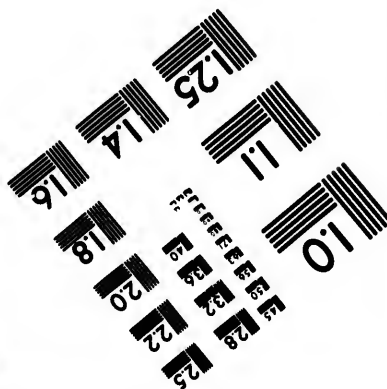
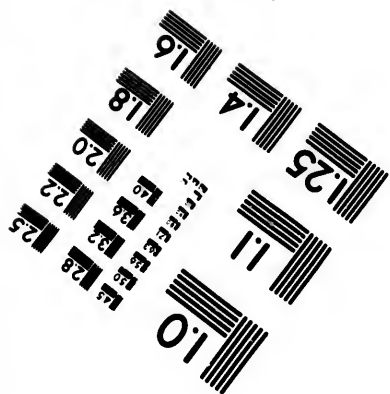
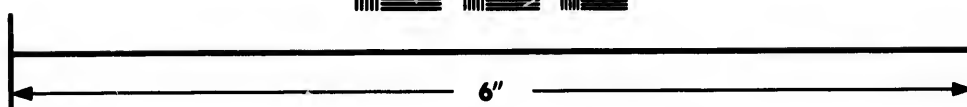
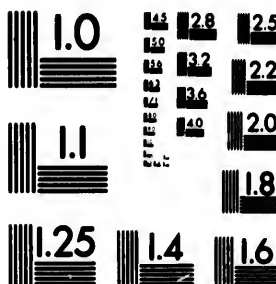


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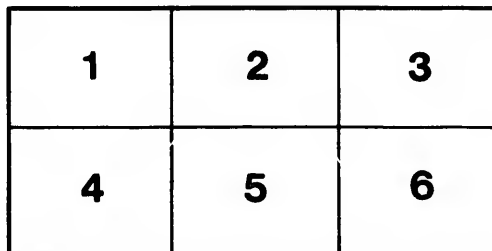
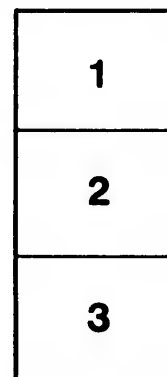
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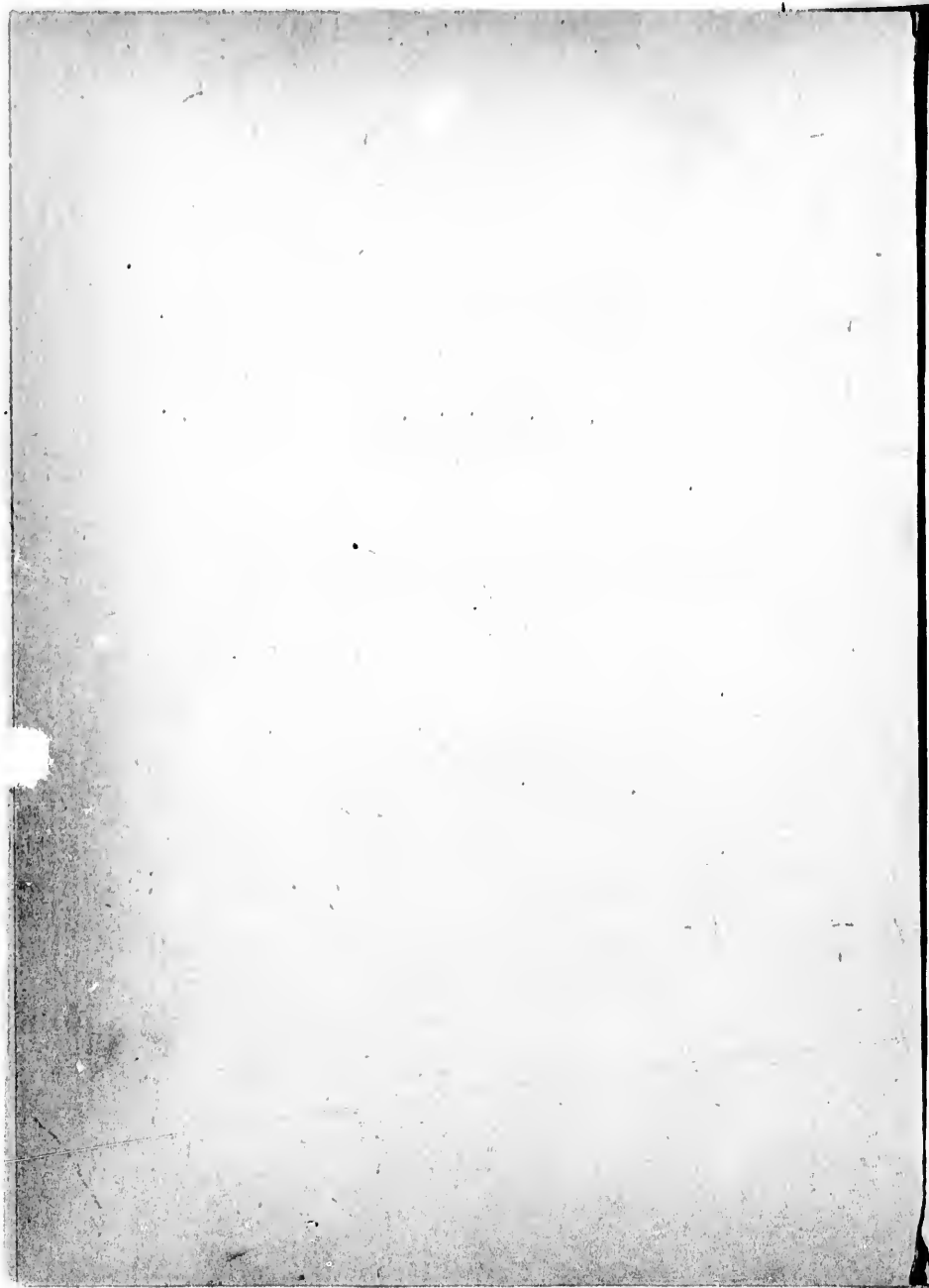
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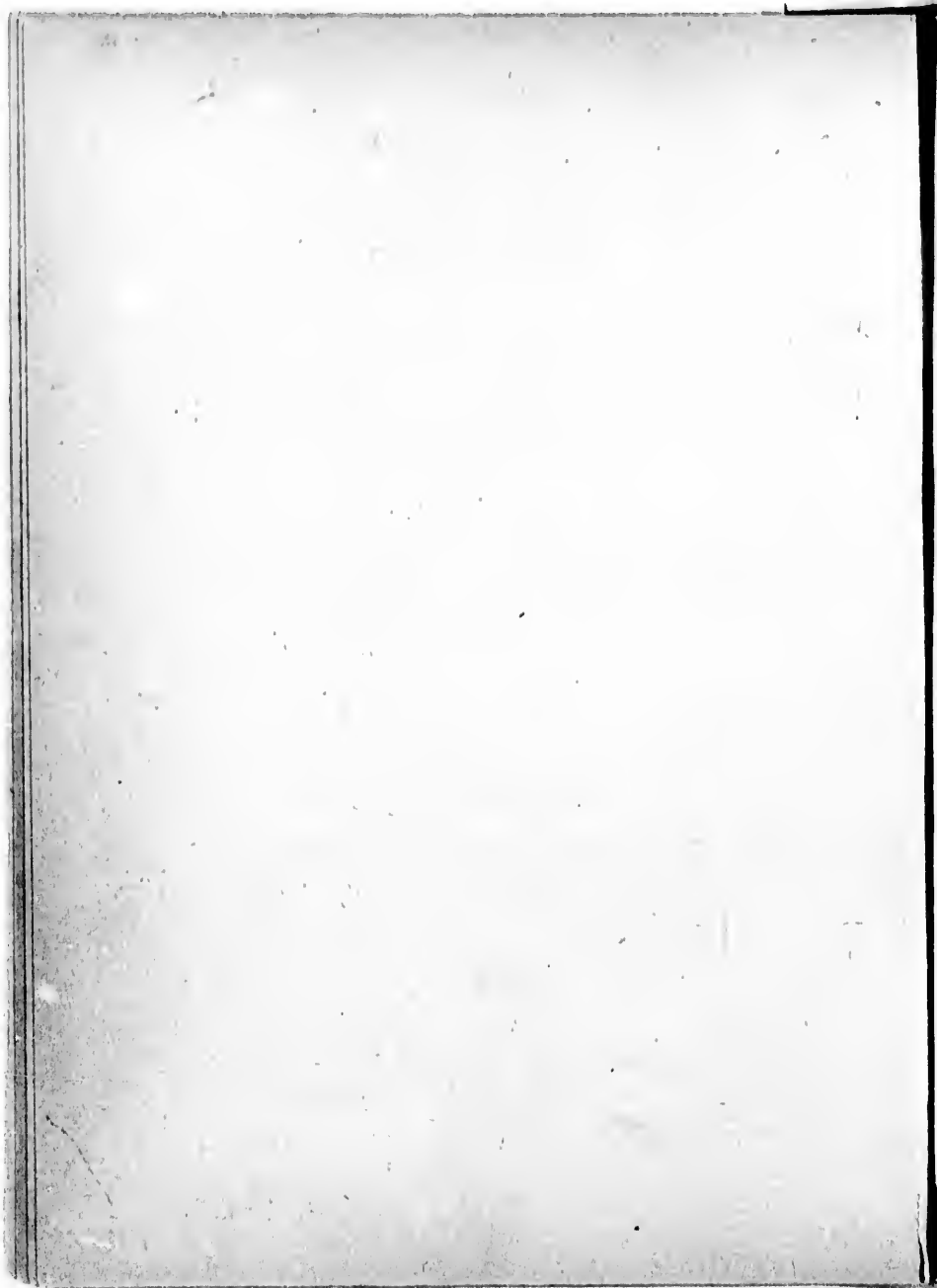
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## PREFATORY NOTE.

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**T**HE need of the literal reprint of so valuable a contribution to the history of New England as Church's "ENTERTAINING PASSAGES RELATING TO PHILIP'S WAR," has been widely felt; and the more, because the re-issue of 1772, from which all later editions have been copied, was defective in some important particulars affecting the use of the work as an historical authority. Two instances of this may be here particularized; viz., where (page 18) the words occurring on page 10, "and of the black Rocks to the Southward of them," offering an important hint of the exact locality of the "pease-field fight," were dropped out altogether; and where (page 30) the words occurring on page 17, "in about *a* Months time," were reprinted "in about *three* months' time," thus seeming to hint an expedition into the *Nipmuck* country in March, 1676, referred to by no other writer. The endeavor has accordingly been

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made to put the purchaser of this edition in possession of as exact a reproduction of the original of 1716, as it has been possible for modern antique types and skill to do; the minuteness of the imitation having been designed to be extended to every misprint, mispunctuation, and even inverted comma, — of which the word "discocovered" (page 31, line 11 from the top), the word *Pl mouth* (page 140, line 8 from the bottom), and very many other seeming blunders of the printers of this edition, will be found to be only faithful illustrations.

In the Notes, the endeavor has been made to straighten the involved and crooked chronology from other sources; to identify the exact localities made for ever classic by their association with this rude warfare; to give some account, from contemporary records, of the various actors; and, generally, to shed all possible light upon the narrative.

Familiar with most of the country traversed over by the story, from a childhood that was fascinated by the graphic simplicity of Church's description of his campaigns, the Editor indulges the hope that he may have done something to aid future readers of these "Entertaining Passages" to comprehend them in their exactness of time and place and circumstance.

The original, from which this reprint is made, — now a very rare volume, — was printed in small quarto, pp. 120, in Boston, in 1716, by B. GREEN. A second edition,

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itself now becoming rare, was published fifty-six years after at Newport, R.I., in 1772, by SOLOMON SOUTHWICK, in small 8vo, pp. 199. It is made clear from the Diary\* of Rev. EZRA STILES, D.D., (then Pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Newport), that he aided SOUTHWICK, and really edited the volume.

The following extracts bear upon the subject; viz,—

"1771. Dec. 18. . . . . Correcting the press for Col. Church's Hist. of K. Philip's War in 1675.

"1771. Dec. 19. . . . . Reviewing Col. Benj. Church's History of K. Philip's War, 1676, at the request of the printer;— adding English or present Names of places written in Indian names in the Original. Mr. Southwick is printing a Second Edition; first Edit. 1718 [*Sic*].

"1772. Apr. 9. . . . . Finished writing the Life of Col. Benjamin Church, to be affixed to the new Edition of his History of the Indian war, called K. Philip's War, now printing. He was born 1639, and died at Little Compton, Janry. 1714, *Æt.* 78.

"1772. Apr. 10. . . . . Inspecting the Press."

Dr. STILES appended to the volume, also, an "Ode Heroica," which [*N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.*, xi. 155] was composed by BENJAMIN CHURCH of Boston, "Vendue-master," son of the old Colonel's son Edward, who was also a "Vendue-master,"—as that age styled the useful person whom we call an Auctioneer,—and was father of Dr. BENJAMIN, of sad Tory memory. He not only glori-

\* This Diary is now in the Library STILES was President at the time of of Yale College, of which Rev. Dr. his death.

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fied his grandfather in a tongue unknown to the brave old warrior (although, as he wrote Dr. STILES, "almost too old for such juvenile attempts; being upwards of 67"), but furnished the Doctor with the materials for the biography of the Colonel.

The glorification was as follows:—

"ODE HEROICA,

"[a Nepote Herois composita]

"BIOGRAPHIAE PRAECEDENTI AFFIGENDA SIT.

"**N**UNC permitta Nepos Lector, magnalia Avi ejus,  
Et vitam ut breviter caneret, quoque; pauca loquendo,  
Traduce de veteri, celebrata et, versibus, ex quo  
Magnanimusque; Heros frondebat: deinde loquere:  
Quo fuit intrepidus Phoenix, memorandus et ortus!  
Agricola ecce Pater manuum gaudebat in omni  
Tumve labore suo, nutritus frugibus Arvi!  
Mater pauperibus curas, casusque; relaxans,  
Omnibus afflictis passim mater fuit alma!  
Numinis arbitrioque; bono, sine murmure mentis,  
Acquiescere, suis contenti sortibus ambo—  
Cordibus elatis, gratique; fuere Parentes,  
Filius ut talis mortalibus hinc daretur!  
Qui patriaeque; suae perluxit gloria longe,  
Donec erat victus truculentae mortis ab ictu!  
Duxburiae dictum est, Genioque; fuisse beatum  
Oppidum, et exultans, tanto quodd munere Martis  
Distinctum fuerat! Vicinis majus ab illo!  
Historicus supra probriter canit arma virumque;  
Quique; erat in pugna multis, magnisque; periculis

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Expositus! Natos nemoris fuscove secutus  
Armipotens; sylvas, Dumosq; arbustaq; densas  
Pervolitans, nigros scloppo ejus perdidit Angues  
Monstraq; quos natura parens crudelia dixit!  
Victoriliq; suis pacem stabilivit in Orbis  
Terrarum occesit — Jam, Jam sub vitibus omnis  
Hic sedeat salvus — terrore absente Mavortia!  
Mortuus est Heros! Nomen sed vivet in aevum —  
Spiritus ascendit Coelos, Jesuq; triumphans;  
Dum latet in tumulo corpus cum pulvere mixtum!  
*Sic cecinit Nepos BENJ. CHURCH, Sen.*

This edition was also adorned with what purported to be portraits, on copper, of Colonel CHURCH, and of King PHILIP, both from the graver of PAUL REVERE; of which more will be said in another place.

The third edition of this winsome narrative was edited, fifty-three years later, by Mr. SAMUEL GARDNER DRAKE, and was the first contribution of that since accomplished archæologist to this department of Aboriginal research; in which, without injustice to others, it may safely be said that he has no superior. Travelling through the Old Colony in the summer of 1824, he, for the first time, saw [*N.E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.*, xvii. 202], and became possessor of, a copy of SOUTHWICK'S reprint; and, circulating proposals, he obtained nearly a thousand subscribers for a new issue. He published in 12mo (Boston: Howe and Norton, 14, State Street, 1825), pp. 304; prefixing eight pages of Index, and two pages of Introduction, and adding

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an Appendix of forty pages, comprising a brief sketch of the settlement of this country, of the Indian wars, &c., &c. It was mainly a reprint of Southwick's edition,—the editor having then never seen the original,—with the omission of the "Ode Heroica," and the addition of a few foot-notes. It was embellished with a fancy portrait of King PHILIP, decidedly more prepossessing in appearance, and quite as authentic in character, as that of PAUL REVERE of a half-century before.

The success of this effort was so marked as to induce Mr. DRAKE to prepare and issue a second edition (the fourth of the work), which he did, early in 1827, from stereotype plates; being among the first fruits of the stereotype press in Boston. This, also, was in 12mo, pp. 360. He added many more notes, and gave an Introduction of five pages, an Index of six pages, and an Appendix of sixty-eight pages, of the same general character as that of the previous edition, but rewritten and enlarged. The old head, purporting to be a likeness of CHURCH, was re-engraved for this issue, and other plates were added.

All the (nominally new) editions of this work, from that time to the present, have been re-issues of this last; the plates having long since passed out of Mr. DRAKE'S hands, and having been used by various publishers.

The present is, therefore, the fourth reprint (fifth edition) of these "Entertaining Passages," and the first

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from the original,— as well as the first which has not avowedly sought to amend the text.

The map has been adapted from the State map, by the Editor, with great care, from his own personal knowledge of the ground; and he believes it to be a thoroughly accurate guide to all those localities which it purports to point out.

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The Publisher has sought to produce this copy, so far as possible, in *fac-simile* of the original, as well as in literal exactness; and the headings, initial letters, &c., &c., have been accordingly engraved for that purpose.

It only remains, here, that just thanks be given to all who have aided the Editor in his labor: among whom he would gratefully mention the Hon. JOHN RUSSELL BARTLETT, Secretary of State of Rhode Island; his Honor, Judge WILLIAM R. STAPLES, of Providence; General G. M. FESSENDEN, of Warren, R. I.; RICHARD SHERMAN, Esq., of Portsmouth, R. I.; Mr. HENRY M. TOMPKINS, the Town Clerk of Little Compton, R. I.; Hon. WILLIAMS LATHAM, of Bridgewater, Mass.; SAMUEL F. HAVEN, Esq., Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Mass.; Rev. JOHN LANGDON SIBLEY, Librarian of Harvard College; and Mr. GEORGE H. TABER, of Fairhaven, Mass. Two gen-



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tllemen deserve more special mention for the unwearied pains they have taken to aid the Editor in some portions of the work; viz., his friend and kinsman, Mr. FRANKLIN B. DEXTER, now Tutor in Yale College, to whom he owes the extracts from the Diary of Dr. STILES, the identification of the site of JOHN COOK's house in Cushnet, and other kindred helps; and the Hon. J. HAMMOND TRUMBULL, Secretary of State of Connecticut, to whose disinterested and indefatigable aid much of what may be thought to be of special value in the work will be largely due. The Editor knows nothing about the Indian tongue; and the reader is desired to take notice here, once for all, that for all the interesting and valuable suggestions having reference to that, which are scattered through the book, his thanks will be wholly due to the learning and generosity of that eminent *savan*.

It has not been found possible — without too great enlargement of the volume — to insert herein the Second Part of the original work, giving "a further account of the Actions in the more later Wars against the Common Enemy and *Indian* Rebels in the Eastern Parts, under the Command of the aforesaid Capt. *Benj. Church*;" which makes sixty-six of the solidest quarto pages. That is in preparation, and will follow as a separate issue.

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**I**N his preface to these "Entertaining Passages," Colonel Church makes the apologetic remark, that "every particle of historical truth is precious." That remark has been constantly in mind in the preparation of what follows, having reference to events in the history of this simple-hearted, yet noble-hearted man. It would be more exact to style what is here offered "Materials toward a Memoir," than such a Memoir itself. Most of the official records in which various actions of his busy life would naturally leave their footmarks, have been searched, and their various references to his career have been gathered together and arranged chronologically here; so as to put the reader in possession of these fragmentary, yet faithful, evidences of what he was. The man himself has exhaled; but some rude impression of him remains in them, which may serve as a matrix in which imagination may shape some image;

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which, if far from being a reproduction of the person whom his cotemporaries knew, must yet have some fac-simile lineaments. The humble office of the editor is to furnish the mould; leaving to the reader the re-creative work.

BENJAMIN CHURCH was a son of Richard. Richard came to Massachusetts probably in the fleet with Gov. Winthrop;\* was a carpenter by trade; 19 Oct. 1630, was propounded to be a freeman in the Massachusetts Colony; in 1630, was at Wessaguffet and Plymouth; 2 Jan. 1631 was freeman of Plymouth; 16 Feb. 1631 hired William Baker to saw timber into boards for him; was "rated for public use" £1 16s. in March following, and £1 7s. the next year; married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Warren, in 1636; was often a member of the "Grand Enquest," and was occasionally made referee; served as serjeant in the Pequot war; with John Tompson helped build the first meeting-house (as such) in Plymouth about 1637; lived at Eel-river; 9 April, 1649, sold his estate there to Robert Bartlet for £25; was in Charlestown in 1653, but finally settled down in Hingham, where he made his will 25 Dec. 1668, and died two days after, at Dedham, leaving at least nine children.†

\* Savage's *Gen. Dist.* 1: 386; Win-  
for's *Dunbury*, 245; Deane's *Settle-  
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Col. Rec.* 1: 6, 8, 11, xii: 165, &c. &c.  
† Church speaks [*B. C. D.* 1: 91] of

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BENJAMIN was born at Plymouth in 1639, and was bred to his father's trade. No other circumstance of his early life has found record. 26 Dec. 1667, — when at the age of twenty seven or eight, — he married Alice, second daughter of Constant and Elizabeth (Collier) Southworth, of Duxbury; who was then not far from twenty-one, having been born in 1646. It is presumed that their early married life was passed in Duxbury, though it is probable that he was temporarily resident in various portions of the Colony, in the pursuit of his vocation. His first appearance upon the Plymouth Colony Records is 25 Oct. 1668, when [*P. C. R.* vii: 150] he is named as on a trial jury in the case of Josias Winslow *vs.* Kenelm, and in that of John Doged.

1 *June*, 1669, less than six months after his father's death, the Court granted him "land att Taunton River" which William Pabodie had taken up and then surrendered, [*P. C. R.* v: 20] "for full satisfaction for all the right his father, Richard Church, deceased, hath to land in this Collonie."

7 *March* 1670 [*P. C. R.* vii: 163], he was one of a petit jury at Plymouth for the trial of several actions. 29 *May*, 1670, [*P. C. R.* v: 275], his name appears upon the list of

Sarah, wife of James Burroughs, of published list of Richard's children which Bristol, tailor, as his sister, though no I have seen. [*N. E. Hist. and Gen.* such name appears upon the fullest *Reg.* xi: 154.]

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freemen of "Duxburrow," then transcribed by Secretary Morton.

5 June, 1671 [*P. C. R.* v: 54], he was Constable of "Duxburro."

30 October, 1672 [*P. C. R.* vii: 174], he was one of a trial jury at Plymouth, for the securing of justice in several criminal cases.

4 July, 1673 [*P. C. R.* vii: 181], he was one of a trial jury at Plymouth for eight civil and criminal cases. He also made return [*P. C. R.* v: 126], with John Rogers, Daniell Wilcockes, Constant Southworth, William Pabodie and Edward Gray, that, pursuant to the order of the Court, they had bounded out "the southfyde of those lands formerly graunted vnto the inhabitants of Plymouth at *Punckateesett*," &c. At the same time [*P. C. R.* v: 126], liberty was granted him with John Tompson, by the Court to purchase land of "Tuspaquine, the blacke sachem, and William his Son, for the inhabitants and proprietors of the towne of Middleberry," &c. The proprietors were to have until the last of the November following, to repay Church and Tompson, and take the land; but it appears [*Ibid.*, 146], that they failed to do so, and that the Court, 3 June, 1674, granted Church and Tompson "one third p<sup>t</sup> of the said land, for their securitie and evidence." 23 July, 1673 [*Proprietor's Records Saconet*], he met with the newly organized Company to purchase and settle the *Saconet*.

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lands; appearing in the right of Richard Bishop and Richard Beare. Sometime in this year his oldest son Thomas was born.

10 April, 1674 [*P. R. S.*], the Saconet company met at Duxbury, and Church drew the lots numbered 19 and 29. He proceeded during the summer following to clear and erect buildings upon lot No. 19 (see note 21 *post*).

2 March, 1674 [*P. C. R.* vii: 195], he was on a trial jury at Plymouth, showing that his removal to the very outskirts of the Colony was not designed, by him or by the Colonists, to dissociate him from their constant service. Church's own account of himself in connection with the outbreak of the war which now began to desolate the land seems to begin about 15 June, 1675 [note 14, *post*]; but the "Brief Narrative of the beginning and progresse of the present trouble between vs and the Indians," submitted to the Commissioners of the United Colonies, by the Plymouth Commissioners, in the November following, and which bears the marks of having been carefully drawn, says [*P. C. R.* x: 363], "on the 7<sup>th</sup> June, Mr. Benjamine Church being on Rhod Island; *Weetamoe* and some of her Cheiffe men told him that Phillip Intended a warr speedily with the English," &c. It would seem to have been about 15 June that he had an interview with *Awashonks* and *Weetamoe*, as narrated in his own account, and went to Plymouth to see the Governor. The Punkatees fight was

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9 July; 19 July the Pocasset Expedition began: in the last of that month, Philip got across *Titicus* river in the night, and fled for the *Nipmuk* country. 27 October [*P. C. R.* vii: 196], these warlike proceedings were interspersed with a civil suit against Church, of Richard French of Marshfield, Executor of the estate of Richard Beare, claiming damages of 40s, in an action of debt, concerning which the record is, "the jury find for the plaintiffe the cost of the suite." The second week in December, Church starts for the war again as "a Reformado" with Gen. Winslow, and on the 19th of that month was wounded in the famous Narragansett swamp fight, and carried over to Rhode-Island to be cured.

27 *January*, 1676 (note 140, *post*), he started with the army for the *Nipmuk* country; 29 Feb. (note 152, *post*), he seems to have met with the Plymouth Council of War, at Marshfield; 11-13 March (note 159, *post*), arrived at Capt. Almy's, on Rhode-Island, with his wife and son Thomas; 12 May, his son Constant was born; 6 June, he arrived at Plymouth by way of Wood's Hole; soon went back the same way, saw the *Saconet* Indians on the rocks, and procured a formal meeting with *Awashonks*, resulting in a treaty, and, 25 June, dispatched *Peter* to Plymouth with the "Articles"; met Maj. Bradford and his army, returned to Plymouth, and went to meet *Awashonks* at *Mattapoisett*, 8 July; was commissioned, and went out to

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capture the *Monponsets*, 10 July; 24 July, had his commission enlarged, and started to guard the carts to Taunton, whence he went to *Acushnet*, and captured many prisoners, and returned to Plymouth by way of *Sippican*; 30 July, started for Bridgewater, chased Philip over into the swamps in Norton and Rehoboth, and took many prisoners, with whom he got safe back to Plymouth, 4 August; 7 August, he "rallied" for Dartmouth, and by 10 August started for *Pocasset* woods, went over to the island, and down to Maj. Sanford's to see his wife, and next morning killed Philip in the swamp south of Mount-Hope, and got back to Plymouth on the 17th; early in September, he set his successful trap for *Tispaquin*, and soon started out once more after *Annawon*, whom he took on the night of 11 September. 17 October, the Massachusetts General Court wrote to Plymouth [*Mass. Col. Rec. v: 126*] asking to be assisted against the Eastern Indians "with some English, & also some of your Indians, and *Capt. Church*, whom we have spoken with here & finde him ready to serve God and the country, &c."; 1 November, he was appointed [*P. C. R. v: 215*] by Plymouth Court, with William Pabodie and Nathaniel Thomas, to lay out lands granted to David and Thomas Lake near *Saconet* and *Punkateash*; also, with the same, to lay out some lands in aid of a ferry at *Pocasset*; while he and John Simmons are granted [*Ibid. 216*] a lease for pasturage at *Pocasset*. 4 November



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[*P. C. R.* xi: 242], the Court ordered as follows: "Capitaine Beniamen Church haueing; for and in the behalfe of the Collonie, engaged to feuerall Indians; about five or six; That incase they did carry well they should abide in this Jurisdiction; and not sold to any sforraigne p'tes; accordingly this Court doth conserme the said engagement and doth hereby tollarate their stay as asorfaid; notwithstanding any law of this Collonie to the contrary; excepting; if any of them should appeer to haue had a hand in any horred murder of any of the English p'ticularly excepting one Crossman; whoe is accused to haue had a special hand in the crewell murder of M' Hezekiah Willett."

15 *January*, 1674, Capt. Church was commissioned again by the Plymouth government, and went out again and [p. 181, *post*] took "divers parties of Indians." 6 March [*P. C. R.* v: 225], the Plymouth Court granted leave to eight of Church's Indian soldiers to settle at *Saconet*, he supplying them with land, on condition that they hold themselves ready for military service under him, "hee, satisfying the Indians, to haue the whole prophett of such an adventure." 7 June [*P. C. R.* v: 234], he is authorized to act as a magistrate to issue warrants; &c., at *Saconet* and *Pocasset*; 13 July [*Ibid.* 242], he is recognized by the Court as agent of the widow of Daniel Haward, for the management of the lands of her late husband; 30

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October [*Ibid.* 246; vii: 208], he was on a trial jury at Plymouth.

5 March, 167½, he was appointed by the Court [*P. C. R.* v: 252], with John Richmond of Taunton, to divide some land at *Saconet* belonging to children of the late John Irish; 5 July [*Ibid.* 265], he was empowered, by special order, to administer to John Irish the oath to serve as constable at *Saconet*.

8 March, 167½ [*P. C. R.* vi: 7] he was re-appointed to be a magistrate for *Saconet* and *Pocasset*.

4 March, 1679 [*Bristol County (Mafs.) Deeds*, ii: 144], he buys of Arthur Hathaway of Dartmouth, for £16, one share in *Punkateest* neck, with one share of the Court grant of which said neck was a part; same date [*Ibid.* ii: 146], he buys a similar share of Edward Gray of Plymouth, for £12.

1 January, 1678 [*Ibid.* ii: 143], he bought a similar share of Richard Wright, tailor, of New Plymouth, for 40s. Sometime before March of this year, with seven others [*Proceedings of Mafs. Hist. Soc.*, Sept. 1857, 238], he became a purchaser of *Pocasset* lands, and agreed to endeavor the well settling of a plantation there, and to "joine with Succonnitt Proprietors in the calling of a Gospell Mineter & for his encouragement as to his outward subsistence &c."; 7 July [*P. C. R.* vi: 43], he was appointed, with Nathaniel Thomas and William Pabodie, "to bound out *Talamanuck's* thousand acres of land att or about *Saco-*

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nett"; 14 Sept. [*Bristol, R.-I., Town Records*, i: 26], he signed and sealed the "Grand Articles" for the settlement of Bristol, R.-I.

1 March, 1682 [*P. C. R.* vi: 58], with Nathaniel Thomas and Edward Gray, he petitioned to have the lines run between their *Pocasset* purchase and the "freemen's land" at Fall River, and the Court ordered William Pabodie to do it; 7 July, 1681 [*P. C. R.* vi: 69], he was authorized by the Court "to cutt and cleare" a more direct way from Mount-Hope to Boston, there being "great need" of one; at the same Court [*P. C. R.* vii: 241], he, with others, by N. Thomas, their attorney, sued David Lake for £500, for interrupting them from quiet and peaceable possession of their *Pocasset* lands; 1 Sept. [*B. T. R.* i: 46], the first proprietors of the Mount-Hope purchase met (76 in number, "Capt. Benjamin Church" heading the list), and agreed that the name of the town should be Bristol; 10 Nov. [*B. T. R.* i: 49], with N. Byfield and Sergeant John Cary, he was appointed to make a rate upon the new town.

7 March, 1682 [*P. C. R.* vii: 247], he, with others, by N. Thomas, attorney, sued William Earle of Dartmouth for forcibly hindering the running of the boundary line of the *Pocasset* purchase; 22 May, 1682 [*B. T. R.* i: 49], he was chosen Deputy to represent Bristol in the Colony Court, and first Selectman for the year ensuing; 7 July [*P. C. R.* vi: 93], he was commissioned as a magistrate,

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and authorized to solemnize marriages; 27 Oct. [*P. C. R.* vii: 257], he made an official return to the Court covering the testimony of *Wayrwelt* (*Awashonk's* husband) and three other *Saconet* Indians, that to their knowledge the little island of *Cheffawanucke* (Hog Island) belonged to *Massasoit* and his son *Wamsutta*.

28 May, 1683 [*B. T. R.* i: 51], he was re-elected Deputy; 5 July [*B. C. D.* ii: 146], with Wm. Pabodie of Little Compton, he agrees that the 23d lot at *Saconet* should be his; 7 July [*P. C. R.* vii: 263], John Saffin, merchant, sues him for £100, for "daming a certain water-course into a coue on *Poppasquash* necke"; 24 Oct. [*B. T. R.* i: 54], he agrees with the voters of Bristol to make three wolf-pits in a month's time, and, with others, was clothed "with full power in the towne's behalf in reference to rates now due from Mr. J. Saffin"; 31 Oct. [*P. C. R.* vii: 269], Saffin complained to the Court of him and his associate raters of damage of £24 for unjust assessment, but the Court found for defendants, and assessed Saffin £4 5s. costs of Court; same date, same Saffin sued Church for £80, for the old cause of "daming" his creek, and the jury found for Saffin £3 and costs.

3 March, 168 $\frac{1}{2}$  [*B. T. R.* i: 43], he agrees with Nathaniel Byfield to maintain a fence of 393 rods in length, between their farms, each to build and keep in repair 196 $\frac{1}{2}$  rods; 9 Feb. 1684 [*B. C. D.* i: 311], he buys of John Walley

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and others, for £10, certain house-lots, &c., &c., in Bristol; 20 Feb. [*Ibid.* 309], he buys of the same parties, for £87, several house-lots and other lands, with  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a mill, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the "ferry farm," in Bristol; 26 March [*Bristol Births*, i: 56], his then only daughter, Elizabeth, was born; 21 May [*B. T. R.* i: 55], he was re-chosen Deputy, and elected third Selectman; 16 Sept. [*Ibid.* 57], with Capt. Walley, he was chosen "for the using endeavors to bring £5, from next October Court of the Cape money for the Incouragement of a School-master"; 13 November [*B. C. D.* i: 50], he effected the division of the Haward land in *Saconet*, to which he had been appointed by the Court; 28 November [*B. C. D.* i: 181], he sells, for £45, to Rowland Robinson of Newport the 24th lot at *Saconet*, and 40 acres at *Tyonfunbe*.

23 June, 1685 [*B. T. R.* i: 62], he "disburfed" 10s. to help make up £5, to pay for the freight of the goods of "Mr. Cobbit, the schoolmaster"; 22 September [*Ibid.* 63], he was chosen one of three "raters," and one of a Town Council of five, "to join with the Commission officers of this town by way of ordering concerns in any exegences relating to meletia affairs."

17 May, 1686 [*Ibid.* 68], he was chosen first Selectman; 1 July [*Bristol Births, &c.* i: 18], his third son, Nathaniel, was born (who died 29 Feb. following); 9 November [*B. T. R.* i: 70], he engaged "to deliver in four cords of fire-

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wood for the Rev. Mr. Lee," to help make 42 cords; 18 November [*B. C. D.* ii: 271], he sells 20 acres of land at *Saconet*, for £11, to William Pabodie.

11 February, 1684 [*B. C. D.* iii: 290], he buys of W. Pabodie and W. Southworth of *Saconet* an 18-acre lot, for £13; 4 May [*B. T. R.* i: 72], he was chosen the first of four Selectmen at Bristol; 8 May [*Rev. Dr. Shepard's Two Discourses*, 10], he became one of the original eight members of the First Congregational Church in Bristol.

23 January, 1684 [*B. C. D.* iii: 370], he buys of Seth Arnold of Duxbury, one-half of the 33<sup>d</sup> lot in *Punkateast* neck; 19 February [*Ibid.* ii: 145], he exchanged with John Rouse of Marshfield the 29<sup>th</sup> lot (which was the second he originally drew) at *Saconet* for the 18<sup>th</sup> (which adjoined the 19<sup>th</sup>, the first which he originally drew, and on which he had built his house there); 21 May 1688 [*B. T. R.* i: 73], he was chosen again the first of four Selectmen at Bristol; 16 July [*B. C. D.* i: 91], he buys for £100, a whole share of land in Little Compton, of Josiah Cook and Joseph Harding of Eastham; 29 September [*Ibid.* 97], "for the love, goodwill and affection which I have and beare toward my loving friend and Brother-in-law James Burroughs of Bristol, Tailor, and Sarah, his now wife (being my sifter)" he gave his "home-lot" on the corner of Hope

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and Queen Sts. in Bristol,\* being 131 ft. by 59 ft., with other lands enumerated; 17 October [*Ibid.* vii: 572], for £33, he sold to James Peckham, of Little Compton, lands in that town, and same date [*Ibid.* iii: 326], bought of said Peckham for £13, two lots in said town; 21 November [*Ibid.* i: 338], he bought for £6, of Samuel Sanford of Portsmouth, land at Little Compton; 28 November [*Ibid.* i: 75], he exchanged certain lots in Little Compton for certain other lots there owned by John Cushen of Scituate; 6 December [*Ibid.* i: 75], he sold for £90, lands in Little Compton to Peter Tailer of Newport; 26 December, [*Ibid.* 82], for £24, he sold land at Little Compton to Mathew Howard of that town.

24 January, 1681 [*Ibid.* 81], for £16, he sold to James Cafe and Anna his wife, of Little Compton, 40 acres of land in that town; 6 February [*Ibid.* ix: 173], he sells, for 42s. a ferry lot at *Pocasset* to William Wodel; 6 September [*Entertaining Passages, &c.* 56], he was commissioned Major, and Commander-in-Chief, of Plymouth forces for the first Eastern Expedition; 7 September, 1689 [*B. C. D.* iii: 368], he buys of William Fobes, for £10, a lot in Little Compton; 18 September [*E. P.* 59], received his instructions from the Commissioners of the United Colonies, and

\* Rev. Dr. Shepard says, in a note to his *Two Discourses*: (p. 51) "tradition says that the old Talbee house, in this town, [Bristol] standing near to the corner of Thames and Constitution streets, the stone chimney of which only remains (1857), was built by Col. Church."

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started for Casco; 21 September [*Original letter of Church, in Mass. State Paper Office*], had an engagement with the enemy, in which eleven of his soldiers were killed and ten wounded; 13 November [*Willis's Hist. Portland 280*], he had a Council of war at Falmouth, soon after which he returned home; 25 December [*P. C. R. vi: 228*], a committee was appointed by the Colony to settle with him and others "the charges of the warr, &c." and the Court ordered him 40s. a week and £10, over, besides what he might receive "from the Bay."

6 February, 1688 [*E. P. 65*], he wrote to the Governor and Council of Massachusetts appealing on behalf of the poor inhabitants of Maine; 10 May, 1690 [*B. C. D. ii: 66*], for £7, he sells to Edward Gray of Little Compton land in *Sapowit* neck in said town; 30 May [*Ibid. 147*], he buys of Captain Christopher Almy of Rhode Island, for £11 10s., four thirtieths of lands left by the purchasers of *Pocassett*, at Fall-river, for erecting a mill or mills; 2 September [*E. P. 69*], was Commissioned for the second Eastern Expedition; 9 September [*Ibid. 70*], received his instructions, and started; was back to Bristol in three or four weeks; 4 November [*P. C. R. vi: 255*], was appointed by the Court to take charge of a contribution proposed in the County of Bristol for the relief "of ye town of Wells & parts adjacent;" 27 November [*E. P. 77*], wrote from Bristol to "the Eastern parts;" 2 December [*B. C. D. iii: 369; v: 521*], ex-



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changed with W. Pabodie of Little Compton two lots in said town.

8 June, 1691 [*B. C. D.* i: 199], he sells to Nathaniel Byfield, for £50, one sixteenth part of *Poppasquash* neck, being 43 acres more or less; 28 August [*Ibid.* i: 111], he buys of his brother Caleb Church of Watertown, "mill-wright," for £100, 13½-30<sup>th</sup> of *Pocassett* purchase, being 30 rods in breadth, "and containes y<sup>e</sup> river commonly called y<sup>e</sup> Fall-river & y<sup>e</sup> benefit of y<sup>e</sup> stream, and y<sup>e</sup> strip of land designed for y<sup>e</sup> use of a mill, or mills, with y<sup>e</sup> ½ part of y<sup>e</sup> sawmill, &c. &c.;" 23 September [*Ibid.* ii: 257], he buys for £70, of N. Thomas, of Marshfield, lands at *Saconet*.

25 July, 1692 [*E. P.* 82], he was commissioned for the third Eastern Expedition; 11 August, had his instructions, and started for Penobscot, — did what service he could and returned.

6 March, 1693 [*B. C. D.* vii: 154], he sells, for £21, to Samuel Crandall land at Little Compton; 23 May [*Ibid.* v: 11], he buys of W. Wodel, of Portsmouth, for £3, lands in Fall-river; 1 August [*Ibid.* ii: 149], he buys of Thomas Burge of Little Compton, for £7 10s., a meadow lot of 3 acres in that town; same date [*Ibid.* ii: 142], he sells to said Burge for £15, 40 rods square of land in the same town.

29 January, 1694 [*Ibid.* i: 282], he sells, for £34, to Daniel Eaton of Little Compton one share of the undivided lands

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in that town; 16 February [*Ibid.* iii: 397], he buys of Benjamin Woodworth of Little Compton, for £10, meadow lots in that town; 20 April, 1694 [*Ibid.* vi: 177], he buys of Gershom Wodel of *Pocasset*, for £3, lands at Fall-river; 23 July [*B. T. R.* i: 92], "Major Church" was chosen by the town of Bristol the first of its 5 assessors; 30 July [*B. C. D.* i: 97], he bought back, for £50, his "home-lot" in Bristol which he had sold (29 Sept. 1688) to his brother-in-law, James Burroughs; 6 September [*Ibid.* 385], he buys of Israel Hubbard and Jonathan Dodson of Scituate, for £150, one "great lot" in Freetown, "being the second lot from y<sup>e</sup> Fall-river."

29 December, 1695 [*Ibid.* ii: 21], he sells to Joseph Tabor of Tiverton 80 acres at *Nomquid*, with a grist mill, and also 39 acres in *Punkatast* neck, with other lots, for £360, said Tabor agreeing to maintain the grist-mill, as Church had done, with the agents of the proprietors of *Saconet*.

23 March, 1696 [*B. T. R.* i: 96], Major Church was chosen Moderator of Bristol town-meeting, — the last time his name is mentioned on the records of that town, indicating his removal very soon after to Fall-river; 2 May [*B. C. D.* i: 290], he deposed that in 1680 he saw Hugh Woodberry fencing "the 11th lot of y<sup>e</sup> freeman's land," &c., in Freetown; 27 July [*Ibid.* ii: 217], he sells, for £18, to John Palmer, carpenter, of Little Compton, 40 acres of land in that town; 3 August [*E. P.* 87], he was commissioned to

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go on the fourth Expedition east; 12 August [*Ibid.* 88], had his instructions, and went out, returning in the Autumn.

18 January, 1701 [*B. C. D.* iv: 390], Major Church "late of Bristol now of Tiverton" \* — showing that he had now become a resident of Fall-river — "for natural love" gives to his son Thomas, of Bristol, several parcels of land, with a house, &c.; 5 September, 1700 [*Ibid.* iii: 183], he buys of Joseph Church of Little Compton for £100, several lots of land at *Saconet Point*; 20 December [*Ibid.* iii: 291], he buys of Latham Clark, of Newport, for £140, a whole half share of the freeman's lot at Freetown.

7 March, 1701 [*Ibid.* iv: 29], he with others, deeds land in Little Compton to William Hilliard; 10 December, 1701 [*Ibid.* v: 161], he buys of Henry Head of Little Compton, for £10, land in that town.

27 March, 1702 [*Ibid.* iv: 17], "in consideration of natural love and affection," he deeds to his son Edward large tracts of land in Bristol, "his house on Hope St. & Queen St.," &c. &c.; 7 October [*Ibid.* iv: 37], he buys of John Bayley of Newport, for £40, certain lands in Little Comp-

\* "His (Col. Church's) dwelling-house stood between the present dwelling-house of Col. Richard Borden, and that of his brother Jefferson, and remained till within 40 years." Fowler's *Hist. Sketch of Fall River*, p. 19 [A. D. 1841]. This was on the south side of

Annawon St., near Pond St., from 50 to 75 ft. from the former. The late extension of the Old Colony and Fall River R. R. to Newport, passes directly through the premises. [*M.S.* letter from Hon. Jefferson Borden.]

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ton; 30 October [*Ibid.* 100], he buys, for £4 10s. of D. Wilcocks of Portsmouth, John Woodman of Little Compton, and Thomas and Roger Cory of Tiverton, lands at Fall-river.

12 January, 170 $\frac{1}{2}$  [*Ibid.* 67], "Lieut. Col. Church of Tiverton, i.e. Fall River, for £3, buys of Constant Southworth  $\frac{1}{4}$  part of land for a Mill at Fall-river, with  $\frac{1}{8}$  of said Fall-river; 16 January [*Ibid.* 99], he buys of Job Almy, of Tiverton, for £7 10s., "one share at Fall-river for a mill, &c."

5 February, 170 $\frac{1}{2}$  [*E. P.* 99], Col. Church wrote to Governor Dudley, offering a plan for a fifth Expedition east; 18 March, he was commissioned; 4 May, received his instructions, and spent most of the summer on this business; 29 Nov. [1 *Mafs. Hist. Coll.* ix: 205], a Congregational Church was formed in Little Compton which he is believed to have aided to establish, and of which he remained a consistent member to his death.

20 November, 1705 [*Little Compton Town Records* i.], Col. Church first appears as if a resident for the second time in Little Compton, consenting to changes in the roads for common convenience; 11 April [*B. C. D.* iv: 415], he deeds to his son Thomas a part of his Little Compton lands, with 10 cows, 100 sheep, &c.; 20 July [*Ibid.* v: 100], he deeds to "my onely natural daughter Elizabeth Rosbotham, and to my son-in-law Capt. Joseph Rosbotham (her now husband) of Bristol," lands in that town.

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5 *June*, 1706 [*L. C. T. R.* 1], he was chosen Representative of Little Compton for the year ensuing.

3 *February*, 1704 [*B. C. D.* v: 142], "for love, &c." he deeds to his son Charles the 18th and 19th lots at Little Compton (that on which he built in 1674, with that adjoining it, which, in 1688, he had secured by exchange with John Rouse), with the buildings, &c. &c.; 12 April, 1707 [*Ibid.* v: 214], "for love" &c. he deeds to his son Constant (after his own decease), the mill shares and mills in Tiverton, with lands in Freetown; 26 April [*B. C. D.* v: 162], "for love" &c. he deeds to his son Thomas of Bristol, his house\* (after his decease and that of his wife), called "the little farm," containing 120 acres, with other lands; 7 August [*L. C. T. R.* i.], he married at Little Compton, William Cuthbert and Mary Head; 18 September [*L. C. T. R.* i], the town voted him £18 7s. out of the town rate for his services as Representative.

17 *March*, 1708 [*L. C. T. R.* i.], he married Edward Southworth and Mary Fobes; 24 March [*B. C. D.* v: 343], he sold for £30, to Henry Wood, of Newport, land at Little Compton; May, 1708 [*L. C. T. R.* i.], he married

\* When he went back to Little Compton in 1705, or thereabouts, he built on the lots which he had long owned just south of *Awaken's* ¼ mile square of reserved territory [see note 12 *post*]. His house stood back in the field; and the well, and traces of the cellar remain.

The spot is now owned by Mr. George H. Peckham. It is a little S. of W. from the two Windmills which stand near together on the road from *Secnes* Point to Tiverton, and is perhaps 1½ miles S. W. in a straight line, from the Common.

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John Irish and (his sister) Priscilla Church; 23 June [*B. C. D. v: 471; vii: 241*], he exchanged with Thomas Burge of Little Compton lands valued at £40; 22 December [*L. C. T. R. i.*], he married Amos Sheffield and Sarah —.

29 January, 1708 [*B. C. D. v: 463*], he buys of John Irish, for £15, meadow land in Little Compton; 4 April, 1709 [*B. C. D. v: 488*], at the instance of the government, he exchanged some lands in Little Compton, to accommodate the Indians; 6 September [*L. C. T. R. i.*], he was chosen in Little Compton to the Grand Jury.

4 January, 1710 [*L. C. T. R. i.*], he married John Bailey and Lydia —; 16 May [*Ibid.*], he was chosen Representative of the town in the next General Court; 28 September [*Ibid.*], he married William Shaw and Content Irish.

24 December, 1711 [*Ibid.*], he was allowed £13 4s. for his services as Representative.

25 December, 1712 [*B. C. D. vii: 462*], "for love," &c. he deeds land in Freetown to his daughter and her husband, Capt. Joseph Rosbotham; and, same date, [*Ibid. 463*] for £100, to the same parties more land in Freetown.

24 January, 1713 [*L. C. T. R. i.*], he married Samuel Tompkins and Sarah —; 23 February [*B. C. D. vii: 583*], for £15, he sold to his son Thomas, of Little Compton, lands in Tiverton; 18 March, 1713 [*L. C. T. R. i.*], he was chosen moderator of the town meeting in Little

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Compton; 25 September [*Ibid.*], he married William Briggs, jun., and Deborah Church; 16 November [*Ibid.*], he married Jonathan Blackman and Sarah —.

14 January, 1714 [*B. C. D.* vii: 480], "for love" &c., he deeds several valuable tracts of land in Little Compton; 25 March, 1714 [*Ibid.* viii: 583], he buys, for £33 15s. lands in Tiverton of Samuel and Mary Snell; 31 March [*Ibid.* viii: 582], he sells, for £24, to William Wilbor, lands in Little Compton; 18 November [*Ibid.* 583], for £32 10s. he sells to Richard Ward and Lion Arnold of Newport, lands in *Pocasset*.

14 April, 1715 [*Ibid.* ix: 738], with Constant, he sells land in Freetown to Thomas Turner; 7 June [*Ibid.* 451], for £6, he sells his son Thomas land in Little Compton; 1 November [*L. C. T. R.* i.], he married Peter Taylor and Hannah Wood. During this year also he doubtless dictated to his son Thomas his "Entertaining Passages."

8 April, 1716 [*Ibid.*], he married Samuel Coe and Mary Chadwick; 13 May [*Ibid.*], he married Jonathan Hilliard and Abigail Wilbor.

3 March, 1717 [*B. C. D.* x: 637], he gave lands in Freetown to his son Constant, reserving the right to improve them during his life; 20 June, 1717 [*L. C. T. R.* i.], he married William Wilbor and Esther Burges; 11 September [*Bristol Marriages, &c.* ii: 23], "Mr. John Sampson and Mrs. Elizabeth Rosbotham of this town (Bristol) were

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joined in marriage by Benjamin Church, Esq.;" 13 November [L. C. T. R. i.], he married (his last couple) Thomas Tibbets and Elizabeth Wood.

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The account which was given by Dr. Stiles, on the authority of a member of the family, of the old Colonel's death, is as follows:—"the morning before his death, he went about two miles on horseback to visit his only [surviving?] sister, Mrs. Irish, to sympathize with her on the death of her only child. After a friendly and pious visit, in a moving and affecting manner, he took his leave of her, and said, 'It was a last farewell; Telling her, he was persuaded he should never see her more; but hoped to meet her in heaven.' Returning homeward, he had not rode above half a mile before his horse stumbled, and threw him over his head: And the Colonel being exceeding fat and heavy, fell with such force that a blood vessel was broken, and the blood gushed out of his mouth like a torrent. His wife was soon brought to him; he tried but was unable to speak to her, and died in about twelve hours. He was carried to the grave in great funeral pomp, and was buried under arms, and with military honours."

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His monument—a huge flat stone laid horizontally over the grave, supported by stones under each side and end,



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in the graveyard adjoining the Congregational Church in Little Compton — still bears the following inscription: —

“ Here lyeth interred the [body]  
of the Honourable  
Col. BENJAMIN CHURCH, Esq.  
who departed this life, January  
the 17, 1714, in y<sup>e</sup> 78 years of  
his age.”

The Probate Record of his Estate, is as follows: —

The fifth day of March Administration Granted to Madam Alice Church on the Estate of Coll<sup>o</sup> Benja Church deceased  
[Bristol Co. Probate Records, iii: 363.]

A true Inventory of Estate both Reall & Personall left by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> Benja Church Esq<sup>e</sup> Late of Little Compton dec<sup>d</sup> Taken by us the subscribers the 5<sup>th</sup> day febr<sup>y</sup> 1717-18

To his Sword and Belt . . . . .	05 00 00
To a Cane & Gloves . . . . .	00 12 00
To Wearing Apparell . . . . .	28 15 00
To 2 Gold Rings 1; & 3 pair of Buttons 1; 10: 0 all . . . . .	02 10 00
To one pair of Plate Buckles . . . . .	00 15 00
To one Tanker one cup one Porringer & 2 salt sellars plate and seven spoons all weighing 42 Ounces . . . . .	25 00 00
To a Case of knives & forks . . . . .	00 08 00
To Sundry Books . . . . .	02 00 00
To land in Tiverton one Six Score acre lot & half being 18 a <sup>c</sup> [acres]. . . . .	180 00 00
To Two Gunns . . . . .	03 00 00

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	To one Bed 2 Blankets one Rug curtains	24 00 00
	& two Pillows and Bedstead &	
	To one other Bed Bedstead and	18 00 00
	Two Pillows and Curtains	
	To one other Bed Bedstead Bolster	12 00 00
	To 14 pair of Sheets	21 00 00
	To nine Pillow cases	01 16 00
	To two Doz of napkins & Towels	03 12 00
	To 4 Table Clothes	02 00 00
	To three Tables	03 10 00
	To one Cubboard	03 00 00
	To six Cheats	02 02 00
	To seven Turkey worked chairs	04 02 00
	To 16 Wooden Chairs	02 08 00
Puter	To 21 plates 1 17 0 To 7 platters 3' all	04 17 00
	To 11 Basons 1 13 00 & 3 Chamber Potts 8'	02 01 00
Tinn	To one Collender one Cauldron & on Tea pott all	00 03 00
Brass	To one Chaffing Dish & one warmingpan	01 10 00
	To two Kettles and one Bellmettell skillet	06 00 00
Iron	To three Potts and one Kettle	01 10 00
	To one split 3 AndIrons two pair of Tonge one fire	
	shove two Trammels one hook and one frying pan	02 02 00
	To 8 Keelers 8 pails 3 Piggins 3 Traves & one Sugar	
	Box all	02 15 00
	To 5 Cheese fatts one churn & 3 Cedar Tubs all	02 04 00
	To one Mealtrough & Corrill & one Tray all	00 06 00
	To 3 Bags 12' to Earthenware 6' & 12 Glass Bottles	
	4' all	01 02 00
	To two Ropes 6' to 5 old Sythes 5' To 3 old Iron	
	hoppe & 3 Iron Boxes 8' all	00 19 00
	To a Bettle and wedges 6' & 3 Sythe Snaths 3' all	00 09 00
	To 3 hones 6' one Bill hooke & 4 Axes 11' all	00 17 00
	To Iron fitters horse traces one Coller Harnes & old	
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One Hmmer & one square . . . . .	00 08 00
One old Tennant Saw 2 pair of sheers & 2 p' of Stel- liards . . . . .	00 08 00
To one girdle 3 Stirupp Irons & one Lanthorn all . . . . .	00 04 00
To three Riddle Sives 3' & 14 old Cask — 1 08' all . . . . .	01 11 00
To 25 bushells of salt 3' 15' & 2 Cheese presses 8' all . . . . .	04 03 00
To 2 pair of Spinning Wheels and one pair of Cards . . . . .	00 10 00
To 2 Barrills of Beef one Barrill of Pork . . . . .	05 00 00
To nine Cows . . . . .	54 00 00
To 4 heifers . . . . .	20 00 00
To a pair of Oxen . . . . .	14 00 00
To a pair of Steers . . . . .	12 00 00
To one Bull . . . . .	02 10 00
To Seven Two Year old Cattle . . . . .	21 00 00
To a cart and Wheels 2 Yoaks 2 Chains & Clevis & pin . . . . .	04 10 00
Two Iron Barrs and one Sledge . . . . .	01 00 00
To Yarn and flax . . . . .	03 15 00
To about 25' weight of Cheese . . . . .	04 00 00
To 13 Bushells of Barley . . . . .	02 00 00
To 2 old Barrills and Some Beanes . . . . .	00 10 00
To Twenty Bushells of Oates . . . . .	02 10 00
To about 40 Bushells of Indian corn . . . . .	08 00 00
To one Tubb & Pork . . . . .	04 00 00
To 2 Barrills of Cider 1 <sup>4</sup> & three empty Cask 6' . . . . .	01 06 00
To one sorild horfs . . . . .	12 00 00
To one black horfs . . . . .	16 00 00
To the Collath with the Horfs saddle & Brydle &c . . . . .	12 00 00
To one Bay mare . . . . .	18 00 00
To 2 old ploughs and one Brake . . . . .	01 05 00
To ten yearling Cattle . . . . .	15 00 00
To 5 Swine . . . . .	02 10 00
To a looking Glass and hour Glass . . . . .	00 08 06
To 3 Scivers one pair of tonga & pair of Bellows all . . . . .	00 05 06
To one pair of holdsters & an old Portmantle . . . . .	00 12 00

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To about 15 pound of Butter . . . . .	00 10 00
To a Negro man Clothing and bedding &c . . . . .	60 00 00
To a Negro woman clothing & Bedding &c . . . . .	40 00 00
To a Servant Boy called William Hood . . . . .	10 00 00
To John Tomlin . . . . .	03 00 00
To three rakes and Two pitch forks . . . . .	00 06 00
To an Iron Bark . . . . .	01 10 00
To a score of Sheep . . . . .	06 16 00
To a Clasp Stale pan a pair of Specticle & Inkhorn . . . . .	00 09 00
To Silver and Gold Buttons . . . . .	02 02 06
To Cash . . . . .	02 18 06
To his Right in a Small lott of land Tiverton . . . . .	05 00 00

This Inventory was taken the day and year  
 above written by us  
 JOHN WOOD  
 THOMAS GREY  
 WILLIAM PABODIE } *Pris'ers*

[Bristol Co. Probate Records, lli: 381, 382.]

