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PREFACE.

BEFORE undertaking the present work I had no experience as an editor. It is unnecessary for me to say, therefore, that, were I now to undertake it, I should pursue a somewhat different course from that which I have pursued. The New English Canaan is, in many respects, a singular book. One of its most singular features is the extent of ground it covers. Not only is it full of obscure references to incidents in early New England history, but it deals directly with the aborigines, the trees, animals, fish, birds and geology of the region; besides having constant incidental allusions to literature, — both classic and of the author’s time, — to geography, and to then current events. No one person can possess the knowledge necessary to thoroughly cover so large a field. To edit properly he must have recourse to specialists.

It was only as the labor of investigation increased on my hands that I realized what a wealth of scientific and special knowledge was to be reached, in the neighborhood of Boston, by any one engaged in such multifarious inquiry. Were I again to enter upon it I should confine my own labors chiefly to correspondence; for on every point which comes up there is some one now in this vicinity, if he can only be found out, who has made a study of it, and has more information than the most laborious and skilful of editors can acquire.

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In this edition of the *New Canaan* I have not laid so many of these specialists as I now wish, under requisition; and yet the lift is a tolerably extensive one. In every case, also, the assistance asked for has been rendered as of course, in the true scientific spirit. My correspondence has included Messrs. Deane, Winfor and Ellis on events in early New England history; Professor Whitney on geographical allusions; Professors Lane and Greenough, Dr. Everett and Mr. T. W. Higginson, on references to the Greek and Latin classics, or quotations from them; and the Rev. Mr. Norton on Scriptural allusions. Mr. J. C. Gray has hunted up for me legal precedents five centuries old, and Mr. Lindfay Swift has explained archaic expressions, to the meaning of which I could get no clew. On the subject of trees and herbs I called on Professors Gray and Sargent; in regard to birds, Mr. William Brewster was indefatigable; Mr. Allen, though in very poor health, took the chapter on animals; Professor Shaler disposed of the geology; Messrs. Agassiz and Lyman instructed me as to fish, and Professor Putnam as to shell-heaps. I met some allusions to early French and other explorers, and naturally had recourse to Messrs. Parkman and Slafter; while in regard to Indian words and names, I have been in constant correspondence with the one authority, Mr. J. Hammond Trumbull, who has recognized to the fullest extent the public obligation which a mastery of a special subject imposes on him who masters it.

In closing a pleasant editorial task, my chief regret, therefore, is that the notes in this volume contain so much matter of my own. They should have been even more eclectic than they are, and each from the highest possible authority on the subject to which it relates.

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Quincy, Mass., April 4, 1883.
N the second book of his history of Plymouth Plantation, Governor Bradford, while dealing with the events of the year 1628 though writing at a still later period, says:—

"Aboute some three or four years before this time, ther came over one Captaine Wollaftone (a man of pretie parts), and with him three or four more of some eminentie, who brought with them a great many servants, with provisions and other implaments for to begine a plantation; and pitched themselves in a place within the Massachusets, which they called, after their Captains name, Mount-Wollafton. Amongst whom was one Mr. Morton, who, it should seeme, had some small adventure (of his owne or other mens) amongst them." ¹

There is no other known record of Wollafton than that contained in this passage of Bradford.² His given name even

¹ Bradford, pp. 235-6.
² A Captain Woolston is mentioned by Smith (Description of New England, iii. Mafs. Hist. Coll., vol. vi. p. 136) as the lieutenant of "one Captain Barra, an English pirate, in a small ship, with some twelve pieces of ordnance, about

thirty men and near all starved," whom Smith encountered in 1615, while a captive in the hands of the French freebooters. Though it has found a place in biographical dictionaries on account of two eminent men of one family from Staffordshire who bore it, the name of Wollafton
Thomas Morton

even is not mentioned. It may be furmised with tolerable certainty that he was one of the numerous traders, generally from Bristol or the West of England, who frequented the fishing grounds and the adjacent American coast during the early years of the seventeenth century. Nothing is actually known of him, however, until in 1625 he appeared in Massachusetts Bay, as Boston Harbor was then called, at the head of the expedition which Bradford mentions.

His purpose and that of his companions was to establish a plantation and trading-post in the country of the Massachusetts tribe of Indians. It was the third attempt of the kind which had been made since the settlement at Plymouth, a little more than four years before. The first of these attempts had been that of Thomas Weston at Wessagusset, or Weymouth, in the summer of 1622. This had resulted in a complete failure, the story of which is told by Bradford and Winlow, and forms one of the more striking pages in the annals of early New England. The second attempt, and that which next preceded Wollaston's, had closely followed the first, being made in the summer of 1623, under the immediate direction of the Council for New England. At the head of it was Captain Robert Gorges, a younger son of Sir Ferdinando Gorges. Weston's expedition was a mere

Wollaston is rarely met with. It is not found, for instance, in the present directories of either Boston or New York, and but twice in that of Philadelphia. It has been given to islands in both the Arctic and the Antarctic oceans, but the family to which it belonged seems to have originated in an inland English county. (Lower's Patronymica Britannica). The Captain, or Lieutenant, Wollifton, therefore, whom Smith fell in with in 1615 may have been, and probably was, the same who ten years later gave his name to the hill on Quincy Bay. It is not likely that two Captain Wollastons were sea-adventurers at the same time. That it actually was the same man is, however, matter of pure surmise.
mere trading venture, having little connection with anything which went before or which came after. That of Gorges, however, was something more. As will presently be seen, it had a distinct political and religious significance.

Robert Gorges and his party arrived in Boston Bay in 1623, during what is now the latter part of September. They established themselves in the buildings which had been occupied by Weston's people during the previous winter, and which had been deserted by them a few days less than six months before. The site of those buildings cannot be definitely fixed. It is supposed to have been on Phillips Creek, a small tidal inlet of the Weymouth fore-river, a short distance above the Quincy-Point bridge. The grant made to Robert Gorges by the Council for New England, and upon which he probably intended to place his party, was on the other side of the bay, covering ten miles of sea-front and stretching thirty miles into the interior. It was subsequently pronounced void by the lawyers on the ground of being "loose and uncertain," but as nearly as can now be fixed it covered the shore between Nahant and the mouth of the Charles, and the region back of that as far west as Concord and Sudbury, including Lynn and the most thickly inhabited portions of the present county of Middlesex.

Reaching New England, however, late in the season, Gorges's first anxiety was to secure shelter for his party against the impending winter, for the frosts had already begun. Fortunately the few savages thereabouts had been warned by Governor Bradford not to injure the Wessa-guzzet buildings, and thus they afforded a welcome shelter to the newcomers. These were people of a very different class
clafs from those who had preceded them. Among them were men of education, and some of them were married and had brought their wives. Their settlement proved a permanent one. Robert Gorges, it is true, the next spring returned to England disappointed and discouraged, taking back with him a portion of his followers. Others of them went on to Virginia in search of a milder climate and a more fertile soil. A few, however, remained at Wessaguset, and are repeatedly referred to by Morton in the *New Canaan* as his neighbors at that place.

When, therefore, Wollaston failed into the bay in the early summer of 1625, its shores were not wholly unoccupied. His party consisted of himself and some three or four partners, with thirty or more servants, as they were called, or men who had sold their time for a period of years to an employer, and who stood in the relation to him of apprentice to master. Rafdall, according to Bradford, was the name of one of the partners, and Fitcher would seem to have been that of another. Thomas Morton, the author of the *New English Canaan*, was a third.

Not much more is known of Morton's life prior to his coming to America than of Wollaston's. He had certainly an education of that sort which was imparted in the schools of the Elizabethan period, for he had a smattering knowledge of the more familiar Latin authors at least, and was fond of classic allusion. Governor Dudley, in his letter to the Countefs of Lincoln, says that while in England he was an attorney in "the west countries." He further intimates that

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1 Bradford, p. 154.  
3 Young's *Chron. of Mass.*, p. 321.
he had there been implicated in some foul misdemeanor, on account of which warrants were out against him. Nathaniel Morton in his *Memorial*¹ says that the crime thus referred to was the killing of a partner concerned with him, Thomas Morton, in his first New England venture. Thomas Wiggin, however, writing in 1632 to Sir John Cooke, one of King Charles’s secretaries for foreign affairs and a member of the Privy Council, states, upon the authority of Morton’s “wife’s sonne and others,” that he had fled to New England “upon a foule suspicion of murther.”² While, therefore, it would seem that grave charges were in general circulation against Morton, connecting him with some deed of violence, it is necessary to bear in mind that considerable allowance must be made before any accusation against him can be accepted on the word of either the Massachusetts or the Plymouth authorities, or those in sympathy with them. Yet Morton was a reckless man, and he lived in a time when no great degree of sanctity attached to human life; so that in itself there is nothing very improbable in this charge. It is possible that before coming to America he may have put some one out of the way. Nevertheless, as will presently be seen, though he was subsequently arrested and in jail in England, the accusation never took any formal shape. That he was at some time married would appear from the letter of Wiggin already referred to, and the allusions in the *New Canaan* show that he had been a man passionately fond of field sports, and a good deal of a traveller as well. He speaks, for instance, of having been “bred in so genious a way”

¹ *N. E. Memorial*, p. 160.  
way” that in England he had the common use of hawks in fowling; and, in another place, he alludes to his having been so near the equator that “I have had the fun for my zenith.”

On the titlepage of his book he describes himself as “of Cliffords Inne gent.,” which of course he would not have ventured to do had he not really been what he there claimed to be; for at the time the New Canaan was published he was living in London and apparently one of the attorneys of the Council for New England. Bradford, speaking from memory, fell into an error, therefore, when he described him as a “kind of petie-fogger of Furnefells Inne.”

That in 1625 he was a man of some means is evident from the fact that he owned an interest in the Wollaston venture; though here again Bradford takes pains to say that the share he represented (“of his owne or other mens”) was small, and that he himself had so little respect amongst the rest that he was slighted by even the meanest servants.

In all probability this was not Morton’s first visit to Massachusetts Bay. Indeed, he was comparatively familiar with it, having already passed one season on its shores. His own statement, at the beginning of the first chapter of the second book of the Canaan, seems to be conclusive on this point. He there says: “In the month of June, Anno Salutis 1622, it was my chance to arrive in the parts of New England with thirty servants, and provision of all sorts fit for a plantation; and, while our houses were building, I did endeavor to take a survey of the country.”

There was but one ship which arrived in New England

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2 Palfrey, vol. i. p. 401, n.
3 Bradford, p. 236.
England in June, 1622, and that was the Charity; and the Charity brought out Weston's party, which settled at Weffaguffet, answering in every respect to Morton's description of the party he came with. Andrew Weston, a younger brother of the chief promoter of the enterprise, had then come in charge of it, and is described as having been "a heady yong man and violente." After leaving Weston's company at Plymouth, the Charity went on to Virginia, but returned from there early in October, going it would seem directly to Boston Bay and Weffaguffet. One part of the colonists had then been there three months, and it was during those three months that Morton apparently took the survey of the country to which he refers. As the Weffaguffet plantation was now left under the charge of Richard Greene, it would seem that young Weston went back to England in the Charity, and the inference is that Morton, who had come out as his companion, went back with him.

In any event, the impression produced on Morton by this first visit to New England was a strong and favorable one. It looked to him a land of plenty, a veritable New Canaan. Accordingly, he gave vent to his enthusiasm in the warm language of the first chapter of his second book. With the subsequent fate of Weston's party he seems to have had no connection. He must at the time have heard of it, and was doubtless aware of the evil reputation that company left behind. This would perfectly account for the fact that he never mentions his having himself had anything to do with it.

1 Bradford, p. 118.
2 Bradford, p. 120.
3 Young's Chron. of Pl., p. 299.
4 Infra, *60.
it. Yet it may be surmised that he returned to England possessed with the idea of connecting himself with some enterprise, either Weston's or another, organized to make a settlement on the shores of Boston Bay and there to open a trade in furs. He had then had no experience of a New England winter; though, for that matter, when he afterwards had repeated experiences of it, they in no way changed his views of the country. To the last, apparently, he thought of it as he first saw it during the summer and early autumn of 1622, when it was a green fresh wilderness, nearly devoid of inhabitants and literally alive with game.

News of the utter failure of Weston's enterprise must have reached London in the early summer of 1623. Whether Morton was in any way personally affected thereby does not appear, though from his allusions to Weston's treatment by Robert Gorges at Plymouth, during the winter of 1623–4, it is not at all improbable that he was. During the following year (1624) he is not heard of; but early in 1625 he had evidently succeeded in effecting some sort of a combination which resulted in the Wollaston expedition.

The partners in this enterprise would seem to have been the merest adventurers. So far as can be ascertained, they did not even trouble themselves to take out a patent for the land on which they proposed to settle, in this respect showing themselves even more careless than Weston. With the exception of Morton, they apparently had no practical knowledge of the country, and their design clearly was to establish

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1 Infra, *113–118.
2 Palfrey, vol. i. p. 397.
establish themselves wherever they might think good, and to trade in such way as they saw fit.

When the party reached its destination in Massachusetts Bay, they found Wessagusset still occupied by such as were left of Robert Gorges's company, who had then been there nearly two years. They had necessarily, therefore, to establish themselves elsewhere. A couple of miles or so north of Wessagusset, on the other side of the Monatoquit, and within the limits of what is now the town of Quincy, was a place called by the Indians Passonagefit. The two localities were separated from each other not only by the river, which here widens out into a tidal estuary, but by a broad basin which filled and emptied with every tide, while around it were extensive salt marshes intersected by many creeks. The upland, too, was interspersed with tangled swamps lying between gravel ridges. At Passonagefit the new-comers established themselves, and the place is still known as Mount Wollaston.

In almost all respects Passonagefit was for their purpose a better locality than Wessagusset. They had come there to trade. However it may have been with the others, in Morton's calculations at least the plantation must have been a mere incident to the more profitable dealing in peltry. A prominent position on the shore, in plain view of the entrance to the bay, would be with him an important consideration. This was found at Passonagefit. It was a spacious upland rising gently from the beach and, a quarter of a mile or so from it, swelling into a low hill.1 It was not connected

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1 Palfrey (vol. i. p. 222) speaks of it as "a bluff." This is an error. The slope from where Morton's house stood to the water is very gradual.
connected with the interior by any navigable stream, but Indians coming from thence would easily find their way to it; and, while a portion of the company could always be there ready to trade, others of them might make excursions to all points on the neighboring coast where furs were to be

had. Looking seaward, on the left of the hill was a considerable tidal creek; in front of it, across a clear expanse of water a couple of miles or so in width, lay the islands of the harbor in apparently connected succession. Though the anchoring grounds among these islands afforded perfect places of anchoring among these islands afforded perfect places of

1 This View of Mount Wollaston is taken from Rev. Dr. William P. Lunt's *Two Discourses on Occasion of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Gathering of the First Congregational Church, Quincy*, (p. 37). It represents the place very accurately as it appeared in 1840, and as it is supposed to have appeared from the time of the first settlement until recently. The single tree was a lofty red-cedar, which must have been there when Wollaston landed, as it was a large tree of a long-lived species, and died from age about 1850. The trunk is still (1882) standing; and, though all the bark has dropped off, it measures some 66 inches in circumference. The central part of the above cut, including the tree, has been adopted as a seal for the town of Quincy, with the motto "MANET."
of refuge for vessels, Passonagefit itself, as the settlers there
must soon have realized, labored, as a trading-point, under
one serious disadvantage. There was no deep water near
it. Except when the tide was at least half full, the shore
could be approached only in boats. On the other hand, so
far as planting was concerned, the conditions were favorable.
The soil, though light, was very good; and the spot, lying
as it did close to "the Massachusetts fields," had some years
before been cleared of trees by the Sachem Chickatawbut,
who had made his home there.\(^1\) He had, however, aban-
donated it at the time when the great pestilence swept away
his tribe, and tradition still points out a small favin-covered
hummock, near Squantum, on the south side of the Nepon-
set, as his subsequent dwelling-place. Morton says that
Chickatawbut's mother was buried at Passonagefit, and
that the Plymouth people, on one of their visits, incurred his
enmity by despoiling her grave of its bear skins.\(^2\) So far as
the natives were concerned, however, any settlers on the
shores of Boston Bay, after the year 1623, had little cause
for disquietude. They were a thoroughly crushed and bro-
ken-spirited race. The pestilence had left only a few hun-
dred of the whole Massachusetts tribe, and in 1631 Chicka-
tawbut had but some fifty or sixty followers.\(^3\) It was a dying
race; and what little courage the pestilence had left them
was effectually and forever crushed out by Miles Standish,
when at Wessagusset, in April, 1623, he put to death seven
of the strongest and boldest of their few remaining men.

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\(^1\) Young's *Chron. of Mafs.*, p. 395.
\(^2\) *Infra,* **51, 106.
\(^3\) Young's *Chron. of Mafs.*, p. 305.
Having selected a site, Wollaston and his party built their house nearly in the centre of the summit of the hill, on a gentle westerly slope. It commanded towards the north and east an unbroken view of the bay and all the entrances to it; while on the opposite or landward side, some four or five miles away, rose the heavily-wooded Blue Hills. Across the bay to the north lay Shawmut, beyond the intervening peninsulas of Squantum and Mattapan. Weffagussset was to the south, across the marshes and creeks, and hidden from view by forest and uplands.

During their first season, the summer of 1625, Wollaston's party must have been fully occupied in the work of building their houses and laying out their plantation. The winter followed. A single experience of a winter on that shore seems to have sufficed for Captain Wollaston, as it had before sufficed for Captain Gorges. He apparently came to the conclusion that there was little profit and no satisfaction for him in that region. Accordingly, during the early months of 1626, he determined to go elsewhere. The only account of what now ensued is that contained in Bradford; for Morton nowhere makes a single allusion to Wollaston or any of his associates, nor does he give any account of the origin, composition or purposes of the Wollaston enterprise. His silence on all these points is, indeed, one of the singular features in the New Canaan. Such references as he does make are always to Weston and Weston's attempt;¹ and he seems to take pains to confound that attempt with Wollaston's. Once only he mentions the number of the party with which he landed,

¹ Infra, *115–18.
landed,¹ and the fact that it was subsequently dissolved;² but how it came to be dissolved he does not explain. The inference from this is unavoidable. Morton was free enough in talking of what he did and saw at Passonagefit, of his revels there, of how he was arrested, and persecuted out of the country. That he says not a word of Wollafton or his other partners must be due to the fact that the subject was one about which he did not care to commit himself. Nevertheless Bradford could not but have known the facts, for not only at a later day was Morton himself for long periods of time at Plymouth, but when the events of which he speaks occurred Bradford must have been informed of them by the Wessaguffet people, as well as by Fitcher. As we only know what Bradford tells us, it can best be given in his own words:—

"Having continued there some time, and not finding things to answer their expectations, nor profit to arise as they looked for, Captain Wollafton takes a great part of the servants and transports them to Virginia, where he puts them off at good rates, selling their time to other men; and writes back to one Mr. Rafdall, one of his chief partners and accounted their merchant, to bring another part of them to Virginialikewise; intending to put them off there, as he had done the rest. And he, with the consent of the said Rafdall, appointed one Fitcher to be his Lieutenant, and govern the remains of the plantation till he, or Rafdall, returned to take further order thereabout. But this Morton, abovefaid, having more craft than honesty, in the others’ absence watches an opportunity, (commons being but hard amongst them,) and gets some strong drink and other junkets, and made them a feast; and after they were merry, he began to tell them he would give them good counsel. ‘You see,’ faith he, ‘that many of your fellows are carried to Virginia; and if you stay till this Rafdall returns, you will also be carried away and sold for slaves with the rest.

¹ Infra, *59.  
² Infra, *114.
refl. Therefore, I would advise you to thrust out this Lieutenant Fitcher; and I, having a part in the plantation, will receive you as my partners and confociates. So may you be free from service; and we will converse, trade, plant and live together as equals, and support and protect one another: or to like effect. This counsel was easily received; so they took opportunity and thrust Lieutenant Fitcher out a-doors, and would suffer him to come no more amongst them; but forced him to seek bread to eat, and other relief, from his neighbors, till he could get passage for England."

Wollaston’s process of depletion to Virginia had reduced the number of servants at Passonageffit from thirty or thirty-five, as Morton variously states it, to fix at most. It was as the head of these that Morton established himself in control at Merry-Mount, as he called the place, sometime, it would

1 Bradford, pp. 236-7.
4 Morton uniformly speaks of the place as Ma-re-Mount, and John Adams on this point commented in his notes as follows: — "The Fathers of Plymouth, Dordchester, Charlestown, &c., I suppose would not allow the name to be Ma-re-Mount, but insisted upon calling it Merry-Mount, for the same reason that the common people in England will not call gentlemen’s ornamental grounds gardens, but insist upon calling them pleasure-grounds, i.e., to excite envy and make them unpopular."

Ma-re-Mount, however, was a characteristic bit of Latin punning on Morton’s part, designed to tease his more austere neighbors. He himself says (Infra, *132): "The inhabitants of Passonageffit, having translated the name of their habitation from that ancient salvage name to Ma-re-Mount . . . the precife seperatifs that lived at New Plymouth flood at defiance with the placethreatening to make it a woeful mount and not a merry mount." (Infra, *134.) In view of the situation of the place, Ma-re-Mount was a very appropriate name, but it may well be questioned whether it was ever so called by any human being besides Morton, or by him except in print. Bradford calls it Merie-mounte. (p. 237.) The expression used by Morton, that they "translated the name" from Passonageffit to Ma-re-Mount, would naturally suggest that the Indian name might find its equivalent in the Latin one, and mean simply "a hill by the sea." On this point, however, J. Hammond Trumbull writes: "Morton’s ‘Passonageffit’ has been a puzzle to me every time it has caught my eye since I first marked it twenty years ago or more with double (??). Morton, as he shows in chap. ii. of book i., could not write the most simple Indian word without a blunder. What may have been the name he makes ‘Passonageffit’ we cannot guess, unless it survives in some early record. There is no trace of ‘sea,’
would seem, in the summer of 1626. He had now two distinct objects in view: one was enjoyment, the other was profit; and apparently he was quite reckless as to the methods he pursued in securing either the one or the other. If he was troubled by his former partners appearing to assert their rights, as he probably was, no mention is made of it. There were no courts to appeal to in America, and those of Europe were far away; nor would it have been easy or inexpensive to enforce their processes in New England. Accordingly nothing more is heard of Wollaston or Rashedall, though Bradford does say that Morton was "vehemently suspected for the murder of a man that had adventured monies with him when he first came."¹ There is a vague tradition, referred to John Adams, that Wollaston was subsequently lost at sea;² but as a full century must have elapsed between the occurrence of the event and the birth of John Adams, this tradition is quite as unreliable as traditions usually are.

Passionately fond of field sports, Morton found ample opportunity for the indulgence of his tastes in New England. He loved to ramble through the woods with his dog and gun, or sail in his boat on the bay. The Indians, too, were his allies, and naturally enough; for not only did he offer them an open and easy-going market for their furs, but he was companionable

¹ Bradford, p. 253.
² Whitney's Hist. of Quincy, p. 18.
companionable with them. They shared in his revels. He denies that he was in the habit of selling them spirits, but where spirits were as freely used as Morton's account shows they were at Merry-Mount, the Indians undoubtedly had their share. Nor were his relations confined to the Indian men. The period of Elizabeth and James I. was one of probably as much sexual incontinency as any in English history. Some of the earlier writers on the New England Indians have spoken of the modesty of the women,—Wood, in his Prospett, for instance, and Joffelyn, in the second of his Two Voyages. Morton, however, is significantly

1 Infra, *55.
2 Joffelyn says of the "Indeffes," as he calls them, "All of them are of a modest demeanor, confiding their savage breeding; and indeed do shame our English rusticks whose rudenesf in many things exceedeth theirs." (Two Voyages, pp. 12, 45.) When the Massachussets Indian women, in September, 1621, sold the furs from their backs to the first party of explorers from Plymouth, Winlow, who wrote the account of that expedition, says that they "tied boughs about them, but with great shamefacedness, for indeed they are more modest than some of our English women are." (Mourt, p. 59.) See also, to the same effect, Wood's Prospett, (p. 82.) It suggests, indeed, a curious inquiry as to what were the customs among the ruder classes of the British females during the Elizabethan period, when all the writers agree in speaking of the Indian women in this way. Roger Williams, for instance, referring to their clothing, says: "Both men and women within doores, leave off their beasts skin, or English cloth, and so (excepting their little apron) are wholly naked; yet but few of the women but will keepe their skin or cloth (though loose) near to them, ready to gather it up about them. Cuftome hath used their minds and bodies to it, and in such a freedom from any wantonneffe that I have never seen that wantonneffe amongst them as, (with grieffe) I have heard of in Europe." (Key, pp. 110-11.) And he adds, "More particular:

"Many thousand proper Men and Women,
I have seen met in one place:
Almost all naked, yet not one
Thought want of clothes disgrace."

In Parkman's Jefuits in North America (ch. iv.) there is a very graphic account of the missionary Le Jeune's experience among the Algonquins, in which he describes the interior of the wigwam on a winter's evening. "Heated to suffocation, the forcerer, in the closest possible approach to nudity, lay on his back, with his right knee planted upright and his left leg crossed on it, discoursing volubly to the company, who, on their part, listened in postures scarcely less remote from decency." Le Jeune says, "Les filles et les jeunes femmes font à l'exter-

rien tres honnestement couvertes, mais entre
cantly silent on this point, and the idea of female chastity in the Indian mind, in the rare cases where it existed at all, seems to have been of the vaguest possible description.\(^1\) Morton was not a man likely to be fastidious, and his reference to the "lasses in beaver coats"\(^2\) is suggestive. Merry-Mount was unquestionably, so far as temperance and morality were concerned, by no means a commendable place.\(^3\)

Morton’s inclination to boisterous revelry culminated at last in that proceeding which scandalized the Plymouth elders and has passed into history. In the spring of 1627 he erected the May-pole of Merry-Mount. To erect these poles seems at that time to have been a regular English observance, which even the fishermen on the coast did not neglect. When, for instance, the forerunners of Weston’s colony at Wessagusset reached the Damariscove Islands, in the spring of 1622, the first thing they saw was a May-pole, which the men belonging to the ships there had newly set up, "and weare very mery."\(^4\) There is no room for question that in England, during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, May-day

entre elles leurs discours sont puants, comme des cloaques;" and Parkman adds, "The social manners of remote tribes of the present time correspond perfectly with Le Jeune’s account of those of the Montagnais." See also *Voyages of Champlain*, Prince Soc., vol. iii. pp. 168–70.

\(^1\) Parkman says that "chastity in women was recognized as a virtue by many tribes." *Féauxits in North America*, p. xxxiv.) Of the New England Indians Williams remarks,—"Single fornications they count no sin, but after marriage then they count it heinous for either of them to be false." (*Key*, p. 138.) Judging by an incident mentioned by Morton, however, adultery does not seem to have been looked upon as a very grave offence among the Indians of the vicinity in which he lived. (*Infra*, *^32.*.) On the general subject of morality among young Indian women, especially in the vicinity of trading-posts, see Parkman’s *Féauxits in North America* (pp. xxxiv, xlii) and the letter from Father Carheil to the Intendant Champigny, in *The Old Régime in Canada* (p. 427).

\(^2\) *Infra*, *^135.*


May-day festivities were associated with a great deal of licence. They were so associated in the minds of Governor Bradford and his fellows. Christmas was at least a Christian festivity. Not so May-day. That was distinctly Pagan in its origin. It represented all there was left of the Saturnalia and the worship of the Roman courtesan. May-day and May-day festivities, accordingly, were things to be altogether reformed. They were by no means the innocent, grateful welcoming of spring which modern admirers of the so-called good old times—which, in point of fact, were very gross and brutal times—are wont to picture to themselves.

"I have heard it credibly reported," wrote Stubbes in his *Anatomy of Abuses*, "(and that *viva voce*) by men of great gravitie, credite and reputation, that of fourtie, three score, or a hundred maides goyng to the woode over night [a-Maying], there have scarcely the thirde parte of them returned home againe undefiled."\(^1\) All this it is necessary to now bear in mind, lest what Bradford wrote down in his history of Morton's doings should seem grotesque. He was speaking of what represented in his memory a period of uncleanness, a sort of carnival of the sexes.

Morton's own account of the festivities at Merry-Mount on the May-day of 1627, which came on what would now be the 11th of the month, will be found in the fourteenth chapter of the third book of the *Canaan*.\(^2\) It does not need to be repeated here. Bradford's account was very different:

"They also set up a May-pole, drinking and dancing aboute it many days togethether, inviting the Indian women, for their comforts, dancing and frisking together,

\(^1\) Hazlitt's *Popular Antiquities of subject*, Strutt's *Sports and Pastimes, Great Britain*, p. 121. See also on this p. 352.  
\(^2\) Infra, *132-7.*
Of Merry-Mount.

togither, (like so many fairies, or furies rather,) and worse practises. As if they had anew revived and celebrated the feasls of the Roman Goddes Flora, or the beasly practifies of the madd Bacchinalians. Morton likewise (to fhew his poetrie,) compofed fundry rimes and verses, some tending to lasciviousnes, and others to the detraction and scandall of some persons, which he affixed to this idle or idoll May-polle.”

Morton’s verses can be found in their proper place in the New Canaan, but the principal charge now to be made against them is their incomprehensibility. Judged even by the standard of the present day, much more by that of the day when they were written, they are not open to criticism because of their “lasciviousnes.” They are decent enough, though very bad and very dull. As to the “detraction and scandall of some persons,” alleged against them,—if indeed they contained anything of the sort,—it was so very carefully concealed that no one could easily have understood it then, and Morton’s own efforts at explanation fail to make it intelligible now.

The feellivities around the May-pole were, however, but Morton’s amusements. Had he confined himfelf to thefe he might, fo far as the people at Plymouth at leaft were concerned, to the end of his life have lived on the shores of Boston Bay, and erected a new pole with each recurring spring. The only resistance he would have had to overcome would have been a remonftrance now and then, hardly lefs comical than it was earnest. The business methods he pursued were a more serious matter. He had come to New England to make money, as well as to enjoy the licenfe of a frontier life. He was fully alive to the profits of the peltry trade, and

1 Bradford, p. 237.
and in carrying on that trade he was restrained by no scruples. The furs of course came from the interior, brought by Indians. In his dealings with the Indians Morton adopted a policy natural enough for one of his reckless nature, but which imperilled the existence of every European on the coast. The two things the savages most coveted were spirits and guns,—fire-water and fire-arms. Beads and knives and hatchets and colored cloth served very well to truck with at first. But these very soon lost their attraction. Guns and rum never did. For these the Indians would at any time give whatever they possessed. The trade in fire-arms had already attained some proportions when, in 1622, it was strictly forbidden by a proclamation of King James, issued at the instance of the Council for New England. The companion trade in spirits, less dangerous to the whites but more destructive to the savages, was looked upon as scandalous, but it was not prohibited. Morton cared equally little for either law or morals. He had come to New England for furs, and he meant to get them.

"Hearing what gain the French and fishermen made by trading of pieces, powder and shot to the Indians, he, as the head of this comfortship, began the practice of the same in these parts. And first he taught them how to use them, to charge and discharge, and what proportion of powder to give the piece, according to the size and bigness of the same; and what shot to use for fowl and what for deer. And having thus instructed them, he employed some of them to hunt and fowl for him, so as they became far more active in that employment than any of the English, by reason of their swiftness of foot and nimbleness of body; being also quick sighted, and by continual exercise well knowing the haunts of all sorts of game. So as when they saw the execution that a piece would do, and the benefit that might come by the same, they became mad, as it were, after them, and would not flick to give any price
price they could attain to for them; accounting their bows and arrows but bawbles in comparison of them.”

This was Bradford’s story, nor does Morton deny it. That he would have denied it if he could is apparent. The practices complained of were forbidden by a royal proclamation, issued at the instance of Sir Ferdinando Gorges. In his speech in defence of the great patent, before the House of Commons in Committee of the Whole, in 1621, Gorges had emphatically dwelt on the sale of arms and ammunition to the savages as an abuse then practised, which threatened the extinction of the New England settlements. Fifteen years later, when he wrote the *New Canaan*, Morton was a dependent of Gorges. The fact that he had dealt in fire-arms, in contemptuous defiance of the proclamation, was openly charged against him. He did deny that he had sold the savages spirits. These, he said, were the life of trade; the Indians would “pawn their wits” for them, but these he would never let them have. In the matter of fire-arms, however, he preserved a discreet and significant silence. He made no more allusion to them than he did to Wollaston or his partners at Merry-Mount.

In the whole record of the early Plymouth settlement, from the first skirmish with the Cape Cod savages, in December, 1620, to the Wessagusset killing, there is no mention of a gun being seen in an Indian’s hands. On the contrary, the savages stood in mortal terror of fire-arms. But now at last it seemed as if Morton was about not only to put guns in their hands, but to instruct them in their use.

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1 Bradford, p. 238.  
See also note 202 in Trumbull’s ed. of Lechford’s *Plaine Dealing*, p. 117.
"This Morton," says Bradford, "having thus taught them the use of pieces, he sold them all he could spare; and he and his comforts determined to send for many out of England, and had by some of the ships sent for above a score. The which being known, and his neighbors meeting the Indians in the woods armed with guns in this fort, it was a terror unto them, who lived strangely, and were of no strength in any place. And other places (though more remote) saw this mischief would quickly spread over all, if not prevented. Besides, they saw they should keep no servants, for Morton would entertain any, how vile soever, and all the scum of the country, or any discontents, would flock to him from all places, if this nest was not broken; and they should stand in more fear of their lives and goods (in short time) from this wicked and debauched crew than from the savages themselves."¹

Thus, in the only branches of trade the country then afforded, Morton was not only pressing all the other settlers hard, but he was pressing them in an unfair way. If the savages could exchange their furs for guns, they would not exchange them for anything else. Those not prepared to give guns might withdraw from the market. The business, too, conducted in this way, was a most profitable one. Morton says that in the course of five years one of his servants was thought to have accumulated, in the trade in beaver skins, no less than a thousand pounds;² and a thousand pounds in 1635 was more than the equivalent of ten thousand now. This statement was undoubtedly an exaggeration; yet it is evident that at even ten shillings a pound in England, which Morton gives as the current price, though Bradford says he never knew it less than fourteen, beaver skins, which cost little or nothing in America, yielded a large profit. As Morton expressed it, his plantation "begane to come forward."³ When, in 1625, the Plymouth people found

found their way up into Maine, and first opened a trade with the savages there, Morton was not slow in following them. In 1628 they established a permanent station on the Kennebec, yet apparently as early as least as 1627, if not in 1626, Morton had forestalled them there, and hindered them of a season's furs.

The injury done to the other settlers in a trading point of view, however, serious as it unquestionably was, became insignificant in comparison with the consequences which must result to them from the presence on the coast of such a resort as Merry-Mount. The region was vast, and in it there was no pretence of any government. It was the yearly rendezvous of a rough and lawless class of men, only one step removed from freebooters, who cared for nothing except immediate gain. Once let such a gathering-place as that of which Morton was now head become fixed and known, and soon it would develop into a nest of pirates. Of this there could be no doubt; the Plymouth people had good cause for the alarm which Bradford expressed. It mattered not whether Morton realized the consequences of what he was doing, or failed to realize them; the result would be the same.

It gradually, therefore, became apparent to all those dwelling along the coast, from the borders of Maine to Cape Cod, that either the growing nuisance at Merry-Mount must be abated, or they would have to leave the country. The course to be pursued in regard to it was, however, not equally clear. The number of the settlements along the coast had considerably increased since Wollaston's arrival. The Hiltons and

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1 Bradford, p. 204.
2 Ib. p. 233.
3 Infra *149.
David Thomson had established themselves at Dover Neck and Piscataqua as early as 1623; and sometime in 1625 apparently, Thomson, bringing with him his young wife and a servant or two, had moved down into Boston Bay, and established himself, only a mile or two away from Mount Wollaston, on the island which still bears his name. He had died a little while after, and in 1628 his widow was living there alone, with one child and some servants. In 1625 or 1626 the Weffaguffet settlement had divided. Those of Gorges's following who remained there had never been wholly satisfied. It was no place for trade. Accordingly Blackstone, Maverick and Walford, the two last being married and taking their wives with them, had moved across the bay, and established themselves respectively at Shawmut or Boston, at Noddle's Island or East Boston, and at Mislawum or Charlestown. Jeffreys, Bursley and some others had remained at Weffaguffet, and were Morton's neighbors at that place, whom he says he was in the custom of visiting from time to time, "to have the benefit of company." At Hull, already known by that name, there were the Grays and a few other settlers. These had been joined by Lyford and Oldham and their friends, when the latter were expelled from Plymouth in the spring of 1625; but the next year, finding the place probably an uninviting one, Lyford had crossed over to Cape Ann, and thence a year later passed on to Virginia. Oldham still remained at Nantasket.

Such were those neighbors of Morton, the chiefs of the straggling plantations, referred to by Bradford as being of

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1 Infra, *124.  
2 Infra, *181.
"no strength in any place." Together they may possibly have numbered from fifty to an hundred souls. The Plymouth settlement was, comparatively speaking, organized and numerous, consisting as it did of some two hundred persons, dwelling in about forty houses, which were protected by a stockade of nearly half a mile in length. Nevertheless even there, by the summer of 1627, the alarm at the increase of fire-arms in the hands of the savages began to be very great. They had spread "both north and south all the land over," and it was computed that the savages now possessed at least sixty pieces. One trader alone, it was reported, had sold them a score of guns and an hundred weight of ammunition. Bradford thus takes up the story:

"So sundry of the chiefs of the straggling plantations, meeting together, agreed by mutual consent, to solicit those of Plymouth, (who were then of more strength than them all,) to join with them to prevent the further growth of this mischief, and suppress Morton and his companions before they grew to further head and strength. Those that joined in this action, (and after contributed to the charge of sending him to England,) were from Piscataqua, Naumkeag, Winnisimmet, Wessaguset, Nantasket, and other places where any English were seated. Those of Plymouth being thus sought to by their messengers and letters, and weighing both their reasons and the common danger, were willing to afford them their help, though themselves had least cause of fear or hurt. So, to be short, they first resolved jointly to write to him, and, in a friendly and neighborly way, to admonish him to forbear these courses; and sent a messenger with their letters to bring his answer. But he was so high as he scorned all advice, and asked — Who had to do with him? — he had and would trade pieces with the Indians in despite of all: with many other scurrilous terms full of disdain.

"They sent to him a second time, and bade him be better advised, and more temperate in his terms, for the country could not bear the injury he did;
it was against their common safety, and against the King's proclamation. He answered in high terms, as before; and that the King's proclamation was no law: demanding, what penalty was upon it? It was answered, more than he could bear, his Majesty's displeasure. But insolently he persisted, and said the King was dead, and his displeasure with him; and many the like things; and threatened, withal, that if any came to molest him, let them look to themselves; for he would prepare for them.”  

However it may have been with the position he took as a matter of public policy, Morton at least showed himself in this dispute better versed in the law of England than those who admonished him. On the first of the two points made by him he was clearly right. King James's proclamation was not law. This had been definitely decided more than fifteen years before, when in 1610, in a case referred to all the judges, Lord Coke, in reporting their decision, had stated on his own authority that "the King cannot create any offence, by his prohibition or proclamation, which was not an offence before, for that was to change the law, and to make an offence, which was not; for ubi non est lex, ibi non est transgressio; ergo, that which cannot be punished without proclamation cannot be punished with it."  

In regard to the second point made by Morton, that the King's proclamation died with him, the same distinction between statutes and proclamations, that the former were of perpetual obligation until repealed and that the latter lost their force on the demise of the crown,—this distinction was, a century and a half later, stated by Hume to have existed in James's time. Lord Chief Justice Campbell has, however,

1 Bradford, p. 241.  
2 xii. Coke, p. 75.  
ever, exclaimed against the statement as a display of ignorant "audacity," and declares that he was unable to find in the authorities a trace of any such doctrine. On this point, therefore, the law of Thomas Morton was probably as bad as that of David Hume. Nevertheless the passage in Bradford affords a curious bit of evidence that some such distinction as that drawn by Hume, though it may not have got into the books, did exist in both the legal and the public mind of the first half of the seventeenth century.

Whether Morton’s law on the subject of proclamations was or was not found mattered little however. It was not then to be debated, as the question with the settlers was one of self-preservation. The Plymouth magistrates had gone too far to stop. If they even hesitated, now, there was an end to all order in New England. Morton would not be slow to realize that he had faced them down, and his insolence would in future know no bounds.

“So they mutually resolved to proceed, and obtained of the Governor of Plymouth to send Captain Standish, and some other aid with him, to take Morton by force. The which accordingly was done; but they found him to stand stiffly in his defence, having made fast his doors, armed his consorts, set divers dishes of powder and bullets ready on the table; and, if they had not been over armed with drink, more hurt might have been done. They summoned him to yield, but he kept his house, and they could get nothing but scoffs and scorns from him; but at length, fearing they would do some violence to the house, he and some of his crew came out, but not to yield, but to shoot. But they were so fledged with drink as their pieces were too heavy for them; himself, with a carbine (overcharged and almost half filled with powder and shot, as was after found) had thought to have shot Captain Standish;
Standish; but he fltept to him, and put by his piece and took him. Neither was there any hurt done to any of either side, save that one was so drunk that he ran his own nose upon the point of a sword that one held before him as he entered the house; but he lost but a little of his hot blood."\(^1\)

Morton's own account of "this outrageous riot," as he calls it, is contained in the fifteenth chapter of the third book of the *New Canaan.*\(^2\) It differs considerably from Bradford's, but not in essentials. He says that the occurrence took place in June; and as Bradford's letters of explanation, sent with the prisoner to England, are dated the 9th of June,\(^3\) it must have been quite early in the month. He further says that he was captured in the first place at Wessagusset, "where by accident they found him;" but escaping thence during the night, through the carelessness of those set on guard over him, he made his way in the midst of a heavy thunder-storm to Mount Wollaston, going up the Monatoquit until he could cross it. The whole distance from point to point was, for a person familiar with the country, perhaps eight miles. Getting home early the next morning he made his preparations for resistance in the way described by Bradford. Of the whole party at Merry-Mount more than half, four apparently, were then absent in the interior getting furs. This fact, indeed, was probably well known to his neighbors, who had planned the arrest accordingly. Standish, having eight men with him, followed Morton round to Mount Wollaston, probably by water, the morning succeeding his escape; and what ensued seems to have been sufficiently well described by Bradford. One at least

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1 Bradford, p. 241-2.  
2 *Infra,* 137-43.  
least of the Merry-Mount garrison got extremely tipsy before the attacking party appeared, and Morton, seeing that resistance was hopeless, surrendered, after in vain trying to make some terms for himself.

Having been arrested he was at once carried to Plymouth, and a council was held there to decide upon the disposition to be made of him. According to his own account certain of the magistrates, among whom he specially names Standish, advocated putting him to death at once, and so ending the matter. They were not in favor of sending him to England. Such a course as this was, however, wholly out of keeping with the character of the Plymouth colony, and it is tolerably safe to say that it was never really proposed. Morton imagined it; but he also circumstantially asserts that when milder councils prevailed, and it was decided to send him to England, Standish was so enraged that he threatened to shoot him with his own hand, as he was put into the boat.

Either because they did not care to keep him at Plymouth until he could be sent away, or because an outward-bound fishing-vessel was more likely at that season to be found at the fishing-stations, Morton was almost immediately sent to the Isles of Shoals. He remained there a month; and of his experiences during that time he gives a wholly unintelligible account in the *New Canaan*. At last a chance offered of sending him out in a fishing-vessel bound to old Plymouth, England. He went under charge of John Oldham, who was chosen to represent the associated planters in

1 *Infra*, *150*.  
2 *Infra*, *144*, *155*. 
in this matter, and who carried two letters, in the nature of credentials, prepared by Governor Bradford, the one addressed to the Council for New England and the other to Sir Ferdinando Gorges personally. In these letters Bradford set forth in detail the nature of the offences charged against Morton, and asked that he might be brought “to his answer before those whom it may concern.” These letters were signed by the chiefs of the several plantations, at whose common charge the expenses of Oldham’s mission, as well as Standish’s arrest, were defrayed, and towards this charge they contributed as follows, though Bradford says the total cost was much more:

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2 The names of neither Maverick nor Walford appear in this list, though in his history Bradford especially mentions Winnisimmet (p. 241) as one of the places the settlers at which contributed to the charge. They may, as Savage suggests, (Winthrop, vol. i. p. *43 n.*) have been included with Blackstone, though, considering what Maverick’s means were, this does not seem probable. Edward Hilton lived at Dover, eight miles above Piscataqua. (Young's *Chron. of Mass.*, p. 315. *Proc. of Mass. Hist. Soc. 1875-6*, pp. 362-8.) Mr. Deane suggests that Little Harbor, the place formerly occupied
Oldham and Morton reached Plymouth during the later summer or early autumn of 1628. They must, therefore, have passed the outward-bound expedition of Endicott, the forerunners of the great Puritan migration of 1630-7, in mid-ocean, as on the 6th of September the latter reached Naumkeag. The grant of the Massachusetts Company, which Endicott represented, had been regularly obtained from the Council for New England, and bore date the 19th of March, 1628. It covered the sea-front within the space of three English miles to the northward of the Merrimack and to the southward of the Charles, “or of any and every part of either of these streams;” while it extended “from the Atlantick and Western Sea and Ocean on the East Parte, to the South Sea on the West Parte.” It also included everything lying within the space of three miles to the southward of the southernmost part of Massachusetts, by which was meant Boston Bay.\(^1\) It was clear, therefore, that Mount Wollaston was included in this grant.

Morton’s establishment was thus brought within Endicott’s government. Its existence and character must already have been well known in England, and it is not at all improbable that its suppression had been there decided upon. Whether this was so or not, however, Endicott certainly learned, as soon as he landed at Naumkeag, of the action which had been taken three months before. It commended itself to him; though he doubtless regretted that more condign punishment

\(^1\) Hazard, vol. i. p. 243.
ishment had not been administered to Morton and his crew on the spot, and did not delay to take such steps as were still in his power, to make good what in this respect had been lacking. As Bradford says, "visiting those parts [he] caused that May-polle to be cutt downe, and rebuked them for their profannes, and admonished them to looke ther should be better walking; so they now, or others, changed the name of their place againe, and called it Mounte-Dagon." ¹

Morton and Oldham, meanwhile, were in England. As Oldham bore letters to Gorges and landed at Plymouth, of which place the latter then was and for many years had been the royal governor, there can be no doubt that Morton was at once brought before him. As respects New England Gorges's curiosity was infatiable. Any one who came from there, whether a savage or a sea-captain, was eagerly questioned by him; and his collection of charts, memoirs, letters, journals and memorials, relating to the discovery of those parts, is said to have been unequalled.² Oldham and Morton had lived there for years. They knew all that was then known about the country and its resources. They both of them had unlimited faith in its possibilities, and talked about an hundred per cent profit within the year, as if it were a thing easily compassed.³ Talk of this kind Gorges liked to hear. It suited his temperament; and it would seem

¹ Bradford, p. 238; Infra, *134. Dagon was the sea-god of the Philistines, upon the occasion of whose feast, at Gaza, Samson pulled down the pillars of the temple. Judges, xvi.
² Palfrey, vol. i. p. 79.
³ Oldham's "vaft conceits of extraordinary gain of three for one" afterwards caufed "no small distraction" to the sober-minded governor and assistants of the Massachusettts Company. Young's Chron. of Mafs., p. 147.
seem not improbable that Morton soon found this out, and bore himself accordingly.

Meanwhile it was not possible for the Council for New England and the Massachusetts Company to long move in harmony. The former was an association of courtiers, and the latter one of Puritans. The Council planned to create in the New World a score or two of great feudal domains for English noblemen; the Company proposed to itself a commonwealth there. Accordingly difficulties between the two at once began to crop out. The original grant to the Company of March 19, 1628, had been made by the Council, with the assent of Gorges. The tract already conceded to Robert Gorges, in 1622, was included in it; but Sir Fernando insisted that the subsequent and larger grant was made with a distinct saving of all rights vested under the prior one.¹ This the Company was not prepared to admit; and, as the business of the Council was habitually done in a careless slipshod way, the record was by no means clear. A question of title, involving some three hundred square miles of territory in the heart of the Company's grant, was therefore raised at once.

Captain Robert Gorges meanwhile had died, and the title to his grant had passed to his brother John. It would seem that Oldham, who was a pushing man, had come out to England with some scheme of his own for obtaining a patent from the Council, and organizing a strong trading company to operate under it. The result was that John Gorges now deeded to him a portion of the Robert Gorges grant, being the

the whole region lying between the Charles and the Saugus rivers, for a distance of five miles from the coast on the former and three miles on the latter. This deed may and probably did bear a date, January 10, 1629, similar to that of another deed of a yet larger tract out of the same grant, which John Gorges executed to Sir William Brereton. The lands thus conveyed were distinctly within the limits covered by the grant to the Massachusetts Company, and a serious question of title was raised. The course now pursued by the Company could not but have been singularly offensive to Gorges. They outmaneuvered him in his own field of action. They too had friends at court. Accordingly they went directly to the throne. A royal confirmation of their grant from the Council was solicited and obtained. On the 4th of March, 1629, King Charles's charter of the Massachusetts Company passed the seals.

It now became a race, for the actual possession of the disputed territory, between the representatives of the Company on the one side and the Gorges grantees on the other. The former, under advice of counsel, denied the validity of the Robert Gorges grant of 1622. It was, they claimed, void in law, being "loose and uncertain." They instructed Endicott to hurry a party forward to effect an actual occupation. This he at once did; and the settlement of Charlestown, in the summer of 1629, was the result. Meanwhile Oldham, having in vain tried to coax or browbeat the Company into an arrangement satisfactory to himself, was endeavoring to fit out an expedition of his own. He had not

not the means at his disposal; and, convinced of this at last, he gave up the contest.

At an early stage in these proceedings he would seem to have wholly lost sight of so much of the business he had in hand as related to Thomas Morton. Bradford's expression, in referring to what took place, is that Morton "foold" Oldham.\(^1\) Morton himself, however, says\(^2\) that Oldham did the best he could, and tried to set the officers of the law at work, but was advised that Morton had committed no crime of which the English courts could take cognizance. He had at most only disregarded a proclamation. All this seems very probable. Nevertheless, for violating a proclamation, he could at that time have been proceeded against in the Star Chamber. It is true that in their decision in 1610, already referred to,\(^3\) the twelve judges had said, "Lastly, if the offence be not punishable in the Star Chamber, the prohibition of it by proclamation cannot make it punishable there."\(^4\) This, however, was the language of the bench in the days of James, when Coke was Chief Justice. In 1629 the current of opinion was running strongly in the opposite direction. Sir Nicholas Hyde, as Chief Justice, was then "setting law and decency at defiance" in support of prerogative,\(^5\) and a few years later Sir John Finch was to announce "that while he was Keeper no man should be so saucy as to dispute these orders" of the Lords of the Council.\(^6\) Law or no law, therefore, Morton could easily have

\(^1\) Bradford, p. 243.  
\(^2\) Infra, *p*156.  
\(^3\) Supra, p. 26.  
\(^4\) xii. Coke, p. 76.  
\(^5\) Campbell's *Chief Justices*, vol. ii. p. 42.  
\(^6\) Campbell's *Lord Chancellors*, vol. iii. p. 256.
have been held to a severe account in the Star Chamber, had Gorges been disposed to press matters against him there. He clearly was not so disposed. The inference, therefore, is that Morton had succeeded in thoroughly ingratiating himself with Gorges; and Oldham, as he was now a grantee of Gorges's son, did not see his account in pressing matters. Accordingly Bradford's letters and complaints were quietly ignored; and his "lord of misrule," and head of New England's first "schoole of Athisme," escaped without, so far as could be discovered, even a rebuke for his misdeeds.

Nor was this all. Isaac Allerton was at that time in London, as the agent of the Plymouth colony. The most important business he had in hand was to procure a new patent for the Plymouth people, covering by correct bounds a grant on the Kennebec, with which region they were now opening a promising trade. They also wanted to secure, if possible, a royal charter for themselves like that which had just been issued to the Massachusetts Company. In the matter of the patent, Allerton had to deal with the Council for New England; the granting of the charter lay at Whitehall. Altogether it was a troublesome and vexatious business, and the agent soon found that he could make no headway except through favor. The influence of Gorges became necessary. In the light of subsequent events it would seem altogether probable that Morton now made himself useful. At any rate, when Allerton returned to New England, in 1629, with the patent but without a charter, he astonished and scandalized the Plymouth community by bringing Morton

1 Bradford, p. 237.
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ton back with him. They apparently landed sometime in August, and we have two accounts of Morton's reception at Plymouth; one his own, and the other Governor Bradford's. Both are characteristic. Morton says that

"Being ship'd againe for the parts of New Canaan, [he] was put in at Plimouth in the very faces of them, to their terrible amazement to see him at liberty; and [they] told him hee had not yet fully answer'd the matter they could object against him. Hee only made this modest reply, that he did perceave they were willfull people, that would never be answer'd: and he desried them for their practises and losse of labour." 2

Bradford, looking at the transaction from the other point of view, says:—

"Mr. Allerton gave them great and just offence in bringing over this year, for base gaine, that unworthy man, and instrumente of mischief, Morton, who was sent home but the year before for his misdemeanors. He not only brought him over, but to the towne, (as it were to nose them,) and lodged him at his owne house, and for a while used him as a scribe to doe his buffines." 3

In view of Morton's escape from all punishment in England, and his return a little later to Mount Wollaston, Bradford speaks of the trouble and charge of his arrest as having been incurred "to little effect." 4 This, however, was not so. On the contrary, it is not often that an act of government repression produces effects equally decisive. The nuisance was abated and the danger dispelled; the fact that there was a power on the coast, ready to assert itself in the work of maintaining order, was established and had to be recognized; and, finally, a wholly unscrupulous competitor was

1 Bradford, p. 250.
3 Bradford, p. 252.
was driven out of trade. These results were well worth all that Morton's arrest cost, and much more.

It does not appear how long Morton now remained at Plymouth. It could not, however, have been more than a few weeks before Allerton, who himself went back to England the same season, was, as Bradford puts it, "caused to pack him away." He then returned to Mount Wollaston, where he seems to have found a remnant of his old company,—apparently the more modest of them and such as had looked to their better walking. Hardly, however, had he well gotten back when he was in trouble with Endicott. The first difficulty arose out of the jealousy which existed between the "old planters," as they were called, and those who belonged to the Massachusetts Company. The old planters were the very men who had associated themselves, eighteen months before, to bring about the suppression of the establishment at Mount Wollaston. Now they also were beginning to feel the pressure of authority, and they did not like it. In their helpless anger they even spoke of themselves as "slaves" of the new Company. They could no longer plant what they chose or trade with whom they pleased.

On these points Endicott had explicit instructions. They were contained in the letters of Cradock of April 17 and May 28, 1629, which are to be found in Young's Chronicles of Massachusetts, and contain the policy of the company, set forth in clear vigorous English. In pursuance of those instructions, Endicott seems to have summoned all the old planters

1 Young's Chron. of Mafs., p. 145.
planters dwelling within the limits of the patent to meet in a General Court at Salem, sometime in the latter part of 1629. There he doubtless advised them as to the policy which the Company intended to pursue; and Morton says that he then tendered all present for signature certain articles which he and the Rev. Samuel Skelton had drawn up together. The essence of those articles was that in all causes, ecclesiastical as well as political, the tenor of God’s word should be followed.¹ The alternative was banishment.

