

high in the afternoon, came Mr. Hoare, (the council permitting him, and his own forward spirit inclining him,) together with the fore-mentioned Indians, Tom and Peter. When they came near I was abroad, but they presently called me in, and bid me sit down, and not stir. Then they caught up their guns, and ran as if an enemy had been at hand, and the guns went off apace. I manifested great trouble, and told them I thought they had killed an Englishman (for they had in the mean time told me that an Englishman was come); they said, '*No; they shot over his horse, and under, and before his horse, and pushed him this way and that at their pleasure, SHOWING HIM WHAT THEY COULD DO.*'"

This was a short time after a victory had been gained by the Indians over the white people; and when Mr. Hoare arrived at King Philip's quarters for the redemption of Mrs. Rowlandson, he found them preparing to commemorate their success by a great dance, which, as Mrs. Rowlandson relates, "was carried on by eight of them, four men and four squaws, my master and mistress, Quinnopin and Weetamo, being two of the party. He was dressed in his holland shirt, with great stockings, his garters hung round with shillings, and he had girdles of wampum upon his head and shoulders. She had a kersey coat, almost covered with wampum. Her arms, from her elbows to her hands, were covered with bracelets: there were handfuls of necklaces about her neck, and several sorts of jewels in her ears. She had fine red stockings and white shoes; her hair was powdered, and her face painted red, that was always before black, and all the dancers were after the same manner. There were two others singing and knocking on a kettle for music.

"At night I asked them again if I should go home; they all said, '*No, unless my husband came for me.*'"

The next day the chiefs held a council or general court, at which the giving up Mrs. Rowlandson was debated. All seemed to consent to her departure, and even those who at first opposed her going, now rather rejoiced at it. They shook her by the hand, and asked her to send them some tobacco, and other things which they valued,