

(before mentioned) whose Sufferings, with his Neighbours, through a deep Snow, over mountainous Desarts, were exceeding great; besides many Trials and Fears which they laboured under.

The Country being alarm'd, several hastned to their Relief; about thirty of those which first came, charged the Enemy in the rear, and being strengthened with a further Supply, pursued them with good Success; but the Enemy returning, and being much superiour in Number, kill'd nine of ours in the Skirmish.

The Day after there was a considerable Concurrence from the lower Towns, as well as from the County of *Hartford*, but for want of Snow-shoes, were unable to pursue them. Some of our Captives then in *Canada*, knowing the Enterprize that was on Foot, sent several Letters unto their Friends, which the Enemy did carefully put into a Bag, and hung it upon the limb of a Tree in the high-way; which Letters were afterwards found, and gave Satisfaction of those that were then alive among them.

While the *Indians* by Land were every way distressing of us, the *French* by Sea were as industrious to impoverish us.

April 7th. 1704. they fitted out a Privateer Shallop with twenty seven Men, to intercept our Southern Trade as they came laden with Provisions; which if they had succeeded in, would not only have supplied their own indigent Forces, but the *Indians* also; (who were then forming a desperate Design against us) But thro' the favour of God to us, they were cast away on *Plimouth* Shore.