Morton claims that he alone of those present refused to put his hand to this paper, insisting that a proviso should first be added in these words, “So as nothing be done contrary or repugnant to the laws of the Kingdom of England.” These are almost the exact words of King Charles’s charter;² and it would seem as though Morton, in proposing them, sought an opportunity to display his legal acumen. Whether his suggestion was adopted, and the articles modified accordingly, does not appear. It probably was, though the change was not one which Endicott would have looked upon with favor. If he assented to it he certainly did so grimly. The matter of regulating the trade in beaver skins was next brought up. This was intended to be a Company monopoly, to meet the charge of providing churches and forts.³ It was accordingly proposed that a sort of general partnership for the term of one year should be effected to carry it on. Morton says that on this matter also he stood out, and it seems altogether probable that he did. It is safe to say that he was there to make whatever trouble he could

¹ *Infra,* *158–9.*
² *Hazard,* vol. i. p. 252.
³ *Young’s Chron. of Mass.*, pp. 96, 148.
could. On the other hand it was not possible for Endicott to mistake his instructions. They were as plain as words could make them. He was to see to it that "none be part-takers of [the Company's] privileges and profits, but such as be peaceable men, and of honest life and conversation, and desirous to live amongst us, and conform themselves to good order and government." And further, if any factious spirit developed itself he was enjoined "to suppress a mischief before it take too great a head . . . which, if it may be done by a temperate course, we much desire it, though with some inconvenience, so as our government and privileges be not brought in contempt. . . . But if necessity require a more severe course, when fair means will not prevail, we pray you to deal as in your discretions you shall think fittest." Such instructions as these, in Endicott's hands to execute, boded ill for Morton.

Matters soon came to a crisis. Morton paid no regard to the Company's trade regulations. The presumption is that he was emboldened to take the course he now did by the belief that he would find support in England. He unquestionably was informed as to all the details of the trouble between the Massachusetts Company and the Council for New England, and knew that Oldham, whom he by the way speaks of as "a mad Jack in his mood,"1 held a grant from John Gorges, and was training every nerve to come out and take adverse possession of the territory covered by it. He probably hoped, day by day, to see Oldham appear at the head of a Gorges expedition. There is reason to suppose that he was himself at

1 Infra, *119.
at this time an agent of Gorges, — that, indeed, he had come back to New England as such, and was playing a part very much like that of a spy. He was certainly in such correspondence with Sir Ferdinando as the means of communication permitted, and the confidant of his plans.¹

When, therefore, he offered all the opposition to Endicott which he dared, and thwarted him so far as he could, he was not acting for himself alone. He represented, in a degree at least, what in England was a powerful combination. Accordingly, with an over-confidence in the result born of his sanguine faith in the power and influence of his patron, he now seems to have gone back to the less objectionable of his old courses. He did not renew the trade in fire-arms and ammunition, for he probably had none to spare, and experience had taught him how dangerous it was. He did, however, deal with the savages as he saw fit, and on his own account, openly expressing his contempt for Endicott's authority, and doing all he could to excite the jealousy and discontent of the "old planters."² His own profits at this time were, he says, fix and seven fold.

This state of things could not continue. Accordingly, as the year drew to a close, Endicott made an effort to arrest him. Morton, however, was now on his guard. Getting wind of what was intended, he concealed his ammunition and most necessary goods in the forest; and, when the messengers, sent across the bay to seize him, landed on the beach at the foot of Mount Wollaston, he was nowhere to be found. He says that they ransacked his house, and took

from it all the provender they could find; but when they were gone he replenished his supplies with the aid of his gun, and "did but deride Captain Littleworth, that made his servants snap shorte in a country so much abounding with plenty of foode for an industrious man." This happened about Christmas, 1629.¹

Could Endicott now have laid hands upon him there can be little room for doubt that Morton would have been summarily dealt with; but for the present the deputy-governor's attention was otherwise occupied. This was that winter of 1629-30, the famine and sickness of which came so near to bringing the Salem settlement to a premature end. During that struggle for existence the magistrate had no time to attend to Morton's case. But he was not the man to forget it.

With the following summer the great migration, which was to fix the character of New England, began. Instead of a vessel fitted out for Oldham under the patronage of Gorges, the Mary & John, chartered by the Massachusetts Company and having on board 140 passengers from the West of England, anchored off Hull on the 30th of May. A fortnight later Governor Winthrop reached Salem, and on the 17th of June he also came into Boston Harbor; and Morton, from Mount Wollaston, must have watched his vessel with anxious eyes as, in full view from his house, it made its way up the channel to the mouth of the Mystic. He must also have realized that its appearance in those waters boded him no good.

¹ *Infra, *161.
In a few days more the whole fleet, numbering twelve
fail in all, was at anchor off Charlestown, and the work of dif-
charging passengers was going actively on. Of these there
were nearly a thousand;¹ and now the busy and fatal sum-
mer experience of 1630 was fairly entered upon.

For a few weeks longer Morton continued to live undif-
turbed at Mount Wollaston. The confusion and bustle of
landing, and afterwards the terror and fiense of bereavement
which followed hard on pestilence, protected him. It was
not until the 23d of August, or the present 2d of September,
that the magistrates held any formal session. They then met
at the great house at Charlestown,² as it would seem, Win-
throp, Dudley, Saltonstall, Pynchon, Bradstreet and others
being present. After some more important business had been
disposed of, “It was ordered, that Morton, of Mount Woolison,
should presently be sent for by proceffe.”³ Of the circum-
stances of his arrest under the warrant thus issued Morton
has given no account. Apparently he felt it was useless to
try to evade the messengers, and resistance was wholly out of
the question. At the next session of the magistrates, held
two weeks later, on what would now be the 17th of Septem-
ber, he was formally arraigned. In addition to those already
named as being at the earlier meeting, Endicott was now
present. He had probably come down from Salem to give
his personal attention to Morton’s case. It must from the
outlet have been apparent to the prisoner that the tribunal
before which he stood was one from which he had nothing
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¹ Young’s Chron. of Mass., p. 311.
² Winthrop, vol. i. p. 310.
to hope. The proceedings were in fact summary. It would seem, from his own account of them,\(^1\) that he endeavored to humble himself, and, that failing, he made a sort of plea to the jurisdiction of the Court. Neither submission nor plea produced any effect. On the contrary he was apparently cut short in his defence and his protest by impatient exclamations, and even bidden to hold his peace and hearken to his sentence. It appears in the records as follows:

"It is ordered by this present Court, that Thomas Morton, of Mount Wollaston, shall presently be set into the bilbowes, and after sent prisoner into England, by the ship called the Gift, nowe returning thither; that all his goods shalbe seazed upon to defray the charge of his transportation, payment of his debts, and to give satisfaction to the Indians for a cannoe hee unjustly tooke away from them; and that his howfe, after the goods are taken out, shalbe burnt downe to the ground in the sight of the Indians, for their satisfaction, for many wrongs hee hath done them from tyme to tyme."\(^2\)

Unfortunately, Winthrop's admonitory remarks in imposing this sentence have not been preserved. There is, however, in the New Canaan, an expression which apparently formed a part of them.\(^3\) It is that in which it is assigned as a reason for the destruction of the house at Mount Wollaston, that "the habitation of the wicked should no more appear in Israel." In compliance with the terms of this sentence, Morton was set in the stocks; and while there, he tells us, the savages came and looked at him, and wondered what it all meant. He was not, however, sent back to England in the Gift, as the master of that vessel declined to carry him; for what reason does not appear. It was not in fact

\(^1\) Infra, *163.
\(^2\) Records, vol i. p. 75.
\(^3\) Infra, *163.
fact until nearly four months after his arrest that a passage was secured for him in the Handmaid. Even then, Maverick afterwards stated that Morton, obdurate to the last, refused to go on board the vessel, upon the ground that he had no call to go there, and so had to be hoisted over her side by a tackle. His house also was burned down; but the execution of this part of his sentence, he asserts,—and his assertion is confirmed by Maverick,—was vindictively delayed until he was on his way into banishment, when it was executed rather in his flight, it would seem, than in that of the savages. Of the voyage to England there is an account in the New Canaan that is rather more rambling and incoherent than is usual even with Morton.

The Handmaid appears to have been unseaworthy, and insufficiently supplied. She had a long and tempestuous passage, in the course of which Morton came very near starving, no provision having been made for his subsistence except a very inadequate one out of his own supplies.

The second arrest of Morton was equally defensible with the first. According to his own account he had systematically made himself a thorn in Endicott's side. He had refused to enter into any covenants, whether for trade or government, and he had openly derided the magistrate and eluded his messengers. This could not be permitted. He dwelt within the limits of the Massachusetts charter, and the Company was right when it instructed Endicott that all living there "must live under government and a like law." It was necessary, therefore, that Morton should either give in his

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his adhesion, or that he should be compelled to take himself off. This, however, was not the ground which the magistrates took. Nothing was said in the sentence of any disregard of authority or disobedience to regulation. No reference was made to any illicit dealings with the Indians, or to the trade in fire-arms. Offences of this kind would have justified the extreme severity of a sentence which went to the length of ignominious physical punishment, complete confiscation of property and banishment; leaving only whipping, mutilation or death uninflicted. No such offences were alleged. Those which were alleged, on the contrary, were of the most trivial character. They were manifestly trumped up for the occasion. The accused had unjustly taken away a canoe from some Indians; he had fired a charge of shot among a troop of them who would not ferry him across a river, wounding one and injuring the garments of another; he was "a proud, insolent man" against whom a "multitude of complaints were received, for injuries done by him both to the English and the Indians."¹ Those specified, it may be presumed, were examples of the rest. They amount to nothing at all, and were afterwards very fitly characterized by Maverick as mere pretences. Apparently conscious of this, Dudley, the deputy-governor, in referring to the matter a few months later in his letter to the Countess of Lincoln, says that Morton was sent to England "for that my Lord Chief Justice there so required, that he might punish him capitally for fouler misdemeanors there perpetrated." Bradford also, in referring to the matter, states that Morton was "vehemently

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“vehemently suspected” of a murder, and that “a warrant was sent from the Lord Chief Justice to apprehend him.” 1

There can be no doubt that there was a warrant from the King’s Bench against Morton in Winthrop’s hands, 2 but in all probability it was nothing more nor less than a sort of English lettre de cachet. Morton’s record in New England was perfectly well known in London at the time Winthrop was making his preparations to cross. His relations with Oldham and Gorges must often have been discussed at the assistants’ meetings, and they were not ignorant of the fact that he had gone back to Plymouth with Allerton. They must have suspected that he went back as an agent or emissary of Gorges, and they may have known that he so went back. In any event, they did not propose to have him live within the limits of their patent. He was an undesirable character. The warrant, therefore, was probably obtained in advance, on some vague report or suspicion of a criminal act, to be at hand and ready for use when needed. 3 It could not legally run into New England, any more than it could into Scotland or Ireland. 4 Then, and at no later time, would Winthrop have recognized it in any other case; and, even in this case, no reference is made to it in the colony records. Had it been so referred to, it might have been cited as a precedent.

Moreover such a requisition, though it might have warranted the return of Morton to England, certainly did not warrant

1 Bradford, p. 253.
2 Winthrop, vol. i. p. 57.
3 Morton says (infra, *163) “the Snare must now be used; this instru-
4 ment must not be brought by Iosua [Winthrop] in vaine.”
warrant the confiscation of all his property and the burning of his house in advance of trial and conviction there. In point of fact the requisition was a mere pretext and cover. The Massachusetts magistrates, so far as Morton was concerned, had made up their minds before he stood at their bar. He was not only a "libertine," as they termed it, but he was suspected of being a spy. His presence at Mount Wollaston they did not consider desirable, and so they proposed to purge the country of him; and if not in one way, then in another. His case is not singular in Massachusetts annals; it is merely the first of its kind. It established a precedent much too often followed thereafter. Morton was one of those who, as it was expressed in a tract of the time printed in London, "must have elbow-room, and cannot abide to be so pinioned with the strict government in the Commonwealth, or discipline in the church. Now why should such live there? As Ireland will not brooke venomous beasts, so will not that land [New England] vile persons and loose livers."  

Many times, in the years which followed, the country was purged of other of these "vile persons and loose livers," in much the same way that it was now purged of Morton. It may, however, well be questioned whether it ever derived benefit from the process. Certainly Morton's case was as strong as any case well could be. There was absolutely nothing to be said in his favor. He was a lawless, reckless, immoral adventurer. And yet, as the result will show, in sending Morton back to England, the victim of high-handed justice, the Massachusetts magistrates committed a serious blunder. They had

had much better have left him alone under the harrow of their authority. At Mount Wollaston he was at worst but a nuisance. They drove him away from there and sent him back to London; and at Whitehall he became a real danger. This part of his story is now to be told.

Bradford says, and he is generally correct in his statements, that when at last Morton reached England "he lay a good while in Exeter jail." There is no allusion to anything of the sort in the New Canaan; and it would not seem that he could have been very long a prisoner, as the next assizes and jail-delivery must have set him free. There could have been nothing on which to make him stand a trial. Accordingly the following year he was at liberty and busily concerned in Gorges’s intrigues for the overthrow of the Massachusetts charter.

The house in which Gorges lived — as formerly it had been the point of gathering of all who had visited the American coast, or could add anything to the stock of information concerning it — was now the headquarters for those who had any complaint to make or charges to prefer against the magistracy of Massachusetts. Acting in concert with Captain John Mason, the patentee of New Hampshire, he was exerting himself to the utmost to secure a revocation of King Charles’s charter. The attack was made on the 19th of December, 1632, and it was a formidable one. It assumed the shape of a petition to the Privy Council, asking the Lords to inquire into the methods through which the royal charter for the Massachusetts Bay had been procured, and into the abuses which

1 Bradford, p. 253.
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which had been practised under it. Besides many injuries inflicted on individuals in their property and persons, the Company was also charged with seditious and rebellious designs, subversive alike of church and of state. The various allegations were based on the affidavits of three witnesses,—Thomas Morton, Philip Ratcliff and Sir Christopher Gardiner. Behind these was the active and energetic influence of Gorges and Mason.¹

It is not necessary in this connexion to go into any detailed statement of the wrongs complained of by Ratcliff and Gardiner. They were of the same nature, though even more pronounced than those of Morton. The country had in fact been purged of all three of these individuals. The original document in which they set forth their cases, and made accusation against the magistrates, has unfortunately been lost. In referring to it afterwards Winthrop said that it contained "some truths misrepresented."² Apart from severe judgments on alleged wrong-doers, including whipping, branding, mutilating, banishment and confiscation of property, the burden of the accusation lay in the disposition to throw off allegiance to the mother country, which was distinctly charged against the colony.

A harsh coloring was doubtless given in the petition to whatever could be alleged. So far as casting off their allegiance to the mother country was concerned, nothing can be more certain than that neither the leaders nor the common people of New England entertained at that time any thought of it; but it is quite equally certain that the leaders

leaders at least were deeply dissatisfied with the course public affairs were then taking in England. They were Puritans, and this was the period of the Star Chamber and the High Commission. No parliament had been called since 1629, and it was then publicly announced at Court that no more parliaments were to be called. There is no reason to suppose that the early settlers of Massachusetts were a peculiarly reticent race. On the contrary it is well known that they were much given to delivering themselves and bearing evidence on all occasions; and in doing so they unquestionably railed and declaimed quite freely against those then prominent in the council-chamber and among the bishops. That there was a latent spirit in New England ripe for rebellion was also, probably, asserted in the lost document. However Winthrop might deny it, and deny it honestly, this also was true; and subsequent events, both in Massachusetts and in England, showed it to be so. In the light of their sympathies and sufferings, Morton and Gardiner probably realized the drift of what they had heard said and seen done in New England a good deal better than Winthrop.

The result of the Morton-Gardiner petition was the appointment of a committee of twelve Lords of the Council, to whom the whole matter was referred for investigation and report. The committee was empowered to send for persons and papers, and a long and apparently warm hearing ensued. The friends of the Company found it necessary to at once bestir themselves. Cradock, Saltonstall and Humfrey filed a written answer to the complaint, and subsequently, at the hearing, they received efficient aid from Emanuel Downing, Winthrop's
Winthrop’s brother-in-law, and Thomas Wiggin, who lived at Piscataqua, but now most opportunely chanced to be in London.

At the Court of Charles I. everything was matter of influence or purchase. The founders of Massachusetts were men just abreast of their time, and not in advance of it. There is good ground on which to suspect that they did not hesitate to have recourse to the means then and there necessary to the attainment of their ends. It has never been explained, for instance, how the charter of 1629 was originally secured.¹ When Allerton, at the same time, tried to obtain a similar charter for the Plymouth colony, he found that he had to buy his way at every step, and Bradford complained bitterly of the “deale of money veinly and lavishly cast away.”² That the original patentees of Massachusetts bribed some courtier near the King, and through him bought their charter, is wholly probable. Every one bribed, and almost every one about the King took bribes. That the patentees had powerful influence at Court is certain; exactly where it lay is not apparent. The Earl of Warwick interested himself actively in their behalf. It was he who secured for them their patent from the Council for New England. But Warwick, though a powerful nobleman, was “a man in no grace at Court;” on the contrary, he was one of those “whom his Majesty had no esteem of, or ever purposed to trust.”³ Winthrop says that in the Morton-Gardiner hearing his brother-in-law, Emanuel Downing, was especially serviceable.⁴ Downing was

¹ Palfrey, vol. i. p. 391.
² Bradford, pp. 251-2.
³ Clarendon’s Rebellion, B. iii. § 27; B. vi. § 404.
⁴ Winthrop, vol. i. p. *100. Downing sent a detailed account of the hearing, now lost, to Winthrop; see Hutchinson, vol. ii. p. 2.
was a lawyer of the Inner Temple. There is reason to suppose that he had access to influential persons,—possibly Lord Dorchester may have been amongst them. However this may be, whether by means of influence or bribery, the hearing before the Committee of the Privy Council was made to result disastrously for the complainants. Gorges took nothing by his motion. In due time the Committee reported against any interference with the Company at that time. Such grounds of complaint as did not admit of explanation they laid to the "faults or fancies of particular men," and these, they declared, were "in due time to be inquired into." King Charles himself also had evidently been labored with through the proper channels, and not without effect. Not only did he give his approval to the report of the Committee, but he went out of his way to further threaten with condign punishment those "who did abuse his governor and the plantation."

Gorges's carefully prepared attack had thus ended in complete failure. The danger, however, had been great, nor was its importance underestimated in Massachusetts. This clearly appears in Winthrop's subsequent action; for when, four months later, in May, 1633, information of the final action of the Council reached him, he wrote a letter of grave jubilation to Governor Bradford, giving him the glad news, and inviting him to join "in a day of thanksgiving to our mercifull God, who, as he hath humbled us by his late correction, so he hath lifted us up, by an abundante rejoysing in our deliverance out of so desperate a danger." Though

3 Bradford, p. 297.
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Though badly defeated, and for the time being no doubt discouraged, Gorges and Morton were not disposed to desist from their efforts. As the latter expressed it, they had been too eager, and had "effected the business but superficially." They had also committed the serious mistake of underestimating the strength and influence of their antagonists. If Gorges, however, was at home anywhere, he was at home just where he had now received his crushing defeat,—in the antechambers of the palace. All his life he had been working through Court influences. Through them, after the Essex insurrection, he had saved his neck from the block. If Court influence would have availed to secure it, in 1623 he would have pre-empted the whole territory about Boston Bay as the private domain of himself and his descendants. At Whitehall he was an enemy not lightly to be disregarded; and this Winthrop and his colleagues soon had cause to realize.

Thwarted by strong influences in one direction, Gorges went to work to secure stronger influences in another direction. He knew the ground, and his plan of operations was well conceived. To follow it out in detail is not possible. Here and there a fact appears; the rest is inference and surmise. The King was the objective point. Of him it is not necessary here to speak at length, for his character is too well understood. Dignified in his bearing, and in personal character purer than his times,—a devout, well-intentioned man,—Charles was a shallow, narrow-minded bigot, with a diseased belief in that divinity which doth hedge a king. He would

would have made an ideal, average English country gentleman. After the manner of small, obstinate men, he believed intensely in a few things. One was his own royal supremacy and his responsibility, not to his people but to his kingship. He was nothing of a statesman, and as a politician he was his own worst enemy. His idea of government was the Spanish one: the king had a prime-minister, and that prime-minister was the king's other and second self. In Charles's case Buckingham was at first prime-minister; and, when Buckingham was assassinated, he was in due time succeeded by Laud. Abbot, Archbishop of Canterbury, had not died until August 4, 1633, and a few days later Laud was appointed to succeed him. He thus became primate almost exactly eight months after the first attack on the charter. It was through him that Gorges now went to work to influence the King and to control the course of events in New England. His method can be explained in four words: Laud hated a Puritan.

At first the secret connexion of Gorges and Morton with the events which now ensued is matter of pure surmise. There is no direct evidence of it in the records or narratives. At a later period it becomes more apparent. As a matter of surmise, however, based on the subsequent development of events, it seems probable that in February, 1634, the attention of the Archbishop, and through him that of the Privy Council, was called to the large emigration then going on to New England of "persons known to be ill-affected and discontented, as well with the civil as ecclesiastical government." As Gorges himself expressed it, "numbers of people of

of all forts flocked thither in heaps.”¹ Several vessels, already loaded with passengers and stores, were then lying in the Thames. An Order in Council was forthwith issued staying these vessels, and calling upon Cradock to produce the Company’s charter. So far as the vessels were concerned it soon appeared that the Company was still not without friends in the Council; and, “for reasons best known to their Lordships,” they were permitted to fail.² Doubtless this detention, as the subsequent more rigid restraint, was “grounded upon the several complaints that came out of those parts of the divers sects and schisms that were amongst them, all contemning the public government of the ecclesiastical state.” Ratcliff was now looked upon as a lunatic,³ and Gardiner had disappeared. Morton alone remained; and it is safe to surmise that he was the fountain-head of these complaints, as Gorges was the channel which conveyed them to Laud. As respects the charter, Cradock made reply to the order for its production that it was not in his hands,—that Winthrop, four years before, had taken it to New England. He was directed to send for it at once. Here the matter rested, and to all appearances Gorges had met with one more check. The release of the vessels was ordered on the last day of February, 1634.

³ The reference here, as at some other places, is to Deane’s chapter on “The Charter of King Charles I.” As a rule, in works of this description, dealing with the sources of history, it is not permissible to refer to contemporaneous authorities. Mr. Deane, however, so far as New England history is concerned, may fairly be made an exception to this rule. His knowledge is so exhaustive and his accuracy so great that a reference to him I consider just as good and as permissible as a reference to the original authorities.  
A new move on the chef's-board was now made by some one. Who that some-one was is again matter of surmise. Hitherto the few matters which from time to time came up, relating to the colonies, had been considered in the full Privy Council. There the Massachusetts Company had shown itself a power. Special tribunals, however, were at this juncture greatly in vogue at Whitehall. The Council of the North, the Star Chamber, the Court of High Commission, were in full operation. To them all political work was consigned, and in the two last Laud was supreme. Up to this time, however, the need of any special tribunal to look after the affairs of the colonies had not made itself felt. The historians of New England have philosophized a great deal over the considerations of state which, during the reign of Charles, dictated the royal policy towards New England;¹ but it is more than doubtful whether considerations of state had anything to do with that policy. The remoteness and insignificance of early New England, so far as the English Court was concerned, is a thing not easy now to realize. It may be taken for certain that King and Primate rarely gave a thought to it, much less matured a definite or rational policy. Their minds were full of more important matters. They were intent on questions of tonnage and poundage, on monopolies, and all possible ways and means of raising money; they were thinking of the war with Spain, of Wentworth's Irish policy, of the English opposition, and the Scotch church system. So far as New England was concerned they were mere puppets to be jerked to and fro by the

the strings of Court influence,—now granting a charter at
the instance of one man, and then restraining vessels at the
instance of another,—defending "our governor" one day,
and threatening to have his ears cropped the next.

In certain quarters it seems now, however, to have been
decided that this condition of affairs was to continue no
longer. A special tribunal should be created, to take charge
of all colonial matters. This move seems to have grown
out of the Order in Council of February 21, and to have
been directed almost exclusively to the management of
affairs in New England, whence complaint mainly came.
Accordingly, on the 1oth of April, a commission passed the
great seal establishing a board with almost unlimited power
of regulating plantations. Laud was at the head of it.
There would seem to be every reason to assume that this
tribunal was created at the suggestion of Laud, and in con-
sequence of the undecided course pursued by the Council as
a whole, two months before, in the matter of the detained
vessels. A further inference, from what went before and
what followed, is that Laud's action was stimulated and
shaped by Gorges. He was the active promoter of com-
plaints and scandals from New England. In other words,
the organization of this colonial board, through Laud's in-
fluence and with Laud supreme in it, was Gorges's first move
in the next and most formidable attack on the charter of the
Massachusetts Bay.

The plan now matured by Gorges was a large one. He
had no idea of being balked of the prize which it had been
the dream and the effort of his life to secure. He meant
yet to grasp a government for himself, and an inheritance
for
for his children, in New England. So far as the settlement of that country was concerned, what he for thirty years had been vainly ruining himself to bring about was now accomplishing itself; but it was accomplishing itself not only without his aid, but in a way which gravely threatened his interests. The people who were swarming to New England refused to recognize his title, and abused and expelled his agents. It was clear that the Council for New England was not equal to dealing with such a crisis. It was necessary to proceed through some other agency. The following scheme was, therefore, step by step devised.

The territory held under the great patent of the Council for New England extended from Maine to New Jersey. This whole region was, by the action of the Council, to be divided in severalty among its remaining members, and the patent was then to be surrendered to the King, who thereupon was to confirm the division just made.\(^1\) The Council being thus gotten out of the way, the King was to assume the direct government of the whole territory, and was to appoint a governor-general for it. Sir Ferdinando Gorges was to be that governor-general.\(^2\) He would thus go out to his province clothed with full royal authority; and the issue would then be, not between the settlers of Massachusetts, acting under the King’s charter, and that “carcass in a manner breathless,” the Council for New England, but between a small body of disobedient subjects and the King’s own representative. The scheme was a well-devised one.


It was nothing more nor less than the colonial or New England branch of Strafford’s “Thorough.” It was a part, though a small part, of a great system.

The first step in carrying out the programme was to secure the appointment of the Commission of April 10. The influence of the Archbishop being assured, there was no difficulty in this. The board was composed of twelve members of the Privy Council. Laud himself was at the head of it, and with him were the Archbishop of York, the Earls of Portland, Manchester, Arundel and Dorset, Lord Cottington, Sir Thomas Edmunds, Sir Henry Vane, and Secretaries Cooke and Windebank. Any five or more of these commissioners were to constitute a *quorum*, and their powers were of the largest description. They could revoke all charters previously granted, remove governors and appoint others in the places of those removed, and even break up settlements if they deemed it best so to do. They could inflict punishment upon all offenders, either by imprisonment, “or by loss of life or member.” It was in fact a commission of “right divine.” It embodied the whole royal policy of King Charles, as formulated by Wentworth and enforced by Laud. The new Commission was not slow in proceeding to its appointed work, and the potency of Gorges’s influence in it was shown by his immediate designation as governor-general.¹ How close Morton then stood to him may be inferred from the following letter, which shows also that he was well informed as to all that was going on.² It was written exactly three weeks after

¹ Hazard, vol. i. p. 347.
² William Jeffreys was one of the Robert Gorges Company. He had contributed to the cost of arresting Morton in 1628 and sending him to England. Morton, in writing to him, could not but have been
the appointment of the Commission, and was addressed to William Jeffreys at Wessagusset:—

**My very good Gossip,— If I should commend myself to you, you reply with this proverb,—*Propria laus fordet in ore:* but to leave impertinent salutes, and really to proceed,— You shall hereby understand, that, although, when I was first sent to England to make complaint against Ananias and the brethren, I effected the business but superficially, (through the brevity of time,) I have at this time taken more deliberation and brought the matter to a better pass. And it is thus brought about, that the King hath taken the business into his own hands. The Massachusets Patent, by order of the council, was brought in view; the privileges there granted well scanned upon, and at the council board in public, and in the presence of Sir Richard Saltonstall and the rest, it was declared, for manifest abuses there discovered, to be void. The King hath reassumed the whole business into his own hands, appointed a committee of the board, and given order for a general governor of the whole territory to be sent over. The commission is passed the privy seal, I did see it, and the same was 

been aware of this; but not improbably, during the time of his return to Mount Wollaston in 1630, he had seen more of Jeffreys, and found that he too, like the rest of the "old planters," looked on the Massachusets Company with jealousy and apprehension. At that time, indeed, Jeffreys was in active correspondence with Gorges, and outspoken in his complaints. (iv. *Mass. Hist. Coll.,* vol. vi. p. 3.) Hence the familiarity of the address. It is apparent from the letter, however, that Morton, when he wrote it, was so sure of his position and so elated with a sense of his own importance that he could not contain himself. He could not reftuff the desire to let his old acquaintances in America know what an important perfonage he had become, and he probably hoped they would show the letter to Winthrop and every one else. It was a childish outbreak of delight and vanity.

1 There is some confusion about these dates. The letter itself is dated the 1st of May, and the commission is here said on that day to have passed the great seal. The commissioner may have designated Gorges as governor-general at this time, and ordered a commission as such to be at once made out to him; but a year later the King's intention of appointing him was formally announced. (*Proc. of Amer. Antiq. Soc.,* 1867, p. 120.) The probability is that the business relating to the colonies was regarded as of little moment and done in the most careles and irregular way, hardly a record even of it being kept. Some proceedings were thus begun and not carried out, and other things were done twice.
cry, repent you cruel separatists, repent, there are as yet but forty days. If Jove vouchsafe to thunder, the charter and kingdom of the separatists will fall asunder. Repent you cruel schismatics, repent. These things have happened, and I shall see, (notwithstanding their boastings and false alarms in the Massachusetts, with feigned caufe of thanksgiving,) their mercifull cruelty rewarded, according to the merit of the fact, with condign punishment for coming into these parts, like Sampfon’s foxes with fire-brands at their tails. The King and Council are really possessed of their preposterous loyalty and irregular proceedings, and are incensed against them: and although they be so opposite to the catholic axioms, yet they will be compelled to perform them, or at leastwife, suffer them to be put in practice to their sorrow. In matter of restitution and satisfaction, more than myfically, it must be performed visibly, and in such sort as may be subject to the senses in a very lively image. My Lord Canterbury having, with my Lord Privy Seal, caufed all Mr. Cradock's letters to be viewed, and his apology in particular for the brethren here, protested against him and Mr. Humfrey, that they were a couple of impofterous knaves; so that, for all their great friends, they departed the council chamber in our view with a pair of cold shoulders. I have laid long, yet have not loft my labor, although the brethren have found their hopes frustrated; so that it follows by consequence, I shall see my desire upon mine enemies: and if John Grant had not betaken him to flight, I had taught him to finge clamavi in the Fleet before this time, and if he return before I depart, he will pay dear for his presumption. For here he finds me a second Perfeus: I have uncafed Medufa’s head, and ftruck the brethren into astoniffment. They find, and will yet more to their shame, that they abuse the word and are to blame to presume fo much,—that they are but a word and a blow to them that are without. Of thefe particulars I thought good, by fo convenient a messenger, to give you notice, left you should think I had died in obscurity, as the brethren vainly intended I should, and beafly practifed, abusing justice by their finifer practices, as by the whole body of the committee, una voce, it was concluded to be done, to the difhonor of his majefly. And as for Ratcliffe, he was comforted by their lordships with the cropping of Mr. Winthrop’s ears:

1 Morton is here quoting from the New Canaan, (p. *188) and its very last page. It would seem, therefore, now to have been written, though it was not published until three years later. (See Infra, pp. 78-9.)

2 Supra, pp. 44-5.
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ears: which shows what opinion is held amongst them of King Winthrop with all his inventions and his Amsterdam fantastical ordinances, his preachings, marriages, and other abusive ceremonies, which do exemplify his detestation to the Church of England, and the contempt of his majesty's authority and wholesome laws, which are and will be established in these parts, invitâ Minervâ. With these I thought fit to salute you, as a friend, by an epistle, because I am bound to love you, as a brother, by the gospel, reflecting your loving friend.

Dated I Mo. Maii, 1634.

THOMAS MORTON.¹

Morton is always confused and inaccurate in his statements, and this letter afforded no exception to the rule. It is impossible to be quite sure of what particular occasions he refers to in it. He may in the same breath be speaking of different things. Whether, for instance, the hearing to which he alludes, at which the patent "was brought in view," was the same or another meeting from that in which Cradock's letters were produced, is not clear. It would seem as though he were speaking of the February hearing before the whole Council, and yet he may be describing a subsequent hearing in April before the Lords Commissioners. He speaks of the "council chamber" and of "the whole body of the Committee," and then alludes to the presence of Saltonstall, Humfrey and Cradock. Now these persons were before the Council in the hearing of 1632, and they may all of them, as Cradock certainly was, have been before it in February 1634; but Humfrey could hardly have appeared before the Lords Commissioners, as he seems to have failed.

failed for New England early in the month during which they were appointed. The meeting which Morton describes, therefore, was probably that of February 28, 1634; and it would seem to have favored strongly of the Star Chamber and High Commission. Cradock and Humfrey were apparently scolded and abused by Laud in the style for which he was famous, and the admission by the former, that the charter had gone to America, had led to his being called "an impostorous knave," and sharply told to send for it back at once. The well-known foibles of the Primate had been skilfully played upon by accounts of Winthrop's "Amsterdam fantastical ordinances, his preachings, marriages, and other abusive ceremonies;" and they had much the effect that a red flag is known to have on a bull. Nothing was now heard of the King's intention of severely punishing those who abused "his governor;" but, on the contrary, Ratcliffe was "comforted with the cropping of Mr. Winthrop's ears." Gorges was governor-general, and with him Morton expected soon to depart.

Cradock's letter, enclosing the order of the Council for the return of the charter, reached Boston in July. Winthrop was then no longer governor, having been displaced by Dudley at the previous May election. As is well known to all students of New England history, the famous parchment, still in the office of the secretary of the Puritan Commonwealth, was not sent back. It is unnecessary, however, to here repeat the story of the struggle over it. Presently Governor Edward Winthrop of Plymouth was despatched to England,

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England, as the joint agent of the two colonies, to look after their endangered interests. He reached London in the autumn of 1634, bringing with him an evasive reply to the demand contained in Cradock's letter.

Winflow failed in the middle or latter part of July, and a few days later, on the 4th of August, Jeffreys came over from Wessagusset to Boston, bringing to Winthrop the letter which he had shortly before received from Morton. It was the first intimation the magistrates had of the Commission and of the appointment of a governor-general. Winthrop communicated the news to Dudley and the other members of the Council, and to some of the ministers; and, doubtless, for a time they all nursed an anxious hope that the exaggerations in the letter were even greater than they really were. The General Court met on the 25th of August. While it was still in session, vessels arrived bringing tidings which dispelled all doubt, and confirmed everything material that Morton had said. He whom the magistrates had so ignominiously punished, and so contemptuously driven away, was evidently in a position to know what those in authority intended. It began to be evident that the Massachusetts magistrates had under estimated an opponent.

A full copy of the Order in Council establishing the board of Lords Commissioners of Plantations, was now received, and the colonists were further advised, through their private letters, that ships were being furnished, and soldiers gotten ready for embarkation in them. It was given out that these troops and vessels were intended for Virginia, whither a new governor

1 Winthrop, vol. i. p. *137.
governor was about to be sent; but Winthrop wrote that in Massachusetts the preparation was “suspected to be against us, to compel us by force to receive a new governor, and the discipline of the church of England, and the laws of the commissioners.”

The answer which best expressed the spirit of the colony, in reply to Laud’s threats, was now found, not in the missive which Winthrop had in charge, but in the act of Morton’s old oppressor, Endicott, when a few weeks later at Salem he cut the red cross from the standard. It was an act, however, which seemed to indicate that there was more truth than Winthrop was disposed to admit in Gardiner and Morton’s charge that “the ministers and people did continually rail against the state, church and bishops.”

Six months of great alarm and strenuous preparation now ensued. Steps were taken to get together arms and ammunition, and defences were ordered at Dorchester and Charlestown, as well as at Castle Island. The magistrates were even empowered to impress laborers for the work. In January the ministers were summoned to Boston, and the question formally submitted to them: “What ought we to do if a general governor should be sent out of England?” The reply was that “we ought not to accept him, but defend our lawful possesssions if we are able.” In April a rumor of strange vessels hovering off Cape Ann threw the whole province into a tumult. It was supposed that Governor-general Gorges, with Morton in his train, was at the harbor’s mouth. It proved to be a false alarm, and after that the excitement seems gradually to have subsided.

This was in the spring of 1635. Meanwhile Winflow had reached England sometime early in the previous autumn. Though he had not brought the charter with him, its production does not seem to have been again immediately called for. He probably held out confident assurances that it would be sent over in the next vessel, as soon as the General Court met; but it is also probable that, in view of the course which had now been decided upon, an examination of it was no longer deemed necessary. The ensuing spring, that of 1635, had been fixed upon by Gorges and Mason as the time for decisive action. The charter was then to be vacated, and Gorges was to go out to New England with a force sufficient to compel obedience. All this, however, implied considerable preparation. Shipping had to be provided in the first place. A large vessel was accordingly put upon the stocks. Rumor said, also, that the new governor-general was to take out with him a force of no less than one thousand soldiers.\textsuperscript{1} Whether this was true or not, there can be little doubt that all through the winter of 1634-5 active preparations were on foot in England intended against the Massachusetts colony.

Besides watching these proceedings Winflow had other business in London which required his appearance before the Lords Commissioners. He had presented to them a petition on behalf of the two colonies for authority to resist certain Dutch and French encroachments. This proceeding Winthrop had not thought well advised,\textsuperscript{2} as he very shrewdly argued that it implied an absence of authority without such special

\textsuperscript{1} Autobiography of Sir Simonds, D'Ewes, vol. ii. p. 118.
\textsuperscript{2} Winthrop, vol. i. p. 172.
special authorization, and might thus be drawn into a precedent. Winflow, however, had none the less submitted the petition, and several hearings were given upon it. Fully advised as to everything that was going on before the Lords Commissioners, Gorges did not favor this move. It authorized military or diplomatic action, the conduct of which by right belonged to him as governor-general of the region within which the action was to be taken. He accordingly went to work to circumvent Winflow. What ensued throws a great deal of light on Morton's standing at the time, and the use that was made of him; and it also explains the significance of certain things in the New Canaan.

Laud, it will be remembered, was the head and moving spirit of the Lords Commissioners. His word was final in the Board. Upon him Gorges depended to work all his results; which included not only his own appointment as governor-general, with full power and authority as such, but also the necessary supply of men and money to enable him to establish his supremacy. To secure these ends it was necessary to play continually on the Primate's dislike of the Puritans, and his intense zeal in behalf of all Church forms and ceremonies, including the use of the Book of Common Prayer. The whole political and historical significance of the New Canaan lies in this fact. It was a pamphlet designed to work a given effect in a particular quarter, and came very near being productive of lasting results. Dedicated in form to the Lords Commissioners, it was charged with attacks on the Separatists, and statements of the contempt shown by them to the Book of Common Prayer. Finally it contained one chapter on the church practices in
in New England, which was clearly designed for the special enlightenment of the Archbishop. In this chapter it is set down as the first and fundamental tenet of the New England church "that it is the magistrate's office absolutely, and not the minister's, to join the people in lawful matrimony;" next, that to make use of a ring in marriage is a relic of popery; and then again "that the Book of Common Prayer is an idol; and all that use it idolaters." It now remains to show how cunningly, when it came to questions of state, Laud was worked upon by these statements, and what a puppet he became in the hands of Gorges and Morton.

Winflow's suit had prospered. He had submitted to the Lords Commissioners a plan for accomplishing the end desired without any charge being imposed on the royal exchequer, and he was on the point of receiving, as he supposed, a favorable decision. Suddenly the secret strings were pulled. Bradford best tells the story of what ensued.

"When Mr. Winflow should have had his suit granted, (as indeed upon the point it was,) and should have been confirmed, the Archbishop put a stop upon it, and Mr. Winflow, thinking to get it freed, went to the Board again. But the Bishop, Sir Ferdinando and Captain Mason had, as it seems, procured Morton to complain. To whose complaints Mr. Winflow made answer to the good satisfaction of the Board, who checked Morton, and rebuked him sharply, and also blamed Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Mason for countenancing him. But the Bishop had a further end and use of his presence, for he now began to question Mr. Winflow of many things, as of teaching in the church publicly, of which Morton accused him and gave evidence that he had seen and heard him do it; to which Mr. Winflow answered that sometimes (wanting a minister) he did exercise his gift to help the edification of his brethren, when they wanted better means, which was not often. Then about marriage, the which he also confessed, that, having been called to place of

of magistracy, he had sometimes married some. And further told their lordships that marriage was a civil thing, and he found nowhere in the word of God that it was tied to ministracy. Again they were necessitated so to do, having for a long time together at first no minister; besides, it was no new thing, for he had been so married himself in Holland, by the magistrates in their Stadt-House. But in the end, to be short, for these things the Bishop, by vehement importunity, got the Board at last to consent to his commitment. So he was committed to the Fleet, and lay there seventeen weeks, or thereabout, before he could get to be released. And this was the end of this petition and this business; only the others' design was also frustrated hereby, with other things concurring, which was no small blessing to people here." ¹

For the time being, however, "the others' design," as Bradford describes Gorges's scheme, so far from being frustrated, moved on most prosperously. All the friends and agents of the colony were now driven from the field. Cradock, Saltonstall and Humfrey had departed the council-chamber with "a pair of cold shoulders." Winflow was a prisoner. Morton had demonstrated that his boast in the letter to Jeffrey's, that he would make his opponents "sing clamavi in the Fleet," was not an idle one. He had not exaggerated his power. Gorges's course was now clear, and his plan developed rapidly. At a meeting of those still members of the Council for New England, held at Lord Gorges's house on the 3d of February, 1635, the next step was taken. The redivision of the seacoast was agreed upon. It was now divided into eight parcels, instead of twenty as at the original abortive division of 1623; and these parcels were assigned to eight several persons, among whom were the Duke of Lenox, the Marquis of Hamilton, and the Earls of Arundel, Carlisle and Sterling. Arundel alone of these was one

¹ Bradford, pp. 329-30.
one of the Lords Commissioners. Gorges received Maine as his portion; and Mason got New Hampshire and Cape Ann. Massachusetts, south of Salem, was assigned to Lord Gorges.

The division thus agreed on was to take effect simultaneously with the formal surrender by the Council of its great patent. Ten weeks later, on the 18th of April, at another meeting at Lord Gorges's house, a paper was read and entered upon the records, in which the reasons for surrendering the patent were set forth. At a subsequent meeting on the 26th a petition to the King was approved, in which it was prayed that separate patents might be issued securing to the associates in severalty the domains they had assigned to each other. A declaration from the King was also then read, in which the royal intention of appointing Sir Ferdinando Gorges governor-general of New England was formally announced. Speaking by the mouth of the King, the Primate did not propose “to suffer such numbers of people to run to ruin, and to religious intents to languish, for want of timely remedy and sovereign assistance.” Curiously enough, also, this typically Laudian sentiment was enunciated at Whitehall the very day, the 26th of April, 1635, upon which, on the other side of the Atlantic, the Marblehead fishermen had brought in word of strange vessels hovering mysteriously upon the coast, causing the Governor and assistants to hurry to Boston and an alarm to be spread through all the towns.¹

Before proceeding to eject the present occupants of the

New England foil, or to force them to some compromise as an alternative thereto, it remained for the grantees of the now defunct Council to perfect their new titles. Proceedings to this end were not delayed. The division had been agreed upon on the 3d of February, and on the 26th of April the new patents had been petitioned for. Ten days later Thomas Morton was "entertained to be solicitor for confirmation of the said deeds under the great seal, as also to prosecute suit at law for the repealing of the patent belonging to the Massachusetts Company. And is to have for fee twenty shillings a term, and such further reward as those who are interested in the affairs of New England shall think him fit to deserve, upon the judgment given in the cause." A month later, on the 7th of June, 1635, the formal surrender of its patent by the Council took place.¹

Morton, however, was not destined to land at Boston in the train of Governor-general Gorges. The effort of 1634–5 was a mere repetition, on a larger and more impressive scale, of the effort of 1623. The latter had resulted in the abortive Robert Gorges expedition, and the former now set all the courts at Westminster in solemn action. Neither of them, however, came to anything. They both failed, also, from the same cause,—want of money. The machinery in each case was imposing, and there was a great deal of it. Seen from New England it must have appeared simply overpowering. The King, the Primate, the Lords Commissioners, the Attorney General, the Court of King's Bench, the Great Seal, and a governor-general representing the Duke

of Lenox, the Marquis of Hamilton and the Earls of Arundel, Carlisle and Sterling, royal proprietors, were all at work together to bring about the destruction of an infant colony. When, however, it came to accomplishing anything in a practical way, it grew apparent by degrees that behind all this tremendous display of machinery there was nothing but Sir Ferdinando Gorges, — an active-minded, adventurous soldier, skilled in Court ways, persistent and full of resource, but with small means of his own, and no faculty of obtaining means from others. When it became therefore a question of real action, calling for the finews of war, the movement stopped dead in 1635, just as it had stopped in 1623. In 1635 it is true, Gorges had the assistance of Captain John Mason, who was an energetic man with means at his command, and it was through him that a ship was to be provided.\(^1\) The building of this ship, however, without doubt strained to the utmost the resources of all concerned; and when, in launching, it suffered a mishap, again probably from insufficient means, they could not make the damage good. The royal exchequer was then as empty as Gorges’s own purse. The King was living on benevolences, and on fines levied upon the great nobles for encroachments on the royal forests. The writs to collect ship-money were issued in this very year. The next year public offices were sold. Under these circumstances no assistance could for the present be looked for from Charles or Laud. As for the noble associates, among whom the New England coast had just been parcelled out, while perfectly willing to accept great domains

domains in America, they would venture nothing more to take actual possession of them in 1635 than they had ventured in 1623. Nothing at all was to be obtained from that quarter. Speaking of Gorges and Mason, and the failure of their plans at this time, Winthrop wrote, "The Lord frustrated their design." This was the pious way of putting it. In point of fact, however, the real safety of Massachusetts now depended on more homely and every-day considerations. Gorges and Mason could not raise the money absolutely necessary to carry their design out.

Nevertheless, though this delay was disappointing, there was no occasion for despair. Things moved slowly; that was all. Gorges represented the New England part of that royal system which was to stand or fall as a whole. In the spring and summer of 1635 it looked very much as if it was destined to stand. There was then no thought of a parliament at Court, or expectation of one among the patriots. The crown lawyers were hunting up precedents which would enable the King to levy taxes to suit himself. Wentworth had brought Ireland into a state of perfect sujection. Laud was supreme in England. The prospects for "Thorough" were never so good. If "Thorough" prevailed in England it would in Massachusetts. There could be no doubt of that. Meanwhile, though lack of ready means had put it out of Gorges's power to go to New England at once, there was no break or delay in legal proceedings. In June, 1635, the attorney-general filed in the King's Bench a writ of quo warranto against the Massachusetts Bay Company. This was the work which Thomas Morton had a month before been "entertained to prosecute," and the promptness
promptness of the attorney-general would seem to indicate that on Morton’s part at least there was no failure in activity. The plan was to set the charter aside, not because of any abuse of the powers lawfully conferred in it, but on the ground that it was void ab initio. Every title to land held under it would thus be vitiated. In answer to the summons some of the original associates came in and pleaded, while others made default. Cradock made default. In his cause, therefore, judgment was given at the Michaelmas, or September term, 1635, and the charter was declared void, all the franchises conveyed in it being resumed by the King. This portion of the legal work in hand, therefore, that more particularly entrusted to Morton, seems to have been promptly and efficiently done. As respects the patents for the domains granted under the last partition, things do not seem to have moved so rapidly, for towards the close of November a meeting of the associates of the now dissolved Council was held at the house of Lord Sterling, and a vote passed that steps should be taken to get patents to the individual patentees passed the seals as soon as possible. Morton was in fact reminded of his duties.

A heavy blow was however impending over Gorges. He himself was now an elderly man, verging close upon seventy years. He could not have been as active and as energetic

2 In January, 1649, Richard Vines wrote to Governor Winthrop, of Sir Ferdinando, that he was then “nere 8o yeares ould.” (iv. Mass. Hist. Coll., vol. vii. p. 342.) This can hardly be correct, however, as subsequently he served on the royal side in the civil wars, and was among the prisoners taken by Fairfax when he stormed Bristol in September, 1645. (iii. Mass. Hist. Coll., vol. iii. p. 342.) He must, however, have then been a very old man, as fifty-four years before, in 1591, he had distinguished himself at the siege of Rouen, in Essex’s English contingent. (Devereux’s Earls of Essex, vol. i. p. 271).
getic as he once had been, and even his sanguine disposition must have felt the usual depressing influence of hope long deferred. Mason had of late been the mainstay of his enterprise. Only a year before, that resolute man had sent out a large expedition, numbering some seventy men, to Piscataqua, and he was contemplating extensive explorations towards Lake Champlain. Morton eulogized him as "a very good Commonwealth's man, a true foster-father and lover of virtue," and Winthrop referred to him as "the chief mover in all the attempts against us." In December, 1635, Mason died, and not improbably it was the anticipation of his death which led to that meeting of the Council at which the speedy issuing of the individual patents was urged. However this may be, the loss of Mason seems to have been fatal to Gorges's hopes; it was the lopping off of the right arm of his undertakings. From that time forward there was obviously no source from which he could hope to get the money necessary to enable him to effect anything, except the royal treasury. Of this, for two or three years yet, until the Scotch troubles destroyed the last chance of the success of the ship-money scheme, there seemed a very good prospect. Gorges, however, could not afford to wait. His remaining time was short. Accordingly, after Mason's death, little is heard of him or of the Lords Commissioners.

During the next seven years, consequently, the traces of Morton are few. There is a passing glimpse obtained of him in March, 1636, through a letter from Cradock to Winthrop,

1 *Infra,* *98.
3 *Hazard,* vol. i. p. 400.
throp, from which it appears he was then in London and actively scheming against the Maffachusetts Company. He would seem at this time to have been in the pay of one George Cleaves, a man of some importance and subsequently quite prominent in the early history of Maine. Cleaves apparently had proposed some scheme to Cradock touching the Maffachusetts Company, and Morton came to see him about it. Thereupon Cradock says, "I having no desire to speak with Morton alone put him off a turn or two on the exchange, till I found Mr. Pierce," etc. Further on in the same letter he speaks of his "greyffe and disdayne" at the abuse heaped on the Company, and of the "heavey burdens, there lode on me by T. M.;" and adds, "God forgive him that is the cause of it."

Early in 1637, and in consequence probably of the quo warranto proceedings, a commission of some sort would appear to have been granted to certain persons in New England for the government of that country. How or under what circumstances this was obtained is nowhere told. There is a mystery about it. Gorges afterwards assured Winthrop that he knew nothing of it, and only a copy ever reached America, the original, Winthrop says, being "flaid at the seal for want of paying the fees." He further says that Cleaves procured this commission, as also a sort of patent, or, as he calls it, "a protection under the privy signet for searching out the great lake of Iracoyce." From all this it would appear that the whole thing was some impotent and inconsequential move on the part of Morton; for not only

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only does Winthrop say that the document was "ftaid at the feal," but Cradock wrote that the matter in reference to which Morton wanted to see him, on behalf of Cleaves, related to paying the charge "in taking out somewhat under the feale." Gorges speaks of Morton as being at that time Cleaves's agent; and in the New Canaan, which either had just been published or was then in the press, there is a glowing account of the "great lake Erocoife," and its boundless wealth of beaver, to which apparently the imaginative author had directed Cleaves's attention sufficiently to induce him to take out the "protection" which Winthrop alludes to.

The year 1637 was the turning-period in the fortunes of King Charles and of Archbishop Laud, and consequently of Gorges and Morton. Up to that time everything had gone sufficiently well, if not in Massachusetts, at least in England, Ireland, and even Scotland. Now, however, the system began to break down; giving way first, as would naturally enough be the case, at its weakest point. This was in Scotland, where the attempt to force Episcopacy on the people resulted in the famous "flony Sabbath" on the 23d of July. The New Canaan was probably going through the press during the deceitful period of profound calm which preceded that eventful day. Though now published, there is strong internal evidence that the book was written in 1634. Not only does this appear from the extract from its last page in the letter to Jeffreys, already referred to, but in another place there is reference to the expedition of Henry Josselyn for the

1 Infra, *96-100.  
2 Supra, 62, n.  
3 Infra, *98.
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the more complete discovery of Lake Champlain, which is mentioned as then in preparation. Henry Josselyn left England about the time Morton was writing to Jeffreys, or a little earlier, and reached Piscataqua in June, 1634.1 Mason, on the other hand, is mentioned as then living, and as having fitted out the expedition of Josselyn. Mason, however, it has already been seen, died in December, 1635. Written consequently after May, 1634, the New Canaan, it would seem, received no revision later than 1635. It represented Morton's feelings during the time when he was most confident of an early and triumphant return to New England. It was published just when the affairs of Charles and Laud were at their full flood, and before the tide had begun to ebb.

No mention is found of the New Canaan at the time of its publication. It is not known, indeed, that a single copy was sent out to New England. Though it must have caused no little comment and scandal among the friends and correspondents of the colonists, there is no allusion to it in their published letters or in the documents of the time, and in 1644 Winthrop apparently had never seen it. Bradford energetically refers to it as "an infamouse and scurillous booke against many godly and cheefe men of the cuntrie; full of lyes and flanders, and fraught with profane callumnies against their names and persons, and the ways of God." 2 A copy of it may, therefore, have been brought over to Plymouth by one of the agents of the colony, and there passed from hand to hand. It does not appear, however, that at

the time it attracted any general or considerable notice in America; while in England, of course, it would have interested only a small class of persons.

There is one significant reference which would seem to indicate that the publication of the *New Canaan* was not agreeable to Gorges. However much he might attack the charter of the Massachusetts Company, Sir Ferdinando always showed himself anxious to keep on friendly terms with the leading men of the colony. In the *Briefe Narration* he takes pains to speak of "the patience and wisdom of Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Dudley, and others their assistants;"¹ and with Winthrop he was in correspondence, even authorizing him and others to act for him in Maine. He deceived no one by this, for Winthrop afterwards described him as "pretending by his letters and speeches to seek our welfare;"² but he evidently had always in mind that he was to go out some day to New England as a governor-general, and that it would not do for him to be too openly hostile to those over whom he proposed to rule. He regarded them as his people. When, therefore, he had occasion to write to Winthrop in August, 1637, though he made no reference to the *New Canaan*, which had probably been published early in the year, he took pains to say that Morton was "wholly casheered from intermedlinge with anie our affaires hereafter."³

It is however open to question whether, in making this statement, Gorges was not practicing a little of that kingcraft for which his master, James I., had been so famous. In

1637 Morton may have been in disgrace with him; but if so it was a passing disgrace. Four years later, in 1641, Sir Ferdinando, as "Lord of the Province of Maine," indulged his passion for feudal regulation by granting a municipal charter to the town of Acomenticus, now York. A formidable document of great import, this momentous state paper was signed and delivered by the Lord Paramount, much as an English sovereign might have granted a franchise to his faithful city of London; and accordingly it was counter-signed by three witnesses, one of them a member of his own family. First of the three witnesses to sign was Thomas Morton. He evidently was in no disgrace then.

