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Boston in New-England, July 6.

THE 21 past, we had advice from *Plymouth*, That King *Philip*, the *Indian Sagamore* of those parts, had raised about Six hundred Men in Arms, and that he was retired with them into a place very difficult of access, being a Promontory of Land called by the *English Mounthope*, about Fifty four miles from hence, being Fourteen miles in length, and Fifty in breadth, the point, or farthest part of the said Land, reaching within a mile or two from *Rhodes* Island, and is near as far from *Plymouth*, as from hence. The reason of his taking up Arms, we know not; only he hath always been of a subtle and mutinous temper, and several months since, some of his *Indians* killed another *Indian* which had been faithful and serviceable to the *English*; for which two of them were tryed, condemned, and executed: and King *Philip* himself being deemed accessory, was likewise tryed, but acquitted, which probably may have incensed him.

The 23, they of *Plymouth* sent to us for Aid, and let us understand, that they had fitted out 150 Men in Arms to go against the *Indians*; upon which, a Council was called, three Deputies were sent from hence to the said King *Philip*, to endeavor to compose matters; and at the same time, another was sent to an adjacent petty King at *Fare-town*, to warn him not to assist King *Philip*.

The 24, we heard that the *Indians* had killed an *Englishman*, and had plundered several Farms and Farm-houses.

The 25, we heard of farther damage done to the *English* in body and goods, and that the *Indians* did increase, and had offered battel to those of *Plymouth*; but that they would not hazard it, till they received assistance from hence.

The 26, in the morning, we sent out about 100 Horse, and as many Foot, with four Field-pieces; and our Deputies returned, not having been able to effect any thing, for King *Philip* would not speak with them; in their journey they had seen lying the bodies of several *English* without heads, who had been murdered by the *Indians*: upon which, we beat for Voluntiers, and that night 120 marched out, under command of Captain *Molsey*.

The 27, we had advice, That 16 *English* were killed in skirmishing and 7 *Indians*; and that the *English* having sent 30 Horse, with a Cart, to fetch Provisions from *Swansey*, a Town not far from *Plymouth*, they had been all cut off; and that 14 houses belonging to the *English* near *Swansey*, had been burnt, which put us upon raising a greater Force.

The 28, we were informed, that they of *Plymouth* had 300 Men in Arms, and that those sent from hence, were come up, and joined with them. We sent a Brigantine, and a Bark, to intercept the *Indians* by Water, and a Troop of Horse, commanded by Captain *Page*; and at the same time, went out our new General *Sawidge*, to command in chief.

The 30, we had news that the *English* had engaged with the *Indians* the 28, that they had beaten the *Indians* from a certain Scans, on the foresaid Promontory

of Land, and had taken some of their Provisions; that we had lost only one Man, but had several wounded: and that they of *Rhodes* Island, had sent out 100 Men well armed. It was prohibited to export any Provisions out of this Colony.

The 31, we sent several Hand-Granadoes to our Forces, and heard that an *Indian* Spy had been executed at *Plymouth*.

The 3 instant, we had a Messenger from *Mounthope*, who told us the *English* were got to the farthest point of the said Land; That they supposed King *Philip* was gone off from thence, having only seen ten *Indians* together, of whom they killed four; they found 6 *English* heads, and twice as many Hands, being of those the *Indians* had murdered; That day it was proclaimed death for any *English* to sell Arms or Ammunition to the *Indians*. We also sent a party of Horse to demand the Arms of another neighbouring petty King, whom we suspected; which if he refuses to deliver, our Forces are to fall upon him; the Land we have already gained on the said Promontory, is worth 10 000 l.

The 4, we had another Messenger from *Mounthope*, which gave an account of one of our Men killed, and three or four wounded; and that the *English* had taken a Horse, which (by the Furniture) is supposed to be King *Philip*'s.

This day we had a farther account from *Mounthope*, That the *English* cannot tell where to find the *Indians*, having searched all that Promontory; and that they intended to go Westward to look after them, for we fear they may greatly annoy our Plantations. This day likewise 60 *Indians* of those that are privileged, and taught the Scriptures, came to Town, being armed under an *English* Commander; they left their Wives and Children here, as Hostages, and are marched to our Camp: A small party of Horse was likewise sent to *Plymouth*, for the guard of the Governor there.

Portsmouth, Aug. 17. Some days since came to an anchor off of *St. Heiers*, about 40 Dutch Merchant-men, with a Convoy of seven Men of War, outward bound. On Saturday last we had a most terrible storm, which forced all the said ships from their anchors, which they left behind them, and got out to Sea. Two French Men of War are come to *Cowes*, where they are now at anchor.

Rome, July 27. The *Venetian* Ambassador hath now likewise made his adjustment with the Court, having received the same satisfaction as did the Ambassadors of the Emperor and of *Spain*, but the Ambassador of *France* hitherto refuses to accept the said satisfaction. It is said that the Spaniards raise Men underhand in the Ecclesiastical Territories, to be employed against *Messina*; upon the advice we had from thence, of the departure of the Duke *de Vivonne* with the French Men of War and Gallies, it was generally believed, that the French had wholly quitted that City, and that the next news would have been of its having opened its gates to the Spaniards; but, according to the advices we receive since, we understand that the Duke *de Vivonne* is only gone out upon some great design, and that he will return, to soon as he has executed it, to *Messina*. Venice,