

rascals as they always did and always would; they ran away. I could give you a great number of instances of this man's folly and wickedness, but *ex pede herculem*."

" I can't omit to mention one very extraordinary affair which happen'd here lately. There were three men after a fair tryal at the supream court, sentenced to be branded in the hand and to suffer nine months imprisonment, the first part of the sentence was immediately executed, then they were put into prison where they were loaded with very heavy irons, in which circumstances they lay about eight months, at which time to the great astonishment of every true born englishman, one *Cotterell* who is a captain in the navy, from a prejudice against these unhappy prisoners on account of their country (being *New-England* men) went to the prison with a file of soldiers, and without any legal authority obliged the goaler to deliver them up, who he *vi et armis* carry'd on board one of his majesty's ships lying in the harbour; the ship at that time had a violent fever raging on board, the consequence of which was, that two of the prisoners were immediately seiz'd therewith, one of which dyed in a few days. The friends of these unhappy men are determin'd, that if ever capt. *Cotterell* makes his appearance in any other government besides this, they will convince him