With the exception of this signature to the Acomenticus charter, there is no trace to be found of Morton between August 1637, when Gorges wrote that he had "casheered" him, and the summer of 1643, when he reappeared once more at Plymouth. During the whole of that time things evidently went with him, as they did with Charles and Laud, from bad to worse. Once only had the Lords Commissioners given any signs of life. This was in the spring of 1638, when on the 4th of April the Board met at Whitehall. The record of the meeting states that petitions and complaints from Massachusetts, for want of a settled and orderly government, were growing more frequent. This is very possible, for the Antinomian Controversy was then at its height, and indeed, the very day the Lords Commissioners met, Mrs. Hutchinson, having left Boston in obedience to Governor Winthrop's mandate a week before, was on her way to join her

1 Hazard, vol. i. p. 474.
her husband and friends in Rhode Island. Under these circumstances, calling to mind the futile order for the return of the charter, sent to Winthrop in 1634 through Cradock, and taking official notice of the result of the quo warranto proceedings, the Board resolved upon a more decided tone. The clerk in attendance was instructed to send out to Massachusetts a peremptory demand for the immediate surrender of the charter. It was to be sent back to London by the return voyage of the vessel which carried out the missive of the Board; "it being resolved," so that missive ran, "that in case of any further neglect or contempt by them shewed therein, their Lordships will cause a strict course to be taken against them, and will move his Majesty to reassume into his own hands the whole plantation."  

If, as was probably the case, Morton was the secret mover of this action, it proved to be his last effort. It was completely fruitless also. When the order reached Boston, sometime in the early summer of 1638, it naturally caused no little alarm, for the apprehension of a general governor had not yet disappeared. Indeed, on the 12th of April, "a general fast [had been] kept through all the churches, by advice from the Court, for seeking the Lord to prevent evil that we feared to be intended against us from England by a general governor."  

With the missive of the Lords Commissioners, however, came also tidings of "the troubles which arose in Scotland about the Book of Common Prayer and the canons which the King would have forced upon the Scotch churches." The result was that in August, instead of

1 Hutchinson's *State Papers*, p. 106.  
8 Winthrop, vol. i. p. *266.
of fending out the charter, Governor Winthrop, at the direction of the General Court, wrote "to excufe our not fending of it; for it was resolved to be best not to fend it."  

Archbishop Laud molefted the colony no further. Doubtless Morton yet endeavored more than once to ftrir him up to action, and the next year he received from New England other and bitter complaints of the fame character as those which had come to him before. This time it was the Rev. George Burdet—a disreputable clergyman, subfequently a thorn in Gorges’s fide as now in that of Winthrop—who wrote to him. The haraffed and anxious Primate could, however, only reply that "by reafon of the much buflinefs now lay upon them, [the Lords Commissioner] could not at present . . . redrefs fuch diforders as he had informed them of."  

Events in England and Scotland were then moving on rapidly as well as steadily to their outcome, and Massachusetts was bidden to take care of itsfelf.

Nothing more is heard of Morton until the fummer of 1643. The Civil War was then dragging along in its earlier flages, before Fairfax and Cromwell put their hands to it. It was the fummer during which Prince Rupert took Briftol and the first battle of Newbury was fought,—the fummer made memorable by the deaths of Hampden and Falkland. Gorges had identified himfelf with the Royalift fide, and now Morton seems to have been fairlyftarved out of England. When or how he came to Plymouth we do not know; but, on the 11th of September, Edward Winflow, whom he had eight years before "clapte up in the Fleete," thus wrote to Winthrop:

"Concerning

2 Ib., p. *298.  
3 Bradford, p. 375.
Concerning Morton, our Governor gave way that he should winter here, but begone as soon as winter breaks up. Captain Standish takes great offence thereat, especially that he is so near him as Duxbury, and goeth sometimes a fowling in his ground. He cannot procure the least respect amongst our people, liveth meanly at four shillings per week, and content to drink water, so he may diet at that price. But admit he hath a protection, yet it were worth the while to deal with him till we see it. The truth is I much question his pretended employment; for he hath here only showed the frame of a Common-weale and some old sealed commissions, but no inside known. As for Mr. Rigby if he be so honest, good and hopefull an instrument as report paffeth on him, he hath good hap to light on two of the arrantest known knaves that ever trod on New English shore to be his agents east and west, as Cleaves and Morton: but I shall be jealous on him till I know him better, and hope others will take heed how they truft him who invefteth such with power who have devoted themselves to the ruin of the country, as Morton hath. And for my part, (who if my heart deceive me not can pass by all the evil instrumentally he brought on me,) would not have this serpent stay amongst us, who out of doubt in time will get strength to him if he be suffered, who promiseth large portions of land about New Haven, Narragansett, &c., to all that will go with him, but hath a promise but of one person who is old, weak and decrepit, a very atheift and fit companion for him. But, indeed, Morton is the odium of our people at present, and if he be suffered, (for we are diversely minded,) it will be just with God, who hath put him in our hands and we will foster such an one, that afterward we shall suffer for it." 1

The Rigby referred to in this letter was Mr. Alexander Rigby, an English gentleman of wealth who, besides being a strong Puritan, was a member of the Long Parliament, and at one time held a commission as colonel in the army. Cleaves was the George Cleaves already mentioned as having come out in 1637, with a protection under the privy signet. 2 He had then appeared as an agent of Gorges, but subse-

quently he had got possession in Maine of the "Plough patent," so called, under which the title to a large part of the province was claimed adversely to Gorges. This patent Cleaves induced Rigby to buy, and the latter was now endeavoring to get his title recognized, and ultimately succeeded in so doing. Cleaves, as well as Morton, enjoyed the reputation of being "a firebrand of dissension," and the two had long acted together. As Gorges had joined his fortunes to the Royalist side, Morton clearly had nothing to gain by pretending at Plymouth to be his agent or under his protection. So he seems to have tried to pass himself off as a Commonwealth's man, commissioned by Rigby to act in his behalf. Winflow was probably quite right in suspecting that this was all a pretence. Rigby's claim was for territory in Maine. It is not known that he ever had any interests in Rhode Island or Connecticut. There can, in short, be little doubt that Morton was now nothing more than a poor, broken-down, disreputable, old impostor, with some empty envelopes and manufactured credentials in his pocket.

At Plymouth, as would naturally be supposed, Morton made no headway. But the province of Maine was then in an uneasy, troubled condition, and there was reported to be a strong party for the king in the neighborhood of Casco Bay. Thither accordingly Morton seems to have gone in June, 1644. His movements were closely watched, and Endicott was notified that he would go by sea to Gloucester, hoping

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hoping to get a passage from thence to the eastward. A warrant for his arrest was at once despatched, but apparently he eluded it; nor if he went there, which, indeed, is doubtful, did Morton long remain in Maine. In August he was in Rhode Island, and on the 5th of that month he is thus alluded to in a letter from Coddington to Winthrop:

“For Morton he was [insinuating] who was for the King at his first coming to Portsmouth, and would report to such as he judged to be of his mind he was glad [to meet with] so many cavaliers; ... and he had lands to dispose of to his followers in each Province, and from Cape Ann to Cape Cod was one. ... And that he had wrong in the Bay [to the] value of two hundred pounds, and made bitter complaints thereof. But Morton would let it rest till the Governor came over to right him; and did intimate he knew whose roasts his spits and jacks turned.”

Prospering in Rhode Island no more than at Plymouth, Morton is next heard of as a prisoner in Boston. How he came within the clutches of the Massachusetts magistrates is not known; his necessities or his assurance may have carried him to Boston, or he may have been pounced upon by Endicott’s officers as he was furtively passing through the province. In whatever way it came about, he was in custody on the 9th of September, just five weeks from the time of Coddington’s letter to Winthrop, and the latter then made the following entry in his Journal:

“At the court of assistants Thomas Morton was called forth presently after the lecture, that the country might be satisfied of the justice of our proceeding against him. There was laid to his charge his complaint against us at the council board, which he denied. Then we produced the copy of the bill exhibited by Sir Christopher Gardiner, etc., wherein we were charged with treason, rebellion, etc., wherein he was named as a party or witness. He denied

denied that he had any hand in the information, only was called as a witnes.
To convince him to be the principal party, it was showed: 1. That Gardiner
had no occasion to complain against us, for he was kindly used and dismissed
in peace, professing much engagement for the great courtefy he found here.
2. Morton had set forth a book against us, and had threatened us, and had
prosecuted a *quo warranto* against us, which he did not deny. 3. His letter
was produced,¹ written soon after to Mr. Jeffreys, his old acquaintance and
intimate friend.”

This passage is characteristic both of the man and of the
time. The prisoner now arraigned before the magistrates
had, fourteen years before, been arrested, and banished; he
had been set in the stocks, all his property had been confiscated, and his house had been burned down before his eyes. He had been sent back to England, under a warrant, to stand his trial for crimes it was alleged he had committed. In England he had been released from imprisonment in due course of law. Having now returned to Massachusetts, he was brought before the magistrates, “that the country might be satisfied of the justice of our proceeding against him.” As the result of this proceeding, which broke down for want of proof, the alleged offender is again imprisoned, heavily fined, and narrowly escapes a whipping. Under all these circumstances, it becomes interesting to inquire what the exact offence alleged against him was. It was stated by Winthrop. He had made a “complaint against us at the council board.”

“The council board” thus referred to was the royal Privy Council. It represented the king, the supreme power in the state, the source from whence the charter of the Massachu-

１*Supra*, 61–3.
setts Bay Company was derived. The complaint, therefore, charged to have been made, was made to the common superior, and it alleged the abuse, by an inferior, of certain powers and privileges which that superior had granted. It would seem to have been no easy task for the magistrates to point out, either to the prisoner or to the country it was proposed to satisify, any precriptive law, much less any penal statute, which made a criminal offence out of a petition to the acknowledged supreme power in the state, even though that petition set forth the alleged abuse of charter privileges.

But it is not probable that this view of the matter ever even suggested itself to Winthrop and his associates. It does not seem even to have been urged upon them by the prisoner. On the contrary he appears to have accepted the inevitable, and practically admitted that a complaint to the king was in Massachussetts, as Burdet had some years before asserted, "accounted a perjury and treason in our general courts,"¹ punishable at the discretion of the magistrates. Morton, therefore, denied having made the complaint, and the magistrates were unable to prove it against him. The most singular and unaccountable feature in the proceedings is that the New Canaan was not put in evidence. Apparently there was no copy of it to be had. Could one have been produced, it is scarcely possible that the avowed author of the libellous strictures on Endicott, then himself governor, should have escaped condign punishment of some sort from a bench of Puritan magistrates. But Winthrop merely mentions that he had "set forth a book against us," and Maverick

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rick says that this was denied and could not be proved.¹ Had a copy of the New Canaan then been at hand, either in Boston or at Plymouth, a glance at the titlepage would have proved who “set [it] forth” beyond possibility of denial.

The only entry in the Massachusetts records relating to this proceeding is as follows:—

“For answer to Thomas Morton petition, the magistrates have called him publicly, and have laid divers things to his charge, which he denies; and therefore they think fit that further evidence be sent for into England, and that Mr Downing may have instructions to search out evidence against him, and he to lie in prison in the mean time, unless he find sufficient bail.” ²

This entry is from the records of the General Court, held in November 1644. Among the unpublished documents in the Massachusetts archives is yet another petition from Morton, bearing no date, but, from the endorsement upon it, evidently submitted to the General Court of May, 1645, six months later, when Dudley was governor. This petition is as follows:—

To the honored Court at Boston assembled:

The humble petition of Thomas Morton, prisoner.

Your petitioner craveth the favour of this honored Court to cast back your eyes and behold what your poore petitioner hath sufferred in these parts.

First, the petitioner’s house was burnt, and his goodes taken away.

Secondly, his body clapt into Irons, and sent home in a desperat ship, unnittled, as if he had been a man worthy of death, which appeared contrary when he came there.

Now the petitioner craves this further that you would be pleased to consider what is laid against him: (taking it for granted to be true) which is not proved: whether such a poore worme as I had not some cause to crawle out of this condition above mentioned.

Thirdly,

Thirdly, the petitioner craves this favour of you, as to view his actions lately towards New England, whether they have not been serviceable to some gentlemen in the country; but I will not praise myself.

Fourthly, the petitioner coming into these parts, which he loveth, on godly gentlemen's employments, and your worshipps having a former jealousy of him, and a late untrue intelligence of him, your petitioner has been imprisoned many months and laid in Irons to the decaying of his Limbs; Let your petitioner finde some much favoure, as to see that you can passe by former offence, which finding the petitioner hopes he shall stand on his watch to doe you service as God shall enable him.

Upon this document, certainly humble enough in tone, appear the following endorsemnts:

The house of Deputies desire the honored magistrates to return them a reason, wherefore the petitioner came not to his trial the last quarter Courte according to graunte (as they conceive) of a former petition presented to the Courte by him.

ROBT. BRIDGES.

The reason why he came not to his trial was the not cominge of evidence out of England against him which we expect by the next ship.

THO: DUDLEY Gouv

The house of Deputies have made choyce of Major Gibbons, and Captain Jennison to treate with the honored magistrates about this petition of Morton.

ROBT. BRIDGES.

Singularly enough the Major Gibbons to whom Morton's petition was thus referred had, in former years, been one of his followers at Merry-Mount. He was a man of ability and energy, the whole of whose singular career, as traced in an interesting note of Palfrey's, will not bear a too close scrutiny.¹ At the time of Morton's arrest by Miles Standish, in

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in 1629, Gibbons was probably one of those belonging to the Merry-Mount company who had then "gone up into the inlands to trade with the savages."¹ During that summer he experienced religion in a quite unexpected way, and now, in 1645, while his old master was rotting in the Boston jail, Gibbons was a prosperous merchant, a deputy to the General Court, and "chief military officer of the train-band of the town." Higher military honors and severe business vicissitudes were in store for him. It nowhere appears whether under these circumstances Major Gibbons had either the will or the ability to be of service to his former chief, and Winthrop is the only authority for what remains of Morton's story. It is soon told.

"Having been kept in prison about a year in expectation of further evidence out of England, he was again called before the court, and after some debate what to do with him, he was fined 100 pounds, and set at liberty. He was a charge to the country, for he had nothing, and we thought not fit to inflict corporal punishment upon him, being old and crazy, but thought better to fine him and give him his liberty, as if it had been to procure his fine; but indeed to leave him opportunity to go out of the jurisdiction, as he did soon after, and he went to Acomenticus, and living there poor and despised, he died within two years after."²

Morton himself asserted that the harsh treatment he underwent in prison, while waiting for that evidence from England which was to convict him of some crime, broke down his health and hastened his end. If he was indeed, as Maverick subsequently stated,³ kept in jail and, as he himself says, in irons, through an entire New England winter,

winter, on the prison fare of those days, and without either fire or bedding, this seems wholly probable.

There was about Thomas Morton nothing that was remarkable. On the contrary he was one of a class of men common enough in the days of Elizabeth and the Stuarts to have found their way into the literature of the period, as well as into that more modern romance which undertakes to deal with it. It is the Alfatian Squire and Wildrake type. Morton chanced to get out of place. He was a vulgar Royalist libertine, thrown by accident into the midst of a Puritan community. He was unable or unwilling to accept the situation, or to take himself off; and hence followed his misfortunes and his notoriety. Had he in 1625, or even in 1629, gone to Virginia or to New York, he would have lived in quiet and probably died in poverty, leaving nothing behind to indicate that he had ever been. As it is, he will receive a mention in every history of America.

More recently also certain investigators, who have approached the subject from a Church of England point of view, have shown some disposition to adopt Morton's cause as their own, and to attribute his persecution, not to his immoral life or illicit trade, but to his devotion to the Book of Common Prayer.\(^1\) It is another article in the long impeachment of the founders of New England, and it has even been alleged that "it still remains for Massachusetts to do justice to Morton, who had his faults, though he was not the

\(^1\) "It is undeniable that Morton became an object of aversion largely for the reason that he used the Prayer Book." (Mag. of Amer. Hist., vol. viii. p. 83.)
the man his enemies, and notably Bradford, declared him to be.”

The *New English Canaan* is the best and only conclusive evidence on this point. In its pages Morton very clearly shows what he was, and the nature of "his faults." He was a born Bohemian, and as he passed on in life he became an extremely reckless but highly amusing old debauchee and tippler. When he was writing his book, Archbishop Laud was the head of the board of Lords Commissioners. On the action of that board depended all the author's hopes. In view of this fact, there are, in the *New Canaan*, few more delightful or characteristic passages than that in which, describing his arrest by Standish, Morton announces that it was "because mine host was a man that endeavored to advance the dignity of the Church of England; which they, on the contrary part, would labor to vilify with uncivil terms; envying against the sacred Book of Common Prayer, and mine host that used it in a laudable manner amongst his family as a practice of piety."  

The part he was endeavoring to play when he wrote this passage was one not very congenial to him, and he makes an awkward piece of work of it. The sudden tone of sanctimony which he infuses into the words quoted, hardly covers up the leer and gusto with which he had just been describing the drunkenness and debauchery of Merry-Mount,—how "the good liquor" had flowed to all comers, while "the lasses

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1 White's *Memoirs of the Protestant Episcopal Church*, p. xxii. n. See also note 2.
in beaver-coats” had been welcome “night and day;” how “he that played Proteus, with the help of Priapus, put their noses out of joint;” and how that “barren doe” became fruitful, who is mysteriously alluded to as a “goodly creature of incontinency” who had “tried a camp royal in other parts.” Though, from the point of view before alluded to, it has been asserted that the Massachusetts magistrates “invented ... infinuations respecting [Morton’s] treatment of [the Indian] women, whom, in reality, he had fought to instruct in the principles of religion,”¹—though this and other similar assertions have been made with apparent gravity, yet it is impossible to read the third book of the New Canaan, saturated as it is with drunkenness, ribaldry and scoffing, without coming to the conclusion that Don Quixote, Rabelais and the Decameron are far more likely to have been in request at Merry-Mount than the Bible or the Book of Common Prayer.

Not that the New Canaan is in itself an obscene or even a coarse book. On the contrary, judged by the standard of its time, it is singularly the reverse. Indeed it is almost wholly free from either word or allusion which would offend the taste of the present day. Yet the writer of the New Canaan was none the less a scoffer, a man of undevout mind. As to the allegation that his devotion to the Church of England and its ritual was the cause of his arrest by the Plymouth authorities, the answer is obvious and decisive. Blackstone was an Episcopalian, and a devout one, retaining even in his wilderness home the canonical coat which told of his

¹ Mag. of Amer. Hist., vol. viii. p. 89.
his calling.\(^1\) Maverick and Walford were Episcopalians; they lived and died such. The settlers at Weffagusilet were Episcopalians. In the dwellings of all these the religious services of the times, customary among Episcopalians, were doubtless observed, for they were all religious men. Yet not one of them was ever in any way molested by the Plymouth people; but, on the contrary, they one and all received aid and encouragement from Plymouth. Episcopalians as they were, they all joined in dealing with Morton as a common enemy and a public danger; and such he unquestionably was. It was not, then, because he made use of the Common Prayer that he was first driven from the Massachusetts Bay; it was because he was a nuisance and a source of danger. That subsequently, and by the Massachusetts authorities, he was dealt with in a way at once high-handed and oppressive, has been sufficiently shown in these pages. Yet it is by no means clear that, under similar circumstances, he would not have been far more severely and summarily dealt with at a later period, when the dangers of a frontier life had brought into use an unwritten code, which evinced even a less regard for life than, in Morton’s case, the Puritans evinced for property.\(^2\)

As a literary performance the *New Canaan*, it is unnecessary


\(^2\) “Such a rake as Morton, such an addle-headed fellow as he represents himself to be, could not be cordial with the first people from Leyden, or with those who came over with the patent, from London or the West of England. I can hardly conceive that his being a Churchman, or reading his prayers from a Book of Common Prayer, could be any great offence. His fun, his songs and his revels were provoking enough, no doubt. But his commerce with the Indians in arms and ammunition, and his instructions to those savages in the use of them, were serious and dangerous offences, which struck at the lives of the new-comers, and threatened the utter extirpation of all the plantations.” (Notes of John Adams, 1802.)
fary to say, has survived through no merits of its own. While it is, on the whole, a better written book than the Wonder-Working Providence, it is not so well written as Wood’s Prospect; and it cannot compare with what we have from the pens of Smith or Gorges,—much less from those of Winthrop, Winthrop and, above all, Bradford. Indeed, it is amazing how a man who knew as much as Morton knew of events and places now full of interest, could have sat down to write about them at all, and then, after writing so much, have told so little. Rarely stating anything quite correctly,—the most careless and slipshod of authors,—he took a positive pleasure in concealing what he meant to say under a cloud of metaphor. Accordingly, when printed, the New Canaan fell still-born from the presses, the only contemporaneous trace of it which can be found in English literature being Butler’s often quoted passage in Hudibras, in which the Wessaguffet hanging is alluded to. It is even open to question whether this reference was due to Butler’s having read the book. The passage referred to is in the second part of Hudibras, which was not published until 1664, twenty-seven years after the publication of the New Canaan. It is perfectly possible that Butler may have known Morton; for in 1637 the future author of Hudibras was already twenty-five years old, and Morton lingered about London for six or seven years after that. There are indications that he knew Ben Jonson; and, indeed, it is scarcely possible that with his sense of humor and convivial tastes Morton should not often have met the poets and playwrights of the day at

1 Infra, 249-52, and note.  
2 Infra, 290, note.
the Mermaid. If he and the author of *Hudibras* ever did chance to meet, they must have proved congenial spirits, for there is much that is Hudibrastic in the *New Canaan*. Not impossibly, therefore, the idea of a vicarious New England hanging dwelt for years in the brain of Butler, not as the reminiscence of a passage he had read in some forgotten book, but as a vague recollection of an amusing story which he had once heard Morton tell.

It is, indeed, the author's sense of humor, just alluded to, which gives to the *New Canaan* its only real distinction among the early works relating to New England. In this respect it stands by itself. In all the rest of those works, one often meets with passages of simplicity, of pathos and of great descriptive power,—never with anything which was both meant to raise a smile, and does it. The writers seemed to have no sense of humor, no perception of the ludicrous. Bradford, for instance, as a passage "rather of mirth than of weight," describes how he put a stop to the Christmas games at Plymouth in 1621. There is a grim solemnity in his very chuckle. Winthrop gives a long account of the penance of Captain John Underhill, as he stood upon a stool in the church, "without a band, in a foul linen cap pulled close to his eyes," and "blubbering," confessed his adultery with the cooper's wife. Yet he evidently recorded it with unbroken gravity. Then, in 1644, he mentions that "two of our ministers' sons, being students in the college, robbed two dwelling-houses, in the night, of some 15 pounds. Being found out, they were ordered by the governors of the college

lege to be there whipped, which was performed by the president himself—yet they were about twenty years of age.”¹ If Morton had recorded this incident, he could not have helped seeing a ludicrous side to it, and he would have expressed it in some humorous, or at least in some grotesque way. Winthrop saw the serious side of everything, and the serious side only. In this he was like all the rest. Such solemnity, such everlasting consciousness of responsibility to God and man, is grand and perhaps impressive; but it grows wearisome. It is pleasant to have it broken at last, even though that which breaks it is in some respects not to be commended. A touch of ribaldry becomes bearable. Among what are called Americana, therefore, the New Canaan is and will always remain a refreshing book. It is a connecting link. Poor as it may be, it is yet all we have to remind us that in literature, also, Bradford and Winthrop and Cotton were Englishmen of the time of Shakespeare and Jonson and Butler.

It remains only to speak of the bibliography of the *New Canaan*, which at one time excited some discussion, and of the present edition. Written before the close of 1635, the *New Canaan* was printed at Amsterdam in 1637. It has been reprinted but once,—by Force, in the second volume of his *American Tracts*. The present is, therefore, the second reprint, and the first annotated edition. For a number of years it was supposed that copies of the book were in existence with an alternative titlepage, bearing the imprint of Charles Greene, and the date of 1632.¹ This supposition was, however, very carefully examined into by Mr. Winfor in the *Harvard University Library Bulletins* (Nos. 9 and 10, 1878–9, pp. 196, 244), and found to be partially, at least, groundless. It was due to the fact that Force made his reprint from a copy of the book in his collection, now in the Library of Congress. That copy lacked a portion or the whole of the titlepage; and the missing parts seem to have been supplied, without mention of the fact being made, from the entry of the book under 1632 in White Kennet's *Bibliothecæ Americanae Primordia*. Apparently the error originated in the following way. The *New Canaan* was entered for copyright in the Stationers' Registres in London, November 18, 1633, in behalf of Charles Greene, the printer. There is no reason to suppose that it was then completed

¹ See Deane's note to Bradford, p. 254.
pleted, as it may have been entered by its title alone. If it was, however, completed in part in 1633, the internal evidence is conclusive that it was both revised¹ and added to² as late as 1634; and, indeed, the Board of Lords Commissioners for regulating Plantations, to which it is formally dedicated, was not created until April 10th of that year. Greene did not print the book; though, as will presently be seen, a certain number of copies may possibly have been struck off for him with titlepages of their own. The entry in the Stationers’ Registers was, however, afterwards discovered, and seems then to have supplied by inference the date of publication, which could not be learned from certain copies, the titlepages to which were defective or wanting. The dates given in Lowndes’s Manual would seem to be simply incorrect.³ Meanwhile, for reasons probably of economy, though notice of publication had been given in London, the book was actually printed in Holland, and the regular titlepage reads: “Printed at Amsterdam by Jacob Frederick Stam, in the year 1637.” There are copies, however, the titlepages of which read: “Printed for Charles Greene, and are sold in Pauls Churchyard,” no date being given.⁴ It is not known that these copies differ in any other respect from those bearing the usual imprint. The conclusion, therefore, would seem to be that, as already stated, a number of copies may have been struck off for Greene with a distinct titlepage. Properly speaking, however, there seems

¹ *Harvard Univ. Library Bulletin*, No. 10, p. 244.
² *Supra*, pp. 78–9.
seems to have been but one edition of the book. With the exception of the Force titlepage, which has been shown to be erroneous, there is no evidence of any copy being in existence bearing an earlier date than the usual one of Amsterdam, 1637.

Copies of the New Canaan are extremely rare. Savage, in his notes to Winthrop (vol. i. p.*34), said that he had then, before 1825, never heard of but one copy, "which was owned by his Excellency John Q. Adams." It is from that copy that the present edition is printed. Mr. Adams purchased it while in Europe prior to the year 1801. It was that copy also which was temporarily deposited in the Boston Athenæum in 1810, as mentioned in the Monthly Anthology of that date (vol. viii. p. 420), referred to in the Harvard University Library Bulletin, (No. 9, p. 196). The Rev. George Whitney, in his History of Quincy written in 1826, says (p. 11) that another "copy was lately presented to the Adams Library of the town of Quincy by the Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris." 1 In addition to these, some dozen or twenty other copies in all are known to exist in various public and private collections in America and Europe, several of which are enumerated in the Library Bulletin just referred to.

Very many of the errors both in typography and punctuation, with which the New Canaan abounds, are obviously due to the fact that it was printed in Amsterdam. The original manuscript it would seem was no more legible than the manuscript

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1 This copy was in the Adams Library for many years, and until within a quite recent period. It cannot, however, now (1882) be found. It would appear to have been stolen, together with many other volumes and almost innumerable autographs, which formerly lent a peculiar value to the John Adams Collection, given by him in 1822 to the town of Quincy.
script of that period, as it has come down to us, is usually found to be. At best it was not easy to decipher. The copy of the *New Canaan* was then put in the hands of a compositor imperfectly, if at all, acquainted with English; and, if the proof-sheets were ever corrected by any one, they certainly were not corrected by the author or by a proof-reader really familiar with his writing, or even with the tongue in which he wrote. Accordingly pen flourishes were mistaken for punctuation marks, and these were inserted without any regard to the context; familiar words appeared in unintelligible shapes; small letters were mistaken for capitals, and capitals for small letters, and one letter was confounded with another. In addition to these numerous mistakes in deciphering and following the manuscript, ordinary typographical errors are not uncommon; though in this respect the *New Canaan* is less marked by blemishes than under the circumstances would naturally be supposed.

Neither is this explanation of the curiously bad press-work of the *New Canaan* a mere conjecture. One other composition of Morton's has come down to us in the letter to Jeffreys, preserved by Winthrop. Let any one compare this letter with a chapter from the *New Canaan*, and he will see at once that, while both are manifestly productions from the same pen, they have been preserved under wholly different circumstances. Take, for instance, the following identical passages,—the one from the *New Canaan* and the other from the letter to Jeffreys, and they will sufficiently illustrate this point.

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1 "Mint and cumin" uniformly appears as "muit and cummin;" humming-bird" as "hunning-bird."  
REPUBLIC OF MERRY-MOUNT.

NEW CANAAN.

Book III. Chapter 31.

And now mine Hoft being merrily disposed, haveing past many perilous adventures in that desperat Whales belly, beganne in a posture like Ionas, and cried Repent you cruel Separatists repent, there are as yet but forty dayes if Jove vouchsafe to thunder, the charter and kingdom of the Separatists will fall a funder: Repent you cruel Schismatics, repent.

The letter to Jeffreys is curiously characteristic of Morton. It is written in the same inflated, metaphorical, enigmatic style as the New Canaan. It is, however, perfectly intelligible and even energetic. The reason is obvious. It was correctly copied by a man who understood what the writer was saying. Accordingly it is as clear as Winthrop's own text. The New Canaan would have been equally clear had it been deciphered at the compositor's form by a man with Winthrop's familiarity with English.

There is some reason to think that the fancy for exact reproduction in typography has of late years been carried to an extreme. Not only have peculiarities of spelling, capitalization and type, which were really characteristic of the past, been carefully followed, but abbreviations and figures have been reproduced in type, which formerly were confined to manuscripts, and are certainly never found in the better printed books of the same period. It is certainly desirable in reprinting...
reprinting quaint works, which it is not supposed will ever pass into the hands of general readers, to have them appear in the dress of the time to which they belong. Indeed they cannot be modernized in spelling, the use of capitals, or even, altogether, in punctuation, without losing something of their flavor. Yet, this notwithstanding, there is no good reason why gross and manifest blunders, due to the ignorance of compositors and the carelessness of proof-readers, should be jealously perpetuated as if they were sacred things. This assuredly is carrying the spirit of faithful reproduction to fanaticism. It is Chinese.

The rule followed, therefore, in the present edition has been to reproduce the New Canaan as it appeared in the Amsterdam edition of 1637, correcting only the punctuation, and such errors of the press as are manifest and unmistakable. Very few changes have been made in the use of capitals, and those only where it is obvious that a letter of one kind in the copy was mistaken by the compositor for a letter of another kind. An example of this is found at the top of page 14, where "Captaine Davis' fate," in the author's manuscript, is made to appear as "Captain Davis Fate," in the original text. The compositor evidently mistook the small $f$, written with the old-fashioned flourish, for an initial capital. The spelling has in no case been changed except where the error, as in the case already cited of "muit" for "mint," is manifestly due to printers' blunders. Mistakes of the press, such as "legg" for "logg" (p. 77) and "vies" for "eies" (p. 152), have been made right wherever they could be certainly detected.

No conjectural readings whatever have been inserted in the
the text. The few passages, not more than four or five in number, in which, owing probably to the failure of the compositor to decipher manuscript, the meaning of the original is not clear, are reproduced exactly. No liberties whatever have been taken with the original edition in these cases, and all guesses which are indulged in as to the author's meaning, whether by the editor or others, are confined to the notes. In a few places the text is obviously deficient. Words necessary to the meaning are omitted in printing. Wherever these have been conjecturally inserted, the inserted words are in brackets. In a very few cases, words, which could clearly have found their way into the original only through inadvertence, have been omitted. Attention is called in the notes to every such omission.

The effort in the present edition has, in short, been to make it a reproduction of the *New Canaan*; but the reproduction was to be an intelligent, and not a fervile one.
NEW ENGLISH CANAAN

OR

NEW CANAAN.

Containing an Abstract of New England,

Composed in three Bookes.

The first Booke setting forth the originall of the Natives, their Manners and Customs, together with their tractable Nature and Love towards the English.

The second Booke setting forth the natural Indowments of the Country, and what staple Commodities it yealdeth.

The third Booke setting forth, what people are planted there, their prosperity, what remarkable accidents have happened since the first planting of it, together with their Tenents and practice of their Church.

Written by Thomas Morton of Cliffords Innegent, upon tenne yeares knowledge and experiment of the Country.

Printed at AMSTERDAM,

By JACOB FREDERICK STAM.

In the Yeare 1637.
To the right honorable, the Lords and others of his Majesties most honorable privy Council, Commissioners, for the Government of all his Majesties forraigne Provinces.1

Right honorable,

He zeale which I beare to the advauncement of the glory of God, the honor of his Majesty, and the good of the weale publike hath encouraged mee to compose this abstract, being the modell of a Rich, hopefull and very beautifull Country worthy the Title of Natures Masterpeece, and may be loft by too much sufferance. It is but a widowes mite, yet *all that wrong and rapine hath left mee to bring *4 from thence, where I have indevoured my beft, bound by my allegeance, to doe his Majesty service. This in all humility I present as an offering, wherewith I prostrate my selfe at your honorable footstoole. If you please to vouchsafe it may receive a blessing from the Lufter of your gracious Beames, you shall make your vassaile happy, in that hee yet doth live to shew how ready hee is, and alwayes hath bin, to sacrifice his dearest blood, as becometh a loyall subject, for the honor of his native Country. Being your honors humble vassaile

THOMAS MORTON.

1 In regard to the Board of Lords Commissioners of 1634, see supra, 57-60. The royal letter patent in the original Latin is in Hazard, vol. i., pp. 344-7. There are translations of it in Hubbard (pp. 264-8) and in Bradford (pp. 456-8), together with notes by Harris in his edition of the former, and by Deane in the latter.
The Epistle to the Reader.

GENTLE READER,

Present to the publike view an abstraet of New England, which I have undertaken to compose by the encouragment of such genious spirits as have been studious of the inlargment of his Majesties Territories; being not formerly satisfied by the relations of such as, through haste, have taken but a superficial survey thereof: which thing time hath enabled mee to performe more punctually to the life, and to give a more exact accomplt of what hath been required. I have therefore beene willing to doe my indewre to communicat the knowledge which I have gained and collected together, by mine owne observation in the time of my many yeares residence in those parts, to my loving Country men: For the better information of all such as are desirous to be made partakers of the blessings of God in that fertile Soyle, as well as those that, out of Curiosity onely, have bin inquisitiv after nouelties. And the rather for that I have observed how divers persons (not so well affected to the weale publike in mine opinion), out of respect to their owne private ends, have laboured to keepe both the practife of the people there, and the Reall worth of that eminent Country concealed from publike knowledge; both which I have abundantly in this discourse layd open: yet if it be well accepted, I shall esteeme my selfe sufficiently rewardd for my undertaking, and rest,

Your Wellwisher.

Thomas Morton.
In laudem Authoris.

Excuse the Author ere the worke be fhewne
Is accusation in it felfe alone;
And to commend him might feeme oversight;
So divers are th' opinions of this age,
So quick and apt, to taxe the moderne stage,
That hard his taske is that muft please in all:
Example have wee from great Cæsars fall.
But is the fonne to be dislik'd and blam'd,
Because the mole is of his face afham'd?
The fault is in the beast, not in the fonne;
Give ficke mouthes sweete meates, fy! they relish none.
But to the found in censure, he commends
His love unto his Country; his true ends,
To modell out a Land of so much worth
As untill now noe traveller fetteth \(^1\) forth;
Faire Canaans second felfe, second to none,
Natures rich Magazine till now unknowne.
Then here furvay what nature hath in store,
And graunt him love for this. He craves no more.

R. O. Gen.

\(^1\) Wherever in this edition an apparently obvious misprint in the text of 1637 has been, as in the present case, corrected, the misprinted word, as it appears in the original, is printed between brackets as a foot-note.
Sir Christoffer Gardiner, Knight.¹

In laudem Authoris.

His worke a matchles mirror is, that shewes
The Humors of the seperatist, and those
So truely personated by thy pen.
I was amaz'd to see't; herein all men
May plainly see, as in an inter-lude,
Each actor figure; and the scene well view'd
In Comick,² Tragick, and in a pastorall strife,³
For tyth of mint⁴ and Cummin, shewes their life
Nothing but opposition gainst the right
Of sacred Majestie: men full of spight,
Goodnes abuseing, turning vertue out
Of Dores, to whipping, flocking, and full bent
To plotting mischief gainst the innocent,
 Burning their houses, as if ordained by fate,
In spight of Lawe, to be made ruinate.
This taske is well perform'd, and patience be
Thy present comfort, and thy constancy
Thine honor; and this glasse, where it shall come,
Shall sing thy praises till the day of doome.

Sir C. G.

¹ In regard to Sir Christoper Gardiner, see infra, *182–4 and note.
² [Connick.] See supra, 111, note 1.
³ [spie.]
⁴ [muit.]
In laudem Authoris.

Vt that I rather pitty, I confesse,

The praise of their Church, I could express

Myselfe a Satyrift, whose smarting fanges

Should strike it with a palsy, and the panges

Beget a feare to tempt the Majesty

Of those, or mortall Gods. Will they defie

The Thundring Jove? Like children they desire,

Such is their zeale, to sport themselves with fire:

So have I seene an angry Fly presume

To strike a burning taper, and consume

His feeble wings. Why, in an aire so milde,

Are they so monstrous growne up, and so vilde,

That Salvages can of themselves espy

Their errors, brand their names with infamy?

What! is their zeale for blood like Cyrus thirst?

Will they be over head and eares a curst?

A cruell way to found a Church on! noe,

T'is not their zeale but fury blinds them sole,

And pricks their malice on like fier to joyne,

And offer up the sacrifice of Kain.

Jonas, thou haft done well to call these men

Home to repentance, with thy painefull pen.

F. C. Armiger.
NEW ENGLISH CANAAN,

OR

NEW CANAAN.

The Authors Prologue.

If art and industry should doe as much
As Nature hath for Canaan, not such
Another place, for benefit and rest,
In all the universe can be possesst.
The more we proove it by discovery,
The more delight each object to the eye
Procures; as if the elements had here
Bin reconcil'd, and pleaf'd it should appeare
Like a faire virgin, longing to be sped
And meete her lover in a Nuptiall bed,
Deck'd in rich ornaments t'advancce her state
And excellence, being most fortunate
When most enjoy'd: so would our Canaan be
If well imployn'd by art and induftry;
Whose offpring now, shewes that her fruitfull wombe,
Not being enjoy'd, is like a glorious tombe,
Admired things producing which there dye,
And ly fast bound in darck obscurity:
The worth of which, in each particuler,
Who lift to know, this abstract will declare.

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NEW ENGLISH CANAAN,
OR
NEW CANAAN.

The first Booke.

Containing the originall of the Natives, their manners & Customes, with their tractable nature and love towards the English.

CHAP. I.

Prooving New England the principall part of all America, and most commodious and fitt for habitation.

He wise Creator of the univerfill Globe hath placed a golden meane betwixt two extreme; I meane the temperate Zones, betwixt the hote and cold; and every Creature, that participates of Heavens blessings with in the Compass of that golden meane, is made most apt and fit for man to use, who likewise by that wisedome is ordained to be the Lord of all. This globe may be his glasse, to teach him how to use moderation and discretion, both in his
his actions and intentions. The wife man fayes, give mee neither riches nor poverty; why? Riches might make him proud like Nebuchadnezar, and poverty despare like Iobs wife; but a meane betweene both. So it is likewise in the use of Vegetatives, that which hath too much Heate or too much Colde, is said to be venenum: so in the use of sensitives, all those Animals, of what genus or species foever they be, if they participate of heate or cold in the superlative are said to be Inimica naturæ, as in some Fishes about the Isle of Sall, and those Ilandes adjoyninge between the Tropickes; their participatinge of heate and cold, in the superlative, is made most manifest, one of which poyfoned a whole Ships company that eate of it. And so it is in Vipers, Toades, and Snakes, that have heate or cold in the superlative degree.

Therefore the Creatures that participate of heate and cold in a meane, are best and holsomest: And so it is in the choyse of love, the middell Zone betweene the two extremes is best, and it is therefore called Zona temperata, and is in the golden meane; and all those landes lying under that Zone, most requisite and fitt for habitation. In Cosmography, the two extremes are called, the one Torrida Zona, lying be-

1 The Isle of Sall appears on the map in the Geography of Peter Heylyn, London, 1674, as one of the Cape Verde Islands. It is called in the text Insula Salis, and on other old maps Isle of Sal, or Ilha do Sal. There are some ten isl- 

lands in the group. Professor J. D. Whitney writes that several islands are known by the name of Sall, and that the one referred to by Morton is probably that off the north shore of Cuba. "A good deal has been written about the poysonous 

fishes of the waters about the island of Cuba. The diseafe produced by eating poysonous fih is called ciguatera, and the fih itself is said to be ciguato. All that is definitely known about the matter seems to be that quite a large number of species of fih in that region are believed to be liable to some diseafe, the nature and courf of which is unknown; and that those who eat the fih thus diseased are themselves liable to be att-

tacked by the malady called ciguatera."
tweene the Tropickes, the other Frigida Zona, lying neare the poles: all the landes lying under either of these Zones, by reason they doe participate too much of heat or cold, are very inconvenient, and are accompanied with many evils. And allthough I am not of opinion with Ariftotle,¹ that the landes under Torrida Zona are alltogether uninhabited, I my selfe having beene so neare the equinoctiall line that I have had the Sunn for my Zenith and seene proofe to the contrary, yet cannot I deny but that it is accompanied with many inconveniences, as that Fishe and Flesh both will taint in those partes, notwithstanding the use of Salt which cannot be wanting there, ordained by natures hande-worke; And that is a great hinderance to the settinge forth and supply of navigation, the very Sinewes of a florishing Commonwealth. Then barrennesse, caused through want of raines, for in most of those partes of the world it is feldome accustomed to raine untill the time of the Tornathees (as the Portingals ² phrase is, who lived there) and then it will raine about 40. dayes together, which moisture serveth to fructify the earth for all the yeare after, duringe which time is seene no raine at all: the heat and cold, and length of day and night, being much alike, with little difference. And these raines are caused by the turning of the windes, which else betweene the Tropickes doe blow Trade, that

¹ Morton here apparently refers at second hand to Ariftotle's résumé of the ancient belief of five zones, two only of which were habitable. *Meteorologica,* B. II. ch. v. § 11.

² From this passage it would appear that the Ifle of Sall and the tropical waters, which Morton in this chapter refers to as having been visited by him, were in the neighborhood of the Western and Cape Verde Islands. In his time the word *tornado* had probably not been adopted into the English language, and in writing it Morton gives to the letter *d* the peculiar Western Island or Portuguese pronunciation.
that is allwayes one way. For next the Tropicke of Cancer it is constantly North-East, and next the Tropicke of Capricorne it is Southwest; so that the windes comming from the Poles, do keepe the aire in those partes coole, and make it temperate and the partes habitable, were it not for those and other inconveniences.

*14 This Torrida Zona is good for Grashoppers: and Zona Temperata for the Ant and Bee. But Frigida Zona [is] good for neither, as by lamentable experience of Captaine Davis fate is manifext, who in his inquest of the Northwest passage for the East India trade was frozen to death.\(^1\) And therefore, for Frigida Zona, I agree with Aristotle that it is unfit for habitation:\(^2\) and I know by the Course of the cælestiall globe that in Groeneland, many Degrees short of the Pole Articke, the place is too cold, by reason of the Sunns absence almost six monethes, and the land under the continuall power of the frost; which thinge many more Navigators have prooved with pittifull experience of their wintringe there, as appeareth by the hiftory. I thinke they will not venture to winter there againe for an India mine.

\(^1\) Morton here confounds Davis with Hudfon. Davis's three voyages were made in 1585-6-7, and it was in the first of them that he discovered the straights which bear his name. He afterwards made five voyages to the East Indies, in the lat of which he was killed in a fight with some Japanese on the coast of Malacca. Hudfon made four voyages between 1607 and 1610, during the lat of which he passed a winter, frozen in, near the entrance to Hudfon Bay. His crew mutinied, and turned him adrift in an open boat, on the 22d of July, 1610. He was never heard of again; and it is his “fate,” probably, which Morton had in mind. No other noted discoverer of the Northwest Paffage was lost prior to 1634. The discovery of that paffage, however, then excited as active an interest as it has since, or does now. In 1632 Edward Howes sent out to Governor Winthrop a printed “Treatife of the North-West Paffage” (iv. Mafs. Hist. Coll., vol. vi. p. 480) which is still in the library of the Massachufetts Hiftorical Society.

\(^2\) The phrase in the Meteorologica (ubi supra, 117, note 1.) is, “the parts under the Bear (i.e., north) by cold are uninhabitable.”
And as it is found by our Nation under the Pole Articke, so it is likewise to be found under the Antarticke Pole; yet what hazard will not an induftrious minde and courageous spirit undergoe, according to that of the Poet: Impiger extremos currit Mercator ad Indos per mare pauperiem fugiens, per faxa, per ignes.\(^1\) And all to gett and hord up like the Ant and the Bee; and yet, as Salomon faith,\(^2\) he cannot tell whether a foole or a wife man shall enjoy it. Therefore let us leave these two extreames, with their inconveniences, and indeavour to finde out this golden meane, so free from any one of them. Behold the secret wifedom of allmighty God, and love unto our Salomon, to raise a man of a lardge hart, full of worthy abilities, to be the Index or Loadftarre, that doth point out* unto the English *15 Nation with eafe and comfort how to finde it out. And this the noble minded Gentleman, Sir Ferdinando Gorges,\(^3\) Knight, zealous for the glory of God, the honor of his

\(^1\) Impiger extremos curris mercator ad Indos, Per mare pauperiem fugiens, per faxa, per ignes. Horace, Epift. I. ll. 45-6.

\(^2\) “18. Yea, I hated all my labor which I had taken under the sun: becaufe I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

“19. And who knoweth whether he shall be a wife man or a fool?” Ecclesiastes, ch. ii. vers. 18, 19.

\(^3\) Sir Ferdinando Gorges, of Ashto Phillips in Somerset, has already been frequently referred to in the introductory portions of this volume. Of an old West Country family and pure English descent, he was born about the year 1560 (iv. Msfs. Hist. Coll., vol. vii. p. 329). He early devoted himself to a military and naval life, and in 1591 served under Essex at the siefe of Rouen. Subsequently he is said to have been wounded, either at Amiens, or during the siefe of Paris by Henry IV. In consequence of his servies he was appointed by Queen Elizabeth royal governor of Plymouth, and in 1597 was designated as one of the staff of Essex in the Ferrol expedition, with the title of Sergeant-Major. In 1601 he was concerned in Essex’s insurrection, and was one of the principal witnesses against the Earl at his trial. After a confiderable period of imprisonment he was releaseed, and, on the accession of James I., was reappointed governor
his Majesty and the benefit of the weale publicke, hath done a great worke for the good of his Country.

And herein this, the wondrous wisedome and love of God, is shewne, by sending to the place his Minister, to sweepe away by heapes the Salvages; and also giving him length of dayes to see the same performed after his enterprize was begunne, for the propagation of the Church of Christ.

This judicious Gentleman hath found this goulden meane to be situated about the middle of those two extreames, and for directions you may proove it thus: Counting the space betwene the Line and either of the Poles, in true proportion, you shall finde it to be 90. Degrees: then muft we finde the meane to be neare unto the Center of 90. and that is about 45. Degrees, and then incline unto the Sotherne side of that Center, properly for the benefit of heate, remembringe that Sol & Homo generat hominem; and then keepe us on that fame side, and fee what Land is to be found there,

governor of Plymouth. In 1605 he became interested in American discovery and colonization, and in 1607 he was one of the projectors of the Popham colony in Maine. During the next thirteen years he was engaged in fishing and trading ventures to New England, and indefatigable in collecting information as to America. (Palfrey, vol. i. p. 79.) In 1620 he procured from James I. the great patent of the Council for New England. In 1623 he sent out the Robert Gorges expedition which settled itself at Wessaguffet. (Supra, 2-4.) His subsequent connection with Morton, and his intrigues against the Massachusettts colony and charter, have been sufficiently referred to in this volume. During the Civil War Gorges espoused the royal side, and was made a prisoner when Fairfax captured Bristol in August 1645. He died probably about the 10th of May 1647, as he was buried on the 14th of that month.

there, and we shall easily discerne that new England is on the South side of that Center.

For that Country doth beginne her boundes at 40. Degrees of Northerne latitude, and endes at 45. Degrees of the same latitude, and doth participate of heate and cold indifferently, but is oppresed with neither: and therefore may be truly sayd to be within the compass of that golden meane, most apt and fit for habitation and generation, being placed by Allmighy God, the great Creator, under that Zone called Zona temperata; and is therefore most fitt for the generation and habitation of our English nation, of all other, who are more neere neighbours to the Northerne Pole, whose Land lyeth betwene 50. and 54. Degrees of the selfsame latitude: now this new England, though it be nearer to the line then that old England by 10. Degrees of latitude, yet doth not this exceede that other in heate or cold, by reason of the situation of it; for as the Coast lyeth, being circularly Northeast and Southwest, opposite towards the Sunnes risinge, which makes his course over the Ocean, it can have little or no reflectinge heat of the Sunbeames, by reason of the continuall motion of the waters makinge the aire there the cooler and the constanter; so that for the temperature of the Climent, sweetnesse of the aire, fertility of the Soile, and small number of the Salvages (which might seeme a rubb in the way off an effeminate minde,) this Country of new England is by all judicious men accounted the principall part of all America for habitation and the commodiousnesse of the Sea, Ships there not being subject to wormes as in Virginiea and other places, and not to be paraleld in all Christendome. The Massachufets,
fets, being the middell part thereof, is a very beautifull Land, not mountany nor inclininge to mountany, lyeth in 42. Degrees, and 30. minutes, and hath as yet\(^1\) the great-
eft number of inhabitants; and hath a very large bay to it divided by Islands into 4 great bayes,\(^2\) where ship-
* 17 pinge may safely ride, * all windes and weathers, the windes in those partes being not so violent as in England by many Degrees: for there are no shrubbs feene to leane from the windes, as by the Sea Coaft of England I have feene them leane, and the groundage is a sandy sleech,\(^3\) free from rockes to gaule Cables, but is good for anchorage: the rest of the Planters are disperft among the Coafts betweene 41. and 44. Degrees of Latitude, and as yet, have [made] very little way into the inland.\(^4\) The riches of which Country I have fet forth in this abstrac\(t\) as in a Landskip, for the better information of the Travellers; which hee may perufe and plainly perceave by the demonstration of it, that it is nothing inferior to Canaan of Israel, but a kind of paralell to it in all points.

**Chapter II.**

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1 That is, in 1634. See *supra*, 78.
2 These are the Inner Harbor (Bol-
ton), so called, and Dorchester, Quincy, and Weymouth bays. The latter in-
cludes all the inlets south and west of Nut and Pettuck's islands and Hull, among which is Hingham Bay.
3 "Sleetch, n. The thick mud or slush lying at the bottom of rivers." *Webster.*
4 *[iland.]* See *supra*, 111, note 1.
Of the originall of the Natives.

In the yeare since the incarnation of Christ, 1622, it was my chance to be landed in the parts of New England, where I found two sortes of people, the one Christians, the other Infidels; these I found most full of humanity, and more friendly then the other: as shall hereafter be made apparent in Dew-Course by their severall actions from time to time, whilest I lived among them. After my arrivall in those partes, I endeavoured by all the wayes and meanes that I could to find out from what people, or nation, the Natives of *New England might be conjectured originally to proceede; and by continuance and conversation amongst them, I attaned to so much of their language, as by all probable conjecture may make the same manifeft: for it hath been found by divers, and those of good judgement, that the Natives of this Country doe use very many wordes, both of Greeke and Latine, to the same signification that the Latins and Greekes have done; as *en animia,* when an Indian expresseth that hee doth anything with a good

1 *Supra,* 6–7.
2 In the letter already quoted from (*Supra,* 14), Mr. J. H. Trumbull remarked that "Morton, as he shows in chap. ii. of book i., could not write the most simple Indian word without a blunder." As respects the words which Morton believed to be Indian-Greek, Mr. Trumbull has further kindly furnished the following notes: "En animia—Wunanuman, as Eliot wrote it, signifies 'he is well disposed, or well minded toward another,' or 'is pleased with' him. There is another word, nearly related, which Morton may have had in mind, meaning 'to help,' 'do a favor to,'—aninumeh, 'help me' (Eliot), anunime (R. Williams)."
good will; and *Pascopan*\(^1\) signifies greedy gut, this being the name of an Indian that was so called of a Child, through the greediness of his minde and much eating, for *Pasco* in Latine signifies to feede, and *Pan* in Greeke signifies all; and *Pasco nantum*,\(^2\) *quasi pasco nondum*, halfe starved, or not eating, as yet; *Equa coge*,\(^3\) set it upright; *Mona*\(^4\) is an Island in their language, *quasi Monon*, that is alone, for an Island is a piece or plot of ground standing alone, and devided from the mane Land by force of water.

*Cos*\(^5\) is a Whetstone with them. *Hame*\(^6\) an instrument to take fish. Many places doe retaine the name of *Pan*, as Pantneket\(^7\) and *Matta pan*,\(^8\) so that it may be thought that these people heretofore have had the name of *Pan* in great reverence and estimation, and it may bee have worshipped *Pan* the great God of the Heathens: Howsoever they doe use no manner of worship at all now: and it is most likely that the Natives of this Country are descended from people bred upon that part of the world which is towards

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\(^1\) "*Paskanontam* (Eliot), 'he suffers from hunger,' 'is starving.' In Eliot's orthography, *paskuppo* would signify 'he eats hungrily,' or 'as if starving,' and from this comes the verbal *Paskupwen* or *Paskuppo-en* 'a starving eater'—Morton's 'greedy gut.'"

\(^2\) "Eliot's *paskanontam*, as above, which is well enough translated by 'halfe starved.'"

\(^3\) "I can make nothing of these words. They certainly do not mean 'set it upright.'"

\(^4\) "An island is *munnoh* (Eliot)."

\(^5\) "Here Morton mistook the word. *Cos* is, probably, *Koüs* (Eliot), 'sharppointed,' or, from the same root, *mukys* (Eliot), *mucks* (R. Williams), 'an awl,' used for boring wampum, beads, &c.; *cau-ompfk* (R. Williams) was 'a whetstone,' i.e., a sharpening stone."

\(^6\) "*Om* (aum, Eliot), is a 'fish-hook'; *aumau-i*, 'he is fishing.' (with hook and line,) R. Williams; whence *omaen*, (Eliot) 'a fisherman.'"

\(^7\) "Probably misprinted for *Pantucket* — the equivalent of *Pautucket*, meaning 'at the fall' of the river. (The *n* was not distinctly founded, but represents the nasalization of the preceding vowel.)"

\(^8\) "*Mattapan* means a 'fitting down' — or 'a setting down' — and usuallly designates the end of a 'carry' or portage, where the canoes were put in water again."
*the Tropicke of Cancer, for they doe still retaine the memory of some of the Starres one that part of the Cælestiall Globe, as the North-starre, which with them is called Maske,\(^1\) for Maske in their Language signifieth a Beare: and they doe divide the windes into eight partes, and it feemes originally have had some litterature amongst them, which time hath Cancelled and worn out of use.

