

with the usual *Indian* Formalities) but in reality to lull the Governor into a false Security with respect to the *Indians*, and at the same time gain Admittance into the Fort, in order to discover the State of it, and hold themselves in readiness to attack it, upon the first Summons; which they did, and together with the other *Indians* of their River composed Part of the Body, which invested the Fort under the Command of *Le Loutre*.

The first Notice, the *English* had of *Canso's* being taken and burnt, was brought to *Boston* by a Fisherman, who had descried, as he was fishing upon a Bank opposite the Island, a Cloud of Smoke rising from some Ruins; and at the same time missed the Sight of the Block-house and other Buildings there, which used to be seen off at Sea from the Bank, he was upon; and this was in a Day or two confirmed by another *Massachusetts* Fisherman, who, after being chased by a *French* Vessel, went on Shore upon the Island, where he found all the Buildings in Ruins, and that the Garrison, Inhabitants and Cattle were removed off.

This Intelligence left the Governor and Council of the Province of *Massachusetts Bay* no room to doubt from what Quarter the sudden Blow must come, and that the War, which before was expected to break out soon between *Great Britain* and *France*, had been proclaimed in *Europe*.

For this Success *Te Deum* was sung at *Paris*, and public Rejoicings made, and a pompous

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