

The Preface.

*I*T is one part of our Honour and Happiness in this Country, among the many difficulties and troubles which have attended the Settlements and growth of it unto this day, that there have not been wanting from time to time honest and worthy Persons, and some learned, who have delivered down to Posterity a plain and true account of the Wars which we have had with the Indian Natives in one part of the Land and in another.

We owe much unto Those who have done us this Service from the beginning, and they have herein served God, as well as obliged the World. For it always has been, and ever is like to be a grateful thing to Mankind to be informed of the rise and growth of Provinces, and of the sufferings of their feeble infant state: And from the days of Moses, who wrote the first History, the beginning of the World, and of Israel, the wise and pious among Men have scarce known a more sacred Pleasure, nor found a more profitable Entertainment, than in tracing the footsteps and windings of Divine Providence, in the planting of Colonies and Churches, here and there, thro' the Earth.

Nor let it seem vain in me to say, that in the settlement of the New-England Churches and Provinces, there have been some Circumstances so like unto those of Israel of old, (after their entrance into Canaan) that I am persuaded no People of God under Heaven, can sing of his Mercies and Judgments in the inspired