And whereas it hath beene the opinion of some men, which shall be nameles, that the Natives of New-England may proceede from the race of the Tartars, and come from Tartaria into those partes,\(^2\) over the frozen Sea, I see no probality for any such Conjecture; for as much as a people once fetled must be remooved by compulsion, or else tempted thereunto in hope of better fortunes, upon commendations of the place unto which they should be drawne to remoove: and if it may be thought that these people came over the frozen Sea, then would it be by compulsion? if so, then by whome,

\(^{1}\) Winflow, in his Relations, fays of the Indians: "The people are very in-\^{2}\) Roger Williams, in the preface to his Key (p. 23), fays: "Wife and judicious men, with whom I have discoursed, maintain their [the Indians] original to be northward from Tartaria." The Asiatic origin of the North American Indians was a nece\^{3}\) Acadian Geology (2d ed. p. 675), sh owing that the Micmacs still know that constellation as Mooin, 'the bear.'"
No part of America knowne to be neare Tartary.

whome, or when? or what part of this mane continent may be thought to border upon the Country of the Tartars, it is yet unknowne: and it is not like, that a people well enough at ease will of their one accord undertake to travayle over a Sea of Ice, considering how many difficulties they shall encounter with; as first, whether there be any Land at the end of their unknowne way, no Land beinge in view; then want of Food to sustaine life in the meane time upon * 20 that Sea of Ice; or * how should they doe for Fuell, to keepe them at night from freezing to death, which will not bee had in such a place. But it may perhaps be granted that the Natives of this Country might originally come of the scattered Trojans: For after that Brutus, who was the forth from Aneas, left Latium upon the conflict had with the Latines, (where although hee gave them a great overthow, to the Slaughter of their grand Captaine and many other of the Heroes of Latium, yet hee held it more safety to depart unto some other place and people, then by staying to runne the hazard of an unquiet life or doubtfull Conquest, which as history maketh mention hee performed,) this people were disperfed: there is no question but the people that lived with him, by reason of their conversation with the Græcians and Latines, had a mixed language that participated of both, whatsoever was that which was proper to their owne nation at first I know not; for this is commonly seene where 2. nations traffique together, the one indevouring to understand the others meaning makes them both many times speake a mixed language, as is approoved by the Natives of New England, through the

Why Brutus left Latium.

Two nations meetinge make a mixt language.
the coveteous desire they have to commerce with our nation and wee with them.

And when Brutus did depart from Latium, we doe not finde that his whole number went with him at once, or arrived at one place; and being put to Sea might encounter with a storme that would carry them out of sight of Land, and then they might sayle God knoweth whether, and so might be put upon this *Coast, as well as any *2 other. Compasse I believes they had none in those dayes; Sayles they might have, (which Dædalus the first inventor thereof left to after ages, having taught his Sonne Icarus the use of it, who to this Coast found how dangerous it is for a Sonne not to observe the precepts of a wise Father, so that the Icarian Sea now retains the memory of it to this day,) and Victuals they might have good store, and many other things fittinge; oares without all question they would store themselves with, in such a case; but for the use of Compasse, there is no mention made of it at that time (which was much about Sauls time, the first that was made King of Israell.) Yet it is thought (and that not without good reason for it) that the use of the Loadstone and Compasse was knowne in Salomons time, for as much as hee sent Shippes to fetch of the gould of Ophir, to adorne and bewtify that magnificent Temple of Hierusalem by him built for the glory of Almighty God, and by his speciall appointment: and it is held by Cosmographers to be 3. yeares voyage from Hierusalem to Ophir, and it is conceaved that such a voyage could not have beene performed, without the helpe of the Loadstone and Compasse.

And
And why should any man thinke the Natives of New England to be the gleanings of all Nations, onely because by the pronunciation and termination their words feeme to trench upon severall languages, when time hath not furnished him with the interpretation thereof. The thinge that muſt induce a man of reasonable capacity to any maner of conjecture of *their originall, muſt be the fence and signification of the words, principally to frame this argument by, when hee shall drawe to any conclusion thereupon: otherwise hee shall but runne rounde about a maze (as some of the fantasticall tribe use to do about the tythe of mint¹ and comin.) Therefore, since I have had the approbation of Sir Christopher Gardiner,² Knight, an able gentl. that lived amongst them, and of David Tompson,³ a Scottifh gentl. that likewise was converfant with those people, both Scollers and Travellers that were diligent in taking notice of these things, as men of good judgement, and that have bin in those parts any time, besides others of leffe, now I am bold to conclude that the originall of the Natives of New England may be well conjectured to be from

¹ [mult.] See supra, III, note 1.
² See Infra *182-4 and note.
³ David Thomson occupied the ifland in Boston Harbor, which still bears his name, from some time in 1625, apparently, until his death in 1628 (supra, 24). He left a widow and an only son, who inherited the ifland. Originally, Thomson seems to have been a messenger, or possibly an agent, of the Council for New England. In November, 1622, a patent, covering a considerable tract of land, was issued to him, and the next year, he then being apparently a young man and newly married, he came out and established himself at Piscataqua, whence he afterwards moved to Boston Harbor. All that is known of Thomson can be found in Mr. Deane’s Notes to an Indenture, &c., in the Proc. Mafs. Hist. Soc., 1876 (pp. 358-81). See also, Proc. Mafs. Hist. Soc., 1878 (p. 204), and Memorial History of Boston (vol. i. p. 83).
from the scattered Trojans, after such time as Brutus departed from Latium.

Chapter III.

Morton's attempt to trace the origin of the North American Indians from Brutus, and the support he finds for his theory in the resemblance of some Indian to Greek words, there being no reason to suppose that Brutus or the Latins had any acquaintance with Greek, reads like a humorous satire on the historical methods in vogue with the writers of his time. Until within the last century there were two historical events, or events assumed to be historical, to one or the other of which it was deemed safe to refer the origin of any modern nation. These events were the Siege of Troy and the Flood,—the profane and the sacred beginnings of modern history. Morton wrote in 1635, and his mind naturally had recourse to the profane theory. Fifteen years later, Milton began his history of England, and at the outset came in contact with Brutus. "That which we have," he then remarks, "of oldest seeming, hath by the greater part of judicious antiquaries been long rejected for a modern fable." He nevertheless determined to bestow the telling over even of these reputed tales, . . . seeing that oftentimes relations heretofore accounted fabulous have been after found to contain in them many footsteps and relics of something true; as what we read in poets of the flood, and giants little believed, till undoubted witnesses taught us that all was not feigned." Then passing on, he says: "After the flood, and the dispersing of nations, as they journeyed leisurely from the East, Gomer, the eldest son of Japhet, and his offspring, as by authorities, arguments and affinity of divers names is generally believed, were the first that peopled all these west and northern climes." Coming down to Brutus and the whole progeny of kings, and following Geoffrey of Monmouth, Milton then recounts in detail the marriages, voyages, adventures and mishaps of the descendants of Æneas until Brutus reached an "island, not yet Britain but Albion, in a manner defert and inhospitable; kept only by a remnant of giants, whose excessive force and tyranny had destroyed the rest. These Brutus destroys," and, after this, "in a chosen place, builds Troja Nova, changed in time to Trinovantum, now London."

The superiority of Morton's historical method to Milton's, or to that in use in Milton's time, is obvious. Accepting the common origin, he premises that he does not find that "when Brutus did depart from Latium his whole number went with him at once." Accordingly, some of them being put to sea, "might encounter with a storm," and then being carried out of sight of land, "they might fail God knoweth whether, and to might be put on this coast, as well as any other." And hence the author is "bold to conclude that the original of the natives of New England may be well conjectured to be from the scattered Trojans, after such time as Brutus departed from Latium."

It would be easy to quote from many serious productions, contemporaneous with the New Canaan and a century after it, examples of the same method of daring historical hypothesis; a single instance will, however, suffice. In his history of Lynn, written in 1829, the Rev. Alonzo Lewis says (p. 21): "The Indians are supposed by some to be the remnants of the long lost ten tribes of Israel; and their existence in tribes, the similarity of some of their customs, and the likenesses of many words in their language, seem to favor this opinion."

More feasible than either Thomas Morton or Mr. Lewis, William Wood, in
CHAP. III.

Of a great mortality that happened amongst the Natives of New England, neere about the time that the English came there to plant.

It fortuned some few yeares before the English came to inhabit at new Plimmouth, in New England, that upon some distast given in the Massachusets bay by Frenchmen, then trading there with the Natives for beaver, they set upon the men at such advantage that they killed manie of them, burned their shipp, * then riding at Anchor by an Island there, now called Peddocks Island, in memory of Leonard Peddock that landed there, (where many wilde

in writing his New England’s Prospect, in 1633, remarks (p. 78), that “Some have thought they [the Indians] might be of the dispersed Jews, because some of their words be near unto the Hebrew; but by the same rule they may conclude them to be some of the gleanings of all nations, because they have words which found after the Greek, Latin, French, and other tongues.”

There is in the Magnalia (book iii. part iii.) a lengthy but highly characteristic passage, in which Mather recounts the points of resemblance which the evangelist Eliot saw between the Indians and “the poverty of the dispersed and rejected Israelites.”

1 Peddock’s, or Pettick’s, Island, still so called, is one of the largest islands in Boston Bay. It lies directly opposite to George’s Island and Hull, from which last it is separated by a narrow channel, and is between Weymouth and Quincy

bays, on the east and west. See Shurtleff’s Description of Boston, p. 557.

2 Leonard Peddock seems to have been in the employment of the Council for New England. In the records of the Council for the 8th of November, 1622, is the following entry: “Mr. Thomfon is ordered to pay unto Leo Peddock £10 towards his paynes for his last employments to New England.” Subsequently, on the 19th of the same month: “It is ordered that a Letter be written from the Counsell to Mr. Wefton, to deliver to Leonard Peddock, a boy Native of New England called papa Whinett belonging to Abbadakeft, Sachem of Massachuetteßs, which boy Mr Peddock is to carry over with him” (Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, April, 1867, pp. 70, 74).

Andrew Wefton had returned to England in the Charity, leaving Wefflaguslett in September, 1622 (Junra, 7). He would
wilde Anckies\(^1\) haunted that time, which hee thought had bin tame,) distributing them unto 5. Sachems, which were Lords of the severall territories adjoyninge: they did kepe them so longe as they lived, onely to sport themselves at them, and made these five Frenchmen fetch them wood and water, which is the generall worke that they require of a servaunt.\(^2\)

One of these five men, out livinge the rest, had learned so much of their language as to rebuke them for their bloudy deede, sayeing that God would be angry with them for it, and

would seem to have brought over the Indian boy in question with him. From the entry in the records of the Council for New England, just quoted, it would appear that Leonard Peddock was in New England during the summer of 1622. The reference to him in the text is additional evidence that Morton was there at the same time, and in company with Wefton.

\(^1\) This is undoubtedly a mifprint for Auckies, which was a sailor's corruption for Auks. The Great Auk (*Alca impennis*) is probably referred to. This bird, now suppoed to be extinct, was formerly common on the New England coast. Audubon, writing in 1838, says: "An old gunner, refiding on Chelsea Beach, near Bofton, told me that he well remembered the time when the Penguins were plentiful about Nahant and some other islands in the bay."

(Am. Ornithological Biog., vol. iv. p. 316.) Professor Orton, alluding to this paffage, in the American Naturalist (1869, p. 540), expresss the opinion that the Razor-billed Auk was the bird referred to; but Professor F. W. Putnam adds, in a foot-note, that "the 'old hunter' was undoubtedly correct in his statement, as we have bones of the species taken from the shell-heaps of Marblehead, Eagle Hill in Ipswich, and


There is an elaborate paper on the Great Auk, under the title of "The Garefowl and its Historians," by Professor Alfred Newton, in the Natural History Review for 1865, p. 467.

\(^2\) Morton would seem to be mistaken in this statement. Between 1614 and 1619 two French vessells were loft on the Massachusetts coast. One was wrecked on Cape Cod, and the crew, who succeeded in getting on shore, were most of them killed by the savages, and the remainder enslaved in the way described in the text. Two of these captives were subsequently redeemed by Captain Dermer (Bradford, p. 98). The other vessell was captured by the savages in Boston Bay, and burned. This is the vessell referred to by Morton as riding at anchor off Peddock's Island. The circumstances of the capture are described in Phinehas Pratt's narrative (iv. Mass. Hist. Coll., vol. iv. pp. 479, 489). All the crew, he says, were killed, and the ship, after grounding, was burned. Pratt's statement is distinct, and agrees with Bradford's, that the captives among the Indians were the survivors from the vessell wrecked on Cape Cod, not from that captured in Boston Bay.
and that hee would in his displeasure destroy them; but
the Salvages (it seemes boasting of their strenght,) replied
and sayd, that they were so many that God could not kill
them.\footnote{Pratt's account of this survivor among the French crew is to be found in \textit{Mafs. Hist. Coll.}, vol. iv. pp. 479, 489. He says that "one of them was wont to read much in a book (some say it was the New Testament), and that the Indians enquiring of him what his book said, he told them it did intimate that there was a people like French men that would come into the country and drive out the Indians." The account given by Mather (\textit{Magnalia, B. i. ch. ii. § 6}) is curiously like that in the text. After quoting the substance of Pratt's statement he adds: "These infidels then blasphemously replied, 'God could not kill them'; which blasphemous mistake was confuted by a horrible and unusual plague, whereby they were consumed in such vast multitudes that our first planters found the land almost covered with their unburied carcaives; and they that were left alive were smitten into awful and humble regards of the English by the terrors which the remembrance of the Frenchman's prophecy had imprinted on them."}

But contrary wise, in short time after the hand of God fell heavily upon them, with such a mortall stroake that they died on heapes as they lay in their houses; and the living, that were able to shift for themselves, would runne away and let them dy, and let there Carcaifes ly above the ground without burial. For in a place where many inhabited, there hath been but one left a live to tell what became of the rest; the living being (as it seemes) not able to bury the dead, they were left for Crowes, Kites and vermin to pray upon. And the bones and skulls upon the several places of their habitations made such a spectacle after my coming into those partes, that, as I travailed in that Forrest

Pratt, whom Mather followed, claims to have derived his knowledge of these events during the winter of 1622-3 directly from savages concerned in them. The probability is that the tradition of the French captive, and his book and prophecy, was a common one among the settlers both at Plymouth and about Boston Bay. Pratt apparently had a habit, as he grew old, of appropriating to his own account many of the earlier and more striking incidents of colonial history. (Mather's \textit{Early New England}, p. 17.)
rest nere the Massachussets, it seemed to mee a new found Golgatha.

* But otherwise, it is the custome of those Indian * 24 people to bury their dead ceremoniously and carefully, and then to abandon that place, because they have no desyre the place shoule put them in minde of mortality: and this mortality was not ended when the Brownifts of new Plimmouth were fetled at Patuxet in New England: and by all likelyhood the sicknesse that these Indians died of was the Plague, as by conference with them since myarrivall and habitation in those partes, I have learned. And by this means

1 The mysterius pestilence, which in the years 1616 and 1617 swept away the New England Indians from the Penobscot to Narranganfett Bay, is mentioned by all the earlier writers, and its character has recently been somewhat discussed. There can be no doubt that it practically destroyed the tribes, especially the Massachusets and the Pokanokets, among which it raged. The former were reduced from a powerful people, able, it is said, to muster three thousand warriors, to a mere remnant a few hundred strong. The Pokanokets were in some localities, notably at Plymouth, actually exterminated, and the country left devoid of inhabitants (i. Mafs. Hift. Coll., vol. i. p. 148; Young's Chron. of Pilg., p. 183). Winiflow gave a description of the defolation created by this pestilence, and of the number of the unburied dead, very like that in the text (Young's Chron. of Pilg., pp. 183, 206). On this subject, see also, Bradford, pp. 102, 325; Johnfon, p. 16; Wood's Profpet?, p. 72; iii. Mafs. Hift. Coll., vol. vi. p. 57.

No definite conclusion as to the nature of this pestilence has been reached by medical men. It has been suggested that it was the yellow-fever (Palfrey, vol. i. p. 99, n). As, however, it raged equally in the depth of the severest winter as in summer, this could not have been the case (iii. Mafs. Hift. Coll., vol. vi. p. 57; Bradford, p. 325). Other modern medical authorities have inclined to the opinion that it was a visitation of small-pox (Dr. Holmes in Mafs. Hift. Soc., Low. Infh. Lect., 1869, p. 261; Dr. Green's Centennial Address before the Mafs. Med. Soc., June 7, 1881, p. 12). In support of this hypothesis Capt. Thomas Dermer is quoted, who, failing along the coast in 1619–20, wrote “we might perceive the fores of fome that had escaped, who described the spots of fuch as ufually die” (Purchas, vol. iv. p. 1778). On the other hand, none of the contemporaneous writers who speak of the disease ever call it the small-pox, though all of them were perfectly familiar with small-pox, and a very large portion of them probably bore its marks. Dermer speaks of it as “the plague.” Bradford, when the same pestilence raged on the Connecticut, described it as “an infectious fever.” Dr. Fuller, the first New England physician, then died of it (Bradford, p. 314). He could
means there is as yet but a small number of Salvages in New England, to that which hath beene in former time, and the place is made so much the more fitt for the English Nation to inhabit in, and erect in it Temples to the glory of God.

\[2\text{ Sam. 24}\]

\textbf{C H A P. IV.}

\textbf{Of their Houses and Habitations.}

The Natives of New England are accustomed to build them houses much like the wild Irish; they gather Poles in the woodes and put the great end of them in the ground, placinge them in forme of a circle or circumference, and, bendinge the topps of them in forme of an Arch, they bind them together with the Barke of Walnut trees, which is wondrous tuffe, so that they make the same round *25 on the Topp *for the smooke of their fire to affend and

could not but have been familiar with the small-pox and its symptoms; and it would seem most improbable that he should have died of that disease among his dying neighbors, and not have known what was killing him. Moreover, in 1633-4 the small-pox did rage among the Indians, and Bradford, in giving a fearfully graphic account of its ravages, adds, "they [the Indians] fear it more than the plague." Joffelyn also draws the same distinction, saying (\textit{Two Voyages}, p. 123): "Not long before the English came into the country, happened a great mortality amongst [the Indians]; especially where the English afterwards planted, the East and North-
erne parts were fore smitten by the contagion; first by the plague, afterwards, when the English came, by the small-pox."

It would seem, therefore, that the pestilence of 1616-7 was clearly not the small-pox. More probably it was, as Bradford says, "an infectious fever," or some form of malignant typhus, due to the wretched sanitary condition of the Indian villages, which had become overcrowded, owing to that prosperous condition of the tribes which Smith describes as existing at the time of his visit to the coast in 1614 (\textit{III. Mafs. Hist. Coll.}, vol. vi. p. 109).
and passe through; these they cover with matts, some made of reeds and some of longe flagges, or fedge, finely fowed together with needles made of the splinter bones of a Cranes legge, with threeds made of their Indian hempe, which their groueth naturally, leaving severall places for dores, which are covered with mats, which may be rowled up and let downe againe at their pleafures, making ufe of the severall dores, according as the winde fitts. The fire is always made in the middeft of the house, with winde fals commonly: yet fome times they fell a tree that growth neere the house, and, by drawing in the end thereof, main-taine the fire on both fids, burning the tree by Degrees fhorter and fhorter, untill it be all consumed; for it burneth night and day. Their lodging is made in three places of the house about the fire; they lye upon plankes, commonly about a foote or 18. inches above the ground, raifed upon railes that are borne up upon forks; they lay mats under them, and Coats of Deares fkinnes, otters, beavers, Ra-

cownes,

1 "Their houses, which they call wig-wams, are built with poles pitcht into the ground of a round form for most part, fometimes fquare. They bind down the tops of their poles, leaving a hole for fmoak to go out at, the reft they cover with the bark of trees, and line the inside of their wigwams with mats made of rushes painted with severall colors. One good poft they fet up in the middle that reaches to the hole in the top, with a staff across before it; at a convenient height, they knock in a pin upon which they hang their kettle. Beneath that they fet up a broad ftone for a back which keepeth the poft from burning. Round by the walls they fpread their mats and fkins where the men feep whilst their women drefs their victuals. They have commonly two doors, one opening to the south, the other to the north, and, according as the wind fets, they close up one door with bark and hang a deers fkin or the like before the other. Towns they have none, being always removing from one place to another for conueniency of food, fometimes to thofe places where one fort of fih is moft plentiful, other whiles where others are. I have feen halfe a hundred of their wigwams together in a piece of ground and they show prettily; within a day or two or a week they have been all difperfed." (Joffelyn's Voyages, p. 126). See also Young's Chron. of Pilg., p. 144.
cownes, and of Beares hides, all which they have dressed and converted into good lether, with the haire on, for their coverings: and in this manner they lye as warme as they desire.\(^1\) In the night they take their rest; in the day time, either

\(^1\) Giving in his *Key* (p. 48) the Indian combination of words signifying "let us lay on wood," Roger Williams adds: "This they do plentifully when they lie down to sleep winter and summer, abundance they have and abundance they lay on: their fire is instead of our bed-clothes. And so, themselves and any that have any occasion to lodge with them, must be content to turn often to the fire, if the night be cold, and they who first wake must repair the fire." Elsewhere he says: "God was pleased to give me a painful, patient spirit, to lodge with them in their filthy, smoky holes." See also Gookin's *Indians*, i. *Mas. Hist. Coll.*, vol. i. p. 150.

When Stephen Hopkins and Edward Winlow were sent on their mission to Massasoit, in June, 1621, they fay of their entertainment on the night they arrived at his lodge: "Late it grew, but victuals he offered none; for indeed he had not any, being he came so newly home. So we desired to go to rest: he layd us on the bed with himself and his wife, they at the one end and we at the other, it being only planks layd a foot from the ground, and a thin mat upon them. Two more of his chief men, for want of room, pressed by and upon us; so that we were worse weary of our lodging than of our journey." (*Mourt*, p. 45). Two nights of this entertainment sufficed for the embafladors who "feared we should either be light-headed for want of sleep, for what with bad lodging, the favages barbarous finging, (for they use to fing themselves asleep,) lice and fleas within doors, and musketo without, we could hardly sleep all the time of our being there." (*Ib.*, p. 46) Another observer remarked of the New England Indians: "Tame cattle they have none, excepting Lice, and Dogs of a wild breed" (*Joffelyn's Voyages*, p. 127); and to the fame effect Roger Williams notes (*Key*, p. 74): "In middle of summer, because of the abundance of fleas, which the dust of the house breeds, they [the Indians] will fly and remove on a sudden to a fresh place."

Smith, describing the Virginia Indians, fays (*True Travels*, vol. i. p. 130): "Their houses are built like our arbors, of small young springs bow'd and ty'd, and so close covered with mats, or the barkes of trees very handsomely, that notwithstanding either winde, raine, or weather, they are as warm as stoves, but very smoaky, yet at the toppe of the house there is a hole made for the smoake to go into right over the fire.

"Against the fire they lie on little hurdles of Reeds covered with a mat, borne from the ground a foote and more by a hurdle of wood. On thefle round about the house they lie heads and points, one by the other, against the fire, some covered with mats, some with fkins, and some flark naked lie on the ground, from fix to twenty in a house."

In Parkman's *Fesuits in North America* there is a lively account of Le Jeune's experience in passing the winter of 1633–4 among the Algonquins: "Put aside the bear-skin, and enter the hut. Here, in a space some thirteen feet square, were packed nineteen favages, men, women and children, with their dogs, crouched, squatted, coiled like hedge-hogs, or lying on their backs, with knees drawn up perpendicularly
Either the kettle is on with fish or flesh, by no allowance, or else the fire is employed in roasting of fishes, which they delight in.\(^1\) The aire doth beget good stomacks, and they feede continually, and are no niggards of their vittels; for they are willing that any one shall eate with them. Nay, if any one that shall come into their * houses and * 26 there fall a sleepe, when they see him disposed to lye downe, they will spreda a matt for him of their owne accord, and lay a roule of skinnes for a boulfter, and let him lye. If hee sleepe untill their meate be dished up, they will set a wooden boule of meate by him that sleepeth, and wake him faying, Cattup keene Meckin\(^2\): That is, If you be hungry, there is meat for you, where if you will eate you may. Such is their Humanity.\(^3\)

Likewise,

perpendicularly to keep their feet out of the fire... The bark covering was full of crevices, through which the icy blasts streamed in upon him from all sides; and the hole above, at once window and chimney, was so large, that, as he [Le Jeune] lay, he could watch the stars as well as in the open air. While the fire in the midft, fed with fat pine-knots, scorch'd him on one side, on the other he had much ado to keep himself from freezing. At times, however, the crowded hut seemed heated to the temperature of an oven. But these evils were light when compared to the intolerable plague of smoke. During a snow-storm, and often at other times, the wigwam was filled with fumes to denfe, stifling, and acrid, that all its inmates were forced to lie flat on their faces, breathing through mouths in contact with the cold earth. Their throats and mouths felt as if on fire; their scorch'd eyes streamed with tears... The dogs were not an unmixed evil, for by sleeping on and around [Le Jeune], they kept him warm at night; but, as an offset to this good service, they walked, ran and jumped over him as he lay” (pp. 27–8).

\(^1\) In regard to the food of the Indians and their alternate gluttony and abstinence, see Josselyn’s Two Voyages, pp. 129–30; Wood’s Prospect, p. 57. Wood’s account of the Indians is usually the best. As respects eating, he says: “At home they will eate till their bellies stand South, ready to split with fulness: it being their fashion, to eate all at sometimes, and sometimes nothing at all in two or three days, wise providence being a stranger to their wilder dayes.”


\(^3\) In regard to the hospitality of the Indians,
Likewise, when they are minded to remoove, they carry away the mats with them; other materiales the place adjoyning will yeald. They use not to winter and summer in one place, for that would be a reason to make fuel scarfe; but, after the manner of the gentry of Civilized natives, remoove for their pleasures; some times to their hunting places, where they remaine keeping good hospitality for that seafon; and sometimes to their fishing places, where they abide for that seafon likewise: and at the spring, when fish comes in plentifully, they have meetinges from severall places, where they exercise themselves in gaminge and playing of juglinge trickes and all manner of Revelles, which they are deligted in; [fo] that it is admirable to behould what pastime they use of severall kindes, every one striving to furpasse each other.\(^1\) After this manner they spend their time.

Chapter V.

Indians, Wood says (*Prospelt*, p. 59): “Though they be sometimes scanted, yet are they as free as Emperors, both to their countrymen and English, be he stranger or mere acquaintance; counting it a great discourtefie not to eat of their high conceited delicates, and sup of their un-oat-meal’d broth, made thick with fishes, fowles and beafts boiled all together; some remaining raw, the rest converted by over-much feething to a loathed mass, not halfe so good as *Irish Boniclappper*.” See also Gookin’s *Indians*, i. Mafs. Hift. Coll., vol. i. p. 153.

So also Roger Williams (*Key*, ch. ii. and iii.): “If any stranger came in, they prefently give him to eat of what they have; many a time, and at all times of the night (as I have fallen in travel, upon their houses) where nothing hath been ready, have themselves and their wives, risen to prepare me some refreshinge.”

“In Summer-time I have knowne them lye abroad often themselves, to make room for strangers, English, or others.”

“I have known them leave their House and Mat to lodge a friend or stranger, Where Jews and Christians oft have sent Christ Jesus to the manger.”

\(^1\) In regard to the games and removals of the Indians, see Williams’s *Key*, chs. xi. and xxviii.; Smith’s *True Travels*, vol. i. p. 133; Gookin’s *Indians*, i. Mafs. Hift. Coll., vol. i. p. 153; and Wood’s *Prospelt*, pp. 63, 73-5. Wood gives
Of their Religion.

IT has bin a common receaved opinion from Cicero,¹ that there is no people so barbarous but have some worshipp or other. In this particular, I am not of opinion therein with Tully; and, surely, if hee had bin amongst those people so longe as I have bin, and converfed so much with them touching this matter of Religion, hee would have changed his opinion. Neither should we have found this error, amongst the rest, by the helpe of that wodden prospect,² if it had
gives an excellent description of the Indian game of foot-ball: "Their goals be a mile long placed on the sands, which are as even as a board; their ball is no bigger than a hand-ball, which sometimes they mount in the air with their naked feet, sometimes it is swayed by the multitude; sometimes also it is two days before they get a goal; then they mark the ground they win, and begin the next day. . . . Though they play never so fiercely to outward appearance, yet anger-boiling blood never streams in their cooler veins; if any man be thrown, he laughs out his foil, there is no seeking of revenge, no quarrelling, no bloody noses, scratched faces, black eyes, broken shins, no bruised members or crushèd ribs, the lamentable effects of rage; but the goal being won, the goods on the one side loft; friends they were at the foot-ball, and friends they must meet at the kettle." To the same effect see Strachey's Historie, p. 78.

¹ Ipsifque in hominibus nulla gens est neque tam immanfueta, neque tam fera, quæ non, etiam si ignorant qualem habere deum deceat, tamen habendum sciat (De Legibus, Lib. i. § 8).

² Quæ eft enim gens, aut quod genus hominum, quod non habeat fine doctrinâ anticipationem quandam deorum? (De Natura Deorum, Lib. i. § 16).

² The reference here is to Wood's New England's Prospect (p. 70). In regard to the time when this work was written and published, see Mr. Deane's preface to the edition in the publications of the Prince Society. Morton makes numerous references to it in the New Canaan (infra, *38, 53, 64, 84, 99). The present reference is one of the few unintelligible passages in the book. Wood's language, to which Morton apparently takes exception, is as follows: "As it is natural to all mortals to worship something, so do these people; but exactly to describe to whom their worship is chiefly bent, is very difficult; they acknowledge especially two, Ketan, who is their good God, to whom they sacrifice after their garners be full with a good crop: upon this God likewise they invoke
had not been so unadvisedly built upon such highe land as
that Coast. (all mens judgements in generall,) doth not yeeld,
had hee but taken the judicall councell of Sir William
Alexander, that setts this thing forth in an exact and con-
clusive sentence; if hee be not too obstinate? hee would
grant that worthy writer, that these people are fine fide, fine
lege, & fine rege,¹ and hee hath exemplified this thinge by
a familiar demonstration, which I have by longe experience
observed to be true.

And, me thinks, it is absurd to say they have a kinde of
worship, and not able to demonstrate whome or what it is
they are accustomed to worship. For my part I am more
willing to beleive that the Elephants (which are reported to
be

invoke for fair weather, for rain in time
of drought, and for the recovery of their
sick; but if they do not hear them, then
they verify the old verfe, Fletere fi
nequeo Superes, Acheronta movebo, their
Pow-wows betaking themselfes to their
exorcisms and unromantick charms. . . .
by God's permifion, through the Devil's
help, their charms are of force to pro-
duce effects of wonderment." Morton
would seem to have wifhed to deprecate
Wood, as an authorithy on New England,
and fo, playing upon his name and the
title of his book, he implied that he had
taken a much more elevated view of the
religious development of the Indians
than could be justified either by the ac-
tual facts, or the judgment of the beft
informed.

Being unintelligible, the paffage, from
the word "neither" to the end of the
paragraph, is reproduced here in all re-
spects, including punctuation, as it is in
the text of the original edition.

¹ There is no expreffion of this nature
to be found anywhere in those writings

of Sir William Alexander which have
come down to us and are included in the
publications of the Prince Society. He
may have ufed the expreffion quoted in
conversation, or in a letter. Winflo, in
Mourt, fays: "They [the savages] are a
people without any religion, or knowledge
of any God" (p. 61). This fatement he
fubfequently, however, retracted in his
Good News (Young's Chron. of Pilg.,
p. 355), where he fays, "therein I erred,
though we could then gather no better."

The fubjedt of the religion of the North
American aborigines has been treated by
Parkman in the introduction to the Jeuf-
tits in North America (pp. lxvii.–lxxxix),
and he concludes that "the primitive In-
dian, yielding his untutored homage to
an All-pervading and Omn智商ent Spirit,
is a dream of poets, rhetoricians and fen-
timentalists." To the fame effedt Pal-
frey, at the clofe of his vigorous difcu-
sion of the fame subjeft (vol. i. p. 45),
declares that the devout Indian of the
"untutored mind is as fabulous as the
griffin or the centaur."
be the most intelligible of all beasts) doe worship the moone, for the reasons * given by the author of this * 28 report, as Mr. Thomas May, the minion of the Muses dos recite it in his continuation of Lucans historicall poem,¹ rather then this man: to that I muft bee constrained, to conclude againft him, and Cicero, that the Natives of New England have no worship nor religion at all; and I am fure it has been fo observed by thoſe that neede not the helpe of a wodden prospect for the matter.

CHAP. VI.

Of the Indians apparrell.

The Indians in these parts do make their apparrell of the skinnes of severall fortes of beastes, and commonly of thoſe that doe frequent thoſe partes where they doe live; yet some of them, for variety, will have the skinnes of fuch beastes that frequent the partes of their neighbors, which they purchase of them by Commerce and Trade.

¹ Thomas May, better known as the historian and secretary of the Long Parliament, was born in 1595 and died in 1650. In 1627 he published a translation of Lucan's Pharsalia, with a supplementum, or continuation (1630), by himself in seven books. This continuation he subsequently translated into Latin, and it is included in Lemaire's edition of the Pharsalia in his Bibliotheca Clasica Latina (Paris, 1832). The paffage to which Morton refers is in the third book of the continuation (II. 108-78). The following are some of the verfes:

"But in a higher kind (as fome relate)
Do Elephants with men communicate.
(If you believe it) a religion
They have, and monthly do adore the Moon,
Besides the loftie Nabathæan wood,
Of vaft extent, Amylo's gentle flood,
Gliding along, the fandie mould combines.
Thither, as oft as waxing Cynthia fhines
In her firſt borrowed light, from out the wood,
Come all the Elephants, and in the floud
Washing themselves (as if to purifie)
They prostrate fall; and when religiously
They have adored the Moon, return again
Into the woods with joy."
These skinnes they convert into very good leather, making the same plume and soft. Some of these skinnes they dresse with the haire on, and some with the haire off; the hairy side in winter time they weare next their bodies, and in warme weather they weare the haire outwards: they make likewise some Coates of the Feathers of Turkies, which they weave together with twine of their owne makinge, very prittily: these garments they weare like mantels * 29 knit over * their shoulders, and put under their arme: they have likewise another sorte of mantels, made of Mose skinnes, which beast is a great large Deere so bigge as a horse; these skinnes they commonly dresse bare, and make them wondrous white, and stripe them with size round about the borders, in forme like lace set on by a Taylor, and some they stripe with size in works of severall fashions very curious, according to the severall fantasies of the workemen, wherein they strive to excell one another: And Mantels made of Beares skinnes is an usuall wearinge, among the Natives that live where the Beares doe haunt: they make shooes of Mose skinnes, which is the principall leather used to that purpose; and for want of such leather (which is the strongest) they make shooes of Deeres skinnes, very handsomely and commodious; and, of such deeres skinnes as they dresse bare, they make stockings that comes within their shooes, like a stirrup stockinge, and is fastned above at their belt, which is about their middell; Every male, after hee attaines unto the age which they call Pubes, wereth a belt about his middell, and a broad piece of leather that goeth betweene his leggs and is tuckt up both before and behinde under that belt; and this they weare to hide their secreats of
of nature, which by no means they will suffer to be seen, so much modestly they use in that particular; those garments they always put on, when they go a hunting, to keep their skins from the brush of the Shrubbs: and when they have their Apparrell one they look like Irish in *their trousers, the Stockinges joyne fo to *30 their breeches. A good well grown deere skin is of great account with them, and it must have the tale on, or else they account it defaced; the tale being three times as long as the tales of our English Deere, yea four times so longe, this when they travell is raped round about their body, and, with a girdle of their making, bound round about their middles, to which girdle is fastned a bagg, in which his instruments be with which hee can strike fire upon any occasion.¹

Thus

¹ In his Latin poem on New England, which the Rev. William Morell wrote during his eighteen months' residence at Weslagussett as the spiritual head of the Robert Gorges settlement of 1623, there is a description of the Indian and his garments. The following is the author's English rendering of his more elegant Latin original:

"Whole hayre is cut with greeches, yet a locke
Is left; the left side bound up in a knott:
Their males small labour but great pleasure know,
Who nimbly and expertly draw the bow;
Train'd up to suffer cruel heat and cold,
Or what attempt so e're may make them bold;
Of body straight, tall, strong, mantled in skin
Of deare or bever, with the hayre-side in;
An otter skin their right armes doth keepe warme,
To keepe them fit for use, and free from harme;

A girdle set with formes of birds or beasts,
Begirts their waffe, which gentle gives them ease.
Each one doth modestly bind up his shame,
And deare-skin start-ups reach up to the fame;
A kind of pinfen keeps their feet from cold,
Which after travels they put off, up-fold,
Themselves they warme, their ungirt limbes they rest
In straw, and houles, like to flies."


Wood's description of the Indian apparel is very like Morton's. He says, however: "The chief reasons they render why they will not conforme to our English apparell are because their women cannot wash them when they be foyled, and their means will not reach to buy new when they have done with their old; and they confidently believe, the English will not be so liberall as to furnish them upon gifture: therefore they had rather goe naked than be loufse, and bring their bodies
New English Canaan.

Thus with their bow in their left hand, and their quiver of Arrowes at their back, hanging one their left shoulder with the lower end of it in their right hand, they will runne away a dogg trot untill they come to their journey end; and, in this kinde of ornament, they doe feeme to me to be hansomer then when they are in English apparelle, their gefture being answerable to their one habit and not unto ours.

Their women have shooes and stockings to weare likewise when they please, such as the men have, but the mantle they use to cover their nakednesse with is much longer then that which the men use; for, as the men have one Deeres skinn, the women have two foed together at the full lenght, and it is so lardge that it trailes after them like a great Ladies trane; and in time I thinke they may have their Pages to beare them up; and where the men use but one Beares skinn for a Mantle, the women have two foed together; and if any of their women would at any time shift one, they take that which they intend to make use of, and cast it over them round, before they shifte away the other,
bodies out of their old tune, making them more tender by a new acquired habit, which poverty would conftrain them to leave." (Prosper, p. 56).

The description given by Winflow (Young's Chron. of Pilg., p. 365) is very fimilar to Morell's. See alio Gookin's Indians, 1. Mafs. Hift. Coll., vol. i. p. 152; Joffelyn's Two Voyages, pp. 128-9, and Williams's Key, ch. xx.

Smith (True Travels, vol. i. p. 129) says: "For their apparell, they are sometimes covered with the skinnes of wilde beasts, which in winter are dresed with the hayre, but in Sommer without. The better fort use large mantels of Deare skins, not much differing in fashion from the Irish mantels. Some imbrodered with white beads, some with copper, others painted after their manner. But the common fort have scarce to cover their nakednesse, but with graffe, the leaves of trees or fuch like. We have feene some use mantels made of Turkey feathers fo prettily wrought and woven with threads that nothing could be discerned but the feathers."
other, for modesty, being unwilling to be seen to discover their nakedness; and the one being so cast over, they slip the other from under them in a decent manner, which is to be noted in people uncivilized; therein they seem to have as much modesty as civilized people, and deserve to be applauded for it.¹

Chap. VII.

Of their Child-bearing, and delivery, and what manner of persons they are.

The women of this Country are not suffered to be used for procreation until the ripeness of their age, at which time they wear a red cap made of leather, in form like to our flat caps, and this they wear for the space of 12 moneths, for all men to take notice of them that have any minde to a wife; and then it is the custome of some of their Sachems or Lords of the territories, to have the first say or maidenhead of the females.² Very apt they are to be with childe,

¹ Supra, 16, note.
² Speaking of a ceremony common to the Algonquins and the Hurons, of propitiating their fishing-nets by formally marrying them every year to two young girls, Parkman says: "As it was indispensible that the brides should be virgins, mere children were chosen" (The Jesuits in North America, p. Ixix. note). The subject of female chastity among the Indians has already been referred to (Supra, p. 17), and it is extremely questionable whether they had any conception of it. Winflow, in his Good News (Young's Chron. of Pilg., p. 364) says: — "When a maid is taken in marriage, the first cutteth her hair, and after weareth a covering on her head, till her hair be grown out. Their women are diversely disposed; some as modest, as they will scarce talk one with another in the company of men, being very chaste also; yet others seem light, lascivious, and wanton. . . . Some common strumpets there are, as well as in other places; but they are such as either never married, or widows, or put away for adultery; for no man will keep such
The women big with child very laborious.

childe, and very laborious when they beare children; yea, when they are as great as they can be: yet in that case they neither forbeare labour, nor travaile; I have seen them in that plight with burthens at their backs enough to load a horse; yet doe they not miscarry, but have a faire delivery, and a quick: their women are very good midwifes,

* 32 and the women very lusty after * delivery, and in a day or two will travell or trudge about. Their infants are

guch an one to wife.” Strachey (Histories, p. 65), says of the Virginians: “Their younger women goe not shad

owed [clothed] amongst their owne company, until they be nigh eleaven or twelve returns of the leafe old, nor are they much ashamed thereof, and therefore would the before remembered Pochahuntas, a well featured, but wanton yong girle, Powhatan’s daughter, sometimes resorting to our fort, of the age then of eleven or twelve yeares, get the boyes forth with her into the market place, and make them wheele, falling on their hands, turning up their heeles upwards, whome she would followe, and wheele fo her self, naked as she was, all the fort over; but being over twelve yeares, they put on a kind of semecinctum lethern apron (as doe our artificers or handycrafts men) before their bellies, and are very shamefact to be seen bare.” Ellis, in his Red Man and White Man (p. 185), remarks on this point: “The obscenity of the favages is uncheckd in its revolting and disgusting exhibitions. Sensuality seeks no covert.”

Under these circumstances it is unnecessary to say that Morton’s statements as to the red cap and the Sachem’s privilege are pure fiction, and what Parkman says of the Hurons is probably true of the Maïachafetts,—their women were wantons before marriage and household drudges after it. (Jesuits in North America, p. xxxv).

1 To the same effect Roger Williams says: “Most of them count it a shame for a woman in travell to make complaint, and many of them are scarcely heard to groane. I have often known in one quarter of an hour a woman merry in the house, and delivered and merry again: and within two dayes abroad, and after four or five dayes at worke.” (Key, ch. xxiii.). See also Josselyn’s Two Voyages, p. 127. Wood’s account is almost as comprehensive, though not quite so detailed and graphic as Josselyn’s: “They likewise few their husband’s shooes, and weave mats of Turke feathers; besides all their ordinary household drudgery which daily lies upon them, so that a bigge belly hinders no businesse nor a childbirth takes much time, but the young infant being greased and footed, wrapped in a Beaver skin, bound to his goode behaviour with his feete up to his bumme, upon a board two foot long and one foot broade, his face expos’d to all nipping weather, this little Pappouse travels about with his bare-footed mother, to paddle in the Icie Clammbanks after three or four daies of age have sealed his passe-board and his mother’s recovery.” (Prosple, p. 82). See also Young’s Chron. of Pilgs., p. 358.
are borne with haire on their heads, and are of complexion white as our nation; but their mothers in their infancy make a bath of Wallnut leaves, huskes of Walnuts, and such things as will flaine their skinne for ever, wherein they dip and washe them to make them tawny; the colour of their haire is black, and their eyes black. These infants are carried at their mothers backs by the help of a cradle made of a board forket at both ends, whereon the childe is faft bound and wrapped in furres; his knees thrust up towards his bellie, because they may be the more usefull for them when he fitteth, which is as a dogge does on his bumme: and this cradle surely preferues them better then the cradles of our nation, for as much as we finde them well proportioned, not any of them crooked backed or wry legged: and to give their charraâcter in a worde, they are as proper men and women for feature and limbs as can be found, for flesh and bloud as active: longe handed they are, (I never fawe a clunchifted

1 The idea that the Indian was born white was very commonly entertained in the first half of the seventeenth century. Lechford, in his Plaine Dealing, fays (p. 50): "They are of complexion swarthry and tawny; their children are borne white, but they bedaube them with oyle, and colours, prefently." Joffelyn also speaks of the Indians "dying [their children] with a liquor of boiled Hemlock-Bark (Two Voyages, p. 128). Speaking of the Virginia women, Smith fays: "To make [their children] hardie, in the coldest mornings they them wafh in the rivers, and by paynting and oynments fo tanne their skinnes, that after a year or two, no weather will hurt them." (True Travels, vol. i. p. 131). Strachey gives a more particular account of the supposd proces: The Indians "are generally of a cullour browne or rather tawny, which they caft themselves into with a kind of arfenick flone, . . . and of the fame hue are their women; howbeit, yt is supposd neither of them naturally borne fo discoloured; for Cap- tain Smith (lyving fomtymes amongft them) affirmeth how they are from the womb indifferent white, but as the men, fo doe the women, dye and disguise themselves into this tawny cowler, esteeming yt the beft beauty to be neerest such a kynd of murrey as a fodden quince is of (to liken yt to the neerest couler I can), for which they daily anoint both face and bodyes all over with such a kind of fucus or unguent as can caft them into that flayne." (Hiflorie, p. 63).
clunschifted Salvadg amongst them all in my time.)¹ The colour of their eies being so generally black made a Salvage, that had a younge infant whose eies were gray, shewed him to us, and saide they were English mens eies; I told the Father that his sonne was nan weeteo, which is a bastard; hee replied titta Chechetue fquaa;² which is, hee could not tell, his wife might play the whore; and this childe the father desired might have an English name, because of the litesnesse³ of his eies, which his father had in admiration because of novelty amongst their nation.

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*CHAP. VIII.

Of their Reverence, and respect to age.

It is a thing to be admired, and indeede made a president, that a Nation yet uncivilizied should more respect age then some nations civilized, since there are so many precepts both of divine and humane writers extant to instruct more

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¹ "If there was noticed a remarkable exemption from phisical deformities, this was probably not the effect of any peculiar congenital force or completenes, but of circumstances which forbade the prolongation of any imperfect life. The deaf, blind or lame child was too burdenfome to be reared, and according to a savage estimate of usefulness and enjoyment, its prolonged life would not requite its nurture." Palfrey, vol. i. p. 23.

² Mr. Trumbull writes: "Morton's nan weeteo stands for Eliot's nanweete (nanwetue, Cotton), 'a bastard.'

Titta should be tatta, a word common among Indians, which is well enough translated by Morton. Eliot renders it 'I know not,' and R. Williams adds to this meaning, 'I cannot tell; it may be so.'

³ "Chechetue is unknown to me, but I am inclined to believe that Morton heard something like it, in the connection and substantially with the meaning he gives it,—some adjective of dispraise, qualifying fquaa, or, as we write it, fquaw."

³ [Likeness.] See supra, iii, note 1.
Civil Nations: in that particular, wherein they excell, the younger are allwayes obedient unto the elder people, and at their commaunds in every respect without grumbling;¹ in all councils, (as therein they are circumspect to do their ac- ciones by advise and councell, and not rashly or inconsiderately,) the younger mens opinion shall be heard, but the old mens opinion and councell imbraced and followed: besides, as the elder feede and provide for the younger in infancy, so doe the younger, after being growne to yeares of manhood, provide for those that be aged: and in distribution of Acctes the elder men are first served by their dispensator; and their counsels (especially if they be powahs) are esteemed as oracles amongst the younger Natives.

The consideration of these things, mee thinkes, should reduce some of our irregular young people of civilized Nations, when this story shall come to their knowledge, to

¹ The observations of Roger Williams led him to a different conclusion: "Their affections, especially to their children, are very strong.... This extreme affection, together with want of learning, makes their children faucie, bold and undutifull. I once came into a house, and requested some water to drink; the father bid his fonne (of some 8 yeeres of age) to fetch some water: the boy refuled, and would not stir; I told the father, that I would correct my child, if he should so disobey me &c. Upon this the father took up a stick, the boy another, and flew at his father: upon my peruaion, the poore father made him smart a little, throw down his stick, and run for water, and the father confessed the benefits of correction, and the evil of their too indulgent affections." (Key, ch. v.)

To the same effect Champlain wrote (Voyages, vol. iii. p. 170): "The children have great freedom among these tribes. The fathers and mothers indulge them too much, and never punish them. Accordingly they are so bad and of so vicious a nature, that they often strike their mothers and others. The most vicious, when they have acquired the strenght and power, strike their fathers. They do this whenever the father or mother does anything that does not please them. This is a sort of curse that God inflicts upon them." Winflow, on the other hand, in his Good News, lends some support to Morton's statement in the text. He says: "The younger fort reverence the elder, and do all mean offices, whilst they are together, although they be strangers." (Young's Chron. of Pilg., p. 363.)
better manners, and make them ashamed of their former error in this kinde, and to become hereafter more duetyfull; which I, as a friend, (by observation having found,) have herein recorded for that purpose.

CHAP. IX.

Of their pretty conjuring tricks.

If we doe not judge amisse of these Salvages in accounting them witches, yet out of all question we may be bold to conclude them to be but weake witches, such of them as wee call by the names of Powahs: some correspodency they have with the Devil out of al doubt, as by some of their accions, in which they glory, is manifeested. Papachi-quineo, that Sachem or Sagamore, is a Powah of greate estimation amongt all kinde of Salvages there: hee is at their Revels (which is the time when a great company of Salvages mete

1 This Sachem, "the moft noted powow and forcerer of all the country," is better known by the name of Passaconaway. There is quite an account of him in Drake's Book of the Indians (B. III. ch. vii.). He is the Piflacannawa mentioned by Wood in his Prophecies (p. 70), of whom the savages reported that he could "make the water burn, the rocks move, the trees dance, metamorphize himfelf into a flaming man." Morton fays of the Indian conjurers, "some correspodency they have with the Devil out of all doubt;" Wood, to the fame effect, remarks that "by God's permission, through the Devil's helpe, their charmes are of force to produce effects of wonderment;" Smith declares of the Indians, "their chiefe God they worship is the Devil" (True Travels, vol. i. p. 138); Mather intimates that it was the devil who seduced the firft inhabitants of America into it (Magnalia, B. i. ch. i. § 3), and Winthrop, describing the great frefhet of 1638, records that the Indians "being pawawing in this tempeft, the Devil came and fetched away five of them" (vol. i. p. *293).

See alfo Gookin's Indians, i. Mafs. His. Coll., vol. i. p. 154; Young's Chron. of Pilg., p. 356; and Champlain's Voyages, vol. iii. p. 171. Champlain fays the Indians do not worship any God; "they have, however, fome repect for the devil."
meete from severall parts of the Country, in amity with their neighbours) hath advanced his honor in his feats or jugling tricks (as I may right tearme them) to the admiration of the spectators, whome hee endeavoured to perswade that he would goe under water to the further side of a river, to broade for any man to undertake with a breath, which thing hee performed by swimming over, and deluding the company with casting a mist before their eies that see him enter in and come out, but no part of the way hee has bin seene: likewise by our English, in the heat of all summer to make Ice appeare in a bowle of faire water; first, having the water set before him, hee hath begunne his incantation according to their usuall accustome, and before the fame has bin ended a thick Clowde has darkned the aire and, on a sodane, a thunder clap hath bin heard that has amazed the natives; in an instant hee hath shewed a firme piece of Ice to flote in the middeft of the bowle in the presence of the vulgar people, which doubtles was done by the agility of Satan, his confort.

And by meanes of these fleights, and such like trivial things as these, they gaine such estimation amongst the rest of the Salvages that it is thought a very impious matter for any man to derogate from the words of these Powahs. In so much as hee that should flight them, is thought to commit a crime no lesse hainous amongst them as sacriledge is with us, as may appeare by this one passage, which I wil set forth for an instance.

A neighbour of mine that had entertain'd a Salvage into his service, to be his factor for the beaver trade amongst his countrymen, delivered unto him divers parcells of commodi-
ties fit for them to trade with; amongst the rest there was one coate of more esteeme then any of the other, and with this his new entertainted marchant man travels amongst his countrymen to truck them away for beaver: as our custome hath bin, the Salvage went up into the Country amongst his neighbours for beaver, and returned with some, but not enough answerable to his Master's expectation, but being called to an accompl, and especially for that one Coate of speciall note, made answer that he had given that coate to Tantoquineo, a Powah: to which his master in a rage cryed, what have I to doe with Tantoquineo? The Salvage, very angry at the matter, cryed, what you speake? you are not a very good man; wil you not give Tantoq. a coat? whats this? as

if he had offered *Tantoquineo the greatest indignity that could be devised: so great is the estimation and reverence that these people have of these Iugling Powahs, who are usually sent for when any person is sicke and ill at ease to recover them, for which they receive rewards as doe our Chirgeons and Phisitions; and they doe make a trade of it, and boast of their skil where they come: One amongst the rest did undertake to cure an Englishman of

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1 [Ingling.] See supra, iii. note i.

2 In regard to the Indian Powaws, priests, or medicine men, and their methods of dealing with the sicke, fee the detailed account in Champlain's Voyages, vol. iii. pp. 171-8; Josselyn's Two Voyage, p. 134; Wood's Prospect, p. 71; Williams's Key, ch. xxxi.; Gookin's Indians, 1. Mass. Hist. Coll., vol. i. p. 154; Young's Chron. of Pilg., pp. 317, 357; Lechford's Plaine Dealing, (Trumbull's ed.) p. 117; Parkman's Jesuits in North America, pp. lxxxiv-lxxxvii; also Magnalia, B. III. part. iii., where Mather says: "In most of their dangerous distempers, it is a powaw that must be sent for; that is, a priest who has more familiarity with Satan than his neighbors; this conjurer comes and roars and howls and uses magical ceremonies over the sicke man, and will be well paid for it when he is done; if this don't effect the cure, the 'man's time is come, and there's an end.'" For a summary in Indian medical practice, see further, Ellis's Red Man and White Man, pp. 127-33.
a swelling of his hand for a parcell of biscott, which being delivered him hee tooke the party greived into the woods aside from company, and with the helpe of the devill, (as may be conjectured,) quickly recovered him of that swelling, and sent him about his worke againe.

C H A P. X.

Of their duels, and the honourable estimation of victory obtained thereby.

These Salvages are not apt to quarrell one with another: yet such hath bin the occasion that a difference hath happened which hath growne to that height that it has not bin reconciled otherwise then by combat, which hath bin performed in this manner: the two champions prepared for the fight, with their bowes in hand and a quiver full of arrowes at their backs, they have entered into the field; the Challenger and challenged have chosen two trees, standing within * a little distance of each other; they have cast * 37 lotts for the cheife of the trees, then either champion setting himselfe behinde his tree watches an advantage to let fly his shafts, and to gall his enemy; there they continue shooting at each other; if by chaunce they espie any part open, they endeavour to gall the combatant in that part, and use much agility in the performance of the tafke they have in hand. Refolute they are in the execution of their vengeance, when once they have begunne; and will in no wise be daunted, or seeme to shrinck though they doe catch a clap with
with an arrow, but fight it out in this manner untill one or both be flaine.

I have bin shewed the places where such duels have bin performed, and have found the trees marked for a memorialis of the Combat, where that champion hath stood that had the hap to be flaine in the duell: and they count it the greatest honor that can be to the surviving Cumbatant, to shew the scares of the wounds received in this kinde of Conflict, and if it happen to be on the arme, as those parts are most in danger in these cases, they will alwayes weare a bracelet upon that place of the arme, as a trophy of honor to their dying day.

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*CHAP. XI.

Of the maintaining of their Reputation.

Reputation is such a thing that it keepes many men in awe, even amongst Civilized nations, and is very much stood upon: it is (as one hath very well noted) the awe of great men and of Kings. And, since I have observed it to be maintained amongst Salvage people, I cannot chuse but give an instance thereof in this treatise, to confirme the common receaved opinion thereof.

