

fort the two or three first years, but every appearance of hostility at length vanished—the Indians expressed a wish to traffick, the inhabitants laid by their fears, and thought no more of tomahawks, nor scalpingknives. Mr. Johnson now thought himself justified in removing to his farm, an hundred rods distant from the fort, which was then the uppermost settlement on Connecticut River, he pursued his occupation of trade, and the Indians made frequent visits to traffick their furs for his merchandize. He frequently credited them for blankets and other necessities, and in most instances they were punctual in payment. During the year 1753, all was harmony and safety—settlements increased with tolerable rapidity, and the new country began to assume the appearance of cultivation.

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