

Fishermen, and some Families y^t were removed from Muscongus,* for fear of y^e Indians.

On Monday morning Aug: 14th, we sailed from Mun-Hegan, taking aboard several Families which removed from Muscongus. That Day we were becalmed, and got along very slowly. And at the mouth of St. George's River there appeared a Canoo with Three Indians in it, who came on Board our sloop, and talked very friendly. One of them shewed us a writing which He had of Captⁿ Gyles at Brunswick, which signified that This Indian was one with whom said Captⁿ Giles had formerly kept, and was one who desired to live always in friendship, and Brotherhood with the English, and y^t He was one of the Chiefe of y^e Indians of St John's River. His name was Maccoller, and the names of the Two other Indians y^t were with him were Mijaiel, and Phrossey. They were all kindly, and civilly entertained by Captⁿ Westbrook, † and after some discourse with them they went away leaving Two skins on board to assure us y^t They would come to us again the next Day at the House in St. George's River.

When the sloop was entered a little way in the River a Great Gun was fired to give notice to y^e People in y^e Fort y^t we were coming, whereupon there came down Three men in y^e Boat to meet us, and M^r. Lebbey the Head-man in Captⁿ West-Brooks absence being one of them, informed y^t the People at y^e Fort were all well, and had been in good health all y^e time of Captⁿ West-Brook's absence, and had followed their business y^e most of y^e Time: but hearing rumours about y^e Indians, they had been some of them as far as Saggadehock to enquire how things were.

M^r. Lebbey likewise informed y^t there had been Indians with him at 2 several times at y^e Block-house while Captⁿ West brook was absent, who desired to come into y^e house, but were not permitted. They talked as though they wondered at y^e Peoples removing away from their Habitations in several places as they did. Some of them were some of y^e chief of the Penobscot Indians, and said that they would come again wⁿ Their Brother Westbrook returned.

That night we arrived late at y^e Block-House, being necessari: to

* Muscongus Island is the southerly island in Broad bay, towards the western shore, Muscongus Bay being on the east and Muscongus Sound on the west of the island. It contains more than 900 acres of land, and has several fine farms. Muscongus with other islands in the bay belongs to the town of Bristol, in Lincoln county, which embraces the ancient Pemaquid. Josselyn, in 1674, speaking of Muscongus, says, it was then "all filled with dwelling houses and stages for fishermen, had plenty of cattle, arable land and marshes." See Josselyn's Voyages, p. 200-205.

† The proprietors of the territory, here, erected two block houses, built a double saw mill, bought a sloop to transport their people and effects to the place, employed other vessels and men, brought in neat cattle and erected near thirty frames for houses. They were making more complete arrangements towards settling the place, and were about engaging the services of a young clergyman named Smith to preach to them. At this interesting moment in the affairs of the settlement the Indians disputed the right of Madockawando to dispose of their lands, as they termed them. The natives resorted thither, daily, in great numbers, "and oft-times threatened those employed in building and clearing the land, who used several stratagems to get them from off those lands." The result was that the company put under command of Capt. Thomas Westbrook, one of the "twenty associates," a garrison of twenty men, which they maintained here for more than twelve months, and furnished with "great and small Artillery to defend themselves and the workmen." See Eaton's *Hist. of Thomaston*, i. p. 31. This movement on the part of the Indians may be considered the nucleus of "Lovewell's war." In 1722, Capt. Westbrook was promoted to the command of St. George's Fort on the river of that name. In 1723, Col. Walton was displaced, and Col. Westbrook was made Commander in Chief of the forces in that quarter. He died Feb. 11, 1743-4.