The Sachem or Sagamore of Sagus made choise, when hee came to mans estate, of a Lady of noble descent, Daughter to Papasiquineo, the Sachem or Sagamore of the territories neare Merrimack River, a man of the best note and estimation in all those parts, and (as my Countryman Mr. Wood
Wood declares in his prospect) a great Nigromancer; this Lady the younge Sachem with the consent and good liking of her father marries, and takes for his wife.\(^1\) Great entertainment hee and his receaved in those parts at her fathers hands, where they weare fefted in the best manner that might be expected, according to the Custome of their nation, with reveling and fuch other solemnities as is usuall amongst them. The solemnity being ended, Papasiquineo causes a selected number of his men to waite upon his Daughter home into those parts that did properly belong to her Lord and husband; where the attendants had entertainment by the Sachem of Sagus and his Countrymen: the solemnity being ended, the attendants were gratified.

Not long after the new married Lady had a great * desire to fee her father and her native country, from * 39 whence shee came; her Lord willing to pleafure her and not deny her requesf, amongst them thought to be rea-sonable, commanded a selected number of his owne men to conduct his Lady to her Father, wher, with great respect, they brought her; and, having feasted there a while, returned to their owne country againe, leaving the Lady to continue there

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\(^1\) Passaconoway, already referred to (supra, p. 150, note), dwelt at a place called Pennakook, and his dominions extended over the sachems living upon the Piscataqua and its branches. The young Sachem of Sagus was named Winnepurkitt, and was commonly known among the English as George Rumney-marsh. He was a fon of Nanepeashemet, and at one time proprietor of Deer Island in Boston Harbor. (Drake’s *Book of the Indians*, ed. 1851, pp. 105, 111, 278.) The incident in the text has been made the subject of a poem, *The Bridal of Pennacook*, by Whittier, and Drake repeats it; but as Winnepurkitt is said by Drake to have been born in 1616, and to have succeeded Montowampate as Sachem in 1633, and as Morton, at the close of the present chapter, declares that “the lady, when I came out of the country [in 1630] remained still with her father,” the whole story would seem to be not only highly inconsistent with what we know of Indian life and habits, but also at variance with facts and dates.
there at her owne pleasure, amongst her friends and old acquaintance; where she passed away the time for a while, and in the end desired to returne to her Lord againe. Her father, the old Papasiquino, having notice of her intent, sent some of his men on ambassage to the younge Sachem, his sonne in law, to let him understand that his daughter was not willing to absent her selfe from his company any longer, and therefore, as the messengers had in charge, desired the younge Lord to send a convoy for her; but hee, standing upon tearmes of honor, and the maintaining of his reputation, returned to his father in law this answer, that, when she departed from him, hee caused his men to waite upon her to her fathers territories, as it did become him; but, now she had an intent to returne, it did become her father to send her back with a convoy of his own people; and that it stood not with his reputation to make himself or his men so servile, to fetch her againe. The old Sachem Papasiquino, having this message returned, was inraged to think that his young son in law did not esteeme him at a higher rate then to capitulate with him about the matter, and returne[d] him this sharpe reply; that his daughters bloud and birth deserved more respect then to be so slighted; and, therefore, if he would have her company, hee were best to send or come for her.

*40  * The younge Sachem, not wishing to under value himselfe and being a man of a stout spirit, did not stick to say that hee should either send her by his owne Convey, or keepe her; for hee was determined not\(^1\) to stoope so lowe.

\(^1\) [not determined.]

See \textit{supra, III, note I.}
So much these two Sachems stood upon tearmes of reputation with each other, the one would not fend her, and the other would not fend for her, leaft it should be any diminishing of honor on his part that should feeme to comply, that the Lady (when I came out of the Country) remained still with her father; which is a thinge worth the noting, that Salvage people fhould feeke to maintaine their reputation fo much as they doe.

CHAP. XII.

Of their trafficke and trade one with another.

Although these people have not the use of navigation, whereby they may trafficke as other nations, that are civilized, use to doe, yet doe they barter for such commodities as they have, and have a kinde of beads, insteede of money, to buy withall such things as they want, which they call Wampampeak: and it is of two forts, the one is white, the other is of a violet coloure. These are made of the fhells of fishe. The white with them is as silver with us; the other as our gould: and for these beads they buy and fell, not onely amongft themselves, but even with us.

* We have used to sell them any of our commodi- ties * 4 I for this Wampampeak, because we know we can have beaver againe of them for it: and these beads are currant in all the parts of New England, from one end of the Coast to the other.

And although some have indevoured by example to have the like made of the fame kinde of fhels, yet none hath ever, as
as yet, attained to any perfection in the composure of them, but that the Salvages have found a great difference to be in the one and the other; and have knowne the counterfett beads from those of their owne making; and have, and doe flight them.1

The skinnes of beasts are fould and bartered, to such people

1 Joffelyn's account of the Indian wampum is written, more than any other which has come down to us, in the spirit of the New Canaan: "Their Merchandize are their beads, which are their money, of these there are two forts, blew Beads and white Beads, the firft is their Gold, the last their Silver, thefe they work out of certain shells so cunningly that neither Jew nor Devil can counterfeit, they dril them and ftring them, and make many curious works with them to adorn the persons of their Sagamores and principal men and young women, as Belts, Girdles, Tablets, Borders for their women's hair, Bracelets, Necklaces, and links to hang in their ears. Prince Phillip, a little before I came for England, coming to Boston, had a coat on and Buftkins fet thick with thefe Beads in pleafant wild works, and a broad belt of the fame; his Accoutrements were valued at Twenty pounds. The English Merchant giveth them ten fhillings a fathom for their white, and as much more or near upon for their blew beads." (Two Voyages, pp. 142–3.)

There is a much better description of wampum in Lawfon's account of Carolina, quoted by Drake (Book of the Indians, p. 328), in which he fays that wampum was current money among the Indians "all over the continent, as far as the bay of Mexico." Lawfon's explanation of the fact that wampum was not counterfeited to any considerable extent is much more natural than Morton's. It cost more to counterfeit it than it was worth. "To make this Peak it cost the English five or ten times as much as they could get for it; whereas it cost the Indians nothing, because they fet no value upon their time, and therefore have no competitors to fear, or that others will take its manufacture out of their hands."

Roger Williams (Key, ch. xxvi.) devotes coniferable space to this subje6t, and fays: "They [the Indians] hang these ftrings of money about their necks and wrists; as also upon the necks and wrists of their wives and children. They make [girdles] curiously of one, two, three, four and five inches thicknefs and more, of this money which (sometimes to the value of ten pounds and more) they wear about their middle and as a scarf about their shoulders and breasts. Yea, the Princes make rich Caps and Aprons (or small breeches) of these Beads thus curiously ftringed into many forms and figures: their blacke and white finely mixt together". See also Trumbull's notes in his edition of the Key, and Palfrey, vol. i. p. 31. Parkman (Jesuits in North America, pp. xxxi., lxi.) fays of wampum: "This was at once their currency, their ornament, their pen, ink and parchment." He describes the ufe to which it was put among the Hurons and Iroquois, but adds: "The art [of working it] soon fell into difufe, however; for wampum better than their own was brought them by the traders, besides
people as have none of the same kinde in the parts where they live.¹

Likewise they have earthen potts of divers sizes, from a quarte to a gallon; 2. or 3. to boyle their vitels in; very stronge, though they be thin like our Iron potts. They have dainty wooden bowles of maple, of highe price amongst them; and these are dispersed by bartering one with the other, and are but in certaine parts of the Country made, where the severall trades are appropriated to the inhabitants of those parts onely.

So likewise (at the season of the yeare) the Salvages that live by the Sea side for trade with the inlanders for fresh water, reles curious siluer reles,² which are bought up of such as have them not frequent in other places: chestnuts, and such like usefull * things as one place affordeth, * 42 are sould to the inhabitants of another, where they are a novelty accompted amongst the natives of the land.³ And there is no such thing to barter withall, as is their Whampampeake.

Chapter XIII.

besides abundant imitations in glass and porcelain.⁴

¹ "How have foule hands (in smoakie houses) the first handling of these Furres which are often worn upon the hands of Queens and heads of Princes!" (Williams's Key, p. 158.)

² There is obviously some corruption of the original manuscript here, but I have been unable to obtain any even plausible suggestion of what word may have been turned into "reles" through the compositor's inability to decipher copy.

³ There is not much to be said on the manufactures, utensils and trade of the New England aborigines. Gookin (i. Mafs. Hist. Coll., vol. i. p. 151) has a comprehensive paragraph on the subject, and there is a passage in Josselyn (Two Voyages, p. 143). See also Williams's Key, ch. xxv.
Of their Magazines or Storehouses.

These people are not without providence, though they be uncivilized, but are carefull to preserve foede in store against winter; which is the corne that they labour and dresse in the summer. And, although they eate freely of it, whiles it is growinge, yet have they a care to keepe a convenient portion thereof to releve them in the dead of winter, (like to the Ant and the Bee,) which they put under ground.

Their barnes are holes made in the earth, that will hold a Hogshead of corne a piece in them. In these (when their corne is out of the huske and well dried) they lay their store in greate baskets (which they make of Sparke) with mats under, about the sides, and on the top; and putting it into the place made for it, they cover it with earth: and in this manner it is preserved from destruction or putrification; to be used in case of necessitie, and not else.

And

1 Josselyn also speaks of “baskets, bags and mats woven with Sparke.” (Two Voyages, p. 143.) “Spart,” Mr. Trumbull writes, “was a northern English name for the dwarf-rush, and (as ‘spart’ in the glossaries) for oyers, and I guess, Morton’s and Josselyn’s Sparke is another form of that name.” Gookin says (i. Mafs. Hist. Coll., vol. i. p. 151): “Some of their baskets are made of rushes; some, of bents; others, of maize-husks; others, of a kind of silke grafs; others, of a kind of wild hemp; and some, of barks of trees.”

2 Wood says of the Indian women: “Their corn being ripe, they gather it, and drying it hard in the Sun, convey it to their barnes, which be great holes digged in the ground in forme of a braffe pot, feeled with rinds of trees, wherein they put their corne, covering it from the inquisitive search of their gurmundizing husbands, who would eate up both their allowed portion, and reserved feed, if they knew where to finde it. But our hoggges having found a way to unhinde their barne doores, and robbe their garneres, they are glad to implore their husbands helpe to roule the bodies of trees over their holes, to prevent
And I am persuaded, that if they knew the benefit (as they may in time,) and the means to make salted meat fresh again, they would endeavor to preserve fish for winter, as well as corn; and that if any things bring them to civility, it will be the use of salt, to have food in store, which is a chief benefit in a civilized Commonwealth.

These people have begun already to incline to the use of salt. Many of them would beg salt of me for to carry home with them, that had frequented our houses and had been acquainted with our salted meats: and salt I willingly gave them, although I should them all things else, only because they should be delighted with the use thereof, and think it a commodity of no value in itself, although the benefit was great that might be had by the use of it.

CHAP. XIV.

Of their Subtlety.

These people are not, as some have thought, a dull, or slender witted people, but very ingenious, and very subtle. I could give maine instances to maintain mine opinion of them in this; but I will onely relate one, which is a passage worthy to be observed.

prevent these pioneers, whose theevery they as much hate as their flesh." (Prosp. p. 81.) Mather also, in enumerating the points of resemblance between the Indians and the Israelites, (Magnalia, B. III. part iii.) says: "They have, too, a great unkindness for our swine; but I suppose that is because the hogs devour the clams, which are a dainty with them."

1 See Ellis's Red Man and White Man, p. 148; also, infra, 175, n.
* 44 * In the Maffachuffets bay lived Cheecatawback,¹ the Sachem or Sagamore of those territories, who had large dominions which hee did appropriate to himselfe.

Into those parts came a greate company of Salvages from the territories of Narohiganset, to the number of 100. persons; and in this Sachems Dominions they intended to winter.

When they went a hunting for turkies they spreded over such a greate scope of ground that a Turkie could hardly escape them: Deare they killed up in greate abundance, and feasted their bodies very plentifully: Beavers they killed by no allowance; the skinnes of those they traded away at Wessagufcus with my neighbours² for corne, and such other commodities as they had neede of; and my neighbours had a wonderfull great benefit by their being in those parts. Yea, sometimes (like genious fellowes) they would present their Marchant with a fatt beaver skinne, alwayes the tayle was not diminished, but presented full and whole; although the tayle is a present for a Sachem,³ and is of such masculine vertue that if some of our Ladies knew the benefit thereof they would desire to have ships sent of purpose to trade for the tayle alone: it is such a rarity, as is not more esteemed of then reason doth require.

But the Sachem Cheecatawbak, (on whose possessions they usurped, and converted the commodities thereof to their owne

¹ This Sachem has already been sufficiently referred to (Supra, p. 11.) All that is known concerning him can be found in Drake's Book of the Indians, (ed. 1851), pp. 107-9.
² Morton's neighbors at Wessagufcus were William Jeffrey, John Burfrey and such others of the Robert Gorges expedition of 1623 as still remained there. (Supra, 4, 24, 30.) See also Mafs. Hist. Soc. Proc. 1878, p. 198.
³ Infra, *77.*
owne use, contrary to his likeing,) not being of power to resist them, practisèd to doe it by a subtile stratagem. And to that end * gave it out amongst us, that the * 45 cause why these other Salvages of the Narohiganfets came into these parts, was to see what strength we were of, and to watch an opportunity to cut us off, and take that which they found in our custody usefull for them; And added further, they would burne our howfes, and that they had caught one of his men, named Mehebro, and compelled him to discover to them where their barnes, Magazines, or storehowfes were, and had taken away his corne; and seemed to be in a pittifull perplexity about the matter.

And, the more to addde reputation to this tale, desires that his wifes and children might be harbored in one of our howfes. This was graunted; and my neighbours put on corflets, headpeececs, and weapons defensive and offensive.

This thing being knowne to Cheecatawback, hee caused some of his men to bring the Narohiganfets to trade, that they might see the preparation. The Salvage, that was a stranger to the plott, simply comming to trade, and finding his merchants lookes like lobsters, all cladd in harnesse, was in a maze to thinke what would be the end of it. Haste hee made to trade away his furres, and tooke anything for them, wishing himselfe well rid of them and of the company in the howfe.

But (as the manner has bin) hee must eate some furmety before hee goe: downe hee fits and eats, and withall had an eie

1 "Frumetry, n. [Also furmerty and fumety; from Lat. frumentum]. Food made of wheat boiled in milk, and seaa-
and now and then saw a sword or a dagger layd a thwart a head piece, which hee wondered at, and asked his guide whether the company were not angry. The guide, (that was privy to his Lords plot) answered in his language that hee could not tell. But the harmelesse Salvage, before hee had halfe filled his belly, started up on a sodayne, and ranne out of the howfe in such haft that hee left his furmety there, and stayed not to looke behinde him who came after: Glad hee was that he had escaped so.

The subtile Sachem, hee playd the tragedian, and fained a feare of being surprisef; and sent to see whether the enemies (as the Messenger termed them) were not in the howfe; and comes in a by way with his wifes and children, and stopps the chinkes of the out howfe, for feare the fire might be seene in the night, and be a means to direct his enemies where to finde them.

And, in the meane time, hee prepared for his Ambassador to his enemies a Salvage, that had lived 12. moneths in England, to the end it might adde reputation to his ambassage. This man hee fends to those intruding Narohiganfets, to tell them that they did very great injury to his Lord, to trench upon his prerogatives: and advised them to put up their pipes, and begun in time: if they would not, that his Lord would come upon them, and in his ayd his freinds the English, who were up in armes already to take his part, and compell them by force to be gone, if they refused to depart by faire meanes.

This

1 Squanto. See infra, *104.
This message, comming on the neck of that which
* doubtlesse the fearefull Salvage had before related of  * 47
his escape, and what hee had observed, caused all those
hundred Narohigansets (that meant us no hurt) to be gone
with bagg, and baggage. And my neighbours were gulled
by the subtility of this Sachem, and loft the best trade of
beaver that ever they had for the time; and in the end
found theire error in this kinde of credulity when it was
too late.

**CHAP. XV.**

*Of their admirable perfection, in the use of the fences.*

This is a thinge not onely observed by mee and diverse
of the Salvages of New England, but, also, by the
French men in Nova Francia, and therefore I am the more
encouraged to publishe in this Treatise my observation of
them in the use of theire fences: which is a thinge that I
should not easily have bin induced to beleewe, if I my selfe
had not bin an eie witnesse of what I shall relate.

I have observed that the Salvages have the fence of seeing
so farre beyond any of our Nation, that one would allmoft
beleeve they had intelligence of the Devill sometines, when
they have tould us of a shipp at Sea, which they have
seen * foener by one hower, yea, two howers sayle, * 48
then any English man that stood by of purpose to
looke out, their fight is so excellent.

Their eies indeede are black as iett; and that coler is
accounted the strongest for fight. And as they excell us in
this
this particular so much noted, so I thinke they excell us in all the rest.

This I am sure I have well observed, that in the fence of smelling they have very great perfection; which is confirmed by the opinion of the French that are planted about Canada, who have made relation that they are so perfect in the use of that fence, that they will distinguish between a Spaniard and a Frenchman by the sent of the hand only. And I am persuaded that the Author of this Relation has seene very probable reasons that have induced him to be of that opinion; and I am the more willing to give credit thereunto, because I have observed in them so much as that comes to.

I have seene a Deare passe by me upon a neck of Land, and a Salvage that has pursuèd him by the view. I have accompanied him in this pursuite; and the Salvage, pricking the Deare, comes where hee findes the view of two deares together, leading severall wyues. One, hee was sure, was freshe, but which (by the fence of seeing) hee could not judge; therefore, with his knife, hee diggs up the earth of one; and, by smelling, sayes, that was not of the freshe Deare: then diggs hee up the other; and viewing and smelling to that, concludes it to be the view of the freshe Deare, which hee had pursuèd; and thereby followes the chase, and * 49 killes that * Deare, and I did eate part of it with him: such is their perfection in these two fences.

Chapter XVI.

1 In reference to this passage, Mr. Francis Parkman writes: "I have searched my memory in vain for anything in the early French writers answering to Morton's statement. I don't think that Cartier, Champlain, Biard, Le Carbot or Le Jeune, the principal writers before 1635, make the extraordinary assertions in question. In fact, as there were no Spaniards in Canada, and likely to be none on French vessels going there, Indians of those parts would hardly have the opportunity of distinguishing between them by smell or otherwise. Indeed, they did not know the existence of such a nation."
CHAP. XVI.

Of their acknowledgment of the Creation, and immortality of the Soule.

Although these Salvages are found to be without Religion, Law, and King (as Sir William Alexander hath well observed,\(^1\)) yet are they not altogether without the knowledge of God (historically); for they have it amongst them by tradition that God made one man and one woman, and bad them live together and get children, kill deare, beasts, birds, fish and fowle, and what they would at their pleasure; and that their posterity was full of evill, and made God so angry that hee let in the Sea upon them, and drowned the greatest part of them, that were naughty men, (the Lord destroyed so;) and they went to Sanaconquam, who feeds upon them (pointing to the Center of the Earth, where they imagine is the habitation of the Devill:) the other, (which were not destroyed,) increased the world, and when they died (because they were good) went to the howfe of Kytan, pointing to the setting of the sonne;\(^2\) where they eate

\(^1\) Supra, *27, note.

\(^2\) "Kytan was an appellation of the greatest manito. The word signifies 'greatest' or 'pre-eminent.' See my note (p. 207) in Lechford's *Plaine Deal- ing* (p. 120), where is mention of 'Kitan, their good god.' Roger Williams in a letter to Thomas Thorowgood, 1635, names 'their god Kuttand to the south-west' (*Jewes in America, 1650, p. 6*) but in his *Key*, he writes the name Caunta- towit (*To the Reader, p. 24.*) i. e., Keihte-anito — 'greatest manito.'

"I have not met with the name Sanaconquam elsewhere: at least I do not remember seeing it except in Morton. The derivation is apparently from a word meaning to press upon, to op-presf, to crush, or the like." (Manuscript Letter of J. H. Trumbull, June 25, 1882.)

eate all manner of dainties, and never take painses (as now) to provide it.

Kytan makes provisjon (they say) and saves them that laboure; and there they shall live with him forever, *50 * voyd of care.¹ And they are perfwaved that Kytan is hee that makes corne growe, trees growe, and all manner of fruits.

And that wee that use the booke of Common prayer doo it to declare to them, that cannot reade, what Kytan has commaundus us, and that wee doe pray to him with the helpe of that booke;² and doe make fo much accompt of it, that a Salvage

¹ Roger Williams says: "They will relate how they have it from their Fathers, that Kantántowwit made one man and woman of a stone, which disliking, he broke them in pieces, and made another man and woman of a tree, which were the Fountaine of all mankind." (Key, ch. xxi.)

² They believe that the soules of men and women goe to the Sou-west, their great and good men and women to Cantántowwit his Houfe, where they have hopes (as the Turks have) of carnal Joyses: Murderers, theeves and Liyers, their souls (fay they) wander refleffe abroad." (ib.)

Wood, enlarging on this, says: "Yet do they hold the immortality of the never-dying soul, that it shall passe to the South-west Elysium, concerning which their Indian faith jumps much with the Turkish Alchoran, holding it to be a kind of Paradife, wherein they shall everlaftingly abide, folacing themselves in odoriferous Gardens, fruitfull corn-fields, green meadows, bathing their hides in the coole streams of pleafant Rivers, and shelter themselves from heat and cold in the fumptuous Pallaces framed by the skill of Natures curious contrivement. Concluding that neither care nor pain shall molest them but that Natures bounty wil adminifrer all things with a voluntary contribution from the overflowing storehous of their Elysian Hospital, at the portall whereof they fay lies a great Dog, whose churilsh farlings deny a Pax intrantibus to unworthy intruders." (Prosfell, p. 79.)

Parkman says: "The primitive Indian believed in the immortality of the foul, but he did not always believe in a flate of future reward and punishment." (Jefuits in North America, p. lxxx.) Referring to a cafe in which one of the Jefuits quoted an Indian as faying "there was no future life," Parkman adds: "It would be difficult to find another instance of the kind."

The romantic view of the Indian on this point was taken by Arnold, in his History of Rhode Island (vol. i. p. 78), and the realitifc view by Palfrey, in his New England (vol. i. p. 49); and, though writing at the fame time, the two feem to be controverting each other. See Ellis's Red Man and White Man, p. 115.
Salvage (who had lived in my howse before hee had taken a wife, by whome hee had children) made this request to mee, (knowing that I allwayes used him with much more respect than others,) that I would let his sonne be brought up in my howse, that hee might be taught to reade in that booke: which request of his I granted; and hee was a very joyfull man to thinke that his sonne shou'd thereby (as hee said) become an Englishman; and then hee would be a good man.

I asked him who was a good man; his answere was, hee that would not lye, nor steale.

These, with them, are all the capitall crimes that can be imagined; all other are nothing in respect of those; and hee that is free from these must live with Kytan for ever, in all manner of pleasure.

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Of their Annals and funerals.

These people, that have by tradition some touch of the immortality of the soule, have likewise a custome to make

1 Roger Williams, also, in a passage just quoted (supra, 168, note), speaks of the future punishment suppos'd, among the New England Indians, to be allotted to thieves and liars. Joffelyn, on the other hand, describes them as "very figurative or theevish" (Two Voyages, p. 125); and Gookin says: "They are naturally much addicted to lying and speaking untruth: and unto stealing, especially from the English" (1. Mafs. Hist. Coll., vol. i. p. 149). Winlow describes the severe punishments inflicted for theft (Young's Chron. of Pilg., p. 364). Dodge, in his Wild Indians (pp. 63-5), explains this discrepancy in the authorities. He says: "All these authors are both right and wrong. In their..."
make some monuments over the place where the corps is interred: But they put a greate difference betwene persons of noble, and of ignoble, or obscure, or inferior descent. For, indeed, in the grave of the more noble they put a planck in the bottom for the corps to be layed upon, and on each side a plancke, and a plancke upon the top in forme of a chest, before they cover the place with earth. This done, they erect some thing over the grave in forme of a hearse cloath, as was that of Cheekatawbacks mother, which the Plimmouth planters defaced because they accounted it an act of superstition; which did breede a brawle as hath bin before related;\(^1\) for they hold impious and inhumane to deface the monuments of the dead. They themselves esteeme of it as piaculum; and have a custome amongst them to keepe their annals and come at certaine times to lament and bewaile the losse of their freind; and use to black their faces, which they so weare, instead of a mourning ornament, for a longer or a shorter time according to the dignity of the person: so is their annals kept and observed with their accustomed solemnity. Afterwards they absolutely abandon the place, because they suppose the sight thereof will but renew their sorrow.\(^2\)

their own hands, Indians are perfectly honest. . . . It [theft] is the sole unpardonable crime among Indians.” He then describes, like Winflow, the severity of the punishments inflicted for thefts; “but,” he adds, “this wonderfully exceptional honesty extends no further than to the members of his immediate band. To all outisde of it, the Indian is not only one of the moft arrant thieves in the world, but this quality or faculty is held in the highest estimation.”\(^1\) The reference is to ch. iii. of the Third Booke (infra, *106-8*). This passage would seem to indicate that the third book of the *New Canaan* was written first, and that the two other books were prepared subsequently, probably in imitation of Wood’s *Prospect*. (See *infra*, 78.)

\(^2\) “Yea, I saw with mine owne eyes that
It was a thing very offensive to them, at our first comming into those parts, to ask of them for any one that had bin dead; but of later times it is not so officiously taken to renew the memory of any deceased person, because by our example (which they are apt to followe) it is made more familiare unto them; and they marvell to see no monuments over our dead, and therefore thinke no great Sachem is yet come into those parts, or not as yet deade; because they see the graves all alike.

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that at mylate comming forth of the Countrie, the chiefe and most aged peaceable Father of the countrie, Caunounicus, having buried his sonne, he burned his owne Palace, and all his goods in it, (amongst them to a great value) in a sollemne remembrance of his sonne, and in a kind of humble Expiation to the Gods, who, (as they believe) had taken his sonne from him." (Williams's Key, ch. xxxii.) In the same passage Williams says: "Upon the Grave is spread the Mat that the party died on, the Dinh he ate in, and, sometimes, a faire Coat of skin hung upon the next tree to the Grave, which none will touch, but suffer it there to rot with the dead." See also Young's Chron. of Pilg., pp. 142, 143, 154, 363; Strachey's Historie, p. 90.

"In times of general Mortality they omit the Ceremonies of burying, exposing their dead Carcases to the Beasts of prey. But at other times they dig a Pit and set the diseased therein upon his breech upright, and, throwing in the earth, cover it with the fods and bind them down with sticks, driving in two stakes at each end; their mournings are somewhat like the howlings of the Irish, seldom at the grave but in the Wigwam where the party dyed, blaming the Devil for his hard-heartedness, and concluding with rude prayers to him to afflict them no further." (Joffelyn, Two Voyages, p. 132.) There is a highly characteristic passage to the same effect in Wood's Prospect, p. 79.
The Salvages are accustomed to set fire of the Country in all places where they come, and to burne it twize a yeare, viz: at the Spring, and the fall of the leafe. The reason that moves them to doe so, is because it would other wise be so overgrowne with underweedes that it would be all a coppice wood, and the people would not be able in any wise to passe through the Country out of a beaten path.

The meanes that they do it with, is with certaine minerall stones, that they carry about them in baggs made for that purpose of the skinnes of little beastes, which they convert into good lether, carrying in the same a piece of *53 touch wood, very excellent *for that purpose, of their owne making.¹ These minerall stones they have from the Piquenteenes, (which is to the Southward of all the plantations in New England,) by trade and trafficke with those people.

The burning of the grassie destroyes the underwoods, and so scorcheth the elder trees that it shrinkes them, and hinders their growth very much: so that hee that will looke to finde large trees and good tymber, must not depend upon the help of a woorden prospect to finde them on the upland ground;

¹ Supra, 143.
ground;¹ but must seek for them, (as I and others have done,) in the lower grounds, where the grounds are wet, when the Country is fired, by reason of the snow water that remains there for a time, until the Sunne by continuance of that hath exhaled the vapours of the earth, and dried up those places where the fire, (by reason of the moisture,) can have no power to do them any hurt: and if he would endeavour to finde out any goodly Cedars, hee must not seeke for them on the higher grounds, but make his inquest for them in the vallies, for the Salvages, by this custome of theirs, have spoiled all the rest: for this custome hath bin continued from the beginninge.

And least their firing of the Country in this manner should be an occasion of damnifying us, and indaingering our habitations, wee our selves have used carefully about the same times to observe the winds, and fire the grounds about our owne habitations; to prevent the Dammage that might happen by any neglect thereof, if the fire should come neere those howses in our absence.

* For, when the fire is once kindled, it dilates and * 54 spreads it selfe as well against, as with the winde; burning continually night and day, untill a shower of raine falls to quench it.

And this custome of firing the Country is the meanes to make it passable; and by that meanes the trees growe here and there as in our parks: and makes the Country very beautifull and commodious.

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¹ The reference is to Wood's New England's Prospect, p. 13; where, also, the Indian custome of firing the country in November is described.
Although Drunkenness be justly termed a vice which the Salvages are ignorant of, yet the benefit is very great that comes to the planters by the sale of strong liquor to the Salvages, who are much taken with the delight of it; for they will pawne their wits, to purchase the acquaintance of it. Yet in all the commerce that I had with them, I never proffered them any such thing; nay, I would hardly let any of them have a drame, unless hee were a Sachem, or a Winnaytue, that is a rich man, or a man of estimation next in degree to a Sachem or Sagamore. I alwayes told them it was amongst us the Sachems drinke. But they say if I come to the Northerne parts of the Country I shall have no trade, if I will not supply them with lusty liquors: it is the life of the trade in all those parts: for it so happened that thus a Salvage desperately killed himself; when hee was drunke, a gunne being charged and the cock up, hee fets the mouth to his brest, and, putting back the trickr with his foote, shot himself dead.

1 Gookin says: "This beastly sin of drunkenness could not be charged upon the Indians before the English and other Chriftian nations, as Dutch, French, and Spaniards, came to dwell in America: which nations, especially the English in New-England, have cause to be greatly humbled before God, that they have been, and are, instrumental to cause these Indians to commit this great evil and beastly sin of drunkenness." (1. Mafs. Hist. Coll., vol. i. p. 151.)

In regard to the peculiarities of Indian drunkenness, see Dodge's Wild Indians, pp. 333-5. What is there said of the Indians of "the plains" is probably true of all the northern American Indians. "This passion for intoxication amounts almost to an infinity. . . To drink liquor as a beverage, for
A Gentleman and a traveller, that had bin in the parts of New England for a time, when hee returned againe, in his discourse of the Country, wondered, (as hee said,) that the natives of the land lived so poorly in so rich a Country, like to our Beggers in England. Surely that Gentleman had not time or leasure whiles hee was there truely to informe himselfe of the state of that Country, and the happy life the Salvages would leade weare they once brought to Christianty. 

I must confesse they want the use and benefit of Navigation, (which is the very finnus of a flourishing Commonwealth,) yet are they supplied with all manner of needefull things for the maintenance of life and livelihood. Foode and rayment are the cheife of all that we make true use of; and of these they finde no want, but have, and may have, them in a moft plentifull manner.

The Salvages want the art of navigation.

for the gratification of taste, or for the sake of plearable conviviality, is something of which the Indian can form no conception. His idea of pleasure in the use of strong drink is to get drunk, and the quicker and more complete that effect, the better he likes it.”

1 “They live in a country where we now have all the conveniences of human life: but as for them, their housing is nothing but a few mats tyed about poles fastened in the earth, where a good fire is their bed-clothes in the coldeft seasons; their clothing is but a skin of a beast, covering their hind-parts, their fore-parts having but a little apron, where nature calls for secrecy; their diet has not a greater dainty than their Nokelick, that is a spoonful of their parched meale, with a spoonful of water, which will strengthen them to travel a day to-gether; except we should mention the fleith of deers, bears, mose, rackoons, and the like, which they have when they can catch them; as also a little fish, which, if they would preserve, it was by drying, not by salting; for they had not a grain of salt in the world,
If our beggers of England fhould, with fo much eafe as they, furnish themselves with foode at all feasons, there would not be fo many starved in the ftreets, neither would fo many gaoles be stuffed, or galloufes furnished with poore wretches, as I have feene them.

* 56 * But they of this fort of our owne nation, that are fitt to goe to this Canaan, are not able to transport themselves; and moft of them unwilling to goe from the good ale tap, which is the very loadftone of the lande by which our English beggers fleere theire Courfe; it is the Northpole to which the flowre-de-luce of their compaffe points. The more is the pitty that the Commonalty of oure Land are of fuch leaden capacities as to neglecft fo brave a Country, that doth fo plentifully feede maine lufty and a brave, able men, women and children, that have not the meanes that a Civilized Nation hath to purchafe foode and rayment; which that Country with a little induftry will yeeld a man in a very comfortable meafeure, without overmuch carking.

I cannot deny but a civilized Nation hath the prehemi- nence of an uncivilized, by meanes of thofe inftuments that are found to be common amongst civile people, and the uncivile want the use of, to make themselves masters of thofe ornaments that make fuch a glorious fhew, that will give a man occafion to cry, sic transit gloria Mundi.

Now since it is but foode and rayment that men that live needeth, (though not all alike,) why fhould not the Natives of

world, I think, till we beftowed it on them." Magnalia, B. iii. part iii. In his Letters and Notes on the North American Indians (Letter No. 17) Cat- lin comments on the failure of the Indians to make any ufe of falt, even in localities where it abounds. See fupra, 161.
of New England be sayd to live richly, having no want of
either? Cloaths are the badge of sinne; and the more vari-
ety of fashions is but the greater abuse of the Creature: the
beasts of the forrest there doe serve to furnish them at any
time when they please: fish and flesh they have in greate
abundance, which they both roaft and boyle.
* They are indeed not served in ditches of plate with
a variety of Sauces to procure appetite; that needs not
there. The rarity of the aire, begot by the medicinable
quality of the sweete herbes of the Country, alwayes pro-
cures good flomakes to the inhabitants.

I muft needs commend them in this particular, that,
though they buy many commodities of our Nation, yet they
keepe but fewe, and those of speciall use.
They love not to bee cumbered with many utensilles, and
although every proprietor knowes his owne, yet all things,
(to long as they will laft), are used in common amongst
them: A bisket cake given to one, that one breaks it
equally into so many parts as there be persons in his com-
pany, and diatributes it. Platoes Commonwealth is so much
praftised by these people.

According to humane reason, guided onely by the light
of nature, these people leades the more happy and freer
life, being voyde of care, which torments the mindes of so
many Chrifians: They are not delighted in baubles, but
in ufefull things.

Their naturall drinke is of the Criftall fountaine, and
this they take up in their hands, by joyning them close to-
gether. They take up a great quantity at a time, and drinke
at the wrifts. It was the sight of fuch a feate which made

They leade a
happy life,
being voyde of
care.
Diogenes hurle away his difhe, and, like one that would have this principall confirmed, *Natura paucis contentat*, used a dish no more.

*58* I have observed that they will not be troubled with superfluous commodities. Such things as they finde they are taught by necessity to make use of, they will make choyse of, and fecke to purchase with industry. So that, in respect that their life is so voyd of care, and they are so loving also that they make use of those things they enjoy, (the wife onely excepted,) as common goods, and are therein fo compassionate that, rather than one should starve through want, they would starve all. Thus doe they passe awaye the time merrily, not regarding our pompe, (which they see dayly before their faces,) but are better content with their owne, which some men esteeeme so meanely of.

They may be rather accepted to live richly, wanting nothing that is needefull; and to be commended for leading a contented life, the younger being ruled by the Elder, and the Elder ruled by the Powahs, and the Powahs are ruled by the Devill;¹ and then you may imagin what good rule is like to be amongst them.

FINIS.

¹ The relations supposèd to eft between the Indians and the devil have been referred to in a previous note, *supra*, 150. It is, however, a somewhat curious fact that the aboriginal hierarchy, suggested in the text, had a few years before found its exact political counterpart in the talk of the Eng-lish people. "'Who governs the land?' it was asked. 'Why, the King.' 'And who governs the King?' 'Why, the Duke of Buckingham.' 'And who governs the Duke?' 'Why, the Devil.'" (Ewald's *Stories from the State Papers*, vol. ii. p. 117)
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OR

NEW CANAAN.

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The second Booke.

Containing a description of the beauty of the Country with her natural endowments, both in the Land and Sea; with the great Lake of Erocoife.

CHAP. I.

The general Survey of the Country.

In the Moneth of Iune, Anno Salutis 1622, it was my chance to arrive in the parts of New England with 30 Servants, and provision of all sorts fit for a plantation: and whiles our houses were building, I did endeavour to take a survey of the * Country: The more I looked, the more I liked it. * 60

And when I had more seriously considered of the beauty of

A famous Country.
of the place, with all her faire indowments, I did not thinke
that in all the knowne world it could be paralleld, for so
many goodly groues of trees, dainty fine round rising hil-
lucks, delicate faire large plaines, sweete cristall fountaines,
and cleare running streames that twine in fine meanders
through the meads, making so sweete a murmering noife to
heare as would even lull the fences with delight a sleepe, so
pleasantly doe they glide upon the pebble stones, jetting
moft jocundly where they doe meete and hand in hand
runne downe to Neptunes Court, to pay the yearely tribute
which they owe to him as soveraigne Lord of all the fprings.
Contained within the volume of the Land, [are] Fowles in
abundance, Fish in multitude; and [1] discovered, besides,
Millions of Turtledoves one the greene boughes, which fate
pecking of the full ripe pleafant grapes that were supported
by the lufty trees, whose fruitfull loade did caufe the armes to
bend: [among] which here and there dispersed, you might
fee Lillies and of the Daphnean-tree: which made the Land
to mee feeme paradice: for in mine eie t'was Natures Master-
peece; Her cheifeft Magazine of all where lives her store: if
this Land be not rich, then is the whole world poore.

What I had resolved on, I have really performed; and
I have endeavoured to ufe this abstræct as an instrument, to
bee the meanes to communicate the knowledge which I
have gathered, by my many yeares residence in those
* 61 parts, unto my Countrymen: * to the end that they
may the better perceive their error, who cannot imag-
ine that there is any Country in the univerfall world which
may be compared unto our native foyle. I will now dis-
cover unto them a Country whose indowments are by learned
men
men allowed to stand in a parallel with the Israelites Canaan, which none will deny to be a land farre more excellent then Old England, in her proper nature.

This I consider I am bound in duty (as becommeth a Christian man) to performe for the glory of God, in the first place; next, (according to Cicero,) to acknowledge that, *Non nobis solum nati sumus, sed partim patria, partim parentes, partim amici vindicant.*

For which cause I must approve of the indeavours of my Country men, that have been studious to inlarge the territories of his Majesties empire by planting Colonies in America.

And of all other, I must applaude the judgement of those that have made choice of this part, (whereof I now treat,) being of all other most absolute, as I will make it appeare hereafter by way of parallel. Among those that have setled themselves in new England, some have gone for their conscience sake, (as they profess,) and I wish that they may plant the Gospel of Iesus Christ, as becommeth them, sincerely and without satisfaction or faction, whatsoever their former or present practises are, which I intend not to justifie: however, they have deserved (in mine opinion) some commendations, in that they have furnished the Country so commodiously in so short a time; although it hath bin but for their owne profit, yet posterity will taste the sweetnes of it, and that very sodainly.

*And since my taske, in this part of mine abstract, is * 62

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1 "Sed quoniam, (ut præclare scriptum est a Platone) non nobis solum nati sumus, ortuque nostri partem patria, vindicat, partem amici." *De Officiis*, Lib. 1. § 7. The words "partem parentes" are not in the original, but have been inserted by modern scholars as rendering the quotation from Plato more correct.
to intreat of the naturall indowments of the Country, I will make a breife demonstration of them in order, severally, according to their several qualities: and shew you what they are, and what profitable use may be made of them by industry.

C H A P. II.

What trees are there and how commodious.¹

1. Oake.

Oakes are there of two forts, white and redd;² excellent tymber for the building both of howses and shipping: and they are found to be a tymber that is more tough then the oak of England. They are excellent for pipe-flaves, and such like vessels; and pipe-flaves at the Canary Islands are a prime commodity. I have knowne them there at 35. p. the 1000,³ and will purchase a freight of wines there before any commodity

¹ In annotating this chapter I have been indebted to Professors Afa Gray and C. S. Sargent of Harvard University for assistance, they having sent me several of the more technical notes. This and the five following chapters of the New Canaan have a certain interest as being among the earliest memoranda on the trees, animals, birds, fish and geology of Massachusettts. The only earlier publication of all a similiar character is Wood's New England's Prospect, which appeared in 1634, and contained the result of observations made during the four years 1629 to 1633. Morton's acquaintance with the country was earlier and longer than Wood's, but the New Canaan was not published until three years after the Prospect, which it followed closely in its description of the country and its products. Josselyn's first voyage was made in 1638, and his stay in New England covered a period of fifteen months, July, 1638, to October, 1639. His second visit was in 1663, and lasted until 1671. The New England's Rarities was published in 1672, and the Two Voyages in 1674. Josselyn's alone of these works can make any pretence to a scientific character or nomenclature, but the four taken together constitute the whole body of early New England natural history and geology. Only occasional reference to this class of subjects is found in other writers.

² The White Oake includes, no doubt, Quercus alba and bicolor, and the Redd Oake, Quercus rubra, tinctoria and cocinea.

³ Edward Williams, in his Virginia (III. Force's Tracts, No. II. p. 14), written in 1650, says: "Nor are Pipestaves and
commodity in England, their onely wood being pine, of which they are enforced also to build shippinge; of oackes there is great abundance in the parts of New England, and they may have a prime place in the Catalogue of commodities.

Ash: there is store, and very good for staves, oares or 2. Ash. pikes; and may have a place in the fame Catalogue.

Elme: of this fort of trees there are some; but there hath 3. Elme. not as yet bin found any quantity to speake of.

* Beech there is of two forts, redd and white; 2 very * 63 4. Beech. excellent for trenchers or chaires, and also for oares; and may be accompted for a commodity.

Walnutt: of this forte of wood there is infinite store, and 5. Walnutt. there are 4 forts: 3 it is an excellent wood, for many uses approoved; the younger trees are imploied for hoopes, and are the best for that imploymet of all other fluffe whatsoever. The Nutts serve when they fall to feede our swine, which make them the delicatest bacon of all other foode: and is therein a cheife commodity.

Cheftnutt: of this forte there is very greate plenty, the 6. Chestnuts. tymber whereof is excellent for building; and is a very good and Clapboard a despicable commodity, of which one man may with eafe make fifteen thousand yearely, which in the countrie itselfe are fold for 4 l. in the Canaries for twenty pound the thousand, and by this means the labour of one man will yeeld him 60 l. per annum, at the lowest Market."

1 Probably Fraxinus Americana, although two other species of Ash are common in Maffachufetts, the Red and the Black Ash (F. pubescens and fambucusfola).

2 It is interesting to note that, at this early day, two forms of our one species of Beech were distinguished by the color of the wood, a distinction which has often been adopted by Botanists and is still confidered by mechanics and woodmen.

3 This refers, no doubt, to our different species of Hickory, although the Butternut (Juglans cinerea) is common in Maffachufetts.
good commodity, especially in respect of the fruit, both for man and beast.

7. Pine.

Pine: of this forte there is infinite store in some parts of the Country. I have travelled 10 miles together where is little or no other wood growing. And of these may be made rosin, pitch and tarre, which are such useful commodities that if we had them not from other Countries in Amity with England, our Navigation would decline. Then how great the commodity of it will be to our Nation, to have it of our owne, let any man judge.

8. Cedar.

Cedar: of this forte there is abundaunce; and this wood was such as Salomon used for the building of that glorious Temple at Hierufalem; and there are of these Cedars, firre trees and other materials necessary for the building of many faire Temples, if there were any Salomons to be at the Cost of them: and if any man be desirous to finde out in *64 what part of the *Country the best Cedars are, he must get into the bottom grounds, and in vallies that are wet at the spring of the yeare, where the moisture preserves them from the fire in spring time, and not in a woodden prospect. This wood cutts red, and is good for bedsteads, tables and chefts; and may be placed in the Catalogue of Commodities.

Cypres:

1 Both the White and the Pitch Pine (Pinus strobus, and rigida) are probably referred to.

2 "For I have seene of these stately high growne trees, ten miles together close by the River side, from whence by shipping they might be conveyed to any defired Port." (Wood's New England's Prospect, p. 15.)

3 The Red Cedar (Juniperus virginia).

4 This is clearly a contemptuous reference to Wood, who in his Prospect (p. 15) had said, "The Cedar tree is a tree of no great growth, not being above a foote and a halfe square at the moft, neither is it very high. I suppose they be much inferior to the Cedars of Lebanon, so much commended in holy writ."

5 Supra, 173.
Cypres: of this there is great plenty; and vulgarly this tree hath bin taken for another fort of Cedar; but workemen put a difference betweene this Cypres, and the Cedar, especially in the colour; for this is white and that redd white: and likewise in the finenes of the leafe and the smoothnes of the barque. This wood is also sweeter then Cedar, and, (as it is in Garrets' herball,) a more bewtifull tree; it is of all other, to my minde, moft bewtifull, and cannot be denied to passe for a commodity.

Spruce: of these there are infinite store, especially in the Northerne parts of the Country; and they have bin approved by workemen in England to be more tough then those that they have out of the eait country: from whence wee have them for mafts and yards of shippes.

The Spruce of this country are found to be 3. and 4. fadum about: and are reputed able, fingle, to make mafts for the biggest ship that fayles on the maine Ocean, without peesing; which is more than the East country can afford.

And seeing that Navigation is the very finneus of a flourishing Commonwealth, it is fitting to allow the Spruce tree a principall place in the Catalogue of commodities.

Alder:

1 The White Cedar (Chamaecyparis thyoides); or perhaps Arbor-Vitae (Thuja occidentalis), which is the "more bewtifull tree."
2 A misprint for Gerard, whose Herb-all, or Generall Historie of Plants, was published in 1597, and Johnson's edition of it in 1633.
3 This probably includes both the Black Spruce (Picea nigra) and the Hemlock (Tsuga canadenfis).
4 "Spruce is a goodly Tree, of which they make Mafts for Ships, and Sail Yards: It is generally conceived by those that have skill in Building of Ships, that here is absolutely the beft Trees in the World, many of them being three Fathom about, and of great length." (Josselyn, Rarities, p. 63.) "At Pafcat-away there is now a Spruce-tree brought down to the water-fide by our Maff-men of an incredible bignefs, and fo long that no Skipper durft ever yet adventure to chip it, but there it lyes and Rots." (Two Voyages, p. 67.)
11. *Alder.*  * Alder: of this forte there is plenty by rivers fides, good for turners.

12. *Birch.*  Birch: of this there is plenty in divers parts of the Country. Of the barck of these the Salvages of the Northerne parts make them delicate Canowes, so light that two men will transport one of them over Land whither they lift; and yet one of them will transporte tenne or twelffe Salvages by water at a time.

13. *Maple.*  Mayple: of those trees there is greate abundance; and these are very excellent for bowles. The Indians use of it to that purpofe; and is to be accompted a good commodity.

14. *Elderne.*  Elderne: there is plenty in that Country; of this the Salvages make their Arrowes, and it hath no strong unfavery fent like our Eldern in England.

15. *Hawthorne.*  Hawthorne: of this there is two forts, one of which beares a well tafting berry as bigg as ones thumbe, and lookes like little Queene apples.

16. *Vines.*  Vines: of this kinde of trees there are that beare grapes of three colours: that is to say, white, black and red.

The Country is fo apt for vines, that, but for the fire at the spring of the yeare, the vines would fo over spreade the land that one should not be able to passe for them; the fruit is as bigg, of some, as a musket bullet, and is excellent in taffe.

Plumtrees:

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1 [whether.] See supra, 111, note 1.  
2 Probably the Sugar, Red and White Maples are intended: *Acer saccharinum, rubrum* and *dasyacarpum.* It is fingular that no reference to the manufacture of maple fugar by the Indians occurs.  
3 (Elder) *Sambucus Canadenfis.*  
4 Wood (Prosper, p. 15) fays, "Two forts, Red and White." None of our native Grape vines bear White grapes.  
5 *Supra,* 173.
Plumtrees: of this kinde there are many; some that beare fruit as bigg as our ordinary bullis: others there be that doe beare fruite much bigger than peare plumes; their colour redd, and their ftones flat; very delitious in taffe.

* Cheritrees there are abundance; but the fruit is as small as our floes; but if any of them were replanted and grafted, in an orchard, they would soone be raised by meanes of such; and the like fruits.

There is greate abundance of Muske Roses in divers places: the water distilled excelleth our Rosewater of England.

There is abundance of Saffrafras and Sarfaperilla, growing in divers places of the land; whose buds at the spring doe perfume the aire.

Other trees there are not greatly materiall to be recited in this abstract, as goose berries, rasberies, and other beries.

There is Hempe that naturally groweth, finer then our Hempe of England.

Chapter III.

1 Perhaps our little Beach plum (P. maritima) is intended. The wild American Plum-tree is probably not a native of Maffachufetts, although it was early cultivated by the aborigines and settlars.

2 (Saffrafras officinale.)

3 The Ginfeng (Aralia quinquefolia), or the Wild Sarfaperilla (Aralia nudicaulis).

4 In Chapter IX. of this Book (infra, *94) Morton again refers to the growth of hemp in New England, as evidence of the fertility of the foil. He declares "that it sheweth up to be tenne foote high and tenne foote and a halfe."

Thomas Wiggin, also, in writing of New England in November, 1632, says: "As good hempe and flax as in any parte of the world, growes there naturally." (III. Mafs. Hist. Coll., vol. viii. p. 322.) Hemp, however, is not native to New England or America. That spoked of must have been grown from seed brought over by the colonists. Morton may have seen it growing in garden foil at Plymouth and Welfgufet, but that any field of it ever reached a height of ten or ten and a half feet in eastern Maffachufetts is very questionable.


CHAP. III.

Potthearbes and other herbes for Sallets.

The Country there naturally affordeth very good pot-herbes and sallet herbes, and those of a more masculine vertue then any of the same species in England; as Potmarioram, Tyme, Alexander, Angellica, Purfland, Violets, and Annifeeds, in very great abundance: and for the pott I gathered in summer, dried and crumbled into a bagg to preserve for winter store.

*67* Hunnifuckles, balme, and divers other good herbes are there, that grow without the indullry of man, that are used when occasion serveth very commodiously.¹

Chapter IV.

¹ Professor Gray of Harvard University has furnished me the following note on this chapter: —

"Unlike Joffelyn, the author evidently was not an herbalist, and wrote at random. His pot-marjoram, thyme and balm, though not to be specifically identified, and none of them of the same species as in England, must be represented by our American pennyroyal (Hedeoma pulegioides), a native mint (Mentha borealis), wild basil (Pycnanthemum), and a species of Monarda, sometimes called balm, all sweet herbs of the New England coast. Alexander is hardly to be guessed. Angelica as a genus occurs here, but not the official species. Wild farfaparilla (Aralia nudicaulis) was probably in view. Purflane is interesting in this connection, adding as it does to the probability that this plant was in the country before the settlement. There are no Annifeeds in New England, and it is impossible to guess what the author meant. It was probably a random statement founded on nothing in particular. The Hunnifuckles were doubtless the two species of Azalea to which the name is still applied." Wood also says (Profeßel, pp. 11, 12), "There is likewise growing all manner of Herbes for meate and medicine, and not only in planted Gardens, but in the woods, without either the art or helpe of man, as sweete Marjoram, Purflane, Sorrell, Peneriall, Yarrow, Myrtle, Saxifarilla, Bayes, &c." See also Mr. Tuckerman's introductory matter and notes, in his edition of New England's Rarities [1865], and Professor Gray's chapter (vol. i. ch. ii.) on the Flora of Boston and vicinity, and the changes it has undergone, in the Memorial History of Boston.
Of Birds, and fethered fowles.\footnote{1}

Now that I have breifly fhewed the Commodity of the trees, herbes, and fruits, I will fhew you a description of the fowles of the aire; as most proper in ordinary course.

And first of the Swanne,\footnote{2} because she is the biggest of all the fowles of that Country. There are of them in Merri-mack River, and in other parts of the country, greate store at the feasons of the yeare.

The flefh is not much desired of the inhabitants, but the skinnes may be accompted a commodity fitt for divers ufes, both for fethers and quiles.

There are Geefe of three sorts, vize: brant Geefe\footnote{3} which are pide, and white Geefe\footnote{4} which are bigger, and gray Geefe\footnote{5} which are as bigg and bigger then the tame Geefe of England,

\footnote{1} For the greater part of the notes to this chapter, and for all thofe of a technical character, I am indebted to Mr. William Brewfter, of Cambridge. To his notes I have added a few references to, and extractts from, other early works more or les contemporaneous with the New Canaan.

\footnote{2} Probably the Whifling Swan (Cygnus Americanus), now a rare visitor to New England. Wood, alfo, in his poetical enumeration of birds and fowls (Prospect, p. 23), speaks of "The Silver Swan that tunes her mournfull breath,

To finge the dirge of her approaching death." Further on (p. 26) he fays, "There be likewise many Swannes which frequent the freth ponds and rivers, feldom conforthing themfselves with Duckes and Geefe; these be very good meate, the price of one is fix shillings." In his enumeration of birds of New England, Joffelyn (Two Voyages, p. 100) mentions "Hookers or wild-Swans." This bird is not included in Peabody's Report on the Ornithol. of Maffachufetts (1839).

\footnote{3} The Brant (Bernicla brenta), common at the present day.

\footnote{4} The Snow Goofe (Anser hyperboreus), now rare in New England, although common throughout the Weft.

\footnote{5} The Canada Goofe (Bernicla Canadensis).
land, with black legges, black bills, heads and necks black; the flesh farre more excellent then the Geefe of England, wild or tame; yet the purity of the aire is such that the biggest is accompted but an indifferent meale for a couple of men. There is of them great abundance. I have had often 1000. before the mouth of my gunne. I never *68 saw any in * England, for my part, so fatt as I have killed there in those parts; the fethers of them makes a bedd softer then any down bed that I have lyen on, and is there a very good commodity; the fethers of the Geefe, that I have killed in a short time, have paid for all the powther and shott I have spent in a yeare, and I have fed my doggs with as fatt Geefe there as I have ever fed upon my selfe in England.

Ducks there are of three kindes, pide Ducks, gray Ducks, and black Ducks in greate abundance: the most about my habitation were black Ducks:¹ and it was a noted Custome at my howse, to have every mans Duck upon a trencher; and then you will thinke a man was not hardly used: they are bigger boddied then the tame Ducks of England: very fatt and dainty flesh.

The common doggs fees were the gibletts, unleffe they were boyled now and than for to make broth.

Teales there are of two forts, greene winged, and blew winged :² but a dainty bird. I have bin much delighted with a

¹ The Black Duck (Anas obscura), still abundant. The identity of the other two is doubtful; the Pide Duck may have been the Pied or Labrador Duck (Camptolemus Labradorius), a species formerly common but now nearly if not wholly extinct; the Gray Duck is probably the Pintail (Dafila acuta).
² The Green-winged Teal (Querquedula Carolinensis) and the Blue-winged Teal (Querquedula difcors), both noted for the delicacy of their flesh.
a rost of these for a second course. I had plenty in the rivers and ponds about my howse.