To all People to whom these presents Shall come Know Yee that we who are the Children of our Hon<sup>d</sup> ffather Coll<sup>d</sup> Benjamin Church late of Little Compton in the County of Bristol in the Province of the Mafschuset Bay in New England dec<sup>d</sup> Who Dyed Intestate And that the law of this Province doth Provide that all Just Debts & funerall Charges shall be payd out of the Personall Estate which will be a great Damage to our Hon<sup>d</sup> Mother Mrs Alice Church who is Administra- trix to said Estate

These are therefore to give full power and lawfull Authority to our above named Mother as Administratrix to our above s<sup>d</sup> Hon<sup>d</sup> ffathers Estate To Bargain Sell Alin & Dispose of all our Right Title Claime or Demand of one Six Score acre lot and one halfe in the Township of Tiverton in pofaset Purchafs the whole lot being the fourteen in num- ber and the half lot being the Thirteenth lot in number which lot and half being mentioned in the Inventory of our s<sup>d</sup> ffathers estate and is

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Butted & bounded as by the Bounds of s<sup>d</sup> Pocasset land may appear and that the whole sum of money which the above said land is fold for shall be to help to pay the just debts and funerall Charges of our s<sup>d</sup> Hon<sup>d</sup> ffather deceased as

Witness our hands and Seals dated in Bristol this Sixt day of March in the fourth year of his Majties Reign Annoqe Domini 1711

Signed Sealed & declared  
In presence of us  
SAMUEL GALLOP  
JOSHUA BAILEY

THOMAS CHURCH (S)  
CONSTANT CHURCH (S)  
CHARLES CHURCH (S)  
MARTHA CHURCH (S)  
JOHN SAMPSON (S)  
ELIZA SAMPSON (S)

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M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Church m<sup>r</sup> Constant Church m<sup>r</sup> Charles Church m<sup>rs</sup> Martha Church m<sup>r</sup> John Sampson & m<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Sampson Subscribers to the above mentioned order & Agreement Personally appeared before me Natha<sup>l</sup> Paine Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of the Probate of wills &c within the County of Bristol and acknowledged the Same to be their free voluntary Act and Deed

NATHA<sup>l</sup> PAINE

Entered March the 21<sup>st</sup> 1711  
By JOHN CARY Register

[Bristol Co. Probate Records, III: 384.]

A true Copy.

Attest: A. S. CUSHMAN, Register.

TAUNTON, Dec. 15; 1864.

I have only to add that no portrait is extant of the Colonel, and it is extremely improbable that any ever existed. None was offered to the public in connection with the first edition of these "Entertaining Passages," and he had been

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dead more than half a century when Dr. Stiles edited the second edition for Solomon Southwick. The diaries and correspondence of the Doctor have been searched in vain for any clue to the origin, or allusion to the character, of the copperplate engraving which accompanied that edition. Mr. Charles Deane [*Proceedings of Mass. Hist. Soc.* March 1858, 293] has acutely suggested that it "was taken from a picture of Charles Churchill, the poet, with the addition of a powder-horn slung around his neck;" and a comparison of the engraving with one or two pictures of that poet has given to his suggestion great weight in my mind. I imagine that Benjamin, the "vendue-master," who had some literary culture, and who busied himself in regard to the getting up of Dr. Stiles's edition, to the extent, at least, of writing the "Ode Heroica," remembering the face of his grandfather, and being struck with some decided resemblance between it and this picture of Churchill, engaged Revere to furnish a likeness of the Colonel based upon that of the poet. And the fact that there is a look to this day retained by many of the descendants of the Church family very far from being unlike to the general character of this picture, strengthens this supposition in my own mind to a strong probability. The companion picture of King Philip was, of course, purely a fancy sketch, and nearly the ugliest possible, at that.

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I append here such few scattering genealogical facts in regard to the descendants of Colonel Church as have come incidentally to my notice, — as materials for whoever may, at any future time, attempt to catalogue the complete descent from him.

BENJAMIN CHURCH,<sup>1</sup> b. at Plymouth, 1639, m. 26 Dec. 1667, ALICE SOUTHWORTH (b. Duxbury 1646, d. Little Compton 5 Mar. 1714, *æt.* 73), d. 17 Jan. 1714, at Little Compton, R.-I. *æt.* 78. They had (1) Thomas,<sup>2</sup> b. Duxbury, 1674, d. Little Compton, 12 Mar. 1746, *æt.* 73; (2) Constant,<sup>3</sup> b. Portsmouth, R.-I. 12 May, 1676, d. 26 Mar. 1726? [*N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg.* xi: 155.] (3) Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> b. 1678; (4) Edward,<sup>5</sup> b. 1680; (5) Charles,<sup>6</sup> b. 1682, d. Bristol Jan. 1747; (6) Elizabeth,<sup>7</sup> b. 26 Mar. 1684; (7) Nathaniel,<sup>8</sup> b. 1 July 1686, d. 29 Feb. 1687; (8) Martha.<sup>9</sup>

THOMAS CHURCH,<sup>2</sup> m. *first*, 21 Feb. 1694, SARAH HAYMAN, had (1) Sarah,<sup>10</sup> b. 15 Jan. 1700, d. 29 Aug. 1701; (2) Elizabeth,<sup>11</sup> b. 9 Sept. 1702, d. 27 Sept. 1702; (3) Thomas,<sup>12</sup> b. 20 Aug. 1704, d. young; m. *second*, 16 April 1712 EDITH, 2d dau. and 4th child of John and Hannah [Timberlake] WOODMAN [b. 7 Sept. 1685, d. 3 June 1718], had (4) Elizabeth,<sup>13</sup> b. 10 Jan. 1713; (5) Hannah<sup>14</sup> b. 23 Sept. 1714; (6) Priscilla,<sup>15</sup> b. 6 Jan. 1717, d. 15 Mar. 1744; (7) Thomas<sup>16</sup> b. May 1718, d. 21 Aug. 1718; m. 1719 *third*, SARAH ———? had (8) Thomas,<sup>17</sup> b. 31 May, 1720, d. 4 July, 1720; (9) Sarah,<sup>18</sup> b. 15 May, 1721; (10) Thomas,<sup>19</sup> b. 13 July, 1722, d. 5 Oct. 1722; (11) Benjamin,<sup>20</sup> b. 9 Sept. 1723, d. 27 Sept. 1723; (12) Mary,<sup>21</sup> b. 2 Jan. 1725; (13) Thomas,<sup>22</sup> b. 1 Sept. 1727; (14) Benjamin,<sup>23</sup> b. 10 Jan. 1732, d. 4 Aug. 1749; (15) Mercy,<sup>24</sup> b. 18 Sept. 1734.

CONSTANT CHURCH.<sup>3</sup> [I have seen no trace of his family, if he had any.]

BENJAMIN CHURCH.<sup>4</sup> [It is said died unmarried.]

EDWARD CHURCH<sup>5</sup> lived in Boston, where, before 1764, he had a place of business as vendue-master, on Newbury Street, "two doors south of the sign of the Lamb." He m. Elizabeth ———? who d. 18

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April, 1766, *æt.* 27. He had an only son Benjamin,<sup>m</sup> who was probably also a vendue-master, and the father of two sons (one of whom was Dr. Benjamin Church, of Tory memory in the Revolution), and a daughter who m. Mr. Fleming, a stationer.

CHARLES CHURCH<sup>a</sup> was High Sheriff of the County, and Representative to the General Court; m. 20 May, 1708, Mrs. HANNAH PAINE of Bristol, had (1) Constant,<sup>m</sup> b. 12 Dec. 1708; (2) Elizabeth,<sup>w</sup> b. 24 Dec. 1710; (3) Hannah,<sup>m</sup> b. 20 Feb. 1713, d. Jan. 1743.

ELIZABETH CHURCH,<sup>w</sup> m. *first*, 1700? Capt. JOSEPH ROSEBOTHAM of Bristol, had (1) Benjamin,<sup>m</sup> b. 21 Dec. 1701; (2) Alice,<sup>m</sup> b. 26 Aug. 1704; (3) Elizabeth,<sup>m</sup> b. 9 Sept. 1708; (4) Hannah,<sup>m</sup> b. 20 June, 1711; m. *second*, 11 Sept. 1717, Mr. JOHN SAMPSON, of Bristol, [d. 12 Jan. 1733]; had (5) John<sup>m</sup> and (6) Elizabeth,<sup>m</sup> (twins) b. 20 Jan. 1713; (7) John,<sup>m</sup> b. (at New Haven) 31 May, 1722; m. *third*, 18 June, 1739, Capt. SAMUEL WOODBURY.

NATHANIEL CHURCH,<sup>o</sup> [died an infant.]

MARTHA CHURCH<sup>o</sup>. [I find no trace of her except her signature to the document accompanying the settlement of her father's estate.]

SARAH CHURCH,<sup>w</sup> m. 29 Apr. 1742, SAMUEL BAILEY of Little Compton, had (1) William,<sup>m</sup> b. 25 Aug. 1742, m. 4 Mar. 1770, SARAH BRIGGS, d. 17 Feb. 1825; (2) Samuel,<sup>m</sup> b. 3 Jan. 1744, m. ELIZABETH CHURCH; (3) Francis,<sup>m</sup> b. 4 Oct. 1745; (4) Ruth,<sup>m</sup> b. 24 Apr. 1747, d. 6 Dec. 1771; (5) Sarah,<sup>m</sup> b. 23 Sept. 1749, m. 1 Mar. 1772, JOHN MANCHESTER; (6) George,<sup>m</sup> b. 29 Apr. 1751, d. 27 Mar. 1764; (7) Hannah,<sup>m</sup> b. 25 July, 1760.

MARY CHURCH,<sup>w</sup> m. 31 Mar. 1748, AARON WILBOR [3d son and 6th child of John, who was 2d son and 3d child of William, an original settler], had (1) Sarah,<sup>m</sup> b. 25 Dec. 1748; (2) Benjamin,<sup>m</sup> b. 22 Oct. 1750; (3) Aaron,<sup>m</sup> b. June, 1753; (4) Francis,<sup>m</sup> b. 4 Aug. 1755, d. 15 June, 1844; (5) Thomas,<sup>m</sup> b. 23 Sept. 1756, d. 13 Sept. 1840; (6) John,<sup>m</sup> b. 4 May, 1762.

THOMAS CHURCH,<sup>m</sup> m. *first*, 31 Jan. 1748, RUTH BAILEY [youngest dau. and child of William, and so youngest sister of the husband of Sarah,<sup>w</sup> b. 3 Aug. 1727, d. 31 Jan. 1771], had (1) Constant,<sup>m</sup>



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b. 9 May, 1748; (2) Sarah,<sup>m</sup> b. 12 Feb. 1750, d. 17 Nov. 1750; (3) Sarah,<sup>m</sup> b. 24 May, 1751; (4) Elizabeth,<sup>m</sup> b. 25 Dec. 1752; (5) Benjamin;<sup>m</sup> (6) Mercy,<sup>m</sup> b. Mar. 1756, d. 31 Mar. 1837; (7) Thomas,<sup>m</sup> b. 26 Nov. 1757; (8) Obadiah,<sup>m</sup> b. 21 Apr. 1759; (9) William,<sup>m</sup> b. 7 May, 1761; (10) Charles,<sup>m</sup> b. 10 Mar. 1763; (11) Francis,<sup>m</sup> b. 19 Dec. 1764; (12) Thomas,<sup>m</sup> b. 3 Mar. 1767; (13) Ruth,<sup>m</sup> b. 5 Dec. 1768; (14) Mary,<sup>m</sup> b. 30 Jan. 1771, d. 1 Feb. 1771; m. *second*, MARY RICHMOND, [b. 26 Dec. 1735, 2d dau. and 8th child of William, oldest son of Sylvester]; had (15) George,<sup>m</sup> b. 30 May, 1773; (16) Gamaliel,<sup>m</sup> b. 1 Mar. 1775; (17) Mary,<sup>m</sup> b. 12 Feb. 1777, d. 17 July, 1777.

MERCY CHURCH,<sup>m</sup> m. 3 Feb. 1754, PERRI RICHMOND [4th son and 5th child of William, d. 1801], had (1) Sarah,<sup>m</sup> b. 24 Aug. 1756; m. 27 Apr. 1776, JOB CLAPP; (2) Ruth,<sup>m</sup> b. 6 Sept. 1758; (3) Elizabeth,<sup>m</sup> b. 9 Mar. 1760; (4) Thomas,<sup>m</sup> b. 5 Mar. 1764; (5) Benjamin,<sup>m</sup> b. 11 July, 1765; (6) Anna,<sup>n</sup> b. 24 Mar. 1767; (7) Mary,<sup>n</sup> b. 5 Apr. 1770; (8) Charles,<sup>m</sup> b. 9 July, 1773; (9) Hannah,<sup>m</sup> b. 17 Dec. 1775.

CONSTANT CHURCH,<sup>m</sup> m. 20 June, 1771, KEZIA BRIGGS [3d dau. and child of Jeremiah, who was 4th son and child of Job, who was 4th son and 7th child of William, b. 13 Oct. 1751, d. 17 Dec. 1818.], had (1) Ruth,<sup>m</sup> b. 19 Dec. 1771; (2) Sarah,<sup>m</sup> b. 29 May, 1774; (3) Jeremiah Briggs,<sup>m</sup> b. 22 Jan. 1776; (4) Benjamin,<sup>m</sup> b. 23 Jan. 1778, d. 20 Sept. 1778; (5) Kesia,<sup>m</sup> b. 14 Mar. 1780; (6) Charles,<sup>m</sup> b. 16 Mar. 1782, d. 14 Sept. 1805; (7) Betsey,<sup>m</sup> b. 17 Sept. 1784; (8) Anna,<sup>m</sup> b. 11 Feb. 1787; (9) Constantine,<sup>m</sup> b. 5 Jan. 1789, d. 1 Nov. 1826; (10) Hannah,<sup>m</sup> b. 9 Oct. 1781, d. 2 Sept. 1828; (11) William,<sup>m</sup> b. 27 Apr. 1795, d. 14 Oct. 1796.

ELIZABETH CHURCH,<sup>m</sup> m. 23 Oct. 1774, SAMUEL BAILEY [b. 3 Jan. 1744, was 2d son and child of Samuel, who m. SARAH<sup>m</sup>], had (1) Sarah,<sup>m</sup> b. 31 Mar. 1775; (2) Cornelius,<sup>m</sup> b. 8 Oct. 1776; (3) Benjamin,<sup>m</sup> b. 18 Aug. 1780; (4) Ruth,<sup>m</sup> b. 26 Feb. 1782; (5) Thomas,<sup>m</sup> (6) Samuel,<sup>m</sup> (twins), b. 6 May, 1785; (7) George,<sup>m</sup> b. 26 April, 1788; (8) Charles,<sup>m</sup> b. 5 Apr. 1790; (9) Hannah,<sup>m</sup> b. 1 June, 1794.

CONSTANT CHURCH,<sup>m</sup> of Bristol, m. 25 Jan. 1733, MARY REYNOLDS, of Bristol, had (1) Peter,<sup>m</sup> b. 1 Dec. 1737; (2) Mary,<sup>m</sup> b. 2 Apr. 1740; (3) Charles,<sup>m</sup> b. 5 Nov. 1743.

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PETER CHURCH<sup>m</sup> [as the records seem to say] m. 22 Mar. 1764, Mrs. SARAH FALES, of Bristol, and, for second wife, HANNAH ———? had (1) George,<sup>m</sup> b. 1 Apr., 1771; (2) William,<sup>m</sup> b. 5 Apr. 1776; (3) Peter,<sup>m</sup> b. 26 Apr. 1791; (4) Hannah,<sup>m</sup> b. 13 Sept. 1792.

This Peter<sup>m</sup> I suppose to be the Col. Peter, now living in Bristol, whose son, Captain Benjamin, commanding a company in the 8th Michigan V. M., was killed by a shot through the head, 16 June, 1862, while gallantly leading a charge upon the rebels, in the battle of James Island. [*Stone's R.-I. in the Rebellion*, 298.]

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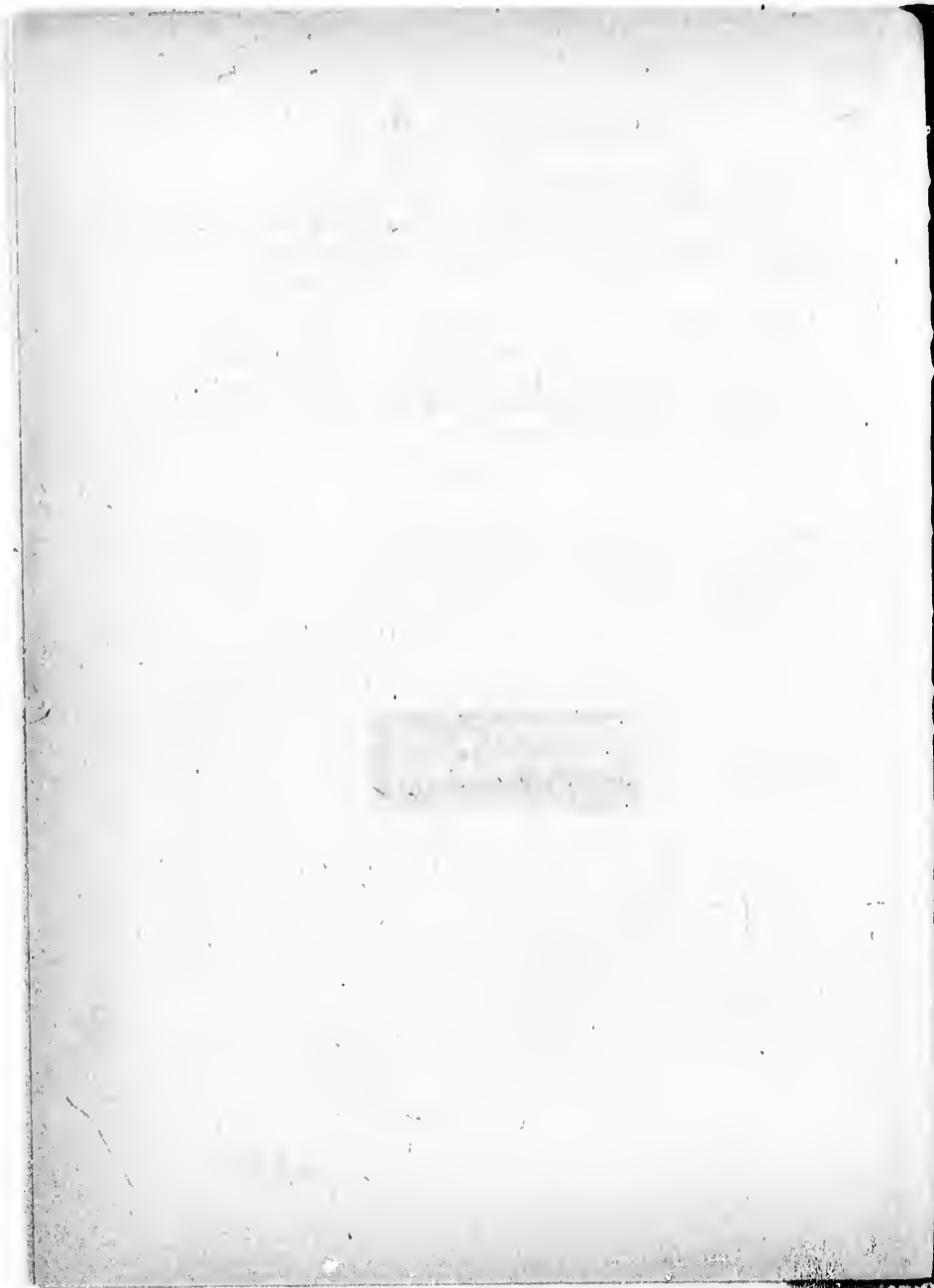
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**I**T had been intended to give, in this place, a full statistical statement of the condition of New England in population, resources, towns, churches, ministers &c., &c., at the date of the breaking-out of those hostilities which are commonly known as Philip's War; and to add a careful estimate of the causes of that strife, and the effects of it upon the Colonies. But the necessary length of such a statement and estimate, and the unexpected voluminousness of the preceding biographical matter, compels the reservation of that historical introduction until the issue of that remaining portion of these "Entertaining Passages," which has especial reference to the Eastern Expeditions; when it will be given as preliminary to those brief statements which may be further needful to make clear the causes and issues of those later conflicts.

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Meanwhile, the reader who desires to peruse these exploits and experiences of Captain Church, with the most intelligent comprehension of their relation to the general matters of the war, and the condition of the country at that date, is respectfully referred to the third volume of Dr. Palfrey's "History of New England," where [pp. 132-239], he will find the most lucid, careful and truthful exposition of the subject, which has yet been given to the press.



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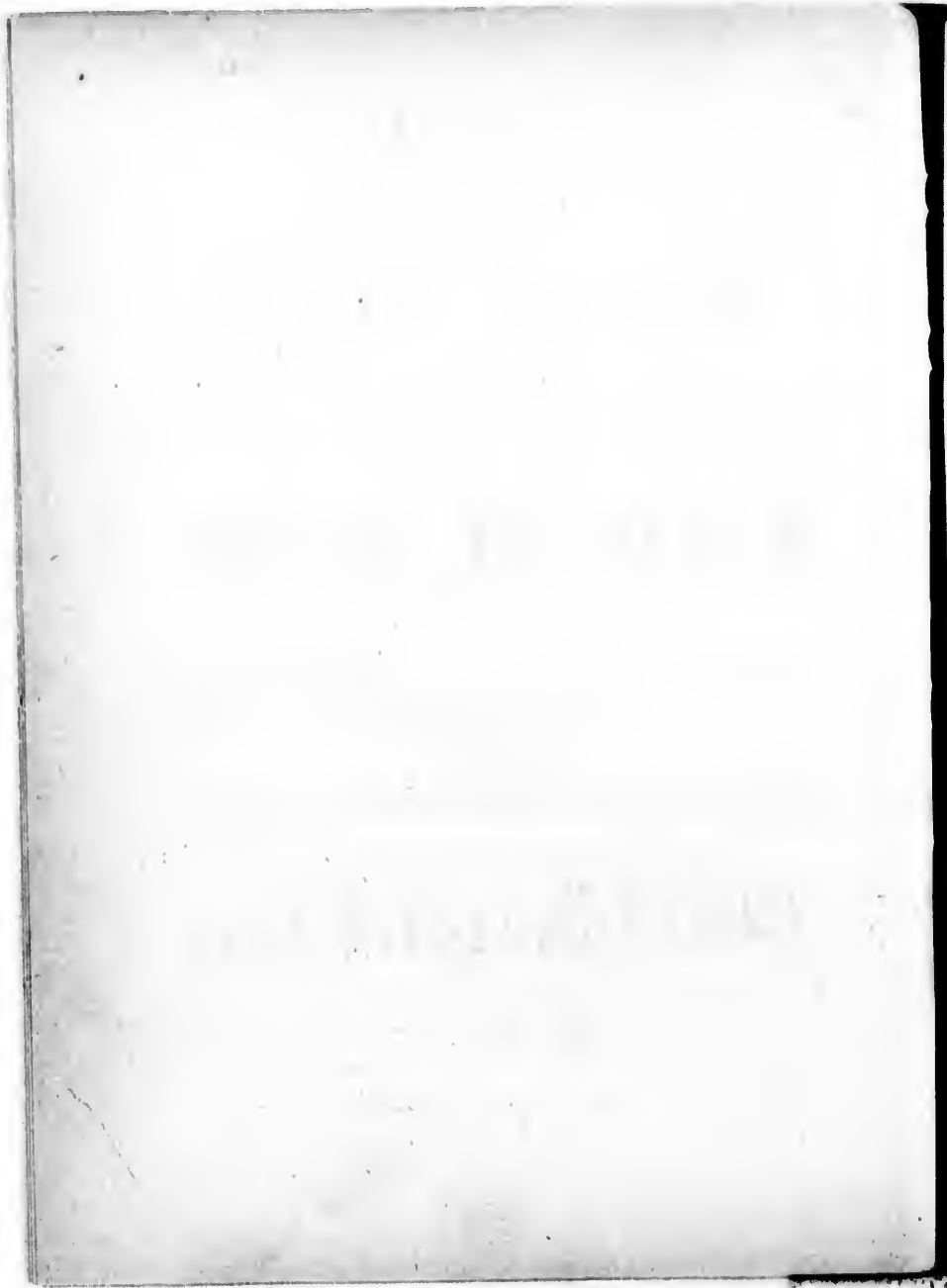
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TO THE

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**T***HE subject of this following Narrative offering itself to your friendly Perusal; relates to the Former and Later Wars of New-England, which I my self was not a little concerned in: For in the Year, 1675. that unhappy and bloody Indian War broke out in Plymouth Colony, where I was then building, and beginning a Plantation, at a Place called by the Indians Sekonit; and since by the English, Little Compton. I was the first English Man that built upon that Neck, which was full of Indians. My head and hands were full about Settling a New Plantation; where nothing was brought to; no preparation of Dwelling House, or Out-Housing or Fencing made. Horses and Cattel were to be provided, Ground to be clear'd and broken up; and the uttermost*



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*most caution to be used, to keep my self free from offending my Indian Neighbours all round about me. While I was thus busily Employed, and all my Time and Strength laid out in this Laborious Undertaking; I Received a Commission from the Government to engage in their Defence. And with my Commission I receiv'd another heart inclining me to put forth my Strength in Military Service. And through the Grace of G O D I was Spirited for that work, and Direction in it was renewed to me day by day. And altho' many of the Actions that I was concerned in, were very Difficult and Dangerous; yet my self and those that went with me Voluntarily in the Service, had our Lives, for the most part, wonderfully preserved, by the over-ruling Hand of the Almighty, from first to last; which doth aloud bespeak our Praises: And to declare His Wonderful Works, is our Indispensible Duty. I was ever very sensible of my own Littleness and Unfitness, to be employed in such Great Services; but calling to mind that G O D is STRONG, I Endeavour'd to put all my Confidence in Him, and by His Almighty Power was carried through every difficult Action: and my desire is that His Name may have the Praise.*

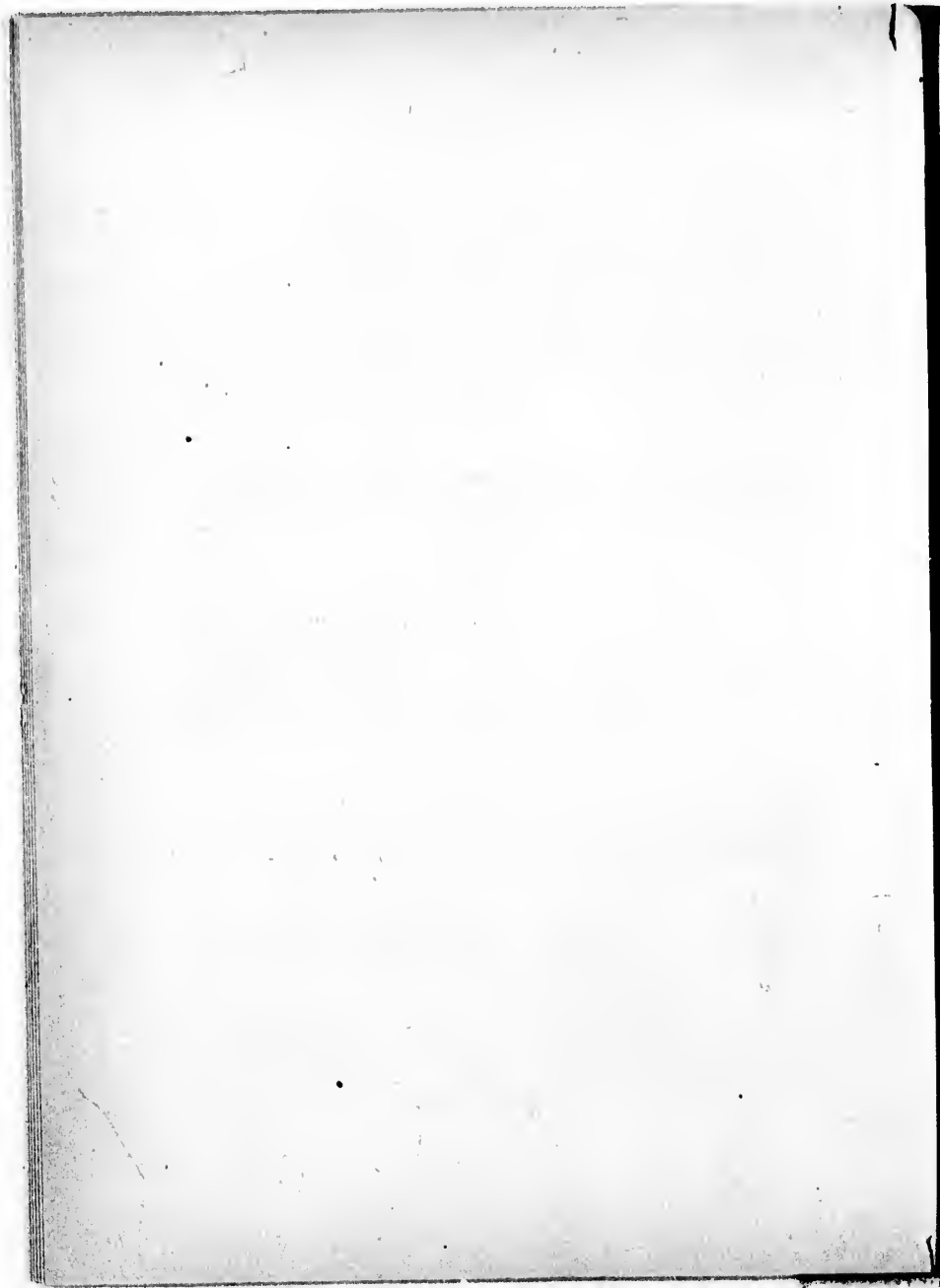
*It was ever my Intent having laid my self under a Solemn promise, that the many and Repeated Favours of G O D to my self, and those with me in the Service, might be published for Generations to come. And now my great Age requiring my Dismission from Service in the Militia, and to put off my Armour; I am willing that the Great and Glorious works  
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TO THE READER.

*of Almighty GOD, to us Children of Men, should appear to the World; and having my Minutes by me; my Son has taken the care and pains to Collect from them the Insuing Narrative of many passages relating to the Former and Later Wars; which I have had the perusal of, and find nothing a-miss, as to the Truth of it; and with as little Reflection upon any particular person as might be, either alive or dead.*

*And seeing every particle of historical Truth is precious; I hope the Reader will pass a favourable Censure upon an Old Souldier, telling of the many Ran-Counters he has had, and yet is come off alive. It is a pleasure to Remember what a great Number of Families in this and the Neighbouring Provinces in New-England did during the War, enjoy a great measure of Liberty and Peace by the hazardous Stations and Marches of those Engaged in Military Exercises, who were a Wall unto them on this side and on that side. I desire Prayers that I may be enabled Well to accomplish my Spiritual Warfare, and that I may be more than Conquerour through JESUS CHRIST loving of me.*

Benjamin Church.



## Entertaining Passages

Relating to

Philip's WAR<sup>1</sup> which began in the Year, 1675.

With the Proceedings of

# Benj. Church Esqr;

**I**N the Year 1674, Mr. *Benjamin Church* of *Duxbury*<sup>2</sup> being providentially at *Plymouth* in the time of the Court,<sup>3</sup> fell into acquaintance with Capt. *John Almy*<sup>4</sup> of *Rhode-Island*. Capt. *Almy* with great importunity invited him to ride with him, and view that part of *Plymouth* Colony that lay next to *Rhode-Island*,

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, for some account of the origin of this struggle.

<sup>2</sup> See Introductory Memoir, for facts in the early life of Mr. Church.

<sup>3</sup> The "Court of His Majesty" met at Plymouth 4 March, 3 June, 7 July, and 27 October, in 1674. [*Plymouth Colony Records*, vol. v.]

<sup>4</sup> John Almy was in Plymouth, in 1643; married Mary, daughter of James Cole; removed to Portsmouth, R.-I.; lost a horse in the service of the Rhode-Island Colony by "making great expedition" in watching a Dutch man-of-war, for which in 1666 he was paid £7; 23

July, 1667, was appointed "Lieutenant" of a "troop of horse"; 24 July, 1671, was a witness of the articles of agreement made between the Court of New Plymouth and Awashonks, Squaw-Sachem of Sogkonate; 14 June, 1676, was appointed, with Mr. Thomas Borden, to take an inventory of goods of Thomas Lawton; died before Nov. 1676, at which time Plymouth Court gave his widow power to administer on his estate within the Colony jurisdiction. [*Savage's Gen. Dist.* 1: 45; *Rhode-Island Colonial Records*, II: 184, 214, 544; *Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 75, 212.]

known then by their Indian Names of *Pocasset*<sup>6</sup> & *Sogkonats*.<sup>6</sup> Among other arguments to persuade him, he told him, the Soil was very rich, and the Situation pleasant. Persuades him by all means, to purchase of the Company some of the Court grant rights.<sup>7</sup> He accepted his invitation, views the

<sup>6</sup> Now mainly Tiverton, R.-I.; including the eastern shore of Mount-Hope bay from *Quaquechan* river (Fall River) on the north to Pachet brook on the south. As to the meaning of the name *Pocasset*, Mr. Trumbull says, "A half-drawn good enough etymologies present themselves; but as I do not know which is right, and have not much confidence in either, I let the name pass."

<sup>6</sup> Extending from Pachet brook to the ocean; now mainly Little Compton, R.-I. Dr. Usher Parsons says the word *Sogkonats* is compounded of *Sohi*, "black," *hohk*, "goose," and the syllable *et* as a locative; thus *Sohi-hohk-et*, *Soconhuet*, *Seconet*, — equivalent to "black-geese-place." [*Indian Names of Places in R.-I.* p. 5.] But Mr. Trumbull says: — "If *hohk* means geese, why should an Indian prefix the adjective *black*, as descriptive of the only geese he knew anything about? Then *Sohi* does not mean 'black,' but 'purple,' *i. e.*, black inclining to blue, as we see it in the inner margin of a quahaug shell. Then, again, the Indian never made use of what we call names of places, but *described* his localities; never calling a given situation 'black-fish' or 'black-geese,' and must have violated the genius of his language to have done so. Then,

further, *Sohi-hohk*, or its plural, *Sohi-hohk-aag*, (for it is hardly probable that *one* black geese would designate the place,) can hardly have been twisted into *Sogkonats* or *Seconet*, or (as President Stiles writes and marks the name in 1760) *Saucnet*." "As to the real meaning of the word," Mr. T. adds, "I am troubled by the *embarras de richesses*. It might mean *Sohi-hohk-et*, — 'the conquered territory'; or *Sowanohquan-et*, — 'at the south point'; or *Sowanohhit* [*Ellis*, Gen. xxiv. 62; Josh. xv. 19], — 'the south country'; either of which might easily be corrupted into *Saucnet*. And so on."

<sup>7</sup> It was a common provision in the indentures of servants in the Plymouth Colony, that they should have land assigned them when their term of service expired. In 1633-4, land for such use was set apart in Scituate. In 1636 the amount of five acres was fixed upon as that which they were to receive. 4 June, 1661, liberty was granted to those who were formerly servants, who have land due them by covenant, to nominate some persons to be deputed in their behalf to purchase a parcel of land for their accommodation at Saconet. Further order to secure the right of these persons to take up land at Saconet was made by the Court, 7 June, 1665. 4 July, 1673, the following Court order was

Country, & was pleased with it; makes a purchase,<sup>3</sup> settled

passed:—"Whereas there is a tract of land granted to the old servants, or such of them as are not elsewhere supplied, lying att Saconett, the Court doe determine the bounds thereof to be from the bounds of the graunt made to Plymouth att Puncatacsett and the bounds of Dartmouth, and for all lands southerly lying between that and the sea; the Court have likewise given them order, or such as they shall appoint, to make purchase thereof in their behalfe as occasion shall require, and that all such persons as have right unto the said graunt as old servants att Saconett shall make their appearance att Plymouth on the twenty second of this present July; then and there to make out their right, and also pay such disbursements as shall necessarily be required, or otherwise loose their right."

Agreeably to this order the following 29 persons appeared at Plymouth, on

said 22 July, viz: Josiah Winslow, Esq.; Mr. Constant Southworth; Daniel Wilcox; Hugh Cole (in right of James Cole, sen.); Nicolas Wade and John Cushing, both in right of said Nicolas Wade; Thomas Williams; *Benjamin Church* (in right of Richard Bishop and also in right of Richard Beare); John Rouse, jr. (in right of Samuel Chandler); William Sherman, sen.; Joseph Church (in right of John Smalley, and also in right of George Vicory); John Rogers, jun. (in right of William Tubbe); William Merrick; Martha Dean (in right of Joseph Beedle); Simon Rouse (in right of John Rouse, sen.); William Pabodie (in right of Abraham Samson); Edward Fobes (in right of John Fobes); John Irish, jun. (in right of John Irish, sen.); Peter Colomore; Daniel Hayward (in right of John Hayward, sen.); Josiah Cook; John Washburne, sen., "as a

<sup>3</sup> First issued in 1716, and probably dictated by Col. Church to his son Thomas not long before that time, it will not seem surprising that slight inaccuracies should occasionally be found in this narrative of what took place more than 40 years before. There is some evident confusion here. The original MS. Proprietors' Records prove that Church had bought the rights of Richard Bishop and Richard Beare to Saconet previous to 22 July, 1673; a course which he here seems to represent himself as taking in the following year,

on Capt. Almy's urgency. Unless the meeting of court to which he refers (see note 3) was the first for that year, he must not only have purchased these rights, but have received his assignment of lots No. 19 and No. 29, before the viewing the country here referred to. I think, in point of fact, he bought the rights on speculation, and went down with Capt. Almy to look at his two lots, and liked them so well as to conclude to settle upon them; but became confused in his memory of the order of events.

a Farm, found the Gentlemen of the Island<sup>o</sup> very Civil & obliging. And being himself a Person of uncommon

freeman"; Thomas Pope; John Richmond (in right of John Price); Walter Woodworth (in right of Thomas Simons); Nathaniel Thomas (in right of Nicolas Frelsong); Ephraim Tinkham; Thomas Pinson; and William Shirt-life. They "proved their rights," and agreed,—

1. That all were equal proprietors of the granted premises, "that is to say, to have and pay alike, according to each man's proportion."

2. That all lands on their grant at Saconet that shall any way become alienated from the Indians, and appropriated to the English, "shall belong and be to the aforesaid proprietors."

3. That one equal share shall be appropriated "to the use of the ministry, and so to remain successively forever."

4. That no person shall appropriate to himself more than *two Acres* at Saconet, on penalty of forfeiture to the company of all such overplus.

5. That no proprietor shall alienate any of his land to one "not related to him by affinity or blood," without consent of the major part of the company, or their committee.

6. That any proprietor not paying, by the last of October next, for his part of what might have been purchased by the last of September next, with his proportion of charges, shall forfeit his share to the other proprietors.

7. That at any meeting of the company duly warned, the major part of them that shall appear shall have full power to act for all, except to dispose of any of the lands.

8. That William Pabodie shall be their clerk.

9. That Mr. Constant Southworth, William Pabodie, and Nathaniel Thomas, shall be a committee to act for them in purchasing of the Indians, calling meetings, "and such other occasions as may concern."

Having now authority to extinguish the Indians' titles at Saconet, the Committee proceeded to the work; 31 July, purchasing of Awashonks, Squaw-Sachem, for £75, the land from Facket brook on the north, to a landing-place called *Teeches*, and a white-oak tree in *Temps* swamp (in the range of what is now called Taylor's Lane—see map), on the south; with a depth, from the bay on the west, of one mile inland. There seems, however, to have been a question of ownership long unsettled among the Indians; for in 1663 [*Plym. Col. Rec.* iv: 16] Tatcomaneah, and a Squaw-Sachem called Namumpam (Westamoe, of Pocasset) came to Plymouth with complaints against Wamsutta, for selling Saconet neck, which was claimed by them. So, to make a sure thing of it, the Committee, 1 Nov. 1673, repurchased of Mamanuah (who could

<sup>o</sup> The island of Rhode-Island; in plain sight across the "East Passage."

Activity and Industry, he soon erected two buildings upon his Farm, and gain'd a good acquaintance with the Natives: got much into their favour, and was in a little time in great esteem among them.

The next Spring advancing,<sup>10</sup> while Mr. *Church* was diligently Settling his new Farm, stocking, leasing & disposing of his Affairs, and had a fine prospect of doing no small things; and hoping that his good success would be inviting unto other good Men to become his Neighbours; Behold! the rumour of a War between the *English* and the Natives gave check to his projects. People began to be very jealous of the *Indians*, and indeed they had no small reason to suspect that they had form'd a design of War upon the *English*.<sup>11</sup> Mr. *Church* had it daily suggested to him that the *Indians* were plotting a bloody design. That *Philip* the great *Mount-hope* Sachem was Leader therein: and so it prov'd, he was sending his Messengers to all [2] the

show an agreement, of date 11 Mar. 1672, from his brothers *Ofomehew* and *Pofotoquo*, and from *Pacustcheft*, *Numpouce*, and *Joham*, who were "nearly related," empowering him to sell, *Ofomehew*, *Suckqua*, and *Anumpath*, for £35, the same territory, with a small addition.

10 April, 1674, the company met at *Duxbury*, divided this land into 32 shares; and drew lots for them. There were 29 proprietors; Benjamin *Church* and his brother *Joseph* had each a double right, and the 10th lot was agreed upon as to be "the minister's lot"; making

the whole number. Benjamin *Church* drew Nos. 19 and 29. [*Plym. Col. Rec.* i: 23, 44; iii: 216; iv: 97; v: 125. *Original-MS. Records of the Proprietors of Saconet.*]

<sup>10</sup> The spring of 1675, soon after the murder of *Sassamon*.

<sup>11</sup> The many friendly and Christian *Indians* in their intercourse with their savage acquaintances came to the knowledge of many suspicious circumstances, and it was their testimony as well as what the settlers themselves observed, which now began to excite their solicitude for the future.



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Among the rest he sent Six Men to *Awashonks* Squaw-Sachem of the *Sogkonats* Indians,<sup>22</sup> to engage her in his Interests: *Awashonks* so far listened unto them as to call her Subjects together, to make a great Dance, which is the custom of that Nation when they advise about Momentous Affairs. But what does *Awashonks* do, but sends away two of her Men that well understood the *English* Language (*Sassamon* and *George*<sup>23</sup> by Name) to invite Mr.

<sup>22</sup> *Awashonks* first appears 24 July, 1671, when she agrees with Plymouth Court to submit herself and her people, and to give up their arms. In August following she affixed her mark to a letter written to Gov. Prince in reference to this agreement. 20 June, 1672, she agreed to set off some land in mortgage to Plymouth Court, in satisfaction of a debt due to Mr. John Almy. 7 May, 1673, she is named among Sachems to be treated with by the Rhode-Island Assembly "to consult and agree of some way to prevent the extreme excess of the Indians' drunkenness." 31 July, 1673, she sold a large portion of the territory claimed by her, to the committee of Saconet proprietors. 7 July, 1674, she is complained of at Plymouth Court by Mamanuah, "Chiefs proprietor of the lands of Saconett," for "forcably detaining" some of his land, and hindering him from giving possession of it to the English to whom he had sold the same; and their respective rights to the land were made the subject of jury trial,

to her discomfure. 29 May, 1675, she had three quarters of a mile square set off to her by the Saconet proprietors, on the shore immediately south of the south line of their first purchase. In July, 1683, she, her daughter Betty, and her son Peter, were examined at Plymouth Court on suspicion of having murdered a child of said Betty; but were dismissed for want of proof. Her husband's name was *Wewayewitt*. She had, besides Peter and Betty above named, a son, *William Mowayewitt*, who "was put to Grammar School and learned Latin, designed for college, but was seized with the palsy." [Drake's *Book of the Indians*, 250; 2 *Mass. Hist. Coll.* 2: 114; *R.-I. Col. Rec.* 11: 487; *Plym. Col. Rec.* 7: 73; 11: 113; 17: 191. *MS. Rec. Prop. Saconet.*]

<sup>23</sup> *Sassamon* (*Sausaman*) was one of the forty-two Saconet Indians, who, 24 July, 1671, signed a paper approving the submission which *Awashonks* had made. *George* proved himself a friend to the English. [Drake's *Indian Biog.*, 250.]

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Church to the Dance. Mr. Church upon the Invitation, immediately<sup>14</sup> takes with him Charles Haselton<sup>15</sup> his Tenants Son, who well understood the Indian Language, and rid down to the Place appointed: Where they found hundreds of Indians gathered together from all Parts of her Dominion. Awashonks her self in a foaming Sweat was leading the Dance. But she was no sooner sensible of Mr. Churches arrival, but she broke off, sat down, calls her Nobles round her, orders Mr. Church to be invited into her presence. Complements being past, and each one taking Seats. She told him, King Philip had sent Six Men of his with two of her People that had been over at Mount-hope,<sup>16</sup> to draw her into a confederacy with him in

<sup>14</sup> It would seem to be settled by what follows, that this was in the early part of the week preceding the first outbreak, which would assign it to 14-17 June, 1675. Bliss [*Hist. Rhode-Is.*, 75] says it was on the 15th.

<sup>15</sup> I find no trace of this name in the Plymouth Colony at this date. There was a Charles Haselton at Ipswich, 1661-6. Probably this "Tenant" might have come from Rhode-Island. A "Charles Hasleton" was Grand Juror at a Quarter Sessions held at Worcester, for Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, in September, 1688. [*Savage's Gen. Dict.* ii: 395; *R.-I. Col. Rec.* iii: 243.]

<sup>16</sup> Mount-Hope was the easy and inevitable Anglicism of Montop (*Montaup*), which was the Indian name of the hill on the eastern shore of what is now Bristol, R.-I., fronting Tiverton.

Mount-Hope neck included the land running down into the bay, shaped by Kikemuit river on the east and north, and Warren (or *Sowams*) river on the west; being some nine miles in length by from two miles to one in width, including the present towns of Warren and Bristol, R.-I. On this neck were then three Indian villages, — *Montaup*, near the hill; *Kikemuit*, around the spring of that name; and *Sowams*, on the spot where the village of Warren now stands. *Sowams* was the chief seat of Massachusetts; Philip seems to have more identified himself with *Montaup*. [*Fessenden's Warren, R.-I.* 13, 27, 65.]

The name *Montop* (*Montaup* is better Indian), Mr. Trumbull says, has possibly lost an initial syllable. *Ontop*, or *Outaup*, in compound words, means "head," "summit." If the name, as

a War with the *English*. Desiring him to give her his advice in the case, and to tell her the Truth whether the *Umpame*<sup>17</sup> Men (as *Philip* had told her) were gathering a great Army to invade *Philip's* Country. He assured her he would tell her the Truth, and give her his best advice. Then he told her twas but a few days since he came from *Plymouth*, and the *English* were then making no Preparations for War; That he was in Company with the Principal Gentlemen of the Government, who had no Discourse at all about War; and he believ'd no tho'ts about it.<sup>18</sup> He ask'd her whether she tho't he would have brought up his Goods to Settle in that Place, if he apprehended an entering into War with so near a Neighbour. She seem'd to be some-what convin'd by his talk, and said she believ'd he spoke the Truth.

Then she called for the *Mount-hope* Men: Who made a formidable appearance, with their Faces Painted, and their Hair Trim'd up in Comb-fashion, with their Powder-

written, nearly represents the Indian, it is unquestionably derived from *mooc*, "black" (or dark-colored), and *cutup*, "head"; *mooc-cutup*, "black head";— as *wampum-up* (used by Elliot, with the participial affix, as in *Levit. xix. 28*), for "white head," "hoary head." One may readily suppose that, when this beautiful summit was thickly wooded, this name would be a natural one among the Indians for it.

<sup>17</sup> "*Umpame*, written *Apmas* in the Colony Records, is the name of Plymouth in Church's History; and so it

is called still by the natives of *Massapee*." [*2 Mass. Hist. Coll. III: 275.*]

<sup>18</sup> This was true. The authorities were very slow to believe in the danger of an Indian uprising, even after they had been warned by friendly Indians, and were witness to some of Philip's suspicious movements. The Governor ordered a military watch to be kept up in every town, but took no other notice of the conduct of the Indians, hoping that the storm would blow over, as it had several times done before. [*Governors of New Plymouth, 180.*]

horns, and Shot-bags at their backs; which among that Nation is the posture and figure of preparedness for War. She told Mr. *Church*, these were the Persons that had brought her the Report of the *English* preparation for War: And then told them what Mr. *Church* had said in answer to it.

Upon this began a warm talk among the Indians, but 'twas soon quash'd, and *Awashonks* proceeded to tell Mr. *Church*, that *Philip's* Message to her was, that unless she would forth-with enter into a confederacy with him in a War against the *English*, he would send his Men over privately, to kill the *English* Cattel, and burn their Houses on that side the River, which would provoke the *English* to fall upon her, whom they would without doubt suppose the author of the Mischief. Mr. *Church* told her he was sorry to see so threatening an aspect of Affairs; and stepping to the *Mount-hopes*, he felt of their bags, and finding them filled with Bullets, ask'd them what those Bullets were for: They scoffingly reply'd to shoot *Pigeons* with.

Then Mr. *Church* turn'd to *Awashonks*, and told her, if *Philip* were resolv'd to make War, her best way would be to knock those Six *Mount-hopes* on the head, and shelter her self under the Protection of the *English*: upon which the *Mount-hopes* were for the present Dumb. But those two of *Awashonks* Men who had been at *Mount-hope* express'd themselves in a furious manner against his advice.

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And *Little Eyes*<sup>10</sup> one of the Queens Council joyn'd with them, and urged Mr. *Church* to go aside with him among the bushes that he might have some private Discourse with him, which other Indians immediately forbid being sensible of his ill design: but the Indians began to side and grow very warm. Mr. *Church* with undaunted Courage told the *Mount-hopes* they were bloody wretches, and thirsted after the blood of their *English* Neighbours, who had never injur'd them, but had always abounded in their kindness to them. That for his own part, tho' he desired nothing more than Peace, yet if nothing but War would satisfy them, he believed he should prove a sharp thorne in their sides; Bid the Company observe those Men that were of such bloody dispositions, whether Providence would suffer them to Live to see the event of the War, which others more Peaceably disposed might do.

Then he told *Awashonks* he thought it might be most advisable for her to send to the Governour of *Plymouth*,<sup>11</sup> and shelter her self, and People under his Protection. She lik'd his advice, and desired him to go on her behalf to the *Plymouth* Government, which he consented to: And at

<sup>10</sup> *Little Eyes* with his family deserted the Saconets when they made friends with Plymouth. He was taken prisoner during the progress of the war, when Capt. Church was urged to take revenge for the hostility here displayed, but replied that "it was not Englishmen's fashion to seek revenge," and gave him the same good quarter with the rest.

<sup>11</sup> Gov. Prince died in the spring of

1673, and Josias Winslow was chosen his successor in the following June. He was the only son of the first Governor Winslow by his second marriage; in 1652, had military command in Marshfield; 1658, was Major, then Commander; 1675, General-in-Chief against Philip. [*Govs. New Plym. 175-196; N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg. iv: 297.*]

parting advised her what ever she did, not to desert the *English* Interest, to joyn with her Neighbours in a Rebellion which would certainly prove fatal to her. [He mov'd none of his Goods from his House that there might not be the least umbrage from such an Action.] She thank'd him for his advice, and sent two of her Men to guard him to his House;<sup>22</sup> which when they came there, urged him to take care to secure his Goods, which he refused for the reasons before mentioned. But desired the *Indians*, that if what they feared, should happen, they would take care of what he left, and directed them to a Place in the woods where they should dispose them; which they faithfully observed.

He took his leave of his guard, and bid them tell their Mistress, if she continued steady in her dependence on the *English*, and kept within her own limits of *Sogkonats*,<sup>23</sup> he would see her again quickly; and then hastned away to *Pocasset*, where he met with *Peter Nunnuit*,<sup>24</sup> the Husband

<sup>22</sup> Situated on lot No. 19, which was 629 rods south of Pachet brook; being the farm in Little Compton now owned and occupied by Mr. John B. Howland, on the west side of the road, — opposite to the school-house, — nearly two miles south of the present Tiverton line.

<sup>23</sup> It is difficult to make out the exact limits of the small Sachemdoms which divided between them what is now Little Compton and Tiverton, R.-I. It is doubtful if those limits were ever very well defined. But from an

examination of the Proprietors' and early town records, and of the original deeds from the Indians, I think that Awashonks's territories centered about Tomps swamp, — lying along the western shore of the peninsula of Saconet, from the south side of "Windmill hill" to what is now the Breakwater.

<sup>24</sup> This Indian's name was *Pitonowet*, or *Po-tan-a-nut*, which the English corrupted easily into *Peter Nunnuit*. 8 May, 1673, he, with two other Indians, sold a lot of land in Swansey to Nathaniel Paine and Hugh Cole, for

of the Queen of *Pocasset*,<sup>24</sup> who was just then come over in a Canoe from *Mount-hope*. *Peter* told him that there would certainly be War; for *Philip* had held a [4] Dance of several Weeks continuance, and had entertain'd the Young Men from all Parts of the Country: And added that *Philip* expected to be sent for to *Plymouth* to be examined about *Safamon's*<sup>25</sup> death, who was Murder'd at *Assa-*

£35 s. He was, about the same time, a witness in regard to a land case on Taunton river. In *Philip's* war he forsook his wife and fought with the English. In 1676 (ordered by the Council, 22 July, and confirmed by the Court, 1 November) he, with *Numpas* and *Isacke*, was made inspector of Indian prisoners who had applied "for acceptance to mercys" from "the westernmost syde of *Sepecan* River, and for westward to *Dartmouth* bounds." He was then styled *Sachem Ben Potanannett*. [Drake's *Book of Ind.* 188; *Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 210, 215.]

<sup>24</sup> This was *Westamoe*, (or *Namumpan*), who had been the wife of *Philip's* elder brother *Wamsutta*, or *Alexander*. The author of the *Old Indian Chronicle* [p. 8] intimates that she believed her husband had been poisoned by the English, and that this made her more willing to listen to *Philip*. In October, 1659, she was at *Plymouth* to secure the third part of the pay for some land which *Alexander* had sold; and acknowledged the receipt of the same. 3 June, 1662, she complained, at *Plymouth*, of some infringement on her rights in *Wamsutta's* sale of *Saconet*. At the same time advice was given to her and her hus-

band, *Alexander*, (here called *Quiquanchett*), in reference to difficulties existing between them and *Philip* in regard to the entertaining of some *Narragansett* Indians against *Philip's* goodwill. *Westamoe* did not follow her second husband, as he appears to have expected she would, to the English. She united her fortunes to those of *Philip*, and miserably perished, when her head was cut off and set on a pole at *Taunton*. [Drake's *Book of Ind.* 187; *Plym. Col. Rec.* iv: 17, 24, 186.]

<sup>25</sup> *Safamon* (or *Wassafmon*) was born in the neighborhood of *Dorchester*, became a convert and was educated, and employed as a schoolmaster at *Natick*, and is said to have aided *John Eliot* in translating the Indian Bible. After a time he left the English and became *Philip's* secretary, and, as such, privy to his designs. Subsequently he returned to his Christian faith, and became teacher to the *Nemaskets*, whose chief, *Wassafquin*, gave him a house-lot in *Assawompsett* neck (*Middleborough*), with one also to his son-in-law. He revealed *Philip's* plot to the government at *Plymouth*, and not long after (29 Jan. 1674-5) was found dead, under the ice on *Assawompsett* pond, with marks of

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*womset-Ponds*; <sup>28</sup> knowing himself guilty of contriving that Murder. The same *Peter* told him that he saw Mr. *James Brown* <sup>29</sup> of *Swansey*, <sup>30</sup> and Mr. *Samuel Gorton* <sup>31</sup> who was an Interpreter, and two other Men who brought a Letter from the Governour of *Plymouth* to *Philip*. He observ'd to him further, that the Young Men were very eager to begin the War, and would fain have kill'd Mr. *Brown*, but *Philip* prevented it; telling them, that his Father had charged him to shew kindness to Mr. *Brown*. <sup>32</sup> In short,

violence. Three Indians were tried and executed for his murder, there being little doubt that it had occurred by Phillip's command. [*Mather's Relation*, 74; *Hubbard's Narrative*, 14; *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.* xv: 43, 149.]

<sup>28</sup> *Afwampsett* (*Sowampset*, *Sowampset*) pond is, with its connecting ponds, the largest sheet of water in Plymouth County not merely, but in Massachusetts; being some six miles long by a width varying from four miles to a few rods. It lies partly in Rochester, more in Middleborough, most in the new town of Lakeville. President Stiles, on the authority of "Jonathan Butterworth, *et.* 63, of Rehoboth," in 1762, says that "Afwampsett is so called from a place or patch of beech-trees, called in Indian *sawamps*; so *Afwampsett*, *Sowampset*, both names of the same place." But he adds, "*Sowampset* signifies 'a small pond encompassed with trees'; *sowanps*, 'beech-trees'; and putting both together, signifies a pond of water with beech-trees growing around it." Mr. Trumbull comments, "I don't believe a word of this; but as President Stiles is

respectable authority, and Butterworth can't be impeached, I give it, for what it is worth. *Sowams*, *Sowamps* ('*Saw-hames day*.' *Winthrop's Journal*, ii: 131, note) is the significant word; the *st* marking the locative."

<sup>29</sup> James Brown was born probably in England; was the son of John, eminent in the Colony, being seventeen years Assistant and many years Commissioner of the United Colonies. James was also Assistant in various years from 1665 to 1684. He died at *Wannamoisset*, in *Swansey*, 29 Oct. 1710, aged 87, leaving two sons, James and Jabez, and one daughter, Dorothy Kent. [*Baylies's Plym. Col.* iv: 18; *Bliss's Rehoboth*, 53, 75, 78.]

<sup>30</sup> *Swansey* then included Somersett, Mass., and Barrington, R.-I., with a portion of Warren, R.-I., besides the present town of *Swansey*. [*Bliss's Rehoboth*, 1.]

<sup>31</sup> The man of that name famous in the early controversies of New England.

<sup>32</sup> Mr. John Brown, father of this Mr. Brown, was a man of great kind-



*Philip* was forc'd to promise them that on the next Lords-Day when the *English* were gone to Meeting they should rifle their Houses, and from that time forward kill their Cattel.

