

them; and justified the Indians in what they did against us; rehearsing some things done by Major *Walden*, above thirty years ago; and how justly God retaliated them in the last war, and inveighed against us for beginning this war with the Indians; and said, we had before the last winter, and in the winter, been very barbarous and cruel in burning and killing the Indians. I told them, that the Indians in a very perfidious manner, had committed murders on many of our inhabitants, after the signing articles of peace. And as to what they spake of cruelties, they were undoubtedly falshoods; for I well knew the English were not approvers of any inhumanity or barbarity towards enemies. They said, an English man had killed one of *St. Casteen's* relations, which occasioned this war. For, say they, the nations in a general council, had concluded not to engage in the war on any side, till they themselves were first molested, and then all of them as one, would engage against them that began a war with them; and that upon the killing of *Casteen's* kinsman, a post was dispatched to *Canada* to advertise the *Macquas* and Indians, that the English had begun a war. On which they gathered up their forces, and that the French joined with them, to come down on the Eastern parts; and that when they came near *New England*, several of the Eastern Indians told them of the peace made with the

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