Widgegens\(^1\) there are, and abundance of other water foule, some such as I have seene, and [some] such as I have not seene else where before I came into those parts, which are little regarded.

Simpes\(^2\) there are like our Simpes in all respects, with very little difference. I have shot at them onely to see what difference I could finde betweene them and those of my native Country, and more I did not regard them.

*Sanderlings\(^3\) are a dainty bird, more full bodied * 69 than a Snipe; and I was much delighted to feeede on them because they were fatt and easie to come by, because I went but a stepp or to for them: and I have killed betweene foure and five dozen at a shoot, which would loade me home.

Their

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1 Probably the American Widgeon, or Baldpate (*Mareca americana*). The name Widgeon is sometimes applied to other species, however.

2 Probably some species of web-footed bird, but exactly what is not clear. Mr. Merriam, in his *Review of the Birds of Connecticut* (pp. 104-5), identifies Morton's Simpe as the American Woodcock (*Philohela minor*), but in this he is doubtles in error. In the first place, it is not likely that a keen sportsman like Morton would have shot woodcock merely out of curiosity, and "more did not regard them;" in the second place, Josselyn, in enumerating the different sorts of ducks, speaks of "Widgeons, Simps, Teal, Blew wing'd and green wing'd." (*Two Voyages*, p. 101.) But for the reference in the next paragraph in the text, and the disparaging manner in which the bird in question is alluded to, it would be inferred that Simpes was a natural misprint for Snipes. That, however, is clearly not the case.

3 The Sanderling (*Calidris arenaria*), a common Sandpiper, peculiar in lacking the usual hind toe. The context indicates that other shore birds were included under this name. "There are little Birds that frequent the Sea-shore in flocks called Sanderlings, they are about the bignefs of a Sparrow, and in the fall of the leaf will be all fat; when I was first in the Countrie the English cut them into small pieces to put into their Puddings instead of suet. I have known twelve score and above kill'd at two shots." (Josselyn’s *Two Voyages*, p. 102.) To precisely the same effect Wood says (*Prospect*, p. 27), "I myselfe have killed twelve score at two shoots."
Their foode is at ebbing water on the sands, of small seeds that grows on weeds there, and are very good pastime in August.

Cranes. Cranes there are greate store, that ever more came there at S. Davids day, and not before: that day they never would misse.

These sometimes eate our corne, and doe pay for their presumption well enough; and serveth there in powther, with turnips, to supply the place of powthered beepe, and is a goodly bird in a dishe, and no discommodity.

Turkies there are, which divers times in great flocks have fallied by our doores; and then a gunne, being commonly in a redinesse, salutes them with such a courtesie, as makes them take a turne in the Cooke roome. They daunce by the doore so well.

Of these there hath bin killed that have weighed forty eight pound a peece. They

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1 Neither the Whooping Crane (Grus americana) nor the Sandhill Crane (Grus pratensis) is now found in New England. The latter is probably the species referred to here. Our large Heron (Ardea herodias) is often called Crane by country people, but it does not eat corn, and "in a dishe" would hardly be considered "a goodly bird."

2 The Wild Turkey (Meleagris gallopavo americana) is mentioned by all the early writers as an abundant bird; but it disappered almost as rapidly as the Indians, before the encroachment of the white settlers. Peabody, writing in 1839 (Report on the Fishes, Reptiles, and Birds of Massachusetts, p. 352), says: "It is still found occasionally in our western mountains, and also on the Hol-yoke range, where some are taken every year." Its total extinction probably occurred only a few years later.

3 Probably an exaggeration, although Audubon mentions one that weighed thirty-fix pounds; the ordinary weight of the full-grown male is from fifteen to twenty pounds, a gobbler weighing twenty-five pounds being an unusually large bird. Yet Morton's statement is fully borne out by other contemporary authorities. Wood says, "The Turky is a very large bird, of a blacke colour, yet white in flesh; much bigger then our English Turky. He hath the use of his long legs so ready, that he can runne as fast as a Dogge, and flye as well as a Goole: of thefe sometimes there will be forty, three-score and an hundred of a flocke, some times
They are by mainy degrees sweeter then the tame Tur- kies of England, feede them how you can.

I had a Salvage who hath taken out his boy in a morning, and they have brought home their loades about noone.

* I have ask'd them what number they found in the *70 woods, who have anfwered Neent Metawna,¹ which is a thosand that day; the plenty of them is fuch in thofe parts. They are easily killed at rooffe, becaufe, the one being killed, the other fit faft nevertheless; and this is no bad commodity.

There are a kinde of fowles which are commonly called Pheifants, and garbidg'd, weighed thirty pound.” He adds, however, that even then [1670] “the English and the Indians having now defroyed the breed, fo that 'tis very rare to meet with a wild Turkie in the Woods.” (New England’s Rarities, p. 9.) See alfo Two Voyages, p. 99, where the fame writer fays: “If you would prefere the young Chickens alive, you muft give them no water, for if they come to have their fill of water, they will drop away strangely, and you will never be able to rear any of them.” John Clayton, in his Letter to the Royal So- ciety [1688], fays of Virginia: “There be wild Turkies extream large; they talk of Turkies that have been kill’d, that have weigh’d betwixt 50 and 60 Pound weight; the largeft that ever I faw, weigh’d something better than 38 Pound.” (I. Force’s Tracts, No. 12, p. 30.) Williams, in his Virginia[1650], fpeaks of “infinites of wild Turkeys, which have been knowne to weigh fifty pound weight, ordinarily forty.” (I. Force’s Tracts, No. 11, p. 12.) See alfo Strachey’s Historie, p. 125; Young’s Chron. of Mafs., p. 253.

¹ In regard to this expression Mr. Trumbull,
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Pheifants, but whether they be pheifants or no, I will not take upon mee to determine. They are in forme like our pheifant henne of England. Both the male and the female are alike; but they are rough footed, and have færeing fethers about the head and neck; the body is as bigg as the pheifant henne of England; and are excellent white flefh, and delicate white meate, yet we feldome beftowe a fhoote at them.

Partridges there are, much like our Partridges of England; they are of the fame plumes, but bigger in body. They have not the figne of the horfeshoe on the breft, as the Partridges of England; nor are they coloured about the heads as those are. They fit on the trees, for I have feene 40. in one tree at a time: yet at night they fall on the ground, and fit untill morning fo together; and are dainty flefh.

There are quailes also, but bigger then the quailes in England. They take trees also: for I have numbered 60. upon

Trumbull writes: "Metawna is mittannug (R. Williams), muttannunk (Eliot), — Englished by 'a thousand;' but to the Indians less definite, ‘a great many,’ more than he could count. Neent is possibly a misprint for necut (negut, Eliot), 'one;' — but, more likely, stands for 'I have,' or its equivalent, 'there is to me.' Roger Williams (p. 164) puts the numeral first, nneennandna, 'I have killed two,' — jnewnandna, 'I have killed] three,' &c.

1 The Pheasant of Morton and other early writers has been suppos'd by ornithologists to be the Prairie Hen or Pinnated Grouse (Cupidonia cupido), a species which, however, has dark not "white flefh," — "formerly ... fo com-mon on the ancient busky fite of the city of Boston, that laboring people or fer-vants stipulated with their employers, not to have the Heath-Hen brought to table oftener then a few times in the week." (Nuttall's Ornithology, vol. i. p. 800.) There is good evidence that this bird once ranged over a large part of Southern New England; it is still found on Martha's Vineyard, where it is carefully protected and is not uncommon. Elsewhere it does not now occur much to the eastward of Illinois.

2 The Ruffed Grouse (Bonasa umbella).

3 The American Partridge, Quail, or Bob White (Ortyx Virginiana).
upon a tree at a time. The cocks doe call at the time of the yeare, but with a different note from the cock quails of England.

The Larkes there are like our Larkes of England in all respects: sauing that they do not use to sing at all.

* There are Owles of divers kindes: but I did never heare any of them whop as ours doe.

There are Crowes, kights and rooks that doe differ in some respects from those of England. The Crowes, which I have much admired what fhould be the cause, both smell and taste of Mufke in summer, but not in winter.

There are Hawkes in New England of 5. forts; and these of all other fether fowles I must not omitt to speake of, nor neede I to make any Apology for my felfe concerning any trespassfe that I am like to make upon my judgement, concerning the nature of them, having bin bred in fo genious a way that I had the common use of them in England: and at my first arrivall in those parts practifed to take a Lannaret.

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1 Of doubtful application. Our Horned Lark (Eremophila alpestris) is the nearlest North American ally of the English Skylark, but it is so differently colored that Morton probably had in mind some other species, perhaps the Titlark (Anthus ludovicianus).

2 Three species of Crows are found in New England: the Raven (Corvus corone), now confined to the northern parts of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont; the Common Crow (Corvus americanus); and the Fifth Crow (Corvus frugans), which occasionally wanders to Massachusetts from its true home in the Middle and Southern States. The latter may have been the Rook. (Kight” is a dubious appellation, possi-

bly referring to the Swallow-tailed Kite (Naucerus furcatus), now a rare straggler from the South, but formerly, as some ornithologists believe, of regular occurrence in New England.

3 The descriptions given for these Hawks are too vague to be of much use in determining species. A clew is often furnished by familiar terms of falconry, which, we may assume, would be naturally applied to American representatives of Old World forms. Morton, however, ufed these terms very loofely, or, perhaps, with a regard to fine distinctions of meaning not now underrstood. In such a cafe nothing can be done beyond pointing out their accepted significance and probable application.
naret, which I reclaimed, trained and made flying in a fortnight, the same being a passenger at Michuelmas. I found that these are most excellent Mettell, rank winged, well conditioned, and not tickleish footed; and, having whoods, bels, luers, and all things fitting, was desirous to make experiment of that kinde of Hawke before any other.

And I am perswaded that Nature hath ordained them to be of a farre better kinde then any that have bin useed in England. They have neither dorre nor worm to feed upon, (as in other parts of the world,) the Country affording none; the use whereof in other parts makes the Lannars there more buffardly then they be in New England.

There are likewise Fawcons and tassell gentles, ad-

* 72 mirable well shaped birds; and they will tower up when they purpose to pray, and, on a fodaine when they esspie their game, they will make such a cancellere that one would admire to behold them. Some there are more black then any that have bin useed in England.

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1 The male of *Falco lanarius*, a Falcon found in the southern and south-eastern parts of Europe, as well as in Western Asia and the adjoining portions of Africa. An American variety, the Prairie Falcon (*Falco linarius polyanus*), has a wide range in the West, but is not known to have occurred to the eastward of Illinois. The bird referred to by Morton is doubtless the Duck Hawk (*Falco peregrinus*), an allied species not uncommon in New England.

2 In the records of the Council for New England, under date of the 26th of November, 1635, or about the time that Morton was writing the *New Canaan*, is the following entry: "The Hawks brought over by Capt. Smart are to be presented to his Majesty on Saturday next, by the Lords of those Provinces. And the said Captain to be recommend-ed to his Majesty's service upon occasion of employments for his care and industry used to bring them over, and for other his services done in those parts."

3 The Cockchafer.

4 I. e., like the Buzzard-Hawks of the genus *Buteo*, a sluggish tribe of *Raptore*. Properly of general application to the genus *Falco*; if used specifically here there is no clew to its precise meaning.

6 Usually written *tircel*, and sometimes *tiercel* or *tièrcel*. The male of any hawk, so termed because he is a third smaller than the female, or, as some
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The Tassell gent, (but of the leaft size,) is an ornament for a person of estimation among the Indians to wear in the knot of his lock, with the traine upright, the body dried and stretched out. They take a great pride in the wearing of such an ornament, and give to one of us, that shall kill them one for that purpose, so much beaver as is worth three pounds sterling, very willingly.

These do us but little trepas, because they pray on such birds as are by the Sea side, and not on our Chickens. Goshawkes there are, and Tassels.

The Tassels are short trussed buffards; but the Goshawkes are well shaped, but they are small; some of white male, and some redd male, I have seene one with 8. barres in the traine. These fall on our bigger poultry: the leffer chicken, I thinke they scorne to make their pray of; for commonly the Cocke goes to wrack. Of these I have seene many; and if they come to trespass me, I lay the law to them with the gunne, and take them dammage esfent.

There have thought, because it was believed that every third bird hatched was a male. The name, as used in falconry, almoft always refers to the male Goshawk (Astur palumbarius), while with the addition of gentil, or gentle, it indicated the female or young of this species. The bird alluded to here is probably the American Goshawk (Astur atricapillus).

1 The American Sparrow Hawk (Falco sparverius), a small and richly colored Falcon, would be likely to be used for such a purpose.

2 If not applied to the male Goshawk (see note on "taffel gentles"), perhaps referring to Hawks of the genus Buteo, represented in New England by three species, Buteo borealis, B. lineatus and B. Pennsylvanicus.

3 If Morton always uses taffel in its commonly accepted sense (see preceding notes), another application must be fought for the present name. The accompanying text may relate to the Marsh Hawk (Circus cyanus Hudsonius), the adult male of which is our whitest New England Hawk, and the young or female perhaps the reddest. The Marsh Hawk does not prey on full-grown poultry, but it may have been credited with depredations committed by other species, a piece of injustice by no means uncommon at the present day.
There are very many Marlins;\(^1\) some very small, and some so large as is the Barbary Taffell.

I have often beheld these pretty birds, how they have scoured after the black bird, which is a small sized Choffe\(^2\) that eateth the Indian maizze.

*73* Sparhawkes\(^3\) there are also, the fairest and *best shaped* birds that I have ever beheld of that kinde those that are litle, no ufe is made of any of them, neither are they regarded. I onely tried conclusions with a Lannaret at firft comming; and, when I found what was in that bird, I turned him going: but, for fo much as I have observed of those birds, they may be a fitt preffent for a prince, and for goodnesse too be preferred before the Barbary, or any other ufed in Chrif tendome; and especially the Lannars and Lan-narets.

There is a curious bird to see to, called a hunning bird,\(^4\)

\(^1\) The Pigeon Hawk (*Falco columbarius*) is the New England represen-
tative of the European Merlin (*Falco regulus*).

\(^2\) Probably the Crow Blackbird (*Quiscalus purpureus aneus*).

\(^3\) The Sharp-finned Hawk (*Accipiter fuscus*), a common New England spe-
cies clofeely allied to the European Sparrow Hawk (*Accipiter nisus*). Our Coop-
er’s Hawk (*Accipiter cooperi*) also may be referred to under this name.

\(^4\) The Ruby-throated Humming-bird (*Trochilus columbris*), our only New Eng-
land species. The Humming-birds are peculiar to the New World; hence the won-
der and interefit with which they were regarded by the early explorers and colonifits. There is a letter from Emanuel Downing to John Winthrop, Jr., of the 21st of November, 1632, in which is this paragraph: “You have a little bird in your contrie that makes a humminge noyfe, a little bigger then a bee, I pray fend me one of them over, perfect in his fethers, in a little box.” (iv. Mafs. Hift. Coll., vol. vi. p. 40*)

There are many defcriptions of this bird in the earlier writers, though none that I have found fo early as Downing’s let-
ter. Wood says: “The Humbird is one of the wonders of the Countrey, being no bigger than a Hornet, yet hath all the di-
ensions of a Bird, as bill and wings, with quils, Spider-like legges, fmall clawes: For colour, fhee is glorious as the Raine-
bow; as fhee fies, fhee makes a little hunning noife like a humble bee: wherefore fhe is called the Humbird.” (*New England’s Pofpect*, p. 24.) Josel-
lyn’s description is especially good:

* The *Humming Bird*, the leaft of all Birds,
no bigger then a great Beetle; that out of question lives upon the Bee, which hee eateth and catcheth amongf Floweres: For it is his Cuftome to frequent thofe places. Floweres hee cannot feed upon by reafon of his sharp bill, which is like the poyn of a Spaniſh needle, but ftrue. His feathers have a gloffe like filke, and, as hee flirres, they fhew to be of a chaingable coloure: and has bin, and is, admired for fhape, coloure and fize.

C H A P. V.

Of the Beafťs of the forrest.1

Now that I have made a rehearſall of the birds and fethered Fowles, which participate moft of aire, I will give you a defcription of the beafts; and fhew you what beafts are bred in thofe parts, and what my experience hath gathered by observation of *their kinde and *74 nature. I begin with the moft ufeful and moft beneficall beaft which is bredd in thofe parts, which is the Deare.

Birds, little bigger than a Dor, of variable glittering Colours, they feed upon Honey, which they fuck out of Blossoms and Flowers with their long Needle-like Bills; they fleep all Winter, and are not to be feen till the Spring, at which time they breed in little Nefts, made up like a bottom of soft, Silk-like matter, their Eggs no bigger than a white Peafe, they hatch three or four at a time, and are proper to this Country.” (New England’s Rarities, p. 6.) See also Claytons’s Letter, &c. (iii. Force’s Tracts, No. 12, p. 33).

1 For all the technical and scientific notes to this chapter I am indebted to Mr. Joel A. Allen, of the Muſeum of Comparative Zoology of Harvard Colleſe. To the matter contributed by him I have merely added, as in the immediately preceding chapters, extractſ from other writers, more or leſs contemporaneous with Morton, which seemed to me to be illuftrative of the text, or in the fame spirit with it. This chapter of Morton’s is more complete, though probably of leſs value, than Wood’s and Joffelyn’s chapters on the fame ſubjeet.
There are in this Country three kindes of Deare, of which there are greate plenty, and those are very usefull.

First, therefore, I will speake of the Elke, which the Salvages call a Mose:¹ it is a very large Deare, with a very faire head, and a broade palme, like the palme of a fallow Deares horne, but much bigger, and is 6. footewise betweene the tipps, which grow curbing downwards: Hee is of the big-nessse of a great horfe.

There have bin of them seene that has bin 18. handfulls highe: hee hath a bunch of haire under his jawes: hee is not swifte, but stronge and large in body, and longe legged; in somuch that hee doth use to kneele, when hee feedeth on graffe.

Hee bringeth forth three faunes, or younge ones, at a time; and, being made tame, would be good for draught, and more usefull (by reaason of their strength) then the Elke of Raushea.² These are found very frequent in the northerne parts

¹ The Elke here mentioned is the Moofe (Alces malchis) of American writers; it is specifically the same as the elk of Northern Europe. From Wood's account (New England's Prospect, p. 18), it would seem that the moofe in Morton's time ranged into eastern Massachusetts, though not found now south of northern Maine. The moofe has but a single fawn at a birth, not three as stated in the text.

Mr. Allen then adds to the above note:

"I have met with no published record of the occurrence of the American Elk, or Wapiti Deer (Cervus Canadenfis), in eastern Massachusetts. Since publishing a statement to this effect (Mem. Hist. Boston, vol. i. p. 10), however, I have learned through the kindnefs of a correpandent (Henry S. Nourfe, Esq., of South Lancaster, Mass.,) that early in the eighteenth century sixteen elk were seen near a brook in South Lancaster, one of which was killed. The tradition is supported by the fact that the antlers of the individual killed were preferred in the family of the lucky hunter (Jonas Fairbanks) for a long period, and afterwards placed on the top of a guide-board, where they still remain, moss-growed and weather-worn by eighty years of fun and storm. Since the receipt of Mr. Nourfe's letter (dated Feb. 25, 1882), his account has been corroborated by information from another source. That the antlers mentioned belonged to an elk and not to a moofe is beyond question."

² "The English have some thoughts of keeping them tame, and to accustome them
parts of New England: their flesh is very good foode, and much better then our redd Deare of England.

Their hids are by the Salvages converted into very good lether, and dressed as white as milke.

Of this lether the Salvages make the beft shooes; and use to barter away the skinnes to other Salvages that have none of that kinde of befts in the parts where they live. Very good buffe may be made of the *hids. I have feene a hide as large as any horfe hide that can be found. There is fuch abundance of them that the Salvages, at hunting time, have killed of them fo many, that they have bestowed fix or feaven at a time upon one English man whome they have borne affection to.

There is a second fort of Deare 1 (leffe then the redd Deare of England, but much bigger then the English fallow Deare) fwiif of foote, but of a more darke colour; with fome grifeld heares, when his coate is full growne in the summer feafon: his hornes grow curving, with a croked beame, resemblying our redd Deare, not with a palme like the fallow Deare.

These bringe 3. fawnes at a time, 2 spotted like our fallow Deares

them to the yoake, which will be a great commoditie: Firft, because they are fo fruitfull, bringing forth three at a time, being likewise very uberos. Secondly, because they will live in Winter without any fodder. "There be not many of thefe in the Massachufetts Bay, but forty miles to the Northeaft there be great store of them." (New England's Prophett, p. 18.) There are very good descriptions of the Moose, and the methods purfued in hunting them, in Gorges's Brief Relation (II. Mafs. Hist. Coll., vol. ix. p. 18) and in Jofelyn's Two Voyages (pp. 88, 137). See, also, New England's Rarities, p. 19.

1 The common Virginian Deer (Cariacus Virginianus), formerly more or lefs abundant throughout the eastern half of the United States.

2 The number of fawnes produced at a birth is commonly two, sometimes one, and ftil more rarely three; although three is flated to be the ufual number in various seventeenth-century accounts of the natural productions of New England, Virginia, &c.
Deares fawnes; the Salvages fay, foure; I speake of what I know to be true, for I have killed in February a doe with three fawnes in her belly, all heared, and ready to fall; for these Deare fall their fawnes 2. moneths sooner then the fallow Deare of England. There is such abundance of them that an hundred have bin found at the spring of the yeare, within the compaffe of a mile.

The Salvages take these in trappes made of their naturall Hempe, which they place in the earth where they fell a tree for browfe; and when hee rounds the tree for the browfe, if hee tred on the trapp hee is horsed up by the legg, by meanes of a pole that flarts up and catcheth him.¹

Their hides the Saluages use for cloathing, and will give for one hide killed in feason, 2. 3. or 4. beaver skinnes, *76 which will yeild pounds a pceee in that Coun*try: so much is the Deares hide prised with them above the beaver. I have made good merchandize of these. The flefh

¹ Mourt, in his Relation (p.8), records how Governor William Bradford, of Plymouth, was caught in one of these traps, and “horfed up by the leg,” when the first party from the Mayflower was exploring Cape Cod in November, 1620. Wood says: “An English Mare being staryed from her owner, and growne wild by her long sojourning in the woods ranging up and down with the wild crew, stumbled into one of these traps which flopt her speed, hanging her like Mahomet’s tombe, betwixt earth and heaven; the morning being come the Indians went to looke what good successfe their Venison trappes had brought them, but seeing such a long scuttled Deere, praunce in their Meritotter, they bade her good morrow, crying out, what cheere what cheere, Englishmans squaw horfe; having no better epithete than to call her a woman horfe, but being loath to kill her, and as fearefull to approach neere the shriecadoes of her Iron heeles, they pofted to the English to tell them how the cafe flood or hung with their squaw horfe, who unhorsed their Mare, and brought her to her formar tameneffe, which since hath brought many a good foale, and performed much good service.” (New England’s Profpeet, p. 75.) Williams, in his Key (ch. xxvii.), describes how the deer caught in these traps were torn and devoured by wolves before the Indians came to secure them. See, also, Colonel Norwood’s Voyage to Virginia. (III. Force’s Traits, No. 10, p. 39.)
flesh is farre sweeter then the venison of England: and hee feedeth fatt and leane together, as a swine or mutton, where as our Deare of England feede fatt on the out side: they doe not croake at rutting time, nor spendle shafte, nor is their flesh discoloured at rutting. Hee, that will impale ground fitting, may be brought once in the yeare where with bats and men hee may take so many to put into that parke, as the hides will pay the chardege of impaleinge. If all these things be well considered, the Deare, as well as the Mofe, may have a principall place in the catalogue of commodities.

I for my part may be bould to tell you, that my howfe was not without the flesh of this fort of Deare winter nor summer: the humbles was ever my dogges fee, which by the wesell\(^1\) was hanged on the barre in the chimney, for his diet only: for hee has brought to my ftand a brace in a morning, one after the other before sunne rising, which I have killed.

There is likewife a third forte of deare,\(^2\) leffe then the other, (which are a kinde of rayne deare,) to the southward of all the English plantations: they are excellent good flesh. And these also bring three fawnes at a time; and in this particular the Deare of those parts excell all the knowne Deare of the whole world.

On all these the Wolfes doe pray continually. The best means

\(^1\) Wesil, obsolete for weasand.

\(^2\) The “third fort of Deere,” of which the author evidently had no personal knowledge, is doubtles a myth, as the Virginia Deer is the only species of small deer found in the United States, south of New England, east of the Mississipi River. The statement that it is “lesse then the other” (i. e. Virginian Deer), together with the southern habitat assigned it, preclude reference to the Caribou of northern New England, which the name “rayne deare” otherwise suggests.
means they have to escape the wolves is by swimming to Islands, or necks of land, whereby they escape: for the wolf will not presume to follow them until they see them over a river; then, being landed, (they wayting on the shore,) undertake the water, and so follow with fresh suite.

The next in mine opinion fitt to be spokened of, is the Beaver; which is a Beast ordained for land and water both, and hath fore feete like a cunny, her hinder feete like a goefe, mouthed like a cunny, but short eared like a Serat. [He feeds on] fishe in summer, and wood in winter; which hee conveys to his howfe built on the water, wherein hee fitts with his tayle hanging in the water, which else would over heate and rot off.

Hee cuts the bodies of trees downe with his fore-teeth, which are fo long as a boares tufkes, and with the help of other beavers, (which hold by each others tayles like a teeme of horeses,

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1 "They desire to be neare the Sea, fo that they may swimme to the Islands when they are chased by the Woolves." (New England’s Prospect, p. 18.) Deer Island is conseqently a very common name along the New England coast; and of the island bearing that name in Boston harbor, now the site of the city reformatory initions, Wood says: "This Island is so called, becaufe of the Deare which often swimme thither from the Maine, when they are chased by the woolves: some have killed sixteene Deere in a day upon this Island." Young's Chron. of Mafs., p. 405. See, also, Shurtleff’s Description of Boston, p. 464.

2 The Beaver (Caftor fiber). The account of the way "they draw the logg to the habitation appoynted" is a fanciful exaggeration, hardly less ridiculous than the preceding statement about the precaution the animal takes in winter to preserve his tail!

Cunny, mentioned in the first paragraph, is doubtles a seventeenth-century barbarism for cony, a name at this time commonly applied to the rabbit. The context, both here and in the account of the muskwafhe, seems to imply this, although the word is correctly written cony in the paragraph relating to Hares. In some of the early accounts of Virginia, published in the first half of the seventeenth century, hares and cunies are enumerated in the lists of animals, where the latter name evidently means cony or rabbit. Serat, in the same paragraph, is a term of much greater obscurity of application.
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horfes, the hindmoft with the logg on his shoulder stayed by one of his fore feete against his head,) they draw the logg to the habitation appoynted, placing the loggs in a fquare; and so, by pyling one uppon another, they build up a howfe, which with boghes is covered very strongly, and placed in fome pond, to which they make a damme of brush wood, like a hedge, fo ftronge that I have gone on the top of it croffe the current of that pond. The flefh of this beaft is excellent foode. The fleece is a very choife furre, which, (before the Salvages had commerce with Christians,) they burned of the tayle: this beaft is of a masculine vertue for the advancement of Priapus,¹ and is preferved for a dish for the Sachems, or Sagamores; who are the princes of the people, but not Kings, (as is fondly suppoſed.)

* The skinnes are the beft marchantable commodity * 78 that can be found, to caufe ready money to be brought into the land, now that they are raised to 10. flillings a pound.²

¹ "The tail, as I have faid in another Treatife, is very fat and of a masculine vertue, as good as Eringo's or Satyrton-Roots." (Joffelyn's Two Voyages, p. 93.)

² Bradford, writing of the year 1636, gives the following prices: "The coat beaver ufually at 20s. per pound, and fome at 24s.; the skin at 15 and fometimes 16. I do not remember any under 14. It may be the laft year might be fomething lower" (p. 346). In 1671 Joffelyn fays: "A black Bears Skin heretofore was worth forty flillings, now you may have one for ten." (Rarities, p. 14.) The following prices were named as ruling in Virginia in 1650; (III. Force's Tracts, No. 11, p. 52.)

* Sables, from 8s. the payre, to 20s. a payre.
"Otter skinns, from 3s. to 5s. a piece.
"Luzernes, from 2s. to 10. a piece.
"Martins the beft, 4s. a piece.
"Fox skinns, 6d. a piece.
"Muske Rats skinns, 2s. a dozen.
"Bever skinns that are full growne, in feafon, are worth 7s. a piece.
"Bever skinns, not in feafon, to allow two skinns for one, and of the leffer, three for one.
"Old Bever skinns in mantles, gloves or caps, the more worn the better, fo they be full of fur, the pound weight is 6s." See infra, 207, note 4, and also *8o.
A servaunt of mine in 5. yeares was thought to have a 1000. p. in ready gold gotten by beaver when hee dyed; 1 whatso- ever became of it. And this beaft may challenge prehemi-
ence in the Catalogue.

The Otter 2 of thofe parts, in winter feafon, hath a furre fo black as jett; and is a furre of very highe price: a good black skinne is worth 3. or 4. Angels of gold. The Flefh
is eaten by the Salvages: but how good it is I cannot f awe, because it is not eaten by our Nation. Yet is this a beaft
that ought to be placed in the number amongft the Com-
modities of the Country.

The Lufieran, or Luferet, 3 is a beaft like a Catt, but fo bigg
as a great hound: with a tayle shorter then a Catt. His
clawes are like a Catts. Hee will make a pray of the Deare.
His Flefh is dainty meat, like a lambe: his hide is a choife
furre, and accompted a good commodty.

The Martin 4 is a beaft about the bignes of a Foxe. His
furre

1 The servaunt here referred to was probably Walter Bagnall, of Richmond
Island, who was killed by Indians, Oct. 3. 1631. See infra, 218, note 1.
2 The common Otter (Lutra Canaden-
fas), now of rare occurrence in the more
fettled parts of southern New England.
3 The Lufieran, or Luferet, is the Bay
Lynx, or Wild-cat (Lynx rufus).
4 The Martin. Under this name are
doubtles confounded the Marten (Muf-
tela Americana) and the Fisher (M. Pennanti). The size, however, even in
cafe the Fisher alone were referred to, is greatly overftated.
furre is chestnut coloure: and of those there are greate store in the Northerne parts of the Country, and is a good commodity.

The Racowne¹ is a beast as bigg, full out, as a Foxe, with a Bushtayle. His Flesh excellent foode: his oyle precious for the Syattica:² his furre course, but the skinnes serve the Salvages for coats, and is with those people of more esteeme then a coate of beaver,* because of the tayles * 79 that (hanging round in their order) doe adorne the garment, and is therefore so much esteemed of them. His fore feete are like the feete of an ape; and by the print thereof, in the time of snow, he is followed to his hole, which is commonly in a hollow tree; from whence hee is fiered out, and so taken.

The Foxes are of two coloures; the one redd, the other gray:³ these feede on fishe, and are good furre:⁴ they doe not flinke,

¹ The Racowne is the common well-known Raccoon (Procyon lotor).
² Joffelyn fays of the Raccoon: "their greafe is soveraigne for wounds with bruifes, aches, ftreins, bruises; and to anoint after broken bones and di locations." (Two Voyages, p. 85.) A little further on (p. 92) he notes: "One Mr. Purchafe cured himself of the Sciatica with Bears-greefe, keeping some of it continually in his groine."
³ The Redd Fox is our common Red Fox (Vulpes vulgaris, var. Pennsylvania). The Gray Fox is doublefs the Virginian or Gray Fox (Urocyon cinereoargenteus) of the South and Weft, an animal formerly occurring in New England but long since nearly extirpated. This is inferred from Joffelyn’s account of the Jaccal (New England’s Rarities, p. 22), rather than from any clew given in Morton’s text. The absence of strong scent referred to relates to the Gray Fox, a character mentioned by Joffelyn in his brief but sufficiently explicit description of his Jaccal.
⁴ "The Indians fay they have black foxes, which they have often feen, but never could take any of them. They fay they are Manittöes, that is Gods, fpirits, or divine powers, as they fay of every thing which they cannot comprehend." (Williams’s Key, ch. xvii.) The black fox-fkin, Joffelyn fays (Rarities, p. 21), "heretofore was wont to be valued at fifty and fixty pound, but now you may have them for twenty fhillings; indeed there is not any in New England that are perfectly black, but filver hair’d, that is sprinkled with gray hairs." The black wolf’s fkin, he fays (ib. p. 16), "is worth a Beaver Skin among the Indians,
flinke, as the Foxes of England, but their condition for their pray is as the Foxes of England.

The Wolfes are of divers coloures;¹ some sandy coloured, some griselled, and some black: their foode is fish, which they catch when they passe up the rivers into the ponds to spawne, at the spring time. The Deare are also their pray, and at summer, when they have whelpes, the bitch will fetch a puppy dogg from our dores to feede their whelpes with. They are fearefull Curres, and will runne away from a man, (that meeteth them by chaunce at a banke end,) as fast as any fearefull dogge.² These pray upon the Deare very much.

The

dian, being highly esteemed for helping old Aches in old people, worn as a Coat.” Of the foxes Wood remarks: “Some of these be blacke; their furre is of much efteeme.” (Prospect, p. 19.) Elsewhere he says that the fur of a black wolf was "worth five or fixe pounds Sterling." (Ib. 20.)

See, also, supra, 205, note 2.

¹ The Wolf is the large Gray Wolf (Canis lupus), formerly abundant throughout New England, and well known to vary in color as mentioned by Morton.

² "They be made much like a Mungrell, being big boned, lanke paunched, deepe breathed, having a thicke necke and head, pricke eares, and long fnoute, with dangerous teeth, long flaring haire, and a great bush taile. . . . It is observed that they have no joynts from their head to the taile, which prevents them from leaping or sudden turning.” (New England’s Prospect, p. 20.) See Josselyn’s Rarities, p. 14, and Two Voyages, p. 83. He says: “They commonly go in routs, a rout of Wolves is 12 or more, sometimes by couples.” Of the Virginia species, Clayton says: “Wolves there are great fiores; you may hear a Company Hunting in an Evening, and yelping like a pack of Beagles; but they are very cowardly, and dare scarce venture on anything that faces them; yet if hungry will pull down a good large Sheep that flies from them. I never heard that any of them adventured to set on Man or Child.” (iii. Forc’s Traits, No. 12, p. 37.) According to Strachey, these Virginia wolves were "not much bigger then English foxes.” (Historie, p. 125.) Wood, however, says that the Maffachusetts wolves cared "no more for an ordinary Maitiffe, than an ordinary Maitiffe cares for a Curre; many good dogges have been fpoyled by them.” Shortly after the landing from the Mayflower at Plymouth, John Goodman, one evening in January, "went abroad to use his lame feet, that were pitifull ill with the cold he had got, having a little spaniel with him. A little way from the plantation two great wolves ran after the dog; the dog ran to him and betwixt his legs for succour. He had nothing in his hand, but took up a stick and threw at one of them and hit him, and they presently ran both away, but came again. He got a pale-board in his hand; and they set both on their tails grinning at him a good while; and went their way and
The skinnes are used by the Salvages, especially the skinne of the black wolfe, which is esteemed a present for a prince there.

When there ariseth any difference betweene prince and prince, the prince that desires to be reconciled to his neighbouring prince does endeavour to purchase it by sending him a black wolfe skinne for a present, and the acceptance of such a present is an assurance of reconciliation betweene them; and the *Salvages will willingly give *80 40. beaver skinnes for the purchase of one of these black Wolfes skinnes:¹ and allthough the beast himselfe be a discommodity, which other Countries of Christendome are subject unto, yet is the skinne of the black wolfe worthy the title of a commodity, in that respect that hath bin declared.

If I should not speake something of the beare,² I might happily leave a scruple in the mindes of some effeminate person who conceaved of more danger in them then there is cause. Therefore, to incourage them against all Feare and Fortifie their mindes against needles danger, I will relate what experience hath taught mee concerning them: they are beasts that doe no harme in those parts; they feede upon Hurtleburies, Nuts and Fish, especially shell-fishe.

The Beare is a tyrant at a Lobster, and at low water will downe to the Rocks and groape after them with great diligence.

Hee will runne away from a man as fast as a litle dogge. If a couple of Salvages chaunce to espie him at his banquet, his

¹ Supra, 205, note 2, and 207, note 4.
² The common Black Bear (Ursus Americanus).
his running away will not serve his turne, for they will coate him, and chafe him betwenee them home to their howses, where they kill him, to save a laboure in carrying him farre. His Flesh is esteemed venison, and of a better taffte then beeфе.¹

His hide is used by the Salvages for garments, and is more commodious then discommodious; and may passe, (with some allowance,) with the rest.

The Muskewashe² is a beast that frequenteth the ponds. What hee eats I cannot finde. Hee is *but a small beast, lesse then a Cunny, and is indeede in those parts no other then a water Ratte; for I have seene the

¹ "For Beares they be common, being a great black kind of Beare, which be most fierce in Strawberry time, at which time they have young ones; at this time likewise they will goe upright like a man, and clime trees, and swim to the Islands: which if the Indians see, there will be more sportful Beare bayting than Paris Garden can afford. For seeing the Beares take water, an Indian will leape after him, where they goe to water cuffes for bloody nofes, and scratched sides; in the end the man gets the victory, riding the Beare over the watery plaine till he can bear him no longer." (New England's Prospect, p. 17.) "He makes his Denn amongst thick Bushes, thrutting in here and there store of moss, which being covered with snow and melting in the day time with heat of the Sun, in the night is frozen into a thick coat of Ice; the mouth of his Den is very narrow, here they lye single, never two in a Den all winter. The Indian as soon as he finds them, creeps in upon all four, seizes with his left hand upon the neck of the sleepeing Bear, draggs him to the mouth of the Den, where with a club or small hatchet in his right hand he knocks out his brains before he can open his eyes to see his enemy." (Two Voyages, p. 91.) Wood adds that bear's flesh was "accounted very good meete, esteemed of all men above Venison." Clayton says that "their flesh is commended for a very rich sort of Pork." (Virginia, III. Force's Travels No. 12, p. 37.) "Beares there be manie towards the sea-coaft, which the Indians hunt most greedily; for indeed they love them above all other their flesh, and therefore hardly fell any of them unto us, unless upon large proffers of copper, beads and hatchetts. We have eaten of them, and they are very toothsome sweet venison, as good to be eaten as the flesh of a calf of two yeares old; howbeit they are very little in comparision of those of Muscovia and Tartaria." (Strachey's Historie, p. 123.) See, also, Joffelyns New England's Rarities, pp. 13–14, and Two Voyages, pp. 91–2.

² The well-known Mufrat or Muffaquah (Fiber zibethicus) of our ponds. The "flones" are the oder glands. In respect to Cunny, see supra 204, note 2.
the fuckers of them digged out of a banke, and at that age they neither differed in shape, colore, nor size, from one of our greate Ratts. When hee is ould, hee is of the Beavers colore; and hath pass'd in waite with our Chapmen for Beaver.

The Male of them have ftones, which the Salvages, in uncaseing of them, leave to the skinne, which is a most delicate perfume, and may compare with any perfume that I know for goodnesse: Then may not this be excluded the Catalogue.

This Country, in the North parts thereof, hath many Porcupines, but I doe not finde the beast any way usefull or hurtfull.

There are in those Northerne parts many Hedgehoggs, of the like nature to our English Hedgehoggs. Here are great store of Conyes in those parts, of divers coloures; some white, some black, and some gray. Those towards the Southerne parts are very smal, but those to the North are as bigg as the English Cony: their eares are very short. For meate the smal rabbit is as good as any that I have eaten of else where.

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1 The Porcupine is the Canadian Porcupine (Erethizon dorsatus).
2 The Hedgehog is the same as the Porcupine, the author being in error in regarding it as "of the like nature to our English Hedgehoggs." The English Hedgehog belongs to a very different order of mammals, and has no representative in America.
3 The Conyes are Hares, the smal ones of the "Southerne parts" being the little Gray Hare or Wood Rabbit (Lepus sylvaticus) of southern New England. Those of "the North" are the Varying Hare (Lepus Americanus), or White Rabbit, which is brown in summer and white in winter. The reference to black ones is an error, wild black hares being unknown except in cases of Melanism, which are of extremely rare occurrence. We have no species of hare which is black. Rabbit, it may be added, is a name not strictly applicable to any indigenous mammal of America, it being the vernacular specific designation of an Old World species of hare.
There are Squirils of three forts, very different in shape and condition; one is gray, and hee is as bigg as the lesser Cony, and keepeth the woods, feeding upon nutts.

Another is red, and hee haunts our howfes and will rob us of our Corne; but the Catt many times payes him the price of his presumption.

The third is a little flying Squirill, with batlike wings, which hee spreads when hee jumpes from tree to tree, and does no harme.

Now because I am upon a treaty of the beasts, I will place this creature, the snake, amongst the beasts, having my warrant from the holy Bible; who, (though his posture in his paffage be so different from all other, being of a more fubtile and aidry nature, that hee can make his way without feete, and lifte himfelfe above the superficies of the earth, as hee glids along,) yet may hee not bee ranked with any but the beasts, notwithstanding hee frequents the water, as well as the land.

There are of Snakes divers and of severall kindes, as be with us in England; but that Country hath not so many as in England have bin knowne.  

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1 The “Squirils of three forts” are (1) the Gray Squirrel (Sciurus Carolinensis); (2) the Red Squirrel, or Chickaree (S. Hudsonius); (3) the Flying Squirrel (Sciuropterus volucellus). A fourth kind, the Striped Squirrel, or Chipmunk (Tamias striatus) is not mentioned. The “batlike wings” are of course neither batlike, nor even wings at all, but merely a narrow furred membrane extending along the sides of the body, from the fore to the hind limbs.

2 [and] See supra, iii, note 1.

3 “1639. May, which fell out to be extream hot and foggie, about the middle of May, I kill'd within a ftones throw of our houfe, above four score Snakes, some of them as big as the small of my leg, black of colour, and three yards long, with a sharp horn on the tip of their tail two inches in length.” (Josselyn’s Two Voyages, pp. 22–3.)
The generall Salvage name of them is Afcowke.¹

There is one creeping beast or longe creeple, (as the name is in Devonshire,) that hath a rattle at his tayle that does discover his age; for fo many yeares as hee hath lived, fo many joynts are in that rattle, which foundeth (when it is in motion,) like peafe in a bladder; and this beast is called a rattle Snake; but the Salvages give him the name of Sefick,² which some take to be the Adder; and it may well be so, for the Salvages are signifigant in their denomination of any thing, and [it] is no lesse hurtfull than the Adder of England, nor no more. I have had my dogge venomed with troubling one of these, and so swelled that I had thought it would have bin his death: but with one Saucer of Salet oyle powred downe his throate he * has recovered, and the swelling asswaged by the * 83 next day. The like experiment hath bin made upon a boy that hath by chaunce troad upon one of these, and the boy never the worfe. Therefore it is simplicitie in any one that shall tell a bugbeare tale of horrible, or terrible Serpents, that are in that land.³

¹ Mr. J. H. Trumbull writes : “Morton’s afcowke is Eliot’s a/kook, R. Williams’s a/kag, ‘a snake.’ In Zeisberger’s Delaware, achgook; whence (through Heckewelder) Cooper’s Chingachcook, ‘the Great Serpent,’ in the Last of the Mohicans.”

² Williams, in his Key, gives the name as Sefek. See, also, Mr. Trumbull’s note in his edition of the Key (p. 130), in the publications of the Narraganett Society. Wood gives it as feajcike. (Profped, p. 86.)

³ The stories first told in Europe of the RattleSnake (Crotalus duriffus) were of the most exaggerated kind. He was described as a reptile of prodigious size, which could fly, and which poisoned by its breath. (New England’s Profped, p. 39.) The first mention of this snake in Massachusetts is found in Higgins’s New England’s Plantation [1630]. It is as follows: “This country being very full of woods and wilderneffes, doth also much abound with snakes and serpents, of strange colors and huge greatnes. Yea, there are some serpents, called rattlesnakes, that have
Mice.

Mice there are good store, and my Lady Woodbees black gray-malkin may have pastime enough there: but for Rats, the Country by Nature is troubled with none.  

Lyons there are none in New England:  it is contrary to the

have rattles in their tails, that will not fly from a man as others will, but will fly upon him and sting him so mortally that he will die within a quarter of an hour after, except the party stung have about him some of the root of an herb called snake-weed to bite on, and then he shall receive no harm.” (Young’s Chron. of Mafs., p. 255.) Wood gives an admirable description of the rattle-snake (Propect, pp. 38–9), and also speaks of “the Antidote to expel the poyfon, which is a root called Snake weede, which must be champed, the spittle swallowed, and the roote applied to the fore. . . . Five or six men have been bitten by them, which by uing of snakeweede were all cured, never any yet loing his life by them.” Joffelyn, in his Rarities (p. 39), says: “The Indians when weary with travelling, will take them up with their bare hands, laying hold with one hand behind their Head, with the other taking hold of their Tail, and with their teeth tear off the Skin of their backs, and feed upon them alive; which they say refresheth them.” He further says that the heart of the rattle-snake “swallowed fresh” (Rarities, p. 39), or “dried and pulverized and drunk with wine or beer” (Voyages, p. 114), is an antidote against its poifon. In Clayton’s Virginia (III. Force’s Tracts, No. 12, p. 39), there is a very entertaining paflage, too long to extract, on Rattlesnakes, and the use of East India snake-fones “that were sent [to Virginia] by King James the Second, the Queen, and some of the Nobility, purpofely to try their Virtue and Efficacy,” at curing the bite of vipers, &c.

1 The Mice, which our author found in “good store,” belong chiefly to three species,—namely, the common short-tailed Meadow Moufe (Arvicola riparius), the White-footed Moufe, or Deer Moufe (Hesperomys leucopus), and the Long-tailed Jumping Moufe, or Kangaroo Moufe (Zapus Hudsonius). The common Houfe Moufe (Mus musculus) is an exotic peft, which doubtles was not at that time made its appearance. Morton is quite right in stating: “but for Rats, the Country by Nature is troubled with none.” The Black Rat (Mus rattus) was quite early introduced, but the Gray, Wharf, or Norway Rat (Mus decumanus) probably did not make its appearance till fully a century after Morton wrote his New English Canaan.

2 Morton, as was natural for a keen sportsman who had himfelf been in the tropics, was wifer on the fubje£t of Lions than other Englishmen in New England. From the first landing at Plymouth, when John Goodman and Peter Browne, getting loft in the woods, heard “two lions roaring exceedingly,” down to 1639, when Joffelyn heard “of a young Lyon (not long before) kill’d at Palfataway by an Indian,” there were vague stories of thefe animals having been either feen or heard in the New England woods. Joffelyn argued on the great probability that there were lions because there were jackals (Rarities, p. 21); and Wood faid that “the Virginians saw an old Lyon in their Plantation, who having loft his Jackall, which was wont to hunt his prey, was brought fo poore that he could goe no further.” (Propect,
the Nature of the beast to frequent places accustomed to snow; being like the Catt, that will hazard the burning of her tayle rather than abide from the fire.

C H A P. VI.

Of Stones and Minerals.¹

Now, (for as much as I have in a breife abstrac\^t shewed you the Creatures whose specificall Natures doe sympathifhe with the elements of fire and aire,) I will come to speake of the Creatures that participate of earth more then the other two, which is stones.

And firft of the Marble for building; whereof there is Marble. much in those parts, in so much there is one bay in the land that beareth the name of Marble harber, because of the plenty of Marble there:² and these *are usefull for *84 building of Sumpteous Pallaces.

And because no good building can be made permanent, Lime. or durable, without Lime, I will let you understand that there

¹ For the scientific and technical notes to this chapter I am indebted to Professor N. S. Shaler of Harvard University. As in the three preceding chapters, certain other notes of my own have been added, which are of a wholly different character, and will readily be distinguished from Professor Shaler's.

² The marble of Marble Harbor, or Marblehead, is not, in the present sense of the word, a marble at all, but is, in fact, a porphyry. In the old sense of the word it designated any smooth-striped or spotted stones, such as are found there.
there is good Limestone neere to the river of Monatoquinte,¹ at Uttaquatock,² to my knowledge; and we hope other places too, (that I have not taken so much notice of,) may have the like, or better: and those ftones are very convenient for building.

Chalk. Chalk ftones there are neere Squanto's Chappell,³ shewed me by a Salvage.

Slate. There is abundance of excellent Slate⁴ in divers places of the Country; and the best that ever I beheld for covering of howfes: and the inhabitants have made good use of these materials for building.

Whetstones. There is a very usefull Stone in the Land, and as yet there is found out but one place where they may be had, in the whole Country: Ould Woodman, (that was choaked at Plimmouth after hee had played the unhappy Markes man when hee was pursuèd by a carelesse fellow that was new come into the Land,) they say laboured to get a patent of it to himfelfe. Hee was beloved of many, and had many fonnes that had a minde to engroffe that commodity. And

¹ No limestone, good or bad, is known to exist on the Monatoquit now; the nearest limestone is at Bear (or Bare) Hill, in Stoneham.
² There is a locality in East Braintree, included in the Wainwright estate, at the foot of Wyman's Hill and facing the Weymouth Fore-river, into which the Monatoquit flows, where is a quarry from which stone bearing some external resemblance to limestone was formerly taken for ballast. This place has always been locally called the Quaw, though the origin and meaning of the name have never been known. It would seem that this must be the place referred to in the text, and that Quaw, or Quor, is a corruption of the Indian Attaquatock.
³ There are no "chalke ftones" at Squanto's Chapelle, i.e., Squantum, or anywhere else in this part of the world. Morton may possibly have mistaken pebbles of decayed felspar for chalk.
⁴ There is some slate in Quincy and Weymouth that might be used for roofing, and a quarry of it was long worked for material for graveftones, &c., on Squantum Bay, a mile or so from Mount Wollafton; but it is slate of a very poor sort. The nearest workable slate is in Vermont and Maine.
New English Canaan.

I cannot speie any mention made of it in the woodden prospect.  
Therefore I begin to suspect his aime, that it was for himsefle; and therefore will I not discover it: it is the Stone so much commended by Ovid, because love delighteth to make his habitation in a building of those materials, where hee adviseth those that seeke for love to doe it, Duris in Cotibus illum.

This stone the Salvages doe call Cos; and of *85 these, (on the North end of Richmond Iland,) are store, and those are very excellent good for edg'd tooles.  

envy

1 This passage is more than usually confused, even for Morton. It is difficult to say whether he is perpetrating a clumsy joke, or indulging in a malicious infinuation. John Billington was hanged at Plymouth in September, 1630, being apparently the second person so executed in what is now Massachussetts, the first having been executed at Weymouth during the winter of 1622–3. (Infra, *108–10.) The man shot by Billington, and for whose murder he was hung, was John New-comin (Bradford, p. 277), whence Morton's play upon the name. Billington had two sons, but he was by no means "beloved." As Bradford, writing about him as early as 1625, said, "he is a knave," adding prophetically "and so will live and die." (Savage's Winthrop, vol. i. p. *36). Why Morton should have called him "Ould Woodman" is not clear. From his immediately going on to talk of the "woodden prospect," and the wish of its author to secure for himself a monopoly of the Richmond Island whetstones, which "Ould Woodman labored to get a patent of," it would seem as if he had intended to convey the idea that William Wood, the author of the New England's Prophesie, was one of the "many sonnes" of "Old Woodman," who had been hanged at Plymouth. That such was Morton's intention, however, is not clear. The passage is muddled, but not necessarily malicious.

2 The words quoted are not Ovid's, but Virgil's. Eclogues, viii. 43.  

3 Supra, 124.  

4 Jofelyn, in his Two Voyages (p. 202), speaks of the "excellent whetstones" then (1670) found at Richmond Island.

"There is a species of slate quite abundant on Richmond's Island, and some other Islands in Casco Bay, which has been used for oil-stones. Jofelyn, in his Voyages, says that "tables of slate could he got out long enough for a dozen men to fit at." See a communication on this passage of the New Canaan, signed J. P. B., in the Portland Press of January 2, 1883. Professof Shaler adds: "It is interesting to note the fact that Morton faw that whetstones could be made the basis for trade. Stones suitable for this purpose are rare in Europe, and to-day a New Hampshire company ships large quantities to Europe and even to Australia."
envy not his Happinesse. I have bin there: viewed the place: liked the commodity: but will not plant so Northerly for that, nor any other commodity that is there to be had.

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1 Richmond Island lies directly south-east of Cape Elizabeth and close to it. From what Morton says in the next chapter and elsewhere (infra, *149), it would seem that before his arrest by Standish in June, 1628,—that is, in the summer of 1627,—he had a fur station on the coast of Maine. (Supra, 23.) Winthrop, writing under date of October 22, 1631, mentions the murder of "Walter Bagnall, called Great Watt, and one John P,—who kept with him," by the Indians at Richmond Island. He adds: "This Bagnall was sometimes servant to one in the bay, and these three years had dwelt alone in the said isle, and had gotten about £400 most in goods. He was a wicked fellow, and had much wronged the Indians." (Winthrop, vol. 1, p. *63). Bagnall would, from this, appear to have been one of Morton's servants at Mount Wollaston, as he alone in "the bay," at that time, had any number of servants, or was engaged in trade on the Maine coast. As Bagnall was killed in 1631, and had then lived alone at Richmond Island three years, he seems to have taken up his abode there in 1628, the time of the breaking up of the company at Mount Wollaston by Standish and Endicott, and the settlement at Richmond Island was thus the Maine offshoot of that at Merry-mount. Bagnall was probably that one of Morton's servants who, he says, was reputed, when he died, to have made a thousand pounds in the fur trade in five years, "whatsoever became of it." (Supra, *78). Morton's expression here of "five years" agrees with Winthrop's "three years," and confirms this surmise. Bagnall had died in 1631. Morton had gotten control at Mount Wollaston in 1626. (Supra, 15.) Bagnall had remained there as his servant two years, until 1628; then had been frightened away and gone to Richmond Island, where he had lived three years more, as Winthrop says,—making in all Morton's five years. In his phrase "whatsoever became of it" Morton characteristically throws out an insinuation in regard to Bagnall's possessions. He probably meant to imply some underhand proceeding to get hold of them on the part of the Massachusetts Bay people. Recently a theory has been advanced in the Maine press, that Bagnall was an Episcopalian, and competitor in trade of the Massachusetts Company; and that Winthrop and his associates, not being able otherwise to get rid of him, compassed his death by indirect means. (See a letter of S. P. Mayberry in Portland Press of Jan. 9, 1883.) Winthrop says that most of the possessions in question were in goods. A portion would naturally be in the form of money, and it was left for the present generation to form a most plausible surmise as to "whatsoever became of some of this money. On May 11, 1655, an old stone pot was turned up by the ploughshare, on Richmond Island, containing fifty-two coins; and Mr. Willis, the historian of Portland, then took occasion, in a letter to the Massachusetts Historical Society (Proceedings, May 1857, pp. 183-8), to "express the belief that the money [was] connected with the fate of Walter Bagnall, who was killed by Sagamore Squidraket and his party, Oct. 3, 1631." There was nothing to show that any of the coins were of a later date than 1631. A patent for Richmond
New English Canaan.

There are Loadstones\(^1\) also in the Northerne parts of the land: and those which were found are very good, and are a commodity worth the noteing.

Iron stones\(^2\) there are abundance: and severall sorts of them knowne.

Lead ore\(^3\) is there likewise, and hath bin found by the breaking of the earth, which the Froft hath made mellow.

