

were coming ashore, they lay in wait for them, and just as they were landing, fired, killed one, and wounded another; then ran into the Water, and with the But-end of their Muskets, killed the remaining two, and scalped them all. The Schooner being half full of Water, they could not get her off; upon which they got into the *Indian* Canoe, and came thirty Leagues by Sea to *Hallifax*. From hence we may see what we are to hope from our Back-Friends the *French*.

In another Letter from *Hallifax*, dated July 3, the Writer says, "Some Time ago Governor *Hopson* sent out a small Sloop to a Place called *Sedore*, in order to bring up the *Indians* with their Squaws according to Treaty; but these inhuman Wretches barbarously murdered Mr. *Cleveland*, Part-owner of the Sloop, and five others, and afterwards scalped them: Mr. *Castile* (the Interpreter) who declared himself a *Frenchman*, being the only Person of the whole Crew they saved alive, who arrived here last Night from *Cape Breton*, and acquaints us with this terrible Disaster. The *Indians* burnt the Sloop, and the Articles of Peace before Mr. *Castile's* Face, and desired him to inform his Governor of the whole Affair upon his Arrival at *Hallifax*. Major *John Baptist Cope* was their Chief, with whom I have often conversed, and always found him firmly attached to the *English* Interest. All this is owing (adds the Writer) to the Perfidiousness of our Neighbours the *French*, whose Priests tell the *Indians*, that our Saviour was born in *France*, and crucified in *England*; and that the *English* are all Hereticks, and it is doing God good Service to kill them. The *French*, both of *Louisburgh* and *Canada*, take all imaginable Pains to distress us, because they know the great Consequence the Settling this Colony will be to them in Case of a War."

Some Time after this, some *Indians* came to a House near *Dartmouth*, the People, except one young Man, being absent, whom they seized, and then set Fire to the House, and burnt it to the Ground, and afterwards carried off their Prisoner, who, being left to the Care of an *Indian* while the others were asleep, found Means to escape, and got safe back to *Dartmouth*.

The *French* seemed determined to carry their ambitious Schemes into Execution, but perceiving, that by all the

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