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of the main-deck, spinning spun yarn; two more on the forecastle, making sinnet; two more on the larboard side of the main-deck, running shot in the armourer's forge; the cooper was making tubs; the cook, and captain's steward in the galley, at their duty; and all hands, as usual, employed on the ship's duty; the armourer was in the steerage, and the boatswain in the cabin; Captain Porter, Mr. Ratstraw, his clerk, and Mr. Lyman Plummer, (nephew of Theodore Lyman, Esq. of Boston, ship's owner), were standing on the larboard side of the quarter-deck, abreast of the cabin hatchway. The chief, Kiete, stood leaning on the rail, and called Captain Porter to look at the skins that were in a canoe, alongside the ship; the captain accordingly went to look over the side, when the chief, with some more Indians, laid hold of him, and gave a shout: immediately all the Indians alongside of the canoes, and those on board, armed with daggers, pistols, pikes, and other weapons, seized every man on deck, who were totally unprepared for so sudden an attack. A most dreadful and sanguinary contest immediately took place; when, after a short but bloody engagement of about five minutes, the deck was completely cleared of them.

There were about two hundred Indians, it is supposed, on board at this time; the first daggered Captain Porter several times in the back, put him in a canoe, alongside, and carried him on shore; and, as we were afterwards informed by Captain Smith, of the ship *Mary*, of Boston, who was informed by the New Hecta tribe, was by them tied to a tree, in which