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In the note prefacing the present series of documents, I stated that it is to include unpublished papers important as original sources of information upon the geographical phrases of New Brunswick history. The work which follows is not, it is true, unpublished; but it is otherwise so completely within the scope of the series, and is withal so very rare, that it seems appropriate to present it here.

3. Gamaliel Smethurst's Narrative of his Journey from Nepisiguit to Fort Cumberland in 1761.

The following important Narrative was first printed in London in 1774, and is now reprinted for the first time. Copies of the original seem to be very rare. The only copies known to me in American Libraries are in the Congressional, Harvard College, Boston Public, and John Carter Brown Libraries, while even that treasure-house of Americana, the Lenox Library, lacks it. It is a small quarto volume, of which the Title-page is reprinted below, and it includes not only the present narrative, occupying 26 pages, but additional matter relating to Prince Edward Island and other subjects, making 48 pages in all. The latter part, while of much interest, hardly belongs within the limits of the present papers and hence will be simply described synoptically. The copy I have followed is that of the Harvard College Library, for the use of which I am indebted to the courtesy of the Librarian, Mr. W. C. Lane. Every care has been used to secure an exact transcript of the original, and it is, I believe, exactly reproduced with the exception of the replacement of the antique long s by the modern form, and the omission of the catchword at the bottom