

although *Mosely's* men passed sufficiently near *Wannalansit's* warriors, who had secreted themselves, to have been nearly all cut off by them; but the old chief would not suffer them to fire, although he restrained them with difficulty. Like *Massasoit* and *Powhatan*, he had many places of residence. One of the principal was *Naamhok*, since called *Amoskeag*; and is the same word that *Dr. I. Mather* tortured into two Hebrew words, to prove that the indigenese of America were descended from the Jews; but for which, if we are not misinformed, any other Indian word would answer the same purpose.

*Pennakook*, since *Concord, N. H.* was also a chief seat of the *Sachems* of *Merrimack*; the borders of which seem to have been very populous. The salmon and other fish were taken in abundance at its falls. The swan, and other water birds, added to induce a residence upon its banks.

***Wattasacomponom***, the "chief man" of that company of *Christian Indians*, who were taken away from *Hassanamesit*, as before mentioned in speaking of *Kattenanet*. He was generally known by the name of *captain Tom*. Besides being the chief of those *Indians*, he was, says my manuscript, "their ruler, a prudent and I believe, a pious man, and had given good demonstration of it many years."\* This man yielded to the enemy's arguments, and by his example, drew most of the rest away with him; for which he afterwards suffered death, being executed at *Boston*.

His execution was upon the 26th of *June, 1676*, and although the venerable *Gookin* excuses the English as well as he can, yet it must be allowed to be but a sorry excuse. We learn from the *Roxbury records*,†

\* *Gookin's MS. Hist. of the Praying Indians.*

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