*Peter* desir'd *Mr. Church* to go and see his Wife, who was but up the hill;<sup>a</sup> he went and found but few of her People with her. She said they were all gone, against her Will to the Dances; and she much fear'd there would be a War. *Mr. Church* advis'd her to go to the Island<sup>b</sup> and secure her self, and those that were with her; and send to the Governour of *Plymouth* who she knew was her friend; and so left her, resolving to hasten to *Plymouth*, and wait on the Governour: and he was so expeditious that he was with the Governour early next Morning,<sup>c</sup> tho' he waited on some of the Magistrates by the way, who were of the Council of War,<sup>d</sup> and also met him at the

ness of heart, a friend of toleration, and the first of the *Plymouth* magistrates who doubted the expediency of coercing the people to support the ministry. These qualities would naturally endear him to *Massasoit*, to whom he was a neighbor, and lead that good old chief to give the charge which *Phillip* mentions, in reference to his family. *Mr. James Brown*, indeed, seems to have inherited his father's disposition, and it was at his urgent sollicitation that this letter was sent to promote peace. [*Bliss's Rehoboth*, 75.]

<sup>a</sup> Tiverton heights, which the upper road to Fall River climbs almost immediately after leaving the Stone bridge.

<sup>b</sup> Rhode-Island.

<sup>c</sup> The distance — making allowance for the indirectness of the Indian paths — could not have been less, probably, than forty-two miles from *Pocasset*, and nearly fifty from *Church's* house at *Saconet*. The date of his arrival was Wednesday, 16 June, 1675. [*N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.* xv: 260.]

<sup>d</sup> The Council of War was a body which was empowered to act specially on military questions, and was composed of the Governor and Assistants *en officio*, and of others specially appointed. The last record of election previous to *Phillip's* war was, 7 July, 1671, when *Capt. Mathew Fuller*, *Leift. Ephraim Mor-*

Governours. He gave them an account of his observations and discoveries, which confirmed their former intelligences, and hastned their preparation for Defence.

*Philip* according to his promise to his People, permitted them to March out of the Neck<sup>66</sup> on the next Lords-Day,<sup>67</sup> when they plundered the nearest Houses<sup>67</sup> that the Inhabitants had deserted:<sup>68</sup> but as yet offer'd no violence to the People, at lest none were killed. However the alarm was given by their Numbers, and hostile-Equipage, and by the Prey they made of what they could find in the forsaken Houses.

An expresse came the same day<sup>69</sup> to the Governour, who immediately gave orders to the Captains of the Towns to

ton, Ensign Mark Eames, Cornett Robert Studfon, Mr. Josias Winslow, sen., Sec. Nathaniel Morton, and Messrs. James Walker, Thomas Huckens, and Isacks Chettenden, were chosen by the Court, and sworn. [*Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 73.]

<sup>66</sup> The narrow strip between Kikemuit and Warren rivers, by which the peninsula of Mount-Hope, or Pockanocket, was joined to the main-land at Swansey.

<sup>67</sup> 20 June, 1675. [*Trumbull's Hist. Conn.* 1: 327.]

<sup>68</sup> These were probably the houses which Judge Davis refers to where he says, "There was a settlement within Mount-Hope neck appertaining to Swansey. It contained eighteen houses, all destroyed." [*Davis's Morton's Memorial*, 463.] This was in the northern part of what is now Warren, R.-I.

<sup>69</sup> "Tenantless for the time, in consequence of their occupants being absent at church." [*Fessenden's Warren*, 66.] Mr. Drake suggests [*Notes on the Indian Wars in N. E.*, in *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.* xv: 154], on the authority of Winslow's and Hinckley's *Narrative of the Beginning and Progress of the Present Troubles*, that the people had deserted them through fear.

<sup>69</sup> The messenger reached Plymouth at "break of day," Monday morning. [*Barry's Mass.* 1: 410.] Besides sending expresses to the Captains of the towns, the Court, on Tuesday, issued a proclamation for a fast on the next Thursday. That proclamation was as follows [*Bliss's Rehoboth*, 79]:—

"The Council of this Colony, taking "into their serious consideration the awful hand of God upon us, in permitting "the heathen to carry it with insolency

March the greatest Part of their Companies, and to rendezvous at *Taunton*, on *Monday* Night, where Major *Bradford*<sup>40</sup> was to receive them, and dispose them under Capt. (now made Major) *Cutworth*<sup>41</sup> of *Scituate*. The Govern-

"and rage against us, appearing in their  
 "great hostile preparations, and also  
 "some outrageous carriages, as at other  
 "times, so in special, the last Lord's  
 "day to some of our neighbours at  
 "Swansfy, to the apparent hazard if  
 "not real loss of the lives of some al-  
 "ready; do therefore judge it a solemn  
 "duty, incumbent upon us all, to lay to  
 "heart this dispensation of God, and  
 "do therefore commend it to all the  
 "churches, ministers, and people of this  
 "colony to set apart the 24<sup>th</sup> day of this  
 "instant, June, which is the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
 "this week, wherein to humble our  
 "selves before the Lord for all those  
 "sins whereby we have provoked our  
 "good God sadly to interrupt our peace  
 "and comfort, and also humbly to seek  
 "his face and favour in the gracious  
 "continuance of our peace and privi-  
 "leges, and that the Lord would be en-  
 "treated to go forth with our forces,  
 "and bless, succeed and prosper them,  
 "delivering them from the hands of his  
 "and our enemies, subduing the heathen  
 "before them, and returning them all  
 "in safety to their families and relations  
 "again; and that God would prepare  
 "all our hearts humbly to submit to his  
 "good pleasure concerning us.

"By orders of the Court of N. P.

"Nathaniel Morton, Secretary.

"Plymouth, June 22, 1675."

Besides the 12 churches and min-  
 isters of the "Standing Order," there

was then one Baptist church, formed in  
 Rehoboth in 1663, of which Rev. John  
 Myles was Pastor, to accommodate  
 which with a place "where they might  
 not prejudice any existing church,"  
 they had been incorporated, in 1667, as  
 the town of Swansfy. This, of course,  
 was the nearest church to the scene of  
 the breaking out of Phillip's war, and it  
 was, doubtless, to their meeting-house  
 — which stood a few rods south of the  
 south line of Rehoboth, on the road  
 leading to the house of the late Mr.  
 Squire Allen, about fifteen or twenty  
 rods from the main road leading from  
 Warren to Seekonk and Providence —  
 that the settlers had gone, on Lord's Day,  
 June 20, when their houses were plun-  
 dered by the Indians in the first assault.  
 [*Baptist Memorial*, iv: 227.]

<sup>40</sup> *William Bradford*, second son of  
 Gov. William, of imperishable mem-  
 ory, was born 17 June, 1624, and was,  
 next to Miles Standish, a chief soldier of  
 the Colony. He was Assistant Treasurer  
 and Deputy Governor from 1682 to  
 1686, and from 1689 to 1691, and in the  
 latter year one of the Council of Massa-  
 chusetta. He married (1) Alice Rich-  
 ards, (2) Widow Wiswall, (3) Widow  
 Holmes; lived in what is now Kingston,  
 on the south side of Jones's river, and  
 died 20 Feb. 1703-4, aged nearly 80.  
 [*N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.* iv: 45.]

<sup>41</sup> *James Cutworth* was in Scituate  
 in 1634, lived for a time in Barnstable,

our desired Mr. *Church* to give them his Company, and to use his interest in their behalf with the Gentlemen of *Rhode-Island*.<sup>42</sup> He comply'd with it, and they March'd the next day.<sup>43</sup> Major *Bradford* desired Mr. *Church* with a commanded party consisting of *English* and some *Friend-Indians*, to March in the Front at some distance from the Main body. Their orders were to keep so far before, as not be in sight of the Army. And so they did, for by the way, they killed a Deer, [5] flead, roasted, and eat the most of him before the Army came up with them. But the *Plymouth* Forces soon arriv'd at *Swansy*, and were

but returned to Scituate; was Deputy for several years; Captain of the militia, 1652; Assistant, 1656-8; was deprived of his command and offices and disfranchised, 1658-73, being a friend of toleration, and so judged an "opposer of the Government." In 1674 he was chosen Assistant, and in 1675 "General and Commander in Chief" for Phillip's war. In 1682 he went to England for the Colony, to obtain a new Charter, where he took the small-pox and died. He was "past seventy" when he took the field at this time against Phillip. [Deane's *Scituate*, 245-251.]

<sup>42</sup> To understand this expression it is needful to remember that Rhode-Island had been excluded from the Confederacy of the Colonies formed for mutual defence in 1643; "on account of her heretical toleration of religious freedom, and her open advocacy of liberty of conscience," says the Editor of Easton's *Narrative*; "upon grounds which re-

flect no credit upon the Puritan confederates," says Arnold; "because they had not been able to institute a government, such as could be relied on for the fulfilment of the stipulations mutually made by the Four Colonies," with more justice, says Palfrey. Thus standing by themselves, no *claim* for aid could be made upon her citizens, while the fact that their interests were, in the respects now involved, one with those of the Confederacy, made it probable, that, if suitably approached—by one of their friends, as Church was—they would furnish such aid as might be in their power. Easton says that the Governor of Plymouth wrote them at this juncture, "to desire our Help with sum Boats if they had such Ocation, and for us to looke to our selfs." [Easton's *Narrative*, vi, 16; Arnold's *Hist. Rhode-Island*, i: 115; Palfrey's *Hist. New England*, i: 629.]

<sup>43</sup> Tuesday, 22 June, 1675.

posted at Major *Browns* and Mr. *Miles's* Garrisons<sup>44</sup> chiefly; and were there soon joyned<sup>45</sup> with those that came from *Massachusetts*,<sup>46</sup> who had entred into a Confederacy with their *Plymouth* Brethren, against the Perfidious Heathen.

The Enemy who began their Hostilities with plundering and destroying Cattel, did not long content themselves with that game. They thirsted for *English* blood, and they soon broach'd it;<sup>47</sup> killing two Men in the way not far

<sup>44</sup> *Miles's Garrison* was the fortified house of the Rev. John Myles, pastor of the Baptist Church in Swansey [see note 39, *ante*], which is supposed to have stood in what is now Barneyville, about 75 rods a little north of due west from Miles's bridge, which crosses Palmer (or Warren) river about three miles north of Warren, R.-I. Mr. Myles was put to so much expense by the war, that, 25 Feb. 1679, it was voted by the town that "Mr. John Myles shall have the house built for him to indemnify him for debts due him in the time of the Indian war, in full of his demands," etc. [*MS. Halle Records*, 42.] The position of Maj. Brown's [see note 27, *ante*] garrison has not been exactly identified, but it is supposed to have been in the same part of Swansey with Myles's garrison.

<sup>45</sup> The Plymouth forces probably reached Swansey on the afternoon of Tuesday, 22 June, or, at furthest, on Wednesday, 23 June; while the first of the Massachusetts forces left Boston on Saturday, 26 June, and all of them arrived at Swansey on Monday, 28 June. [Fessenden's *Warren*, 66, 69.]

<sup>46</sup> The Massachusetts forces, on this

occasion, consisted of a troop of horse under Capt. Thomas Prentice, one of foot under Capt. Daniel Henchman, and one hundred and ten "volunteers" under Capt. Samuel Mosley. Mosley had been a "Privateer at Jamaica," and his "volunteers" included ten or twelve pirates under sentence of death, who were taken out of jail to join the command, and promised life on good behavior. Three Christian Indians — James and Thomas *Quannapohott* and *Zechary Abram* — were attached to Capt. Prentice's troop as guides. Several dogs — to be used in hunting the Indians — were with Mosley's company. [Drake's *Hist. of Boston*, i: 400; *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.* xv: 262; *Transactions Amer. Antiquarian Society*, ii: 441.]

<sup>47</sup> It is very difficult to harmonize the various conflicting authorities so as to be certain when, or in what manner, the first blood was drawn. Rev. Abel Fisher, in his history of the First Baptist Church in Swansey, says that Eldad Kingsley — one of its members — was the first man slain, on Fast-day, the 24th, at Swansey. The *Brief Narrative*

from Mr. Miles's Garrison. And soon after, eight more at *Mattapoiset*:<sup>a</sup> Upon whose bodies they exercised more than brutish barbarities; beheading, dis-membring and mangling them, and exposing them in the most inhumane manner, which gash'd and ghostly objects struck a damp on all beholders.

The Enemy flush'd with these exploits, grew yet bolder, and skulking every where in the bushes, shot at all Passengers, and kill'd many that ventured abroad. They came so near as to shoot down two Sentinels at Mr. Miles's

presented by the Plymouth Colony to the "Commissioners of the United Colonies," which seems to have been prepared with minute care, mentions as the first person killed, "on the 24<sup>th</sup> Thomas layton was slain att the fall River." Hubbard and most writers name the 24<sup>th</sup>. — Thursday, the day of Fast. But the anonymous author of the *Present State of New England with respect to the Indian War* [p. 5] says that "the first that was killed was June 23<sup>d</sup>"; while Baylies [*Hist. New Plym. Col.* III: 33] seems to specify the 22<sup>d</sup>. [See Bliss's *Rehoboth*, 80-84; *Baptist Memorial*, IV: 232; Fessenden's *Warren*, 6: 69; Easton's *Narrative*, 17; *Plym. Col. Rec.* I: 364; Drake's *Notes on the Indian Wars*, in *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.* XV: 156, etc., for various particulars bearing on the question.] Niles [*Hist. of Indian and French Wars*, 3 *Mass. Hist. Coll.* VI: 178, etc.] carelessly describes all these occurrences as being in 1674, instead of 1675.

<sup>a</sup> *Mattapoiset* (*Mattapoysett*, *Meta-*

*poiset*, *Matapoyß*, *Mattapoißi*), was the small peninsula running into Mount-Hope bay opposite the southwestern extremity of Somerset, having Cole's river on the west, and Lee's river on the east; now called Gardner's neck. Parfons [*Indian Names of Places in R.-I.* 16] says the word means "crying chief." Trumbull says "It does not mean 'crying chief.' The Indians never gave names of persons, or animate objects to places, unless with an adjective or verb compounded, to mark the relation of person to thing, e. g. a pond might be called 'a fishing-place for pickerel,' or a hill 'the camping place of Soso,' but never 'pickerel,' or 'Soso.' *Metapoyset*, or *Matapoyß*, seems to be identical with *Matapoyset* (*Mattapoyset*, *Mattapoyßsch*), the name of Middletown, Conn. This name looks like a derivative of *mattapoy*, 'he sits down' or 'rests,' and I know of no other word from which it can be derived. But I am by no means confident that it is from this."

Garrison, under the very Noses of most of our Forces. These provocations drew out the resentments of some<sup>o</sup> of Capt. *Prentices*<sup>o</sup> Troop, who desired they might have liberty to go out and seek the Enemy in their own quarters. Quarter Masters *Gill*<sup>o</sup> & *Belcher*<sup>o</sup> commanded the Parties drawn out, who earnestly desired Mr. *Churches* company: They provided him a Horse and Furniture (his own being out of the way) he readily comply'd with their desires, and was soon Mounted.

This party were no sooner over *Miles's* Bridge, but were fired on by an Ambuscado of about a dozen *Indians*, as they were afterwards discovered to be. When they drew off, the Pilot<sup>o</sup> was Mortally wounded, Mr. *Belcher*

<sup>o</sup> Hubbard says "twelve of the Troop." [*Narrative*, 18.] He fixes the time also as on the day of the arrival of the troop, viz: Monday, 28 June.

<sup>o</sup> Capt. *Thomas Prentice* was born in England in 1620-1; came over, 1648-9; settled in the easterly part of Cambridge; was chosen Lieut. of Troopers in 1656, and in 1662 Captain; was Deputy, 1672; was appointed to remove the Natick Indians to Deer Island, which he did; succeeded Maj. Gookin as magistrate to advise the Christian Indians; died 6 July, 1710. There is a tradition that he served under Cromwell. [*Jackson's Hist. of Newton*, 389, 469-475.]

<sup>o</sup> Mr. Drake supposes his Christian name to have been John. [*Hist. Belg.* 1: 403.] In which case he was probably that John who lived on Milton hill, who joined the church in Dorchester,

1640, and petitioned for the incorporation of Milton in 1662. He died in 1678, and left a daughter, who married Rev. Joseph Belcher, third minister of Dedham. [*Hist. of Dorchester*, 120.]

<sup>o</sup> Mr. Drake [*Hist. Belg.* 1: 403] supposes this to be Andrew Belcher (father of Gov. Jonathan), who was now a little more than 28 years of age.

<sup>o</sup> Hubbard says, "killing one *William Hammond*." [*Narrative*, 18.] This was probably "Wm. Hammon," whose mark was asked as a witness to Phillip's quitclaim of the "eight miles square" purchase in Rehoboth, of date 30 March, 1668; who was doubtless the same "William Hamon" who had a daughter Elizabeth born at Rehoboth, 24 Sept. 1661. Savage doubts, because "this man was of the troop of Capt. Prentiss, which must, we suppose, have chiefly been composed of volun-

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received a shot in his knee, and his Horse was kill'd under him, Mr. *Gill* was struck with a Musket-ball on the side of his belly; but being clad with a buff Coat<sup>o</sup> and some thickness of Paper under it, it never broke his skin. The Troopers were surprized to see both their Commanders wounded, and wheel'd off. But Mr. *Church* perswaded, at length storm'd and stamp't, and told them 'twas a shame to run, and leave a wounded Man there to become a Prey to the barbarous Enemy. For the Pilot yet sat his Horse, tho' so maz'd with the Shot, as not to have sence to guide him. Mr. *Gill* seconded him, and offer'd, tho' much disabled, to assist in bringing him off. Mr. *Church* asked a Stranger who gave them his company in that action, if he would go with him and fetch off the wounded Man: He readily consented, they with Mr. *Gill* went, but the wounded Man fainted and fell off his Horse before they came to him; but Mr. *Church* and the Stranger dismounted, took up the Man dead, and laid him before Mr. *Gill* on

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ing town of Dedham." But Jackson  
[*Hist. News*, 471] says this Hammond,  
here killed, was "not of Cambridge,"  
and Church says he was the "pilot" of  
the party, (Mather [*Brief History*, 4]  
says "the Indians shot the Pilot who was  
directing our Souldiers in their way to  
Phillip's Country,") who would most  
naturally be not of the troop, but a resi-  
dent of the neighborhood, familiar with  
the wood-paths and the enemy. Savage  
further suggests that the story of "Wili-  
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in Gardener's *Peguet Warres* as killed  
in that war, was an anachronistic ren-  
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fore this Swaney skirmish. [Bliss's  
*Rehoboth*, 66; *Plym. Col. Rec.* viii: 52;  
*Gen. Dist.* 31: 348; 3 *Mass. Hist. Coll.*  
iii: 130, 137.]

"A close military outer garment,  
with short sleeves, and laced tightly over  
the chest, made of buffalo-skin, or other  
thick and elastic material, worn by sol-  
diers in the seventeenth century as a  
defensive covering." — *Webster*.



his Horse. Mr. *Church* told the other two, if they would take care of the dead Man, he would go and fetch his Horse back, which was going off the *Cassey*<sup>66</sup> toward [6] the Enemy; but before he got over the *Cassey* he saw the Enemy run to the right into the Neck. He brought back the Horse, and call'd earnestly and repeatedly to the Army to come over & fight the Enemy; and while he stood calling & perswading, the skulking Enemy return'd to their old stand, and all discharged their Guns at him at one clap, tho' every shot miss'd *him*; yet one of the Army on the other side of the river received one of the balls in his foot. Mr. *Church* now began (no succour coming to him) to think it time to retreat: Saying, *The Lord have Mercy on us*, if such a handful of Indians shall thus dare such an Army!<sup>68</sup>

Upon this 'twas immediately resolv'd,<sup>67</sup> and orders were given to March down into the Neck, and having passed

<sup>66</sup> This is a truer spelling than the modern "causway," since the word came into our language from the French *chauffe*, a way paved with limestone. The road adjacent to the bridge was here evidently banked up to give dry passage over the marsh skirting the stream.

<sup>67</sup> Mather says "a Souldier (a stout man) who was sent from *Water-town*, seeing the *English Guide* slain, and hearing many profane oaths among some of our Souldiers (namely those Privateers, who were also Volunteers) and considering the unseasonableness of the

weather was such, as that nothing could be done against the enemy; this man was possessed with a strong conceit, that God was against the *English*; whereupon he immediately ran distracted, and so was returned home a lamentable Spectacle." [*Brief History*, 4.] Mr. Drake, in his late valuable reprint of Mather, makes it probable that this man's name was William Sherman, jr. [p. 58.]

<sup>68</sup> Hubbard says "the next morning"; which would be Tuesday, 29 June. [*Narrative*, 18.]

the Bridge, and Caffey, the direction was to extend both wings, which being not well headed, by those that remain'd in the Center, some of them mistook their Friends for their Enemies, and made a fire upon them on the right wing, and wounded that noble Heroick Youth Ensign *Savage*<sup>60</sup> in the thigh; but it happily prov'd but a flesh wound. They Marched<sup>60</sup> until they came to the narrow of the Neck, at a Place called *Keekhamuit*,<sup>60</sup> where they

<sup>60</sup> *Pere Savage*, fourth son of Thomas, who came in the *Planter* from London, April, 1635, was born 17 Feb. 1652, and was now, therefore, in his 24th year, though Hubbard calls him "that young Martial Spark scarce twenty years of age." He was wounded again in the "swamp fight" in the following December, when he was Lieut. of the same corps. He went to London in 1690, to carry on trade with Spain; was taken captive by the Turks and died at Mequines, in Barbary, during 1694. Some curious particulars about his wills are mentioned by Savage. [*Gen. Dist.* 101 25, 26.] Hubbard [*Narrative*, 19] says he had "one bullet lodged in his Thigh, another shot through the brim of his hat, by ten or twelve of the Enemy discharging upon him together, while he boldly held up his Colors in the Front of his Company." Church, as on the ground,—though dictating this account forty years after the occurrence,—is the more trustworthy authority as to the source of the wound, and the fact of the blunder, which he alone narrates.

<sup>60</sup> Church's language would lead one

to suppose that they immediately continued their march. But Hubbard says, "the weather not suffering any further action at that time, those that were thus far advanced, were compelled to retreat back to the main Guard"; and adds that Major Savage, Commander-in-Chief of the Massachusetts forces, arrived that night, and the next day the whole body intended to march into Mount-Hope, "but the weather being doubtful, our Forces did not march till near noon." This interposes more than twenty-four hours between the skirmish in which Ensign Savage was wounded, and what Church next proceeds to narrate. [*Narrative*, 19.] So that the actual march into the neck was on Wednesday, 30 June.

<sup>60</sup> The narrowest part of the neck between Warren and Kikemult rivers is a little north of the line which divides Bristol from Warren. The name *Keekhamuit* was appropriated to an Indian village that stood around a spring of that name, in this "narrow of the neck." This is some four miles from Miles's bridge. This accords with what Hubbard says: "After they had marched

took down the heads of Eight *English* Men that were kill'd at the head of *Metapoiset-Neck*, and set upon Poles, after the barbarous manner of those Salvages. There *Philip* had staved all his Drums,<sup>a</sup> and conveyed all his Canoo's to the East-side of *Metapoiset-River*.<sup>b</sup> Hence it was concluded by those that were acquainted with the Motions of those People, that they had quitted the Neck. Mr. *Church* told 'em that *Philip* was doubtless gone ever<sup>c</sup> to *Pocasset* side, to ingage those Indians in Rebellion with him: which

about a mile & a half, they passed by some Houses newly burned, &c.; two or three miles further they came up with some Heads, Scapes and Hands cut off from the bodys of some of the English, and stuck upon Poles near the Highway, in that barbarous and inhumane manner bidding us *Desyance*.<sup>d</sup> [*Narrative*, 19.]

Parsons [*Indian Names*, etc. 14] says *Kithemut* means "a back river." Mr. Trumbull says "no; it has lost an initial syllable. *Tu-kthommu-it* (*Tobbehom*, Elliot) signifies 'at the spring,' or 'water-source.' This name agrees with Rev. Samuel Deane's 'clear spring' [*3 Mass. Hist. Coll.* 2: 174], though it has nothing to do with '*Kithemut* = day, or clearness.' Another derivation is possible: *Nhko* (*Nhkh*) signifies 'otter' [*R.-I. Hist. Coll.* 1: 95], and *may* = 'path'; whence *Nhko-may-it* would mean 'the otter path.' The former derivation is the more probable. Many Indian names, have, in like manner suffered mutilation."

<sup>a</sup> Roger Williams said, in 1643, that

the New England Indians originally had no drums or trumpets, though he had known a native make a very good drum in imitation of the English. [*R.-I. Hist. Coll.* 1: 38, 149.] The North American Indians, in general, however, appear to have used the drum (and without any hint that it was borrowed from the whites) in their religious dances, and in their ceremonies when beating up recruits for war. [De Forest's *Hist. Indians of Conn.* 29; Schoolcraft's *Hist. of Indian Tribes*, 11: 60; also *Ibid.* plate 75, where representations of Indian drums are given. See also, 1: 425, and plate 68.] Philip had probably employed their aid in raising volunteers, and as his tactics now led him to desert his own village, and he did not wish to encumber himself with them in actual warfare, he "staved" and threw them away here.

<sup>b</sup> Now known as Lee's river; separating Gardner's neck from the southern extremity of Somerset.

<sup>c</sup> Misprint for "over," as "Pocasset" is for "Pocasset."

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they soon found to be true. The Enemy were not really beaten out of *Mount-hope* Neck, tho' 'twas true they fled from thence; yet it was before any pursu'd them. 'Twas but to strengthen themselves, and to gain a more advantageous Post. However, some and not a few pleased themselves with the fancy of a Mighty Conquest.<sup>64</sup>

A grand Council was held, and a Resolve pass'd, to build a Fort there to maintain the first ground they had gain'd, by the Indians leaving it to them.<sup>65</sup> And to speak the Truth, it must be said, That as they gain'd not that Field, by their Sword, nor their Bow; so 'twas rather their fear than their courage, that oblig'd them to set up the marks of their Conquest. Mr. Church look'd upon it, and talk of it with contempt, and urged hard the pursuing the Enemy on *Pecosset* side, and with the greater earnestness, because of his promise made to *Awassonks*, before mentioned.<sup>66</sup> The Council adjourned themselves from *Mount-hope* to *Rehoboth*,<sup>67</sup> where Mr. Treasurer *Southworth*<sup>68</sup> being weary

<sup>64</sup> Hubbard and Mather so thought. [*Narrative*, 19; *Magnalia*, (ed. 1853.) ii: 562.]

<sup>65</sup> The site of this fort has been identified by Mr. Fessenden as being opposite the narrow entrance to Kikemuit river from Mount-Hope bay, on the top of the most southwestern of several hills on the north side of a cove. The hill is fast wearing away by the action of the water at its base, so that the charcoal and scorched stones from the fireplace of the fort are often falling down the declivity toward the water. [*Hist. Warren, R.-I.* 71.]

<sup>66</sup> See page 11, *ante*.

<sup>67</sup> Hubbard says "*Seeconk*, or *Rehoboth*, a town within six miles of *Swansey*." [*Narrative*, 20.] The exact locality referred to here would seem to be one of the "three houses" which were used as garrisons by the inhabitants of Rehoboth and Swansey during Phillip's war, viz: that which stood on the south end of Seeconk plain, on the spot lately occupied by the house of Mr. Phaniel Bishop, on the southeast side of the Common. [*Bills's Rehoboth*, 78.]

<sup>68</sup> *Constant Southworth* was a son of Edward Southworth (Savage wrongly

of his charge of Commissary General, (Provision being scarce & difficult to be obtained, for the Army, that now lay still to Cover the People from no body, while they were building a Fort for nothing) retired, and the Power & Trouble of that Post was left with Mr. *Church*, who still urged the Commanding Officers to move over to *Pocasset* side, to pursue the Enemy, [7] and kill *Philip*, which would in his opinion be more probable to keep possession of the Neck, than to tarry to build a Fort. He was still restless on that side of the River, and the rather because of his promise to the *Squaw Sachem* of *Sogkonate*. And Capt. *Fuller*<sup>66</sup> also urged the same, until at length there came fur-

says "*Constant, or Thomas*" [*Gen. Diſ.* iv: 143] and Alice Carpenter (who, after her first husband's death, became the second wife of Gov. Bradford); seems to have come over in 1628 [*Mas. Hist. Coll.* i: 199]; was made freeman in 1637; married Elizabeth Collier, 2 Nov. 1637; was Deputy in 1647 and 22 years following, and Treasurer from 1659 to 1678; was often Assistant, once Commissioner for the United Colonies, and acted as Commissary-General in Philip's war; died 11 March, 1679. He left three sons, and five daughters, — the second of whom had married Church, 26 Dec. 1667. This relationship by marriage explains his here throwing off "the Power & Trouble" of his post on his son-in-law. [*Winsor's Hist. Dandury*, 68; *Plym. Col. Rec.* i: 68, 74; ii: 117; iii: 8, 138, 153, 162; iv: 14, 37; v: 17, 34, etc.]

<sup>66</sup> *Matthew Fuller* was son of Edward (who was brother of the famous Dr. Samuel); was at Plymouth in 1642; went to Barnstable in 1652, and was the first physician there. He was Lieut. of Barnstable company in 1652; Deputy from Barnstable in 1653; went Lieut. to Miles Standish in the Dutch expedition in 1654; was fined 50s. for "speaking reproachfully of the Court, etc.," in 1658; was appointed on the Council of War the same year; is spoken of as Captain in 1670; was chosen "Surjeon general" for the Dutch expedition in 1673; and evidently was with this expedition in the same capacity, as, at the October Court following these first conflicts in Philip's war, there was allowed "to Capt. Mathew Fuller, as surjeon general of the forces of this collonie, and for other good services, performed in the countreyes behalfe against the enemies, in the late expeditions, or

ther order concerning the Fort. And with all, an order for Capt. *Fuller* with Six files to cross the River to the side so much insisted on, and to try if he could get Speech with any of the *Pocasset* or *Sogkonate* Indians, and that Mr. *Church* should go his Second. Upon the Captains receiving his orders, he ask'd Mr. *Church* whither he was willing to engage in this interprize: To whom 'twas indeed too agreeable to be declined; tho' he thought the enterprize was hazardous enough, for them to have more Men assign'd them. Capt. *Fuller* told him that for his own part he was grown Ancient and heavy, he feared the travel and fatigue would be too much for him. But Mr. *Church* urged him, and told him, he would cheerfully excuse him, his hardship and travel, and take that part to himself, if he might but go; for he had rather do any thing in the World than stay there to build the Fort.

Then they drew out the Number assigned them and March'd the same Night<sup>70</sup> to the Ferry,<sup>71</sup> and were transported to *Rhode-Island*, from whence the next Night they

which may be done for the future, as occasion may require, the Court alloweth him 4s. a day." He died in 1678. [Freeman's *Hist. Cape Cod*, ii: 324; Savage's *Gen. Dis.* ii: 217; *Plym. Col. Rec.* ii: 37, 45, 50; iii: 17, 24, 55, 150, 153; v: 48, 136, 175.]

<sup>70</sup> Hubbard [*Narrative*, 24] says, "Upon thursday July 7" [7 July was *Wednesday*] Captain *Fuller*, with Captain *Church*, went into Pocasset to seek after the enemy," etc. It is doubtful whether he means, by this date, to

indicate the day of their departure from the fort on this expedition, or the day of their arrival at Pocasset; probably the former (as most likely to be noted and reported by the general company). If so, then the little band left the fort 7 July, and got across the ferry into Pocasset on the night of *Thursday*, 8 July. This would fix the date of the *Punkatees* fight as Friday, 9 July.

<sup>71</sup> Bristol ferry; from the lower end of Mount-Hope neck to Rhode-Island, then commonly called Tripp's ferry.

got a passage over to *Pocasset-side*<sup>73</sup> in *Rhode-Island* Boats, and concluded there to dispose themselves in two Ambuscado's before day, hoping to surprize some of the Enemy by their falling into one or other of their Ambuscements. But Capt. *Fullers* party being troubled with the Epidemical plague of lust after Tobacco, must needs strike fire to Smoke it;<sup>74</sup> and thereby discovered themselves to a party of the Enemy coming up to them, who immediately fled with great precipitation.

This Ambuscado drew off about break of day, perceiving they were discover'd, the other continued in their Post until the time assigned them, and the light and heat of the Sun rendred their Station both insignificant and troublesome, and then return'd, unto the place of Rendezvous, where they were acquainted with the other parties disappointment, and the occasion of it. Mr. *Church* calls for the breakfast he had ordered to be brought over in the Boat: but the Man that had the charge of it confessed that he was a-sleep when the Boats-men called him, and in haste came away and never thought of it. It happened that Mr. *Church* had a few Cakes of Rusk in his Pocket, that Madam *Cranston* (the Governour of *Rhode-Island's* Lady<sup>75</sup>) gave him, when he came off the Island, which he

<sup>73</sup> Doubtless the crossing was done at what was then a ferry, — since known as "Howland's ferry," — where the Stone bridge now stands; the narrowest point of the "East Passage," or Narragansett river.

<sup>74</sup> "To smoke it" was, in my child-

hood, a common phrase in the Old Colony for the act of using tobacco by the pipe.

<sup>75</sup> Gov. *John Cranston* seems to make his first appearance upon record as appointed *drummer* by the General Court at Newport, 14 March, 1644.

divided among the Company, which was all the Provisions they had.

Mr. *Church* after their slender breakfast proposed to Capt. *Fuller*, That he would March in quest of the Enemy, with such of the Company as would be willing to March with him; which he complied with, tho' with a great deal of scruple, because of his small Number, & the extream hazard he foresaw must attend them.<sup>75</sup> [8]

But some of the Company had reflected upon Mr. *Church*, that notwithstanding his talk on the other side of the River, he had not shown them any *Indians* since they came over. Which now mov'd him to tell them, That if it was their desire to see *Indians*, he believ'd he should now soon shew them what they should say was enough.

The Number allow'd him soon drew off to him, which could not be many, because their whole Company con-

when he must have been 18; was among freemen in 1655; was licensed to practise physic, and had the degree of *M.D.* conferred on him by the General Assembly in 1664; was chosen Deputy Governor in 1672, and served also in 1673, '76, '77, and '78, in which year Gov. Arnold died, and he was chosen Governor; served as Governor till 12 March, 1680, when he died in office, aged 54. He was the first who ever held the place of Major-General in Rhode-Island. He married Mary, daughter of Dr. Jeremiah Clark of Newport; who after his death married John Stanton, and who died 7 April, 1711. Gov. Samuel Cranston was his son. He had only

reached the rank of Deputy Governor at the date spoken of in the text, but *Church*, dictating forty years after, refers to him under the title by which he was afterwards best known. [*R.I. Col. Rec.* i: 127, 301; ii: 33, 451, 481, 541, 565; iii: 3, 4, 24; *Arnold's Hist. R.-I.* i: 459; *Savage's Gen. Dict.* i: 472.]

<sup>75</sup> Hubbard's account would indicate that a day and night had been spent on the Pocasset side, before this proposition of *Church's* took place. [*Narrative*, 24.] Probably he confounded this with the time spent on Rhode-Island. *Church*, as a participant, is, of course, the best witness.



fifted of no more than Thirty Six.<sup>76</sup> They mov'd towards *Sogkonate*, until they came to the brook that runs into *Nunnaquohqut Neck*,<sup>77</sup> where they discovered a fresh and plain Track, which they concluded to be from the great Pine Swamp<sup>78</sup> about a Mile from the Road that leads to *Sogkonet*. Now says Mr. Church to his Men, If we follow this Track no doubt but we shall soon see *Indians* enough; they exprefs'd their willingness to follow the Track, and mov'd in it, but had not gone far before one of them narrowly escaped being bit with a *Rattle-snake*.<sup>79</sup> And the

<sup>76</sup> "There being not above fifteen with Church." [Hubbard, *Narrative*, 24.] This would leave twenty-one with Capt. Fuller. But Church afterwards says there were *nineteen* with him besides his "pilot"; which would indicate a nearly equal division of the little force.

<sup>77</sup> Mr. Drake's note would fix the rivulet referred to as "that which empties into the bay nearly a mile southward from Howland's ferry"; now, for some reason which I have never heard, bearing the strange name of "Sin and Flesh brook." I am persuaded, however, that Nanaquaket brook, which crosses the road to Little Compton, say a mile and a half further south, just before you reach the school-house, is that of which Church speaks. That "runs in" just in the angle where Nanaquaket neck is joined to the main land, and therefore seems more exactly designated by the phrase "that runs into *Nunnaquohqut Neck*" than one so much further removed, emptying into the cove.

Moreover, its relative bearing to the swamp of which Church proceeds to speak is nearer to the demand of the text than that of the other.

This neck is that promontory in Tiverton which slopes up northward and westward toward the island of Rhode-Island, next south of the Stone bridge. The name (*Nunnaquahqatt*, *Nunquachet*, *Nanaquahet*, *Quacut*, etc.) may have this sense: *Nunnuhque* means "dangerous," "unsafe"; whence *Nunnuhqueohke* (contracted *Nunnuhquoh*) would be "an unsafe or dangerous place." The final *et* is locative, — "at" or "in."

<sup>78</sup> Still there, and distant about a mile due east from the spot which I suppose Church to have now reached.

<sup>79</sup> Rattlesnakes were formerly abundant in New England. Prince says, (14 Aug. 1632,) "th's summer is very wet and cold, except now and then a hot day or two, which causes great store of musketoes and rattlesnakes." [Ed. 1832, 400.]

Woods that the Track lead them through was haunted much with those Snakes, which the little Company seem'd more to be afraid of than the black Serpents they were in quest of, and therefore bent their course another way; to a Place where they thought it probable to find some of the Enemy. Had they kept the Track to the Pine Swamp they had been certain of meeting *Indians* enough; but not so certain that any of them should have return'd to give account how many.

Now they pass'd down into *Punkatees*<sup>80</sup> Neck; and in their March discovered a large Wigwam full of *Indian* Truck, which the Souldiers were for loading themselves with; until Mr. *Church* forbid it; telling them they might expect soon to have their hands full, and business without caring for Plunder. Then crossing the head of the Creek into the Neck, they again discovered fresh, *Indian* Tracks, very lately pass'd before them into the Neck. They then got privately and undiscovered, unto the Fence of Capt. *Almy's* Pease-field,<sup>81</sup> and divided into two Parties, Mr. *Church* keeping the one Party with himself, sent the other with *Lake*<sup>82</sup> that was acquainted with the ground, on the

<sup>80</sup> *Punkatees* neck — some two miles in length and one mile in extreme width — shoots out from the main land of Tiverton southward and westward, much as *Nunnaquohquut* neck turns up northward and westward. It was also called Pocasset neck. The entrance to it is directly west from the small village of Tiverton Four Corners. The deriva-

tion or signification of the name has not been suggested.

<sup>81</sup> See note 4. At least four families of *Almys* now own and till many of the fertile acres of this beautiful promontory.

<sup>82</sup> *David Lake*, or *Leake*, volunteered 10 Aug. 1667, in a troop of horse upon Rhode Island. If this were

other side. Two *Indians* were soon discovered coming out of the Pease-field towards them: When Mr. *Church* & those that were with him concealed themselves from them, by falling flat on the ground: but the other division not using the same caution were seen by the Enemy, which occasioned them to run; which when Mr. *Church* perceiv'd, he shew'd himself to them, and call'd, telling them he desired but to speak with them, and would not hurt them. But they run, and *Church* pursued. The *Indians* clim'd over a Fence and one of them facing about discharged his Piece, but without effect on the *English*: One of the *English* Souldiers ran up to the Fence and fir'd upon him that had discharged his Piece; and they concluded by the yelling they heard that the *Indian* was wounded; but the *Indians* soon got into the thickets, whence they saw them no more for the present. [9]

Mr. *Church* then Marching over a plain piece of Ground where the Woods were very thick on one side; order'd his little Company to March at double distance, to make as big a show (if they should be discovered) as might be. But before they saw any body, they were Saluted with a

the same man, he probably — as a resident of the island and familiar with the neighboring localities — accompanied this expedition as the "pilot," of whom Church speaks further on. [*R.-I. Col. Rec.* ii. 218.] Plymouth Colony the next year granted to David Lake "three-score acres" of land eastward from Punchateefet pond and north of Saco-  
net line, (which would be in what is now Tiverton, where men of the same name now live, upon it,) because he had "bin very usefull and serviceable to the country in the late warr." Thomas Lake — whether his brother, or not, I cannot say — had a similar grant, at the same time, of forty acres. [*R.-I. Col. Rec.* ii: 218; *Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 214.]

Volly of fifty or sixty Guns; some Bullets came very surprizingly near Mr. *Church*, who starting, look'd behind him, to see what was become of his Men, expecting to have seen half of them dead, but seeing them all upon their Leggs and briskly firing at the Smokes of the Enemies Guns, (for that was all that was then to be seen) *He Bless'd God, and called to his Men not to discharge all their Guns at once, lest the Enemy should take the advantage of such an opportunity to run upon them with their Hatchets.*<sup>33</sup>

Their next Motion was immediately into the Pease-field. When they came to the Fence Mr. *Church* bid as many as had not discharg'd their Guns, to clap under the Fence, and lye close, while the other at some distance in the Field stood to charge; hoping that if the Enemy should creep to the Fence to gain a shot at those that were charging their Guns, they might be surprized by those that lay under the Fence. But casting his Eyes to the side of the Hill above them;<sup>34</sup> the hill seem'd to mov<sup>e</sup>, being covered over with *Indians*, with their bright Guns glittering in the Sun, and running in a circumference with a design to surround them.

Seeing such Multitudes surrounding him and his little Company; it put him upon thinking what was become of the Boats that were ordered to attend him: And looking

<sup>33</sup> Hatchets, or tomahawks.

rising abruptly toward the ridge of the promontory. The hill is not very high, yet the slope is steep.

<sup>34</sup> The bluff above them; the pease-field being near the shore, and the land

up, he spy'd them a shore at *Sandy-point*<sup>65</sup> on the Island side of the River, with a number of Horse and Foot by them, and wondred what should be the occasion; until he was afterwards informed, That the Boats had been over that Morning from the Island, and had landed a Party of Men at *Fogland*,<sup>66</sup> that were design'd in *Punkatees Neck* to fetch off some Cattel and Horses, but were Ambuscado'd, and many of them wounded by the Enemy.<sup>67</sup>

Now our Gentlemans Courage and Conduct were both put to the Test, he encourages his Men; and orders some to run and take a Wall to shelter before the Enemy gain'd it. Twas time for them now to think of escaping if they knew which way. Mr. *Church* orders his Men to strip to their white Shirts, that the *Islanders* might discover them to be English Men; & then orders Three Guns to be fired distinct, hoping it might be observ'd by their friends on the opposite Shore.<sup>68</sup> The Men that were ordered to take

<sup>65</sup> Probably what is now designated as "McCarry's point," on the Portsmouth shore, rather than that now called "Sandy point," which is a mile and a half further south.

<sup>66</sup> *Fogland* point is a spur of land projecting from the western shore of Punkatees neck, and reaching a third of the way across Narragansett river toward Portsmouth on the island of Rhode-Island.

<sup>67</sup> Hubbard says: "It seems in the former part of the same day, five men coming from *Road-Island*, to look up their Cattle upon *Pocasset Neck*, were

assaulted by the same *Indians*, and one of the five was Capt. *Churches* Servant, who had his Leg broke in the Skirmish, the rest hardly escaping with their lives: this was the first time that ever any mischief was done by the *Indians* upon *Pocasset Neck*. Those of *Road-Island* were hereby Alarmed to look to themselves, as well as the rest of the English of *Plimouth*, or the *Massachusetts Colony*." [*Narrative*, 25.]

<sup>68</sup> It was probably not over a mile and a half in a straight line, from the scene of this skirmish to the point across the water where their friends were.

the Wall, being very hungry, stop'd a while among the Pease to gather a few, being about four Rod from the Wall; the Enemy from behind it hail'd them with a Shower of Bullets; but soon all but one came tumbling over an old hedge down the bank where Mr. *Church* and the rest were, and told him that his Brother *B. Southworth*,<sup>80</sup> who was the Man that was missing, was kill'd, that they saw him fall; and so they did indeed see him fall, but 'twas without a [10] Shot, and lay no longer than till he had opportunity to clap a Bullet into one of the Enemies Fore-head, and then came running to his Company. The meanness<sup>80</sup> of the *English's* Powder was now their greatest mis-

<sup>80</sup> Either this record is wrong in this initial, or Constant Southworth (note 68) had a son not down on the records. Savage, Winsor, and Mitchell agree that he had only three sons, (*Edward, Nathaniel, and William,*) and four daughters, besides Alice, who married Church. The earliest Benjamin on the record of the family was Benjamin, son of Edward (Constant's eldest son), who was born in 1680, five years after this fight. Edward's age at this date is not known, but, as he had been married in 1669, he may perhaps have been near 30; Nathaniel was 27, and William only 16. It seems clear that the person here alluded to was one of Church's brothers-in-law, and it is more probable that the initial "W" or "N" was misprinted "B," and the blunder passed uncorrected, than that there was any "B. Southworth," son of Constant, elsewhere unrecorded. [*Gen. Dist.* lv: 143; *Hist.*

*Dunbury*, 314; *Hist. Bridgewater*, 304.]

<sup>80</sup> Church seems here to use the word "meanness" as equivalent to scantiness, — with reference to the quantity rather than the quality. There is no hint in the account of the action but that the powder which they had was good enough, but they were evidently reduced to a very short allowance. Up to this date the powder of the Colonists appears to have been English made. The first powder-mill on this side was just in process of preparation; Rev. John Oxenbridge, Rev. James Allen, Dea. Robert Sanderon, (all of the first church in Boston,) with Capt. John Hall and Freegrace Bendall, merchants of Boston, 22 Aug. 1673, having purchased of John Gill, of Milton, a privilege on Neponset river, and having entered into articles of agreement, 16 July, 1675, to erect a building and "im-

fortune; when they were immediately upon this beset with Multitudes of *Indians*, who possessed themselves of every Rock, Stump, Tree, or Fence that was in sight, firing upon them without ceasing; while they had no other shelter but a small bank & bit of a water Fence. And yet to add to the disadvantage of this little handful of distressed Men; The *Indians* also possessed themselves of the Ruines of a Stone-house that over look'd them, and of the black Rocks to the Southward of them;<sup>21</sup> so that now they had no way to prevent lying quite open to some, or other of the

prove a powder mill" at said Neponset. The safety of this mill was a subject of legislation, in October and November following. [*Hist. of Dorchester*, 607, 609.]

<sup>21</sup> In the second edition of this narrative [*Newport, R.-I.* 1772], Southwick's compositor here carelessly dropped out the words "and of the black Rocks to the Southward of them," and Dr. Stiles did not discover the omission; so that, as all the subsequent editions have been reprints of Southwick's, and not of the original, the hint of exact locality which they furnish has hitherto been overlooked. On recently visiting Punkatees neck and going carefully over it in order to identify, if possible, the exact spot where this pease-field was situated, I found on the edge of the shore the remains of an outcropping ledge of soft black slaty rock, which differs so decidedly from any other rocks in the vicinity, and which — making allowance for the wear of the waves for near 200 years — answers so well to the demand

of the text, as to incline me to the judgment that they may identify the spot. If this be so, the pease-field must have been on the western shore of Punkatees neck, a little north of the juncture of Fogland point with the main promontory, and almost due east of the northern extremity of Fogland point, — which runs up northerly and westerly as it pushes over toward Rhode-Island; lying a little north of the range of the Almy burying-ground, which is in the rear of the present residence of Mr. Horace Almy. Whether this be a correct supposition or not, the near neighborhood of what is still called Church's well — a spring stoned round like a well, and sending a tiny rivulet down to the sea, a few rods south of these remains of what were once "black rocks," and almost opposite the present residence of Mr. Samuel Almy, at the terminus of the road leading to Fogland ferry — fixes the scene of the fight with sufficient accuracy, as being near the juncture of Fogland point with Punkatees neck.

Enemy, but to heap up Stones before them, as they did, and still bravely and wonderfully defended themselves, against all the numbers of the Enemy. At length came over one of the Boats from the Island Shore, but the Enemy ply'd their Shot so warmly to her as made her keep at some distance; Mr. *Church* desired them to send their Canoo a-shore to fetch them on board; but no persuasions, nor arguments could prevail with them to bring their Canoo to shore. Which some of Mr. *Churches* Men perceiving, began to cry out, *For God's sake to take them off, for their Ammunition was spent, &c.* Mr. *Church* being sensible of the danger of the Enemies hearing their Complaints, and being made acquainted with the weakness and scantiness of their Ammunition, fiercely called to the Boatmaster, and bid either send his Canoo a-shore, or else be gone presently, or he would fire upon him.

Away goes the Boat and leaves them still to shift for themselves. But then another difficulty arose; the Enemy seeing the Boat leave them, were reanimated & fired thicker & faster than ever; Upon which some of the Men that were lightest of foot, began to talk of attempting an escape by flight: until Mr. *Church* solidly convinc'd them of the impracticableness of it; and encouraged them yet, told them, *That he had observ'd so much of the remarkable and wonderful Providence of God hitherto preserving them, that encouraged him to believe with much confidence that God would yet preserve them; that not a hair of their head should fall to the ground; bid them be Patient, Courageous and Prudently*



*sparing of their Ammunition, and he made no doubt but they should come well off yet, &c. until his little Army, again resolve one and all to stay with, and stick by him. One of them by Mr. Churches order was pitching a flat Stone up an end before him in the Sand, when a Bullet from the Enemy with a full force stroke the Stone while he was pitching it an end; which put the poor fellow to a miserable start, till Mr. Church call'd upon him to observe, *How God directed the Bullets that the Enemy could not hit him when in the same place, yet could hit the Stone as it was erected.**

While they were thus making the best defence they could against their numerous Enemies that made the Woods ring with their constant yelling [11] and shouting: And Night coming on, some body told Mr. Church, they spy'd a Sloop up the River as far as *Gold-Island*,<sup>28</sup> that seemed to be coming down towards them: He look'd up and told them *Succour was now coming, for he believ'd it was Capt. Golding,*<sup>29</sup> whom he knew to be a Man for busi-

<sup>28</sup> *Gold Island* is a small rocky island, perhaps three quarters of a mile due south of the Stone bridge. It was purchased of the Indians, 28 Mar. 1657, by Thomas Gould, of Newport, and took its name from him, and not, as has been sometimes stated, from the occurrence here narrated. [Arnold's *Hist. R.-I.* i: 266; Fowler's *Hist. Sketch of Fall River*, 9.]

<sup>29</sup> *Capt. Roger Golding (Golden, Goulden)* was captain of a vessel, and seems to have lived in Portsmouth, R-

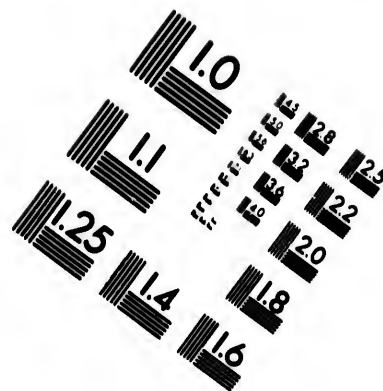
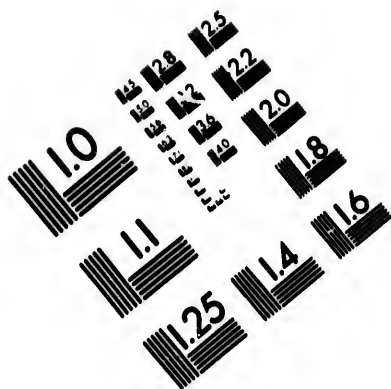
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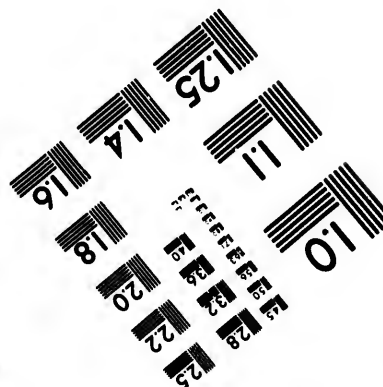
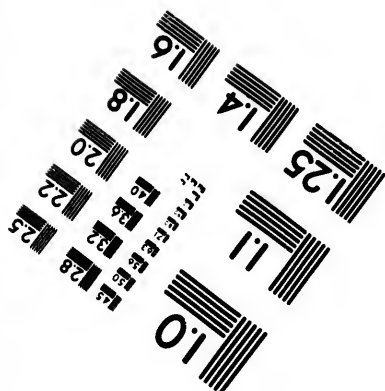
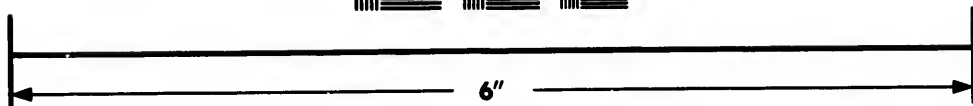
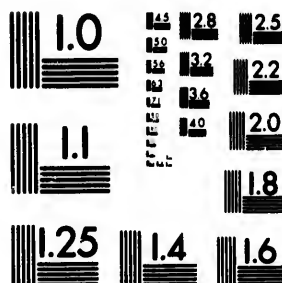
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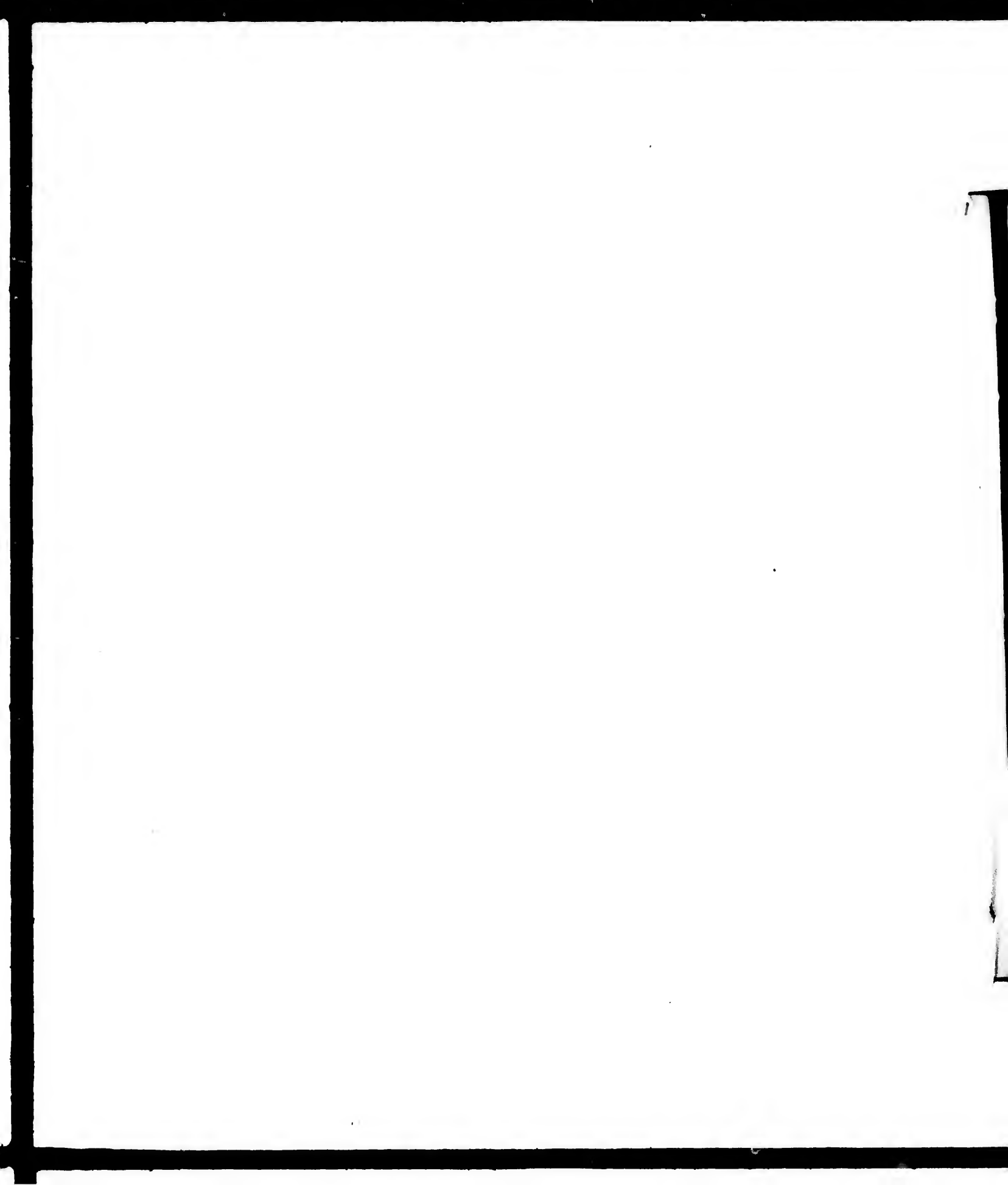
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*ness; and would certainly fetch them off, if he came: the Wind being fair, the Vessel was soon with them; and Capt. Golding it was. Mr. Church (as soon as they came to Speak one with another) desired him to come to Anchor at such a distance from the Shore that he might veer out his Cable and ride a float, and let slip his Canoo that it might drive ashore; which directions Capt. Golding observ'd; but the Enemy gave him such a warm Salute, that his Sails, Colour, and Stern were full of Bullet holes.*

The Canoo came ashore,<sup>94</sup> but was so small that she would not bare above two Men at a time; and when two were got aboard, they turn'd her loofe to drive ashore for two more: and the Sloops company kept the *Indians* in play the while. But when at last it came to Mr. Churches turn to go aboard, he had left his Hat and Cutlash at the Well<sup>95</sup> where he went to drink, when he first came down; he told his Company, *He would never go off and leave his Hat and Cutlash for the Indians; they should never have that to reflect upon him.* Tho' he was much dissuaded from it, yet he would go fetch them. He put all the Powder he had left into his Gun (and a poor charge it was) and went

nessitie of the transportation of our men to the said Island [Rhode-Island] and otherwise very redde to doe vs good." This land adjoined that of the Lakes (note 82, ante). [*R.-I. Col. Rec.* ii: 480; *Savage, Gen. Diſ.* ii: 287; *Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 214. See also *Plym. Col. Rec.* vi: 242, and vi: 120, for further facts concerning Capt. G.]

<sup>94</sup> The wind was probably northwesterly, as it is apt to be there on a pleasant day, which would be exactly "fair" for Capt. Golding in running down, as narrated; and which would soon drift a light canoe on shore.

<sup>95</sup> See note 91, ante. I see no reason to doubt the trustworthiness of the tradition identifying this well.

presenting his Gun at the Enemy, until he took up what he went for; at his return he discharged his Gun at the Enemy to bid them farewell, for that time; but had not Powder enough to carry the Bullet half way to them.

