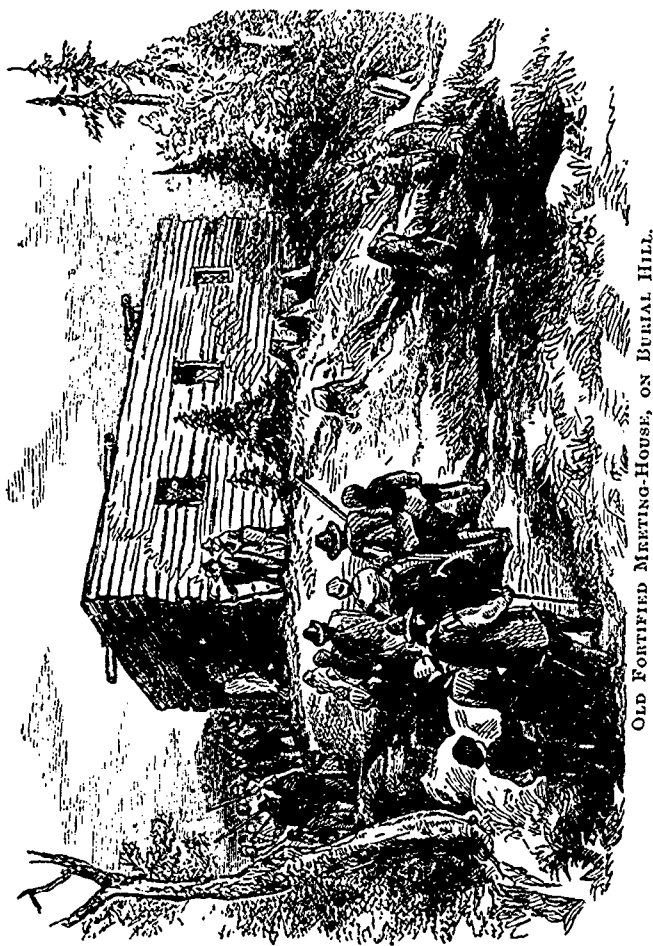


were, fed by the hand of God in the time of its utter weakness, it is difficult to conceive how the colony could have survived at all.

But it was not altogether free from alarm. Sundry wandering Indians made unwelcome visits to the settlement, and the sachem



OLD FORTIFIED MEETING-HOUSE, ON BURIAL HILL.

of the Narragansetts, a still numerous and hostile tribe, sent, as a deadly challenge, a rattlesnake's skin, filled like a quiver with arrows. Straightway Bradford, the undaunted Governor, jerked out the arrows, filled the skin to the very jaws with powder and shot, and returned it as a haughty defiance to the savage foe.