

speech to y^m and after a complement they desired time to consider of what was said before they gave their answer, which was readily complied with. And on Saturday y^e 10th of August they came and gave an Answer to what the Governour proposed, and manifested a dislike of y^e building of Forts in y^e Eastern parts, and pretended y^t they had a right to y^e lands which the English claimed. The Governour told them y^t what was their own they should peaceably and quietly possess, but what y^e English had purchased they would hold and improve as they saw meet, only the Indians might have liberty to fish, and fowl, and hunt on y^e lands belonging to y^e English, at length y^e Indians broke away disorderly, and in an ill humour. The Governour was resolved not to buckle to them, and on y^e Lords Day went aboard and acted as if he were going away, whereupon the Indians quickly sent on board and desired to speak with y^e Governour before he went away, and in answer to their desire the Governour came ashore and in y^e evening they came to him, and declared y^t they were sorry for what had happened, and manifested their willingness y^t the English sh^d do what they would with their lands, and in regard of Forts, &c.: notwithstanding a scurrilous Letter sent by Sebastian Ralle* y^e French Jesuit to the Governour, wherein he declared y^t what the English had said concerning y^e French Kings resigning y^e lands in new england to y^e English had been reported to y^e Governour of Canada, and he said y^t it was false, and he would assist y^e Indians in defending of these lands.

On Monday y^e 12 of August, y^e Indians Signed Articles of agreement which was a confirmation of what they had before done at former Treaties, and they manifested a desire y^t the English might peaceably enjoy all their lands, and y^t they might live in friendship with y^e English as long as the sun and moon endured having y^e day before made a Present of Two Wampum Belts. After all was concluded the young Indians came on shore with their arms, and honoured y^e Governour with several volleys, and diverted him with a dance. This day Captⁿ Belcher on board his sloop having Col^l: Quincey on board, M^r. Gibbs, M^r. Harris, Captⁿ Chambers, and divers others weighed anchor, and set sail for Boston.

On Tuesday August y^e 13th, The Governour in y^e man of war and Capt: Wier, who had on board his sloop Samuel Sewal, and Penn Townsend, Esq^r, M^r. Flint, and divers others weighed anchor, and sailed for Boston. This Day uncle Minot,† M^r. Watts and his wife,

* Sebastian Rale, called by the English Rallé and Rasles, the learned French Jesuit missionary to the Abnakis at Norridgewock, or Narantsouak, was killed at that place, with some 30 of the natives, Aug. 23, 1724. He labored as a missionary among the Abnakis about 26 years; conforming to their modes of life, and mastering their difficult language, so that he came at length to exercise a powerful religious and political influence over them, and thus to render himself peculiarly obnoxious to the English settlers. He left a dictionary of the Abnaki language, which is now in the library of Harvard College. It is a quarto vol. of some 500 pages, and is invaluable to the student of Ethnology. There is a very pleasant story of Rale's mission in the "Atlantic Souvenir" for 1829, entitled—"Narantsank."

Rale's Indian village at Norridgewock was at that beautiful place now called "Indian Old Point." A monument was erected over his grave, Aug. 23, 1833, twenty feet in height, inclusive of an iron cross by which it is surmounted.—A good life of Rale is now a desideratum. V. "Lettres Edifiantes." Drake's "Book of the Indians," Bk. iii. p. 127, and Life of Rale, by Dr. Convers Francis, also, Memoir of Father Rasles, by Rev. T. M. Harris, D.D., Mass. Hist. Coll., 2d Series, vol. viii. p. 250.

† John Minot, son of Stephen, was born Dec. 27, 1690, and died at Brunswick, Jan. 11, 1764. [*Ante*, i. 174.]