Two Bullets from the Enemy stuck the Canoo as he went on Board, one grazed the hair of his Head a little before; another struck in a small Stake that stood right against the middle of his Breast.

Now this Gentleman with his Army, making in all 20 Men, himself, and his Pilot being numbred with them, got all safe aboard after Six hours engagement with 300 *Indians*; whose Number we were told afterwards by some of themselves. *A deliverance which that good Gentleman often mentions to the Glory of God, and His Protecting Providence.* The next day<sup>66</sup> meeting with the rest of their little Company, whom he had left at *Pocasset*, (that had also a small skirmish with the *Indians*, and had two Men Wounded)<sup>67</sup> they return'd to the *Mount-hope* Garrison; which Mr. *Church* us'd to call the loosing Fort. Mr. *Church* then returning to the Island<sup>68</sup> to seek Provision for the Army, meets with *Alderman*,<sup>69</sup> a noted *Indian* that

<sup>66</sup> Friday, 9 July, 1675.

<sup>67</sup> Capt. Fuller "either saw or heard too many *Indians* for himself and his Company to deal with, which made him and them betake themselves to an House near the Water-side, from whence they were fetched off by a sloop before night to *Road-Island*." [Hubbard's *Narrative*, 24.]

<sup>68</sup> Rhode Island.

<sup>69</sup> *Alderman* was a subject of *Westmos* (note 24), but at the commencement of the war went to the Governor of Plymouth, and desired to remain at peace with the English; and now left *Pocasset* for Rhode Island in that intent. It was his bullet that eventually killed Philip. [Drake's *Book of the Ind.* 226.]

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was just come over from the *Squaw Sachem's* Cape of *Pocasset*, having deserted from her, and had brought over his Family: Who gave him an account of the State of the *Indians*, and where each of the *Sagamores* head quarters were. Mr. *Church* then discours'd with some who knew the Spot well where the *Indians* said *Weetamores* head quarters were, and offered their Service to Pilot him. With this News he [12] hastned to the *Mount-hope* Garrison. The Army expres'd their readines to imbrace such an opportunity.

All the ablest Souldiers were now immediately drawn off equip'd & dispatch'd upon this design, under the Command of a certain Officer:<sup>100</sup> and having March'd about two Miles, *viz.* until they came to the Cove<sup>101</sup> that lyes *S.W.* from the Mount, where orders was given for an halt. The Commander in Chief told them he thought it proper to take advice before he went any further; called Mr. *Church* and the Pilot, and ask'd them, *How they knew that Philip and all his Men were not by that time got to Weetamores Camp; or that all her own Men were not by that time return'd to her again?* With many more frightful questions. Mr. *Church* told him, *they had acquainted him with as much as they knew, and that for his part he could*

<sup>100</sup> Hubbard says, Church borrowed "three files of Men of Capt. *Henchman* with his Lieutenant:" this Lieutenant was doubtless, then, the officer in command. Fortunately for his memory his name was not designated. [*Narrative*, 25.]

<sup>101</sup> Now called *Mount Cove*. They were, no doubt, on their way to Bristol ferry— then called *Tripp's ferry* [*R.-I. Col. Rec.* iii: 535]— to cross to Rhode Island, and thence, over *Howland's* ferry, to *Pocasset*, whence it would be a little over six miles to "the Fall River."



discover nothing that need to discourage them from Proceeding, that he thought it so practicable, that he with the Pilot would willingly lead the way to the Spot and hazard the brunt. But the Chief Commander insisted on this, That the Enemies number were so great, and he did not know what numbers more might be added unto them by that time: And his Company so small, that he could not think it practicable to attack them. Added moreover, That if he was sure of killing all the Enemy, and knew that he must lose the Life of one of his Men in the action, he would not attempt it. Pray Sir, then (Reply'd Mr. Church) Please to lead<sup>102</sup> your Company to yonder Windmill on Rhode-Island, and there they will be out of danger of being kill'd by the Enemy, and we shall have less trouble to supply them with Provisions. But return he would, and did, unto the Garrison until more strength came to them: And a Sloop to transport them to the Fall River,<sup>103</sup> in order to visit *Weetamores*

<sup>102</sup> The absence of water power on the Island led, as early as 1663, to the erection of windmills for grinding corn; and several eminences in the town of Portsmouth are now crowned with them, which may be seen from far. [Arnold's *Hist. R.-I.* 1: 370.]

<sup>103</sup> *Quaquechan* River—the outlet of Watuppa Pond—was about two miles long and less than one rod in width, and when within 150 rods of tide-water it suddenly descended 132 feet to meet it. It took naturally, therefore, the name of "the fall of the river," or *Fall River*. The various factories have

now absorbed this fall; so that the visitor must search for what was once the most prominent feature of the locality. Fowler says, the word *Quaquechan* signifies "falling water," or "quick-running water;" but Mr. Trumbull says, "*Chhhe*, or *Chhche*, alone, or in composition, means 'violent,' 'forcible,' and is sometimes applied to running water, as it is to 'that which sweeps away,' e. g. *chhchhunk*, 'a broom' or 'befom,' and *chhch-su* 'the northwest wind.' I do not think, however, that it is found in *Quaquechan*, and clearly not unless the last part of the name—

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Camp. Mr. Church, one Baxter<sup>104</sup> and Capt. Hunter<sup>106</sup> an Indian, profer'd to go out on the discovery on the left Wing; which was accepted; they had not March'd above a quarter of a Mile before they started Three of the Enemy. Capt. Hunter wounded one of them in his knee, whom when he came up he discovered to be his near kinsman; the Captive desired favour for his *Squaw*, if she should fall into their hands, but ask'd none for himself, excepting the liberty of taking a Whiff of Tobacco, and while he was taking his Whiff, his kinsman with one blow of his Hatchet dispatch'd him. Proceeding to *Weetamores* Camp,<sup>108</sup> they were discover'd by one of the Enemy, who

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thing of the kind—has been lost."  
[Fowler's *Hist. Sketch, Fall River*, 27.]

<sup>104</sup> Thomas Baxter, bricklayer, of  
Yarmouth, 5 March, 1671-2, was ac-  
cused of "misdemeanor att the meet-  
ing-house att Yarmouth;" and, again,  
of entering Edward Sturgis's house on  
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from the same; but was cleared on both  
charges: he was also one of 30 soldiers  
"that were pressed into the country's  
service, and went to Mount-Hope  
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v: 87, 168, 239; Freeman's *Hist. Cape*  
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<sup>106</sup> Capt. Hunter appears to have  
been a Christianized *Nipmuh* Indian.  
On the 6th of July—two days before  
the fight in Almy's pease-field—Capt.  
Johnson, on the order of the Governor  
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who, on his return, had a reward given  
him for his faithfulness; he bringing  
back with him a scalp; that, no doubt,  
of the Indian referred to in the text.  
[*Transactions Amer. Antiquarian So-*  
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<sup>108</sup> This seems to have been situa-  
ted on the northern side of what is now  
called Focasset Cedar Swamp; perhaps  
two miles and a half south of the city

ran in and gave Information; upon which a lusty Young Fellow left his Meat upon his Spit, running hastily out told his companions, *he would kill an English man before he eat his dinner*: but fail'd of his design, being no sooner out but shot down. The Enemies fires, and what shelter they had was by the Edge of a thick Cedar Swamp, into which on this Alarm they betook themselves; and the English as nimbly pursued; but were soon commanded back by their Chieftain after they were come within hearing of the Crys of their Women, and Children, and so ended that Exploit.<sup>107</sup> But returning to their Sloop the Enemy pursued them and wounded two of their Men. The next day return'd to the *Mount-hope* Garrison. [13]

Soon after this,<sup>108</sup> was *Philip's* head Quarters visited by some other *English* Forces; but *Philip* and his gang had the very fortune to escape that *Westamore* and hers (but now mentioned) had: they took into a Swamp and their pursuers were commanded back. After this<sup>109</sup> *Dart-*

of Fall River, and lying between South Watuppa Pond and the heights which look down on Mount-Hope Bay.

<sup>107</sup> Hubbard says, "wherein some few of them [the Indians] fourteen or fifteen were slain." [*Narrative*, 25.]

<sup>108</sup> Hubbard says that our forces went to Rehoboth on Friday, 15 July (15 July was *Thursday*), next day to Mat-tapofsett, and next day to Taunton. July 18 (Hubbard calls it "Monday," but the 18th was *Sunday*; so that they probably started on the 19th) they marched 18 miles, and attacked Philip "in the great swamps upon *Pocasset* neck, of seven miles long." They

thought they had him hemmed in there, and so the Plymouth forces and Capt. Hanchman with 100 foot, were left to "attend the Enemies motion, being judged sufficient for that end." One night, however, "in the end of *July*," Philip and his warriors either waded across Taunton river, at a very low tide, or got over on rafts, and escaped to the *Nipmuck* Country. [*Narrative*, 25-27.] Fowler [*Hist. Sketch, Fall River*, 10] says they crossed just above where Fall River now stands.

<sup>109</sup> Dartmouth seems to have been destroyed by the Indians in the latter half of July.

*months* distresses required Succour, great Part of the Town being laid desolate, and many of the Inhabitants kill'd; the most of *Plymouth* Forces were order'd thither: And coming to *Ruffels* Garrison at *Poneganset*,<sup>110</sup> they met with a Number of the Enemy that had surrendred themselves Prisoners on terms promised by Capt. *Eels*<sup>111</sup> of the Garrison; and *Ralph Earl*<sup>112</sup> that perswaded them (by a friend *Indian* he had employed) to come in. And had their promises to the *Indians* been kept, and the *Indians* sarely treated, 'tis probable that most if not all the *Indians* in those Parts, had soon followed the Example of those that had now surrendred themselves; which would have been a good step towards finishing the War. But in spite of all that Capt. *Eels*, *Church*, or *Earl* could say, argue, plead, or beg, some body else that had more Power in their hands

<sup>110</sup> The *Apponeganset* River (or cove) is the second cove making up from Bussard's Bay west and south of New-Bedford harbor. Faint traces of the cellar of this garrison-house might lately be seen, near a spring on the east bank of this river, about a mile from its mouth. John Russell was one of the earliest settlers of Dartmouth. [Ricketson's *Hist. New Bedford*, 15, 35, 154.]

<sup>111</sup> Capt. *Samuel Eels* seems to have been the son of John, of Dorchester. He was baptised at Dorchester, 3 May, 1640. He "commanded a garrison at Dartmouth, Mass., in Philip's war," married Anna, daughter of Rev. Robert Lenthal of Weymouth, and died in Hingham in 1709; leaving, among

eight children, Rev. Nathaniel, of Scituate. [*Hist. Dorchester*, 51; Deane's *Scituate*, 197; Barry's *Hanover*, 301.]

<sup>112</sup> *Ralph Earl* appears to have been son of Ralph, of Portsmouth, R.-I., and to have removed to Dartmouth in consequence of the gift to him of "half a share in Coaxit and Acushnet" by Francis Sprague of Duxbury, who calls him "son-in-law." He was fined, 29 Oct. 1668, 5s, for "affronting the constable" of Dartmouth. He was himself constable in 1670. I am sorry to add that a person of that name was fined 20s, at Plymouth, 5 Oct., 1663, for "drawing his wife in an vnciuell manner on the snow." [Savage's *Gen. Dist.* ii: 91; *Plym. Col. Rec.* iv: 47; v: 10, 36.]

improv'd it; and without any regard to the promises made them on their surrendering themselves, they were carry'd away to *Plymouth*, there sold, and transported out of the Country; being about Eight-score Persons.<sup>118</sup> An action so

<sup>118</sup> The following I take to be the order of the Council of war upon this case, 4 Aug., 1675, which hints the light in which the government viewed the matter:—

"In reference vnto a companie of  
"natives now in custody, brought in to  
"Plymouth, being men, weomen, and  
"children, in number one hundred and  
"twelue, vpon seriouse and deliberate  
"consideration and agitation concerning  
"them, the conclusion is as followeth:  
"that whereas, vpon examination, it is  
"found that severall of them haue bine  
"actors in the late rising and warr of  
"the Indians against vs, and the rest  
"complyers with them therein, which  
"they haue done contrary to engage-  
"ment and couenant made and plighted  
"with this collonie, which they haue  
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"aforesaid, the councill adjudged them  
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"tude, excepting some few of them,  
"which, vpon speciall consideration,  
"are to be otherwise disposed of, and  
"the Treasurer is appointed by the  
"councill to make sale of them in the  
"countrys behalfe."

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ing, similar action was taken in the  
case of "a certaine p'sell of Indians  
lately come in to Sandwich in a sub-  
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113, made 169; not far from Church's  
eight score. Thacher, under date of  
Oct. 4, 1765, says, "one hundred and  
seventy-eight [Indians] had recently  
been shipped on board of Captain  
Sprague, for Cadiz"; unquestionably  
referring to this same melancholy mis-  
judgment. It is essential to the proper  
understanding of such a transaction as  
this, that the general custom and feeling  
of the time should be considered. A  
very curious document has been pre-  
served, of date 14 Aug., 1676, showing  
that Roger Williams was chairman of  
a committee in Rhode-Island to dispose  
of some Indian captives whom they had  
taken. All under 5 years of age were  
sold to serve till they were 30; all be-  
tween 5 and 10, till 28; all between 10  
and 15, till 27; all between 15 and 20,  
till 26; all between 20 and 30 were to  
serve 8 years; all above 30, 7 years.  
Judge Staples says that, in most in-  
stances, Indian prisoners "were sent  
out of the country and sold for slaves  
for life." [*Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 173, 174;  
*Hist. Plym.* 136; *R.-I. Hist. Coll.* v: 170.]

hateful to Mr. *Church*, that he oppos'd it to the loss of the good Will and Respects of some that before were his good Friends. But while these things were acting at *Dartmouth*, *Philip* made his escape, leaving his Country, fled over *Taunton-River*, and *Rehoboth-Plain*,<sup>114</sup> and *Petuxet-River*,<sup>115</sup> where Capt. *Edmunds* of *Providence*<sup>116</sup> made some spoil upon; and had probably done more, but was prevented by the coming up of a Superiour Officer,<sup>117</sup> that put him by. And now another Fort was built at *Pocasset*,<sup>118</sup>

<sup>114</sup> Seekonk Plain.

<sup>115</sup> See note 108, *ante*. *Pawtucket* and *Pawtuxet* should not be confounded, as they are different names. *Pawtucket* is "at the falls of the river;" *Pawtuxet* (*Pawtuck-fo-et*) introduces a diminutive, i. e. "at the little falls of the river." The river referred to in the text is now called the *Blackstone*.

<sup>116</sup> Capt. *Andrew Edmunds* (*Edmonds* or *Edmands*) was of *Providence*, and married *Mary*, dau. of *Benj. Herendeen*, 14 Oct., 1675; 7 Aug., 1676 the R.-I. Assembly voted him and his company one-half of the money accruing from the sale of 35 Indians "brought in by them;" 17 June, 1684 he served on a Coroner's Jury on the death of *John Miller* of *Rehoboth*; 25 Dec., 1689 *Plymouth* Court ordered him 30s. a week for his services in the *Eastern Expedition*, and, by vote of 3 March, 1690, the *Rhode-Island* Assembly added £6 to it. He died previous to 1696, having had five children. His widow was allowed to keep the ferry over *Seekonk* river. [*Savage's Gen. Dial.* ii: 101; *R.-I. Col. Rec.* ii: 549; iii: 263,

277, 280, 313; *Plym. Col. Rec.* vi: 143, 229.]

<sup>117</sup> Hubbard names Capt. *Henchman* in this connection, and adds "what the reason was why *Philip* was followed no further, it is better to suspend, than too critically to inquire." The inference, taken with what *Church* says, is that *Henchman* was the man on whom the blame rested. [*Narrative*, 28.] The Rev. *Noah Newman* of *Rehoboth* was very efficient and useful in this assault on the retreating *Philip*. [*Billis's Rehoboth*, 87.]

<sup>118</sup> Capt. *Cudworth* urged this. He wrote to Gov. *Winslow*, 20 July, 1675, from *Mount-Hope Neck*, saying "Now that which we consider to be best, is to maintain our garrison, though but with twenty men, and that there be another garrison at *Pocasset*; and to have a flying army, to be in motion" (doubtless with these points as its base) "to keep the Indians from destroying our cattle, and fetching in supply of food; which being attended, will bring them to great straits, &c." [*Mass. Hist. Coll.* vi: 85.] I have not been able to identify

that prov'd as troublesome and chargeable as that at *Mount-hope*; and the remainder of the Summer was improv'd in providing for the Forts and Forces there maintained, while our Enemies were fled some hundreds of Miles into the Country, near as far as *Albany*. And now strong Suspicions began to arise of the *Narraganset Indians*,<sup>120</sup> that they were ill affected, and designed mischief; and so the event soon discovered. The next Winter they began their Hostilities, upon the *English*.<sup>121</sup> The United Colonies then agreed to sent an Army to suppress them:<sup>122</sup>

the site of this Pocahont garrison, but suppose it to have been within the present city-limits of Fall River.

<sup>120</sup> The *Narraganset Indians* may be generally described as having occupied the lower half of what is now the main land of the State of Rhode-Island, including the whole of Washington, with the lower portion of Kent Counties. [Gookin, *1 Mass. Hist. Coll.* i: 147; *R. I. Hist. Coll.* iii: 1.] With regard to the significance of this name, concerning which various suggestions have been made, (*Drake's Book of the Indians*, 87, *note*.) Mr. Trumbull quotes Roger Williams: "I was within a pole of it, but could not learn why it was called *Narraganset*," and says, "to whom I have nothing to add."

<sup>121</sup> From the date of Phillip's escape across Taunton River (1 Aug.), hostilities had been in progress. Mendon settlers fell first. Early in August, *Squaheag* (Brookfield) was destroyed. About the first of September, *Deerfield* was burned. Soon after, *Squaheag* (Northfield) was

assaulted, and the majority of Capt Beere's party, going to its relief, killed. Early in October, Springfield was attacked, and 32 houses fired. A few days later, 19 Oct., Hatfield was assailed. The *Narraganset* sheltered the women of the warrior Indians, and guns were found among them which had been taken from Beere's men; so that they were judged to be in complicity with Phillip. [Hubbard's *Narrative*, 32-42, 48; *Holmes's Annals*, i: 372-375; Hoyt's *Indian Wars*, 99-112.]

<sup>122</sup> The Commissioners of the United Colonies wrote from Boston, 12 Nov., 1675, to Rhode-Island, on this subject, as follows: "Finding that y<sup>e</sup> *Narraganset* under pretence of friendship have bine and are very false and perfidious, holding as is reported to us great Correspondency with the Enemy that are in more open hostility receiving, relieving, and Contrary to their Covenant detayneing many of the Enemy men, women, and children to their great advantage and our prejudice, and

Governour *Winslow*<sup>120</sup> to command the Army. He undertaking the Expedition, invited Mr. *Church* to command a Company in the Expedition; which he declin'd, craving excuse from taking Commission, he promised to wait upon him as a *Reformado*<sup>121</sup> thro' the Expedition. Having rid with the General to *Boston*,<sup>122</sup> and from thence to *Rehoboth*. Upon the Generals request he went thence the nearest way over the Ferries, with Major *Smith*<sup>123</sup> to his

by many other insolencays declaring their Enmity, and that indeed they are and are like to bee the very randivouse, and feat of the warr, it hath drawne us to resolve to rayse 1000 men in the Confederate Colonys besides them already in paye, to bee improved there or as the providence of God may direct to reduce them to reason; And therefore judge it necessary to advise you of our intents in that respect, to intent that you may not only take care of your fronteer places, but afforde so[me] addition to our numbers, and glue us such assistance by your sloopes and vessels as we may stand in need of, &c." The new levy was proportioned thus: Mass. 527, Plym. 158, Conn. 315 = 1000. The actual attendance of troops seems to have been, as follows: from Mass. 465 foot (in six companies) and 75 horse = 540 men; from Plymouth 158 men (in two companies); from Conn. 450 men (in five companies); making a total of 1148 men from the Confederate Colonies. Besides these, a "considerable number" of recruits joined the expedition from the Rhode-Island Colony. The Army was under command of Gen. Josias Winslow. The Mass.

troops were officered by Maj. Appleton and Capt. Moseley, Davenport, Gardner, Oliver, Johnson, and Prentice; the Plymouth, by Maj. Bradford and Capt. Gorham; and the Conn. by Maj. Treat and Capts. Spely, Gallup, Mason, Watts, and Marshall. A partial list of the names of the Mass. men has been published. [*Plym. Col. Rec.* 2: 365, 458; *Barry's Hist. Mass.* 1: 426; *Trumbull's Hist. Conn.* 1: 337; *Arnold's Hist. R.-I.* 1: 403; *N. E. Gen. Reg.* viii: 241.]

<sup>120</sup> See note 20, ante.

<sup>121</sup> "Reformado, a reformed Officer, or one whose Company, or Troop, is suppressed in a Reform, and he continued either in whole, or half Pay, he doing Duty in the Regiment. In a time of war, a Gentleman who serves as a Voluntier, in order to gain Experience, and succeed the principal Officers." [Bailey.]

<sup>122</sup> As Church's home at Saconet was temporarily broken up, he would seem to have been, in this interval, with his friends at Plymouth, or Duxbury.

<sup>123</sup> *Richard Smith, jr.*, was the son of Richard, "who left faire Possessions in Gloster Shire" Eng., and was one



Garrison in the *Narraganset Country*,<sup>126</sup> to prepare and provide for the coming of General *Winslow*; who March'd round thro' the Country with his Army, proposing by Night to surprize *Pumham* (a certain *Narraganset* Sachem) and his Town;<sup>127</sup> but being aware of the approach of [14] our

of the first settlers of Taunton, and went to Wickford, R.-I., about 1641, "for his conscience sake (many differences arising)"; where he built a block-house on the great Pequot road, on the site where the Updike house stands, or lately stood, a little to the north of Wickford Hill, in No. Kingstown, R.-I. He was mixed up in the conflict of jurisdiction between Rhode-Island and Connecticut, and was appointed Constable of Wickford by Conn. in 1663; was put under bonds in £400 to answer to R.-I. in 1664; 28 Dec., 1665 appears as witness in the Warwick "acquittance"; is said to have been one of Andros's Council in 1686; was appointed by Andros in that year Justice of the Peace and "Sergeant-major and chief Commander of his Majesty's militia both of horse and foot within the Narragansett Country, or Province, and all the Islands"; died before 1692, when his will was proved, mentioning no wife nor children. Church calls him "Major" now, although he does not appear to have been so until some years after this date. [*R.-I. Hist. Coll.* iii: 32, 166, 271; *R.-I. Col. Rec.* iii: 198; Arnold's *Hist. R.-I.* i: 283, 305, 307, 484.]

<sup>126</sup> Assuming that by "Rehoboth" here is meant Myles's Garrison (see note 44, *ante*), the "nearest way over the Ferries" thence to Smith's block-

house, would seem to have been through Mount-hope neck to Bristol ferry, thence down Rhode-Island to Newport, thence over by ferry to Conanicut, and thence by still another ferry to Wickford;—a distance which I estimate as a little over 30 miles. The ferries from Newport to Jamestown and from Jamestown to Narragansett were not indeed formally established by the Assembly until 1700, but they had doubtless been running for many years as an irresponsible individual enterprise. It is possible that this distance might, at the date to which the text refers, have been materially shortened by a route from Bristol Ferry to Prudence, and from thence to Wickford; the latter a distance of 5 or 6 miles by water. The remark about "fair winds" which follows, perhaps favors this latter supposition; and, at any rate, seems to settle it that Church did not go round by Seekonk, Providence, Pawtuxet and Apponaug Ferries, — neither of which was wide enough to make a fair wind of much consequence in crossing. This latter was clearly however the route of the army, who made a detour from it in the vain hope of catching *Pumham* at his village in Warwick. [*R.-I. Col. Rec.* iii: 406, 415.]

<sup>127</sup> *Pumham* (*Pomham*) was Sachem of *Shawomet* (*Shaomet*), the neck that

Army made their escape into the deserts. But Mr. Church meeting with fair Winds arriv'd safe at the Major's Garrison in the evening.<sup>128</sup> And soon began to inquire after the Enemies Reforts, Wigwams or Sleeping Places; and having gain'd some intelligence, he propos'd to the *Eldridges*,<sup>129</sup> and some other brisk hands, that he met with, to attempt the Surprizing of some of the Enemy to make a Present of to the General, when he should arrive: which might advantage his design; being brisk blades, they readily comply'd with the motion, and were soon upon their March. The Night was very cold, but bless'd with the *Moon*; before the day broke they effected their exploit, and by the rising of the Sun arrived at the Major's Garrison, where they met the General and presented him with Eighteen of the Enemy, they had Captiv'd. The General

projects into Narragansett Bay, having Providence River on the east, and Coweset Bay on the south and west, it being the eastern portion of the town of Warwick, R.-I. The name is perhaps from *pumwaen*, "he shoots"; *pumwaen*, *pumwaen*, "one who shoots." With reduplicative — *pa-pumwaen*, "an archer" (Elliot). Or perhaps, from *pumwahaen*, "he goes by water" (goes in boats). Elliot uses the derivative, *pumwahaenuog* (pl.) for "mariners" (Jonah, i: 5). The position of the Shomet or Warwick Indians favors this etymology.

<sup>128</sup> The evening of Saturday, 11 Dec., 1675. [*R.-I. Hist. Coll.* iii: 83.]

<sup>129</sup> There were three *Eldridges* (or *Eldreds*), Samuel, James, and Thomas,

in Wickford, R.-I., in 1670; as is proven by their names attached to a coroner's jury verdict, dated July 14, of that year. In 1679, the names of John and Samuel are attached to a petition to the king. In 1692, Thomas was *Lieut.*, and John, *Ensign*; and in 1702, Daniel was *Captain*. Samuel was Constable under appointment of Conn. in the boundary troubles of 1670, and thereabouts, and was committed to jail by the R.-I. authorities for attempting to act for Conn. in an arrest for murder. Savage suggests that Samuel (of Cambridge in 1646) was the father of at least some of them, adding that Samuel (the son) was at Rochester in 1688. [*R.-I. Col. Rec.* ii: 344; iii: 60, 287, 461; *R.-I. Hist. Coll.* iii: 72; *Gen. Dict.* ii: 107.]

pleas'd with the exploit, gave them thanks, particularly to Mr. Church, the mover and chief actor of the business; and sending two of them (likely Boys) a present to Boston; smiling on Mr. Church, told him, *That he made no doubt but his Faculty would supply them with Indian Boys enough before the War was ended.*

Their next move<sup>120</sup> was to a Swamp which the Indians had Fortified with a Fort.<sup>121</sup> Mr. Church rid in the Gen-

<sup>120</sup> Other authorities show that a week elapsed between the evening of the exploit above related and the swamp fight to which Church now refers. The Mass. and Plym. troops arrived on the evening of the 12th. On the 14th, two forays were made upon the enemy, and nine Indians were killed, twelve captured, and 150 wigwams burned. On the 15th, several stragglers from the main body of the English were cut off. On the 16th, Capt. Prentice with his troop of horse went to Bull's Garrison at *Pettaquamscut* (on Tower Hill, in So. Kingstown, R.-I.), and returned with the news that the Indians had burned it, and killed 10 men and 5 women and children. On the 17th, the Connecticut troops arrived at Bull's. On the 18th, the Mass. and Plym. forces joined them at *Pettaquamscut* at 5 P.M. They all then marched forward in the snow, and camped out that night; starting again at break of day on Sunday the 19th, and about 1 P.M. reached the edge of the swamp in which was the Indian fort. [Hubbard's *Narrative*, 50; *R.-I. Hist. Coll.* iii: 83.]

<sup>121</sup> This swamp is situated in the north-west portion of the town of South Kingf-

town, R.-I., very near the line of Richmond,—less than a mile north-west from the track of the Providence and Stonington R.R.,—on the farm of J. G. Clarke, Esq., and not far from the house of Judge W. Marchant. Dr. Stiles states that it "is about seven miles nearly due west from Narraganset South Ferry." On this, Judge Davis comments: "It is apprehended there is an error in the statement of the distance of the fort from the South Ferry. *Seventeen* miles, instead of *seven*, would be more consistent with the accounts given of the marches of the army, by cotemporary historians." But the identification of the locality is complete, and by the road it is nearly *ten* miles from the Ferry. The explanation of the distance named by cotemporaries is partly that the return route lay not to the Ferry, but to Smith's garrison in Wickford, the site of which is distant (by way of Bull's on Tower Hill,) scarcely less than seventeen miles, by the present roads, from the swamp; and more, that the journey followed the winding Indian paths, and was accomplished through deep snow and in a night of intense cold. The fort was a stockade enclosing

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erals guard when the bloody engagement began; but being impatient of being out of the heat of the action, importunately beg'd leave of the General that he might run down to the assistance of his friends, the General yielded to his request, provided he could rally some hands to go with him. Thirty Men immediately drew out and followed him: They entered the Swamp and passed over the Log, that was the passage into the Fort, where they saw many Men and several Valiant Captains lye slain:<sup>128</sup> Mr. Church spying Capt. Gardner<sup>129</sup> of Salem amidst the Wigwams in

five or six acres of upland in the middle of the swamp by a pallade, which was defended by a hedge "of almost a rod thickness through which there was no passing, unless they could have fired a way through, which then they had no time to doe." The only regular entrances were along a log which bridged a space of water, and over another log which was defended by a block-house. [Hubbard's *Narrative*, 52; *R.-I. Hist. Coll.* iii: 85; Stiles's ed. *Church*, 29; Davis's *Morton's Memorial*, 433.]

<sup>128</sup> The accounts vary very much as to the number of killed and wounded. A letter—supposed by Hutchinson to be by Maj. Bradford, but shown by Mr. Drake [*Book of the Indians*, 219] to be by Capt. James Oliver—written a short time after, from the field, and which the writer says he has verified by reading to the officers in his tent, would seem to have the best elements of reliability. It says 8 were left dead in the fort, 12 were carried away dead, and many died by the way, or as soon as brought in; so that they buried the next

day (20 Dec.) 34, the next day 4, and the next day 2. Eight died on Rhode-Island (whither most of the wounded were carried, for care), 1 at *Pettaquamscutt*, and 2 were lost in the woods. He makes the total "about 68" who died, and 150 wounded who recovered. Capts. Johnson, Davenport, Gardner, Seely, Gallup, Marshall, and Mason were killed, or died of their wounds. [Hutchinson's *Hist. Mass.*, (ed. 1795), i: 272.] See Drake's *Hist. Boston* [i: 414] for a list of the killed and wounded of the Mass. quota.

<sup>129</sup> Capt. Joseph Gardner was son of the first Thomas, of Salem; married Ann, dau. of Emanuel Downing, in 1656; was freeman in 1672; captain of one Salem company in 1674. He owned the fine old house in Salem—standing until 1750 (of which Felt gives an engraving)—known afterward as the "Bradstreet Mansion"; his widow marrying Simon (afterwards Gov.) Bradstreet. [Savage's *Gen. Dict.* ii: 228; Felt's *Annals of Salem*, i: 412; ii: 497.]

the East end of the Fort, made towards him, but on a sudden, while they were looking each other in the Face, Capt. *Gardner* settled down, Mr. *Church* step'd to him and seeing the blood run down his cheek, lifted up his Cap, and calling him by his Name; he look'd up in his Face, but spoke not a Word, being Mortally Shot thro' the head; and observing his Wound, Mr. *Church* found the ball entred his head on the side that was next the Upland, where the *English* entred the Swamp. Upon which, having ordered some care to be taken of the Captain, he dispatch'd information to the General that the best and forwardest of his Army that hazarded their lives to enter the Fort, upon the muzzle of the Enemies Guns, were Shot in their backs, and kill'd by them that lay behind. Mr. *Church* with his small Company hasten'd out of the Fort (that the *English* were now possessed of) to get a Shot at the *Indians* that were in the Swamp, & kept firing upon them. He soon met with a broad bloody track, where the Enemy had fled with their Wounded men; following hard in the tract, he soon spy'd one of the Enemy, who clap'd his Gun a-crofs his breast, made towards Mr. *Church*, and beckned to him with his hand; Mr. *Church* immediately commanded [15] no Man to hurt him, hoping by him to have gain'd some intelligence of the Enemy, that might be of advantage; but it unhappily fell out that a Fellow that had lag'd behind coming up, shot down the *Indian* to Mr. *Church's* great grief and disappointment. But immediately they heard a great shout of the Enemy, which seem'd

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to be behind them, or between them and the Fort; and discover'd them running from tree to tree to gain advantages of firing upon the *English* that were in the Fort. Mr. *Churches* great difficulty now was how to discover himself to his Friends in the Fort, using several inventions, till at length gain'd an opportunity to call to, and inform a Serjeant in the Fort, that he was there, and might be expos'd to their Shots, unless they observ'd it. By this time he discovered a number of the Enemy almost within Shot of him, making towards the Fort; Mr. *Church* and his Company were favoured by a heap of brush that was between them and the Enemy, and prevented their being discover'd to them. Mr. *Church* had given his Men their particular orders for firing upon the Enemy; and as they were rising up to make their Shot, the afore-mentioned Serjeant in the Fort call'd out to them, *for God's sake not to fire, for he believed they were some of their Friend Indians;*<sup>124</sup> They clap'd-down again, but were soon sensible of the Serjeants mistake. The Enemy got to the top of the Tree, the body

<sup>124</sup> One hundred and fifty Mohegans and Pequots formed a part of the Conn. forces. Capt. Oliver (note 132, *ante*) does not speak well of them. He says: "Monhegins and Pequods proved very false, fired into the air, and sent word before they came they would do so, but got much plunder, guns and kettles." So Joshua Tift, a renegade Englishman, who had married an Indian wife, and was active in this fight, but was afterwards taken, examined, condemned, and

executed; testified, according to Roger Williams's record, "if the Monhiggins & Pequots had bene true, they might have destroyed most of the Nahiggonfiks; but the Nahiggonfiks parlied with them in the beginning of the fight, so that they promised to shoote high, which they did, & kild not one Nahiggonfik man, except against thejr willie." [Trumbull's *Hist. Conn.* i: 337; Hutchinson's *Hist. Mass.* (ed. 1795.) i: 273; 4 *Mass. Hist. Coll.* vi: 308.]

whereof the Serjeant stood upon, and there clap'd down out of sight of the Fort, but all this while never discovered Mr. *Church*, who observed them to keep gathering unto that Place, until there seem'd to be a formidable black heap of them. *Now brave boys* (said Mr. *Church* to his Men) *if we mind our hits, we may have a brave Shot, and let our sign for firing on them, be their rising up to fire into the Fort.* It was not long before the *Indians* rising up as one body, designing to pour a Volley into the Fort. When our *Church* nimbly started up and gave them such a round Volley, and unexpected clap on their backs, that they who escaped with their Lives, were so surprized, that they scampered, they knew not whether themselves; about a dozen of them ran right over the Log into the Fort, and took into a sort of a Hovel that was build with Poles, after the manner of a corn crib. Mr. *Church's* Men having their Catteridges fix'd, were soon ready to obey his order, which was immediately to charge and run on upon the Hovel, and over-set it, calling as he run on to some that were in the Fort to assist him in over-setting of it; they no sooner came to Face the Enemies shelter, but Mr. *Church* discover'd that one of them had found a hole to point his Gun through, right at him; but however encouraged his Company, and ran right on, till he was struck with Three Bullets, one in his Thigh, which was near half of it cut off as it glanced on the joynt of the Hip-bone; another thro' the gatherings of his Breeches and Draws, with a small flesh Wound; a third peirced his Pocket, and

wounded a pair of Mittins, that he had borrowed of Capt. *Prentice*; being wrap'd up together had the mis- [16] fortune of having many holes cut thro' them with one Bullet: But however he made shift to keep on his Legs, and nimbly discharged his Gun at them that wounded him: being disinabled now to go a step, his Men would have carried him off, but he forbid their touching of him, until they had perfected their project of over-setting the Enemies shelter; bid them run, *for now the Indians had no Guns charged*. While he was urging them to run on, the *Indians* began to shoot Arrows, and with one peirc'd thro' the Arm of an *English* Man that had hold of Mr. *Churches* Arm to support him. The *English*, in short, were discourag'd, and drew back. And by this time the *English People* in the Fort had began to set fire to the *Wigwams & Houses* in the Fort, which Mr. *Church* laboured hard to prevent; they told him, *They had orders from the General to burn them*; he beg'd them to forbear until he had discours'd the General; and hastning to him, *he beg'd to spare the Wigwams, &c. in the Fort from fire*, told him, *The Wigwams were Musket-proof, being all lin'd with Baskets and Tubbs of Grain, and other Provisions, sufficient to supply the whole Army, until the Spring of the Year;*<sup>126</sup> *and every wounded Man might have a good warm House to lodge in, which other-ways would necessarily perish with the Storms and Cold. And more-over, that the Army*

<sup>126</sup> Church's past experience in the nature to urge this consideration upon  
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had no other Provision to trust unto or depend upon; that he knew that Plymouth Forces had not so much as one Biscake left, for he had seen their last dealt out, &c. The General advising a few Words with the Gentlemen that were about him, Mov'd towards the Fort, designing to ride in himself, and bring in the whole Army. But just as he was entring the Swamp, one of his Captains<sup>126</sup> meet him, and asked him, *Whither he was going?* He told him into the Fort; the Captain laid hold of his Horse, and told him, *His Life was worth an hundred of theirs, and he should not expose himself.* The General told him, *That he supposed the brunt was over, and that Mr. Church had inform'd him that the Fort was taken, &c. And as the case was circumstanced he was of the Mind, that it was most practicable for him, and his Army to shelter themselves in the Fort.* The Captain in a great heat, reply'd, *That Church ly'd;* and told the General, *That if he mov'd another step towards the Fort he would shoot his Horse under him.* Then brusled up another Gentleman, a certain Doctor,<sup>127</sup> and oppos'd Mr. Church's advice, and said, *If it were comply'd with, it*

<sup>126</sup> Likely to be Captain Mosely, who was a "rough and sanguinary soldier," and whom Hubbard names as very active and serviceable in the fight. [Narrative, 54.]

<sup>127</sup> Church's reticence in regard to names, where censure is implied, is noticeable. No record of the surgeons accompanying this expedition has met my eye. Trumbull says, "the best surgeons which the country could furnish,

were provided." Dr. John Clark, apparently son of Dr. John, who came to Boston from Newbury, and whose picture hangs in the rooms of the Mass. Hist. Soc., was appointed by the Mass. Court, on the 25th Feb. following, "chirurgion for y<sup>e</sup> service." Dr. Matthew Fuller (see note 69, ante) was, no doubt, still surgeon-general of the Plymouth troops. [Hist. Cons. 1: 340, note; Mass. Col. Rec. v: 75.]

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[Hist. Conn. i: 340,  
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would kill more Men than the Enemy had killed; for (said he) by to Morrow the wounded Men will be so stiff that there will be no moving of them: And looking upon Mr. Church, and seeing the blood flowing a pace from his Wounds, told him, *That if he gave such advice as that was, he should bleed to Death like a Dog, before they would endeavour to stench his blood.* Though after they had prevailed against his advice, they were sufficiently kind to him. And burning up all the Houses and Provisions in the Fort; the Army return'd the same Night in the Storm and Cold: And I Suppose every one that is acquainted with the circumstances of that Nights March, deeply laments the miseries that attended them, especially the [17] wounded & dying Men. But it mercifully came to pass that Capt. *Andrew Belcher*<sup>120</sup> arrived at Mr. *Smiths* that very Night from *Boston*, with a Vessel loaden with Provisions for the Army, who must otherwise have perish'd for want. Some of the Enemy that were then in the Fort have since inform'd us, that near a third of the *Indians* belonging to all that *Narraganset Country* were killed by the *English*, and by the Cold that Night,<sup>120</sup> that they fled

<sup>120</sup> See note 52, ante. Smith's block-house stood on the cove making up north-westerly from the entrance of what is now called Wickford harbor.

<sup>120</sup> Hubbard says, on the story of one *Potock*, afterwards taken, that the Indians lost 700 warriors killed, besides 300, most of whom died of their wounds and of exposure, with a number of old men, women, and children, which they

could not estimate. Capt. Oliver says, 300 warriors were slain, and about 350 were taken, with above 300 women and children. The *Conn.* Council wrote to *Andros* (13 Jan., 1675-6), "about 600 of the Indians, men, women, & children, as is said, are slain." Roger Williams, in his account of the examination of *Joshua Tist*, says, he said that the Indians "found 97 slain & 48 wounded, beside

out of their Fort so hastily that they carried nothing with them: that if the *English* had kept in the Fort, the *Indians* had certainly been necessitated, either to surrender themselves to them, or to have perished by Hunger, and the severity of the Season. Some time after this Fort-fight a certain *Sogkonate Indian* hearing Mr. Church relate the manner of his being wounded, told him, *That he did not know but he himself was the Indian that wounded him, for that he was one of that company of Indians that Mr. Church made a Shot upon when they were rising up to make a Shot into the Fort; they were in number about 60 or 70, that just then came down from Pumphams Town, and never before then fired a Gun against the English; that when Mr. Church fired upon them he killed 14 dead in the Spot, and wounded a greater number than he killed, many of which dyed afterwards with their wounds, in the Cold and Storm the following Night.*

Mr. Church was mov'd with other wounded men over to *Rhode-Island*, where in about a Months time<sup>100</sup> he was in some good measure recovered of his Wounds, and the Fever that attended them. And then went over to the General to take his leave of him, with a design to return home.

what slaughter was made in the howses & by the burning of the howses, all of which he saith were burnt except 5 or 6 thereabouts." [Narrative, 54; Hutchinson's *Hist. Mass.* (ed. 1795), 1: 273, note; *Col. Rec. of Conn.* 11: 398; *4 Mass. Hist. Coll.* vi: 309.]

<sup>100</sup> Southwick's compositors, in copy-

ing the first edition, made here the curious blunder of substituting "three months time" for "a months time," as originally set down; and Dr. Stiles did not correct their error, which has been perpetuated in all the editions since, and which led Mr. Drake, in his second edition, quite naturally to sup-

But the Generals great importunity again perfwaded him, to accompany him in a long March, into the *Nipmuck* Country,<sup>141</sup> tho' he had then Tents in his Wounds, and so Lane was not able to Mount his Horfe without two Mens assistance.

In this March the first thing remarkable was, they came to an *Indian Town*,<sup>142</sup> where there were many *Wigwams*

pose that Church here refers to an expedition into the Nipmuck country in March, 1676, which no other chronicler had noticed. As Church dictated his narrative, the chronology was correct. The fight was on the 19th of December. It was probably several days after that date before Church, with the wounded, was got over to Rhode-Island. The Conn. forces soon went home to recruit, but the Mafe. and Plym. troops remained in garrison at Wickford, and were re-enforced from Boston, Jan. 10. The Conn. forces (see Maj. Palmes's letter, *Conn. Col. Rec.* II: 402) appear to have reached Wickford again, 27 Jan., when the whole army seems to have started for the Nipmuck country (whither the enemy were understood to have fled), 1600 strong. This corresponds, very accurately, with the month's interval of which Church speaks, if he accompanied Gov. Winslow on this first march, in force, from Wickford. Hubbard's account implies that our men started from Wickford, 27 Jan. [Hubbard's *Narrative*, 58, 60; Arnold's *Hist. R.-I.* I: 406; Drake's *Church*, 65.]

<sup>141</sup> *Nipmuck* [*Nipnet*] was a name given to the petty tribes, or clans, of inland Indians scattered over a large

extent of country, in Windham and Tolland Counties in Connecticut, Worcester and Hampden Counties in Massachusetts, and the northern part of Rhode-Island; but their principal seat was at, or near, the great ponds in Oxford (Webster), Mafs. From these ponds they probably derived their name of "Pond" or "Fresh-water" (*nippe, nip*) Indians. If the two names, or forms of the name, are not identical in origin, *Nipnet* belongs to the territory, i.e. "at the fresh-water pond"; *Nipmuck*, to the tribe, (*nip-amang*) "they fish in fresh water"; but possibly "a fresh water fishing-place." This distinguished them from the *Shore* Indians, and the *River* Indians of the Connecticut Valley; their neighbors on the west. *Sniffic* (corrupted from *Misheniff-el*) Pond, in Ellington, Conn., was the bound where the country of the Nipmucks joined that of the *River Indians* on the west, and the *Mohagan* north-west angle.

<sup>142</sup> Supposed to be Punham's town (see note 127, *ante*) in a rocky swamp in Warwick, R.-I., — Warwick then embracing most of what is now Warwick and Coventry. The distance is stated as 20 miles from Smith's. [Baylies' *Mem. Plym. Col.* III: 104.]

in fight, but an Icy Swamp lying between them and the *Wigwams*, prevented their running at once upon it as they intended: there was much firing upon each side before they pass'd the Swamp. But at length the Enemy all fled, and a certain *Moohegan* that was a friend *Indian*, pursued and seiz'd one of the Enemy that had a small wound in his Leg, and brought him before the General, where he was examined. Some were for torturing of him to bring him to a more ample confession, of what he knew concerning his Country-men. Mr. *Church* verily believing he had been ingenious in his confession, interceded and prevailed for his escaping torture. But the Army being bound forward in their March, and the *Indians* wound somewhat disfinabling him for Travelling, 'twas concluded he should be knock'd on the Head: Accordingly he was brought before a great fire, and the *Moohegan* that took him was allowed, as he desired, to be the Executioner. Mr. *Church* taking no delight [18] in the Sport, fram'd an arrant at some distance among the baggage Horses, and when he had got some Ten Rods, or thereabouts from the fire, the Executioner fetching a blow with his Hatchet at the head of the Prisoner, he being aware of the blow, dodged his aside, and the Executioner missing his stroke the Hatchet flew out of his hand, and had like to have done execution where 'twas not design'd. The Prisoner upon his narrow escape broke from them that held him, and notwithstanding his Wound made use of his Legs, and hap'd to run right upon Mr. *Church*, who laid hold on him, and a close

skuffle they had, but the *Indian* having no Clothes on slip'd from him, and ran again, and Mr. *Church* pursued the *Indian*, altho' being *Lame*, there was no great odds in the Race, until the *Indian* stumbled and fell, and they closed again, skuffled and fought pretty smartly, until the *Indian* by the advantage of his nakedness slip'd from his hold again, and fet out on his third Race, with Mr. *Church* close at his heels, endeavouring to lay hold on the hair of his Head, which was all the hold could be taken of him; and running thro' a Swamp that was covered with hollow Ice, it made so loud a noise that Mr. *Church* expected (but in vain) that some of his *English* friends would follow the noise, and come to his assistance. But the *Indian* hap'd to run a-thwart a mighty Tree that lay fallen near breast-high, where he stop'd and cry'd out a loud for help; but Mr. *Church* being soon upon him again, the *Indian* seized him fast by the hair of his Head, and endeavouring by twisting to break his Neck; but tho' Mr. *Churches* wounds had some-what weakned him, and the *Indian* a stout fellow, yet he held him well in play, and twisted the *Indians* Neck as well, and took the advantage of many opportunities, while they hung by each others hair gave him notorious bunts in the face with his head. But in the heat of this skuffle they heard the Ice break with some bodies coming a-pace to them, which when they heard, *Church* concluded there was help for one or other of them, but was doubtful which of them must now receive the fatal stroke; anon some body comes up to them, who prov'd to

be the Indian that had first taken the Prisoner. Without speaking a word, he felt them out (for 'twas so dark he could not distinguish them by sight) the one being clothed, and the other naked, he felt where Mr. *Churches* hands were fastned in the *Netops*<sup>143</sup> hair, and with one blow settled his Hatchet in between them, and ended the strife. He then spoke to Mr. *Church* and hugg'd him in his Arms, and thank'd him abundantly for catching his Prisoner; and cut off the head of his Victim, and carried it to the Camp, and giving an account to the rest of the friend Indians in the Camp, how Mr. *Church* had seized his Prisoner, &c. they all joyn'd a mighty shout.

Proceeding in this March, they had the success of killing many of the Enemy: until at length their Provision failing, they return'd home.<sup>144</sup>

King *Philip* (as was before hinted) was fled to a Place called *Scattacook*, [19] between *York* and *Albany*,<sup>145</sup> where

<sup>143</sup> *Netop* means "friend"; (plu.) *Netompahog*, "friends." The *n'* is the pronoun of the first person; the *o* is nasal. Elliot writes *netomp*, as (Matt. xxvi: 50) *netomp, tokwuchpeyauan?* "Friend, why art thou come hither?" The general use of the word by the English was to designate a friendly Indian, an ally. From its constant employment (Roger Williams, [*Key, chap. 1, R.-I. Hist. Coll. 1: 27*] says "What cheere, *Netop?*" is the general salutation of all English to the Indians) in address, *Netop* came to be used as an appellative for any Indian man, just as *Monsieur* for a Frenchman, or *Hans* or *Mynheer*

for a Dutchman. In this looser sense it is used here.

<sup>144</sup> Hubbard says, "our Forces, having pursued them into the woods between *Marlborough* and *Brookfield* in the Road toward *Connecticut*, were constrained to turn down to *Boston*, in the beginning of *February*, for want of provision, both for themselves and their horses." Mather says, "So then, *February 5*, the Army returned to *Boston*, not having obtained the end of their going forth." [*Narrative, 60; Brief Hist. 22.*]

<sup>145</sup> *Schaghticoke* is on the Hoosic and Hudson Rivers, 12 miles from *Troy*.

the *Mohags*<sup>146</sup> made a descent upon him and killed many of his Men, which moved him from thence.

His next kennelling Place was at the falls of Connecticut River,<sup>147</sup> where sometime after Capt. *Turner*<sup>148</sup> found him, came upon him by Night, kill'd him a great many

The Pincheon papers say "the Scata-kook or River Indians, most of them, were fugitives from New England in the time of Philip's war." [*2 Mass. Hist. Coll.* viii: 244.]

<sup>146</sup> Increase Mather says, "We hear that *Philip* being this winter entertained in the *Mohawks* Country, Made it his design to breed a quarrel between the *English* and them; to effect which, divers of our returned Captives do report that he resolved to kill some scattering *Mohawks*, & then to say that the *English* had done it; but one of those whom he thought to have killed was only wounded, and got away to his Country men, giving them to understand that not the *English* but *Philip* had killed the Men that were Murdered, so that instead of bringing the *Mohawks* upon the *English*, he brought them upon himself." Judd says this "does not deserve the least credit." [*Brief History*, 38; *Hist. Hadley*, 182.]

<sup>147</sup> The great falls in the Connecticut River, near where the towns of Montague, Gill, and Greenfield meet, which Dr. Hitchcock thought the finest in New England. Unable to plant as usual, the Indians were driven to avail themselves more of fish; and no spot in the country offered such shad-fishing as this. [*Geology of Mass.* 275; Hoyt's *Antiq. Researches*, 127.]

<sup>148</sup> *William Turner*, of Dartmouth, Eng., then of Dorchester, 1642, freeman, 20 May, 1643, removed to Boston, was "by trade a tailor," and was one of the founders of the first Baptist Church in 1665. Early in Philip's war, "he gathered a company of volunteers, but was denied a commission, and discouraged because the chief of the company were Anabaptists. Afterwards, when the war grew more general and destructive, and the country in very great distress, having divers towns burnt, and many men slain, then he was desired to accept a commission. He complained it was too late, his men on whom he could confide being scattered; however was moved to accept." He marched "as Captain, under Maj. Savage as chief commander," to relieve the western towns. 19 May, 1676, with 180 men, he surprized the Indians at these falls and killed from 130 to 180, but on his return was killed, with 38 of his men. He married Mary, widow of Key Alsop; though he seems to have had another wife—perhaps named Francis. His will, dated 20 Feb., 1676, mentions children. [*Savage's Gen. Dis.* iv: 348; *Backus's Hist. New Eng.* i: 423; Hoyt's *Antiq. Researches*, 128. *Holland's Hist. Western Mass.* i: 121; *Judd's Hist. Hadley*, 163, 171; *Benedict's Hist. Bapt.* i: 384.]



Men, and frighted many more into the River, that were hurl'd down the falls and drowned.

*Philip* got over the River, and on the back side of the *Wetuset-hills*<sup>140</sup> meets with all the Remnants of the *Nar-raganset* and *Nipmuck Indians*, that were there gathered together, and became very numerous; and made their descent on *Sudbury*, and the Adjacent Parts of the Country, where they met with and swallowed up Valiant Capt. *Wadsworth*<sup>141</sup> and his Company, and many other doleful desolations, in those Parts.<sup>141</sup> The News whereof coming to *Plymouth*, and they expecting probably the Enemy would soon return again into their Colony: The Council of War were called together;<sup>142</sup> and Mr. *Church* was sent

<sup>140</sup> Wachusett (*Watchosuck*) Mountain in Princeton, Mass. The word means "[the country] about the mountain."

<sup>141</sup> *Samuel Wadsworth*, youngest son of Christopher, of Duxbury, was born about 1630; was freeman 1668; married Abigail, dau. of James Lindall of Marshfield, and was father of Benjamin, Minister of the First Church, Boston, and ninth President of Harvard College; he was the first Captain of militia in Milton, was distinguished in Philip's war, and was cut off, with his Lieut. and "about thirty" of his men, in this Sudbury fight. The portion of Sudbury which was attacked is now Wayland. See the *New-England Hist. and Gen. Register*, vii: 221, and Hudson's *Hist. Marlborough*, 75, for a discussion of the true date of this struggle. [*Savage's Gen. Dict.* iv: 380.]

<sup>142</sup> Col. Church was here obviously confused in his order of remembrance of events which had become distant when he dictated this narrative. The attack on Sudbury took place, and Capt. Wadsworth and his company were "swallowed up" on the 21st of April, 1676, nearly a month before the Falls fight, while the Plymouth Council of War—which, by what follows, assembled before Rehoboth fell, on the 26th and 28th March, of the same year—must have been called together more than a month before the Sudbury massacre. The tidings which alarmed the Colonists and convoked the Council, must evidently have been those of the surprise of Lancaster on the 10th, and of the burning of Medfield on the 21st of February.

<sup>143</sup> By the records, it appears that the Plymouth Council of War met on the 29th Feb. and the 7th and 10th March.

for to them, being observed by the whole Colony to be a Person extraordinarily qualify'd for and adapted to the Affairs of War. Twas propos'd in Council that leaft the Enemy in their return should fall on *Rehoboth*, or some other of their Out-Towns, a Company confifting of 60 or 70 Men should be fent in to thofe Parts; and Mr. *Church* invited to take the Command of them. He told them, *That if the Enemy returned into that Colony again, they might reasonably expect that they would come very numerous; and that if he should take the Command of Men, he should not lye in any Town or Garrison with them, but would lye in the Woods as the Enemy did: And that to fend out fuch small Companies againft fuch Multitudes of the Enemy that were now Muftered together, would be but to deliver fo many Men into their hands, to be deftroyed, as the Worthy Capt. Wadsworth and his Company were.* His advice upon the whole was, That if they fent out any Forces, to fend not lefs than 300 Souldiers; and that the other Colonies should be ask'd to fend out their *Quota's* alfo; adding, *That if they intended to make an end of the War, by fubduing the En-*

The meeting of the 29th Feb. was at Marshfield, and would appear to be that of which Church here fpeaks. My reason for fixing upon that of this date is, that this is the neareft date to the Medfield alarm, and that one conclusion at which this fefion arrived was to order "20 or 30 of the Southern Indians" to go forth "with the other (i.e. white Colonifts) whoe are under preffe" under the command of Capt.

Michael Pierce and Lieut. Samuell Fuller. Had it been *already* determined by the Council to fend out friend Indians, they would hardly have "thought it no wayes advifable," as Church fays they did when he talked with them. It is more likely that his arguments on this occafion led them to change their former policy in that refpect, and pafs this vote before they feparated. [*Plym. Col. Rec. v: 187.*]

emy, they must make a business of the War, as the Enemy did; and that for his own part, he had wholly laid aside all his own private business and concerns, ever since the War broke out. He told them, That if they would send forth such Forces as he should direct to, he would go with them for Six weeks March, which was long enough for Men to be kept in the Woods at once; and if they might be sure of Liberty to return in such a space, Men would go out chearfully. And he would engage 150 of the best Souldiers should immediately Lift Voluntarily to go with him, if they would please to add 50 more; and 100 of the Friend Indians; and with such an Army he made no doubt but he might do good Service; but on other terms he did not incline to be concern'd.

Their reply was, That they were already in debt, and fo big an Army would bring such charge upon them, that they should never be able to pay.<sup>128</sup> And as for sending

<sup>128</sup> The Council, at its 10th March session, assigned lands at *Showamett* (Warwick, R.-I.) to the supposed value of £500, at *Affonett* neck (Freetown) to the value of £200, at *Afwampsett* (around the pond in Middleborough) to the value of £200, and about *Agawam* and *Sepocas* (in Wareham, and what is now Marion) to the value of £100, to be divided to the foldiers; "now way att p'sent appearing to raise mon-cys." They, at the same time, further laid a rate of £1000. upon the eleven towns of the Colony, "to be payed in clothing, provisions, or cattle, att mony prife; an Indifferent good, ordinary cow being to be valued at 45s. and

other cattle according to that proportion, for the payment of such of the fouldiers whose needy condition may call for other supplies more suitable for their families then lands," &c. The following list of the proportions of the several towns in this rate has interest as indicating their then relative size. I add their several proportions of a "presse" of 300 men, on the 29th March following.

	£	s.	d.	Men.
Plymouth . . .	99	03	06	30
Duxbury . . .	46	11	10	16
Bridgewater . . .	46	11	10	16
Scituate . . .	165	09	00	50
Taunton . . .	92	13	06	30

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fhort, none of his advice practicable. [20]

Now Mr. Churches Confort, and his then only Son were  
till this time remaining at *Duxborough*, and his fearing  
their fafety there (unless the War were more vigorously  
ingaged in) refolved to move to *Rhode-Ifland*; <sup>164</sup> tho' it  
was much oppofed both by the Government, and by Rela-  
tions. But at length, the Governour considering that he  
might be no lefs Serviceable by being on that fide of the  
Colony, gave his permit, <sup>165</sup> and wifh'd he had Twenty  
more as good Men to fend with him.

Then preparing for his Removal, he went with his fmall  
Family to *Plymouth* to take leave of their Friends; where

£	s.	d.	Mon.
Sandwich	92	13	06 . . . 28
Yarmouth	74	15	06 . . . 26
Barnftable	99	03	06 . . . 30
Marthfield	75	08	00 . . . 26
Rehoboth	136	19	00 . . . 30
Eastham	66	16	06 . . . 18

Rehoboth was probably lightly rated  
in foldiers on account of the losses  
which it had met with, after this affeff-  
ment of money and before the "preffe"  
for men. [*Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 191-3.]

