

And surely the marvellous Interpositions of an all-governing Providence in Favor of *Britain*, whether of former or later Date, appear (by this imperfect Representation of them) to have been such as challenge the most grateful Acknowledgments to our God; nor are to be reflected on without Admiration, Joy and Praise, not only by those residing in the Kingdom thus highly favored, but even by us in the Colonies, who, altho' at such a Distance, have felt the kindly Influence of these national Salvations and Blessings.

But now to come nigher home, I must beg your Attention, while I briefly remind you of some Specialties in Divine Providence, that have a more immediate Aspect on the *British* Colonies, and on *New-England* in particular; but which ultimately redound to the Advantage and Glory of *Britain* itself.

"We have heard with our Ears, and our Fathers have told us", what great and good Things have formerly been done in Providence for the Inhabitants of the Villages in this new World, and especially for those in the Parts where we dwell—How God cast out the Heathen Natives, by antecedent Wars among themselves, and by various destroying Sicknesses, "to prepare a Place of Habitation" for the first Founders of these english Colonies—How he sifted, as it were, whole Nations, to plant this Land with a right Seed—How he stirred up the Spirits of Multitudes (remote and unknown to one another) to emigrate from their native Country, to venture on a tedious and difficult Voyage across the wide *Atlantic*, and come over to the uncultivated Regions of *America*, principally with a View to enjoy, unmolested, their Religion and Liberty, and transmit the same to their Posterity—How he raised up Friends to assist and animate them in their pious and heroic Enterprize—How he laid remarkable Restraints upon those who were Enemies to the great Errand, on which our Ancestors came over into this inhospitable Wilderness; and struck a visible Terror on the numerous lawless Savages around them, who quickly envy'd and maligned these new