

Mowatt's breast. Upon which I put my hand on Mowatt, besought him for the Lord's sake to sheathe his sword, as it was impossible to resist so many armed men. But Mowatt refused until Thompson gave his word of honor that he should have leave to draw it again before he was touched. After sheathing his sword, he held it in his hand until he was set at liberty.

"By this time the people of the town were informed of our situation and many of the principal inhabitants appeared upon the neck. Many more were prevented from coming to us by an advance guard. Mr. Hogg, the commanding officer on board the Caneaux, was acquainted with what had happened, upon which he wrote a letter to the selectmen, requiring them to release Mowatt upon the penalty of having the town laid in ashes. At the same time, he sent out boats and picked up people who were crossing the water, confining them to the ship. This intimidated the selectmen; and Freeman came to us with Hogg's letter, which he communicated to Mowatt, requesting that he would send word to Hogg, and prevent him from putting his threat into execution. Mowatt replied that while detained on shore he had no command of the ship; that Hogg had full power to act as he might see occasion require. By this time some armed people from Gorham town joined Thompson's party; and they consulted together how to dispose of the prisoners. The Brunswick men were for carrying us away in their boats; the Gorham people for carrying us back into the country. But finding Mowatt determined not to be carried off the neck alive, a motion was made by the principal people that we should be conducted into the town. Two of whom, Shattuck and Greenhood, offered themselves as hostages on condition we were carried to Shattuck's house, observing at the same time, that we had been without food for about five hours. It was finally agreed that we should be carried to a tavern at the upper end of the town, on condition that the cadet company should get under way and join them. Upon this many of this company came to Mowatt, desiring to know if he approved of their getting