<sup>164</sup> At firft glance it feems ftrange to  
think of removing from the very heart  
of the old fettlements to a port then fur-  
rounded by hostile Indians, for greater  
fafety. But it must be remembered that  
the infular poffion of Rhode-Ifland  
rendered it comparatively feure; in  
addition to which that Colony employed  
four row-boats (Arnold fays *sloops*), to  
be constantly on the lookout, on every

fide, to prevent any invafion from the  
main. [*R.-I. Hift. Coll.* v: 165; *R.-I.*  
*Col. Rec.* ii: 535; *Arnold's Hift. R.-I.*  
i: 409.]

<sup>165</sup> The Plymouth Council of War, at  
the feffion of 29 Feb., 1675-6, paffed  
an order that "whereas great damage  
and prejudice may acrew, &c. all the  
inhabitants feated in this gou'ment fhall  
and doe abide in each towne of this col-  
lonie to which hee belongs, and not de-  
part the fame on p'ill of forfeiting the  
whole p'fonall eftate of each one that  
fhall foe doe to the collonies vfe, except  
it be by the fpeciall order or allowance  
of the Gou', or any two of the other maj-  
eftrates, &c." This was to prevent the  
inhabitants of the Colony from remov-  
ing for prefent fafety to places from  
which they might not afterward return;  
to the Colony's detriment. [*Plym. Col.*  
*Rec.* v: 185.]

they met with his Wives Parents, who much persuaded that She might be left at Mr. *Clarks* Garrison,<sup>106</sup> (which they supposed to be a mighty safe Place) or at least that She might be there until her soon expected lying-inn was over (being near her time.) Mr. *Church* no ways inclining to venture her any longer in those Parts, and no arguments prevailing with him, he resolutely set out for *Taunton*, and many of their Friends accompanied them. There they found Capt. *Peirce*,<sup>107</sup> with a commanded Party, who offered Mr. *Church* to send a Relation of his with some others to guard him to *Rhode-Island*. But Mr. *Church* thank'd him for his Respectful offer, but for some good reasons refus'd to accept it. In short, they got safe

<sup>106</sup> *Clark's Garrison* was situated about three miles south-east from the village of Plymouth, on the west bank of the Eel River, almost against the point of junction of Plymouth Beach with the main land, and, perhaps three-quarters of a mile inland from that junction; very near to the site of the house for many years occupied by the late Rev. B. Whitmore. It was destroyed on Sunday, 12 March, 1676; "Mistress Sarah Clarke" and ten other persons being killed. The outrage was committed by Tatofon and ten other Indians, of whom five were brought in and executed at Plymouth. [*Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 204-6.] This was the only serious attack made on Plymouth by the natives.

<sup>107</sup> Capt. *Michael Pierce* was at Hingham in 1646; in 1647 purchased lands

in the Conihasset grant (Scituate); was in the Narragansett fight, previous to which, he made his will, beginning thus: "Being, by the appointment of God, going out to war against the Indians, I do ordain this my last will, &c.;" was put in command, early in 1676, of 63 Englishmen and 20 friendly Indians. They were to rendezvous at Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 8th March, and probably reached Taunton on the afternoon of the next day, March 9th, where Mr. Church now found him. On the 26th of the same month he was killed, with 51 of his English, and 11 of his Indian soldiers, at Rehoboth, by an overwhelming force of the enemy. He had had two wives, and ten children. [*Deane's Hist. Scit.* 325; *Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 187; *Bliss's Hist. Rehoboth*, 91.]

to Capt. *John Almy's* house<sup>188</sup> upon *Rhode-Island*, where they met with friends and good entertainment. But by the way, let me not forget this remarkable Providence. *vis.* That within Twenty-four hours, or thereabouts,<sup>189</sup> after their arrival at *Rhode-Island*, Mr. *Clarks* Garrison that Mr. *Church* was so much importuned to leave his Wife and Child at, was destroyed by the Enemy.

Mr. *Church* being at present disinabled from any particular Service in the War, began to think of some other employ; but he no sooner took a tool to cut a small stick, but he cut off the top of his Fore finger, and the next to it, half off; upon which he smilingly said, That he thought he was out of his way, to leave the War; and resolved he would to War again. Accordingly his Second Son<sup>190</sup> being born on the 12th of *May* and his Wife & Son like to do well, Mr. *Church* imbraces the opportunity of a passage

<sup>188</sup> See note 4, *ante*. After considerable research, I had failed to secure proof fixing the spot of Capt. Almy's residence, but from all the probabilities of the case had decided that he must have lived on the eastern shore of Portsmouth, R.-I., somewhere between M'Carry's Point on the north and Sandy Point on the south, opposite Punkatees neck. I have now, by the kindness of Judge W. R. Staples, received, from Mr. Richard Sherman, who was Town Clerk of Portsmouth for nearly half a century, a note in which he says: "I have been informed by old persons now deceased, that one Capt. John Almy lived in a house near

what was called Fogland, or Codman's ferry, and at that time kept a house of entertainment, &c." This endorses my supposition, as Fogland ferry connects Punkatees neck with Portsmouth, midway between the points above named. (See notes 86 and 91, *ante*.)

<sup>189</sup> This settles the date of this arrival as 11-13 March, 1676. Probably Church left Plymouth with his family on Wednesday or Thursday, the 8th or 9th, and reached Almy's on Saturday, the 11th, the day before Clark's Garrison was burned.

<sup>190</sup> *Constant*, who became a Captain under his father in some of his later expeditions.

in a Sloop bound to *Barnstable*; who landed him at *Sogkonneset*,<sup>101</sup> from whence he rid to *Plymouth*; arrived there on the first Tuesday in *June*:<sup>102</sup> The General Court then sitting,<sup>103</sup> welcom'd him, told him they were glad to see him Alive. He reply'd, He was as glad to see them Alive, for he had seen so many fires and smokes towards their side of the Country since he left them, that he could scarce eat or sleep with any comfort, for fear they had been all destroyed. For all Travelling was stop'd, and no News had passed for a long time together. He gave them account, that the *Indians* had made horrid defolations at *Providence*, *Warwick*, *Petuxit*, and all over the *Narraganset* Country,<sup>104</sup> & that they prevailed daily against the *English* on that side of the Country. Told them, he long'd to hear what Methods they design'd in the War. [21] They told him, They were particularly glad that *Providence* had brought him there at that juncture: For they had concluded the very next day to send out an Army of 200 Men, two third *English*, and one third *Indians*, in some measure agreeable to his former proposal; expecting *Boston* and *Connecticut*

<sup>101</sup> *Sogkonneset* (*Sachonneset*, *Sughones*, *Succonneset*, *Succonneset*, &c.) was the general name applied to the township of Falmouth, Mass., in the early records. The word appears to be a diminutive from *Soghonats*. The harbor where Church landed was what is now known as Wood's Hole in Falmouth. This would then be distant probably 35 miles from Plymouth.

<sup>102</sup> 6 June, 1676.

<sup>103</sup> The "Court of Election" met at Plymouth, on Monday, 5 June, 1676.

<sup>104</sup> Warwick, R.-I. was burned 17 March (so *Hubbard*, 66; *Mather*, 24; *Palfrey's Hist. N. E.* iii: 188; but *Arnold*, i: 408, says March 16, quoting no authority.); Seekonk, or Pawtucket, March 28th, and Providence, March 30th. [See *Davis's Morton's Memorial*, 438; *R.-I. Hist. Coll.* v: 166.]

to joyn with their *Quota's*.<sup>105</sup> In short, It was so concluded. And that Mr. *Church* should return to the *Island*, and see what he could Muster there, of those that had mov'd from *Swansey, Dartmouth, &c.*<sup>106</sup> So returning the same way he came; when he came to *Sogkonesset*, he had a sham put upon him, about a Boat he had bought to go home in; and was forced to hire two of the friend Indians to paddie him in a Canoo from *Elisabeths*<sup>107</sup> to *Rhode-Island*.

It fell out that as they were in their Voyage passing by *Sogkonate-point*,<sup>108</sup> some of the Enemy were upon the

<sup>105</sup> The vote was thus: "Vpon consideration of the necessity of sending forth some forces, to be, by the help of God, a means of our safety and preservation, the Court came to a conclusion and doe hereby voate, that one hundred and fifty English, and fifty Indians, be with the best speed that may be raised and provided and sent forth towards the frontiers p'tes of this collonie, to be vpon motion to scout to and fro for the safety of the collonie; the time appointed of sending forth is on Weddensday, the 21st of this instant June, 1676." [*Plym. Col. Rec. v: 197.*]

<sup>106</sup> The General Assembly of R.-I. voted, 13 March, 1675-6: "Wee finde this Collony is not of ability to maintaine sufficient garrisons for the security of our out Plantations. Therefore, we thinke and judge it most safe for the inhabitants to repaire to this Island, which is the most securest." Some of

those Plymouth Colonists who resided near, seem to have availed themselves of this suggestion, and taken refuge on the Island. [*R.-I. Col. Rec. ii: 533.*]

<sup>107</sup> The Elisabeth Islands, with very narrow channels between them, stretch south-west from Falmouth nearly seventeen miles; dividing Buzzard's Bay above them from Vineyard Sound below them. The distance from Falmouth to Rhode-Island, following the southern shore of these Islands, then bearing away for Saconet Point, and round that strait to the nearest point of Rhode-Island, is about 35 miles.

<sup>108</sup> *Saconet Point* is the farthest south-western extremity of Little Compton, R.-I. The rocks on which these Indians were fishing were, most likely, those of the ledge known as "Onion rock," a few feet off from the Point; now accessible at low water, and then, doubtless, joined to the main by a sand-hill since worn away. A canoe, pad-



Rocks a fishing; he bid the *Indians* that managed the Canoo to paddle so near to the Rocks as that he might call to those *Indians*; told them, That he had a great mind ever since the War broke out to speak with some of the *Sagkonate Indians*, and that they were their Relations, and therefore they need not fear their hurting of them. And he added, *That he had a mighty conceit that if he could gain a fair Opportunity to discourse them, that he could draw them off from Philip, for he knew they never heartily loved him.* The Enemy hollowed and made signs for the Canoo to come to them: But when they approach'd them they skulked and hid in the clefts of the Rocks; then Mr. *Church* ordered the Canoo to be paddled off again, lest if he came too near they should fire upon him. Then the *Indians* appearing again, beckn'd and call'd in the *Indian* Language, and bid them come a-shore, they wanted to speak with them. The *Indians* in the Canoo answered them again; but they on the Rocks told them, That the

dling for Rhode-Island from the Vineyard Sound, in smooth water (and it could make the passage in no other), would head from the south-western extremity of Cuttyhunk obliquely across the entrance of Buzzard's Bay, straight toward Saconet Point, and in rounding that Point would go inside of both East and West islands into the "East Passage." This would bring it, inevitably, within a short distance of the rocks here described. Many tautog are still yearly caught from them.

Hubbard, through ignorance of the

localities, has made some curious blunders in his version of this occurrence. He says: "It hapened that the said Capt. *Church*, some time in *June* last, viz. of this present year, 1676, passing over in a Canoo from *Pocasset* to *Road-Island*, as he used frequently to do (having had much employment upon the said Neck of Land, so called) several *Indians* whom he had known before at *Lakensham* (a village on *Pocasset side*) beckned to him, as if they had a mind to speak with him, &c. &c." [*Narrative*, 104.]

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surf made such a noise against the Rocks, they could not hear any thing they said.<sup>169</sup> Then Mr. *Church* by signs with his hands, gave to understand, That he would have two of them go down upon the point of the beach (a place where a Man might see who was near him<sup>170</sup>) accordingly two of them ran a-long the beach, and met him there; without their Arms, excepting that one of them had a Lance in his hand; they urged Mr. *Church* to come a-shore for they had a great desire to have some discourse with him; He told them, if he that had his weapon in his hand would carry it up some distance upon the beach and leave it, he would come a-shore and discourse them: He did so, and Mr. *Church* went a-shore, halled up his Canoo, ordered one of his *Indians* to stay by it, and the other to walk above on the beach, as a Sentinel to see that the Coasts were clear. And when Mr. *Church* came up to the *Indians*, one of them happened to be honest *George*,<sup>171</sup> one of the two that *Awashonks* formerly sent to call him to her Dance, and was so careful to guard him back to his House again; the last *Sogkonats Indian* he spoke with before the War broke out; he spoke *English* very well.

<sup>169</sup> This is still the case, even in a calm day when there are no surface waves which would swamp a canoe; as the northward ground-swell rolls in here without obstruction from the broad Atlantic through the opening of near fifty miles, between Block Island and Martha's Vineyard. During and after a storm, the surf is sublime.

<sup>170</sup> Two or three "points" will read-

ily occur to one familiar with this spot as now suitable for the use which *Church* here proposed; but the abrasion of the shores of almost 200 years has, unquestionably, so changed all the configuration of the sand spits, that none of them now remain exactly as then, though it has scarcely modified the rocks themselves.

<sup>171</sup> See note 13, *ante*.

[22] Mr. *Church* asked him where *Awashonks* was? he told him in a Swamp about three Miles off.<sup>178</sup> Mr. *Church* again asked him, What it was he wanted that he hollowed and called him a-shore? he answered, That he took him for *Church* as soon as he heard his Voice in the Canoo, and that he was very glad to see him alive, and he believed his Mistriss would be as glad to see him, and speak with him; he told him further, That he believed she was not fond of maintaining a War with the *English*; and that she had left *Philip*, and did not intend to return to him any more; he was mighty earnest with Mr. *Church* to tarry there while he would run and call her: but he told him no; for he did not know but the *Indians* would come down and kill him before he could get back again; he said, if *Mount-hope* or *Pocasset* *Indians* could catch him, he believed they would knock him on the head: But all *Sogkonate* *Indians* knew him very well, and he believed would none of them hurt him. In short, Mr. *Church* refused then to tarry, but promised that he would come over again, and speak with *Awashonks*, and some other *Indians* that he had a mind to talk with.

Accordingly he appointed him to notify *Awashonks*, her

<sup>178</sup> This was *Tomp's* Swamp (so called in the Proprietors' Records) on an upland mound in which, the favorite headquarters of this *Squaw-sachem* seem to have been. It is that swamp through which what is called the "swamp road" passes, in crossing from the road from

Saconet Point to Tiverton, to the road from the Town farm to the Commons. The house of Mr. Gray Wilbor is probably now the nearest dwelling to the site of this lair of *Awashonks*. I am told that an old Indian burying-ground is still traceable in that vicinity.

Son *Peter*, their Chief Captain, and one *Nompash*<sup>116</sup> (an *Indian* that *Mr. Church* had formerly a particular respect for) to meet him two dayes after, at a Rock at the lower end of *Capt. Richmonds Farm*; which was a very noted place;<sup>116</sup> and if that day should be Stormy, or Windy, they were to expect him the next moderate day.<sup>116</sup> *Mr. Church* telling *George*, that he should have him come with the Persons mentioned, and no more. They giving each other their hand upon it parted, and *Mr. Church* went home,<sup>116</sup> and the next Morning to *New-port*, and informed the Government, what had passed between him and the *Sogkonate Indians*. And desired their permit for him and *Daniel Wilcock*,<sup>117</sup> (a Man that well understood the *Indian*

<sup>116</sup> *Nompash* (*Numpash*, *Numpus*, *Numpus*) was appointed by Plymouth Court, 1 Nov., 1676, with *Petananuet* (note 23, *ante*) and another *Indian*, to have the oversight of the submitted *Indians* west of *Sippican River*; and served as Captain of the *Saconet Indians* in the first Expedition to the Eastward, in 1689. [*Plym. C. R.* v: 215.]

<sup>117</sup> *John Richmond* was one of the original proprietors of *Little Compton*, and drew the land here referred to in the first division by lot, 20 April, 1674. It is the farm now owned by *William H. Chase*, and next north of that of *Joseph Brownell*. The rock is still in existence, and well known in the neighborhood as "Treaty Rock." It is a dark fine-grained gneiss, lying, like an embedded boulder, in a cultivated field, and evidently a good deal worn down by the attritions of husbandry and the

visits of the curious. It is said that the *Indians* used to leave traces on it, but few if any of them are now distinguishable. The rock is not immediately on the shore, but well up the ascent of a beautiful slope, not far from 500 paces from the water's edge, and some 30 paces north of the northern boundary of *Mr. Brownell's* land. The landing opposite to it is, perhaps, a half mile north of what is now known as *Church's Point*.

<sup>118</sup> Probably because crossing in a canoe — should that be necessary — would be impossible in a day windy enough to raise even the most moderate swell.

<sup>119</sup> That is to *Almy's* house, near the *Portsmouth* landing of *Fogland* ferry. (See note 158, *ante*.)

<sup>120</sup> *Daniel Wilcock* would seem to be a son of *Daniel*, who was chosen to the "grand inquest" at *Newport* by the inhabitants of *Portsmouth, R.-I.*, March

Language) to go over to them. They told him, They thought he was mad, after such Service as he had done, and such dangers that he escaped, now to throw away his Life, for the Rogues would as certainly kill him, as ever he went over; and utterly refused to grant his permit, or to be willing that he should run the risque.

Mr. Church told them, *That it had ever been in his thoughts since the War broke out, that if he could discourse the Sogkonate Indians, he could draw them off from Philip, and employ them against him; but could, till now, never have an Opportunity to speak with any of them, and was very lothe to lose it, &c.* At length, they told him, If he would go, it should be only with the two *Indians* that came with him;<sup>178</sup> but they would give him no permit under their hands. He took his leave of them, Resolving to profecute his design; they told him they were sorry to

13, 1643; in 1678 had £10 granted him on account of a lawsuit from Rhode-Island, by Plymouth Court; in 1679 became one of the purchasers of land at Pocasset; in 1686 (down as "of *Pan-koteest*") was bound over in £500 to answer for purchasing land of an Indian contrary to law; and in 1690 was obscurely complained of, in the half-obliterated record, as making a "tumultuous opposition" to Thomas Hinckley's taking possession of a grant of land at Saconet. Whether he was the same Daniel Willcocks who married Elizabeth Cook, of Plymouth, 28 Nov., 1661; who was a proprietor at Saconet, 10 Apr., 1673;

who complained of an outrage of the Sheriff of Bristol County, at Little Compton, in 1695; whose marriage in Rhode-Island, with Mary Wordell, was declared illegal, 23 March, 1696-7, and of whom Bellomont complained, in 1699, as having been convicted of high misdemeanor and fined, and as having made his escape, I cannot determine. Persons of the name still own land at *Pan-kotees* neck in Tiverton, R.-I. [*R.-I. Col. Rec.* i: 76; ii: 307, 323, 393; *Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 261; vi: 30, 202, 245; viii: 23.]

<sup>178</sup> That is, who paddled him from Falmouth.

see him so Resolute, nor if he went did they ever expect to see his face again.

He bought a Bottle of Rhum, and a small role of Tobacco, to carry with him, and returned to his Family. The next Morning, being the day appointed for the Meeting, he prepared two light Canoo's for the design, and his own Man, with the two *Indians* for his company. He used such arguments with his tender, and now almost broken hearted Wife, from the experience of former preservations, and the prospect of the great Service he might do, might it please God to succeed his design, &c. that he obtained her consent to his attempt; and committing her, his Babes and himself to Heavens protection. He set out, they had from the Shore about a League to paddle;<sup>179</sup> drawing near the place, they saw the *Indians* setting on the bank, waiting for their coming. Mr. *Church* sent one of the *Indians* a-shore in one of the Canoo's to see whither it were the same *Indians* whom he had appointed to meet him, and no more; and if so to stay a-shore and send *George* to fetch him. Accordingly *George* came and fetch'd Mr. *Church* a-shore, while the other Canoo play'd off to see the event, and to carry tydings if the *Indians* should prove false.

Mr. *Church* ask'd *George* whether *Awashonks* and the other *Indians* he appointed to meet him were there? He

<sup>179</sup> It is just about that distance from *ante*, to the shore opposite Treaty "Sandy Point," just south of the probable site of Almy's house (see note 158, Rock; the course being very nearly S.E. by S.

answered they were. He then ask'd him, If there were no more than they whom he appointed to be there? To which he would give him no direct answer. However he went a-shore, where he was no sooner landed, but *Awasshonks* and the rest that he had appointed to meet him there, rose up and came down to meet him; and each of them successively gave him their hands, and expressed themselves glad to see him, and gave him thanks for exposing himself to visit them. They walk'd together about a Gunshot from the water to a convenient place to sit down.<sup>100</sup> Where at once arose up a great body of *Indians*, who had lain hid in the grass, (that was as high as a Mans waste) and gathered round them, till they had clos'd them in; being all arm'd with Guns, Spears, Hatchets, &c. with their hair trim'd and faces painted, in their Warlike appearance. It was doubtless some-what surprizing to our Gentleman at first, but without any visible discovery of it, after a small silent pause on each side, He spoke to *Awasshonks*, and told her, *That George had inform'd him that she had a desire to see him, and discourse about making peace with the English.* She answered, Yes. Then said Mr. Church, *It is customary when People meet to treat of Peace to lay aside their Arms, and not to appear in such Hostile form as your People do: desired of her that if they might talk about Peace, which he desired they might, Her men might lay aside their Arms, and appear more treatable.*

<sup>100</sup> Doubtless to the rock itself, which, from 1200 to 1300 feet — from the as I have said, is about 500 paces — or beach.

Upon which there began a considerable noise and murmur among them in their own Language. Till *Awashonks* ask'd him, What Arms they should lay down, and where? He (perceiving the *Indians* look'd very furly, and much displeas'd) Replied, *Only their Guns at some small distance, for formality sake.* Upon which with one consent they laid aside their Guns, and came and sat down.

Mr. *Church* pulled out his Callebash<sup>181</sup> and asked *Awashonks, Whether she had [24] lived so long at Wetuset,*<sup>182</sup> *as to forget to drink Occapechees;*<sup>183</sup> and drinking to her, he perceived that she watch'd him very diligently, to see (as he thought) whether he swallowed any of the Rhum; he offered her the Shell, but she desired him to drink again first, He then told her, *There was no poison in it,* and pouring some into the Palm of his hand, sup'd it up, and took the Shell and drank to her again, and drank a good Swig which indeed was no more than he needed. Then they all standing up, he said to *Awashonks, You wont drink for fear there should be poison in it:* And then handed it to a little ill look'd fellow, who catch'd it readily enough, and as greedily would have swallowed the Liquor when he had it at his mouth; But Mr. *Church* catch'd him by the throat and took it from him, asking him, *Whether he*

<sup>181</sup> A gourd vessel, or drinking cup, made of some tough shell; which, in those days, when pottery was costlier than now, was in common use. They were, in the last generation, often made of a cocoa-nut shell.

<sup>182</sup> *Wachusett*, where Phillip and his

Indians had been gathered. (See note 149, ante.)

<sup>183</sup> *Occapeches* is a diminutive from *occaps*, or, as Elliot wrote it, *Onkapspe*, "strong drink." It means, therefore, "little strong drinks," "drams." (Abnaki, "á'këbbi, eau de vie, Rasles.)



*intended to swallow Shell and all?* And then handed it to *Awashonks*, she ventured to take a good hearty dram. and pass'd it among her Attendants.

The Shell being emptied, he pulled out his Tobacco, and having distributed it, they began to talk.

*Awashonks* demanded of him, the Reason why he had not (agreeable to his promise when she saw him last) been down at *Sogkonate* before now; Saying that probably if he had come then according to his promise, they had never joyned with *Philip* against the *English*.

He told her he was prevented by the Wars breaking out so suddenly. And yet, he was afterwards coming down, & came as far as *Punkateese*, where a great many *Indians* set upon him, and fought him a whole afternoon, tho' he did not come prepared to fight, had but Nineteen Men with him, whose chief design was to gain an Opportunity to discourse some *Sogkonate Indians*. Upon this there at once arose a mighty Murmur, confused noise, & talk among the fierce look'd Creatures, and all rising up in an hubbub; and a great furlly look'd fellow took up his *Tomhog*, or wooden *Cutlash*, to kill Mr. *Church*, but some others prevented him.

The Interpreter asked Mr. *Church*, if he understood what it was that the great fellow (they had hold of) said? He answered him, No. Why, said the Interpreter, He says, you killed his Brother at *Punkateese*, and therefore he thirsts for your blood. Mr. *Church* bid the Interpreter tell him that his Brother began first: That if he had kept at

*Sogkonate* according to his desire and order, he should not have hurt him.

Then the chief Captain commanded *Silence*, and told them, That they should talk no more about old things, &c. and quell'd the tumult, so that they sat down again, and began upon a discourse of making Peace with the *English*. Mr. Church ask'd them, *What Proposals they would make, and on what terms they would break their League with Philip?* Desiring them to make some Proposals that he might carry to his Master's, telling them that it was not in his Power to conclude a Peace with them, but that he knew that if their Proposals were reasonable, the Government would not be unreasonable, [25] and that he would use his Interest in the Government for them. And to encourage them to proceed, put them in mind that the *Pequots*<sup>104</sup> once made War with the *English*, and that

<sup>104</sup> The name *Pequot* was given by the neighboring tribes to what was properly an offshoot of the *Muhkohanew* (*Mohican* and *Mohaga*) nation, and was possibly assumed by themselves, as "the destroyers" of their enemies. The early Dutch voyagers called them *Pequattoes* and *Pequatoes*; Roger Williams writes *Pequittog*, &c.; Winthrop, *Pehoath*, elsewhere *Pequins*, &c. The Indian verb signifying "to destroy," "to make havoc," has, before an *inanimate* object, *Pagnatog* (as Elliot writes it, e.g., Ia. iii: 12) in the third person plural of the indicative, "they destroy." This agrees almost exactly with Roger Williams's form of the name. With an

*animate* object specified, the verb is *Pagnatog*; whence probably Winthrop's *Pequins*. It is singular that so obvious an etymology, or rather translation, has hitherto escaped notice. The name, like that given to the "Mohawks," expresses the terror with which this warlike race was regarded by other New-England tribes. [Winthrop, *Journal*, i: 52, 72, 122.]

Their territory extended from the *Niantic* on the west to the *Panecatuck* on the east; some 30 miles in length by some 20 in breadth, mostly in Connecticut. The "Pequot war" took place in 1636-8. [De Forest's *Hist. Ind. of Conn.* 58; *R.-I. Hist. Coll.* iii: 161.]

after they subjected themselves to the *English*, the *English* became their Protectors, and defended them against other Nations that would otherwise have destroyed them, &c. After some further discourse, and debate, he brought them at length to consent that if the Government of *Plymouth* would firmly engage to them, *That they, and all of them, and their Wives and Children, should have their Lives spared, and none of them transported out of the Country, they would subject themselves to them, and serve them in what they were able.*

Then Mr. *Church* told them, That he was well satisfied the Government of *Plymouth* would readily concur with what they proposed, and would sign their Articles: And complementing them upon it, how pleased he was with the thoughts of their return, and of the former friendship that had been between them, &c.

The chief Captain rose up, and expressed the great value and respect he had for Mr. *Church*; and bowing to him said, *Sir, If you'll please to accept of me and my men, and will head us, we'll fight for you, and will help you to Philips head before Indian Corn be ripe* And when he had ended, they all expressed their consent to what he said, and told Mr. *Church* they loved him, and were willing to go with him and fight for him, as long as the *English* had one Enemy left in the Country.

Mr. *Church* assured them, That if they proved as good as their word, they should find him their's and their Chil-

dren's fast friend. And (by the way) the friendship is maintain'd between them to this day.<sup>105</sup>

Then he propos'd unto them, that they should choose five men to go straight with him to *Plymouth*: They told him, No; they would not choose, but he should take which five he pleas'd: some complements pass'd about it, at length it was agreed, They should choose Three, and he Two. Then he agreed, with that he would go back to the Island that Night, and would come to them the next Morning, and go thro' the Woods to *Plymouth*. But they afterwards objected, That this travelling thro' the Woods would not be safe for him; the Enemy might meet with them, and kill him, and then they should lose their friend, and the whole design ruined beside. And therefore propos'd, That he should come in an English Vessel, and they would meet him and come on board at *Sogkonate-point*,

<sup>105</sup> This was written in 1715 or 1716. In June, 1698, Rev. Grindal Rawson, of Mendon, and Rev. Samuel Danforth, of Taunton, "Preachers to the Indians in their own tongue," visited Little Compton, and reported that they found two plantations of Indians there, at *Saconet* and *Cohasset* (on the borders of Dartmouth); that Samuel Church, alias *Sohchawahham*, taught the first, and had ordinarily 40 hearers, of whom 20 were men; and that, at the second, Daniel Hinckley taught eleven families twice every Sabbath. A schoolmaster, named *Aham*, also labored at *Cohasset*, and there were two Indian rulers at

each place. [See original printed Report to *Comm. for Prop. Gospel*, made July 12, 1698.] In 1700 there were said to be 100 Indian men still living in Little Compton. About 1750, a most destructive fever caus'd great mortality among them; so that in 1774 the R.-I. census reported there only 1 male and 13 females above 16 yrs., and 5 males and 6 females under that age, — 25 in all. In 1803 there were "not more than 10" there. So far as I can learn in the town, there is not one person with any trace of Indian blood recognizable in his veins there now. [1 *Mass. Hist. Coll.* ix: 204; x: 114, 119.]

and Sail from thence to *Sandwich*: which in fine, was concluded upon.

So Mr. *Church* promising to come as soon as he could possibly obtain a Vessel, and then they parted. He returned to the Island, and was at great pains and charge to get a Vessel, but with unaccountable disappointments; sometimes by the falseness, and sometimes by the faint-heartedness of Men that he bargained with, and something by Wind and Weather, &c. [26]

Until at length Mr. *Anthony Low*<sup>206</sup> put into the Harbour<sup>207</sup> with a loaden Vessel bound to the Westward, and being made acquainted with Mr. *Churches* case, told him, *That he had so much kindness for him, and was so pleased with the business that he was engaged in, that he would run the venture of his Vessel & Cargo, to wait upon him.* Accordingly, next Morning they set Sail with a Wind that soon brought them to *Sogkonate-point*; but coming there they met with a contrary wind, and a great swelling Sea.

The *Indians* were there waiting upon the Rocks, but

<sup>206</sup> *Anthony Lowe (Lee)*, son of John, Boston, removed after 1654 to Warwick, R.-I.; in 1658 was fined £3, by Plymouth Court for selling a pistol to an Indian, at Eastham; in 1680 owned land adjoining Nathaniel Peck's in Swansea, and in 1682-3 was living at Swansea, and had an Indian slave named *James*, to whom the Plymouth Colony ordered his freedom and "a good suite of clothes." Whether he afterwards returned to Warwick, and was freeman

there in May, 1704, and constable there in Oct., 1706; or whether that Anthony were his son, I cannot determine. [*Savage's Gen. Dict.* iii: 125; *Plym. Col. Rec.* iii: 137; vi: 56, 101; *R.-I. Col. Rec.* iii: 498, 571.]

<sup>207</sup> Newport Harbor, as I suppose. There is nothing that can be called a harbor on the east shore of the island. Newport was not more than five or six miles from Capt. Almy's house in Portsmouth.

had nothing but a miserable broken Canoo to get aboard in. Yet *Peter Awashonks* ventured off in it, and with a great deal of difficulty and danger got aboard. And by this time it began to Rain and Blow exceedingly, and forced them away up the Sound;<sup>100</sup> and then went away thro' *Bristol Ferry*, round the Island to *New-port*, carrying *Peter* with them.

Then Mr. *Church* dismiss'd Mr. *Low*, and told him, *That inasmuch as Providence oppos'd his going by Water, and he expected that the Army would be up in a few days, and probably if he should be gone at that juncture, it might ruine the whole design; would therefore yield his Voyage.*

Then he writ the account of his transactions with the *Indians*, and drew up the Proposals, and Articles of Peace, and dispatch'd *Peter* with them to *Plymouth*; that his Honour the Governour if he saw cause might sign them.

*Peter* was set over to *Sogkonate* on the Lords day<sup>100</sup>

<sup>100</sup> That is the "East Passage," or Narraganset River.

<sup>100</sup> This would seem to have been Sab., 25 June, 1676. The army, by the Court order (note 165, *ante*), were to be ready to march on Wednesday, 21 June; they ought to reach the neighborhood of Rhode-Island by the following Sabbath, and so it would be natural that there should be "great looking for them," by this time. It is on record, also, that *Peter*, with *George* and *David*, alias *Chowahunna*, appeared before the Council at Plymouth on the following Wednesday, 28 June, 1676, in "the behalfe of themselves and other

Indians of Saconett, to the number of about 30 men, with their wives and children, and tendered to renew their peace with the English, and requested libertie to sitt downe in quietnes on their lands att Saconett." Their examination is detailed, at length. On being upbaided for the wrong done in joining Phillip, &c., "*Chowahunna*, said: Wee cannot make satisfaction for the wrongs don; but If our weemen and children can be secured, wee will doe any service wee can by fighting against the enimie." They further said that *Succanowassucko* was the first man that stirred up the Indians to join with

Morning, with orders to take those men that were chosen to go down, or some of them at least with him. The time being expired that was appointed for the *English* Army to come, there was great looking for them. Mr. Church on the Monday Morning (partly to divert himself after his fatigue, and partly to listen for the Army) Rid out with his Wife and some of his friends to *Portsmouth*,<sup>100</sup> under a pretence of Cherrying; but came home without any News from the Army: But by Midnight, or sooner, he was roused with an Express from Maj. *Bradford*, who was arrived with the Army at *Pocasset*. To whom he forthwith repaired,<sup>101</sup> and informed him of the whole of his proceedings, with the *Sogonate Indians*. With the Majors

Phillip, and that he was at Saconet, and promised to try to surprize him as soon as they should return. The Council proposed that Peter should remain as a hostage, to which he consented. It was finally decided that they should go back, and that (such as Maj. Bradford desired for the army should join that, and the others give up their arms; that any "murdering" Indians of their number should be delivered up, and that they should not harbor the enemies of the Colony; on which conditions it was promised that "they shall have a place assigned them for their present residence in peace," with further promise for the future, "in case the warr doe cease." [*Phym. Col. Rec.* v: 201-3.]

<sup>100</sup> If Church were still an inmate of Capt. Almy's house in Portsmouth, there seems a little strangeness in his

speaking thus of riding out to Portsmouth. He may have removed his family, before this, to Major Peleg Sanford's, in Newport (now in Middletown), where, it will be seen, they were at the time of Phillip's capture. Or, as the first settlement of the northern part of the Island was around a cove between Bristol ferry and the Stone bridge (the settlement being first called Pocasset; changed to Portsmouth, 1639-40), the name of Portsmouth may, at the date of which Church is here speaking, have been more especially appropriated to the original settlement in the extreme northern portion of the present town, so that he naturally spoke of riding over from Capt. Almy's toward the Stone bridge, as riding out to Portsmouth. [*Arnold's Hist. R.-I.* i: 71, 125, 136, 143.]

<sup>101</sup> Tuesday, 27 June, 1676.

consent and advice, he returned again next Morning<sup>100</sup> to the Island, in order to go over that way to *Awassonks*, to inform her that the Army was arrived, &c. Accordingly from *Sachueset-Neck*,<sup>100</sup> he went in a Canoo to *Sogkonats*; told her Maj. *Bradford* was arrived at *Pocasset*, with a great Army, whom he had inform'd of all his proceedings with her. That if she would be advised and observe order she nor her People need not to fear being hurt by them. Told her, She should call all her People down into the Neck, least if they should be found straggling about, mischief might light on them. That on the Morrow they would come down and receive her, and give her further orders. She promised to get as many of her People together as possibly she could. Desiring Mr. *Church* to consider that it would be difficult for to get them together at such short [27] warning. Mr. *Church* returned to the Island, and to the Army the same Night: The next Morning<sup>101</sup> the whole Army Marched towards *Sogkonats* as far as *Punkateese*; and Mr. *Church* with a few Men went down to *Sogkonats* to call *Awassonks*, and her People to come up to the English Camp; as he was going down, they met with a *Pocasset Indian*, who had killed a Cow and got a Quarter of her on his back, and her Tongue in his Pocket; who gave them an account, That he came from *Pocasset* two days since in company with his Mother

<sup>100</sup> Wednesday, 28 June, 1676.

<sup>101</sup> *Sachueset* [*Sachusset*] neck is the foot of which the village of Newport forms the Inisp. It is distant about 3 south-eastern point of the Island of miles, by water, due west, from Saconet. Rhode-Island; the elongated heel of the

<sup>102</sup> Thursday, 29 June, 1676.



and several other *Indians* now hid in a Swamp above *Nomquid*;<sup>206</sup> disarming of him, he sent him by two Men to Maj. *Bradford*, and proceeded to *Soghonate*: they saw several *Indians* by the way skulking about, but let them pass. Arriving at *Awashonks* Camp, told her, *He* was come to invite her and her People up to *Punkateese*, where Maj. *Bradford* now was with the *Plymouth Army*, expecting her and her Subjects to receive orders, until further order could be had from the Government. She complied, and soon sent out orders for such of her Subjects as were not with her, immediately to come in; and by Twelve a Clock of the next day,<sup>207</sup> she with most of her Number appear'd before the English Camp at *Punkateese*. Mr. *Church* tender'd the Major to Serve under his Commission, provided the *Indians* might be accepted with him, to fight the Enemy. The Major told him, *his Orders were to improve him, if he pleased, but as for the Indians, he would not be concerned with them.* And presently gave forth orders for *Awashonks*, and all her Subjects both Men, Women and Children to repair to *Sandwich*, and to be there upon Peril, in Six days.<sup>208</sup> *Awashonks* and her chiefs gather'd

<sup>206</sup> *Nomquid* [*Nonquid*, *Nonguit*, *Namquid*, &c.], the cove or pond lying between *Punkateese* neck and *Tiverton*.

<sup>207</sup> Friday, 30 June, 1676. Both *Hubbard* and *Mather* mention "about 90" as the number of those with *Awashonks* in this submission. [*Narrative*, 97; *Brief Hist.* 39.]

<sup>208</sup> As this took place only two days after *Peter* and his two companions

made their appearance at *Plymouth* to confer with the Council, — and we are told that it was "after some time for consideration" that the Council reached its conclusion, — it is not probable that Maj. *Bradford* had been informed of their decision. (*Mather* says, *Awashonks* with about 90 came and tendered themselves "before the messengers returned.") He was therefore acting on

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round Mr. Church, (where he was walk'd off from the rest) expressed themselves concerned that they could not be confided in, nor improv'd. He told them, *'twas best to obey Orders; and that if he could not accompany them to Sandwich, it should not be above a Week before he would meet them there; That he was confident the Governour would Commission him to improve them.* The Major hastened to fend them away with *Jack Havens*,<sup>100</sup> (an Indian who had never been in the Wars) in the Front with a flag of Truce in his hand. They being gone, Mr. Church, by the help of his Man *Toby* (the Indian whom he had taken Prisoner, as he was going down to *Sogkonats*) took said *Toby's* Mother, & those that were with her, Prisoners. Next Morning<sup>100</sup> the whole Army moved back to *Pocasset*. This *Toby* informed them that there were a great many Indians gone down to *Wepoisset*<sup>100</sup> to eat Clams, (other Provisions being very scarce with them;) that *Philip* himself was expected within 3 or 4 days at the same Place:

his own authority as commander-in-chief, and his object in ordering Awashonks and her tribe to Sandwich was, clearly, to get them out of reach of temptation, at once, and opportunity, to join Philip in further hostilities. His order was not a harsh one in the matter of time; for the distance could not probably be more than 40 miles by the circuitous forest-paths, for which he allowed them six days. [*Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 203; Mather's *Brief History*, 39.]

<sup>100</sup> *Jack Havens* is on the list of fourteen Indians, whose names were entered

on the Court Records under date of 6 March, 1676-7, "whos have approued themselves faithfull to the English during the late Rebellion," besides Mamanuett, their Sachem (and family), who is described as "att or about Saconett." [*Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 225.]

<sup>100</sup> Saturday, 1 July, 1676.

<sup>100</sup> *Wepoisset* [*Weypoisset, Waypoisset, &c.*,] was the Indian name for the narrow entrance of *Kihemull* river separating the northern part of Bristol, R.-I., from the south-eastern part of Warren. [*Fessenden's Hist. Warren. R.-I.* 71.]

being asked, *What Indians they were?* He answered, Some *Weetemores Indians*, some *Mount-hope Indians*, some *Narraganset Indians*, and some other Upland *Indians*, in all about 300. The *Rhode-Island Boats* by the Majors order meeting them at *Pocasset*, they were soon imbark'd, it being just in the dusk of the Evening, they could plainly discover the Enemies fires at the Place the *Indian* directed to;<sup>201</sup> and the Army concluded no other but they were bound [28] directly thither, until they came to the North End of the Island, and heard the word of Command for the Boats to bare away.<sup>202</sup> Mr. *Church* was very fond of having this probable opportunity of surprizing that whole Company of *Indians* imbraced: But Orders, 'twas said, must be obeyed, which was to go to *Mount-hope* and there to fight *Philip*. This with some other good opportunities of doing spoil upon the Enemy, being unhappily mis'd.<sup>203</sup>

<sup>201</sup> The exact spot where the Indians were digging clams and eating them would seem to have been on the south-eastern curve of what is now called *Touisset neck*; from whence fires would be visible across the bay at *Pocasset*; where Maj. Bradford's army could scarcely be distant from them five miles in a straight line.

<sup>202</sup> They probably embarked at what was then the Ferry, — now spanned by the "Stone Bridge," — from whence, for two miles and a half, their natural course would lie directly towards the light of the fires. When well up with the north end of *Rhode-Island*, their course, if they were going to *Mount-*

*Hope Cove*, would haul straight to the west, and, if they were to land at *Bristol neck*, sharp to the south-west.

<sup>203</sup> The narrative does not certainly indicate whether the army kept *Sabbath* at *Mount Hope*, or, finding *Philip* was not there, pushed on at once up *Mount-Hope neck* and across *Miles's bridge* to *Rehoboth*; though the probabilities seem to be strong that they did not march to *Rehoboth* until they had, at least, searched for the Indians whom they had seen the night before at *Weypoisset*. I imagine that the "other good opportunities" to which *Church* refers as being "miss'd," had reference to several fruitless attempts, occupying several

Mr. Church obtain'd the Majors Consent to meet the *Sogkonate Indians*, according to his promise. He was offer'd a Guard to *Plymouth*, but chose to go with one Man only, who was a good Pilot. About Sun-set<sup>204</sup> he with *Sabin* his Pilot<sup>205</sup> mounted their Horses at *Rehoboth*, where the Army now was, and by two Hours by Sun next Morning arrived safe at *Plymouth*: And by that time they had refreshed themselves, the Governour and Treasurer<sup>206</sup> came to Town. Mr. Church giving them a short account of the affairs of the Army, &c. His Honour was pleased to give him thanks for the good and great Service he had done at *Sogkonate*, told him, *He had confirmed all that he promised Awashonks, and had sent the Indian back again*

days in Mount-Hope neck and its region, to damage the Indians, before the army went to the garrison-house at Rehoboth, which (with one other) had escaped destruction on the 28th of March.

<sup>204</sup> This could not have been "sun-set" of the next day after leaving Pocasset (Sab., 2 July, 1676), because then Church would have reached Plymouth two hours after sunrise, on Monday, 3 July. But he told the Governor, on the day of his arrival, that "the time had expired that he had appointed to meet the Sogkonates at Sandwich"; and as he had promised them, on the 30th of June, that "it should not be above a week before he would meet them," his promise could not expire until Friday, 7 July: therefore he could not have reached Plymouth until on or after the 7th July. Hence he could not have left

Rehoboth before Thursday, 6 July, the fifth day after leaving Pocasset, and landing at Mount Hope.

<sup>205</sup> *Sabin* [*Sabine*] was then a Rehoboth name. Savage mentions eight of the name, all (he thinks) of Rehoboth, and five of whom served in Philip's war either in person or by contributions. Bliss mentions *Jonathan*, as in the Narragansett fight, and *Samuel*, as serving under Maj. Bradford. He also gives the names of five (*Joseph, William, Samuel, Benjamin*, and a *Widow Sabin*) as making advances of money to sustain the war. Doubtless, Church's guide was one of this patriotic family. [*Gen. Dis.* iv: 1; *Hist. Rehoboth*, 117, 118.]

<sup>206</sup> *Josias Winslow* and *Constant Southworth*. The former resided in Marshfield, and the latter in Duxbury. [See notes 20 and 68, *ante*.]

that brought his Letter. He asked his Honour, *Whether he had any thing later from Awashonks?* He told him he had not. Where-upon he gave his Honour account of the Majors orders relating to her and hers, and what discourse had passed *pro & con* about them; and that he had promised to meet them, and that he had encouraged them, that he thought he might obtain of his Honour a Commission to lead them forth to fight *Philip*. His Honour smilingly told him, *That he should not want Commission if he would accept it, nor yet good English men enough to make up a good Army.* But in short, he told his Honour the time was expired that he had appointed to meet the *Sogkonates* at *Sandwich*. The Governour asked him, when he would go? He told him that afternoon, by his Honours leave. The Governour ask'd him, How many Men he would have with him? He answered, Not above half a dozen, with an order to take more at *Sandwich*, if he saw cause; and Horses provided. He no sooner moved it, but had his number of Men tendering to go with him, among which was Mr. *Jabez Howland*,<sup>207</sup> and *Nathanael South-*

<sup>207</sup> *Jabez Howland* was son of John, who came as attendant of Gov. Carver in the *Mayflower*; was fined at Plymouth, March 5, 1666-7, 3s. 4d. for a breach of the peace, in striking Joseph Billington; served on a trial jury in 1671 and 1677, and on a coroner's jury in 1671 and 1673; was constable of Plymouth in 1675; petitioned for a grant of land in 1675, in virtue of the Court order preferring children born here to stran-

gers; removed to Bristol, R.-I., and was licensed to keep an inn there in 1681, and was selectman there in 1682, 1685, and 1690; was ensign of a military company there in 1684; deputy thence in 1689 and 1690. He married Bethia, dau. of Anthony Thacher, and had ten children. [*Savage's Gen. Dist.* ii: 479; *Plym. Col. Rec.* iv: 140; v: 82, 88, 122, 165, 170, 255; vi: 78, 84, 131, 169, 206, 241.]

worth;<sup>200</sup> they went to *Sandwich* that Night; where Mr. Church (with need enough) took a Nap of Sleep. The next Morning with about 16 or 18 Men proceeded as far as *Agawom*,<sup>200</sup> where they had great expectation of meeting the *Indians*, but met them not; his Men being discouraged about half of them returned; only half a dozen stuck by him, & promised so to do until they should meet with the *Indians*. When they came to *Sippican River*,<sup>210</sup> Mr. Howland began to tyre, upon which Mr. Church left him, and two more, for a Reserve at the River, that if he should meet with Enemies and be forced back, they might be

<sup>200</sup> Nathaniel Southworth, second son of Constant, was born at Plymouth, 1648; surveyor of highways 1673; served on trial jury in 1677; was constable of Plymouth, and served on coroner's jury in 1678; was fined 10s. in 1681, for refusing to aid the constable of Plymouth; served on coroner's jury in 1684; was a selectman of Plymouth in 1689 and 1691, and grand juror in 1690. He was also a lieutenant. He died Jan. 14, 1711. Savage says he lived at Middleborough; but I find no trace of it in the Colony Records. [Savage's *Gen. Dict.* iv: 143; *Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 115, 246, 257, 263; vi: 56, 148, 206, 237, 264.]

<sup>200</sup> *Agawam* was the Indian name of the settlement near the Agawam River, in what is now Wareham. The name is still retained by a little village on the low lands through which the river winds into the "Narrows." The name is from *agwa*, "below"; hence signifying sometimes *below*, as descriptive of a

point down stream from another on the same river, and sometimes a *low place*, as descriptive of flats, or low land without reference to higher elevations in the vicinity, as these flat meadows in Wareham, and the "low lands of *Auguan*" of which Capt. Smith speaks. [Advertisements for the Unexperienced, &c., p. 27.]

<sup>210</sup> *Sippican* River (confluent with the *Weweantitt*) runs into Buzzard's Bay about half way between the villages of Wareham and Marlon; and its lower portion forms the boundary between those two towns. The word *Sippican* [*Sepaconnet*, *Seppahan*] is related to *Sebago*, from the Abnaki, *abékké*, "la mer, eau salée," Rasses, (but *brachis* water, rather than *salt*, perhaps), the equivalent of Elliot's *sippog*, used in *James* iii: 12, for "salt water." The Indians of Massachusetts had no word for *salt*. *Ses*, by itself, signifies usually, "four"; hence, doubtless, "disagreeable," "ill-tasted."

ready to assist them in getting over the River. Proceeding in their March, they crossed another River,<sup>21</sup> and opened a great Bay,<sup>22</sup> where they might see many Miles along-shore, where were Sands and Flats; and hearing a great noise below them towards [29] the Sea. They dismounted their Horses, left them and crep'd among the bushes, until they came near the bank, and saw a vast company of *Indians*, of all Ages and Sexs, some on Horse-back running races, some at Foot-ball,<sup>23</sup> some catching Eels & Flat-fish in the water, some Clamming, &c. but which way with safety to find out what *Indians* they were, they were at a loss. But at length, retiring into a thicket, Mr. *Church* hollow'd to them; they soon answered him, and a couple of smart young Fellows, well mounted, came upon a full Career to see who it might be that call'd, and came just upon Mr. *Church* before they discovered him;

<sup>21</sup> In the absence of any tradition identifying this stream, and deciding merely by my knowledge of the localities, I conceive this to have been what is now called "Mill Creek," emptying into Aucoot Cove—which is the first inlet on the coast south-west of Sipplean Harbor.

<sup>22</sup> If I am right in the identification of Mill Creek as the stream last referred to, after Church passed over it, a progress of less than a mile would enable him to look out by the south-eastern extremity of Charles Neck and the overlapping Butter's Point of Great Neck (a mile and a half further east), and to "open" Buzzard's Bay, which

here has a breadth of six or seven miles; while it would give him sight of a long coast distance down what is now the eastern and southern shore of Mattapoisett. I judge, therefore, that the sands and flats on which Awashonks and her Indians were now encamped were those between Aucoot Cove and Angelica Point, or between Angelica Point and Ned's Point, in Mattapoisett aforesaid.

<sup>23</sup> "A game of football in which he was expert, or of quoits, or a wrestling-bout, or a dance in which women did not mingle, afforded some occasional variety." [Palfrey's *Hist. N. E.* i: 32; Schoolcraft's *Hist. Ind. Tribes*, ii: 78.]

but when they perceived themselves so near *English* Men, and Arm'd, were much surprized, and tack'd short about to run as fast back as they came forward, until one of the Men in the bushes call'd to them, and told them his Name was *Church*, and need not fear his hurting of them. Upon which, after a small pause, they turned about their Horses, and came up to him; one of them that could speak *English*, Mr. *Church* took aside and examin'd, who inform'd him, That the *Indians* below were *Awashonks*, and her company, and that *Jack Havens* was among them; whom Mr. *Church* immediately sent for to come to him, and order'd the Messenger to inform *Awashonks* that he was come to meet her; *Jack Havens* soon came, and by that time Mr. *Church* had ask'd him a few Questions, and had been satisfied by him, That it was *Awashonks*, and her company that were below, and that *Jack* had been kindly treated by them; a company of *Indians* all Mounted on Horse-back, and well Arm'd came riding up to Mr. *Church*, but treated him with all dew respects. He then order'd *Jack* to go tell *Awashonks*, that he designed to Sup with her in the Evening, and to lodge in her Camp that Night. Then taking some of the *Indians* with him, he went back to the River to take care of Mr. *Howland*:<sup>24</sup> Mr. *Church* being a Mind to try what Mettal he was made of, imparted his notion to the *Indians* that were with him, & gave them directions how to act their parts; when he came pretty

<sup>24</sup> It would be four and a half or five Mr. *Howland*, with his reserve of two miles back to Sippican River, where men, had been left.



near the Place, he and his *English* Men pretendedly fled, firing on their retreat towards the *Indians* that pursued them, and they firing as fast after them. Mr. *Howland* being upon his guard, hearing the Guns, and by & by seeing the motion both of the *English* and *Indians*, concluded his friends were distressed, was soon on the full Career on Horse-back to meet them, until he perceiving their laughing mistrusted the Truth. As soon as Mr. *Church* had given him the News, they hastened away to *Awashtonks*. Upon their arrival, they were immediately conducted to a shelter, open on one side, whither *Awashtonks* and her chiefs soon came & paid their Respects: and the Multitudes gave shouts as made the heavens to ring. It being now about Sun-setting, or near the dusk of the Evening; The *Netops*<sup>ms</sup> came running from all quarters laden with the tops of dry Pines, & the like combustible matter making a high pile thereof, near Mr. *Churches* shelter, on the open side thereof: but by this time Supper was brought in, [30] in three dishes, *vis.* a curious young Bass, in one dish, Eels & Flat-fish in a second, and Shell-fish in a third, but neither Bread nor Salt to be seen at Table. But by that time Supper was over, the mighty pile of Pine

<sup>ms</sup> See note 143, *ante*. The word intends friendly Indians. Mr. Drake suggests here that the term may be equivalent to *Sannop* (citing Winthrop [*Journal*, i: 49], and Hubbard [*Gen. Hist. N.E.*, 253]; though the latter has *Sannop*): but Mr. Trumbull says, "*Sannop* had, with the Indians, a more restricted

and a definite application (though it was sometimes used by the English, as equivalent to *Netop*, or 'Indian'). It signified 'a brave,'—*vis.* as distinguished from *homo*; and was never applied by an Indian to a *foreigner*, or except to the warriors of his own nation or tribe." [Drake's *Church* (2d ed.), 91.]

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Knots and Tops, &c. was fired, and all the *Indians* great and small gathered in a ring round it. *Awashonks* with the oldest of her People Men and Women mix'd, kneeling down made the first ring next the fire, and all the lusty, stout Men standing up made the next; and then all the Rabble in a confused Crew surrounded on the out-side. Then the chief Captain step'd in between the rings and the fire, with a Spear in one hand and an Hatchet in the other, danced round the fire, and began to fight with it, making mention of all the several Nations & Companies of *Indians* in the Country that were Enemies to the *English*; & at naming of every particular Tribe of *Indians*, he would draw out & fight a new fire brand, & at his finishing his fight with each particular fire-brand, would bow to him and thank him; and when he had named all the several Nations and Tribes, and fought them all he stuck down his Spear and Hatchet, and came out; and another step'd in and acted over the same dance, with more fury, if possible, than the first; and when about half a dozen of their chiefs had thus acted their parts, The Captain of the Guard step'd up to Mr. *Church* and told him, *They were making Souldiers for him, and what they had been doing was all one Swearing of them,*<sup>216</sup> and having in that manner

<sup>216</sup> "The principle of enlistment is sufficiently well preserved. . . . Each warrior that rises and joins the war-dance, thereby becomes a volunteer for the trip. He arms and equips himself; he provides his own sustenance; and when he steps out into the ring, and dances,

he chants his own song, and is greeted with redoubling yells. These ceremonies are tantamount to 'enlistment,' and no young man who thus comes forward can honorably withdraw." [*Schoolcraft's Information respecting the Indian Tribes of the U.S.* vol. ii: 59, 60.]

*ingaged all the lusty stout men. Awashonks & her chiefs came to Mr. Church; and told him, That now they were all ingaged to fight for the English, and he might call forth all, or any of them at any time as he saw occasion to fight the Enemy; and presented him with a very fine Firelock. Mr. Church accepts their offer, drew out a number of them, and set out next Morning before day for Plymouth, where they arrived safe the same day.*

The Governour being informed of it, came early to Town next Morning: and by that time he had *English Men* enough to make up a good Company, when joyned with *Mr. Churches* Indians, that offered their Voluntary Service to go under his Command in quest of the Enemy. The Governour then gave him a Commission, which is as follows,

*C*aptain Benjamin Church, you are hereby Nominated, Ordered, Commission'd, and Impowred to raise a Company of Volunteers of about 200 Men, English and Indians; the English not exceeding the number of 60, of which Company, or so many of them as you can obtain, or shall see cause at present to improve, you are to take the command and conduct, and to lead them forth now and hereafter, at such time, and unto such places within this Colony, or else where, within the confederate Colonies, as you shall think fit; to discover, pursue, fight, surprize, destroy, or subdue our Indian Enemies, or any part or parties of them that by the Providence of God you may meet with; or them or any of them by treaty and composition to receive to mercy, if you see reason

*(provided they be not Murderous Rogues, or such as have been principal Actors in those Villanies:) And forasmuch as your Company may be uncertain, and [31] the Persons often changed, You are also hereby impowred with advice of your Company to chuse and Commissionate a Lieutenant, and to establish Serjeants, and Corporals as you see cause: And you herein improving your best judgment and discretion and utmost ability, faithfully to Serve the Interest of God, His Majesty's Interest, and the Interest of the Colony; and carefully governing your said Company at home and abroad: these shall be unto you full and ample Commission, Warrant and Discharge. Given under the Publick Seal, this 24th Day of July, 1676.<sup>217</sup>*

Per Jos. Winslow, GOV.

<sup>217</sup> There is a mistake in the insertion of this commission here, not unnatural when the lapse of time before the record was made, is taken into the account. This is not the commission which Church first received, and on which he first went out (as Judge Davis thought, inferring a misprint in the date, of the 24th for the 14th [Morton's *Memorial*, 449]); but that "enlarged" one which was afterwards given him. This is obvious, first, from its date. If Church arrived at Plymouth on Friday, 7 July (see note 204), he must have found Awashonks at Mattapoisett on Saturday, 8 July, and returned to Plymouth on Sunday, the 9th; in which case the Governor came to town and commissioned him on Monday, the 10th July, and he set off "the same night into the

woods," on his first expedition as Captain. There are no data for absolute certainty as to this. But the Colony Records make it clear that he must have been out on at least one successful expedition before the *twenty-second* of July, because they contain a Court order of that date, that all volunteers taking prisoners "shall have the one halfe of them for their pains and venture, from the day of the date hereof, including these prisoners alsoe last brought in by Benjamin Church and his companie." [Plym. Col. Rec. v: 207.] The Rev. Mr. Walley, also, writing to the Rev. Mr. Cotton [Davis's *Morton's Memorial*, p. 449] under date of 18 July, 1676, says, "I am glad of the success Ben. Church hath; it is the good fruit of the coming in of Indians

Receiving Commission, he Marched the same Night into the Woods, got to *Middleberry*<sup>218</sup> before day,<sup>219</sup> and as soon as the light appeared, took into the Woods and Swampy thickets, towards a place where they had some reason to expect to meet with a parcel of *Narraganset Indians*, with some others that belonged to *Mount-hope*: Coming near to where they expected them, Capt. *Church's* Indian Scout discovered the Enemy, and well observing their fires, and postures, Returned with the intelligence to their Captain, who gave such directions for the surrounding of them, as had the direct effect; surprizing them from every side so unexpectedly, that they were all taken, not so much as one escaped. And upon a strick examination, they gave intelligence of another parcel of the Enemy, at

to us; those that come in are conquered and help to conquer others." But Church had done nothing in this campaign which could be so referred to, previous to his setting off into the woods, here spoken of. Therefore Mr. Walley must refer to the results of this expedition to *Namasket* and *Monponset*, which must, by consequence, have taken place between the 10th and 18th of July. It will be seen, also, further on, that Church twice states that he kept up this guerrilla warfare "several weeks"; and then proceeds to narrate, as if taking place subsequently, his setting out for *Bridgewater* in pursuit of *Phillip*; which, by his account, was on Sunday, 30th July. If his first expedition was, as I suggest above, on Monday, the 10th, only three weeks would

intervene to make good his "several." Then, in the second place, the very terms of the commission itself show that it was that "enlarged" one to which he subsequently refers; because it gives him authority to "commissionate officers under him," to "march as far as he should see cause, within the limits of the three United Colonies," to "receive to mercy, give quarter or not, &c. &c." [See p. 104.]

