without having dealt in dried oysters with
the whito man at all? I can conceive of
Nonemegan as an Indian center of some
importance at Penaquid but I am skeptical
of a Portuguese, Spanish or Basque town
there which could possibly have escaped
being in some written record no matter
how secret. The pavements are puzzling of
course but how could Dunbar in all of
his voluminous letters have failed to
mention them - unless indeed they were even
then buried. But they seem to me to follow
in design remarkably the cellars and
streets which the Irishmen built, if
Thomas Wells' detailed map, of which I
have a photostat from the Public Record
Office, is to be trusted. And is the design
of the fort too far from that of some of the
Irish towers still in existence in Ireland?

Your spring thesis seems to me to
be a mighty keen guess. I would never
have thought of it but I'd gamble that
you're right.

One thing I am sure of: that the coast of
Maine was the scene from the earliest
times of some most exciting history.
Your idea is a most challenging one with
a remarkable array of widely scattered
facts pointing to a single probability. Stranger
things have been proven true. For the privilege
of sharing your knowledge and speculations, I
am grateful.

Yours most sincerely,
Robert E. Moody