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EXTRACT OF LETTER TO JOHN USHER.

Extr. of a Lett^r to M^r Joⁿ Usher from BostonBoston: N: England May 27th 1690

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I suppose before this you have the News of ye greatt conquest made att port Royall, the poore people Surrendering att ye first offer; they nott haveing one Gunn mounted & Soe being capable of making noe resistance; here is greatt talk of Sending for Canada, ye people generall Supposeing to have thatt upon as easy termes as ye former, last Night a post from Casco confirming ye deplorable State of yt place, 200 persons being killed & taken, notwithstanding itt was said to be ye Strongest Garrison in those parts, the men stood itt outt as long as they had any Ammunition; yt being Spent they were forced to termes, wth the Indians & french thatt they Should be transported to piscataqua, butt itt proved otherwise, for they knocked all in the head, thatt was nott able to travaill wth them, we hear they have now besett Wells & have taken such encouragem^t from there last Victory they resolve to stick att nothing less then the whole Country. Since the fore goeing we proceeded to an Election, wherein S^r W^m: & Dr Oakes crouded outt M^r Shrimpton & Richards: Major Winthrop is chosen one & Major Pinchon left outt. Endorsed: Extract of a Letter to M^r John Usher dated at Boston in

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ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM JAMES LLOYD.

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S^r W^m. Phips with ab^t 700 men went to Port Royall who surrendered upon Articles, ye Charge cost £3000 more then the Plunder amounts to; after S^r W^{ms}. Returne Leislars man of Warr made desolation there, & soe Port Royall lyes, not an English man there as we know off:

In the Summer we were Alarm'd with Pyrates, who took Block Island, viz^t (with a Barque Brigantine & Sloop) kept possession of y^e Same Some days, took Leislars plunder sent from Port Royall in two Ketches, on board one was Mouns^r Perott &c. in length of time we sent men of Warr for ther aid, but before they arrived, Cap^t Pain & Major Golden of Road Island with two Sloops ab^t 80 hands, moored their Sloops under Block Island Shore, brought all their Gunns to bear on the Seaboard Side, y^e Pyrates Weighed gave them diverse broadsides; but Cap^t Pain mauled them Extreemly Killed abundance of their men, gave them their Content & Soe they departed; (these french Vessels, Robbed the Whalemens att Cape Cod, took some Vessells: in a flog attempted to surprize Newport & New London burnt ffishers Island house.

You may have heard of ye Expedition for Canada and curious to know some Accidents relateing to it. Att a meeting of persons from Each Collony att New Yorke 'twas Concluded to send I think 500 English & 1500 Indians to Mont Royall; these moved slowly, att length gott to Albany, Jacob Milburne appointed Generall by Leilser. Albany being divided ag^t York there arose dislike thereof, to heal