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After this feveral were affaulted in the Road to Wells, whereof two were kill'd, one taken, and a-

nother made his Escape. May 12th. an Express came from North Hampton, adviting, that about break of Day a Company of French and Indians, fell on a fortified House at Pascomuck; where no watch being kept, the People were alarm'd in their beds by the noise of the Enemy's rushing on the house; and before the Inhabitants could rife, the Indians had got their Guns thro' the Port-boles, and shot those that first appeared, killing some and wounding others. The surprized People made what resistance they could, firing briskly on the Enemy; but the house being foon fet on fire, they were forc'd to yield themselves Prisoners. The Enemy soon drew off, but fearing a pursuit, dismist one of the wounded, with this Caution, that if the English followed them they would Slay the Prisoners, but the unfortunate Messenger in returning back was Slain by another Indian. On the same Morning another Party attacked a Farm house two Miles off, but the fury of the Dogs fo alarm'd the Inhabitants, that they instantly got up and fired feveral Guns to very good advantage, which prevented any further attempt. As for those at Pafcomuck they were immediatly purfued, three made an Escape, eight were rescued, nineteen flain, & three carryed to Canada. Next day Major Whitecame upon their Track, but the Ways were fo impassible, that they sent their Horses back with

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