

schooner from us if he had been so minded." It seems plain that if Greenwood was at first intimidated into carrying these prisoners away, he was now willing to help them to the utmost of his power, which is thoroughly consistent with his conduct all through the war.

What happened next day was sheer outrage. Early on the morning of April 9th, the *Flying Fish* was once more under way, still heading westward. When she had run some five leagues, a shallop came within hail. It belonged to Greenwood's brother, who was on board with three other men. Greenwood sent his passengers below on the ballast that they might not be recognized. He sailed about two leagues farther. Then that voyage ended abruptly for him and the single "hand."

Apparently the chance meeting of the two Greenwoods aroused the soldiers' suspicions. Stanton tells that he was summoned on deck by "four of our company. . . . They told me they had agreed to set Greenwood ashore on a desolate island." Stanton would not consent, but the four insisted on marooning, or killing Greenwood. Their luckless rescuer, who was apparently a quasi-prisoner in his own cabin, offered to take them to Salem, if they would allow him to land his chest and the one man who composed his crew. At first they agreed to this proposal, but soon they changed their minds. Stanton acted as go-between and peace-maker, and showed his friends the "protection" obtained from the Massachusetts Council the year before. From this document they gathered that they could not make the *Flying Fish* lawful prize, and, once more, were all for killing Greenwood and his man. According to Stanton, he begged their lives, and the others agreed to spare them, if they would go ashore peaceably. "On which I went into the cabin and gave him to understand there was a plot and made signs for him to go on shore." Greenwood's next and natural request was to be set ashore with his sea-chest, containing, no doubt, all his property. He would make shift to get it home. But they would not listen to him. They