<sup>218</sup> *Middleborough* is a very large town, whose eastern boundary is about 10 miles west of the village of *Plymouth*. *Namasket* was its Indian name, — from *namas*, "fish"; *namas-oh-de-us*, "at the fish-place"; that portion of the town which still bears the name, being a noted fishing-place among the Indians.

<sup>219</sup> Tuesday, 11 July, 1676?

a Place called *Munponset-Pond*<sup>220</sup> Capt. *Church* hastning with his Prisoners, thro' the Woods to *Plymouth*, disposed of them all, excepting only one *Jeffery*, who proving very ingenious & faithful to him, in informing where other parcels of the *Indians* harboured Capt. *Church* promised him, that if he continued to be faithful to him, he should not be Sold out of the Country, but should be his waiting man, to take care of his Horse, &c. and accordingly he Served him faithfully as long as he lived.

But Capt. *Church* was forth-with sent out again; and the Terms for his encouragement being concluded on: *vis. That the Country should find them Ammunition & Provision; & have half the Prisoners, & Arms, they took: The Captain and his English Souldiers to have the other half of the Prisoners, and Arms; and the Indian Souldiers the loose Plunder.* Poor encouragement! But after some time it was mended.

They soon Captivated the *Munponsets*,<sup>221</sup> and brought in, not one escaping. This stroke he held several Weeks,

<sup>220</sup> *Monponset* (*Monponset*, *Manni-ponset*) pond is an irregularly oblong sheet of water — perhaps averaging a mile and a quarter in length by three-quarters of a mile in breadth, and almost divided into two equal parts by a tongue of land running down from its northern shore — lying in the northern portion of the town of Halifax, Mass., near to its junction with Hanson and Pembroke, and about 10 miles W.N. W. from Plymouth. In regard to the

meaning of its name, Mr. Trumbull says, "Monponset I cannot resolve."

<sup>221</sup> I think Church uses this term here to designate that "parcel" of the "Naragansetts" who were temporarily encamped at this notable fishing-place, rather than to indicate that there was any hostile tribe of that name having a permanent residence so near to Plymouth, and deriving their designation from this pond. I find no trace of any such tribe in the records.

never returning empty handed. When he wanted intelligence of their Kennelling Places, he would March to some place likely to meet with some travellers or ramblers, and scattering his Company, would lye close; and seldom lay above a day or two, at the most, before some of them would fall into their hands: Whom he would compel to inform, where their Company was; and so by his method of secret and sudden surprizes took great Numbers of them Prisoners.<sup>222</sup>

The Government observing his extraordinary courage and conduct, and the success from Heaven added to it, saw cause to enlarge his Commission; gave him power to raise, and dismiss his Forces, as he should see occasion; [32] to Commissionate Officers under him, and to March as far as he should see cause, within the limits of the three United Colonies: to receive to mercy, give quarter, or not; excepting some particular & noted Murderers: *vis. Philip*, and all that were at the destroying of Mr. *Clark's* Garrison, and some few others<sup>223</sup>

Major *Bradford* being now at *Taunton* with his Army,<sup>224</sup>

<sup>222</sup> The arrangement mentioned above, by which those volunteers received one half of the value of the prisoners and arms which were taken, as their pay for service; sheds light upon their especial anxiety to capture the enemy alive.

<sup>223</sup> This is the commission dated 24th July, and inserted on p. 100. On the 21st July, three days before, the names of eleven Indians were placed on the

Colony Record as "co-partners in the outrage committed at William Clarke's house, at the Belriuer, 12 March, 1676." [*Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 206.]

<sup>224</sup> By the kindness of Mr. Haven of the Antiquarian Society in Worcester, and of Judge Collamore of Royalton, Vt., I am in possession of copies of a letter written from Taunton, on the 16th of this month by Anthony Collamore, one of Bradford's army there, giving

and wanting Provisions; some Carts were ordered from *Plymouth* for their supply, and Capt. *Church* to guard

some account of their procedure, and shedding a little light upon what has been a very obscure portion of the war. As the letter has never, to my knowledge, been printed, I insert it in full:—

“Taunton, this July 16, 1676.  
[Sunday.]

“DEARE AND LOVINGE WIFE,—After my kind love to you, presented hoping these will find you in health, as blessed be God I am at writing herof. So likewise are all our Situate men & y<sup>e</sup> rest of our army. Y<sup>e</sup> seventh [Mr. Haven's copy makes this 'twelfth,' and Judge Collamore queries whether it be 'seventh' or 'twelfth;'] but the connection favors the former,] day of this Instant wee marched from Taunton towards Swanfy & from thence to Matapoysett [Gardner's neck, see note 48, *ante*]; & so continued in y<sup>e</sup> perforce of them untill y<sup>e</sup> fourteenth day of y<sup>e</sup> above-said Month; and wee have killed & taken upwards of a hundred Indians; but never an English Man slain or wounded, only one or two bewildered in y<sup>e</sup> wood & so taken by y<sup>e</sup> enemy [ \* \* \* MS. illegible \* \* \* ], nor have we any of our Indiansaine or wounded, but peter Mahalen has a small wound in his belly; wee intend to be in perforce of Phillip tomorrow againe, we have perforce him so close y<sup>e</sup> do wee almost despaire; wee have followed him very close from swamp to swamp, so y<sup>e</sup> he is enforced to fly with a very small quantity of men with him because

“wee shall not find him out; but I hope with y<sup>e</sup> Blessing of God wee shall accomplish our desire y<sup>e</sup> is to take him; those captives y<sup>e</sup> wee have taken \* \* \* \* they tell us y<sup>e</sup> Robin Bradish & Cornelias y<sup>e</sup> stole Mr. Cushman's cow, are gon doune between our town & hingum to do Mischief there; y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant there was about a 100 Indians made an on-sett on taunton; they had burnt only two out houses for there was 200 English & Indians there present, which frustrated them of their designe; so y<sup>e</sup> they have killed never a man there; but they have killed one man since; pray present my service to my Uncle & Aunt with my duty to my father and mother & my love to my children & brother & sisters & y<sup>e</sup> rest of my friends; Sarg<sup>t</sup> [Barber?—Deane's *Settlement*, 129, 216] is well sitting on a rock eating Biskett & Cheese & desires to be remembered to his wife; this being all at present from

“Yo. ever Lo. Husband,

“ANTHONY COLLYMER.

“pray take an opportunity to gett two bushells of corn ground while y<sup>e</sup> water lasts.  
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[Anthony Collamore was nephew to Peter, one of the first settlers of Scituate, and received, by his will, a share of his estate. He married, in 1666, Sarah,



them.<sup>225</sup> But he obtaining other guards for the Carts, as far as *Middleborough*, ran before with a small Company, hoping to meet with some of the Enemy, appointing the Carts and their guards to meet them at *Nemascut*;<sup>226</sup> about an hour after the Suns rising next Morning: he arrived there about the breaking of the day-light, discovered a company of the Enemy; but his time was too short to wait for gaining advantage; and therefore ran right in upon them, Surprized and Captivated about 16 of them: who upon examination, inform'd, That *Tispaquin*,<sup>227</sup>

one of the twin daughters of Isaac Chittenden, and had five children (Mary, Peter, Sarah, Martha, Elizabeth). He was lost on a coasting voyage from Scituate to Boston, 16 Dec., 1693, on a ledge of rocks off Scituate beach, which, to this day, bears the name of Collamore's Ledge. He was commander of the militia of the town at the time, and was buried "under arms." — [Deane's *Scituate*, 239, 240.]

<sup>225</sup> This expedition seems to have taken place 20-27 July. Increase Mather, writing under date of Saturday, 22 July, says: "This week also, Capt. Church, of *Plymouth*, with a small party consisting of about 18 *English* and 22 *Indians* [Hubbard (p. 100) gives the same as the number of the party] had four several engagements with the enemy, &c.;" going on to speak of the capture of *Tiasq's* squaw, in a way to identify this as the expedition to which he refers. [*Brief History*, 42.]

<sup>226</sup> See note 218, *ante*. The exact

place in *Middleborough* here intended, I suppose to be, say 30 rods above the bridge where the road from the Green to the Four Corners crosses the *Nemasket* River; where were rapids, and near which is now the Lower Factory, or Star Mills.

<sup>227</sup> *Tispaquin* (*Tuspaquin*, abbrev. from *Watuspaquin*, alias the *Black Sachem*) was Sachem of *Assawompsett*, the territory surrounding the pond of that name in *Middleborough*. He received his land from "*Pamontagash*, the Pond Sachem" (who was probably his father), by will dated 29 Oct., 1668. He deeded land, 9 Aug., 1667, to Henry Wood; 17 July, 1669, with his son William, to Experience Mitchel *et al.*; 10 June, 1670, to Edward Gray; 30 June, 1672, to Edward Gray and Josias Winslow; in 1673, to John Saufaman; 11 Mar., 1673, to Felix, Saufaman's son-in-law; 3 July, 1673, to Benjamin Church and John Tompson; 23 Dec., 1673, to Saufaman's daughter, called *Assawetongh*; 1 March, 1674-5, he and

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But the Carts must now be guarded, and the opportunity of visiting *Tispaquin* must now be laid aside: The Carts are to be faithfully guarded, lest *Tispaquin* should attack them.

Coming towards *Taunton*, Capt. *Church* taking two Men with him, made all speed to the Town; and coming to the River side,<sup>202</sup> he hollow'd, and inquiring of them that came to the River, for Maj. *Bradford*, or his Captains; he was inform'd, they were in the Town, at the Tavern. He told them of the Carts that were coming, that he had the cumber of guarding of them, which had already prevented his improving opportunities of doing Service. Pray'd therefore that a guard might be sent over to receive the Carts, that he might be at liberty; refusing all invitations and persuasions, to go over to the Tavern, to visit the

his son William ball *Tobias* — accused (and afterwards convicted) of Sausaman's murder — in lands to the value of £100; 14 May, 1675, they fell Assawompsett neck to John Tompson *et al.*, as a security against the claims of others. In the spring of 1676 he was at the head of some 300 men, and had a hand in the attempt to burn Scituate, 20 April, and Bridgewater, 8 May. [*Plym. Col. Rec.* xii: 229, 230, 235; v: 159; *Drake's Book of the Ind.* 193, 194, 241, 242.]

<sup>202</sup> The old road from Middleborough to Taunton, on which Church may be

presumed to have travelled, took something of the general course now taken by the Middleborough and Taunton R.R., running south of that *cul-de-sac* in which the Taunton River encloses a south-east portion of Raynham, striking the river for crossing a few rods above the place where it receives Little River, and there connecting, as I am informed, with what is now Summer St. From the east bank of the river, where he now "hollow'd," to the town and the "tavern," must have been probably a third of a mile, or a little more.

Major: he at length obtain'd a guard to receive the Carts; by whom also he sent his Prisoners to be convey'd with the Carts to *Plymouth*, directing them not to return by the way they came, but by *Bridgewater*.<sup>200</sup>

Hastening back he purpos'd to Camp that Night at *Affawompset Neck*.<sup>200</sup> But as soon as they came to the River that runs into the great Pond thro' the thick Swamp at the entering of the Neck;<sup>201</sup> the Enemy fired upon them, but hurt not a Man. Capt. *Churches* Indians ran right into the Swamp and fired upon them, but it being in the dusk of the Evening, the Enemy made their escape in the thickets: The Captain then moving about a Mile into the Neck, took the advantage of a small Valley to feed his Horses; some held the Horses by the Bridles, the rest on the guard look'd sharp out for the Enemy, within hearing on every side, and some very near; but in the dead of the Night, the Enemy being out of hearing, or still, Capt. *Church* moved out of the Neck (not the same way he came in, lest he should be Ambus[33]cado'd)

<sup>200</sup> The road from Taunton to Plymouth by Bridgewater, to which Church here refers, appears to have taken a tolerably straight course in a north-north-easterly direction to what is now West Bridgewater, and then bore away a little south of east toward Plymouth—through what are now Halifax, North Plympton, and Kingston.

<sup>201</sup> The land, in what is now the town of Lakeville, inclosed between Affawompsett and Great Quitticas Ponds on the east and north, and Long Pond

on the west; some four miles in length, and varying from two miles to 80 rods in width. This narrowest part is at the northern entrance to the neck, where Long Pond and Affawompsett come near together, and are connected by a little brook.

<sup>201</sup> The brook referred to in the last note, which crosses the road to New Bedford a little south of what has long been known as Sampson's Tavern; now dignified as the Lakeville House.

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<sup>200</sup> *Cushnet* (*Acushnet*, *Accushnet*, *Acushnah*, *Cushnah*, *Cushnet*) was the name of the first settlement made at the head of Acushnet inlet, three miles north of New Bedford, where the river meets the tide. It is about 11½ miles almost due south of that spot in the neck where Church paused to feed his horses. With *Ponagansett* and *Coahsett* it had been constituted a township, named Dartmouth, 8 June, 1664; and burned by the Indians in the summer

of 1675, — as, see note 109, *ante*. [*Plym. Col. Rec.* iv: 65.]

<sup>201</sup> They came down on the east side of the river, and, where it runs into tide-water, crossed to the western side, on their way to Russell's garrison at Ponagansett.

<sup>202</sup> The neck between the great cedar swamp and the Pascamanet River, on the west, and the head of Acushnet inlet (now New-Bedford Harbor) on the east.

while the file sent, got undiscovered to the passage of the River, and found their watch all fast a sleep: but these Tidings thoroughly awakened the whole Company. But the Enemy giving them no present disturbance, they examined their Snafacks, and taking a little refreshment, the Captain orders one party to guard the Horses, and the other to Scout,<sup>266</sup> who soon met with a Track, and following of it, they were bro't to a small company of *Indians*, who proved to be *Little Eyes*, and his Family, and near Relations, who were of *Sogkonate*, but had forsaken their Country men, upon their making Peace with the *English*. Some of Capt. *Churches* Indians asked him, *If he did not know that Fellow?* Told him, *This is the Rogue that would have killed you at Awathonks Dance;*<sup>267</sup> and signified to him that now he had an opportunity to be revenged on him. But the Captain told them, *It was not English-mans fashion to seek revenge; and that he should have the same quarter the rest had.* Moving to the River side, they found an old Canoo, with which the Captain ordered *Little Eyes* and his company to be carried over to an Island;<sup>267</sup> Telling him, *he would leave him on that Island until he returned;*

<sup>266</sup> They must have scouted over the ground where the city of New Bedford now stands.

<sup>267</sup> See note 19, *ante*.

<sup>267</sup> Probably what is now called Palmer's Island, on which the inner lighthouse stands, midway of the channel, just as it narrows between Fair Haven and New Bedford, and in the range of

the southernmost wharves of the latter. Fish, Pope's, and Crow Islands, nearly a mile further up, would not have enabled Lightfoot to look over upon Sconcticut neck, as he seems next day to have done; but the narrow entrance to that neck is in plain sight, two miles due east from the lower extremity of Palmer's.

and lest the English should light on them, and kill them, he would leave his confin Light-foot<sup>298</sup> (whom the English knew to be their Friend) to be his guard. Little Eyes expressed himself very thankful to the Captain. He leaving his orders with Light-foot, returns to the Rivers side towards Poneganset, to Russels Orchard,<sup>299</sup> coming near the Orchard they clap'd into a thicket and there lodg'd the rest of the Night without any fire; and upon the Morning light appearing, moves towards the Orchard, discovers some of the Enemy, who had been there the day before, and had beat down all the Apples, and carryed them away; discovered also where they had lodg'd that Night, and saw the ground where they set their baskets bloody, being as they supposed and as it was afterwards discovered to be with the flesh of Swine, &c. which they had killed that day: They had lain under [34] the Fences without any fires; and seem'd by the marks they left behind them to be very numerous, perceived also by the dew on the grass that they had not been long gone; and therefore mov'd a-pace in pursuit of them. Travelling three Miles, or more, they came into the Country Road, where the track parted, one parcel steered towards the West end of the great Cedar Swamp, and the other to the East end.<sup>300</sup>

<sup>298</sup> Lightfoot appears to have been one of Awashonks' Indians who volunteered at Mattapoiset (p. 99). Church afterwards gave him the title of captain. He fought with Church in the first expedition east, in 1689.

See note 110, ante.

<sup>300</sup> The three miles seem to have brought them near to what is now known as the village of North Dartmouth. The eastern path skirting the swamp ran over toward Acushnet; the western would seem to have led up near where Turner's Mills now stand, on

The Captain halted and told his *Indian Souldiers*, *That they had heard as well as he, what some Men had said at Plymouth about them, &c. That now was a good opportunity for each party to prove themselves: The Track being divided they should follow one, and the English the other, being equal in number.* The *Indians* declined the Motion, and were not willing to move any where without him; said, *they should not think themselves safe without him.* But the Captain insisting upon it, they submitted; he gave the *Indians* their choice to follow which track they pleased; they replied, *They were light and able to Travel, therefore if he pleased they would take the West Track.* And appointing the Ruins of *John Cooks House* at *Cushnet*<sup>24</sup> for

the western side of the Pascamanet River, toward Sassaquin's Pond. The distance round to the rendezvous at Acushnet, by the latter, was much the greater, and on this account the *Indians* chose it, because "they were light and able to travel."

<sup>24</sup> *John Cooke* was son of Francis, and came in the *Mayflower* with his father; married 28 March, 1634, Sarah, daughter of Richard Warren; was deacon of the Plymouth Church, but was cast out, in the latter part of Mr. Reyner's ministry, for "having been the author of much dissension and division, and for afterwards running into sectarian and anabaptistical principles"; had a grant of land in Dartmouth, in June, 1664; became one of the first settlers of Acushnet; was deputy from there in 1666, 1667, 1668, 1673, 1674, 1675, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1683, and

1686; was authorized as a magistrate there in 1667, 1684, and 1689; had a controversy with some of the inhabitants of Dartmouth in regard to "Ram Island," which was settled by the Court, 1 July, 1672; died at Dartmouth, 23 Nov., 1695, probably the only one of the passengers on board the *Mayflower* who lived through the entire existence of the Plymouth Colony! Backus says he became a Baptist minister and "preached the doctrine of election, with the other doctrines of sovereign grace in Dartmouth for a number of years"; and thinks he founded the Baptist Church, near the borders of Tiverton and Dartmouth, in 1685. His house—whose ruins are here referred to—was situated on the Fair-Haven side of the Acushnet, about a mile north of the New-Bedford and Fair-Haven Bridge, and about a third of a mile east of the river, in what is

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the place to meet at; each Company set out briskly to try their Fortunes. Capt. Church with his *English* Soldiers followed their Track until they came near entering a miery Swamp, when the Capt. heard a Whistle in the Rear, (which was a note for a halt) looking behind him, he saw *William Fobes*<sup>25</sup> start out of the Company and made towards him, who hasten'd to meet him as fast as he could; *Fobes* told him they had discovered abundance of *Indians*, and if he pleased to go a few steps back he might see them himself: he did so, and saw them a-crofs the Swamp, observing them, he perceived they were gather-

now called "Brimblecome's Orchard." The site is almost directly opposite the house of Mr. J. M. Howland now standing, and is a few rods south of the Woodside Cemetery. A block-house also stood upon his land, perhaps half way from his house to the river. His farm was bounded on the west by the *Acutnet*, and ran back toward the east a mile and a half or more, and north and south at least as far, his house being pretty nearly in the center of it north and south. [*Savage's Gen. Dict.* i: 447; *Plym. Col. Rec.* iv: 67, 122, 148, 153, 163, 180; v: 93, 97, 114, 144, 165, 256; vi: 10, 36, 61, 106, 147, 186, 217; *Ricketson's Hist. New Bedford*, 35, 314; *Backus's Hist. N. E.* ii: 16, 18; *Abridgment of do.* 135; MS. letters from Mr. F. B. Dexter and Mr. Geo. H. Taber.]

<sup>25</sup> *William Fobes* (*Fobbes*, *Vobes*, *Forbes*) was the fourth son of John Fobes (and Constant, sister of Experience Mitchel), who was one of the early

settlers at Duxbury, and subsequently one of the original proprietors of Bridgewater, where he settled and died about 1661. William married, about 1667, Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Constant Southworth of Duxbury, — who seems to have been opposed to the match, putting this item into his will: "I will and bequeath unto my daughter E. S. my next best bed and furniture, with my wife's best bed, provided shee doe not marry William Fobbes; but if shee doe, then to have five shillings." William was, of course, at the time of this Indian campaign, a brother-in-law of Church. He afterwards settled at Little Compton — I do not know whether on the land there allotted to his elder brother, Edward, who took it among the first grantees in his father's right (see note 7), — and went commissary with Maj. Church, in the third expedition east, in 1692. [*Savage's Gen. Dict.* ii: 177; *Winfor's Dunbury*, 258, 314; *Mitchell's Bridgewater*, 159.]



ing of *Hurtle-Berries*, and that they had no apprehensions of their being so near them; The Captain supposed them to be chiefly Women, and therefore calling one Mr. *Dilano*,<sup>203</sup> who was acquainted with the ground, and the Indian Language, and another named Mr. *Barns*,<sup>204</sup> with these two Men he takes right thro' the Swamp as fast as he could, and orders the rest to hasten after them. Capt.

<sup>203</sup> I think this was *Jonathan Delano* (*De Lanney, De La Noye, Delaney, Delaney, Dellano, Delanoe*), son of Phillip, who came in the *Fortune*, in 1621, and was one of the first settlers of Duxbury. Jonathan was born in 1648, and was consequently near 28 years of age at this time. He married, 26 Feb., 1678, *Mercy*, daughter of Nathaniel Warren, of Plymouth, and had eleven children. He became one of the early settlers of Dartmouth (probably in his father's right of one share among the 36 original proprietors, in 1652), which would account for his being "acquainted with the ground." He was "commissionated" lieutenant (as I judge for his military experience in this war), 20 May, 1690; was constable, town clerk, surveyor, selectman, and, in 1689, deputy from Dartmouth. He died 28 Dec., 1720; and his gravestone still remains in the old Acushnet burying-ground. [Winfor's *Duxbury*, 251; Ricketson's *New Bedford*, 208, 286; *Savage's Gen. Dist.* II: 34.]

<sup>204</sup> The clew to identification here is slight; but Church's English soldiers on this expedition, were likeliest to be of Plymouth and its vicinity; and the *Barnes* known to me as best fulfilling

this and other natural conditions, is Jonathan, second son of John, of Plymouth, 1632 (probably of Yarmouth, 1639), who married *Mary Plummer*. Jonathan was born 3 June, 1643, and was, consequently, at this time, a little more than 33 years of age. In March, 1664-5, with his father, he had a controversy with Mr. *Mahershalahshbaz* (an extraordinary christening borrowed from *Isa.* viii: 1.) *Dyer*, of Newport, R.-I., in regard to a sloop; in which he got the worst of it, to the amount of £13 and his own costs. He married, 4 Jan., 1665, *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William Hedge*, of Yarmouth, and had eleven children. 29 Oct., 1671, he was appointed, with the widow, administrator on his father's estate; 3 June, 1673, the Court gave him, with another, liberty to act as guardian of the children of his sister *Mary*, who had married *Robert Marshall*; in 1677 he was constable of Plymouth; in 1679 and 1684 he served on coroner's juries, and in 1667, 1672, 1681, 1684, and 1685, on trial juries. [*Savage's Gen. Dist.* I: 121; *Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 81, 216, 231; vi: 8, 148; vii: 121, 136, 172, 242, 243, 285, 298; viii: 31; *Freeman's Hist. Cape Cod*, II: 16, 186.]

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on and where soon among the Thickest of the *Indians*, and  
out of sight of their own Men: Among the Enemy was an  
*Indian Woman* (who with her Husband had been drove  
off from *Rhode-Island*) notwithstanding they had an House  
upon Mr. *Sanford's Land*,<sup>245</sup> and had planted an Orchard  
before the War; yet the Inhabitants would not be satisf-  
fied till they were sent off;<sup>246</sup> and Capt. *Church* with his  
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with them, who thought it very hard to turn off such old,

<sup>244</sup> *Paleg Sanford* [*Sandford, Sam-  
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the earliest settlers of Rhode-Island.  
He, before 1665, married Mary, daugh-  
ter of Gov. Brenton; was admitted  
freeman at Newport, 1666; was made  
assistant in 1667, and again in later  
years; 1667 was chosen captain of a  
troop of horse; was appointed a Com-  
missioner to England in the same year,  
but did not go; was General Treasurer  
in 1678, and afterward; was elected  
Major of all troops on the island in  
1679; was chosen Governor, on Cran-  
ston's death in 1680, and again in  
1681, 1682, and 1683, when he declined;  
came near being killed by pirates, in  
1682; was chosen to go to England for  
the Colony in 1683, and had an Admi-  
rality commission from the king in  
1697-8, followed by a correspondence  
with Lord Bellemont. It is not known  
when he died. His house was in New-  
port. [*Savage's Gen. Dict.* iv: 15;  
*R.-I. Col. Rec.* ii: 147, 186, 218, 241,  
565; iii: 5, 8, 30, 80, 83, 97, 106, 120,  
134, 394.]

<sup>245</sup> The following order of the Court,  
passed 13 March, 1675-6, will show the  
state of feeling then existing on the  
island in regard to the residence of In-  
dians among them: "This Assembly  
doe order, that whatsoever person in  
Rhode Island, or elsewhere in this Col-  
ony, that hath either Indian or Indians  
in his custody, from 12 yeares old and  
upward, shall be bound in the daytime  
(if he goeth abroad from his house), to  
have a sufficient keeper in company  
with him, and to be locked up in the  
night in a sufficient place of security;  
and that if any such Indian be found  
without such keeper in the day or lockt  
up in the night as abovesaid, all such  
master soe offendinge shall forfeitt £5;  
twenty-five shillings shall be to him  
that can take an Indian soe offendinge,  
and bring him before the Governor, or  
any magistrate; or by two sufficient  
witnesses to testify against the offender,  
and the remainder to the Generall  
Treasury." This order was published  
"by beate of drum." [*R.-I. Col. Rec.*  
ii: 534.]

quiet People: but in the end it prov'd, a Providence & an advantage to him and his Family, as you may see afterwards. This *Indian* Woman knew Capt. *Church*, and as soon as she saw him, held up both her hands and came running towards him, crying aloud, *Church, Church, Church*. Capt. *Church* bid her stop the rest of the *Indians*, and tell them, *The way to save their Lives was not to run, but yield themselves Prisoners, and he would not kill them*; [35] so with her help, and *Dillano's*, who could call to them in their own Language, many of them stop'd and surrendred themselves; others scampering and casting away their baskets, &c. betook themselves to the thickets, but Capt. *Church* being on Horse-back soon came up with them, and laid hold on a Gun that was in the hand of one of the foremost of the company, pull'd it from him, and told him he must go back. And when he had turned them, he began to look about him to see where he was, and what was become of his Company, hoping they might be all as well employ'd as himself, but could find none but *Dillano*, who was very busy gathering up Prisoners; the Captain drove his that he had stop'd to the rest, inquiring of *Dillano* for their Company, but could have no news of them. But moving back picked up now and then a skulking Prisoner by the way. When they came near the place where they first started the *Indians*, they discover'd their Company standing in a body together, and had taken some few Prisoners; when they saw their Captain, they hastened to meet him: They told him they found it difficult getting

thro' the Swamp, and neither seeing nor hearing any thing of him, they concluded the Enemy had kill'd him, and were at a great loss what to do. Having brought their Prisoners together they found they had taken and kill'd 66 of the Enemy. Capt. *Church* then ask'd the old Squaw, *What company they belonged unto?* She said, They belonged part to *Philip*, and part to *Qunnappin*<sup>247</sup> and the *Narraganset-Sachem*,<sup>248</sup> discovered also upon her declaration that both *Philip* and *Qunnappin* were about two Miles off in the great Cedar Swamp;<sup>249</sup> he enquired of her, *What company they had with them?* She answered, *Abundance of Indians: The Swamp, she said, was full of Indians from one end unto the other, that were settled there, that there were near an 100 men came from the Swamp with them, and left them upon that plain to gather Hurtle-berry's, and promised to call them as they came back out of Sconticut-Neck,*<sup>250</sup> *whither they went to kill Cattel and Horses for*

<sup>247</sup> *Qunnappin* (*Panoquin, Sewagonish, &c.*) was a Narragansett, and nephew of *Miantunnamoh*. He became an ally of *Philip*, — one of his three wives being a sister of *Wootenchausshe*, *Philip's* wife, — was in the Narragansett swamp fight, and aided in the attack on Lancaster, 10 Feb., 1675; purchasing Mrs. Rowlandson of the Narragansett who captured her at that time. He was taken soon after the time of his present mention, and was shot at Newport, on sentence of a Court-martial, 25 August, 1676. [*Drake's Book of Ind.* 239; *R.-I. Hist. Coll.* iii: 173.]

<sup>248</sup> Possibly *Pumham*, who was killed

at Dedham, 25-27 July, and who — doubtless with his followers — was likely to have been at this time with *Philip*. [*Drake's Book of Ind.* 237.]

<sup>249</sup> That, as I suppose, which is still called by this name, two or three miles north-west of the city of New Bedford, and through which the road to Turner's Mills now passes.

<sup>250</sup> The southern portion of the town of Fair Haven, projecting like a finger pointing toward the Elizabeth Islands, — some 3 miles long by an average breadth of near  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a mile, and forming the eastern boundary of New-Bedford Harbor.

*Provisions for the company.* She perceiving Capt. Church move towards the Neck, told him, *If they went that way they would all be kill'd.* He ask'd her, *Where-about they crossed the River?* She pointed to the upper passing place.<sup>231</sup> Upon which Capt. Church passed over so low down as he thought it not probable they should meet with his Track in their return;<sup>232</sup> and hastened towards the Island, where he left *Little Eyes*, with *Light-foot*.<sup>233</sup> Finding a convenient place by the River side for the Securing their Prisoners,<sup>234</sup> Capt. Church and Mr. Dillano went down to see what was become of Capt. *Light-foot*, and the Prisoners left in his charge. *Light-foot* seeing and knowing them, soon came over with his broken Canoo;<sup>235</sup> and inform'd them, *That he had seen that day about 100 Men of the Enemy go down into Sconticut Neck, and that they were now returning again:* Upon which they three ran down immediately to a Meadow where *Light-foot* said the *Indians* had pass'd; where they not only saw their Tracks, but also them: Where-upon they lay close until the En-

<sup>231</sup> The "upper passing place" was where Church and his company had crossed, the night before, probably about where the bridge now is, at the Head of the River. [See note 233, *ante*.]

<sup>232</sup> Any lower crossing could hardly have been accomplished, even at ebb tide, without some swimming or the aid of a canoe. The likeliest place for this lower crossing seems to be from Belville to Island Marsh, where the river narrows so that they would have needed

to swim not more than 100 yds. This is just north of the Wamsutta Mills in New Bedford.

<sup>233</sup> See note 238, *ante*.

<sup>234</sup> Probably just above Mill Creek, which flows into the Acushnet just below the present New-Bedford and Fair-Haven bridge.

<sup>235</sup> He doubtless landed near Fort Phoenix; then, with Church and Dillano, ran along to the road up out of Sconticut neck and the meadow.

emy came into the said [36] Meadow, and the fore-most sat down his load and halted, until all the company came up, and then took up their loads & march'd again the same way that they came down into the Neck, which was the nearest way unto their Camp; had they gone the other way along the River,<sup>266</sup> they could not have miss'd Capt. *Churches* Track, which, would doubtless have expos'd them to the loss of their Prisoners, if not of their lives. But as soon as the Coast was clear of them, the Captain sends his *Light-foot* to fetch his Prisoners from the Island, while he and Mr. *Dillano* returns to the company, sent part of them to conduct *Light-foot* & his company to the aforesaid Meadow, where Capt. *Church* and his company met them; crossing the Enemies Track they made all hast, until they got over *Mattapoiset-river*,<sup>267</sup> near about four Miles beyond the ruines of *Cooks* House, where he appointed to meet his *Indian* company, whither he sent *Dillano*, with two more to meet them; ordering them, that if the *Indians* were not arrived, to wait for them. Accordingly, finding no *Indians* there, they waited until late in the Night, when they arrived with their booty.<sup>268</sup> They

<sup>266</sup> The nearest path from Sconticut neck to the Acushnet crossing, probably was then very nearly where the road now is; which averages a distance of about a mile from the eastern shore of the Acushnet. Church's path hugged that shore, and, as he crossed lower down, his track nowhere touched theirs.

<sup>267</sup> *Mattapoiset* River empties into

*Mattapoiset* Harbor, and its course for its last 5 miles averages about 4 miles east of the Acushnet, on whose shore stood Cook's house.

<sup>268</sup> The western path around the great cedar swamp required much longer time than the eastern, over which Church had come; and the *Indians* had that in mind in choosing it. (See note 240, ante.)

dispatch'd a Post to their Captain to give him an account of their Success; but the day broke before they came to him: And when they had compared Successes, they very remarkably found that the number that each Company had taken and slain, was equal. The *Indians* had kill'd 3 of the Enemy, and taken 63 Prisoners, as the *English* had done before them, both *English* and *Indians* were surpriz'd at this remarkable Providence, and were both parties rejoicing at it; being both before afraid of what might have been the event of the unequal Success of the parties.<sup>200</sup> But the *Indians* had the fortune to take more Arms than the *English*. They told the Captain, *That they had missed a brave Opportunity by parting; They came upon a great Town of the Enemy, viz Capt. Tyasks<sup>200</sup> company, (Tyasks was the next man to Philip) They fired upon the Enemy before they were discovered, and ran upon them with a shout; the Men ran and left their Wives and Children, and many of them their Guns:<sup>201</sup> They took*

<sup>200</sup> The reference is to the prejudice — which Church referred to when he made to the Indians of his party the proposition to go by themselves — still existent in the Colony against the Indians as soldiers in that war; a prejudice paralleled in obstinate persistence by that so long entertained by many against the colored troops in our recent struggle.

<sup>200</sup> *Tyasts (Tiasag)* I find nothing of more than is here narrated, except that Mather says of this fight, "*Tiasag* Philip's Chief Captain ran away leav-

ing his Gun behind him, and his *Squaw*, who was taken"; and Hubbard says, "In June last," — his chronology, of course, is in fault, — "one *Tiasag*, a great captain of his [Philip's], his wife and child, or children, being taken; though he escaped himself, at first, yet came since and surrendered himself." [*Brief Hist.* 42; *Narrative*, 106.]

<sup>201</sup> Mr. Drake says, in his late edition of Mather's *Brief History* (p. 181, note), that "the place where these prisoners were taken was probably in some part of what is since Rochester." It is haz-

*Tyasks Wife and Son, and tho't that if their Captain & the English company had been with them they might have taken some hundreds of them: And now they determined not to part any more.*

That Night *Philip* sent (as afterwards they found out) a great Army to way-lay Capt. *Church* at the entring on of *Affawompsset* Neck, expecting he would have returned the same way he went in; but that was never his method to return the same way that he came; & at this time going another way he escaped falling into the hands of his Enemies. The next day they went home by *Scipican*,<sup>200</sup> and got well with their Prisoners to *Plymouth*.

He soon went out again; and this stroke he drove many Weeks;<sup>200</sup> and when he took any number of Prisoners, he would pick out some that he took a fancy to, and would tell them, *He took a particular fancy to them, and had chose them for himself to make Souldiers of; and if any would behave themselves well, he would do well by them, and they should be his men and not Sold out of the Country.* [37] If he perceived they look'd furly, and his *Indian* Souldiers

ardous for a neophyte to venture to differ from one so long and largely familiar with Indian affairs; but I think if Mr. Drake would take with him Church's account over the country traversed, he would agree with me in fixing the place of *Tiashq's* capture as somewhere on the northern and western skirts of the "great cedar swamp," in what is now New Bedford.

<sup>200</sup> It would be a short four miles from

their present position, on the east bank of the *Mattapoisett* River, to that point in the road to *Plymouth*, by *Sippican*, where Church discovered *Awashonks* and her party. [See note 212, *ante*.]

<sup>200</sup> This is to be taken as a general remark, covering Church's relation to this summer of the war, and not as intimating that many weeks passed before the period of the next incident which he specifically sets down.



call'd them treacherous Dogs, as some of them would sometimes do, all the notice he would take of it, would only be to clap them on the back, and tell them, *Come, come, you look wild and surly, and mutter, but that signifies nothing, these my best Souldiers were a little while ago as wild and surly as you are now; by that time you have been but one day along with me, you'l love me too, and be as brisk as any of them.* And it prov'd so. For there was none of them but (after they had been a little while with him, and see his behaviour, and how chearful and successful his Men were) would be as ready to Pilot him to any place where the *Indians* dwelt or haunted (tho' their own Fathers or nearest Relations should be among them) or to fight for him, as any of his own Men.

Capt. *Church* was in two particulars much advantaged by the great *English Army*<sup>204</sup> that was now abroad. One was, that they drove the Enemy down to that part of the Country, *viz.* to the Eastward of *Taunton River* by which means his business was nearer home. The other was that when ever he fell on with a push upon any body of the Enemy (were they never so many) they fled expecting the great Army. And his manner of Marching thro' the Woods was such, as if he were discovered, they appeared

<sup>204</sup> Besides the Plymouth troops under Major Bradford, to whom Church has herein referred; Major Talcot was in the field with some 250 English and 200 Mohegans from Connecticut, and two companies from Massachusetts, under Capts. Brattle and Mofely, were associated with Bradford's men; besides Henshman's forces, which were scouring the interior woods. [*Palfrey's Hist. N. E.* iii: 197; *Barry's Hist. Mass.* i: 444. 445.]

to be more than they were. For he always Marched at a wide distance one from another, partly for their safety: and this was an *Indian* custom, to March thin and scatter. Capt. *Church* inquired of some of the *Indians* that were become his Souldiers, *How they got such advantage often of the English in their Marches thro' the Woods?* They told him, That the *Indians* gain'd great advantage of the *English* by two things; The *Indians* always took care in their Marches and Fights, not to come too thick together. But the *English* always kept in a heap together, that it was as easy to hit them as to hit an House. The other was, that if at any time they discovered a company of *English* Souldiers in the Woods, they knew that there was all, for the *English* never scattered; but the *Indians* always divided and scattered.

Capt. *Church* now at *Plymouth*, something or other happen'd that kept him at home a few days, until a Post came to *Marshfield* on the Lords day Morning,<sup>205</sup> informing the Governour that a great army of *Indians* were discovered, who it was supposed were designing to get over the River towards *Taunton* or *Bridgewater*, to Attack those Towns that lay on that side the River.<sup>206</sup> The Governour hastned to *Plymouth*, raised what Men he could by the way, came to *Plymouth* in the beginning of the forenoon Exercise;

<sup>205</sup> Sunday, 30 July, 1676.

<sup>206</sup> Phillip had been in the neighborhood of *Assawompset Pond*, in Middleborough, on the southern and eastern side of *Taunton* (*Titicut*, i.e. *Kek-tuk-tuk-gut* [*Eliot*, Gen. xv: 18], "on-the-

great-river") River. In order to get at *Taunton* and *Bridgewater*, which were on the northern and western side, it was needful for him to cross; and, both for easier crossing and to avoid the "great army," he would move north to do it.

sent for Capt. *Church* out of the Meeting-house, gave him the News, and desired him immediately to Rally what of his Company he could; and what Men he had raised should joyn them. The Captain bestirs himself, but found no Bread in the Store-house, and so was forc'd to run from House to House to get House-hold Bread for their March; but this nor any thing else prevented his Marching by the beginning of the afternoon Exercise; March-[38]ing with what Men were ready, he took with him the Post that came from *Bridgewater* to Pilot him to the Place, where he tho't he might meet with the Enemy.<sup>207</sup>

<sup>207</sup> Mitchell [in a *Mafs. Hist. Coll.* vii: 157, and in his *Hist. Bridgewater*, 39] gives an extract from an old manuscript which he supposes to have been written by Comfort Willis, who was "Town Trooper" at this time, which gives some details slightly at variance with Church's account of the matter, but which, if genuine, must take precedence in authenticity. He says, "On Saturday [29 July], Capt. Hayward, Sergt. Packard, John Willis, and Isaac Harris, went out to see if the Indians were coming down upon them, and they saw an Indian, which made them think the enemy was at hand; and they immediately pressed Comfort Willis and Joseph Edson to go post to the Governor the same day at night to tell him of it. And he [the Governor] went to Plymouth with them the next day, [Sunday, 30 July] to send Capt. Church with his company. And Capt. Church came with them to Monponset [Halifax] on the Sabbath, and

came no further that day; and he told them he would meet them the next day. And Comfort Willis and Joseph Edson came home at night, and told their friends of it, and Ensign Haward, Samuel Edson, Josiah Edson, Joseph Edson, John Washburn, Samuel Washburn, Thomas Washburn, John Field, Nicholas Byram, Samuel Allen, Samuel Allen, jr., John Gordon, John Hayward, John Packard, John Ames, Comfort Willis, Guido Bailey, Nathaniel Hayward, John Whitman, John Packard, and Samuel Leach went out on Monday, supposing to meet with Captain Church; but they came upon the enemy, and fought with them, and took seventeen of them alive, and also much plunder, and they all returned, and not one of them fell by the enemy, and received no help from Church."

I incline to accept the version of this MS., and I reconcile its statements with those of Church by supposing him, in his reminiscence of the events, forty

In the Evening they heard a smart firing at a distance from them, but it being near Night, and the firing but of short continuance, they mis'd the place and went into *Bridgewater* Town.<sup>268</sup> It seems, the occasion of the firing, was, That *Philip* finding that Capt. *Church* made that side of the Country too hot for him, design'd to return to the other side of the Country that he came last from.<sup>269</sup> And coming to *Taunton* River with his company,<sup>270</sup> they fell'd

years after, to have dropped out one day from his reckoning, — if his language was meant to be taken, as it would naturally be, as implying that "in the evening" was the evening of the same day on which he left Plymouth. I think that he went no further than Monponset on the Sabbath; that on Monday he scouted south-westward toward Bridgewater, along the upper skirt of those great cedar swamps which still occupy so many miles of the northern part of Middleborough, and where he would be likeliest to find Philip, but failed to fall in with him; that the "smart firing at a distance" which he heard, was that of Comfort Willis's party (*Increase Mather* says it was "about 3 h. p. m."); and that "missing the place" of that, he went into Bridgewater Town on Monday evening, 31 July. Hubbard and both the Mathers fix the date of the expedition of the Bridgewater men — as the old MS. does — on Monday, 31 July; while, if the apparent statement of Church were taken, it would fix it on Sunday, the 30th. Four to one, and that one dictating so long afterward, must carry

the day. [Hubbard's *Narrative*, 101; *Brief History*, 44; *Magnalia* (ed. 1853) II: 575.]

<sup>268</sup> *Bridgewater Town* then was what is now known as West Bridgewater; the first settlement having been made on Town River, less than three miles east of the present eastern boundary line of Easton.

<sup>269</sup> That is, on the western side of Titicut River, toward the Nipmuck country, north-westerly, or toward the Narragansett country on the south-west.

<sup>270</sup> After long inquiry, I have failed to get any evidence, of much value, fixing the position of this crossing-place where the tree was felled. The only tradition of any fort which has come to my knowledge, with regard to it, was furnished me by Williams Latham, Esq., of Bridgewater, who informs me that Mr. Stillman B. Pratt, late editor of the *Middleborough Gazette*, once told him that the tree was felled near the junction of the Nemasket, with the Taunton River. This spot is about three quarters of a mile a little east of south of the present Titicut Station on the Old-Colony and Fall-

a great Tree a-crofs the River for a Bridge to pafs over on; and juft as *Philips* old Uncle *Akkompoin*,<sup>m</sup> and fome other of his chiefs were paffing over the Tree, fome brisk *Bridgwater* Lads, had Ambush'd them, fired upon them, and killed the old man, and feveral others, which put a flop to their coming over the River that Night.

Next Morning<sup>m</sup> Capt. *Church* moved very early with his Company which was increafed by many of *Bridgwater* that lifted under him for that Expedition, and by their Piloting, he foon came very ftill, to the top of the great Tree which the Enemy had fallen a-crofs the River; and the Captain fpy'd an *Indian* fitting upon the ftump of it on the other fide of the river; and he clap'd his Gun up, and had doubtlefs difpatch'd him, but that one of his own *Indians* called haftily to him, Not to fire, for he believed it was one of his own men; upon which the *Indian* upon

River Railroad. I diftruf this tradition, however, and am of opinion that *Phillip* kept up feveral miles further on the eaft bank of Town River, before croffing, for thefe reafons: (1) it feems to me, intrinfically, quite as probable that he would do fo; (2) the ftream would be much lefs in width, and could be much eafier croffed upon a tree, in the manner fuggelted; (3) the requifites of the fubfequent narrative feem to me to require them to be further north on the ftream next day than they would have been if the tree had been as low down as *Titicut*; and (4) that my fuppoftion would bring their "firing" up more nearly within *Church's* hearing,

in his natural route from *Monponfet*. I fhould be inclined, then, to place the probable pofition of the tree much nearer to *Sprague's Hill* than to *Titicut*.

<sup>m</sup> *Unkempoin* [*Uncompowett*] figned a treaty of friendship with the Englifh at *Plymouth*, 6 Aug. 1662, with *Phillip*, and is there ftyled "Vnkeil to the abouefaid fachen." With *Phillip*, he claimed land in *Swanfe*, in 1668. *Mather* fays he was "one of his [*Phillip's*] chief Councillors." *Mr. Drake* fays he was alfo called *Woonhaponahunt* and *Wohowpahnutt*. [*Plym. Col. Rec.* iv: 26; v: 79; *Brief Hift.* 44; *Book of Ind.* 199, 203, 204.]

<sup>m</sup> *Tuefday*, 1 Aug.

the stump look'd about, and Capt. *Churches Indian* seeing his face perceived his mistake, for he knew him to be *Philip*; clap'd up his Gun and fired, but it was too late, for *Philip* immediately threw himself off the stump, leap'd down a bank on the side of the River, and made his escape. Capt *Church* as soon as possible got over the River, and scattered in quest of *Philip*, and his company; but the Enemy scattered and fled every way; but he pick'd up a considerable many of their Women and Children, among which was *Philip's Wife*, and Son of about Nine Years Old.<sup>273</sup> Discovering a considerable new Track

<sup>273</sup> Philip's wife's name, Mr. Drake says, was *Wootonehanushe*; and he adds that she was a sister of one of the three wives of Quinnapin. Judge Davis gives an interesting account of the discussion that took place in the Colony in regard to the disposition to be made of Philip's son. The Court seem — as they often did, on questions concerning which they had doubt, and the more especially when those questions were of a moral nature — to have consulted the principal Reverend Elders. Samuel Arnold (pastor of the church in Marshfield) and John Cotton (Plymouth) write, 7 Sept., 1676, thus: "Upon serious consideration, we humbly conceive that the children of notorious traitors, rebels and murderers, especially of such as have bin principal leaders and actors in such horrid villainies, and that against a whole nation, yea the whole Israel of God, may be involved in the guilt of their parents, and may, *salva republica*, be adjudged to death, as to us

seems evident by the scripture instances of *Saul*, *Achan*, *Haman*, the children of whom were cut off by the sword of Justice for the transgressions of their parents, although, concerning some of those children, it be manifest that they were not capable of being coactors therein." Increase Mather, of Boston, wrote to Mr. Cotton, 30 Oct., 1676: "It is necessary that some effectual course should be taken about him [Philip's son]. He makes me think of Hadad, who was a little child when his father (the chief sachem of the Edomites) was killed by Joab; and, had not others fled away with him, I am apt to think, that David would have taken a course, that Hadad should never have proved a scourge to the next generation." Rev. James Keith, of Bridgewater, also wrote to Mr. Cotton, 30 Oct., 1676, but as follows: "I long to hear what becomes of Philip's wife and son. I know there is some difficulty in that *Psalms*, cxxxvii: 8, 9, though I think it

along the River, and examining the Prisoners, found that it was *Qunnappin* and the *Narragansets*, that were drawing off from those parts towards the *Narraganset* Country, he inquired of the Prisoners, *Whether Philip were gone in the same Track?* they told him, *They did not know, for he fled in a great fright when the first English Gun was fired, and they had none of them seen or heard any thing of him since.* Capt. Church left part of his Company there to secure the Prisoners they got, and to pick up what more they could find; and with the rest of his company hastened in the Track of the Enemy to over-take them, if it might be, before they got over the River, and ran some Miles along the River until he came unto a place where the *Indians* had waded over;<sup>274</sup> and he with his Company waded over after them up to the Arm-pits; being almost as wet before with Sweat as the River could make them: Following about a Mile further, and not overtaking them, and the

may be considered, whether there be not some specialty and somewhat extraordinary in it. That law, *Deut.* xxiv: 16, compared with the commended example of *Amasiah*, *2 Chron.* xxv: 4, doth sway much with me in the case under consideration. I hope God will direct those whom it doth concern to a good issue, &c. &c." By a letter from Mr. Cotton to Dr. Mather, 20 March, 1677, which contains this passing remark, "Philip's boy goes now to be sold," it is made almost certain that, with his mother, he shared the fate of so many of his nation, and went to spend his spared life in Cadiz, or the

Bermudas. [Davis's *Morton's Mem.* 454.]

<sup>274</sup> While bathing, when a boy, in this river, I have often waded across on a bar which a local tradition assigns as the place where the *Indians* crossed on this occasion. It is, if I remember correctly, perhaps a mile and a quarter up stream from the junction of the *Nemasket* with the *Taunton*, and nearly due west of the residence of the late *Cephas Thompson, Esq.*, in *Middleborough*. If the position of the tree was where I suppose it to have been (see note 270, *ante*), this suits very well the demands of the narrative.

Captain being under a necessity [39] to return that Night to the Army, came to an halt, told his Company, *he must return to his other men.* His *Indians* Souldiers moved for leave to pursue the Enemy (tho' he return'd;) said, *The Narragansets were great Rogues, and they wanted to be revenged on them for killing some of their Relations;* named, *Tokkamona*<sup>266</sup> (*Awashonks* Brother) and some others. Capt. *Church* bad them go & prosper, and made *Light-foot* their chief;<sup>267</sup> and gave him the title of Captain, *Bid them go and quit themselves like men.* And away they scampered like so many Horses. Next Morning<sup>267</sup> early they returned to their Captain, and informed him, *That they had come up with the Enemy, and kill'd several of them, and brought him Thirteen of them Prisoners;* were mighty proud of their Exploit, and rejoiced much at the opportunity of avenging themselves. Capt. *Church* sent the Prisoners to *Bridgewater*, and sent out his Scouts to see what Enemies or Tracks they could, discovering some small Tracks, he follows them, found where the Enemy had kindled some fires, and roasted some flesh, &c. but had put out their fires and were gone. The Captain followed them by the Track, putting his *Indians* in the Front; some of which were such as he had newly taken from the

<sup>266</sup> *Takamuma*, "a Sachem at Saconett," appeared at Plymouth Court, 3 Nov., 1671, "with Philip, cheife Sachem," and engaged subjection "to the Kinges ma<sup>ty</sup> of England, this goument, and the lawes thereof," &c., agreeing to pay yearly one wolf's head to the

Treasurer, and Philip engaged for his "performance of the said engagement in all points thereof." [*Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 80.

<sup>267</sup> See note 238, *ante*.

<sup>267</sup> Wednesday, 2 August, 1676.



Enemy, and added to his Company. Gave them order to March softly, and upon hearing a whistle in the Rear to sit down, till further order. Or upon discovery of any of the Enemy to stop, for his design was, if he could, discover where the Enemy were, not to fall upon them (unless necessitated to do it) until next Morning. The *Indians* in the Front came up with many Women and Children, and others that were faint and tired, and so not able to keep up with the Company; these gave them an account that *Philip* with a great number of the Enemy were a little before. Capt. *Churches* *Indians* told the others, *They were their Prisoners, but if they would submit to order and be still no one should hurt them*: They being their old acquaintance, they were easily persuaded to conform. A little before Sun-set there was a halt in the Front until the Captain came up, and they told him, *They discovered the Enemy*: He order'd them, to dog them, and watch their motion till it was dark. But *Philip* soon came to a stop, and fell to breaking and chopping Wood, to make fires: and a great noise they made. Capt. *Church* draws his company up into a ring, and sat down in the Swamp<sup>278</sup>

<sup>278</sup> I find no data in any of the accounts of this pursuit for an accurate determination of the locality of this swamp; our only guide being general conjecture founded upon the lay of the land, the time taken, and the probabilities of the case. We must assume as the point of departure some place on *Titticut* River where it divides the present towns of Bridgewater and Middle-

borough, probably not far from the position of the State Alms House in the former. From this point, where the *Indians* waded across to the Bridgewater side, they unquestionably shaped their general course for the *Narragansett* country. But in doing so they must make a detour to the west to avoid the "army" in *Taunton*; as following the nearest route along the western bank of

without any noise or fire: The *Indian* Prisoners were much surprized to see the *English* Soldiers; but the Captain told them, *If they would be quiet and not make any disturbance or noise, they should meet with civil treatment, but if they made any disturbance, or offered to run, or make their escape, he would immediately kill them all; so they were very submissive & obsequious.* When the day broke,<sup>m</sup> Capt. Church told his Prisoners, *That his Expedition was such at this time that he could not afford them any guard: Told them, They would find it to be their interest to attend the orders he was now about to give them; which was, That when the fight was over, which they now expected; or as*

the river would bring them directly upon that town. A glance at the configuration of the country will make it most probable, then, that they passed between *Nunkateh (Nippenichet)* and *Gybes* ponds, over into the north part of what is now Raynham, and thence into the north part of what is now Taunton, between *Winniconnet* and *Watson's* ponds, and so south-west, about as the division line between Taunton and Norton runs, toward Rehoboth. I assume that from 15 to 18 miles through those rough wood-paths and swamps would be as much as such a mixed company, many of whom were "faint and tired," could accomplish in a day. This, by the route which I have indicated, would bring them near to three cedar swamps; one now called *Crooked-Meadow* Swamp, through which the town line between Taunton and Norton runs; one called *Seekonk* Swamp,

in the southern angle of Norton; and a smaller one, three-quarters of a mile into Rehoboth, and some two miles north of *Squannakonk* Swamp, where *Annawon* was afterwards taken. It is my impression that the latter best meets all the conditions of the case. Philip seems to have camped on an upland on the edge of or within the swamp, as was their custom. Mr. Drake, in his edition of Church, places the swamp which sheltered them in *Mattapossett* neck in *Swansley*. But that must have involved a return march on the part of Church and his prisoners of 25 to 30 miles back to *Bridgewater*, which was more than they could well accomplish before "that night"; besides that from *Swansley* Church's natural route would have led through Taunton, where he would most likely have delivered his prisoners, as on a subsequent occasion.