Black Leade\(^4\) I have likewise found very good, which the Salvages use to paint their faces with.

Red Leade\(^5\) is there likewise in great abundance.

There is very excellent Boll Armoniack.\(^6\)

There is most excellent Vermilion.\(^7\) All these things the Salvages make some little use of, and doe finde them on the circumference of the Earth.

Brimstone

Richmond Ifland, together with fifteen hundred acres on the main land, was issued to Bagnall by the Council for New England, Dec. 2, 1631, just three months after his death. (Records of the Council, pp. 51–2.) Morton was then in England, and unquestionably in communication with Gorges. (Supra, 49.)

\(^1\) Doubtles the magnetic iron oxides. None of these are known to me nearer than in the mountains forming the westerly part of the Berkshire Hills, from New York City to the Adirondacks, except in Cumberland, R. I., where there is some iron of this nature.

\(^2\) No ironstones are known around Maffachufetts bay; the nearest deposits are in Rhode Island.

\(^3\) Small quantities of galena ore have been found in Woburn and that vicinity. There are some localities near Newburyport where the savages may have found some quantities of galena.

\(^4\) Black leade is doubtles plumbago, or graphite; it is found in Wrentham and in Worcester, Mafs., as well as at various points in Rhode Island.

\(^5\) Red leade is doubtles an ochre, such as may have been found near Cranston, R. I.

\(^6\) Boll armoniack is the Bolus armeniacœ of the old apothecaries. Bolus is the prefix to several old pharmacopial names, having loft its original special signification and come to be a given term for all lumpy substances. Here it means a sort of reddish clay, such as may be used for marking, — a clayey ochre such as may have come from about Providence, R. I.

\(^7\) Vermilion oxide of mercury is not known to occur this side of the Rocky Mountains. It is likely that he mistook some brilliant ochre for true vermilion. It may be, however, that the aborigines traded for it with western tribes. Their copper implements probably came from...
Brimstone.  
Brimstone\(^1\) mines there are likewise.

Mines of Tinne\(^2\) are likewise knowne to be in those parts: which will in short time be made use of: and this cannot be accompled a meane commodity.

Copper.  
Copper mines\(^3\) are there found likewise, that will enrich the Inhabitants. But untill therey younge Cattell be growne hardy labourers in the yoake, that the Plough and the Wheate may be feene more plentifully, it is a worke must be forborne.

Silver.  
* 86  * They say there is a Silver, and a gold mine\(^4\) found by Captaine Littleworth:\(^5\) if hee get a patent of it to himfelle hee will surely change his name.

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from Lake Superior. Many evidences of almoft as wide a commerce could be adduced.

\(^1\) Brimstone, or sulphur, does not exist in its metallic flate this side of the Cordilleras. He may have seen some pyrite-bearing fchifts, such as occur in Maine, which in dumping give a sulphuric smell.

\(^2\) Tin does not occur in this region. Some localities are known in Maine and elsewhere in New England, but they could hardly have been found by the Savages, or known to Morton.

\(^3\) Copper in its metallic flate, the only form in which he would have recognized it, does not occur about Massachusetts Bay. A very little of it has been found in Cumberland, R.I., in the valley of the Blackstone River.

\(^4\) No silver, except when combined with lead and zinc ore, has ever been found in this district. Some occurs in the district from Woburn to Newburyport. Metallic silver could not have been known to the natives. The nearest localities for metallic gold are the streams of Vermont, New Hampshire, and western Maine, in which district placer gold occurs in considerable quantities, and some auriferous quartz veins are known.

Profesfior Shaler adds to his foregoing notes: “The general impression which I get from the writer is that he was a bad observer, but not more untruthful than most of the seventeenth century travellers. He does not say that gold or silver had been seen by him, and limits his hearfay evidence to a single mine. Except for the extraordinary stuff about the whetstones, — wherein we may perhaps see something of the Maypole humor, — it is, for its time, a rather sober and reasonable story.”

\(^5\) This is the name by which Morton invariably designates John Endicott. For reasons which have been explained in the preliminary matter to this edition of the New Canaan (fupra, pp. 38-42), its author felt — and, as will be seen, never missed an opportunity to express — a peculiar bitterness towards Endicott.
Cowng Fishes, first I will begin with the Codd, because it is the most commodious of all fish, as may appeare by the use which is made of them in forraigne parts.

The Codd fishing is much used in America, (whereof New England is a part,) in so much as 300. Sayle of shipps, from divers parts, have used to be imployed yearely in that trade.

I have seene in one Harboure, next Richmond Island, 15. Shipps at one time for Sayle of shipps at one time, that have taken in them dryed Codds for Spaine and the Straights, and it has bin found that the Saylers have made 15. 18. 20. 22. p. share for a common man.

The Coaft aboundeth with such multitudes of Codd that the inhabitants of New England doe dunge their grounds with taking them. In editing the Rarities, Mr. Tuckerman remarked that he had "little to offer in elucidation of the lift [of fishes], which, indeed, in good part, appears sufficiently intelligible," — a remark equally applicable to the present chapter of the New Canaan.

^2 Portland Harbor. See supra, 218, note 1.

^3 This proves that the local Cod, i.e., those that breed close to the shore, have much decreased; and this partly by over-fishing, and partly by the falling-off of their food in the form of young fishes coming to the sea from rivers and brooks.
with Codd; and it is a commodity better than the golden mines of the Spanish Indies; for without dried Codd the Spaniard, Portingal and Italian would not be able to vittel of a shipp for the Sea; and I am sure at the Canaries it is the principall commodity: which place lyeth neere New Eng*land, very convenient for the vending of this commodity, one hundred of these being at the price of 300. of New found land Cods: greate store of traine oyle¹ is mayd of the livers of the Codd, and is a commodity that without question will enrich the inhabitants of New England quicly; and is therefore a principall commodity.

The Baffe² is an excellent Fish, both fresh and Salte; one hundred whereof salted, (at a market,) have yeilded 5. p. They are so large, the head of one will give a good eater a dinner; and for daintinesse of diet they excell the Marybones of Beefe. There are such multitudes, that I have seene stopped into the river close adjoyning to my howse, with a sand at one tide, so many as will load a ship of a 100. Tonnes.

Other places have greater quantities, in so much as wagers have bin layed that one shou'd not throw a stone in the water but that hee shou'd hit a fish.

I my selfe, at the turning of the tyde, have seene such multitudes passe out of a pound, that it seemed to mee that one might goe over their backs drifhod.

¹ This is perhaps the first mention in America of cod-liver oil, now so much used in medicine.
² The Striped Bass (Labrax). The Bass mentioned four paragraphs below, as chafing mackerel "into the shalow waters," may perhaps be the Bluefish (Temnodon).
These follow the bayte up the rivers, and sometimes are
followed for bayte and chafed into the bayes, and shallow
waters, by the grand pife: and these may have also a prime
place in the Catalogue of Commodities.

The Mackarels are the baite for the Baffe, and these
have bin chafed into the shallow waters where so many
thousands have shot themselves a shore with the surfe of the
Sea, that whole hogges-heads have bin taken up on
the Sands; and for length, they excell any of other parts:
they have bin measured 18. and 19. inches in
length and seven in breadth: and are taken with a drayle,
(as boats use to passe to and froe at Sea on business,) in very
greate quantities all alonge the Coaffe.

The Fish is good, salted, for store against the winter, as
well as fresh; and to be accounted a good Commodity.

This Sturgeon in England is *regalis piscis*; every man in Sturgeon.
New England may catch what hee will: there are multitudes
of them, and they are much fatter then those that are
brought into England from other parts, in so much as by
reason of their fatnesse they doe not looke white, but yellow,
which

1 This is either an expression which
has wholly passed out of use, or else a
misprint. Probably the latter. It may,
however, also be surmised that Morton
characteristically coined a word from
the Latin, and here meant to refer to
the various large fish in New England
waters, such as the Horfe Mackerel
(*Thynnus secundo dorialis*), the Mac-
kerel Shark (*Lamna puniata*), and
the common Dogfish (*Acanthias Amer-
icanus*), all of which follow schools of
mackerel, basfs, &c., into shoal waters
and prey upon them.

2 "These Macrills are taken with
drailes, which is a long small line, with
a lead and a hooke at the end of it,
being baited with a peec of a red
30.) This instrument still bears the same
name and is used in the same way.

3 When caught in the Thames, within
the jurisdictiion of the Lord Mayor of Lon-
don, the Sturgeon (*Actipncer*) is a royal
tish reserved for the sovereign. "The
Sturgeon is a Regal fish too, I have seen
of them that have been sixteen foot in
length." (*Joffel., Two Voyages*, p. 105.)
which made a Cooke presume they were not so good as them of Roulshea: sily fellow that could not understand that it is the nature of fish salted, or pickelled, the fatter the yellower being best to preserve.¹

For the tafle, I have warrant of Ladies of worth, with choife pallats for the commendations, who liked the tafte so well that they esteemed it beyond the Sturgeon of other parts, and sayd they were deceived in the lookes: therefore let the Sturgeon passe for a Commodity.

Of Salmons there is greate abundance: and these may be allowed for a Commodity, and placed in the Catalogue.

Of Herrings there is greate store, fat and faire: and, (to my minde,) as good as any I have seen; and these may be preserved, and made a good commodity at the Canaries.

*89* "Of Eeles there is abundance, both in the Salt-waters and in the fresh: and the fresh water Eele there, (if I may take the judgement of a London Fishtmonger,) is the best that hee hath found in his life time. I have with ² eele pots found my howsehold, (being nine persons, besides doggs,) with them, taking them every tide, (for 4. moneths space,) and preserving of them for winter store:³ and these may prove a good commodity.

¹ But little attention has been paid as yet in the United States to the Sturgeon fisheries, in spite of their great abundance.

² [jieele.] See supra, i. i. note 1.

³ "There be a greate fторe of Salt water Eeles, especially in such places where grasse growes: for to take these there be certaine Eele pots made of Ofyers, which must be baited with a peece of Lobfter, into which the Eeles entering cannot returne backe againe; some take a bushell in a night in this maner, eating as many as they have neede of for the present, and falt up the reft against Winter. These Eeles be not of so luscious a taf† as they be in England, neither are they so aghiſh, but are both wholſome for the body, and delightfull for the taf†e." (New England's Prospect, p. 30.)
Of Smelts there is such abundance that the Salvages doe take them up in the rivers with baskets, like fives.

There is a Fish, (by some called Shadds, by some Allizes,)\(^1\) that at the spring of the yeare passe up the rivers to spawne in the ponds; and are taken in such multitudes in every river, that hath a pond at the end, that the Inhabitants dooug their ground with them. You may fee in one towne-ship a hundred acres together set with these Fish, every acre taking 1000. of them: and an acre thus dressed will produce and yeald so much corne as 3. acres without fish: and, left any Virginea man would inferre hereupon that the ground of New England is barren, because they use no fish in setting their corne, I desire them to be remembred the cause is plaine, in Virginea they have it not to fett. But this practice is onely for the Indian Maize, (which must be set by hands,) not for English graine: and this is therefore a commodity there.

There is a large sized fish called Hallibut, or Turbut:\(^2\) some are taken so bigg that two men have much a doe to hale them into the boate; but there is such 90 plenty, that the fisher men onely eate the heads and finnes, and throw away the bodies: such in Paris would yeeld 5. or 6. crownes a peece: and this is no discommodity.

\(^1\) Morton confounds the Shad (*Alofa praefabilis*), or Allize (corruption of the French *Aloé*), with the smaller Alewife. This, with the Smelt and the Eel, are among the few shore fishes that are still found in comparative plenty. The Men-haden is used in our time to set corn.

\(^2\) At the present time the Halibut (*Hippoglossus*) is seldom caught near the shore or in shoal water. It is taken by the Gloucester fishermen along the outer banks, in depths of a hundred to two hundred fathoms. The New England Turbot (*Lophophetta*) of our coasts is a different fish, and rarely ventures to the north of Cape Cod. The fishermen frequently call our turbot as chicken-halibut.
There are excellent Plaice, and easily taken. They, (at flowing water,) do almost come afoare, so that one may缴费 but halfe a foote deepe and prick them up on the sands and this may passe with some allowance.

Hake is a dainty white fish, and excellent vittell fresh; and may passe with other commodities, because there are multitudes.

There are greate store of Pilchers: at Michelmas, in many places, I have seene the Cormorants in length 3. miles feedinge upon the Sent.

Lobsters are there infinite in store in all the parts of the land, and very excellent. The most use that I made of them, in 5. yeares after I came there, was but to baite my Hooke for to catch Baffe; I had bin so cloyed with them the first day I went a shore.

This being knowne, they shall passe for a commodity to the inhabitants; for the Salvages will meete 500, or 1000, at a place where Lobsters come in with the tyde, to eate, and save dried for store; abiding in that place, feasting and sporting, a moneth or 6. weckes together.

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1 The Flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes*), whereof there are several species.
2 Hake (*Phucis*) are still somewhat common.
3 Morton probably means the Mennaderven (*Brevoortia*). The European Pilchard, the adult of the Sardine, is not found on our coast.
4 Probably the Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax dilophus*). The Common Cormorant (*P. carbo*) also occurs in New England, but it is rare to the southward of Maine. Both species breed abundantly on rocky shores about the Gulf of St. Lawrence and northward, visiting New England waters during the autumn and winter. While with us they are exclusively maritime, frequenting by choice the vicinity of outlying ledges and small, rocky islands. When passing from place to place, they often fly in large flocks, which are usually arranged in long lines or single files. They live on fish, which they capture by diving.
5 This paragraph, and the one on clams immediately following it, throw considerable light on the formation of
There are great store of Oysters in the entrance of all Rivers: they are not round as those of England, but excellent fat, and all good. I have seen an Oyster banke a mile at length.

Muffles there are infinite store; I have often gone to Wassaguscus, where were excellent Muffles, to eat for variety, the fish is so fat and large.¹

Clames is a shellfish, which I have seen fold in Westmister for 12. pe. the shore. These our swine feede upon, and of them there is no want; every shore is full; it makes the swine prove exceedingly, they will not fail at low water to be with them. The Salvages are much taken with the delight of this fishe, and are not cloyed, notwithstanding the plenty: for our swine we finde it a good comodity.

Raser fishes there are.

Freeles there are, Cockles and Scallopopes;² and divers other forts of Shellfish, very good foode.

Now that I have shewed you what commodities are there to be had in the Sea, for a Market; I will shew what is in the Land, also, for the comfort of the inhabitants, wherein it doth abound. And because my taste is an abstract, I will discover to them the commodity thereof.

There are in the rivers, and ponds, very excellent Trouts, Carpes, Breames, Pikes, Roches, Perches, Tenches, Eeles, and the shell-heaps, a question which has been recently much discussed. See the paper of Professor F. W. Putnam, read at the meeting of the Maine Historical Society in Portland, in December, 1882, which will appear in the report of the proceedings of that meeting in the Collections of the Society.

¹ We, in this country, have not retained the European taste for mussels and for razor-shells (Solen).

² The eating of scallops (Pecten) has been revived within a few years.
and other fishes such as England doth afford, and as good for variety; yea, many of them much better; and the Natives of the inland parts doe buy hookes of us, to catch them with: and I have knowne the time that a Trouts hooke hath yeelded a beaver skinne, which hath bin a good commodity to those that have bartered them away.

These things I offer to your consideration, (curteous Reader,) and require you to shew mee the like in any part of the knowne world, if you can.

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*CHAP. VIII.*

Of the goodnes of the Country and the Waters.

Now since it is a Country so infinitely blest with foode, and fire, to roast or boyle our Flesh and Fish, why should any man feare for cold there, in a Country warmer in the winter than some parts of France, and neerer the Sunne: unles hee be one of those that Salomon bids goe to the Ant and the Bee.

There is no boggy ground knowne in all the Country, from whence the Sunne may exhale unwholsom vapors: But there are divers arematicall herbes and plants, as Saffafiras, Muske Roses, Violets, Balme, Lawrell, Hunnifuckles, and the like, that with their vapors perfume the aire; and it has bin a thing much observed that shippes have come from Virginea where there have bin scarce five men able to hale a rope, untill they have come within 40. Degrees of latitude and
and smell the sweet aire of the shore, where they have suddenly recovered.¹

And for the water, therein it excelleth Canaan by much; for the Land is so apt for Fountaines, a man cannot digg amisse: therefore if the Abrahams and Lots of our times come thether, there needs be no contention for wells.

Besides there are waters of most excellent vertues, worthy admiration.

*At Ma-re-Mount there was a water,² (by mee discovered,) that is most excellent for the cure of Melancolly probatum.

At Weenafemute is a water, the vertue whereof is to cure barrennesse. The place taketh his name of that Fountaine which signifieth quick spring, or quickning spring probatum.³

Neere Squantos Chappell,⁴ (a place so by us called,) is a Fountaine that causeth a dead sleepe for 48. howres to those that drinke 24. ounces at a draught, and so proportionably. The

¹ A strong spirit of emulation existed in the early years of the seventeenth century, between the advocates of New England and those of Virginia, as sites for colonization. Morton was always a flanch New Engander, and in this chapter, as well as in those which immediately precede and follow it, he loses no opportunity to assert the superiority of the Massachusets climate and products over those of the country further south. It is needless to point out that his advocacy led him into ludicrouly wild statements.

² There is no natural spring of any kind at Mount Wollaflon, though water is easily obtained by digging.

³ Winnifimmet, the Indian name of Chelsea. Upon the significance of the name Mr. Trumbull writes: "I have my doubts about Morton’s Weena femute, but am inclined to believe that his interpretation is founded on fact. Afhim (= a²m, in local dialect) is once used by Eliot (Cant. iv. 12) for 'fountain.' It denotes a place from which water (for drinking) is taken. Winn’afhim, or Winn’afim, means 'the good fountain,' or spring; and Winn’afim-ut (or et) is 'at the good spring.' The efficacy of the water 'to cure barrenness' may have been Morton’s embellishment, but not improbably was an Indian belief.”

⁴ Squantum, in Quincy.
The Salvages, that are Powahs, at set times use it, and reveal strange things to the vulgar people by means of it. So that in the delicacy of waters, and the conveniency of them, Canaan came not neere this Country.

As for the Milke and Hony, which that Canaan flowed with, it is supplyed by the plenty of birds, beasts and Fish; whereof Canaan could not boast her selfe.

Yet never the lesse, (since the Milke came by the industry of the first Inhabitants,) let the cattell be chereished that are at this time in New England, and forborne but a little, I will aske no long time, no more but untill the Brethren have converted one Salvage and made him a good Christian, and I may be bold to say Butter and cheese will be cheaper there then ever it was in Canaan. It is cheaper there then in old England at this present; for there are store of Cowes, considering the people, which, (as my intelligence gives,) is 12000.\(^1\) persons: and in gods name let the people have their desire, who write to their freinds to come out of Sodome to the land of Canaan, a land that flowes with Milke and Hony.

\(^1\) This is a gross exaggeration. Thomas Wigglin, in November, 1622, wrote: “For the plantation in Massachusetts, the English there being about 2000 people, yonge and old.” (III. Mafs. Hist. Coll., vol. viii. p. 322.) Writing on May 22, 1634, about the time Morton referred to (Supra, 78), Governor Winthrop says: “For the number of our people, we never took any furveigh of them, nor doe we intend it, except informed through the urgent occasion (David’s example flockes somewhat with us) but I esteeme them to be in all about 4000: foules and upwarde.” (Proc. Mafs. Hist. Soc., Dec. 14, 1882.) So in the New England’s Prospect (p. 42), Wood speaks of the population of Massachusetts as “four thousand foules.” In the spring of 1634 there may have been five hundred persons in the Plymouth colony, and as many more in New Hampshire and Maine, making a total New England population of five thousand at the time Morton was writing. When the New Canaan was published, however, in 1637, the population undoubtedly was as large as 12,000.
*And I appeale to any man of judgement, whether it be not a Land that for her excellent indowments of Nature may passe for a plaine paralell to Canaan of Israell, being in a more temporat Climat, this being in 40. Degrees and that in 30.

**CHAP. IX.**

*A Perspective to view the Country by.*

As for the Soyle, I may be bould to commend the fertility thereof, and preferre it before the Soyle of England, (our Native Country); and I neede not to produce more then one argument for proffe thereof, because it is so infallible.

Hempe is a thing by Hufband men in generall ageed upon to prosper best in the most fertile Soyle: and experience hath taught this rule, that Hempe feede prospereth so well in New England that it shewteth up to be tenne foote high and tenne foote and a halfe, which is twice so high as the ground in old England produceth it; which argues New England the more fertile of the two.¹

As for the aire, I will produce but one proffe for the maintenance of the excellency thereof; which is so generall, as I assure mysfelfe it will suffice.

No man living there was ever knowne to be troubled with a cold, a cough, or a murre; but many men, comming sick out

¹ Supra, 187, note 4.
out of Virginea to New Canaan have instantly recover
* 95 * ed with the helpe of the purity * of that aire; * no
man ever surfeited himselfe either by eating or drinking.

The plenty of the Land.

As for the plenty of that Land, it is well knowne that no
part of Asia, Affrica or Europe affordeth deare that doe
bring forth any more then one single faune; and in New
Canaan the Deare are accustomed to bring forth 2. and 3.
faunes at a time.

Besides, there are such infinite flocks of Fowle and Multi-
tudes of fiah, both in the fresh waters and also on the Coaft,
that the like hath not else where bin discovered by any travellcr.

The windes there are not so violent as in England; which
is prooved by the trees that grow in the face of the winde by
the Sea Coaft; for there they doe not leane from the winde
as they doe in England: as we have heard before.

1 This aflounding proposition was in the early days of the settlement not pecu-
lar to Morton. Higginfon, in his *New Englands Plantation*, speaks of
the "extraordinary clear and dry air, that is of a most healing nature to all
such as are of a cold, melancholy, phlegmatic, rheumatic temper of body," and
concludes what he has to say on the subjeet with his often-quoted sentiment
that "a fup of New-England's air is better than a whole draught of Old
England's ale." (Young's *Chron. of Mafs.*, pp. 251-2.) Williams, too, fays
in his Key (ch. xiii.): "The Nor-West wind (which occasioneth New-
England cold) comes over the cold frozen Land, and over many millions
of Loads of Snow: and yet the pure wholefomneffe of the Aire is wonder-
full, and the warmth of the Sunne, fuch in the sharpeft weather, that I have
often feen the Natives Children runne aboutftarke naked in the coldeft
dayes." Again, in the pamphlet entitled *New England's First Fruits*,
printed in London in 1643, it was stated, in reply to the objection of extreme win-
ter cold, that "the cold there is no impediment to health, but very wholfsome
for our bodies, inomuch that all forts generally, weake and strong, had scarce
ever fuch meafeure of health in all their lives as there. . . . Men are feldome
p. 249.) Joffelyn, however, writing nearly thirty years later, remarks:
"Some of our New-England writers affirm that the English are never, or
very rarely, heard to freeze or cough, as ordinarily they do in England, which
is not true." (Two Voyages, p. 184.)

2 Supra, 201, note 2.

3 Supra, *17.
The Raine is there more moderate then in England; which thing I have noted in all the time of my residence to be so.

The Coast is low Land, and not high Land: and hee is of a weake capacity that conceaveth otherwise of it, because it cannot be denied but that boats may come a ground in all places along the Coast, and especially within the Compas of the Massachusets patent, where the prospect is fixed.¹

The Harboures are not to be bettered for safety and goodnesse of ground, for ancorage, and, (which is worthy observation,) shipping will not there be furred; neither are they subject to wormes, as in Virginea and other places.

* Let the Scituation also of the Country be considered, (together with the rest which is discovered in the front of this abstract,) and then I hope no man will hold this land unworthy to be intitled by the name of the second Canaan.

And, since the Seperatists are desirous to have the denomination thereof, I am become an humble Suter on their behalfe for your confents, (courteous Readers,) to it, before I doe shew you what Revels they have kept in New Canaan.²

** Chapter X.**

¹ Wood in his Prospefl (p. 2), referring to the approach to Boston Bay from Cape Anne, had said: "The surrounding shore being high, and showing many white Clifles, in a most pleasant prospect."

² The Second Book of the New Canaan, it would seem, originally ended with this chapter. The next chapter was an afterthought of the author, written before December, 1635, as is evident from the allusions in it to events then taking place. (Supra, 78.) Wood's Prospefl was published in 1634, and the constant references to it in the first two books of the New Canaan show that they were both written subsequent to its publication, probably during that year. In the Third Book there are no allusions to the Prospefl, and the reference to the Third Book in the Second (Supra, *51), to which attention has already been called, show that it must have been written before the others, and
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Of the Great Lake of Erocoife in New England, and the commodities thereof.

Westwards from the Massachusettts bay, (which lyeth in 42. Degrees and 30. Minutes of Northerne latitude,) is situated a very spacious Lake, (called of the Natives the Lake of Erocoife,\(^1\)) which is farre more excellent then the Lake of Genezereth, in the Country of Palestina, both in respect of the greatnes and properties thereof, and likewise of the manifould commodities it yealdeth: the circumference of which Lake is reputed to be 240. miles at the leaft: and it is distant from the Massachusettts bay 300. miles, or there abouts:\(^2\) wherein are very many faire Islands, where innumerable flocks of severall forts of Fowle doe breede, Swannes, Geefe, Ducks, Widgines, Teales, and other water Fowle.

There and probably during the year 1633. It would seem to have been completed in May, 1634. There is, however, also a reference to be found in the Third Book to the Second (Infra, \(*120\), but it was probably interpolated during a revival of the manuscript.

\(^1\) Now Lake Champlain. "By the Indians north of the St. Lawrence and the Lakes, it was called the Lake of the Iroquois, as likewise the River Richelieu, connecting it and the River St. Lawrence, they called the River of the Iroquois. Champlain discovered the lake in 1609. and gave it his own name. (Voyages, Prince Soc. ed., vol. ii. pp. 210–20; Parkman’s Pioneers of France, p. 316.) On some of the early maps it is put down ‘Lake Champlain or Irocoife.’ It is so called in Purchas’s Pilgrims (vol. iv. p. 1643). The region about the lake was sometimes called Irocofia. The Iroquois lived on the south of the lake, and, as their enemies on the north approached them through this lake, they naturally called it the Lake of the Iroquois.” (MS. letter of Rev. E. F. Slafter.)

\(^2\) The measurement and distance here given are very nearly correct. Lake Champlain is 126 miles long by about 14 in width at its broadest part. Burlington is not far from 240 miles from Bolton.
* There are also more abundance of Beavers, Deare *97 and Turkies breed about the parts of that lake then in any place in all the Country of New England; and also such multitudes of fish, (which is a great part of the foode that the Beavers live upon,) that it is a thing to be admired at: So that about this Lake is the principallst place for a plantation in all New Canaan, both for pleasure and proftit.

Here may very many brave Townes and Citties be erected, which may have intercoufre one with another by water, very commodiously: and it is of many men of good judgement accounted the prime feate for the Metropolis of New Canaan.1 From this Lake, Northwards, is derived the famous River of Canada, (fo named of Monsier de Cane,2 a French Lord that first planted a Colony of French in America, there called Nova Francia,) from whence Captaine Kerke3 of late, by taking that plantation, brought home in one shipp,

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1 In regard to the imaginary attractions and advantages of Laconia and its great lake, see Belknap’s American Biography, vol. i. p. 377.
2 The two brothers, William and Emery de Caen, became prominent in the history of Canadian settlement in 1621, and remained so for a number of years. They did not, however, plant a colony of French in America, nor was the name of Canada, or of its famous river, derived from their name. On this point see Parkman’s Pioneers of France, pp. 184, note, and 391–5. Morton’s derivation of the name Canada is entitled to much the same weight as his derivation of the names Pantucket and Mattapan. (Supra, 124.) It was not, however, peculiar to him as, forty years later, Josselyn also speaks (Rarities, p. 5) of “the River Canada, (so called from Monsieur Cane).”
3 On the breaking out of the war between England and France in 1627, under the influence of Buckingham, Sir William Alexander had been instrumental in organizing an expedition to seize the French possessions in America. At its head were three Huguenots of Dieppe,—David, Louis and Thomas Kirk, brothers. The expedition was successful, and on the 20th of July, 1629, Champlain surrendered Quebec to Louis Kirk. Daniel Kirk, the admiral of the expedition, returned to England in November of the same year; but his brother Thomas remained in Canada and held Quebec as an English conquest until July, 1632, when, in accordance with the conditions of the peace of April
fhipp, (as a Seaman of his Company reported in my hearing,) 25000. Beaver skinnes.¹

And from this Lake, Southwards, trends that goodly River, called of the Natives Patomack, which dischardgeth herselfe in the parts of Virginea; from whence it is navigable by shipping of great Burthen up to the Falls, (which lieth in 41. Degrees and a halfe of North latitude,) and from the Lake downe to the Falls by a faire current. This River is navigable for vessels of good Burthen; and thus much hath often bin related by the Natives, and is of late found to be certaine.²

*98 They have also made description of great heards of well growne beafts, that live about the parts of this Lake,

14, 1629, it was restored to France. See Kirke's First English Conquest of Canada, pp. 63–93; Parkman's Pioneers of France, pp. 491–11; also Mr. Deane's note in Proc. Mafs. Hist. Soc. for 1875–6, pp. 376–7.

¹ The number of beaver-skins really carried to England by Kirk was seven thousand. (Kirke's First English Conquest of Canada, p. 85.)

² It is unnecessary to say that Morton was here writing at random. He confounds the Potomac with the Hudfon, though, a few paragraphs further on (Infra, *99), he states the facts in regard to the latter river correctly; and the latitude he gives has no significance, being that of Poughkeepie, on the Hudfon, and Cleveland, on Lake Erie. The Potomac nowhere flows so far north as 40°. The falls referred to are probably those of Niagara. They had not then been discovered (Parkman's Jesuits in North America, p. 142), though vague reports concerning them had reached the French through the Indians, and they are plainly indicated on Champlain's map of 1629. (Voyages, Prince Soc. ed., vol. i. p. 271, note.) Some loose stories in regard to the rivers, falls, lakes and islands of the interior had been picked up by Morton, probably in his talks with seamen and others who had taken part in Kirk's expedition. He certainly fell in with these in London, and it is more than likely that at the house of Gorges he saw Champlain's map of 1629; though upon that the falls are placed at 43½ degrees of latitude, instead of at 41½. In 1634 there was no other map. On the strength of the information thus gathered, he made the statements contained in this chapter. The little he knew had been obtained in England, after his return there in 1631; for the Maffachusettts Indians can hardly have known much of the remote interior, and in 1630 no attempts even at exploration away from the seashore had been made by the straggling occupants of the New England coast.
Lake, such as the Christian world, (untill this discovery,) hath not bin made acquainted with. These beasts are of the bignesse of a Cowe; their Flesh being very good foode, their hides good lether, their fleeces very usefull, being a kinde of wolle as fine almoft as the wolle of the Beaver; and the Salvages doe make garments thereof.

It is tenne yeares since first the relation of these things came to the eares of the English: at which time wee were but slender proficients in the language of the Natives, and they, (which now have attained to more perfection of English,) could not then make us rightly apprehend their meaninge.¹

Wee supposed, when they spake of Beasts thereabouts as high as men, they have made report of men all over hairy like Beavers, in so much as we questioned them whether they eate of the Beavers, to which they replied Matta,² (noe) sayling they were almoft Beavers Brothers. This relation at that time wee concluded to be fruitles, which, since, time hath made more apparent.

About the parts of this Lake may be made a very greate Commodity by the trade of furres, to inrich those that shal plant there; a more compleat discovery of those parts is, (to my knowleadge,) undertaken by Henry Jofeline,³ Esquier, fonne

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¹ The stories here referred to probably came from the Indians of Connecticut and Maine, and referred to the rivers and lakes of New England, but were afterwards supposed to have had a wider significanc.

² Williams (Key, 64) gives Machång as the Indian word for No, but it really signifies no-thing (Key, 182). Matta, as Morton gives it, is the simple negative.

³ Henry Josselyn was a brother of John Josselyn, author of New Englands Rarities and the Two Voyages to New England, frequently quoted in the notes to this edition of the New Canaan. He came out from England in the interef of
fonne of Sir Thomas Isofeline of Kent, Knight, by the appro-
bation and appointement of that Heroick and very good
Common wealths man, Captaine John Mafon,¹ Esquier,
* 99 a * true fofter Father and lover of vertue, (who at his
owne chardge,) hath fitted Mafter Isofeline and im-
ploied him to that purpose; who no doubt will performe as
much as is expected, if the Dutch, (by gettinge into thofe
parts before him,) doe not frustrate his fo hopefull and
laudable desigues.

It is well knowne they aime at that place, and have a po-
fibility to attaine unto the end of their desires therein, by
means of the River of Mohegan, which of the English is
named Hudfons River, where the Dutch have fetled two
well fortified plantations already. If that River be derived
from the Lake, as our Country man in his proftpect² affirmes
it

of Mafon, as stated in the text, in 1634,
and paffed the remainder of his life in
Maine, living at Black Point in the town
of Scarborough. He died in 1683. He
was deputy-governor of the province,
and one of the moft active and influen-
tial men in it, holding, through all
changes of proprietorship and govern-
ment, the moft important offices. See
Mr. Tuckerman's Introduction to the
New Englandes Rarities; Hift. of Cumber-
land County, Maine, p. 362.

¹ Of Captain John Mafon of New
Hampfhire and the Laconia enterprife,
it is not neceffary to speak at length in
this connection. Mafon was the moft
prominent character in the early hiftory
of New Hampfhire, and the lofs which
his death, in December 1635, entailed
on the proftects of Gorges and Morton
has already been referred to (Supra, 76).
The late Charles W. Tuttle, of Bofton
was at the time of his death engaged in
preparing a life of Mafon, which would
unquestionably have been a valuable
addition to the hiftory of the settlement
of New England. The material he had
collected is now in the possession of his
family. In regard to the Laconia Com-
pany and its proftects, fee Belnap's
American Biography, under the title
Gorges, and Mr. Deane's note in the
376-80.

² Wood's statement here referred to
is found on the first page of the Proft-
pect, and is as follows: "The Place
whereon the English have built their
Colonies, is judged by thofe who have
beft skill in discovery, either to bee an
Ifland, furrounded on the North fide
with the fpacious River Cannada, and
on the South with Hudfons River, or
elfe a Peniilula, these two Rivers over-
lapping one another, having their rife
from the great Lakes which are not farre
off
it to be, and if they get and fortifie this place also, they will gleane away the beft of the Beaver both from the French and the English, who have hitherto lived wholely by it; and very many old planters have gained good eftates out of small beginnings by meanes thereof.

And it is well knowne to some of our Nation that have lived in the Dutch plantation that the Dutch have gained by Beaver 20000. pound a yeare.¹

The Salvages make report of 3. great Rivers that issue out of this Lake, 2. of which are to us knowne, the one to be Patomack, the other Canada: and why may not the third be found there likewise, which they describe to trend westward, which is conceaved to discharge herfelfe into the South Sea? The Salvages affirme that they have feene shippes in this Lake with 4. Mafts, which have taken from thence for their ladinge earth, that is conjectured to be some minerall stuffe.

* There is probability enough for this; and it may * 100 well be thought that so great a confluxe of waters as are there gathered together, muft be vented by some great Rivers; and that if the third River, (which they have made mention of,) proove to be true, as the other two have done, there is no doubt but that the passage to the East India may be obtained without any such daingerous and fruitleffe inquest by the Norweft, as hetherto hath bin endeavoured: And there is no Traveller of any refonable capacity but will graunt off one another, as the Indians doe certainly informe us.”

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graunt that about this Lake must be innumerable springes, and by that means many fruitfull and pleasant pastures all about it. It hath bin observed that the inland part, (witnes Neepnet,) are more pleasant and fertile then the borders of the Sea coaste. And the Country about Erocoife is, (not without good caufe,) compared to Delta, the moft fertile parte in all AEGypt, that aboundeth with Rivers and Rivalets derived from Nilus fruitfull channell, like vaines from the liver; so in each respect is this famous Lake of Erocoife.

And, therefore, it would be adjudged an irreparable over-fight to protract time, and suffer the Dutch, (who are but intruders upon his Majesties moft hopefull Country of New England,) to posfesse themselves of that fo plefant and commodious Country of Erocoife before us: being, (as appeareth,) the principall part of all New Canaan for plantation, and not elsewhere to be paralleld in all the knowne world.

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1 The Nipmucks, or Nipnets, inhab-ited the present county of Worcester.  (Hist. of Worcester County, vol. i. p. 8.)
NEW CANAANS GENIUS.

EPILOGUS.

How that art by Fates degree,
Or Providence, ordain'd to see
Natures wonder, her rich store
Ne'-r discovered before,
Th' admired Lake of Erocoise
And fertile Borders, now rejoice.
See what multitudes of fish
Shee presents to fitt thy dish.
If rich furres thou dost adore,
And of Beaver Fleeces store,
See the Lake where they abound,
And what pleasures els are found.
There chaft Leda, free from fire,
Does enjoy her hearts desire;
Mongst the flowry bancks at ease
Live the sporting Najades,
Bigg lim'd Druides, whose browes
Bewtified with greenbowes.
See the Nymphes, how they doe make
Fine Meanders from the Lake,
Twining in and out, as they
Through the pleasant groves make way,

Weaving
New English Canaan.

Weaving by the shady trees
Curious Anastomases,

* 102
* Where the harmeles Turtles breede,
And such usefull Beasts doe feede
As no Traveller can tell
Els where how to paralell.
Colcos golden Fleece rejeft;
This deserveth best respect.
In sweete Peans let thy voyce,
Sing the praishe of Ercoise,
Peans to advaunce her name,
New Canaans everlafting fame.
NEW ENGLISH CANAAN,
OR NEW CANAAN.

The Third Booke.

Containing a description of the People that are planted there, what remarkable Accidents have happened there since they were settled, what Tenents they should, together with the practice of their Church.

CHAP. I.

Of a great League made with the Plimouth Planters after their arrivall, by the Sachem of those Territories.¹

The Sachem of the Territories where the Planters of New England are settled, that are the first of the now Inhabitants of New Canaan, not knowing what they were, or whether they would be freindes or foes, and * being desirous

¹ This is a confused, rambling account of the familiar Indian incidents which took place during the first year after the landing at Plymouth. There is
desirous to purchase their freindship that hee might have the better Assurance of quiet tradinge with them, (which hee conceived would be very advantageous to him,) was desirous to prepare an ambaffador, with commission to treat on his behalfe, to that purpose; and having one that had beene in England (taken by a worthleffe man\(^1\) out of other partes, and after left there by accident,) this Salvage\(^2\) hee intructed how to behave himselfe in the treaty of peace; and the more to give him incouragement to adven-ture his perfon amongst these new come inhabitants, which was a thinge hee durft not himselfe attempt without security or hoftage, promised that Salvage freedome, who had beene detained there as theire Captive: which offer hee accepted, and accordingly came to the Planters, falutinge them with wellcome in the Englifh phrase, which was of them admired to heare a Salvage there speake in their owne language, and used him great courtesie: to whome hee declared the caufe of his comminge, and contrived the businesse so that hee brought the Sachem and the Englifh together, betweene whome was a firme league concluded, which yet continueth.

After

is nothing of historical value in it, and nothing which has not been more accurately and better told by Bradford, Winflow, Mourt and Smith.

\(^1\) Captain Thomas Hunt, who commanded one of the vefiels of Smith’s squadron, in his voyage of 1614. (Bradford, p. 95.)

\(^2\) Morton, in this chapter, confounds Samofet with Squanto. It was Squanto who was kidnapped by Hunt and had been in England, but it was Samofet who walked into the Plymouth Settlemet, on the 26th of March [N. S.], 1621, and saluted the planters with “wellcome in the Englifh phrase.” Squanto was a native of Plymouth, but Samofet belonged at Pemaquid, in Maine. (Mourt, Dexter’s ed., note 295, p. 83.) Hence Morton speaks of his having been detained by Massafioit as a captive. He apparently came to Massachufets the year before on Captain Dermer’s vefiel, in company with Squanto. Dr. Dexter is seriouly in error in his account of Squanto in note 315 of his edition of Mourt. Squanto could not have been one of the Weymouth captives of 1605.
After which league the Sachem, being in company with the other whome hee had freed and suffered to live with the English, espijnge a place where a hole had been made in the grounde, where was their store of powder layed to be preserved from danger of fire, (under ground,) demaunded of the Salvage what the English had hid there under ground; who answered the plague;\(^1\) at which hee flarteled, because of the great mortality lately \(^*\)happened by \(^*\)105 means of the plague,\(^2\) (as it is conceaved,) and the Salvage, the more to encrease his feare, told the Sachem if he should give offence to the English party they would let out the plague to destroy them all, which kept him in great awe. Not longe after, being at varience with another Sachem borderinge upon his Territories, he came in sol- emne manner and intreated the governour that he would let out the plague to destroy the Sachem and his men who were his enemies, promising that he himselfe and all his posterity would be their everlafting freindes, so great an opinion he had of the English.

**C H A P. I I.**

*Of the entertainment of Mr. Westons people sent to settle a plantation there.*

After Thomas Weston,\(^3\) a Merchant of London that had been at some coft to further the Brethren of new Plimouth

\(^1\) This is the familiar anecdote of Squanto. (Bradford, p. 113; Young's *Chron. of Pilg.*, p. 292.)

\(^2\) See *supra*, 133, *note.*

\(^3\) The moft connected account of Thomas Weston and his abortive plant-
Plimouth in their deignes for these partes, shipped a company of Servants, fitted with provision of all sorts, for the undertaking of a Plantation to be fetled there; with an intent to follow after them in person. These servants at first arrived at new Plimouth, where they were entertained with court holy bread by the Brethren: they were made very wellcome, in shew at least: there these servants goodes were landed, with promises to be assisted in the choyse of a convenient place; and still the good cheare went forward, and the strong liquors walked. In the meane time the Brethren were in consultation what was best for their advantage, singing the songe, Frustra jasit, qui sibi non jasit.

*106* This plantation would hinder the present practice and future profit; and Master Weston, an able man, would want for no supplies upon the returne of Beaver, and so might be a plantation that might kepe them under, who had a Hope to be the greatest: besides his people were no chosen Seperatists, but men made choice of at all adventures, fit to have served for the furtherance of Master Westons undertakinges: and that was as much as hee neede to care for: ayminge at Beaver principally for the better effecting of his purpose. Now when the Plimouth men began to finde that Master Westons mens store of provision grew short with feasting, then they hafted them to a place called Weffagufcus, in a weake case, and there left them fasting.

Chapter III.


Chap. III.

Of a Battle fought at the Massachussets, betweene the English and the French.¹

The Planters of Plimmouth, at their laft being in those parts, having defaced the monument of the ded at Paffonagefit, (by taking away the herfe Cloath, which was two greate Beares skinnes fowed together at full length, and propped up over the grave of Chuatawbacks mother,) the Sachem of thofe territories, being innoged at the fame, ftirred up his men in his bee halfe to take revenge: and, having gathered his men together, hee begins to make an oration in this manner. When laft the glorious light of all the * fkey was underneath this globe, and Birds * 107 grew filent, I began to fettle, (as my cuftome is,) to take refofe; before mine eies were faft clofed, mee thought

¹ This is a wholly confused and in- leding account of the skirmifh which took place between the Plymouth party, under command of Miles Standifh, and the Massachufetts Indians living near Weffagufiet, immediately after the killing of Peckftoot and Wituwamat, in March, 1623. The correct account of the affair is in Young’s Chron. of Pilg., p. 341. Why Morton fpeaks of it as a battle between the English and the French is inexplicable.

² See Supra, pp. 11, 162, 170. The Plymouth people may have defpoiled the grave of Chickatawbut’s mother of its bear-skins during some one of their earlier visits to Bofton Bay. Their laft

visit to thofe parts, prior to the “battle” spoken of in this chapter, was in November, 1622 (Young’s Chron. of Pilg. p. 302), when they got little in the way of fupplies, and heard nothing but complaints from the Indians of Welfon’s peo- ple, who had then been feveral months at Weffagufiet. It is far more probable that thefe latter ftripped the grave at Paffonagefit. In any event there can be little doubt that Morton himfelf had visited the fpot while taking his “furvey of the country” during the previous fummer (Supra, 6), and it is quite clear that the defpoiling the grave had no connection with the fubfequent “battle,” in which Chickatawbut took no part.
I saw a vision, (at which my spirit was much troubled,) and, trembling at that doleful fight, a spirit cried aloud beheld, my sonne, whom I have cherished, see the papps that gave thee suck, the hands that lapp'd thee warme and fed thee oft, canst thou forget to take revenge of those ild people that hath my monument defaced in despitefull manner, disdainning our ancient antiquities and honourable Custo\mores? See now the Sachems grave lies like unto the common people of ignoble race, defaced; thy mother doth complaine, implores thy aide against this theevish people new come hether; if this be suffered I shall not rest in quiet within my everlasting habitation. This said, the spirit vanished; and I, all in a sweat, not able scarce to speake, began to get some strength, and recollect my spirits that were fled: all which I thought to let you understand, to have your Councell, and your aide likewise; this being spoken, straight way arose the grand Captaine and cried aloud, come, let us to Armes, it doth concerne us all, let us bid them Battaile; so to Armes they went, and laid weight for the Plimmouth boate; and, forceinge them to forfake their landinge place, they seeke another best for their convenience; thither the Salvages repaire, in hope to have the like successe; but all in vaine, for the Englifh Captaine warily foresaw, and, perceivinge their plot, knew the better how to order his men fit for Battaile in that place; hee, bouldly leading his

* 108 men on, rainged about the feild to and fro,* and, taking his best advantage, lets fly, and makes the Salvages give ground: the Englifh followed them fiercely on, and made them take trees for their shelter, (as their custome is,) from whence their Captaine let flie a maine; yet no
no man was hurt; at last, lifting up his right arm to draw a fatal shaft, (as he then thought to end this difference), received a shot upon his elbow, and straight way fled; by whose example all the army followed the same way, and yealded up the honor of the day to the English party; who were such a terror to them after that the Salvages durst never make to a head against them any more.

C H A P. IV.

Of a Parliament held at Wessaguscus, and the Aésles.

After Westons Plantation being setled at Wessaguscus, his Servants, many of them lazy persons that would use no endeavour to take the benefit of the Country, some of them fell sick and died.

One amongst the rest, an able bodied man that ranged the woods to see what it would afford, lighted by accident on an Indian barne, and from thence did take a capp full of corne; the Salvage owner of it, finding by the foote some English had bin there, came to the Plantation, and made complaint after this manner.

* The cheife Commander of the Company one this occasion called a Parliament of all his people, but those that were sick and ill at ease. And wisely now they must

1 "Infomuch as our men could have but one certain mark, and then but the arm and half face of a notable villain, as he drew [his bow] at Captain Standish; who, together with another both discharged at once at him, and brake his arm." (Young’s Chron. of Pilg., p. 341.)
must consult upon this huge complaint, that a privy knife or stringe of beades would well enough have qualified; and Edward Johnson was a spetiall judge of this businesse; the fact was there in repetition; construction made that it was felony, and by the Lawes of England punished with death; and this in execution must be put for an example, and likewise to appease the Salvage: when straight wayes one arose, mooved as it were with some compassion, and saide hee could not well gaine say the former sentence, yet hee had conceaved within the compasse of his braine an Embrion that was of spetiall consequence to be delivered and cherished; hee said that it would most aptly serve to pacifie the Salvages complaint, and saue the life of one that might, (if neede should be,) stand them in some good steede, being younge and stronge, fit for resistance against an enemy, which might come unexpefted for any thinge they knew. The Oration made was liked of every one, and hee intreated to proceede to shew the meanes how this may be performed: sayes hee, you all agree that one must die, and one shall die; this younge mans cloathes we will take of, and put upon one that is old and impotent, a fickly person that cannot escape death, such is the disease one him confirmed that die hee must; put the younge mans cloathes on this man, and let the fick person be hanged in the others steede: Amen sayes one; and so sayes many more.

* And this had like to have prooved their finall sentence, and, being there confirmed by Act of Parliament, to after ages for a President: But that one with a ravenous voyce begunne to croake and bellow for revenge; and put by that conclusive motion, alledging such deceipts might
might be a means hereafter to exasperate the minde of the complaininge Salvages, and that by his death the Salvages should see their zeale to Justice; and therefore hee should die: this was concluded; yet nevertheless a scruple was made; now to countermaund this act, did repren
titselfe unto their mindes, which was, how they should doe to get the mans good wil? this was indeede a speciall obstacle: for without that, they all agreed it would be dangerous for any man to attempt the execution of it, left mischeive should befall them every man; hee was a perfon that in his wrath did seeme to be a second Sampson, able to beate out their branes with the jawbone of an Asse: therefore they called the man, and by perswation got him fast bound in jeft; and then hanged him up hard by in good earneft,¹ who with a weapon,

¹ This is the famous Weffagusset hanging which Butler introduced into his poem of Hudibras (Canto II. lines 409-36), in the passage already referred to (Supra, 96). It is as follows: —

“Our Brethren of New-England use Choice malufactors to excufe,
And hang the Guiltiefs in their stead,
Of whom the Churches have lefs need;
As lately 't happen'd: In a town
There liv'd a Cobler, and but one,
That out of Doctrine could cut Ufe,
And mend men's lives as well as shoes.
This precious Brother having flain,
In times of peace an Indian,
(Not out of malice, but mere zeal,
Because he was an Infidel),
The mighty Tottipottomoy
Sent to our Elders an envoy,
Complaining forely of the breach
Of league held forth by Brother Patch,
Against the articles in force
Between both churches, his and ours,

For which he crave the Saints to render
Into his hands, or hang th' offender;
But they maturely having weigh'd
They had no more but him o' th' trade,
(A man that served them in a double
Capacity, to teach and cobble),
Refolvd to spare him; yet to do
The Indian Moghan Moghan too
Impartial justice, in his stead did
Hang an old Weaver that was bed rid.”

That a man was hung at Weffagusset, in March 1623, for stealing corn from the Indians, there can be no doubt. There is equally little doubt that it was the real thief who was hung. (Pratt's Relation, iv. Mafs. Hist. Coll., vol. iv. p. 491; Young's Chron. of Pilg., p. 332; Bradford, p. 130.) I have already (Supra, 96) given my own theory as to how the incident came to take the shape it did in Butler's poem. He wrote, I think, from a vague recollection of an amuling
weapon, and at liberty, would have put all those wise judges of this Parliament to a pittifull non plus, (as it hath beene credibly reported,) and made the cheife Judge of them all buckell to him.

* III

* CHAP. V.

Of a Massacre made upon the Salvages at Wessaguscus.

After the end of that Parliament, some of the plantation there, about three persons,\(^1\) went to live with Checatawback and his company; and had very good quarter, for all the amusing traveller’s-story, which he had heard told somewhere years before. There is no reason to suppose that he had ever seen the New Canaan.

It has always been assumed that Butler’s version of the affair,—the vicarious execution version,—coming out as it did in 1664, at a period of violent reaction against Puritanism, and when the New England colonies were in extreme popular disfavor,—obtained a foothold in English popular tradition; much such a foothold, in fact, as the Connecticut Blue Laws. It was an intangible something, always at hand to be cast as a mocking reproach in the face of a fancimonious community. As such it was sure to be reftented and disproved; but never by any disproof could it be exorcised from the popular mind, or finally set at reft. This may have been the cafe, and the references to the matter in Hutchinson (vol. i. p. 6, note), in Hubbard (p. 77), and in Grahame (Ed. 1845, vol. i. p. 202, note), certainly look that way. I do not remember, however, to have myself ever met this particular charge among the many and singular charges, much more absurd, which English writers have from time to time grave ly advanced against America. In Urin’s Voyages (p. 116–8) there is a singular account of a similiar vicarious execution, which never could have met the eye of the author of Hudibras, inasmuch as it was not published until 1726; but it shows that either some such event did take place, or that its having taken place was at one period a flock traveller’s-tale.

\(^1\) Three of Wefton’s company were among the Massachusetts Indians at the time of the Wessagusket killing; one of the three had before domesticated himself with them; the other two, disregarding Standish’s orders, hastagged off, the day before the massacre, to a neighboring Indian village. After the massacre the favages put all three to death by torture. (Pratt’s Narrative, iv. Mafs. Hist. Coll., vol. iv. p. 486; Young’s Chron. of Pilg., p. 344.)
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the former quarrell with the Plimmouth planters: they are not like Will Sommers,\(^1\) to take one for another. There they purposed to slay untill Master Westons arrivall: but the Plimmouth men, intendinge no good to him, (as appered by the consequence,) came in the meane time to Weffaguscus, and there pretended to feast the Salvages of those partes, bringing with them Porke and thinges for the purpose, which they fett before the Salvages. They eate thereof without fuspition of any mischeife, who were taken upon a watchword given, and with their owne knives, (hanging about their neckes,) were by the Plimmouth planters flabd and flaine: one of which were hanged up there, after the slaughter.\(^2\)

In the meane time the Sachem had knowledge of this accident, by one that ranne to his Countrymen, at the Massachus-fets, and gave them intelligence of the newes; after which time the Salvages there, consultinge of the matter, in the night,

\(^1\) Will Sommers was the famous jeft-er and court fool of Henry VIII. His witticifms are frequently met with in the plays and annals of the period; and the portrait, faid to be by Holbein and of him, looking through a window and tapping on the glafs, was formerly a prominent feature in the gallery at Hampton Court. It is very questionable, however, whether the ftorie alluded to in the text belongs to Sommers. He had been dead eighty years or more when Morton wrote, and the stories connected with him had been gotten together by Armin, and printed in his Nef of Ninnies, in 1608. This book Morton had probably seen. In it there is a fторie of another famous fool, Jack Oates, of an earlier period, which is probably the one Morton had in mind. Oates is represented as giving an earl, the guest of his patron, Sir William Hollis, “a found box on the ear,” for faling the Lady Hollis, and then excufed himself on the ground of “knowing not your ear from your hand, being fo like one another.” (Doran’s Court Fools, p. 182.) Remembering this fторie in the Nef of Ninnies, Morton, with his well-developed faculty for getting everything wrong, seems to have fathered it on the moft famous and popular of the occupants of the Nef.

\(^2\) For the detailed account of the Weffaguscus killing, see Winlow’s Relation in Young’s Chron. of Pilg., pp. 336-41; Adams’s 250th Anniverfary of Weymouth, pp. 18-22.
night, (when the other English feareles of danger were a sleepe,) knockt them all in the head, in revenge of the death of their Countrymen: but if the Plimouth Planters had really intended good to Master Weston, or those men, why had they not kept the Salvages alive in Custody, untill they had secured the other English? Who, by meanes of this evill mannaginge of the businesse, loft their lives, and the whole plantation was dissolved thereupon; as was likely, for feare of a revenge to follow, as a relatione to this cruell antecedent; and when Master Weston came over hee found things at an evill exiqent, by meanes thereof: But could not tell how it was brought about.

The Salvages of the Massachussets, that could not imagine from whence these men should come, or to what end, seeing them performe such unexpected actions; neither could tell by what name properly to distinguish them; did from that time afterwards call the English Planters Wotawquenange, which in their language signifieth stabbers, or Cutthroates: and this name was received by those that came there after for good, being then unacquainted with the signification of it, for many yeares following; untill, from a Southerly Indian that understood English well, I was by demonstration made to conceive the interpretation of it, and rebucked these other that it was not forbore: The other callinge us by the name of Wotoquanfawge, what that doth signifie, hee said,

1 Mr. Trumbull, in a note (125) to Williams's Key (p. 59), explains a blunder here made by Morton. The correct word is woltaqwanage, which means "coat-men," or men wearing clothes, the waitsacone-nhaog of Williams. This, Morton confounded with another name for Englishmen, chaquaqock, meaning, "knife- [i.e., sword-] men," which he understood to mean "cut-throats."
said, hee was not able by any demonstration to expresse; and my neighbours durft no more, in my hearinge, call us by the name formerly used, for feare of my displeasure.

