

October 27th, 1777, the *Sally* with her cargo and her returning privateersmen was safe at Salem, and, four days later, Greenwood's petition for leave to buy food was granted.

For the return trip, Greenwood shipped a new hand, one John Caldwell, a young fisherman, whose artless tale illustrates the sufferings of the innocent non-combatants in time of war. He lived in Nova Scotia not far from Barrington, where the visionary Colonel Alexander McNutt projected his marvellous city of New Jerusalem. Caldwell was the only support of his widowed mother and his sisters. The fishery had been ruined by the depredations of the merciless small privateers, so he made a voyage in a merchantman from Nova Scotia to the West Indies. On his return, he avers that he was "strongly importun'd" to go on another voyage to Quebec; so he must have been a likely lad. On his way thither, his vessel was snapped up by the privateer *Dolphin* out of Salem, and he himself made prisoner of war. Now he petitioned for release, and the council of Massachusetts were not without bowels. They considered his motives, his youth, and his peculiar circumstances, as he requested, and they gave him leave to return in the *Sally* to his own place.

The next October saw Greenwood again in Boston with his annual cargo of escaping prisoners on board the *Sally*, and his annual petition for leave to buy food. His passenger list included Amos Green of Salem, Ichabod Mattocks of Mount Desert, and Mr. John Long, late quarter-master of the Continental ship *Hancock*. She had been captured by that very active officer, Sir George Collier of the *Rainbow* in a sea duel, like that between the *Chesapeake* and the *Shannon*, and taken to Halifax. The local jail must have been a curious place. The jailer was infirm and delegated his duties to his wife. The shackles were insufficient and the regulations for visiting the prisoners at night were not enforced. Apparently nobody with any contrivance remained long in durance. Americans were always escaping and always being helped "up along" by the people of Nova Scotia.