

several *French Prisoners* with them; That calling at this Fort in their way, the *Indians* there seeing themselves unable to resist them did pass divers Compliments with them and partake of their Booties, That a *French* Captive after this, escaping from the *Maqua's* informed the *French* that these *Indians* had revolted unto the *Maqua's*, and hereupon the *French* or their *Indians* made a sudden sally forth upon them, and utterly destroyed them, tho' they were in reality of their own party still.

Two *English Captives* escaped from the hands of the *Indians* and *French* at *Piscadamoquady*, come into *Portsmouth* on the sixteenth Instant & say, That when Capt *Mason* was at *Port Real*, he cut the faces, and ript the bellies of two *Indians*, and threw a third Over-board in the sight of the *French*, who informing the other *Indians* of it, they have in revenge barbarously Butcher'd forty Captives of ours that were in their hands.

These two Captives escaped in a shallop, which our Enemies intended to have set out with all the Circumstances of a Fishing shallop but to have indeed fill'd with *Indians* that should have Clap't on board any *English* Vessel that came in their way; They say that about three or four weeks ago, some *Indians* were coming this way to War, but crossing a path which they supposed to be of the *Maqua's*, they followed it until they discovered a place where some Canoo's were making, whereupon twenty *Kennebeck Indian* Warriors went to look further after the business, who never yet returned. Which gives hope that they may come short home but upon this the *Squaws* are sent to *Penobscot*, and the men stand on their Defence.

*Portsmouth* Sept. 20th. Two days since arrived here a small Vessel from *Barbadoes*, in which is a Letter to Captain *H. K.* of 19th *August* that speaks thus,

*Christophers* is wholly taken from the *French* as also a small Island called *Stacia*; we are very strong in shipping, and our ships of War are now gone for *Tobago*, a very good place to shelter from any storms, after the suspicious months are over, they will Attack the rest of the *French* places. We have News here that *K. William* is safe arrived in *Ireland*, and is marched with one hundred and forty thousand Foot and Horse. Himself leads the Body, Duke *Scornburgh* the right Wing, and the Earl of *Oxford* the left Wing, Duke *Hamilton* of *Scotland* leads the forlorn Hope with ten thousand men under him. Great victory they daily have, and much people daily come in to him, with submission: He has 200 shipping with him of one sort or other, above one hundred sail daily run between *Ireland* and *England*, with meat for Man and Beast; His Majesty being unwilling to trust false *Ireland* for it. *France* is in much trouble (and fear) not

only with us but also with his son, who has revolted against him lately, and has great reason,) if reports be true, that the *Father* used to lie with the *Sons Wife*. He has got all the *Hugonots*, and all the dissatisfied Papists, with the great force of the D. of *Lorrain*, and are now against him, resolving to depose him of his life and Kingdom.

It's Reported that the City of *Cork* in *Ireland*, has proclaimed *K. William*, and turned their *French* Landlords out of Door; of this there wants further Confirmation.

From *Plimouth* Sept. 22 We have an Accounts, that on *Friday* the 12th Instant, in the night, our Force Landing privately, forthwith surrounded *Pegypscot* Fort; but finding no *Indians* there, they March'd to *Amonoscoggin*. There on the Lords-day, they kill'd and took 15 or 16 of the Enemy, and recovered five *English* Captives, mostly belonging to *Oyster-River*; who advised, that the men had gone about ten days down to a River, to meet with the *French*, and the *French* *Indians*; where they expected to make up a Body of 300 men, and design a first against *Wells* or *Piscataqua*.

On *Tuesday*, the Army came to our Vessels at *Macquoit*, but one of the Vessels touching a Ground flopt a Tide; by which means, young *Bracket*, who was a considerable distance up the River, above *Amonoscoggin*, that an *English* Army was there attempted his Escape, and came down the floop, just as they came on their sail.

On *Thursday*, they landed at *Saco*; a scout of 60 men of ours discover a party of the Enemy, and had the Advantage of killing three of them, and of taking nine Canoes, and an *English* captive named, *Thomas Baker*, who informed, that the Enemy had left a considerable Plunder at *Pegypscot-Plains*, which he supposed the Enemy was gone to secure. Whereupon the Army immediately embark'd, and arriving there that night, the next morning found the Bever-Plunder accordingly.

While our Vessels were at Anchor in *Cascoe-Bay*, our Auxiliary *Indians* lodging on shore, and being too careless in their Watch, the Enemy made an Attaque upon them. The *English* forth with repair'd to their Relief; but were sorely faled, by an Embuscado of *Indians*, The Enemy soon quitted the Field, escaping with their Canoo's, whereof ours took several. In the surprize, we lost 9 men, and had about 20 wounded; the blow chiefly fell on our dear Friends, the *Plimouth Forces*, 15 being kill'd and wounded of Captain *Southworth's* Company