<sup>m</sup> Thursday, 3 August, 1676.

soon as the firing ceased, they must follow the Tracks of his Company and come to them. (An [40] Indian is next to a blood-hound to follow a Track.) He said to them, *It would be in vain for them to think of disobedience, or to gain any thing by it, for he had taken and killed a great many of the Indian Rebels, and should in a little time kill and take all the rest, &c.* By this time it began to be so light, as the time that he usually chose to make his onset. He moved sending two Souldiers before to try if they could privately discover the Enemies postures. But very unhappily it fell out, that the very same time *Philip* had sent two of his as a Scout upon his own Track, to see if none dog'd them; who spy'd the two *Indian* men, and turn'd short about, and fled with all speed to their Camp: and *Capt. Church* pursued as fast as he could; the two *Indians* set a yelling and howling, and made the most hideous noise they could invent, soon gave the Alarm to *Philip* & his Camp; who all fled at the first tydings, left their Kittles boiling & Meat roasting upon their wooden Spits, & run into a Swamp with no other Bressk-fast, than what *Capt. Church* afterwards treated them with. *Capt. Church* pursuing, sent *Mr. Isaac Howland*<sup>200</sup> with a party on one side of the Swamp, while him-

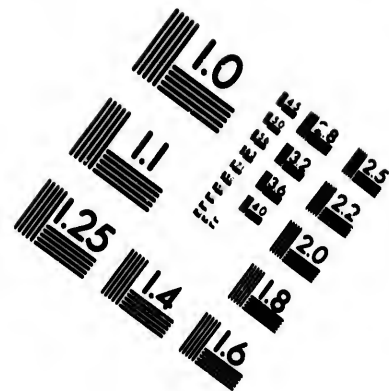
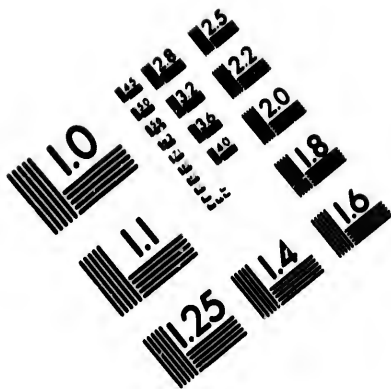
<sup>200</sup> *Isaac Howland* was youngest son of *John*, and brother of *Jabez* (see note 207, *ante*); was one of the first settlers of *Middleborough*; married *Eliza*, daughter of *George Vaughan*; was surveyor of highways at *M.*, in 1672; selectman

at *M.*, in 1674, 1684, 1685, 1686; admitted freeman in 1681; was a member of the "grand enquest," in 1682; served on a trial jury, in 1683; was licensed to keep an ordinary at *M.*, in 1684; was deputy for *M.*, in 1689, 1690, 1691; re-

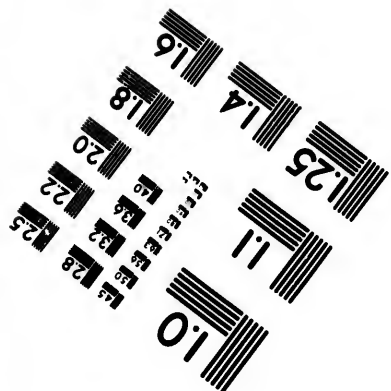
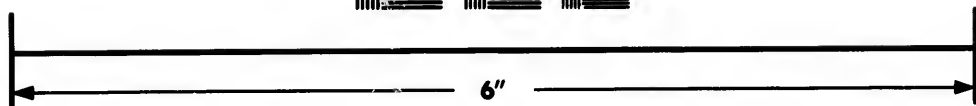
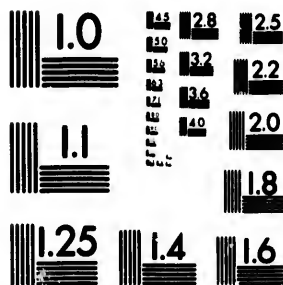
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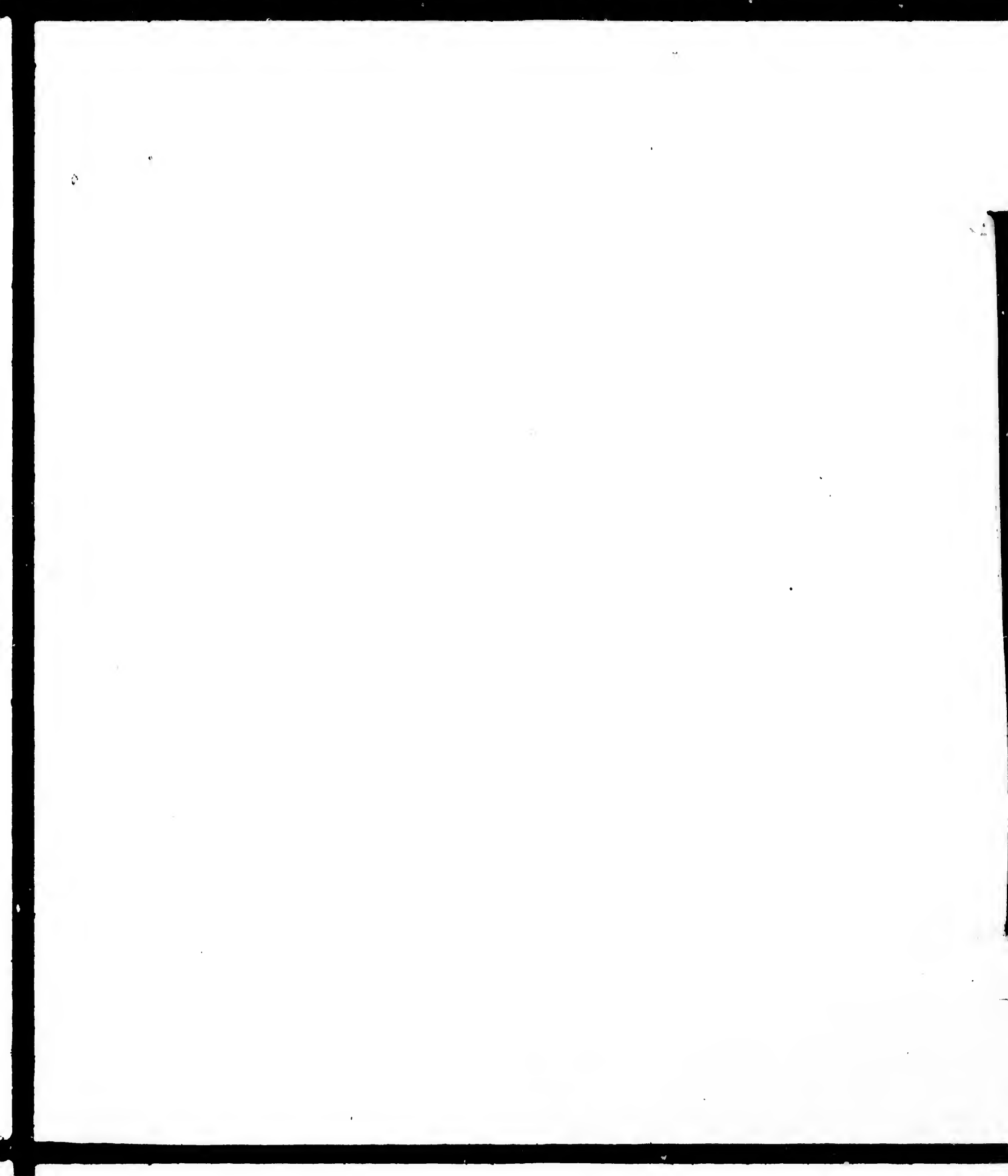
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self with the rest ran on the other-side, agreeing to run on each side, until they met on the further end: placing some men in secure Stands at that end of the Swamp where *Philip* entered, concluding that if they headed him and beat him back, that he would take back in his own Track. Capt. *Church* and Mr. *Howland* soon met at the further end of the Swamp (it not being a great one) where they met with a great number of the Enemy, well armed, coming out of the Swamp. But on sight of the *English* they seemed very much surprized, & tack'd short. Capt. *Church* called hastily to them, and said, *If they fired one Gun they were all dead men; for he would have them know that he had them hem'd in, with a force sufficient to command them; but if they peaceably surrender'd they should have good quarter,*<sup>281</sup> &c. They seeing both *Indians* and *English* come so thick upon them, were so surprized that many of them stood still and let the *English* come and

ceived £7 of Thomas Josen, of Little Compton, for "a yoke of oxen, unjustly detained." [*Savage's Gen. Diff.* ii: 479; *Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 93, 145; vi: 62, 86, 129, 131, 168, 186, 198, 206, 212, 222, 240, 246, 263, 268.]

<sup>281</sup> Hubbard says, "In this engagement God did appear in a more than ordinary manner to fight for the *English*, for the *Indians* by their number, and other advantages of the place, were so conveniently provided, that they might have made the first shot at the *English*, and done them much damage; but one of their own Country-men in

Capt. *Churches* Company, spying them, called aloud unto them in their own Language, telling them, *that if they shot a Gun, they were all dead men;* with which they were so amazed, that they durst not once offer to fire at the *English*, which made the victory the more remarkable." [*Narrative*, 102.] Mather [*Brief History*, 44] adds that the Indian's name was *Matthias*. As Church could not himself speak Indian, this is probably the correct version of what took place; or perhaps he spoke in *English*, and his Indian soldiers repeated his words in their tongue.



take the Guns out of their hands, when they were both charged and cock'd. Many both Men, Women and Children of the Enemy were imprisoned at this time; while *Philip, Tispaquin, Totofon,*<sup>200</sup> &c. concluded that the *English* would pursue them upon their Tracks, so were way-laying their Tracks at the first end of the Swamp, hoping thereby to gain a shot upon Capt. *Church* who was now better employ'd in taking his Prisoners & running them into a Valley, in form something shap'd like a Punch-hole, and appointing a guard of two files trible armed with Guns taken from the Enemy. But *Philip* having waited all this while in vain, now moves on after the rest of his company to see what was become of them. And by this time Capt. *Church* was got into the Swamp ready to meet him; and as it happen'd made the first discovery, clapt behind a Tree until *Philips* company came pretty near, and *Church* fired upon them, kill'd many of them, and a close skimm follow'd. Upon this *Philip* having grounds sufficient to suspect the event of his com[41]pany that

<sup>200</sup> *Tatofon* (*Totofon, Tantouen*) is said to have been the son of *Sam Barrow*, whose death is mentioned further on. There is a tradition that his camp was upon what — it is thought by corruption from his name — is now called *Toufer's neck*, an upland peninsula projecting into Great-Bear Swamp, about a mile and a half south-west of the village of Rochester, Mass., and a short distance east of the road to Mattapoisett. *Tatofon* was witness to a deed

of lands upon *Wooquanest neck* in 1666; with others "engaged his Fidelity" to the Colony at Plymouth, 6 July, 1671; led the party that murdered Clark's Garrison, 12 March, 1676 (see note 156, ante), whereupon "four coates" were offered to *Capt. Amos* as a reward if he would "bring him in"; and seems to have died miserably, soon after *Philip's* death, as will appear further on. [*Drake's Book of the Ind.* 244; *Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 72, 205, 206, 209.]

went before them, fled back upon his own Track; and coming to the place where the Ambush lay, they fired on each other, and one *Lucus of Plymouth*,<sup>288</sup> not being so

<sup>288</sup> *Thomas Lucas (Lucas)* has a singularly and persistently bad record. He first appears before the Court, 3 Feb., 1656, when he had a controversy with the widow Dotey, and was cast in 3s.; 2 Oct., 1658, he was fined 10s. for a second conviction of drunkenness, and 5s. for retailing strong liquors; 6 Oct., 1659, he was fined 10s. for being drunk; 7 Mar., 1659-60, he was fined 30s. for abusive conduct toward James Cole, sen.'s wife and James Cole, jr.'s child; 2 Oct., 1660, he was fined 10s. for being drunk twice; 5 Mar., 1660-1, he was bound in £20 to find sureties for good behavior, but presenting himself in Court, "distempered with drinke," and with "vnbeseming behaulour" he was committed to prison and fined 40s.; 7 May, following, he was found drunk, and broke his bonds, and his case was referred to the next Court, which "upon some considerations" remitted £10 of his forfeiture; 3 Mar., 1662-3 he was sentenced to be "whipt" for drunkenness, but the sentence was suspended if he did not offend again; 1 Mar., 1663-4, he got his whipping, and was also bound over in £20, for abusing his wife and reviling others; 8 June, 1664, he was put in the stocks for swearing; 9 June, 1665, was imprisoned 24 hours for the same offence; 3 Oct., 1665, he was fined 10s. for being drunk; 2 Mar., 1668-9, his wife testified that he had not abused her since he was bound over; and he, promising amendment, was released of that presentment; 7 June, 1670, he was fined 3s. 4d. for breaking the king's peace; 3 June, 1673, he was arrested for being drunk, but "released with admonition"; 1 June, 1675, "for being distempered with drinke, it being soe often, and that hee hath borne severall p'ticular punishments gradually, and can not be reclaimed, it was ordered concerning him that all that sell drinke be strictly ordered and prohibited to let him haue none"; 30 Oct., 1675, for being drunk, and for reviling some deceased magistrates, he was "whipt att the post." The only countervailing records concerning him—so far as they are such—which I have found, are that, 5 Mar., 1651-2, he gained £3 12s. in a jury trial from Richard Hawes; 15 July, 1660, he affixed his mark to the verdict of a coroner's inquest on the death of James Peirse; and that, 29 Oct., 1669, a jury gave him costs when sued by Joseph Bartlett, for 258 lbs. of "beife delivered att his house." He was clearly a miserable, drunken, profane, quarrelsome fellow, and his life—as Church intimates by carelessness (he could hardly have been drunk so early in the morning)—found fit ending. He had five children, viz: John, born 15 July, 1656; Mary, born 15 Mar., 1658; Benoni, born 30 Oct., 1659; Samuel, born 15 Sept., 1661; and William, born 13 Jan., 1662.

careful as he might have been about his Stand, was kill'd by the *Indians*. In this Swamp skirmish Capt. *Church* with his two men which always ran by his side as his guard, met with three of the Enemy, two of which surrendered themselves, and the Captains guard seized them, but the other being a great stout furly fellow, with his two locks ty'd up with red, and a great Rattle-snake skin hanging to the back part of his head, (whom Capt. *Church* concluded to be *Totoson*) ran from them into the Swamp Capt. *Church* in person pursued him close, till coming pretty near up with him, presented his Gun between his Shoulders, but it missing fire, the *Indian* perceiving it, turn'd and presented at Capt. *Church*, and missing fire also; their Guns taking wet with the Fog and Dew of the Morning; but the *Indian* turning short for another run, his foot trip'd in a small grape-vine, and he fell flat on his face; Capt. *Church* was by this time up with him, and struck the Muzzle of his Gun an inch and half into the back part of his head, which dispatch'd him without another blow. But Capt. *Church* looking behind him saw *Totoson* the *Indian* whom he tho't he had kill'd, come flying at him like a dragon: But this happened to be fair in sight of the guard that were set to keep the Prisoners, who spying *Totoson*, and others that were following of him, in the very seasonable juncture made a shot upon them, and rescued their Captain; tho' he was in no small

[*Plym. Col. Rec.* iii: 110, 150, 173, 181, 51, 55, 66, 101, 106; v: 16, 39, 118, 169, 196, 200, 206, 207, 212, 220, 223; iv: 33, 182; vii: 57, 157; viii: 23.]

danger from his friends bullets, for some of them came so near him that he tho't he felt the wind of them. The skirmish being over, they gathered their Prisoners together, and found the number that they had killed and taken was 173<sup>204</sup> (the Prisoners which they took over Night included) who after the skirmish came to them, as they were ordered.

Now having no Provisions, but what they took from the Enemy, they hastened to *Bridgewater*, sending an express before to provide for them, their Company being now very numerous. The Gentlemen of *Bridgewater* met Capt. *Church* with great expression of honour and thanks, and received him and his Army with all due respect and kind treatment.

Capt. *Church* drove his Prisoners that Night into *Bridgewater* Pound,<sup>205</sup> and set his *Indian* Souldiers to guard them. They being well treated with Victuals and drink, they had a merry Night; and the Prisoners laugh'd as loud as the Souldiers, not being so treated a long time before.

Some of the *Indians* now said to Capt. *Church*, *Sir, You have now made Philip ready to dye, for you have made him*

<sup>204</sup> Hubbard says Church had in his own force but "30 Englishmen and 20 reconciled Indians;" and that he took and killed "about" 153 of the enemy. [*Narrative*, 102.] Increase Mather says the same [*Brief History*, 44], and so does his son, Cotton. [*Magnalia*, ed. 1853, ii: 575.] But, in this, Church's memory, and notes, are the best authority; the more especially as the fact that his

pay, and that of his company, depended on the number, would fix it in his mind.

<sup>205</sup> The pound was situated on the north bank of the Town River, in what is now West Bridgewater, within five rods of the river, and ten rods below the old town bridge; opposite to the site formerly occupied by the office of William Baylies, Esq.

as poor, and miserable as he us'd to make the English; for you have now killed or taken all his Relations. That they believed he would now soon have his head, and that this bout had almost broke his heart.

The next day Capt. Church moved and arrived with all his Prisoners safe at Plymouth.<sup>200</sup> The great English army were now at Taunton, and Maj. Talcot<sup>201</sup> [42] with the Connecticut Forces being in these parts of the Country, did considerable spoil upon the Enemy.<sup>202</sup>

Now Capt. Church being arrived at Plymouth, received thanks from the Government for his good Service, &c. many of his Souldiers were disbanded; and he tho't to rest himself awhile, being much fategued and his health impared, by excessive heats and colds, and wading thro' Rivers, &c. But it was not long<sup>203</sup> before he was call'd

<sup>200</sup> Friday, 4 August, 1676.

<sup>201</sup> John Talcott (*Tallicoat*, *Tayicoat*) was son of John (who came in the "Lion," to Cambridge, in 1632, and removed with Hooker to Hartford); was born in England; after serving in various offices was made chief military officer of Hartford Co., 26 June, 1672; was made Major, 7 Aug., 1673, and, 26 Nov., 1673, Commander-in-chief of all forces then raising against New York; 15 May, 1676, he was similarly appointed over the troops raised for Phillip's war, and was very active and successful in his command. He died, 23 July, 1688. He had 14 children, by Helena Wakeman and Mary Cook. [Savage's *Gen. Dir.* iv: 250; *Colonial Records of*

*Connecticut*, II: 183, 206, 218, 279, 443, 444, 447-55, 458-65.]

<sup>202</sup> Maj. Talcott, with the Connecticut forces, after having killed and taken many of the Indians in the Narragansett country, returned to Connecticut about 5 July. Having recruited his men a short time, he took his station at Westfield, where he fell with great success upon Indians fleeing westward. [Trumbull's *Hist. Conn.* I: 348.]

<sup>203</sup> Church's language here, and a little further on, is misleading; as it would seem to imply a much greater lapse of time than really took place. He returned to Plymouth from his last Bridgewater expedition, as we have seen, on Friday, 4 Aug., 1676. As

upon to Rally, upon advice that some of the Enemy were discovered in *Dartmouth* woods. He took his *Indians*, and as many *English* Volunteers as presented, to go with him, and scattering into small parcels. Mr. *Jabez Howland* (who was now, and often his Lieutenant and a worthy good Souldiers)<sup>200</sup> had the fortune to discover and imprison a parcel of the Enemy. In the Evening they met together at an appointed place, and by examining the Prisoners, they gain'd intelligence of *Totosons* haunt;<sup>201</sup> and being brisk in the Morning, they soon gain'd an advantage of *Totosons* company, tho' he himself with his Son of about Eight Years old made their escape, and one old Squaw with them, to *Agawom*<sup>202</sup> his own Country. But *Sam Barrow*,<sup>203</sup> as noted a Rogue as any among the Enemy, fell into the hands of the *English*, at this time. Capt. *Church* told him, *That because of his inhumane Murders and Barbarities, the Court had allow'd him no quarter, but was to be forthwith put to Death, and therefore he was to prepare for it.* *Barrow* reply'd, *That the Sentence of*

*Philip* was killed one week from the next day, and as *Church* must have been at least one day on the route to *Pocasset* and *Rhode-Island*, only four week-days are left after the Sabbath following his return from *Bridgewater*, for the expedition toward *Dartmouth* woods. It would seem, then, that *Church* only laid still over Saturday and Sunday, — which, literally, was "not long," — and "rallied" for *Dartmouth* on Monday, 7 Aug.

<sup>200</sup> See note 207, *ante*.

<sup>201</sup> See note 282, *ante*. If this refers to *Towser's* neck in *Rochester*, the party probably did not cross the *Acushnet* River at this time.

<sup>202</sup> See note 209, *ante*.

<sup>203</sup> *Sam. Barrow* is stated to have been *Totoson's* father (see note 282, *ante*). I find nothing else concerning him, except that he appears to figure upon the Colony Records in the list of the party destroying *Clark's Garrison*, under the name of *Sanballatt*. [*Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 206.]

*Death against him was just, and that indeed he was ashamed to live any longer, and desired no more favour than to Smoke a Whiff of Tobacco before his Execution.* When he had taken a few Whiffs, he said, *He was ready;* upon which one of Capt. *Churches* Indians sunk his Hatchet into his Brains. The famous *Totoson* arriving at *Agawom*, his Son which was the last which was left of his Family (Capt. *Church* having destroyed all the rest) fell sick: The wretch reflecting upon the miserable condition he had bro't himself into, his heart became as a stone within him, and he dy'd.<sup>284</sup> The old Squaw flung a few leaves and brush over him, and came into *Sandwich*, and gave this account of his death, and offered to shew them where she left his body; but never had the opportunity, for she immediately fell sick and dy'd also.

Capt. *Church* being now at *Pi mouth* again weary and worn, would have gone home to his Wife and Family, but the Government being Solicitous to ingage him in the Service until *Philip* was slain, and promising him satisfaction and redress for some mistreatment that he had met with: He fixes for another Expedition; he had soon Volunteers enough to make up the Company he desired and Marched thro' the Woods, until he came to *Pocasset*.<sup>285</sup>

<sup>284</sup> It is presumable that this son of eight years, who thus fell sick, died before his father; as the squaw apparently made no further mention of him.

<sup>285</sup> He must have left Plymouth by Thursday night, 10 Aug., or very early

on Friday morning, at the latest, thus to have reached *Pocasset* in time to cross the ferry, and ride 8 miles down the island, while it was yet light enough on the afternoon of Friday, the 11th, to "spy" horsemen coming "at a great pace," at a distance.

And not seeing nor hearing of any of the Enemy, they went over the Ferry to *Rhode-Island*, to refresh themselves. The Captain with about half a dozen in his company took Horse & rid about eight Miles down the *Island*, to Mr. *Sanfords*<sup>200</sup> where he had left his Wife; who no

<sup>200</sup> See note 245, *ante*. Since that was in type, I have gained some additional facts, which may be set down here.

*Maj. Sanford* lived about half a mile south of (the present) Portsmouth line, in what is now Middletown (then Newport); which made his farm about "eight miles down the Island" from Tripp's Ferry. [*MS. letter of Mr. Richard Sherman.*]

In 1682, he rendered an account, amounting to £103 9s. 9d., to Plymouth-Colony Court, for services rendered the wounded men of the army, after the great Narragansett Swamp fight. (See p. 60, &c., *ante*.) Some items of that account are of interest enough to warrant its insertion here, as casting light upon that portion of the war. [I copy from *Plym. Col. Rec.* vi: 118-120, supplying conjecturally some missing words, and condensing some items.]

"Peleg Sanford, Esq. his Account, appointed to be recorded, at June Court, 1682.

"Rhode-Island, anno 1675. Gen. Josiah Winslow's Debit.

"To treatment of 28 wounded men fr. — Dec. vntell  
y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> day . . . . . 4 04 0

"To Almy for 244 lbs. of mutton . . . . .	3	01	0
"To Almy, 10 yds. duffles for wounded . . . . .	3	00	0
"To Almy, 2½ cord of wood for do . . . . .	1	00	0
"To firkin of butter — 66 lbs. at 6d pr. lb. (firkin 18d) . . . . .	1	14	6
"To 451½ lbs. mutton delivered at the house of Mr. Brinton & Rob <sup>t</sup> . Carr for tenders of wounded men	5	12	9
"To 12 lb. candles & 10 lb. butter, to do houses, . .	0	12	10
"To 6 bushels Ind. Corn, to do, . . . . .	1	04	0
"To 2 gall. mallaffas to do, . . . . .	0	05	0
"To 102 lb. salt beefe & 7 lb. porks to do . . . . .	1	07	6
"To 16½ corde wood, at 8s, & 4 load of wood . . . .	7	16	0
"To 3 qts rum to Lowell . .	0	03	9
"To 15 lbs. sax, with 6 lb. sent to the garison . . .	0	15	0
"To Capt. Green, for bear for the wounded . . . . .	0	02	6
"To cash for buriall of Linkhorn, Harris, Sumerbury, and one more . . . .	1	10	0
"To 74 lb. sugar among wounded . . . . .	1	17	0



sooner saw him but [43] fainted with the surprize; and by that time she was a little revived, they spy'd two Horsemen coming a great pace. Capt. Church told his company that those men (by their riding) came with Tydings. When they came up they prov'd to be Maj. Sanford and Capt. Golding;<sup>m</sup> who immediately ask'd Capt. Church, *What he would give to hear some News of Phillip?* He reply'd, *That was what he wanted.* They told him, *They*

"To 20 gall. rum to Doctor for wounded . . . . .	7 03 18	"To do. Vpham 18 gall. rum, & 15 lb. mutton when he went away . . .	0 11 3
"To 2 fat sheep to Doct. Hawkins for wounded that went in y <sup>e</sup> vessell with him . . . . .	0 18 0	"To estate W <sup>m</sup> Brenton for hire of room fr. 24 Dec. to 17 Oct. 1676, y <sup>e</sup> day that Serja <sup>n</sup> Witherell went out of it, at £5 pr year. . . . .	4 01 7½
"To 8 yds duffes to Serg. Witherly, Jassie Bell & other Tanton men, y <sup>e</sup> came wounded to my house Dec. 24 . . . . .	2 08 0	"To do. Witherly for sun- dryes, as p. his acct . . .	3 12 11
"To cast to J. Bell to bear his charges home . . . . .	0 04 0	"To damage sustained in my bedding and other household stuffe, with things pelained by in- comers, which here charge £20, att present, for thought the damage be far more. . . . .	20 02 0
"To Serg. Witherell, Jassie Bell & White for diatt, lodg's & attendance, 2 one month & 1 three weeks, at 8s. per week . . .	4 08 0	£103 9 9	
"To Left. Sausage, Doct. Cuttler, & their men &c. &c. . . . .	15 03 0	"Dated in New Port, on Rhode Island, y <sup>e</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup> day Jan. 1677."	
"To Doct. Hawkins diet &c about a month . . . . .	1 12 0	[There were credits given, amounting to £23 9s. 0d. The balance of the share of Plymouth in the account was then paid.]	
"To Lieut. Vpham, fr. 24 Dec. to 14 March, & his kinsman for diet &c. at 8s each, his s <sup>st</sup> er also a considerable p <sup>t</sup> of y <sup>e</sup> time . . . . .	9 08 0	<sup>m</sup> See note 93, ante.	

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were now come on purpose to inform him, That there was  
just now Tydings from Mount-hope; An Indian came down  
from thence (where Philips Camp now was) on to Sand-  
point<sup>200</sup> over against Trips,<sup>200</sup> and hollow'd, and made signs  
to be fetch'd over; and being fetch'd over, he reported, That  
he was fled from Philip, who (said he) has kill'd my Brother  
just before I came away, for giving some advice that dis-  
pleas'd him.<sup>200</sup> And said, he was fled for fear of meeting  
with the same his Brother had met with. Told them also,  
That Philip was now in Mount-hope Neck. Capt. Church  
thank'd them for their good News, and said, he hop'd by  
to Morrow Morning to have the Rogues head. The  
Horses that he and his company came on standing at the  
door, (for they had not been unsaddled) his Wife must  
content her self with a short visit, when such game was  
a-head; they immediately Mounted, set Spurs to their  
Horses, and away. The two Gentlemen that bro't him  
the Tydings, told him, *They would gladly wait upon him to*

<sup>200</sup> Sandy Point is on the Bristol side  
of Bristol Ferry, near where the light-  
house now stands. [MS. letter of Mr.  
Richard Sherman.]

<sup>200</sup> Tripp's was the name then, or soon  
after (long before Church's time, at  
least), current for Bristol Ferry, which  
was run by Abial Tripp, who lived on  
the Portsmouth side, and who, with  
John Burden, received the formal right  
to the "ferry privilege" for seven years,  
2 Aug., 1698, which was renewed, 19  
June, 1705, "as formerly," for seven

years. [R.-I. Col. Rec. iii: 535; MS.  
letter of Mr. Richard Sherman.]

<sup>200</sup> "He caused one of his Confeder-  
ates to be killed for propounding an  
expedient of peace." [Hubbard's Nar-  
rative, 103.] Increase Mather says,  
"One of Philip's men (being disgusted  
with him for killing an Indian who  
had propounded an expedient for peace  
with the English) ran away from him,  
and coming to Road-Island, informed  
that Philip was now returned again to  
Mount-Hope, &c." [Brief History, 46.]

*see the event of this Expedition.* He thank'd them, and told them, he should be as fond of their company as any Mens; and (in short) they went with him. And they were soon as *Trips* Ferry (with Capt *Churches* company) where the deserter was; who was a fellow of good sense, and told his story handsomely: he offered Capt. *Church* to Pilot him to *Philip*, and to help to kill him, that he might revenge his Brothers death. Told him, That *Philip* was now upon a little spot of Upland that was in the South end of the miery Swamp just at the foot of the Mount,<sup>801</sup> which was a spot of ground that Capt. *Church* was well acquainted with. By that time<sup>802</sup> they were got over the Ferry, and came near the ground half the Night was spent, the Capt. comman'ds a halt, and bringing the company together, he asked Maj *Sansford* & Capt. *Goldings* advice, what method was best to take in making the on-set, but they declining giving any advice, telling him, *That his great Experience & Succes forbid their taking upon them to give advice.* Then Capt. *Church* offered Capt. *Golding*, that he should have the honour (if he would please accept of it) to beat up *Philips* headquarters. He accepted the offer and had his allotted number drawn out to him, and the Pilot. Capt. *Churches* instructions to him were to be very careful in his approach to the Enemy, and be sure not to shew himself until by day light they

<sup>801</sup> "Philip was surpris'd and killed by Col. Church at a little knoll on the south-west side, at the foot of Mount Hope." [Fessenden's *Warren, R.-I.*, 40.]

<sup>802</sup> The distance of the swamp in which Philip was concealed was not much more than two miles from the landing of the ferry on the Bristol side.

might see and discern their own men from the Enemy. Told him also, That his custom in the like cases was to creep with his company on their bellies, until they came as near as they could; and that as soon as the Enemy discovered them they would cry out; and that was the word [44] for his Men to fire and fall on. Directed him when the Enemy should start and take into the Swamp,<sup>200</sup> they should pursue with speed, every man shouting and making what noise they could; for he would give orders to his Ambuscade to fire on any that should come silently. Capt. *Church* knowing it was *Philip's* custom to be fore-most in the flight, went down to the Swamp and gave Capt. *Williams* of *Situate*<sup>201</sup> the command of the right wing of the Ambush, and placed an *English-man* and an *Indian* together behind such shelters of Trees, &c. that he could find, and took care to place them at such distance as none might pass undiscovered between them, charg'd 'em to be careful of themselves, and of hurting their friends: And to fire at any that should come silently thro' the Swamp: But it being some-what further thro' the Swamp than he

<sup>200</sup> Philip was on an upland island in the midst of the swamp; of course when alarmed he would run into the swamp in the endeavor to escape through it, — their habitual course on such occasions.

<sup>201</sup> *John Williams* (oldest child of *John*, of *Scituate*) bore arms in 1643, and was a householder in 1647; was Captain in Philip's war; was Deputy from *Scituate*, in 1676, 1681, and 1691; was fined 40s. 1 July, 1672, for "doing

seruill worke" on the Sabbath; had various controversies and law suits, and died 22 June, 1694, aged 70, leaving one of the largest estates at that time existing in the country; his farm having been said to be the best in the Old Colony. He appears never to have married. [*Deane's Scituate*, 385; *Savage's Gen. Dist.* iv: 562; *Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 99, 214; vi: 24, 61, 173, 174, 198, 202, 259.]

was aware of, he wanted men to make up his Ambuscade; having placed what men he had, he took Maj. *Sanford* by the hand, said, *Sir, I have so placed them that 'tis scarce possible Philip should escape them.* The same moment a Shot whistled over their heads, and then the noise of a Gun towards *Philips* camp. Capt. *Church* at first tho't it might be some Gun fired by accident: but before he could speak, a whole Volley followed, which was earlier than he expected. One of *Philips* gang going forth to ease himself, when he had done, look'd round him, & Capt. *Golding* thought the *Indian* looked right at him (tho' probably 'twas but his conceit) so fired at him, and upon his firing, the whole company that were with him fired upon the Enemies shelter, before the *Indians* had time to rise from their sleep, and so over-shot them. But their shelter was open on that side next the Swamp, built so on purpose for the convenience of flight on occasion.<sup>205</sup> They were soon in the Swamp and *Philip* the foremost, who starting at the first Gun threw his Petunk<sup>206</sup> and Powder-horn over his

<sup>205</sup> A kind of *Med* wigwam, in the New-England sense of that adjective, with the open side toward the swamp.

<sup>206</sup> *Pisauk*, literally, "that into which something is put," i. e., the pouch, or haversack, which the Indian always carried by way of pocket. Eliot uses the word (in 1 *Sam.* xvii: 40,) for David's "scrip"; and for "purse" (in *Luke* xxii: 35), and uniformly translates "quiver" by *petan*, a word of nearly the same signification. Roger Williams [*Key R.-I. Hist. Coll.* i: 33]

says (under the head of *Nohelick*, i. e., "parched meal"), "I have travelled with neere 200 of them at once, neere 100 miles through the woods, every man carrying a *little Basket* of this at his *back*, and sometimes in a hollow *Leather Girdle* about his middle, sufficient for a man for three or four dales. With this readie provision, and their *Bow* and *Arrows* [this was printed in 1643, before the Indians had acquired the use of fire-arms], are they ready for *War*, and *travell* at an *hours* warning.

head, catch'd up his Gun, and ran as fast as he could scamper, without any more clothes than his small breeches and stockings, and ran directly upon two of Capt. Churches Ambush; they let him come fair within shot, and the *English* mans<sup>207</sup> Gun missing fire,<sup>208</sup> he bid the *Indian*<sup>209</sup> fire away, and he did so to purpose, sent one Musket

With a spoonfull of this *meals* and a spoonfull of water from the *Brooks*, have I made many a good dinner and supper." [Compare Schoolcraft's *Information respecting Ind. Tribes*, 1: 80.]

<sup>207</sup> Baylies [*Hist. Mem. New Plym.* iii: 168] says that this Englishman's name was Francis Cook. But the *Mass. Historical Collections* [2d Series iv: 63] for 1816, (14 years before Esq. Baylies published), contain a note from John Lothrop, affirming that the name of this soldier of Church was *Caleb Cook*. The latter Christian name is supported by the fact, that the Colony Records show the existence, in 1676, of a Caleb Cook, then aged 25; while Francis, who came in the *Mayflower*, had been dead 13 years; his grandson Francis, born 5 Jan., 1663, died at least than two years of age; and no other Francis appears.

*Caleb Cook* was oldest son of Jacob (youngest son of *Mayflower* Francis) and Damaris, daughter of Stephen Hopkins, and was born 29 Mar., 1651; he served on a coroner's jury at Plymouth, 20 Oct., 1675, in the case of John Fallowell; is down for a fine of £1 10s., 12 June, 1685; and served on a trial jury in the July Court of 1686. He had a great grandson, Silvanus, of Kingston, *Mass.*, who held in his pos-

session the gun with which the Indian shot King Philip (which, according to family tradition, Cook exchanged with him for his own), and who gave the lock to one of the Lothrop's, from whom John Lothrop gave it to the Cabinet of the *Mass. Historical Society*, where it still is. Many years after, the barrel was presented by John Cook, of Kingston, to the Cabinet of the Pilgrim Society in Plymouth, in which custody it remains. [Savage's *Gen. Dist.* 1: 446; *Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 182; vi: 196; viii: 165; Russell's *Pilgrim Mem.* 105.]

<sup>208</sup> Hubbard adds that "the morning being wet and rainy,"—which Church's subsequent statement about the sun and the dew does not confirm,—"the English man's gun would not fire, the Indian having an old Musket with a large touch-hole, it took fire the more readily." [*Narrative*, 105.]

<sup>209</sup> Church's testimony is conclusive as to the identity of this Indian with that one known as *Alderman* among the colonists; and both Hubbard and Mather assert the same. I doubt, however, the truth of the common averment that *Alderman* was the Indian whose brother Philip had killed, and who guided Church's party to the swamp. Neither Church, Hubbard, nor Mather say that,—however, on a casual reading,

Bullet thro' his heart, and another not above two inches from it; he fell upon his face in the Mud & Water with his Gun under him. By this time the Enemy perceived they were way laid on the east side of the *Swamp*, tack'd short about. One of the Enemy who seem'd to be a great furly old fellow, hollow'd with a loud voice, & often called out, *icootash, icootash,*<sup>20</sup> Capt. Church called to his *Indian*

the latter two might appear to say it. A careful examination of their words shows that they only assert that Phillip was slain by one of his own race, who had kept himself neutral until now; and speak of his killer as an Indian, rather than *the* Indian, to whom they had before referred. It seems to me more natural if Alderman had been his informant and guide, that Church should have mentioned the remarkable fact distinctly, when describing his agency in the death of the chieftain. Hutchinson appears to be responsible for the first statement absolutely identifying the plot with the slayer; saying [*Hist. Mass.* i: 277], "One of his own men, whom he had offended, and who had deserted to the English, shot him through the heart," which he might easily base, by a misapprehension, upon Hubbard and Mather. Trumbull [*Hist. Conn.* i: 349] repeats (probably from Hutchinson) the statement: "The Indian who had been guide to the party, shot him through the heart." Drake, Thatcher, Fowler, Arnold, and others have followed Trumbull. Jones's letter to Gov. Leet, published by Mr. Trumbull [*Col. Rec. Conn.* ii: 470], is probably the freshest document bearing on the

question; and his language naturally implies a distinction in his mind between the guide and the killer.

Hubbard [*Narrative*, 106] says Alderman was "of Sakonet." But Mather [*Brief Hist.* 47] with more particularity adds, "the *Indian* who thus killed Phillip, did formerly belong to the Squaw-Sachim of *Pecasset* (*Westmore*), being known by the name of Alderman. In the beginning of the war, he came to the Governor of *Plymouth*, manifesting his desire to be at peace with the *English*, and immediately withdrew to an Island, not having engaged against the *English* nor for them, before this time." I find no confirmation of this statement on the Court Records.

<sup>20</sup> *Icootash* is a verb in the imperative, 2d person, singular, and means "Fight!" Elliot would have written *Ayentash*. He has *Ayentash*, for the plural "fight ye," (in 1 *Sam.* iv: 9.) Roger Williams spells this last [*Key*, chap. xxix] "*Yidottash*, Fight, which is their word of incouragement which they use when they animate each other in warre; for they use their tongues in stead of drummes and trumpets." [*R.-I. Hist. Coll.* i: 148.]

*Peter*<sup>211</sup> and ask'd him, *Who that was that called so?* He answered, It was old *Annowon Philips* great Captain,<sup>212</sup> calling on his Souldiers to stand to it and fight stoutly. Now the Enemy finding that place of the *Swamp* which was not Ambush'd, many of them made their escape in the *English Tracks*.<sup>213</sup> The Man that had shot down *Philip*, ran with all speed to Capt *Church*, and informed him of his exploit, who commanded him to be Silent about it, & let no man more know it, until they had drove the *Swamp* [45] clean; but when they had drove the *Swamp* thro' & found the Enemy had escaped, or at least the most of them; and the Sun

<sup>211</sup> Probably *Peter*, son of *Awashtonk*. [See note 12, ante, and p. 87.]

<sup>212</sup> *Annawon* (*Annowan*, *Anowon*) was one of Massafolt's chiefs, and so one of Philip's oldest braves. The only record which I find of him, previous to his connection with this war, is his appearance as a witness, in 1672, to two sales of land by Philip to William Brenton and others. His capture and fate will soon be referred to. [Drake's *Book of Ind.* 200.]

His name suggests a probable derivation from *Nanawunnunum*, "he rules" or "has authority" (Ellot), or the verbal *Nanawunwan*, "a ruler," "an overseer." Roger Williams has *Nanawunwan*, "a nurse" or "keeper." [*R.-I. Hist. Coll.* 1: 52.] The primary signification of the verb is "to keep with care," "to take care."

<sup>213</sup> Hubbard says Philip had "a few of his best friends" with him; and that "5 of his trustiest followers—of whom one was said to be the Son of his chief

Captain, that had shot the first gun at the English the year before"—were killed. Mather says that "he, with 7 of his men," were in this swamp and that "5 of his men were killed with him,—one of which was his chief Captain's Son, being (as the *Indians* testify) that very *Indian* who shot the first gun at the *English* when the War began." Wm. Jones says, — writing a fortnight after, from New Haven, and repeating the testimony to him of "one James Shore, come in this week to Fairfield, in a vessel from Rhod Island,"—"Philip in labouring to escape was shot at 1st by y<sup>e</sup> English, but missed, and then shot downe by an Indian. All y<sup>e</sup> rest, but one more killed and one or two wounded, escaping." Church's own language would seem to imply that there were more than seven men with Philip; that more than one besides Philip was stopped; and that many of them got away. [*Narrative*, 103; *Brief Hist.* 47; *Col. Rec. Conn.* 11: 471.]



now up, and so the dew gone, that they could not so easily Track them, the whole Company met together at the place where the Enemies Night shelter was; and then Capt. *Church* gave them the news of *Philips* death; upon which the whole Army gave Three loud *Hussa's*. Capt *Church* ordered his body to be pull'd out of the mire on to the Upland, so some of Capt. *Churches* Indians took hold of him by his Stockings, and some by his small Breeches, (being otherwise naked) and drew him thro' the Mud unto the Upland, and a doleful, great, naked, dirty beast, he look'd like.<sup>214</sup> Capt. *Church* then said, *That forasmuch as he had caused many an English-mans body to lye unburied and rot above ground, that not one of his bones should be buried.* And calling his old *Indian* Executioner, bid him behead and quarter him.<sup>215</sup> Accordingly, he came with

<sup>214</sup> This is the plain prose comment of an observer upon the facts as they appeared to him. Dr. Palfrey has well referred to it, in his very just remarks on the poetic exaggeration with which most of our later literature has dealt with Philip. [*Hist. N. E.* iii: 223.]

<sup>215</sup> The idea in New England at that time seems to have been that Philip was a rebel against King Charles 2d, and, as such, deserved the State punishment of treason, which, in England, until the 30th year of George 3d, was 1. To be drawn (latterly, on a hurdle, so as to avoid the extreme torment of being dragged over the ground) to the gallows; 2. To be hanged by the neck, and cut down alive; 3. To have the entrails cut out and burned, while the

sufferer still lived; 4. To be beheaded; 5. That the body be cut into four quarters; 6. That the head and quarters be at the king's disposal. [*Blackstone's Comm.* 92.] Church's action, in the light of the public sentiment of that day, was far from indicating an inhuman revenge, or a cruel disposition. It could scarcely be expected that these remote and backwoods colonies were to go beyond the mother country in refinement. And it was not yet 17 years since Parliament had voted the *disinterment* of Cromwell, Ireton, and Bradshaw, and their decaying remains had been hanged at Tyburn, and their heads stuck on poles on the top of Westminster Hall fronting Palace Yard; while nearly 20 years later than Philip's

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death, Evelyn entered in his Diary (10 April, 1696), "The quarters of Sir William Perkins and Sir John Friend, lately executed on the plot, with Perkins's head, were set up at Temple-Bar; a dismal sight." Indeed, Walpole wrote to Montague, 16 Aug., 1746, "passed under the new heads at Temple Bar, where people make a trade of letting spying-glasses at a halfpenny a look"; and it is on record that Goldsmith joked Johnson in regard to similar adornments of that structure; and, as late as 1 April, 1772, a news-writer set down: "yesterday one of the rebels' heads on Temple Bar fell down. There is only one head now remaining." These facts should have protected our fathers from Peter Olver's malignant sneer about "orthodox vengeance." [See *Diary of Sam. Pepys*, ed. 1856, i: 129, 152; *Diary of John Evelyn*, ed. 1857, ii: 340; *Cunningham's Hand Book of London*, 437, 542; *Puritan Commonwealth*, 145.]

<sup>116</sup> Increase Mather [*Brief Hist.* 47] says, "his head being cut off and carried away to *Plymouth*, his Hands were brought to *Boston*." Cotton Mather

[*Magnalia*, ed. 1853, ii: 576] says, "this Agag was now cut into quarters, which were then hanged up, while his head was carried in triumph to *Plymouth*." Niles [*Hist. Ind. and Fr. Wars*, 3 *Mass. Hist. Coll.* vi: 190] says Philip "was cut into quarters, and hanged up in the woods, and his head carried to *Plymouth*." The story, carried from this country to London by the master of a vessel soon sailing from Rhode-Island [Abbott's *Wars of the Colonies*, 131], adds, "they quartered his body, and hung it upon four trees." By collating these we probably get all the facts.

The head was placed upon a pole at *Plymouth*, where it is said to have remained exposed for more than 24 years [Fell's *Eccles. Hist. N. E.* ii: 638; Thacher's *Plymouth*, 389]; at any rate Cotton Mather said, in his *Magnalia* (first published in 1702, 26 years after), "it was not long before the hand which now writes, upon a certain occasion took off the jaw from the exposed skull of that blasphemous leviathan." [ed. 1853, i: 566.] It is hardly probable that there is any truth in the trad-

*Alderman*, the *Indian* who shot him, to show to such Gentlemen as would bestow gratuities upon him; and accordingly he got many a Penny by it. This being on the last day of the Week,<sup>227</sup> the Captain with his Company returned to the Island, tarried there until Tuesday; and then went off and ranged thro' all the Woods to *Plymouth*,<sup>228</sup> and received their *Premium*, which was *Thirty Shillings per head*; for the *Enemies* which they had killed or taken, instead of all *Wages*; and *Phillips* head went at the same price.<sup>229</sup> Methinks it's scanty reward, and poor encourage-

tion mentioned by Dr. Fobes in his description of *Raynham* [*Mass. Hist. Coll.* iii: 171], that *Phillip's* head was "deposited for a considerable time" in the cellar under the "Leonard house" in that town.

<sup>227</sup> Saturday, 12 August, 1676.

<sup>228</sup> Leaving Rhode-Island on Tuesday, the 15th, Church and his company must have "ranged thro' all the woods" two days before reaching *Plymouth*; for the *Mathers* and *Niles* agree that the head reached *Plymouth* on Thursday, the 17th, which had been set apart as a day of *Thanksgiving* for successes against the *Indians*, perhaps before they had heard of *Phillip's* death. [*Brief Hist.* 47; *Magnalia*, ed. 1853, ii: 576; 3 *Mass. Hist. Coll.* vi: 190.]

<sup>229</sup> Assuming *Hubbard* and *Mather's* statement to be true, that 5 besides *Phillip* were killed, and that there were no prisoners taken, — no mention being made of any, — the sum total of receipts for division would be £9. This, at 4s. 6d. a piece, — which *Church* says was

each one's share, — would make the number of the party exactly 40. At 4s. 6d. each, their week's work would average a little less than 7d. 3grs. per day, besides the honor! Hoyt, strangely confusing this with one day of the *Bridgewater* expedition, says, "130 were killed and captured." [*Antiquarian Researches*, 140.] This would have swelled their compensation to an aggregate of £195!

It may here be added, that there is, in the Cabinet of the Massachusetts Historical Society, a wooden dish, which is traditionally represented to have been a trophy of this expedition, and which was authenticated to the Society by the following receipt [*Proceedings Mass. Hist. Soc.* 1863-4, 267.]: "Plymouth Sep. 14, 1803, Rec<sup>d</sup>. of Isaac Lothrop Eight Dollars, in full for a wooden bowl, formerly belonging to that illustrious Soldier known by the name of King Phillip, son of the celebrated Indian Sachem, Massasolet, and was a portion of the trophy assigned to Eleazer Rich-

ment; tho' it was better than what had been some time before. For this March they received *Four Shillings* and *Six Pence* a Man, which was all the Reward they had, except the honour of killing *Philip*. This was in the latter end of *August*, 1676<sup>200</sup>

Capt. *Church* had been but a little while at *Plymouth*, before a Post from *Rehoboth* came to inform the Government, that old *Annawon*, *Philips* chief Captain was with his company ranging about their Woods, & was very offensive & pernicious to *Rehoboth* & *Swansey*.<sup>201</sup> Capt. *Church* was immediately sent for again, & treated with to engage one Expedition more; he told them, *Their discouragement was so poor he feared his Souldiers would be dull about going again*: But being a hearty friend to the cause, he Rally's again, goes to Mr. *Jabesh Howland* his old Lieutenant,<sup>202</sup> and some of his Souldiers, that us'd to go out with him; told them how the case was circumstanced, and that he had intelligence of old *Annawon's* walk, & haunt, and wanted hands to hunt him; they did not want

ard, Great Grandfather of the Subscriber, who made one of the party, that terminated the existence of the once princely proprietor.

"ELEAZER RICHARD."<sup>203</sup>

Church's narrative furnishes no evidence, either way, in regard to the genuineness of this relic. I find, however, no trace, either in Savage's fertile pages, or the Colony Records of *Plymouth*, *Massachusetts*, or *Rhode-Island*, of any

Eleaser Richard (or Richards or Richardson) as then living in New England; nor any evidence that any person of that surname served under Church in this campaign.

<sup>200</sup> Church speaks here even more vaguely than he was apt to do, of the time of events.

<sup>201</sup> "By their shooting at the English Hories, and other cattle." [Hubbard's *Narrative*, 107.]

<sup>202</sup> See note 207, *ante*.

much intreating; but told him, *They would go with him, as long as there was an Indian left in the Woods.* He moved<sup>203</sup> & ranged thro' the Woods [46] to *Pocasset.* It being the latter end of the Week, he proposed to go on to *Rhode-Island* and rest until Monday. But early on the Lords day Morning,<sup>204</sup> there came a Post to inform the Cap-

<sup>203</sup> He must have left Plymouth about Wednesday or Thursday (6th or 7th September), 1676? Hubbard says he had with him "but 3 Englishmen and 20 Indians." [*Narrative*, 107.]

<sup>204</sup> The question of the date of this expedition is one of the most perplexing ones in the history of the time; strangely enough, so far as I can learn, no record of it, or of any circumstance which would exactly identify it, having a place in any of the early histories or cotemporaneous records. Mr. Drake, in his second edition of this narrative (1827, p. 142), is the first to attempt to settle it. He does so on the strength of the fact that Annawon was taken on a Monday night, when the moon was shining, "not long after dark." He states that the moon was at the full in 1676, on Saturday, the 26 August, whence he infers that Monday, 28 August, was the date of the capture (see also note to Mr. Drake's ed., Mather's *Brief History*, 1862, p. 180), which would throw back the date of the starting of the expedition from Plymouth to Wednesday or Thursday, the 23d or 24th. Dr. Palfrey [*Hist. N. E.* iii: 206] adopts this as the true date, and Arnold [*Hist. R.-I.* i: 417] speaks vaguely of Annawon's capture as "a

few nights after the death of Phillip." But John Foster's Almanac for 1676 gives the full moon of August of that year as being on "the 13<sup>th</sup> day, at 26m. past 6 in the morn"; while Sherman's Almanac for the same year, states it as on the "13<sup>th</sup> day, at 25m. past 6 in the morn." This was the Sabbath, the next day after the day of the death of Phillip. Church (see p. 152, *ante*) says he staid at Rhode-Island until Tuesday, the 15th, and then "ranged thro' all the woods to Plymouth," which he could scarcely have reached before Friday or Saturday, the 18th or 19th. Then he was "a little while at Plymouth," a phrase which might cover two or three weeks, while it would scarcely have been used for a less time than *one* week (which lesser time he would more likely have styled "a few days"), before the "post from Rehoboth" came with news of Annawon, and he was "sent for" and "treated with" for "one expedition more"; and began to gather soldiers to go out again. From all this, it seems very clear that the August moon must have disappeared long before he could have been ready to start on this expedition. If this were so, we are thrown over into September for the true date of this expedition; and

tain, That early the same Morning a Canoo with several Indians in it passed from Prudence Island<sup>m</sup> to Poppasquash

the probabilities of the case would seem to fix the capture of Annawon as being on the first Monday evening of September, on which the moon was shining a few hours after dark. Foster gives the full moon for September, 1676, as on "the 11 day, 54 m. past 6, P.M." and Sherman gives it as on "the 11 day, 55 m. past 6 at night." This was on Monday evening, four weeks and two days after the death of Phillip. On the previous Monday evening (4 Sept.), the moon (then just in her first quarter) must have set from one to two hours before midnight, and, in the dense forests surrounding Squannaconk Swamp, her (then) feeble light must have ceased to be available for much help to vision at least an hour before her setting; so that (there) it would be hardly safe to presume on seeing by moonlight on the evening of 4 Sept., much later than 9 P.M. But it was "pretty dark" before Church arrived; then followed the capture, the parley with all the companies, the preparation for the supper, the supper, and the message to the outlying Indians, and the return of the messengers; then Church laid down with the intention of sleeping two hours, laid a little while and grew wakeful, and roused to look after his guard, then lay looking at the equally wakeful Annawon, "perhaps an hour"; then Annawon got up and retired into the thick woods "out of sight and hearing," and was gone a long time; "at length" Church heard him coming back, and then, "the moon

now shining bright," he saw him coming with something in his hands, &c. All this detail of delays makes it almost certain that the hour of Annawon's converse with Church must have been well on toward midnight, at least; so that it is impossible that the date could have been that of 4 Sept. Besides, Church's expression, "the moon shining bright," is most consonant with the full moon; so that I am led to conclude that the true date of this capture is that of the Monday of the September full moon, viz., 11 Sept., 1676.

It is worthy of notice in this connection, that Hubbard [*Narrative*, 106] expressly says that Church took *Tippaguis* "in September," yet places his capture before that of *Annawon*, saying, "the next that was seized after the former (i.e., *Tippaguis*) was one called *Annawon*, &c." Church himself, in this narrative (see p. 175), inverts this order; but I am strongly inclined to believe that Hubbard was right, and that, if Church had sat down to the work of his annals at an earlier date, and before the freshness of his memory had faded, he would so have arranged them.

<sup>m</sup> *Prudence* is the island in Narragansett Bay, some 7 or 8 miles in length, of irregular shape, lying west of the northern part of Rhode-Island, and, in its southern half, separated from it by a channel averaging perhaps a mile and a half in width. Its Indian name was *Chibacuwisset* (*Chibacurisset*).

Neck.<sup>200</sup> Capt. *Church* tho't if he could possibly surprize them, he might probably gain some intelligence of more game; therefore he made all possible speed after them: the Ferry-boat<sup>201</sup> being out of the way, he made use of

Canonius, in 1634, gave it to John Oldham, if he would settle on it; which he did not. In 1637, Roger Williams and John Winthrop purchased it, and Williams gave it its present name. [Winthrop's *Journal* 1: 147; Letter of Williams, 3 *Mss. Hist. Coll.* 1: 163; Arnold's *Hist. R.-I.* 1: 105.]

<sup>200</sup> *Poppasquash* (*Papopasquash*, *Papashquash*, *Pappashqua*) Neck is a thumb-like promontory, perhaps 2½ miles in length by an average of ½ in breadth, projecting from the western side of the town of Bristol into the bay. Plymouth Court, 1 June 1669, granted 100 acres of it "to Mr. John Gorum, if it can be purchased of the Indians"; and 5 July, 1669, granted the remainder to the "towne of Swansey, for the promoting of a way of trade in this collonie." 1 July, 1672, "Mr. Constant Southworth, Mr. James Browne, and Mr. John Gorum are appointed by the Court, to purchase a certaine p'cell of land of the Indians, granted by the Court to the said John Gorum, lying att Papasquash neck." 13 July, 1677, the Court "ratified, established, settled, and confirmed the aforesaid 100 acres of land" to John Gorum's heirs and successors for ever. It seems soon after to have passed to Nathaniel Byfield, who is said to have occupied nearly the whole of it as his farm for over 40 years, until his removal to Boston in

1724. [*Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 80, 24, 95, 241; Shepard's *Hist. Dis. Bristol, R.-I.*, 49.]

As to the name, Mr. Trumbull says, "This name was also given to a tract of land now in Voluntown, Conn., in a grant of 1681, as *Papashquash*; the *ash* representing *ash* i.e., "place." Two derivations are equally probable, and plausible, from *pashash*, 'double'—which is applicable to the southern end of Bristol, divided by the bay, or, as it may be translated, 'opposite to,' 'over against.' Otherwise, from *pashpash* or *pashpashash*, of Elliot; *pashpash* of Roger Williams, i.e., 'the partridge.' With the addition of *ash* it would be 'the partridge country,' or 'Partridge Point,' or rather 'Quail Point,' as we should translate it in Connecticut. I think the latter the more probable derivation; though I do not know that a quail ever flew within a dozen miles of Poppasquash."

The distance for a canoe, across from Prudence, would not be much more than 1½ miles, and the crossing would be in full view from Rhode-Island and probably not more than 3 miles distant from it.

<sup>201</sup> The ferry to Bristol at Trippe; the same which he crossed on his last expedition after Phillip. His object was to go up some 4 miles through what is now the town of Bristol, and

Canoo's: But by that time they had made two freights, and had got over the Captain, and about 15 or 16 of his *Indians*, the Wind sprung up with such violence that Canoo's could no more pass.<sup>222</sup> The Capt. seeing it was impossible for any more of his Souldiers to come to him, he told his *Indians*, *If they were willing to go with him, he would go to Poppasquash, and see if they could catch some of those Enemy Indians.* They were willing to go, but were sorry they had no *English* Souldiers;<sup>223</sup> so they March'd thro' the thickets that they might not be discovered, until they came unto the Salt Meadow, to the Northward of *Bristol Town*,<sup>224</sup> that now is. Then they heard a Gun, the Capt. look'd about, not knowing but it might be some of his own Company in the rear; so halting till they all came up, he found 'twas none of his own Company that fired. Now tho' he had but a few Men, was minded to send some of them out on a Scout. He moved it to Capt. *Lightfoot*<sup>225</sup> to go with three more on a Scout; he said he was willing provided the Captains man *Nathanael* (which was an *Indian* that they had lately taken) might be one of them, because he was well acquainted with the Neck,<sup>226</sup>

endeavor to surpris the Indians as they should pass out of Poppasquash neck toward the main land.

<sup>222</sup> See note 175, *ante*.

<sup>223</sup> It will appear, further on, that his Lieutenant and English soldiers subsequently crossed and joined him next day.

<sup>224</sup> Probably those just north-west of Silver Creek.

<sup>225</sup> See note 238, *ante*.

<sup>226</sup> He means here, evidently, Mount-Hope neck, and not Poppasquash neck. Church himself with his party proceeded to search the latter for the enemy; and Lightfoot with his three companions must have scouted off toward what are now Warren and Swansey, in the direction of Kikemuit.



and coming lately from among them, knew how to call them.<sup>203</sup> The Capt. bid him choose his three companions, and go; and if they came a-crofs any of the Enemy not to kill them if they could possibly take them alive; that they might gain intelligence concerning *Annawon*. The Capt. with the rest of his company moved but a little way further toward *Poppasquash*, before they heard another Gun, which seemed to be the same way with the other, but further off. But they made no halt until they came unto the narrow of *Poppasquash Neck*; <sup>204</sup> where Capt. *Church* left three men more, to watch if any should come out of the Neck, and to inform the Scout when they returned which way he was gone. He parted the remainder of his company, half on one side of the Neck, and the other with himself went on the other side of the Neck, until they met; and meeting neither with *Indians* nor Canoo's returned big with expectations of Tydings by their Scout: But when they came back to the three men at the narrow of the Neck, they told their Captain the Scout was not returned, had heard nor seen any thing of them, this fill'd them with tho'ts what should become of them; by that time they had sat down & waited an hour longer, it was very dark, and they despaired of their returning to them. Some of the *Indians* told their Captain, *They feared his new man Nathanael*

<sup>203</sup> The *Indians* were accustomed to have some call—like a wolf's howl, a loon's cry, or something of that sort—by which they could signal each other in the woods. This was changed, as often as there was danger of its becoming known to their enemies. *Nathanael*, being recently captured, would know what that signal of his tribe now was.

<sup>204</sup> Perhaps 120 rods in width.

