

On Monday the 5th of this present March, 1770, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, I called upon Mr. Edward Manwaring, at his lodgings in Back-street, Boston, and immediately proceeded with him and Mr. John Monroe, to the house of Mr. Brown in Charlestown, to settle an affair between the said Brown and one Dr. Brown in Boston, relative to a horse which the last mentioned Brown had hired of the aforesaid Brown in Charlestown, where we staid till something after six in the evening, and returned to Mr. Manwaring's lodgings about seven, and sat ourselves down to spend the evening with him, which we accordingly did. About an hour and half after our arrival at the said Manwaring's lodgings, we heard the cry of fire in the street, and thereupon ran to the windows to be informed where it was, when some person made answer at the south-end; others in the street were also enquiring where it was, and they were answered "that they would soon see," and other expressions to the same purpose, which made us conclude, that something more was in the case than fire alone; on which we came to a resolution not to stir from the said Manwaring's apartment; soon after this determination, we were confirmed more in our former opinion by a noise in the street, and some people saying "four out of five were killed," which words, though we did not know the meaning of, fully satisfied us there was something more than fire. On this occasion Mr. Manwaring's boy several times attempted to go into the street to join the multitude, and once had got as far as the gate next the street, when Mr. Monroe fetched him back, and shut the gate after him. After this, Mr. Manwaring kept the said boy in his said Manwaring's own room, being determined not to trust the said boy out of his sight. Then we, the said Edward Manwaring, John Monroe, myself, and Mrs. Hudson the landlady of the house, who was afraid to stay in her own apartment alone; I say, we the aforesaid persons sat over a bottle or two of mull'd wine 'till half an hour after ten, when the tumult seemed to be subsided, and Mr. Monroe proposed to go to his own lodgings, which Mr. Manwaring would have persuaded him from, apprehending there might be danger in so doing; but he persevered in the resolution of going, and went accordingly, but told us at parting, that if any tumult still remained he would immediately return, but if he did not return we might depend upon it all was quiet, and he did not return that night. After this, myself, Mr. Manwaring and Mrs. Hudson (and the boy still in company) remained together till about twelve the same night, when he left us to go to her own bed. After this, myself, Mr. Manwaring, and his boy sat up together about three hours longer; it being then too late for my returning to my own lodgings, Mr. Manwaring proposed my sleeping with him, which I accordingly did in the same bed, and the boy was ordered to go to his bed, which he accordingly

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