*had met with his old Mount-hope friends, and was turned Rogue.* They concluded to make [47] no fires that Night, (and indeed they had no great need of any) for they had no Victuals to cook, had not so much as a morsel of Bread with them. They took up their lodging scattering, that if possibly their Scout should come in the Night, and whistle (which was their sign) some or other of them might hear them. They had a very solitary, hungry Night; and as soon as the day broke<sup>266</sup> they drew off thro' the brush to a hill without the Neck, and looking about them they espy'd one *Indian* man come running somewhat towards them, the Captain ordered one man to step out of the brush and show himself. Upon which the *Indian* ran right to him, and who should it be but Capt. *Lightfoot*, to their great joy. Capt. *Church* ask'd him, *What News?* He answered, *Good News, they were all well and had catch'd Ten Indians, and that they guarded them all Night in one of the Flankers of the old English Garrison;*<sup>266</sup> *that their prisoners were part of Annawons company, and that they had left their Families in a Swamp above Mattapoifet Neck.*<sup>267</sup> And as they were Marching towards the old Garrison *Lightfoot* gave Capt. *Church* a particular account of their Exploit, viz. *That presently after they left him, they heard another Gun, which seem'd to be towards the Indian*

<sup>266</sup> Monday, 11 September, 1676.

<sup>267</sup> That on the shores of the *Kikemuit*, about which *Church* had been so exercised the year before. (See note

65, ante.) He must have thought its use had been found at last.

<sup>268</sup> The neck of this name (*Gardner's neck*) in *Swansey*.

burying place,<sup>200</sup> & moving that way, they discovered two of the Enemy fleeing of an Horse. The Scout claping into the brush, Nathanael bid them sit down, and he would presently call all the Indians thereabout unto him. They hid, and he went a little distance back from them and sat up his note & howled like a Wolf: One of the two immediately left his Horse & came running to see who was there; but Nathanael howling lower and lower drew him in between those that lay in wait for him, who seized him; Nathanael continuing the same note, the other left the Horse also following his mate, & met with the same. When they caught these two they examined them apart, and found them to agree in their Story, that there were Eight more of them come down into the Neck to get Provisions, and had agreed to meet at the burying place that evening. These two being some of Nathanaels old acquaintance, he had great influence upon them, and with his enticing Story, (telling what a brave Captain he had, how bravely he lived since he had been with him, & how much they might better their condition by turning to him, &c.) per-

<sup>200</sup> Concerning this, Gen. Fessenden says, "In regard to the location of the 'Old Indian burying-ground,' I have long since endeavored to find the site of it. A farmer informed me that when he was a boy, about the year 1800, the people straightened the direct road from this place (Warren, R-I) to Bristol; and, on the top of a hill, about half way between the two places (2 miles from each), they dug through a burying-ground, and carried off for interment

more than one cart-load of human bones. There are now no appearances of a cemetery there. This was doubtless a burying-ground; but whether it was the burying-ground cannot be determined." [MS. letter.] The probability seems urgent that this was an Indian burying-place, as all which have been used by the white settlers are doubtless well known. If so, it is reasonable to infer that it was that to which reference is here made.

*swaded and engaged them to be on his side, which indeed now began to be the better side of the hedge. They waited but a little while before they espy'd the rest of theirs coming up to the burying place, and Nathanael soon howl'd them in as he had done their mates before. When Capt. Church came to the Garrison, he met his Lieutenant and the rest of his company;*<sup>200</sup> and then making up good fires they fell to roasting their Horse-beaf,<sup>201</sup> enough to last them the whole day, but had not a morsal of Bread; tho' Salt they had which they always carryed in their Pockets, which at this time was very acceptable to them. Their next motion was towards the place where the Prisoners told them they had left their Women and Children,<sup>202</sup> and surprized them all, and some others that were newly come to them. And upon examination they held to one Story, that it was hard to tell where to find *Annawon*, for he never roofed twice in [48] a place. Now a certain *Indian* Souldier that Capt. Church had gain'd over to be on his side, pray'd that he might have liberty to go and fetch in his Father, who he said was about four Miles from that place, in a *Swamp*<sup>203</sup> with no other than one Young *Squaw*; Capt. Church in-

<sup>200</sup> Lieut. Howland and his squad, on getting across the ferry and following Church, may have fallen in with one of Lightfoot's scouts, or may have gone to the old garrison, at a venture, as a likely place of meeting him, or news from him.

<sup>201</sup> Which the Indians had just killed.

<sup>202</sup> A swamp in Swansey, probably

not far from what is now Swansey village.

<sup>203</sup> *Mauwague* swamp in the southeastern corner of Rehoboth, answers this requisition of distance; besides lying near the rout to *Squannah* swamp, where *Annawon* was, and whence these Indians whom Church had captured had come.

clined to go with him, thinking it might be in his way to gain some intelligence of *Annawon*; and so taking one *English* Man and a few *Indians* with him leaving the rest there, he went with his new Souldier to look his Father; when he came to the *Swamp*, he bid the *Indian* go see if he could find his Father: he was no sooner gone but Capt. *Church* discover'd a Track coming down out of the Woods, upon which he and his little company lay close some on one side of the Track & some on the other. They heard the *Indian* Souldier make a howling for his Father; and at length some body answered him, but while they were listening, they thought they heard some body coming towards them, presently saw an old man coming up with a Gun on his Shoulder, and a young Woman following of him in the Track which they lay by: They let them come up between them, and then started up and laid hold on them both. Capt. *Church* immediately examined them a part,<sup>283</sup> telling them, *What they must trust too if they told false Stories*: He ask'd the young Woman, *What company they came last from?* She said, *from Capt. Annawons*. He asked her, *How many were in company with him when she left him?* She said, *50 or 60*. He ask'd her *How many Miles it was to the place where she left him?* She said, *She did not understand Miles, but he was up in Squannaconk Swamp?*<sup>284</sup> The old man who had been one of *Philips*

<sup>283</sup> Through one of his Indian souldiers eastern side of the town of Rehoboth, as an interpreter. Mass., about midway between its north-

<sup>284</sup> *Squannaconk* swamp is on the ern and southern boundaries, and

Council, upon examination, gave exactly the same account. Capt. Church ask'd him, *If they could get there that Night?* He said, *If they went presently and travelled stoutly, they might get there by Sun set.*<sup>245</sup> He ask'd *Whither he was going?* He answered, *That Annawon had sent him down to look for some Indians, that were gone down into Mount-hope Neck to kill Provisions:* Capt. Church let him know that those *Indians* were all his Prisoners. By this time came the *Indian* Souldier & brought his Father and one *Indian* more. The Captain was now in great straight of mind what to do next he had a mind to give *Annawon* a visit, now knew where to find him, but his company was very small, but half a dozen men beside himself, and was under a necessity to send some body back to acquaint his Lieutenant & company<sup>246</sup> with his proceedings. However he asked his small company that were with him, *Whither they would willingly go with him and give Annawon a visit?* They told him, *They were always ready to obey his commands, &c.* But withal told him, *That they knew this Capt.*

nearly touches, at some points, the west line of Dighton; *Little Squanna-honk* and *Bad-Luck* swamps lie between it and Reservoir pond on the south, out of which flows the main feeder of Palmer's (Warren) River. Mr. Drake says [edition of Mather's *Brief History*, 180], that *Squanna-honk* probably signifies the "Swamp of Night," or "Night-swamp." But Mr. Trumbull says, "I can make nothing of this name. It is certainly corrupted, and has lost at least one (initial) syllable."

<sup>245</sup> It could scarcely have been more than 9 or 10 miles to Annawon's camp; but the way was, unquestionably, — through that miry country, — tedious and difficult, and the day was evidently waning; as Church had already marched, with many delays, from the narrow of Poppasquash neck, a distance which, by their sinuous route, could hardly have been less than fifteen miles.

<sup>246</sup> Whom he had left at the swamp above *Mattapoisett* neck.

Annawon was a great Souldier; that he had been a valiant Captain under Asuhmequn, Philips Father,<sup>247</sup> and that he had been Philips Chieftain all this War; a very subtle man, and of great resolution, and had often said, that he would never be taking alive by the English; and moreover they knew that the men that were with him were resolute fellows, some of Philip's chief Souldiers; and therefore feared whether it was practicable to make an attempt upon him with so [49] small a handful of assistants as now were with him. Told him further, That it would be a pitty that after all the Great Things he had done, he should throw away his Life at last, &c. Upon which he replied, That he doubted not Annawon was a subtle & valiant Man: that he had a long time but in vain fought for him, and never till now could find his quarters; and he was very loth to miss of the opportunity; and doubt not but that if they would chearfully go with him, the same Almighty Providence that had hitherto protected and befriended them would do so still, &c. Upon this with one consent they said, *They would go.* Capt. Church then turned to one Cook of Plymouth,<sup>248</sup> (the only

<sup>247</sup> *Maffoit* had two names, each of which, in accordance with the humor of the times, had a various spelling. Bradford wrote one *Maffoyt* and *Maffoyt*; Winslow wrote it *Maffoyt* and *Maffowat*; Prince says, "I find the ancient People from their Fathers in *Plymouth Colony* pronounce his name *Ma-fa-fo-it*"; to which Thatcher adds (as if from Belknap, what Belknap does not say), "with the

accent on the second syllable." The other was written *Woo-famequin*, *Wafamequin*, *Ufamequin*, *Afamequin*, *Osfamequin*, *Ofamequin*, *Owfamequin*, *Owfamequine*, &c. &c. [Bradford's *Hist. Plym.* 94, 102; Young's *Chronicles Plym.* 191, 313; Prince's *Annals*, 101; Belknap's *Amer. Biog.* II: 212; Thatcher's *Ind. Biog.* I: 117; Drake's *Book of Ind.* 81.]

<sup>248</sup> Beyond question this was Caleb

*English Man* then with him) and ask'd him, *What he thought of it?* Who replyed, *Sir, I am never afraid of going any where when you are with me.* Then Capt. *Church* asked the old *Indian*, if he could carry his Horse with him? (for he conveyed a Horse thus far with him:) He reply'd that it was impossible for an Horse to pass the Swamps. Therefore he sent away his new *Indian* Soldier with his Father and the Captains Horse to his Lieutenant, and orders for him to move to *Taunton* with the Prisoners, to secure them there, and to come out in the Morning in the *Rehoboth* Road, in which he might expect to meet him, if he were alive and had success.<sup>300</sup> The Captain then asked the old fellow, If he would Pilot him unto *Annawon*? He answered, that he having given him his life he was obliged to serve him. He bid him move on then; and they followed: The old man would out-travel them, so far sometimes that they were almost out of sight; looking over his Shoulder and seeing them behind, he would halt. Just as the Sun was setting, the old man made a full stop and sat down, the company coming up also sat down, being all weary. Capt. *Church* asked, *What news?* He answered, That about that time in the Evening Capt. *Annawon*, sent out his Scouts to see if the Coast were clear, and as soon as it began to grow dark the Scouts return. And then (said he) we may move

Cook, who so narrowly missed being the slayer of Philip. (See note 307. ante.)

<sup>300</sup> It was probably twelve or thirteen

miles from the swamp where Lieut. Howland and his company were, northerly up the west bank of the *Titicus* (Taunton) River to Taunton.



again securely. When it began to grow dark the old man stood up again, Capt. *Church* asked him, if he would take a Gun and fight for him? He bowed very low and pray'd him not to impose such a thing upon him, as to fight against Capt. *Annawon* his old friend. But sayes he, I will go along with you, and be helpful to you, and will lay hands on any man that shall offer to hurt you. It being now pretty dark they moved close together; anon they heard a noise, the Captain stay'd the old man with his hand, and asked his own men what noise they thought it might be? they concluded it to be the pounding of a Mortar. The old man had given Capt. *Church* a description of the Place where *Annawon* now lay, and of the Difficulty of getting at him: being sensible that they were pretty near them, with two of his *Indians* he creeps to the edge of the Rocks,<sup>20</sup> from whence he could see their Camps; he saw

<sup>20</sup> A continuous tradition has preserved the identity of this spot. It is an out-cropping ledge of rocks in a bit of upland in the northern part of *Squannabeek* swamp in Rehoboth. It may now be reached by the old turnpike from Taunton to Providence, and is between the houses on that road now occupied by Seneca Bliss and Noah Fuller; on the left side as you go toward Providence, and about 6½ miles from Taunton. This portion of the swamp is owned by Nathan Pratt of Taunton, who married a daughter of Dea. Bliss, its former proprietor. The building of this road through the northern end of the swamp, with the natural

change of years, has made the position more accessible than of old, although wet ground still surrounds the rock. The traveller will find, perhaps 80 rods beyond Mr. Bliss's house (which stands in the angle where another road crosses the pike), a tree on the left, larger than any near it, which bears the marks of being often used as a hitching-post; with a path leading thence south-easterly into the woods. Following that path, say 80 paces, he will begin to ascend the ledge which slopes up before him at an angle of perhaps 40 degrees, and the length of which lies across his way up, and apparently not far from north-east and south-west. From pacing it,

three companies of *Indians* at a little distance from each other, being easy to be discovered by the light of their fires. He saw also the great *An[50]nawon* and his company, who had formed his Camp or Kennelling-place, by falling a Tree under the side of the great clefts of Rocks, and sitting a row of birch bushes up against it, where he himself, and his Son, and some of his chiefs had taken up their lodging, and made great fires without them, and had their Pots and Kittles boiling, and Spits roasting. Their Arms also he discovered, all set together in a place fitted for the purpose standing up an end against a stick lodged in two crotches, and a Mat placed over them, to keep them from the wet or dew. The old *Annawons* feet and his Sons head were so near the Arms as almost to touch them: But

I judge that this ledge may average 125 feet in length by 75 feet in width, terminating on its southern and western side in rugged cliffs from 30 to 40 feet in height. The rock is a pudding-stone, thick set with pebbles, and has evidently felt the effect of convulsion, or other rough treatment, along its southern and south-western edge, which is jagged, and from which huge bowlders, now lying at its base, have been torn. About two-thirds of the way west, along this southern face, is a deep recess, accessible from above with difficulty by the aid of the bushes growing in the clefts, which answers well to Church's description of the spot in which Annawon was now encamped. The growth of trees around the rock has recently been felled; and the first feeling of the visitor

is one of surprise that a retreat so exposed on the southern side as this now seems to be, should have answered the conditions of Annawon's camp. But, on reflection, one will see, that, with the swamp as it then was, the rock could be reached only from the upland isthmus which connected it with the main land, which lay probably in the direction from which the path now approaches the spot; while the side which now seems exposed was not only protected by the surrounding water and mire, but shut in and concealed by the old forest growth. From the edge of the cliff, Church could look down upon Annawon, his son, and chiefs, almost directly under him, and upon the three companies around their fires, scattered along its southern face.

the Rocks were so steep that it was impossible to get down, but as they lowered themselves by the bows, and the bushes that grew in the cracks of the Rock. Capt. *Church* creeping back again to the old man, asked him, If there was no possibility of getting at them some other way? He answered, no, That he and all that belonged to *Annawon* were ordered to come that way, and none could come any other way without difficulty or danger of being shot. Capt. *Church* then ordered the old man and his daughter to go down fore-most with their baskets at their backs, that when *Annawon* saw them with their baskets he should not mistrust the intregue; Capt. *Church* and his handful of Souldiers crept down also under the shadow of these two and their baskets, and the Captain himself crept close behind the old man, with his Hatchet in his hand, and step'd over the young mans head to the Arms, the young *Annawon* discovering of him, whip'd his blanket over his head and shrunk up in a heap: The old Capt. *Annawon* started up on his breech, and cryed out *Howoh*,<sup>301</sup> and despairing of escape<sup>302</sup> throw himself back again, and lay silent until Capt. *Church* had secured all the Arms, &c. And having secured that company, he sent his *Indian* Souldiers to the

<sup>301</sup> *Howoh*! i.e. *Awhan awb*? "Who is that?" [Roger Williams's *Key. R.-I. Hist. Coll.* 1: 29.] or *Howan*? "who?" e.g., *Howan yeneh wag Edom &c.*, "Who is this that cometh from Edom, &c.?" [Ellis, *Isaiah* lxiii: 1.] This seems to have been the usual challenge: "Who's there?"

<sup>302</sup> *Annawon* probably had no idea that *Church* would have the boldness thus to beard him in his den, without an abundant force surrounding and irresistibly enclosing him on every side; as was represented to be the fact to the other companies, by his *Indian* souldiers.

other fires & companies, giving them instructions, what to do and say. Accordingly, they went into the midst of them: When they discovered themselves who they were, told them that their Capt. *Annawon* was taken, and it would be best for them quietly and peaceably to surrender themselves, which would procure good quarter for them: Otherwise if they should pretend to resist or make their escape, it would be in vain, and they could expect no other but that Capt. *Church* with his great Army, who had now entrap'd them, would cut them to pieces: told them also if they would submit themselves, and deliver up all their Arms unto them, and keep every man his place until it was day; they would assure them that their Capt. *Church* who had been so kind to themselves when they surrendered to him, should be as kind unto them. Now they being old acquaintance, and many of them Relations did much the readier give heed to what they said, and complied & surrendered up their Arms unto them, both their Guns and Hatchets, &c. and were forthwith carryed to Capt. *Church*. Things being so far settled, Capt. *Church* asked *Annawon*, What he had for Supper, for (said he) I am come to Sup [51] with you. *Taubut*<sup>22</sup> (said *Annawon*) with a big voice; and looking about upon his Women, bid them hasten and get Capt. *Church* and his company some Supper; then turned to Capt. *Church* and asked him, Whether he would

<sup>22</sup> *Taubut*: Literally, "It is satisf- well;" *Taubot no paump maunthéttit*, factory," "très bien," e.g., *Taubit* "I am glad they are well." [Roger *paump mauniaman*, "I am glad you are Williams *R.-I. Hist. Coll.* 1: 27.]

eat Cow-beef or Horse-beef, The Captain told him Cow-beef would be most acceptable: It was soon got ready, and pulling his little bag of Salt out of his Pocket, which was all the Provision he brought with him; this season'd his Cow-beef so that with it and the dry'd green-corn, which the old Squaw was pounding in the Mortar,<sup>24</sup> while they were sliding down the Rocks, he made a very hearty Supper. And this pounding in the Mortar proved lucky for Capt. *Church* getting down the Rocks, for when the old Squaw pounded they moved, and when she ceased to turn the corn, they ceased creeping, the noise of the Mortar prevented the Enemies hearing their creeping: and the corn being now dressed supplied the want of Bread, and gave a fine relish with the Cow-beef. Supper being over, Capt. *Church* sent two of his men to inform the other companies, that he had killed *Philip*, and had taken their friends in *Mount-hope Neck*,<sup>25</sup> but had spared their lives, and that he had subdued now all the Enemy (he supposed) excepting this company of *Annawons*, and now if they would be orderly and keep their places until Morning, they should have good quarter, and that he would carry them to *Taunton*, where they might see their friends again, &c. The Messengers

<sup>24</sup> "The mode of pounding dry maize, by the grain-raising tribes, varied considerably. It was a species of work left wholly to the women, who generally exercised their ingenuity in its reduction. When circumstances favored it, mortars and pestles of stone were employed. The mortar was some-

times a depression in the face of a rock." [Schoolcraft's *Inf. respecting the Ind. Tribes* iii: 466.]

<sup>25</sup> That is, those whom Annawon had sent down to Poppasquash, and the regions beyond it, after provisions; whom Church had captured the day before.

return'd, that the *Indians* yielded to his proposals. Capt. *Church* tho't it was now time for him to take a Nap, having had no sleep in two days and one night before; told his men that if they would let him sleep two hours, they should sleep all the rest of the night. He lay'd himself down and endeavoured to sleep, but all disposition to sleep departed from him. After he had lain a little while he looked up to see how his Watch managed, but found them all fast a-sleep. Now Capt. *Church* had told Capt. *Annawons* company, as he had ordered his *Indians* to tell the others, that their lives should all be spared, excepting Capt. *Annawons*, and it was not in his power to promise him his life, but he must carry him to his Masters at *Plymouth*,<sup>200</sup> and he would intreat them for his life. Now when Capt. *Church* found not only his own men, but all the *Indians* fast a-sleep *Annawon* only excepted, whom he perceived was as broad awake as himself; and so they lay looking one upon the other perhaps an hour; Captain *Church* said nothing to him, for he could not speak *Indian*, and tho't *Annawon* could not speak *English*; at length *Annawon* raised himself up, cast off his blanket, and with no more clothes than his small breeches, walked a little way back from the company: Capt. *Church* tho't no other but that he had occasion to ease himself, and so walked to some dis-

<sup>200</sup> It will be remembered, that Church's commission (see p. 101, ante) expressly excepted from his power of "receiving to mercy" such as were "Murderous Rogues, or such as have been *principal Actors* in those Villanies." Compare the action of Plymouth Court, 7 July, 1676; and also 4 November following. [*Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 205; xi: 242.]

tance rather than offend him with the stink: but by and by he was gone out of sight and hearing; and then Capt. *Church* began to suspect some ill design in him, and got all the Guns close to him, and crouded himself close under young *Annawon*, that if he should any where [52] get a Gun he should not make a shot at him without indangering his Son; lying very still a while waiting for the event: at length, he heard some body coming the same way that *Annawon* went. The Moon now shining bright, he saw him at a distance coming with something in his hands, and coming up to Capt. *Church*, he fell upon his knees before him, and offer'd him what he had bro't, and speaking in plain *English*, said, *Great Captain, you have killed Philip, and conquered his Country for I believe, that I & my company are the last that War against the English, so suppose the War is ended by your means; and therefore these things belong unto you.* Then opening his pack, he pull'd out *Philips* belt curiously wrought with *Wompom*,<sup>207</sup> being Nine

<sup>207</sup> *Wompom* (plural *Wompompeag*) was the Indian name for the white beads used as currency, or for the payment of tributes from tribe to tribe; from *wompi*, "white." The black, or, more properly, the purple beads, made from the margin of the shell of the round clam (*Venus mercenaria*), were called *suckanchock*, "dark-colored-shell." These beads when strung, in bands or girdles, were called, generally, *peag*; when loose, *sawhoog* (*sawhoog*, Roger Williams's *Key. R.-I. Hist. Coll.* 1: 131); by the Dutch and other traders, *seawan*,

*sewan*, i.e., "scattered," "loose." The English, not understanding, or disregarding, the distinction of colors, assumed the name of the cheaper and more common *wompompeag* as generic, and called all shell-money *wompom*.

Dr. Palfrey says these beads were a quarter of an inch long, and in diameter less than a pipe-stem, drilled lengthwise. Gookin and Roger Williams testify, that the white beads (or *wompom* proper) were rated at half the value of the black. Palfrey adds that the former passed for a farthing each in transac-

inches broad,<sup>800</sup> wrought with black and white *Wompom*, in various figures and flowers, and pictures of many birds and beasts. This when hung upon Capt. *Churches* shoulders it reach'd his ancles. And another belt of *Wompom* he presented him with, wrought after the former manner, which *Philip* was wont to put upon his head; it had two flags on the back part which hung down on his back: and another small belt with a Star upon the end of it, which he used to hang on his breast; and they were all edg'd with red hair, which *Annawon* said they got in the *Muhhogs*<sup>800</sup> Country. Then he pulled out two horns of glazed Powder, and a red cloth Blanket: He told Capt. *Church*, these were *Philips* Royalties<sup>800</sup> which he was wont to

tions between the natives and the colonists; that is, 960 to the pound sterling. A law was passed, however, in the Mass. Colony, 2 June, 1641, to this effect: "It is ordered that *wampampage* shall passe currant at 6 a penny for any summe under £10, for debts hereafter to be made." In Sept., 1648, the commissioners of the United Colonies, from the fact that the Indians and traders cheated in dealing with wampum, "smale & great uncomly & disorderly mingled," recommended an order that none should "bee payed or Rescaued" but what is "in som measure strunge futably;" but the General Courts did not agree to it. In 1660 it was rated at 5s. a fathom. [*Palfrey's Hist. N. E.* 1: 31; *Mass. Col. Rec.* 1: 329; *Plym. Col. Rec.* ix: 136, 149; x: 251; 1 *Mass. Hist. Coll.* 1: 152; *R.-I. Hist. Coll.* 1: 130.]

<sup>800</sup> "They [*peag*] were used for ornament as well as for coin, and 10,000 have been known to be wrought into a single war-belt four inches wide." [*Palfrey's Hist. N. E.* 1: 32.] "They make girdles curiously, of one, two, three, four and five inches thicknesse and more, of this money, which (sometimes to the value of £10 and more) they weare about their middle and as a scarce about their shoulders and breasts. "Yea, the Princes make rich Caps and Aprons (or small breeches) of these Beads thus curiously strung into many formes and figures: their blacke and white finely mixt together." [*Roger Williams's Key. R.-I. Hist. Coll.* 1: 131.]

<sup>800</sup> Mohawk's country.

<sup>800</sup> It is an interesting question what became of these "royalties" after they were thus passed into the hands of



adorn himself with when he sat in State. That he tho't himself happy that he had an opportunity to present them to Capt. *Church*, who had won them, &c. spent the remainder of the night in discourse; and gave an account of what mighty success he had formerly in Wars against many Nations of *Indians*, when served *Ashmequin*,<sup>201</sup> *Philip's* Father, &c. In the Morning<sup>202</sup> as soon as it was light, the Captain March'd with his Prisoners out of that *Swampy* Country towards *Tawnton*, met his Lieutenant and Compa-

Church. I find no note of their preservation in Church's household, nor any evidence that the tradition to which Mr. Drake refers, tracing them to the custody of a family in Swansey, [*Book of Ind.* 239] has any foundation in fact. It is most reasonable to suppose that Church turned them over to the Government, and evidence has just been brought to light which indicates that most, if not all, of the articles here referred to, were sent as presents by the Plymouth Governor to King Charles the Second. Dr. Palfrey has deposited with the Mass. Historical Society the copy of a letter obtained by him from the State-Paper Office [*Colonial Papers* No. xlvi, Art. 149], from Josias Winslow to the king, of date "New Plymouth, 26 June, 1677," in which the Governor craves His Majesty's acceptance "of these few Indian rarities, being the best of our spoyle, and the best of the ornaments and treasure of sachein Philip the grande Rebell, the most of them taken from him by Capt. Benjamin Church (a person of great loyalty and the most successful of our com-

manders) when hee was slayne by him; being his Crowne, his gorge, and two belts of their owne making of their golde and silver." [*Mass. Hist. Soc. Proceedings*, 1863-4, p. 481.] This description accords very well with that given by Church. The "crowne" was, doubtless, the belt "which Philip was wont to put upon his head"; the "gorge" [*gorget*, "a crescent-shaped plate worn round the neck by officers on duty,"—*Worcester*] may have been the "small belt with a Star upon the end of it, which he used to hang upon his breast."

<sup>201</sup> It has been usual to regard *Massa-soit* as a man of peace. Mr. Thatcher says he "did not distinguish himself as a warrior; nor is he known to have been once engaged in any open hostilities, even with the inimical and powerful tribes who environed his territory." [*Ind. Biog.* 1: 140]. But this testimony of Annawon, as well as other evidence which might easily be cited, intimates that he was much like other Indians in that respect.

<sup>202</sup> Tuesday, 12 September?

ny, about four Miles out of Town,<sup>303</sup> who expressed a great deal of joy to see him again, and said, 'twas more than ever he expected. They went into *Taunton*, were civilly and kindly treated by the Inhabitants, refreshed and rested themselves that night. Early next Morning,<sup>304</sup> the Captain took old *Annawon*, and half a dozen of his *Indian* Soldiers, and his own man, and went to *Rhode-Island*, sending the rest of his Company and his Prisoners by his Lieutenant to *Plymouth*. Tarrying two or three days upon the Island, he then went to *Plymouth*, and carried his Wife and his two Children with him.

Capt. *Church* had been but a little while at *Plymouth*, before he was informed of a parcel of *Indians*, that haunted the Woods between *Plymouth* and *Sippican*, that did great damage to the *English* in killing their Cattel, Horses and Swine; and the Captain was soon in pursuit of them: Went out from *Plymouth* the next Monday<sup>305</sup> in the afternoon; next Morning early<sup>306</sup> they discovered a Track; the

<sup>303</sup> Church would most likely strike the old Taunton and Providence road, then a trail, near the east flank of "Great-Meadow Hill," a half-mile north of the rock where he had encamped; from whence it would be nearly eight miles to Taunton. As he met his Lieutenant about half way, they must have come together a little east of the *Segreguasset* River, probably not far from the present residence of G. Dean.

<sup>304</sup> [Wednesday, 13 September?] As his occasions led him to Rhode-Island, Church doubtless took Annawon with

him from motives of kindness to that chief, lest the Plymouth authorities might make short work with him before his return.

<sup>305</sup> See note 314, *ante*. It is my impression that this expedition is here misplaced, really belonging in the last week of August or the first week of September, before Annawon's capture. This Monday may, then, have been Monday, 28 Aug., or possibly the 4th September.

<sup>306</sup> Church himself gives small clew to the geography of this expedition. It is obvious, however, that the marau-

Captain sent two *Indians* on the Track to see what they could discover, while he and his Company followed gently after, but [53] the two *Indians* soon returned with Tydings that they had discovered the Enemy sitting round their fires, in a thick place of brush. When they came pretty near the place, the Captain ordered every man to creep as he did; and surround them by creeping as near as they could, till they should be discovered, and then to run on upon them and take them alive, if possible, (for their Prisoners were their pay:). They did so, took every one that was at the fires, not one escaping. Upon examination they agreed in their Story, that they belonged to *Tispanguin*,<sup>227</sup> who was gone with *John Bump*,<sup>228</sup> and one more,

ders of whom he was in search were "between Plymouth and Sippican"; and as he did not leave Plymouth until afternoon, he could not have been many miles on his way (unless he marched all night, which is not probable) when he discovered their track. Hubbard says [*Narrative 107*] that "the place was near *Lahenham* upon *Pocasset* Neck." He was probably right in the place, and wrong in its relative position. *Lahenham* was the name very early given to the meadows lying east of Six-mile Brook and near Wenham Pond, on the road to Nemauset, in what is now Carver; at least 28 miles, air-line distance, from *Pocasset*, yet exactly where Church would be likeliest to be, on a scout for Indians lurking between Plymouth and Sippican. It is about 6 miles from Plymouth.

<sup>227</sup> See note 227, *ante*.

<sup>228</sup> Few family names have had a more curious transformation, in the process of popular use, than that which is here attached to this Indian. Originally the Huguenot *Bompasi* (from *Bon-pas*) it became corrupted first to *Bumpasi*, then to *Bumpus*, and finally to *Bump*. Edward, who came over in the *Fortune*, in 1621, founded a very worthy family, which still holds its own in the Old Colony. Mr. Drake, in his edition of Church, supposes that the Indian here referred to may have derived his name from some association with members of this family. It seems to me more probable, that his genuine Indian name so resembled theirs in sound as to have become confused with it. There was a John *Wampoes*, who appears on the list of "divers Indians inhabiting at *Agawaam*, *Sepican*, and *Weweant*, with other Places adjoyn-

to *Agawom*<sup>200</sup> and *Sippican*<sup>270</sup> to kill Horfes, and were not expected back in two or three days. This same *Tispaquin* had been a great Captain, and the *Indians* reported that he was such a great *Powwau*,<sup>271</sup> that no bullet could enter him, &c. Capt. *Church* said, He would not have him killed, for there was a War broke out in the Eastern Part of the Country, and he would have him saved to go with them to fight the *Eastern Indians*.<sup>272</sup> Agreeably he left two old Squaws of the Prisoners, and bid them tarry there until their Capt. *Tispaquin* returned, and to tell him, that *Church* had been there, and had taken his Wife, Childrer, and company, and carryed them down to *Plymouth*; and would spare all their lives, and his too, if he would come down

ing," who "engaged their Fidelitie to the Govern't of New Plymouth, 6 July, 1671." *Bompaso* and *Wampoes*, as then popularly pronounced, could not, I think, have seemed very unlike; and it is my impression that this was the same John; who, like *Tantosen* in the same list, proved faithless to the fidelity which he engaged. [*Plym. Col. Rec.* v: 72.]

<sup>200</sup> See note 209, *ante*.

<sup>270</sup> See note 210, *ante*.

<sup>271</sup> *Powwau* (*Powow*). Elliot uses this word in the form in which *Church* writes it, for a "witch," or "wizard," or "magician." [e.g., *Evod.* xxii: 18; *Dan.* iv: 7.] Roger Williams gives *Powwau*, and defines: "these doe begin and order their service, and Invocation of their Gods, and all the people follow, and joyne interchangeably in a laborious bodily service, unto

sweating, especially of the Priest, who spends himk. in strange Antick Gestures, and Actions even unto fainting." [*Key. R.-I. Hist. Coll.* i: 111.] De Vries says of the Indians at *Cayenne*, "Their priests they call *pooyos*; we call them forcerers." So the word must have had a wide range, territorially, and a very respectable antiquity. Though not exactly a simple or primitive word, its etymology is too obscure to be given without a preliminary treatise on Indian roots.

<sup>272</sup> *Wakely* (Hubbard calls him *Wakely*) and his family, were murdered by the Indians at Falmouth, Me., in the second week of September; and other outbreaks at Saco, Scarborough, Wells, Kittery, &c., soon followed. [Hubbard's *Narrative of Troubles, &c., from Pascataqua to Penmaquid*, 16; *Palfrey's Hist N. E.* iii: 207.]

to them and bring the other two that were with him, and they should be his Souldiers, &c. Capt. *Church* then returned to *Plymouth*, leaving the old Squaws well provided for, and Bisket for *Tispaguin* when he returned: Telling his Souldiers, that he doubted not but he had laid a Trap that would take him.<sup>273</sup> Capt. *Church* two days after went to *Boston*; ( the Commissioners then sitting )<sup>274</sup> and waited upon the Honourable Governour *Leverett* who then lay Sick;<sup>275</sup> who requested of Capt. *Church* to give him some account of the War: who readily obliged his Honour therein, to his great Satisfaction, as he was pleased to exprefs himself; taking him by the hand, and telling him, if it pleased God he lived, he would make it a brace of a hundred pounds advantage to him out of the *Massachusetts* Colony, and would endeavour the rest of the Colonies should do Proportionably;<sup>276</sup> but he dyed within a Fort-

<sup>273</sup> This language is to be interpreted honorably. Church does not mean that he had laid a trap to take the Black Sachem by a false promise, as might seem, in the light of subsequent events; but that, in offering him a Captaincy under him to fight the Eastern Indians, he had held out an inducement sufficient to secure his capitulation, as the result proved.

<sup>274</sup> The Commissioners of the three Confederate Colonies.

<sup>275</sup> *John Leverett* was the only son of Elder Thomas Leverett, and was born in England in 1616, and came to New England with his parents in Sept., 1633; joined Boston Church 14 July, 1639; joined the Ancient and Honourable

Artillery Company, 1639, holding successively all its offices; was freeman 13 May, 1640; 27 May, 1663, he was chosen Major-General, and every year afterwards, until he was chosen Governor, in 1673, which office he held until his death; besides being selectman, deputy, assistant, &c. &c. No fact can be better established than that he died 16 March, 1678-9, or about 2 years and 5 months later than the date to which Church would here assign his decease; another proof that the old warrior dictated from a memory not always accurate in minutiae. [See *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.* iv: 125-32.]

<sup>276</sup> Gov. Leverett, on behalf of the General Court of Mass., wrote to the

night after, and so nothing was done of that nature. The same day <sup>87</sup> *Tispaquin* came in and those that were with him, but when Capt. *Church* return'd from *Boston*, he found to his grief that the heads of *Annawon, Tispaquin, &c.* cut off, which were the last of *Philips* friends.<sup>88</sup> The General Court of *Plymouth* then sitting<sup>89</sup> sent for Capt. *Church* who waited upon them accordingly, and received their Thanks for his good Service, which they Unanimously Voted, which was all that Capt. *Church* had for his aforesaid Service.

Afterwards in the Year 1676. in the Month of *January*<sup>90</sup> Capt. *Church* received a Commission<sup>91</sup> from Govern-

Governor of *Plymouth*, 17 Oct., 1676, in regard to sending an expedition east against the hostile Indians there. "Wherein," he says, "we desire & expect yo<sup>r</sup> concurrence w<sup>th</sup> us, & assistance of us w<sup>th</sup> some English, & also some of your Indians, & Capt. *Church*, whom we have spoken with here, & finds him ready to serve God & the country; request therefore your speedy sending of him, & such as you shall see meet, to assist in that designe." [*Mass. Col. Rec.* v: 126.] I find no response to this on the *Plymouth Records*.

<sup>87</sup> That is, the same day which *Church* refers to in his account of setting his trap for *Tispaquin*.

<sup>88</sup> Hubbard says the *Plymouth* authorities tested *Tispaquin* on his reputation of being impenetrable by bullets, but "he fell down at the first shot." [*Narrative*, 107.] The fact probably

was, that the Court, having committed themselves to the policy of extermination, so far as the ringleaders of late butcheries were concerned, did not see fit to gratify *Church* by making exceptions in these eminent cases. The Home Government at London — if we may judge by the records of the times — would have been even more unyielding.

<sup>89</sup> The Court met 1 Nov., 1676.

<sup>90</sup> In the Old Style the month of *January*, 1676, came after, instead of before, *November* and *December*; the year beginning with 25th *March*, instead of 1st *January*.

<sup>91</sup> After the *Annawon* expedition, *Church*'s old company seems to have disbanded; and, from the issue of this new commission to him at this time, the force of the old would seem to have expired.

nour *Winslow*, to Scoure the Woods of some of the lurking Enemy, which they were well informed were there. Which Commission is as follows: [54]

**B**eing well informed that there are certain parties of our Indian Enemies, (remains of the People, or Allies of Phillip, late Sachem of Mount-hope, our Mortal Enemy) that are still lurking in the Woods near some of our Plantations, that go on to disturb the Peace of His Majesty's Subjects in this & the Neighbouring Colonies, by their frequent Robberies, and other Insolences. Capt. Benjamin Church is therefore hereby Nominated, Ordered, Commissioned, and Impowred to raise a Company of Volunteers, consisting of English and Indians; so many as he shall judge necessary to improve in the present Expedition, and can obtain; And of them to take the Command, and Conduſt, and to lead them forth unto such place or places within this or the Neighbouring Colonies, as he shall think fit, and as the Providence of God, and his Intelligence may lead him; To Discover, Pursue, Fight, Surprise, Destroy, and Subdue our said Indian Enemy, or any party or parties of them, that by the Providence of God they may meet with; Or them, or any of them to receive to Mercy, if he see cause (provided they be not Murderous Rogues, or such as have been principal Actors in those Vilanies.) And for the Prosecution of this design, liberty is hereby granted to the said Capt. Church, and others, to Arm and set out such of our friendly Indians, as he is willing to Entertain. And forasmuch as all these our Enemies that have been taken, or at any time may be taken by our Forces,

have by our Courts and Councils been rendered lawful Captives of War, and condemned to perpetual Servitude; this Council do also determine and hereby declare, That all such Prisoners as by the blessing of God the said Captain and Company, or any of them, shall take, together with their Arms, and other Plunder, shall be their own, and to be distributed amongst themselves, according to such agreement as they may be at one with another: And it shall be lawful, and is hereby warrantable for him and them to make Sale of such Prisoners as their perpetual Slaves; or otherwise to retain and keep them as they think meet, (they being such as the Law allows to be kept:) Finally, the said Capt. Church herein improving his best judgment and discretion, and utmost ability, faithfully to Serve the Interest of God, his Majesties Interest, and the Interest of the Colony; and carefully governing his said Company at home and abroad; these shall be unto him full and ample Commission, Warrant and Discharge. Given under the Publick Seal. January 15th. 1676.

Per Josiah Winslow, GOV.

Accordingly Capt. Church accompanied with several Gentlemen and others went out, and took divers parties of Indians; and in one of which Parties there was a certain old man whom Capt. Church seem'd to take particular notice of, and asking him where he belonged, who told him to *Swansey*; the Captain ask'd his name, who replied, his name was *Conscience*; *Conscience* said the Captain (smiling) then the War is over, for that was what they



were searching for, it being much wanting; and then returned the said *Conscience* to his Post again at *Swansey*, to a certain person the said *Indian* desired to be Sold to,<sup>200</sup> and so return'd home.

<sup>200</sup> 23 July, 1676, it had been ordered by the Plymouth Council of War: "Whereas it is apprehended that the p'mission of Indian men that are captives to settle and abide within this collonie may prove prejudicial to our common peace and safety, considering that there hath never bin any licence for such foe to doe, it is ordered by the councell and the authoritie thereof, that noe Indian male captive shall reside in this gouernment that is about 14 years of age att the beginning of his or theirs captiuitie, and if any such captiues above that age are now in the gouernment, which are not desposed of out of this Jurisdiction by the 15<sup>th</sup> of October next, shall forthwith be desposed of for the vse of this gouernment." [Plym. Col. Rec. v: 310.] Whether this had been repealed, or whether this old *Conscience* was made an exception, on account of his age, or name, I am not able to say.



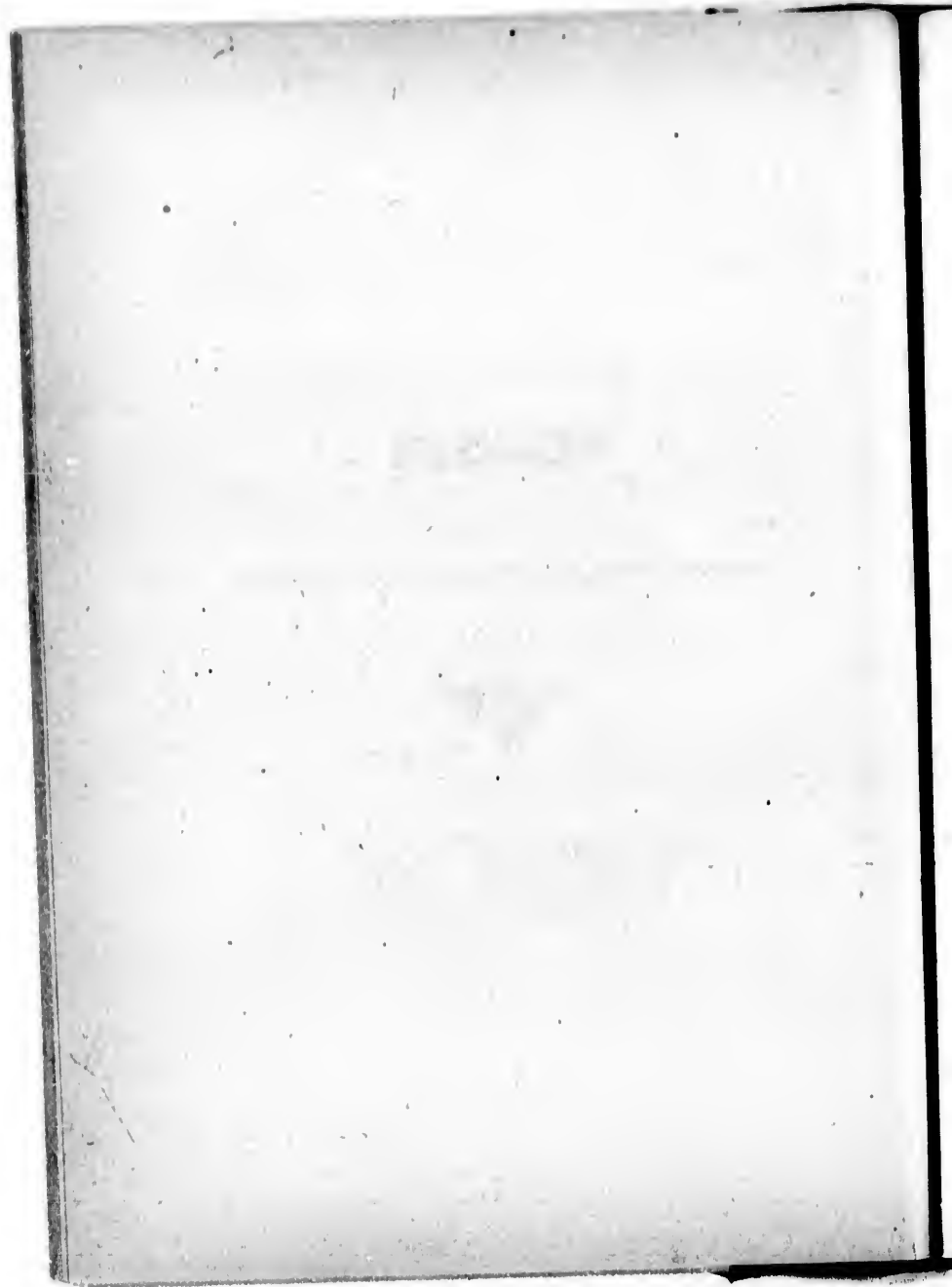
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—	—	"	Church goes down to view his lots, and concludes to settle on them . . . . .	3
—	—	"	Builds on his lot No. 19 . . . . .	5
F.	29 Jan.	1674	Sassamon found murdered at Assawompsett . . . . .	12
T.	15 June	1675	Awashonks has a dance, to which she invites Church. He starts for Plymouth, calling on <i>Potanannet</i> and <i>Westames</i> . . . . .	7-14
W.	16 June	"	He arrives at Plymouth, and calls on the Governor . . . . .	14
S.	20 June	"	Philip allowed his Indians to plunder in Swansea . . . . .	15
M.	21 June	"	A messenger reaches the Governor at Plymouth, who orders the Captains of the towns to march that day to Taunton . . . . .	16
T.	22 June	"	Church leads a party of English and friend Indians, ahead of the main army, to Brown's and Myles's Garrisons . . . . .	17
Th.	24 June	"	First blood, in Philip's War, shed either at Swansea or Fall River . . . . .	18-19
M.	28 June	"	A skirmish at Miles's Bridge, in which William Hammond was killed . . . . .	20

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—	- July	"	The English begin to build a fort at <i>Keekkamuit</i> . . . . .	25
W.	7 July	"	Captain Fuller and Church, with six files, start for Pocasset, and get over Bristol Ferry to Rhode Island . . . . .	27
Th.	8 July	"	Get over to Pocasset in the night . . . . .	27
F.	9 July	"	Pease-field Fight. . . . .	28-40
—	—	"	Church goes back to Rhode-Island for provisions . . . . .	40
—	—	"	A fruitless expedition starts in pursuit of <i>Weetamoe</i> . . . . .	40-42
—	—	"	It starts again in a sloop for Fall River, has a skirmish, and gets back . . . . .	42-44
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F.	16 July	"	To Gardner's Neck . . . . .	44
S.	17 July	"	To Taunton . . . . .	44
M.	19 July	"	They march to Pocasset, and attack <i>Philip</i> , <i>Philip</i> gets away by rafts across the Taunton river, and flees to the <i>Nipmuk</i> Country . . . . .	44-47
—	—	"	<i>Acushnet</i> (Dartmouth) destroyed by the Indians . . . . .	44
—	—	"	Another Fort built at Pocasset . . . . .	47
—	—	"	Remainder of the summer "improved" in nursing these Forts, while the Indians were recruiting in the <i>Nipmuk</i> Country and west as far as Albany . . . . .	48
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22-24	S.	12 Dec.	"	Massachusetts and Plymouth troops, who had "marched round the country," arrived	
at Keek- 25	T.	14 Dec.	"	Two forays were made; 9 Indians killed, 12 taken, and 150 wigwams burned . . .	52
six files, er Bristol 27	W.	15 Dec.	"	Several stragglers from the main body of the English were cut off . . . . .	52
27 28-40	Th.	16 Dec.	"	Captain Prentice with his troop of horse goes down to <i>Pettaquamscut</i> , and finds that the Indians had burned Bull's Garrison, killing 10 men and 5 women and children . . . . .	52
l for provi- pursuit of 40	F.	17 Dec.	"	The Connecticut troops arrive at the ruins of Bull's . . . . .	52
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River, has 42-44	S.	19 Dec.	"	About 1 P.M. they reach the edge of the swamp where the Narragansett fight took place, and the action began . . . . .	52-59
Neck Fort 44 44 44	M.	20 Dec.	"	Church and the other wounded men suffer terribly with the night-march to Wickford in the extreme cold. Captain Belcher "mercifully" arrives with a vessel "loaden" with provisions. . . . .	59
ack Philip, the Taunton Country . by the In- 44 47	—	— Dec.	"	Church and other wounded carried over to Rhode-Island. Massachusetts and Plymouth troops remained, and were re-enforced, Connecticut forces reached Wickford again.	60-61
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h Governor nst the Nar- [to Myles's 49	F.	28 Jan.	"	Attacked <i>Pumham's</i> town in Warwick . . .	61-64
	—	1-7 Feb.	"	Army returned home for want of provisions .	64
	Th.	10 Feb.	"	Lancaster surprised . . . . .	66
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—	8-11 Mar.	"	Church removes his family from Duxbury to Rhode-Island . . . . .	69-70
S.	12 Mar.	"	Clark's Garrison, in Plymouth, destroyed . . . . .	71
—	26-28 Mar.	1676	Rehoboth burned . . . . .	71
F.	21 Apr.	"	Captain Wadsworth and his Company swallowed up at Sudbury . . . . .	65
F.	12 May	"	Church's second son, Constant, born . . . . .	71
F.	19 May	"	Captain Turner surprises the Indians at the great falls of the Connecticut, but is himself killed . . . . .	65
T.	6 June	"	Church arrives at Plymouth, and meets the General Court . . . . .	72
Th.	8 June?	"	Goes back, and on his way hails the Saconet Indians . . . . .	73-75
F.	9 June?	"	Church goes to Newport to get permission to go and see <i>Awashonks</i> . . . . .	77
S.	10 June?	"	Goes across with Daniel Wilcocks to Treaty Rock, and meets <i>Awashonks</i> and her Indians . . . . .	78-85
W.	21 June	"	Plymouth army to be ready to start for Taunton . . . . .	87
—	11-24 June	"	Fruitless efforts to get a vessel, and failure of Anthony Low to aid the business . . . . .	86-87
S.	25 June	"	<i>Peter</i> is started from Rhode-Island for Saconet and Plymouth, to carry <i>Awashonks's</i> submission . . . . .	87
M.	26 June	"	Army arrives at Pocasset . . . . .	88
T.	27 June	"	Church goes over to see Major Bradford and the army . . . . .	88
W.	28 June	"	Went back to go to <i>Awashonks</i> to inform her of the arrival of the army. Saw her, and told her what to do, and returned to the army. <i>Peter</i> and his two Saconet companions appear before the Court at Plymouth . . . . .	87

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S.	1 July	"	Army goes back to Pocasset and over to Mount Hope, missing the Indians digging clams at <i>Weypoiset</i> . . . . .	91-92
T.	6 July	"	The army having got comfortably back to Miles's Garrison, Church has leave to keep his promise with the Saconets . . . . .	93
F.	7 July?	"	He reaches Plymouth, and the same afternoon starts for Sandwich. Major Bradford's army marches after Philip . . . . .	93, 105
S.	8 July?	"	He finds <i>Awashonks</i> at <i>Mattapoisset</i> (Mass.),	95-100
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M.	10 July?	"	The Governor commissions him, and he marches the same night for the woods . . . . .	101-102
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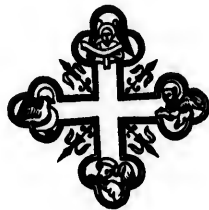
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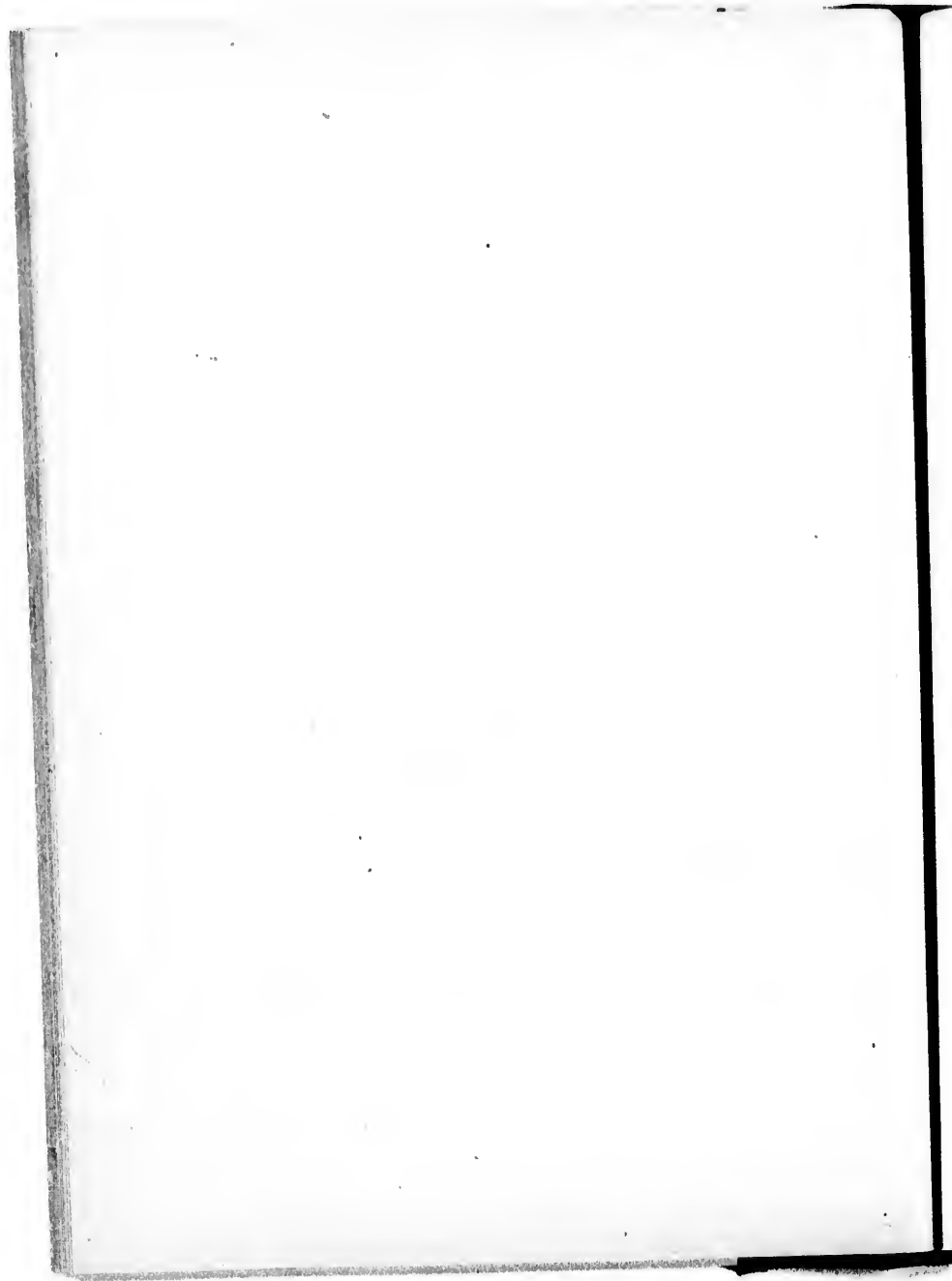
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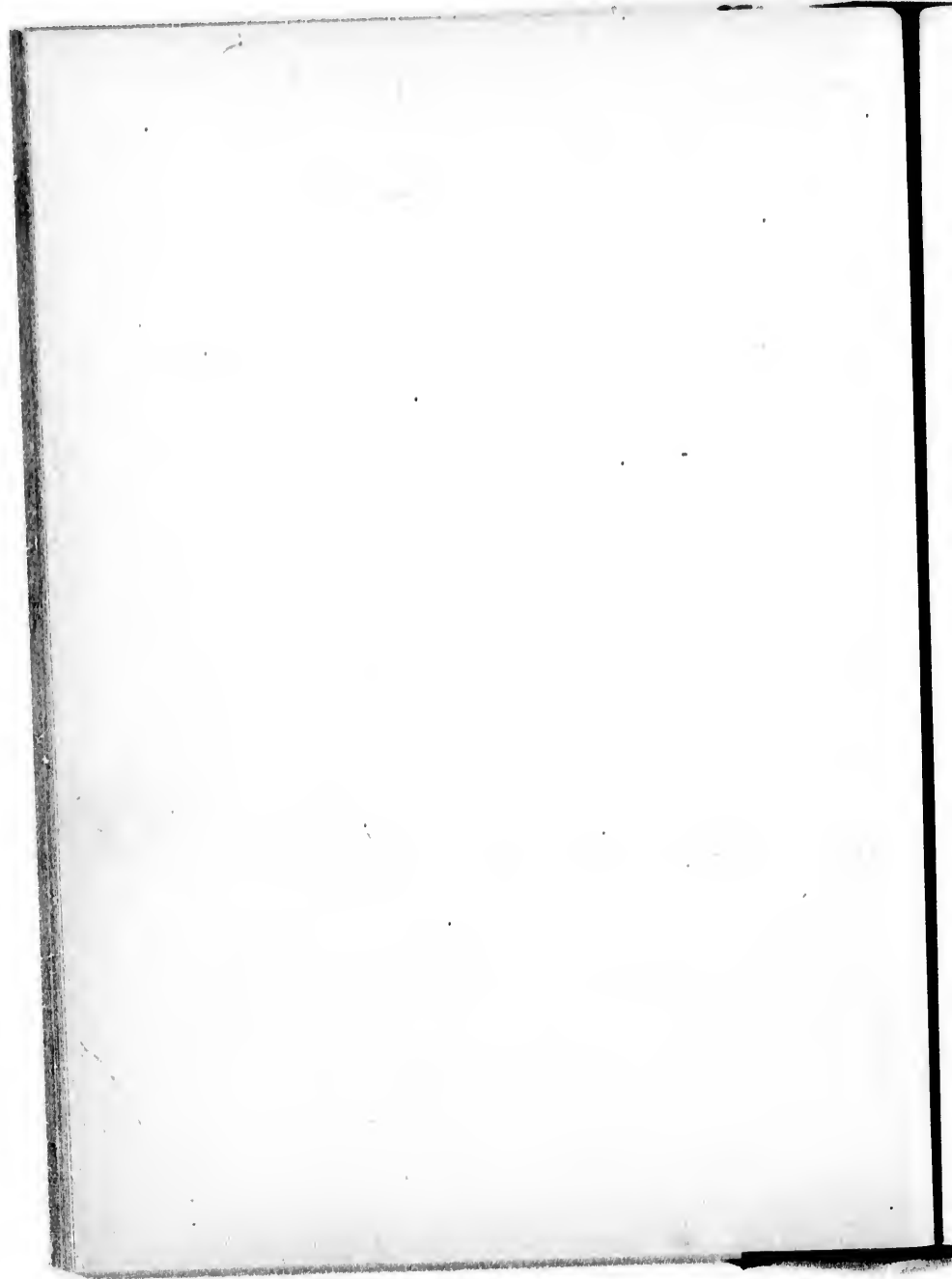






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