*CHAP. VI.*

*113*

Of the surprizinge of a Merchants Shipp in Plimouth harbour.

This Merchant, a man of worth, arrivinge in the parts of New Canaan and findinge that his Plantation was dissolved, some of his men flaine, some dead with ficknes, and the rest at Plimouth, hee was perplexed in his minde about the matter; comminge as hee did with supply, and meanes to have rased their fortunes and his one exceedingly: and seeinge what had happened resolved to make some stay in the Plimouth harbour. And this futed to their purpose; wherefore the Brethren did congratulate with him at

1 Wefton, in 1622, got into serious trouble with the English government, in regard to some ordnance and military stores, which he had obtained a licenfe to send to New England, and had then fold to the French, with whom the English were at war. (Bradford, p. 150.) He seems to have been in hiding in consequence of this transaction; and early in 1623 went on board of one of the fishing-vessels in the disguise of a blacksmith, and came out in her to the sta- 

The Merchant with Supply.

tions on the Maine coast. There he must have learned of the extreme straits, if not of the abandonment, of his plantation at Weslaguffet, and he set out, with a companion or two, in an open boat, for Maffachufetts Bay. He was wrecked near the mouth of the Merrimac, and barely escaped with his life. The fav- 

ages there stripped him to his skirt, and in this plight he reached Thomfon's plantation at Piscataqua. Thence he found his way to Plymouth, arriving there, not as Morton says, "with supply and means to have rased [his company's] fortunes," but in absolute destitution. Bradford's account of his reception and of what ensued (pp. 133–4, 149–53) is very different from that given in the text; and, it is hardly necessary to add, reads much more like the truth.
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at his safe arrivall, and their best of entertainement for a
swetning caft, deploiring the disafter of his Plantation, and
glozing upon the text, alledging the mischeivous intent of
the Salvages there, which by freindly intelligence of their
neighbours was discovered before it came to be full summed:
so that they loft not all, althought they saved not all: and
this they pretended to proceede from the Fountaine of love
and zeale to him and Christianty, and to chaftife the info-
leny of the Salvages, of which that part had some danger-
ous persons. And this, as an article of the new creede
of Canaan, would they have received of every new com-
mer there to inhabit, that the Salvages are a dangerous
people, subtil, secreat and mischeivous; and that it
*114 is dangerous to live seperated, but *rather together:
and so be under their Lee, that none might trade for
Beaver, but at their pleasure, as none doe or shall doe there:
nay they will not be reduced to any other song yet of the
Salvages to the southward of Plimmouth, because they
would have none come there, sayinge that hee that will fit
downe there must come stronge: but I have found the
Massachussetts Indian more full of humanity then the Chris-
tians; and haue had much better quarter with them; yet I
observed not their humors, but they mine; althoug my
great number that I landed were dissloved, and my Com-
pany as few as might be:¹ for I know that this falls out
infallibly where two Nations meete, one must rule and the
other be ruled, before a peace can be hoped for: and for a
Christiant to submit to the rule of a Salvage, you will say,
is

¹ Supra, 14.
is both shame and dishonor: at least it is my opinion, and
my practice was accordingly, and I have the better quarter
by the means thereof. The more Salvages the better
quarter, the more Christians the worse quarter, I found; as
all the indifferent minded Planters can testify. Now, whiles
the Merchant was ruminating on this mishapp, the Plim-
mouth Planters perceiving that hee had furnished himselfe
with excellent Commodities, fit for the Merchandize of the
Country, (and holding it good to fish in trobled waters, and
so get a snatch unseene,) practised in secrect with some other
in the land, whom they thought apt to embrace the benefit
of such a cheat, and it was concluded and resolved upon that
all this shipp and goodes should be confiscated, for busi-
ness done by him, the Lord knowes when, or where:¹
*a letter must be framed to them, and handes unto * 115
it, to be there warrant; this should shadow them.

¹ The incident here alluded to was
the seizure of the Swan, under a war-
rant issued by Captain Robert Gorges,
acting as Lieutenant of the Council for
New England, in November, 1623. The
Swan was a small vessel of 30 tons
measuremet, which Weston had sent
out with his expedition, in 1622. His
plan was, when the larger vessel—the
Charity, in which his company went
out—returned to England, to have the
Swan remain in New England, to be
used for trading purposes. Accordingly,
all through the winter of 1622-3, it had
been at Weffagufet, except when em-
ployed by the people there in obtaining
supplies in connection with the Ply-
mouth people. When, in March, 1623,
Weffagufet was abandoned, the com-
pany went in the Swan to the Maine
fishing-stations. Here Weston found the
vessel in the course of the following sum-
mer, and recovered possession of her.
He then began to trade along the coast.
Meanwhile, in September, Captain Rob-
ert Gorges arrived, and immediately set
out to look for Weston, in order to call
him to account for the ordnance tran-
sactions referred to in the preceding note,
and also for the disorderly conduct of his
people at Weffagufet during the previ-
ous winter. Starting for the eastward,
he was driven into Plymouth Harbor by
heavy weather, and while he was lying
there the Swan made its appearance
with Weston on board. Bradford's ac-
count of what ensued, including the seiz-
ure of the vessel, differs *toto caelo* from
that in the text. He says that Captain
Robert Gorges, acting as governor-
general under his commiffion from the
Council for New England, at once orga-
ized
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That is the first practife; they will insane a man, and then pretend that Justice must be done. They cause the Merchant (secure) to come a shore, and then take him in hold, shewing they are compelled unto it legally, and enter strait abord, peruse the Cargazowne, and then deliver up the Charge of her to their Confederates: and how much lesse this is then Piraty, let any praticse in the Admiralty be judge. The Merchant, his shipp and goodes confiscated, himfelfe a prisoner and threaten’d to be sent and conveyed to England, there to receive the somme of all that did belonge to him a malefactor, (and a great one to); this hee, good man, indured with patience longe time, untill the best of

ized a sort of a court, — he, Bradford, acting as an affistant in it,— and proceeded to arraign and try Wefton. As a result of the whole proceedings Gorges threatened to send Wefton under arraft back to England. Through the intercession of Bradford, however, he was mollified, and finally Wefton was released on his own promise to appear when called for. Gorges then went to Weffaguffet, leaving Wefton with the Swan at Plymouth. After a time Gorges seems to have concluded that it would be very convenient for him to have control of the Swan, at any rate for that winter. Accordingly he sent a warrant to Plymouth for its seizure and the arreft of Wefton. Bradford, not liking this proceeding, took some exception to the warrant, and refuded to allow it to be served. At the same time it was intimated to Wefton that he had better take himself and his vessell off. This he would not do. Apparently his crew was mutinous and unruly, their wages being long in arrears, and the Swan destitute of supplies. He seems to have looked upon arreft and seizure as the best way out of his difficulties. Preently a new warrant came from Gorges, and both vessell and prisoner were removed to Weffaguffet. This was in November. There they passed the winter of 1623-4. Towards spring Gorges went in the Swan to the eastward, Wefton accompanying him, apparently as a pilot. The tidings received there led the disappointed young Lieutenant of the Council to decide on immediately returning to England. Accordingly he came back to Weffaguffet, and thence went probably to the fishing stations, very possibly in the Swan. Before leaving he effected some sort of a settlement with Wefton, — Bradford intimates much to the advantage of the latter, — who was released from arreft, had his vessell refored to him, and was compenfated for whatever loss he had sustaine. Wefton thereupon reappeared at Plymouth, and thence went to Virginia. He seems to have traded along the coast for some years, but finally drifted back to England, where in 1645 he died, at Briftol, of the plague. (Bradford, pp. 149-53. Young’s Chron. of Pilg., pp. 296-8, 302.)
of all his goodes were quite dispersed, and every actor [had] his proportion; the Merchant was [then] inlarged; his shipp, a burthen to the owner now, his undertakings in these partes beinge quite overthowne, was redelivered, and bondes of him were taken not to prosecute: hee, being greived hereat, betakes him to drive a trade betweene that and Virginea many yeares. The brethren, (farpe witted,) had it spread by and by amongst his freinds in England, that the man was mad. So thought his wife, so thought his other freindes that had it from a Planter of the Towne. So was it thought of those, that did not know the Brethren could dissemble: why, thus they are all of them honest men in their particular, and every man, beinge bound to seeke anothers good, shali in the generall doe the best hee can to effect it, and so they may be excusfed I thinke.

*C H A P. V I I.*

Of Thomas Mortons entertainement at Plimmouth, and castinge away upon an Island.¹

His man arrived in those parts, and, hearing newes of a Towne that was much praised, he was desirous to goe thither, and see how thinges stood; where his entertainement was brave entertainement in a wildernes.

¹ This chapter relates to incidents of no apparent consequence, and of which there is no other record. It is not easie even to fix the time at which they occurred, and it would seem as if Morton, in his rambling, incoherent way, had confused the events of one year with those of another. The only time when "35 flout knaves" were landed, at all in the way described, at Plymouth, was in July, 1622, when the Charity brought in there Weflon's company. Yet Morton speaks of there then being "three cows" at Plymouth, which would indicate that Morton's
was their best, I dare be bould to say: for, although they had but 3. Cowes in all,\(^1\) yet had they fresh butter and a fallet of egges in dainty wife, a dish not common in a wildernes. There hee beftowed some time in the survey of this plantation. His new come fervants, in the meane time, were tane to tafke, to have their zeale appeare, and queftioned what preacher was among their company; and finding none, did feeme to condole their eftate as if undone, becaufe no man among them had the guift to be in Ionas steade, nor they the meanes to keepe them in that path fo hard to keepe.

Our Mafter, say they, reade the Bible and the word of God, and ufeth the booke of common prayer: but this is not the meanes, the anfwer is: the meanes, they crie, alas, poore Soules where is the meanes? you feeme as if betrayed, to be without the meanes: how can you be flayed from fallinge headlonge to perdition? *Facilis descensus averni:*\(^2\) the booke of common prayer, sayd they, what poore thinge is that, for a man to reade in a booke? No, no, good firs, I would you were neere us, you might receave comfort by in*struction: give me a man hath the guiftes of the spirit, not a booke in hand. I doe profeffe fayes one

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\(^1\) Bradford, p. 158.

\(^2\) Facilis descensus Averno. *Aeneid,* vi. 127.
one, to live without the means is dangerous, the Lord doth know.

By these insinuations, like the Serpent, they did creepe and winde into the good opinion of the illiterate multitude, that were desirous to be freed and gone to them, no doubt, (which some of them after confessed); and little good was to be done one them after this charme was used: now plotts and factions how they might get loose: and here was some 35. scoundrels; and some plotted how to steal Master Westons barque, others, exasperated knavishly to worke, would practise how to get their Master to an Island, and there leave him; which hee had notice of, and fitted him to try what would be done; and steps aborde his shallop bound for Cape Anne, to the Massachusets, with an Hogshead of Wine; Sugar hee tooke along, the Sailes hoist up, and one of the Conspirators aboard to steere; who in the mid way pretended foule weather at the harbour mouth, and therefore, for a time, hee would put in to an Island neere, and make some stay where hee thought to tempt his Master to walke the woods, and so be gone: but their Master to prevent them caufed the saales and oares to be brought a shore, to make a tilt if neede should be, and kindled fire, broched that Hogshead, and caufed them fill the can with lusty liquour, Claret sparklingneate; which was not suffered to grow pale and flatt, but tipted of with quick dexterity: the Master makes a shew of keepinge round, but with close lipps did seeme * to make longe draughts, knowinge * 118 the wine would make them Protestants; and so the plot was then at large disclosed and discovered, and they made drowsie; and the inconstant windes shiftinge at night did
force the kellecke home, and billeddge the boat, that they were forced to leave her so, and cut downe trees that grew by the shore, to make Caffes: two of them went over by helpe of a fore faile almost a mile to the maine; the other two stayed five dayes after, till the windes would serve to fill the failes. The first two went to cape Ann by land, and had fowle enough, and fowle wether by the way; the Islanders had fish enough, file-fish and fire to roast, and they could not perifh for lacke of foode, and wine they had to be sure; and by this you fee they were not then in any want: the wine and goodes brought thence; the boat left there so billeddgd that it was not worth the labor to be mended.

**C H A P. V I I I.**

*Of the Banishment of Master John Layford, and John Oldam from Plimmouth.*

After Layford was at the Merchants chardge sent to Plimmouth plantation to be their Pastor: But the Brethren, before they would allow of it, would have him first renounce his calling to the office of the Ministry, received in England, as hereticall and Papistical, (so hee confest,) and then to receive a new calling from them, after their fantaficall invention: which hee refused, alledging and maintaining that his calling as it flood was

1 A **killock** is a small anchor. The phrase in the text means that the wind caus'd the boat to drag her anchor, and she went ashore and was stove in.

2 The episode of Lyford and Oldham, in the history of the Plymouth plantation, is told in detail by Bradford. The account in the text differs from Bradford's account only in that it is the other side of the story. (See Bradford, pp. 172-88.)

3 See infra, 324, note. Though Lyford
was lawfull, and that hee would not renounce it; and so John Oldam, his opinion was one the affirmative; and both together did maintaine the Church of England to be a true Church, although in some particulars, (they said,) defective; concludinge so against the Tenents there: and by this meanes cancelled theire good opinion amongst the number of the Separatists, that they they must not, lest they should be spies: and to fall fowle on this occasion the Brethren thought it would betray their cause, and make it fall under censure, therefore against Master Layford they had found out some scandal to be laid on his former corse of life, to blemish that; and so, to conclude, hee was a spotted beafl; and not to be allowed where they ordained to have the Pass-over kept so zealously: as for John Oldam, they could see hee would be passionate and moody, and proove himselfe a mad Jack in his mood, and as soone mooved to be moody, and this impatience would Minister advantage to them to be ridd of him.

Hanniball when hee had to doe with Fabius was kept in awe more by the patience of that one enemy, then by the resolution of the whole army: A well tempered enemy is a terrible enemy to encounter. They injoyne him to come to their needes watch howse in person, and for refusinge give him a cracked Crowne for presse money, and make the blood run downe about his eares; a poore trick, yet a good vaile, though Lufcus may see thorough it; and, for his further

Impatience confuted by example.

New Plymouth presse money.

ford frequently exercised in the Plymouth church, as an elsewhere ordained brother, he was never installed as its pastor. When admitted to it, Bradford says he made “a large confession,” sayling, among other things, “that he held not himself a minister till he had a new calling.” (Bradford, pp. 181, 185, 188.)
* 120 their behaviour in the Cafe, proceed to sentence * him
with banishment, which was performed after a solemne
invention in this manner: A lane of Musketiers was made,
and hee compelled in scorn to passe along betweene, and to
receive a bob upon the bumme be every musketier; and
then a board a shallop, and so conveyed to Wesaguscus
shoare, and thaid at Massachussets: to whome Iohn Layford
and some few more did resort; where Master Layford freely
executed his office and preached every Lords day, and yet
maintained his wife and children foure or five upon his indu-
try there, with the blessing of God and the plenty of the
Land, without the helpe of his auditory, in an honest and
laudable manner; till hee was wearied and made to leave
the Country.  

CHAP. IX.

Of a barren doe of Virginea growne fruitefull in New
Canaan.  

Children, and the fruit of the Wombe, are said in holy
writ to be an inheritance that commeth of the Lord;
then they must be coupled in Gods name firfl, and not as
this, and some other, have done.

They

1 Supra, 24.
2 This chapter and Chapter XIII. (pp. 273-6) relate to the same matter.
It is impossible to venture a surmise even as to their meaning. It would
seem clear that they have no historical value, but relate rather to some
humorous incident — having the full

seventeenth-century flavor of coarseness
— which occurred in the settlement of
Boston Bay. Apparently, judging by the
expressions, "this goodly creature of in-
continency" (Infra, *129), "that had
tried a camp royal in other parts" (*121),
some English prostitute found her way
out to Mount Wollafton, in company
with
They are as arrowes in the hand of a Gyant; and happy, faith David, is the man that hath his quiver full of them; and by that rule, happy is that Land, and blessed to, that is apt and fit for increase of children.

I have shewed you before, in the second part of the discourse, how apt it is for the increase of Minerals, Vegetables, and sensible Creatures.

Now I will shew you how apt New Canaan is like-wife for the increase of the reasonable Creatures; *121 Children, of all riches, being the principall: and I give you this for an instance.

This Country of New Canaan in seaven yeares time could shew more Children livinge, that have beene borne there, then in 27. yeares could be shewn in Virginea;¹ yet here are but a handful of weomen landed, to that of Virginea.

The Country doth afford such plenty of Lobsters and other delicate shellfish, and Venus is said to be borne of the Sea; or else it was some fallet herbe proper to the Climate, or the fountaine at Weenafeemute² made her become teeming here that had tried a campe royall in other partes where shee had been; and yet never the neere, till shee came in to New Canaan.

Shee

with one of the adventurers there, and subseuently went on to Virginia. She may have come with Wollaston, and been left in Boston Bay when her companion went to Virginia, and then followed him, giving birth to a child on the way. This would explain the allu-

More Children in New Canaan in 7. yeares, then in Virginea in 27.

¹ It does not need to be said that this is one of Morton’s preposterous statements. As the settlement of Virginia dated from 1607, the twenty-seven years he speaks of was equivalent to saying, “up to the time at which he was writ-

² Supra, 229, note 3.
She was delivered, (in a voyage to Virginea,) about Buffardes bay, to west of Cape Cod, where she had a Sonne borne, but died without baptisme and was buried; and being a thinge remarkable, had this Epitaph followinge made of purpose to memorize the worth of the persons.

**EPITAPH.**

*Time, that brings all thinges to light,*  
Doth hide this thinge out of sight:  
Yet fame hath left behinde a flory,  
A hopefull race to shew the glory:  
For underneath this heape of stones  
Lieth a percell of small bones;  
What hope at last can such impes have,  
That from the wombe goes to the grave.

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**CHAP. X.**

Of a man indued with many petiall guifts sent over to be Master of the Ceremonies.

This was a man approoved of the Brethren, both for his zeale and guifites, yet but a Bubble, and at the publike Chardge conveyed to New England, I thinke to be Master of the Ceremonies betwenee the Natives, and the Planters: for hee applied himselfe cheifly to pen the language downe in Stenography: But there for want of use, which hee rightly understood not, all was losse of labor; somethinge

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\(^{1}\) This chapter and Chapter XI. are, historically speaking, as inexplicable as Chapters IX. and XIII. There is nothing in any of the contemporaneous records to indicate who is referred to under the pseudonym of Bubble.
fomethinge it was when next it came to view, but what hee could not tell.

This man, Master Bubble, was in the time of Iohn Old-ams absence made the howfe Chaplaine there, and every night hee made use of his guifts, whose oratory luld his auditory faft a sleepe, as Mercuries pipes did Argus eies: for, when hee was in, they sayd hee could not tell how to get out; nay, hee would hardly out till hee were fired out, his zeale was fuch: (one fire they say drives out another): hee would become a great Merchant, and by any thinge that was to be fold fo as hee might have day and be trusted never fo litle time: the price it seemed hee stood not much upon, but the day: for to his freind hee shewed commodities, fo priced as caufed him to blame the buyer, till the man this Bubble did declare that it was tane up at day, *and did rejoyce in the bargaine, insifitinge on the *123 day; the day, yea, marry, quoth his friend, if you have doomesday for payment you are then well to passe. But if he had not, it were as good hee had; they were payed all alike.

And now this Bubbles day is become a common proverbe. Hee obtained howfe roome at Paffonagefit and remooved thether, because it flood convenient for the Beaver trade: and the rather because the owner of Paffonagefit had no Corne left, and this man seemed a bigg boned man, and therefore thought to be a good laborer, and to have flore of corne; but, contrary wife, hee had none at all, and hoped upon this freind his hoft: thither were brought the trophyes of this Master Bubbles honor, his water tankard and his Porters basket, but no provision; fo that one gunne did serve
serve to helpe them both to meat; and now the time for fowle was almost past.

This man and his hoft at dinner, Bubble begins to say grace; yea, and a long one to, till all the meate was cold; hee would not give his hoft leave to say grace: belike, hee thought mine hoft past grace, and further learned as many other Schollers are: but in the usage and custome of this blinde oratory his hoft tooke himselfe abused, and the whiles fell to and had halfe done before this man Bubble would open his eies to see what stood afore him, which made him more cautius, and learned that *brevis oratio penetrat Cælum*. Together Bubbles and hee goes in the Canaw to Nut Island for brants, and there his hoft makes a shotte and breaks the winges of many: Bubble,* in haft and single handed, paddels out like a Cow in a cage: his hoft cals back to rowe two handed like to a pare of oares; and, before this could be performed, the fowle had time to swimme to other flockes, and so to escape: the best part of the pray being loft mayd his hoft to mutter at him, and so to parte for that time discontented.

**C H A P. X I.**

*Of a Composition made by the Sachem for a Theft committed by some of his men, shewinge their honest meaninge.*

The owner of Passionageshit, to have the benefit of company, left his habitation in the Winter and reposed at Weffagufcus, (to his cost): meane time, in the Depth of Winter,

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1 One of the smallest of the islands in Boston Bay, still called by the same name. It lies off Mount Wollaston, and a mile or so away, and between it and Pettuck's Island. (See Shurtleff's *Description of Boston*, p. 360.)
Winter, the neighbour Salvages, accustomed to buy food, came to the howse, (for that intent perhaps,) and peeping in all the windowes, (then unglased,) espied corne, but no body to fell the same; and having company and helpe at hand did make a shift to get into the howse, and, take out corne to serve but for the present, left enough behinde: the Sachem having knowledge of the facte, and being advertised likewise of the displeasure that had ben conceaved by the Proprieter thereof at this offence, prepares a Messenger, the Salvage that had lived in England, and sends him with commission for the trespasse of his men, who had tenne skinnes perposed * for it to bee payd by a day * 125 certaine: The Sachem, at the time appointed, brings the Beaver to Weffaguscus where the owner lived, but just then was gone abroade: meane time the skinnes were by the Weffaguscus men gelded, and the better halfe by them juggled away before the owner came; and hee by the Actors persuaded to bee contended with the rest who not so pleased did draw the Sachem then to make a new agreement, and so to pay his remnant left in hand, and tenne skinnes more by a new day assigned, and then to bringe them to Passionagesfit; but the Weffaguscus men went the day before to the Salvages with this sayinge, that they were sent to call upon him there for payement; and received tenne skinnes, and tooke a Salvage there to justifie that at their howse the owner stayed the while; hee verified this, because hee saw the man before at Weffaguscus: the Sachem did beleive the tale, and at that time delivered up tenne skinnes on that behalfe, in full discharde of all demandes against the trespasse and the trespassers, to them; who consented to him, and them, to the
the owner, and kept nine\(^1\) to themselves, and made the
Salvage take the tenth, and give the owner all that yet was
to bee had, themselves confessinge their demaunds for him,
and that there was but onely one as yet prepared: so that
by this you may easily perceive the uncivilized peo-
ple are more just than the civili-
zed.

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\*Chap. XII.

Of a voyadge made by the Master of the Ceremonies of New
Canaan to Neepenett, from whence hee came away; and of
the manifold dangers hee escaped.

This woorthy member Master Bubble, a new Master of
the Ceremonies, having a conceipt in his head that
hee had hatched a new device for the purchase of Beaver,
beyond Imagination, packes up a facke full of odde imple-
ments, and without any company but a couple of Indians for
guides, (and therefore you may, if you please, beeleeve they
are so dangerous as the Brethren of Plimmouth give it out,)hee betaketh him to his progresse into the Inlande for Beaver,
with his carriadge on his shoulers like Milo: his guides and
hee in processe of time come to the place appointed, which
was about Neepenett,\(^2\) thereabouts being more Beavers to be
had then this Milo could carry, and both his journey men:
glad hee was good man, and his guides were willing to pleaf-
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\(^1\) [view] See supra, III, note I.  \(^2\) Nipnet, or Worcester County; see
supra, 240, note.
ure him: there the Salvages stay: night came on, but, before they were inclined to sleepe, this good man Mafter Bubble had an evation crept into his head, by misapplying the Salvages actions, that hee must needs be gone in all haft, yea and without his errand: hee purposed to doe it so cunningely that his flight should not be suspected: hee leaves his shooes in the howfe, with all his other implements, and flies: as hee was on his way, to increase his feare, suggetinge himselfe that hee was press'd by a company of Indians and that there shafts were let fly as thick as haile at him, hee puts of his breeches and puts them one his head, for to fave him from the shafts that flew after him so thick that no man could perceave them, and cryinge out, avoyd Satan, what have yee to doe with mee! thus running one his way without his breeches hee was pittifully scratched with the brufh of the underwoods, as hee wandred up and downe in unknowne wayes: The Salvages in the meane time put up all his implements in the sack hee left behinde and brought them to Wessaguscus, where they thought to have found him; but, understanding hee was not returned, were ferefull what to doe, and what would be conceived of the English was become of this mazed man, the Mafter of the Ceremonies; and were in consultation of the matter. One of the Salvages was of opinion the English would suppose him to be made away; fearefull hee was to come in fight. The other, better acquainted with the English, (having lived some time in England,) was more confident, and  

1 [present] See supra, III, no. 1.  
2 Squanto is apparently referred to here. (Supra, 244, note 2.) There is no incident in Squanto's life — of which there is a quite detailed account to be gathered from the early Plymouth records — which is suggetive of the events described in the text.
hee perfwaded his fellow that the English would be satisfied with relation of the truth, as having had testimony of his fidelity. So they boldly adventured to shew what they had brought and how the matter stood. The English, (when the sack was opened,) did take a note in writing of all the particulars that were in the sack; and heard what was by * 128 the Salvages related of the accidents: but, when his shoes were showne, it was thought hee would not have departed without his shoes; and therefore they did conceive that Master Bubble was made away by some sinister practice of the Salvages, who unadvisedly had bin culpable of a crime which now they sought to excuse; and straightly charged the Salvages to finde him out againe, and bring him dead, or alive, else their wives and children should be destroyed. The poore Salvages, being in a pittifull perplexity, caused their Countrymen to seeke out for this maz'd man; who, being in short time found, was brought to Westagufcus; where hee made a discourse of his travels, and of the perrilous passages, which did seeme to be no lesse dangerous then these of that worthy Knight Errant, Don Quixote,¹ and how miraculously hee had bin preserved; and, in conclusion, lamented the greate losse of his goods, whereby hee thought himselfe undone.

The perticuler whereof being demаunded, it appeared that the Salvages had not diminished any part of them; no, not so much as one bit of bread: the number being knowne, and the fragments laid together, it appeared all the biscut

¹ The first part of Don Quixote was published in 1605, and the second part English by Thomas Skelton, in 1612–20.
was preserved, and not any diminished at all: whereby the Master of the Ceremonies was overjoyed, and the whole Company made themselves merry at his discourse of all his perrilous adventures.

And by this you may observe whether the Salvage people are not full of humanity, or whether they are a dangerous people, as Master Bubble and the rest of his tribe would persuade you.

* Chap. XIII. * 129

Of a lamentable fit of Melancolly that the Barren doe fell into, (after the death of her infant, seeing herselfe despised of her Sweete hart,) whereof shee was cured.

Whether this goodly creature of incontinency went to worke upon even termes like Phillis, or noe, it does not appeare by any Indenture of covenants then extant; whereby shee might legally challenge the performance of any compleate Marriage at his hands that had bin tradeing with her, as Demopheon here to fore had bin with his oftis.  

Nevertheless, (for his future advantage,) shee indeavoured, (like Phillis,) to gaine this Demopheon all to herselfe;

1 The reference here is to the story of Demophoön and Phyllis, told by Ovid (Heroides, II.) Demophoön, son of Theseus and Phædra, accompanied the Greeks to Troy; and on his return, Phyllis, the daughter of the Thracian king Sithon, fell in love with him, and he consented to marry her. But before the nuptials were celebrated, he went to Attica to settle his affairs at home, and as he tarried longer than Phyllis had expected, she began to think that she was forgotten, and put an end to her life. She was metamorphosed into a tree. (See Smith's Dictionary, title Demophoön.)
Shee cannot one the sodaine resolve which dore to goe in att.

felle; who, (as it seemes,) did meane nothing leffe by leaving her for the next commer, that had any minde to coole his courage by that meanes; the whipping post, (as it seemes,) at that time not being in publike use for such kinde of Cony katchers; but seeing herselve rejected, shee grew into such a passion of Mellancolly, on a sodaine, that it was thought shee would exhibit a petition for redresse to grim Pluto, who had set her a worke; and knowing that the howse of fate has many entrances, shee was pusseld to finde the neereft way. Shee could not resolve on a sodaine which doore would soonest bring her to his presence handsomely.

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* If shee should make way with a knife, shee thought shee might spoyle her drinking in after ages; if by poyson, shee thought it might prolonge her passage thither; if by drowning, shee thought Caron might come the while with his boate, and waft her out of sight; if shee should tie up her complaint in a halter, shee thought the Ropmakers would take exceptions against her good speede. And in this manner shee debated with herselve, and demurred upon the matter: So that shee did appeare willing enough, but a woman of small resolution.

Which thing when it was publikely knowne, made many come to comfort her. One amongst the rest was by hir requested, on her behalfe, to write to her late unkinde Demopheon. The Gentleman, being merrily disposed, in stead of writing an heroicall Epistle composed this Elegi, for a memoriall of some mirth upon the Circumstance of the matter, to be sent unto hir, as followeth:

CARMEN
CARMEN ELEGIACVM.

Melpmene, (at whose mischeifous love
The screech owles voyce is heard the mandraks grove,) Commands my pen in an Iambick vaine
To tell a dismall tale, that may constraine
The hart of him to bleede, that shall discerne
How much this foule amisse does him concerne.
Aleclo, (grim Aleclo,) light thy tortch
To thy beloved sister next the porch
* That leads unto the mansion house of fate,
Whose farewell makes her freind more fortunate.
A Great Squa Sachem can shee poynct to goe
Before grim Minos; and yet no man know
That knives and halters, ponds, and poysnous things
Are alwayes ready, when the Divell once brings
Such deadly sinners to a deepe remorse
Of conscience selfe accusing, that will force
Them to dispaire, like wicked Kain, whiles death
Stands ready with all these to stopp their breath.
The beare comes by that oft hath bayted ben
By many a Satyres whelpe; unlesse you can
Commaund your eies to drop huge milstones forth,
In lamentation of this losse on earth
Of her, of whome so much prayse wee may finde,
Goe when shee will, shee'll leave none like behinde;
Shee was too good for earth, too bad for heaven.
Why then for hell the match is somewhat even.

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After this, the water of the fountaine at Ma-re Mount was thought fit to be applyed unto her for a remedy, she wil-
ingly used according to the quality thereof.
And when this Elegy came to be divulged, she was so con-
scious of her crime that she put up her pipes, and with
the next shipp shee packt away to Virginea, (her former
habitation,) quite cured of her mellancolly, with the helpe of
the water of the fountaine
at Ma-re Mount.

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* C H A P. X I V.

Of the Revells of New Canaan.¹

The Inhabitants of Pasongesit, (having translated the
name of their habitation from that ancient Salvage
name to Ma-re Mount,² and being resolved to have the new
name confirmed for a memorial to after ages,) did devise
amongst themselves to have it performed in a solemn manner,
with Revels and merriment after the old English custome;
[they] prepared to set up a Maypole upon the festivall day
of Philip and Iacob, and therefore brewed a barrell of excel-
 lent beare and provided a case of bottles, to be spent, with
other good cheare, for all commers of that day. And because
they would have it in a compleat forme, they had prepared a
song fitting to the time and present occasion. And upon
Mayday they brought the Maypole to the place appointed,

¹ Supra, 17–19. ² Supra, 14, note 4.
with drumes, gunnes, pistols and other fitting instruments, for that purpose; and there erected it with the help of Salvages, that came theither of purpose to see the manner of our Revels. A goodly pine tree of 80. foote longe was reared up, with a peare of buckshorns nayled one somewhat neare unto the top of it: where it stood, as a faire sea marke for directions how to finde out the way to mine Hôfe of Ma-re Mount.

And because it should more fully appeare to what end it was placed there, they had a poem in readines made, which was fixed to the Maypole, to shew the new name confirmed upon that plantation; which, althouvh it were made according to the occurrents* of the time, it, being * 133 Enigmattically compos’d, puzzell’d the Separatists most pittifully to expound it, which, (for the better information of the reader,) I have here inserted.

THE POEM.

Rise Oedipeus, and, if thou canst, unfould
What meanes Caribdis underneath the mould,
When Scilla solitariy on the ground
(Sitting in forme of Niobe,) was found,
Till Amphitrites Darling did acquaint
Grim Neptune with the Tenor of her plaint,
And caus’d him send forth Triton with the sound
Of Trumpet lowd, at which the Seas were found
So full of Protean formes that the bold shore
Presented Scilla a new parramore

So
So stronge as Sampson and so patient
As Job himselfe, direfted thus, by fate,
To comfort Scilla so unfortunate.
I do profess, by Cupids beautious mother,
Heres Scogan's choice\(^1\) for Scilla, and none other;
Though Scilla's sick with greife, because no signe
Can there be found of vertue masculine.
Esculapius come; I know right well
His labour's lost when you may ring her Knell.
The fatall fiflers doome none can withstand,
Nor Cithareas powre, who poyns to land
With proclamation that the first of May
At Ma-re Mount fhall be kept hollyday.

The setting up of this Maypole was a lamentable spectacle to the precise feparatists, that lived at new Plimmouth. They termed it an Idoll; yea, they called it the Calfe of Horeb, and stood at defiance with the place, naming it Mount Dagon; threatening to make it a woefull mount and not a merry mount.

The Riddle, for want of Oedipus, they could not expound; onely they made some explication of part of it, and sayd it was meant by Sampfon Job, the carpenter of the shipp that brought

\(^1\) John Scogan was the famous court buffoon, attached to the household of Edward IV., whose head Justice Shallow makes the youthful Falstaff break at the court gate (Henry IV. Part II. act iii. sc. 2), though Falstaff is represented as having died at least twenty years before Scogan could have been born. In regard to him, see Doran's Court Fools, pp. 123–90. "Scogan's choice," in Morton's day, seems to have been a popular expression, signifying that a choice of some fort is better than no power to choose at all. It was derived probably from the story of Scogan, that he was once ordered to be hanged, but allowed the privilege of chofing the tree. He escaped the penalty by being unable to find a tree to his liking. Morton uses the expression again, see infra, *137. But the reference here is as obscure as "the poem."
brought over a woman to her husband, that had bin there longe before and thrived so well that hee sent for her and her children to come to him; where shortly after hee died: having no reason, but because of the sound of those two words; when as, (the truth is,) the man they applyed it to was altogether unknowne to the Author.

There was likewise a merry song made, which, (to make their Revells more fashionable,) was sung with a Corus, every man bearing his part; which they performed in a daunce, hand in hand about the Maypole, whiles one of the Company fung and filled out the good liquor, like gammedes and Jupiter.

**THE SONGE.**

_Cor._

_Drinke and be merry, merry, merry boyes;
Let all your delight be in the Hymens ioyes;
Jo to Hymen, now the day is come,
About the merry Maypole take a Roome.
Make greene garlons, bring bottles out
And fill sweet Ne_er freely about.
* Uncover thy head and feare no harme,
For hers good liquor to keepe it warme.
Then drinke and be merry, &c._

_Io to Hymen, &c._

_Ne_er is a thing assign'd
By the Deities owne minde
To cure the hart opprest with greife,
And of good liquors is the cheife._

Then drinke, &c._

_Io to Hymen, &c._

Give
Give to the Mellancolly man
A cup or two of 't now and than;
This physick will soone revive his bloud,
And make him be of a merrier moode.
Then drinke, &c.
I'd to Hymen, &c.
Give to the Nymphe thats free from scorne
No Irish stuff nor Scotch over borne.
Lasses in beaver coats come away,
Yee shall be welcome to us night and day.
To drinke and be merry &c.
I'd to Hymen, &c.

This harmeles mirth made by younge men, (that lived in hope to have wifes brought over to them, that would save them a laboure to make a voyage to fetch any over,) was much distafted of the precife Seperatifts, that keepe much a doe about the tyth of Muit and Cummin, troubling their braines more then reason would require about things that are indifferent: and from that time sought occasion * 136 against my * honest Hoft of Ma-re Mount, to overthrow his undertakings and to destroy his plantation quite and cleane. But because they presumed with their imaginary gifts, (which they have out of Phaos box,¹) they could expound hidden mifteries, to convince them of blindness, as well in this as in other matters of more conquence, I will illustrate the poem, according to the true intent of the authors of these Revells, so much distafted by those Moles.

Oedipus is generally receaved for the absolute reader of riddles, who is invoaked: Silla and Caribdis are two dangera-

¹ Infra, 348, note.
ous places for seamen to encounter, neere unto Vennice; and have bin by poets formerly resembled to man and wife. The like licence the author challenged for a paire of his nomination, the one lamenting for the losse of the other as Niobe for her children. Amphitrite is an arme of the Sea, by which the newes was carried up and downe of a rich widow, now to be tane up or laid downe. By Triton is the fame spread that caused the Suters to muster, (as it had bin to Penellope of Greece;) and, the Coaft lying circuler, all our passage to and froe is made more convenient by Sea then Land. Many aimed at this marke; but hee that played Proteus best and could comply with her humor must be the man that would carry her; and hee had need have Sampfons strenght to deale with a Dallila, and as much patience as Iob that should come there, for a thing that I did ob-serve in the life-time of the former.

But marriage and hanging, (they say,) comes by defteny and Scogans choife¹ tis better [than] none at all. Hee that * playd Proteus, (with the helpe of Priap- ¹ 137 pus,) put their nofes out of joynt, as the Proverbe is.

And this the whole company of the Revellers at Ma-re Mount knew to be the true fence and exposition of the riddle that was fixed to the Maypole, which the Seperatifs were at defiance with. Some of them affirmed that the first institution thereof was in memory of a whore;² not knowing that it was a Trophe erected at first in honor of Maja, the Lady of learning which they despife, vilifying the two univerfities

¹ Supra, 278, note i. ² "Ye Roman Goddes Flora." (Bradford, p. 237.)
universities with uncivile termes, accounting what is there obtained by study is but unnecessary learning; not considering that learning does enable mens mindes to converse with elements of a higher nature then is to be found within the habitation of the Mole.

**CHAP. XV.**

*Of a great Monster supposed to be at Ma-re-Mount; and the preparation made to destroy it.*

The Seperatists, envying the prosperity and hope of the Plantation at Ma-re Mount, (which they perceave beganne to come forward, and to be in a good way for gaine in the Beaver trade,) conspired together against mine Host especially, (who was the owner of that Plantation,) and made up a party against him; and mustred up what aide they could, accounting of him as of a great Monster.

*138* *Many threatening speeches were given out both against his person and his Habitation, which they divulged should be consumed with fire: And taking advantage of the time when his company, (which seemed little to regard their threats,) were gone up into the Inlands to trade with the Salvages for Beaver, they set upon my honest host at a place called Westaguscus, where, by accident, they found him. The inhabitants there were in good hope of the subversion of the plantation at Mare Mount, (which they principally aymed at;) and the rather because mine host was a man

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1 In regard to the arrest of Morton by Standish, in June, 1628, see *supra*, 27–9.
man that indeavoured to advance the dignity of the Church of England; which they, (on the contrary part,) would labour to vilifie with uncivile termes: enveying against the sacred booke of common prayer, and mine host that used it in a laudable manner amongst his family, as a practice of piety.

There hee would be a meanes to bringe sacks to their mill, (such is the thirst after Beaver,) and helped the conspiratores to surprize mine host, (who was there all alone;) and they charged him, (because they would seeme to have some reasonable cause against him to fet a gloss upon their mallice,) with criminall things; which indeede had beene done by such a person, but was of their conspiracy; mine host demanded of the conspirators who it was that was author of that information, that seemed to be their ground for what they now intended. And because they answered they would not tell him, hee as peremptorily replyed, that hee would not say whether he had, or he had not done as they had bin informed.

* The answere made no matter, (as it seemed,) whether it had bin negatively or affirmatively made; for they had resolved what hee should suffer, because, (as they boasted,) they were now become the greater number: they had shaked of their shackles of servitude, and were become Masters, and masterles people.

It appeares they were like beares whelpes in former time, when mine host's plantation was of as much strength as theirs, but now, (theirs being stronger,) they, (like overgrowne beares,) seemed monfterous. In breife, mine host must indure to be their prisoner untill they could contrive it so that they might
might send him for England, (as they said,) there to suffer according to the merit of the fact which they intended to father upon him; supposing, (belike,) it would prove a hainous crime.

Much rejoicing was made that they had gotten their capitall enemy, (as they concluded him;) whome they purposd to hamper in such fort that hee should not be able to uphold his plantation at Ma-re Mount.

The Conspirators sported themselves at my honest host, that meant them no hurt, and were so joccund that they feasted their bodies, and fell to tippeling as if they had obtained a great prize; like the Trojans when they had the custody of Hippeus pinetree horfe.

Mine host fained greefe, and could not be perswaded either to cate or drinke; because hee knew emptines would be a meanes to make him as watchfull as the Geefe kept in the Roman Cappitall: whereon, the contrary part, the conspirators would be so drowsy that hee might have an opportunity to give them a *flip, insteade of a tefter.

Six persons of the conspiracy were set to watch him at Wessaguscus: But hee kept waking; and in the dead of night, (one lying on the bed for further fuary,) up gets mine host and got to the second dore that hee was to passe, which, notwithstanding the lock, hee got open, and shut it after him with fuch violence that it affrighted some of the conspirators.

The word, which was given with an alarme, was, ô he's gon, he's gon, what shall wee doe, he's gon! The rest, (halfe a sleepe,) start up in a maze, and, like rames, ran theire heads one at another full butt in the darke.
Theire grande leader, Captaine Shrimp, tooke on most furiously and tore his clothes for anger, to see the empty neft, and their bird gone.

The rest were eager to have torne theire haire from theire heads; but it was so short that it would give them no hold. Now Captaine Shrimp thought in the losse of this prize, (which hee accounted his Master peece,) all his honor would be lost for ever.

In the meane time mine Host was got home to Ma-re Mount through the woods, eight miles round about the head of the river Monatoquit that parted the two Plantations, finding his way by the helpe of the lightening, (for it thundayed as hee went terribly;) and there hee prepared powther, three pounds dried, for his present imployement, and foure good gunnes for him and the two assistants left at his howse, with bullets of severall fizes, three hounderd or thereabouts, to be used if the conspirators shou'd pursue * him thether: and these two persons promised theire * 141 aides in the quarrell, and confirmed that promise with health in good rofa folis.

Now Captaine Shrimp, the first Captaine in the Land, (as hee supposéd,) must doe some new act to repaire this losse, and, to vindicate his reputation, who had sustaine blemish by this oversight, begins now to study, how to repaire or sur-vive his honor: in this manner, callinge of Councell, they conclude.

Hee takes eight persons more to him, and, (like the nine Worthies of New Canaan,) they imbarque with preparation against Ma-re-Mount, where this Monster of a man, as theire phrase was, had his denne; the whole number, had the rest not
not bin from home, being but seaven, would have given Captaine Shrimpe, (a quondam Drummer,) such a wellcome as would have made him wish for a Drume as bigg as Diogenes tubb, that hee might have crept into it out of fight.

Now the nine Worthies are approached, and mine Hoft prepared: having intelligence by a Salvage, that hastened in love from Weffaguufcus to give him notice of their intent.

One of mine Hosfs men prooved a craven: the other had prooved his wits to purchase a little valoure, before mine Hoft had observed his posture.

*142* The nine worthies comming before the Denne of this supposéd Monfter, (this seaven headed hydra, as they termed him,) and began, like Don Quixote against the Windmill, to beate a parly, and to offer quarter, if mine Hoft would yeald; for they resoloved to fend him for England; and bad him lay by his armes.

But hee, (who was the Sonne of a Souldier,) having taken up armes in his just defence, replyed that hee would not lay by those armes, because they were so needefull at Sea, if hee should be sent over. Yet, to save the effusion of so much worty bloud, as would haue issued out of the vaynes of these 9. worthies of New Canaan, if mine Hoft shoule have played upon them out at his port holes, (for they came within danger like a flocke of wild geefe, as if they had bin tayled one to another, as coults to be fold at a faier,) mine Hoft was content to yeelde upon quarter; and did capitulate with them in what manner it shoule be for more certainety, because hee knew what Captaine Shrimpe was.

Hee expressed that no violence shoule be offered to his perfon, none to his goods, nor any of his Howsehold: but
that hee should have his armes, and what els was requisit for the voyage: which theire Herald returnes, it was agreed upon, and shou’d be performed.

But mine Host no sooner had set open the dore, and issued out, but instantely Captaine Shrimpe and the rest of the worthies stepped to him, layd hold of his armes, and had him downe: and so eagerly was every \*man bent \*\textsuperscript{143} against him, (not regarding any agreement made with such a carnall man,) that they fell upon him as if they would have eaten him: some of them were so violent that they would have a slice with scabbert, and all for haste; untill an old Souldier, (of the Queenes, as the Proverbe is,) that was there by accident, clapt his gunne under the weapons, and sharply rebuked these worthies for their unworthy practises. So the matter was taken into more deliberate consideration.

Captaine Shrimpe, and the rest of the nine worthies, made themselves, (by this outrageous riot,) Masters of mine Hoste of Ma-re Mount, and disposed of what hee had at his plantation.

This they knew, (in the eye of the Salvages,) would add to their glory, and diminish the reputation of mine honest Host; whome they practised to be ridd of upon any termes, as willingly as if hee had bin the very Hidra of the time.

\textit{Chapter XVI.}
**Chap. XVI.**

How the 9. worthies put mine Host of Ma-re-Mount into the inchaunted Castle at Plimmouth, and terrified him with the Monster Briareus.

The nine worthies of New Canaan having now the Law in their owne hands, (there being no generall * 144 * Governor in the Land; nor none of the Separation that regarded the duety they owe their Soveraigne, whose naturall borne Subjects they were, though translated out of Holland, from whence they had learned to worke all to their owne ends, and make a great shewe of Religion, but no humanity,) for they were now to fit in Counfell on the cause.

And much it stood mine honest Host upon to be very circumspect, and to take Eacus¹ to talke; for that his voyce was more allowed of then both the other: and had not mine Host confounded all the arguments that Eacus could make in their defence, and confuted him that fwaied the rest, they would have made him unable to drinke in such manner of merriment any more. So that following this private counfell, given him by one that knew who ruled the roft, the Hiracano ceased that els would fplit his pinace.

A conclusion was made and sentence given that mine Host should be sent to England a prisoner. But when hee was brought to the shippes for that purpose, no man durft be

¹ See infra, 291, note.
be so foole hardy as to undertake carry him. So these Worthies set mine Hoft upon an Island, without gunne, powther, or shot or dogge or so much as a knife to get any thinge to feede upon, or any other cloathes to shelter him with at winter then a thinne suite which hee had one at that time. Home hee could not get to Ma-re-Mount. Upon this Island hee stayed a moneth at leaft, and was releeved by Salvages that tooke notice that mine Hoft was a Sachem of Paffonagesfit, and would bringe bottles of strong liquor to him, and unite themselves * into a league of brother * 145 hood with mine Hoft; so full of humanity are these infidels before those Christians.

From this place for England failed mine Hoft in a Plimmouth shipp, (that came into the Land to fish upon the Coast,) that landed him safe in England at Plimmouth: and hee stayed in England untill the ordinary time for shipping to set forth for these parts, and then returned: 2 Noe man being able to taxe him of any thinge.

But the Worthies, (in the meane time,) hoped they had bin ridd of him.

Chapter XVII.

1 Morton here confounds his experience in Boston, two years later, with that at Plymouth in 1628. In 1630 the matter of the Gift refused to carry him back to England. (Supra, 44.) In the spring of 1628, however, no vessel seems to have arrived at Plymouth from England, as Allerton then brought over an assortment of goods, and came in a fishing-vessel by way of the Maine flats. (Bradford, p. 232.) Allerton returned to London in the course of the succeeding summer or autumn, but it is not probable then any vessel left Plymouth in June, 1628, bound for England. (Supra, 29.)

2 It was not until towards the close of the summer of the next year that Morton returned to Massachusetts, in company with Allerton. (Supra, 36-7.)
Of the Baccanall Triumphe of the nine worthies of New Canaan.

The Separatists were not so contended, (when mine Hoft of Ma-re-Mount was gone,) but they were as much discontented when hee was returned againe: and the rather because their passages about him, and the businesse, were so much derided and in fonges exemplified: which, (for better satisfaction of such as are in that kinde affected,) I have set forth, as it was then in use by the name of the Baccanall Triumphe, as followeth:

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**THE POEM.**

I sing th' adventures of nine worthy wights,  
And pitty 't is I cannot call them Knights,  
Since they had brawne and braine, and were right able  
To be installed of Prince Arthures table;  
Yet all of them were Squires of low degree,  
As did appeare by rules of heraldry.

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1 Morton implies above that the "Poem" which follows was written shortly after the events to which it relates occurred, and before his return to New England in 1629. It was then, it seems, "in use" in London. The name of Ben Jonson appears in the margin of the original edition, as of this reprint, and opposite the first two lines, as above. Exactly what this signifies it is impossible now to say. Some critics that I have consulted are inclined to think that Jonson, who was then about fifty-five years old and at the height of his fame, may have written all the verses. Others suggest that Morton, by putting the name in the margin, meant to imply that Jonson wrote them all, and that this
this was another of the unscrupulous tricks of the author of the New Canaan. Neither explanation commends itself to my judgment. The first five verified lines are a paraphrase of five lines at the beginning of one of Jonson’s productions, for a poem it is not. In his published works (Gifford’s ed. [1816], vol. viii. p. 241) they appear as follows:

“
I sing the brave adventure of two wights,
And pity ’tis, I cannot call them knights:
One was; and he for brawn and brain right able
To have been styled of king Arthur’s table.
The other was a squire, of fair degree.”

With the last of the foregoing lines the paraphrase stops, and the rest of the verses in the New Canaan are, it must in justice be said, not only more cleanly, but in other respects superior to those to be found in Jonson’s works. Indeed, where the latter are not unintelligible, they are almost unequalled for the naivete in which the writer seems to revel. Gifford not too strongly remarks of them, “I dislike the subject.” Morton, it appears to me, abandoning, at the sixth line, the paraphrase with which he began, went on with a production of his own, but very properly put Jonson’s name opposite the lines he borrowed from him. The remainder is in his own style, and not inferior to the masts of the contemporary verse. He himself explains it. The “nine worthy wights” are Standifh and his party, who were sent to arrest him. The “prodigious birth,” was the establishment of the Mount Wollaston plantation. The “seven heads” were the seven persons composing the company at Mount Wollaston at the time of the arrest. The “forked tail” was the Maypole, with its antlered top. The fear that the Hydra of Ma-re Mount would devour “all their best flocks” refers to the apprehended competition in the fur trade. The “Soll in Cancer” indicates the season; the “thundering Jove” the storm, in which Morton made his escape from his captors at Weffagusset. The arrest at Mount Wollaston is passed over very lightly. Then follows the discussion among the magistrates at Plymouth, as to the disposition to be made of the prisoner. Standifh would seem to be designated under the name of Minos. He recommends death. Eacus is more difficult to identify. In the preceding chapter (Supra, 288), Morton speaks of him as being the one whose “voice was more allowed of than both the others.” My supposition is that, by Eacus, Morton meant Dr. Samuel Fuller, who then apparently (Bradford, pp. 264, note, 306, note) stood, next to Standifh, at the head of the affiliants. Morton says that he “confounded all the arguments that Eacus could make;” and he afterwards, in the New Canaan, refers to Fuller with peculiar bitterness. (Infra, 298.) “Sterne Radamant” is clearly Bradford, “the chief Elder.” The remainder of the poem calls for no explanation; and the whole of it is much less unintelligible than is usual with Morton.
Besides a forked taile heav'd up on highe
As if it threaten'd battell to the skie.
The Rumor of this fearefull prodigy
Did cause th' effeminate multitude to cry
For want of great Alcides aide, and flood
Like People that have seene Medusas head.
Great was the greife of hart, great was the mone,
And great the feare conceived by every one
Of Hydras hiddeous forme and dreadfull powre,
Doubting in time this Monster would devour
All their best flocks, whose dainty wolle conforts
It selfe with Scarlet in all Princes Courts.
Not Iason nor the adventurerous youths of Greece
Did bring from Colcos any richer Fleece.
In Emulation of the Gregian force
These Worthies nine prepar'd a woorden horse,
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* And, prick'd with pride of like success, divide
How they may purchase glory by this prize;
And, if they give to Hidreas head the fall,
It will remaine a plat forme unto all
Theire brave atchievements, and in time to comme,
Per fas aut nefas, they'l erect a throne.
Cloubs are turn'd trumps: so now the lott is cast:
With fire and sword to Hidras den they haste,
Mars in th' attendant, Soll in Cancer now,
And Lerna Lake to Plutos court must bow.
What though they [be] rebuk'd by thundring Love,
Tis neither Gods nor men that can remove
Their mindes from making this a dismal day.
These nine will now be actors in this play.
And Sumon Hidra to appeare anon
Before their wiiles Combination:
But his undaunted spirit, nurfd with meate
Such as the Cecrops gave their babes to eate,
Scorn'd their base accons; for with Cecrops charme
Hee knew he could defend himselfe from harme
Of Minos, Eacus, and Radamand,
Princes of Limbo; who must out of hand
Consult bout Hidra, what must now be done:
Who, having fate in Counsell, one by one
Retorne this answere to the Stiggean feinds;
And first grim Minos spake: most loving freinds,
Hidra prognosticks ruine to our state
And that our Kingdome will grow desolate;
But if one head from thence be tane away
The Body and the members will decay.
* To take in hand, quoth Eacus, this taske,
Is such as harebrained Phaeton did aske
Of Phebus, to begird the world about;
Which graunted put the Netherlands to rout;
Presumptious fools learne wit at too much cost,
For life and labour both at once hee lost.
Sterne Radamantus, being last to speake,
Made a great hum and thus did silence breake:
What if, with ratling chaines or Iron bands,
Hidra be bound either by feete or hands,
And after, being lashed with smarting rodds,
Hee be conveyd by Stix unto the godds

To be accused on the upper ground
Of Lese Majestatis, this crime found
T'will be unpossible from thence, I trowe,
Hidra shall come to trouble us belowe.
This sentence pleas'd the friends exceedingly,
That up they tost their bonnets, and did cry,
Long live our Court in great prosperity.
The Sessions ended, some did straight devise
Court Revells, antiques and a world of joyes,
Brave Christmas gambols:¹ there was open hall
Kept to the full, and sport, the Divell and all:
Laboure's despised, the loomes are laid away,
And this proclaim'd the Stigean Holliday.
In came grim Mino, with his motly beard,
And brought a distillation well prepar'd;
And Eacus, who is as fuer as text,
Came in with his preparatives the next;
Then Radamantus, last and principal,
Feasted the Worthies in his sumptuous hall.

N
ow to illustrate this Poem, and make the fence more
plaine, it is to be considered that the Persons at
Ma-re-Mount were feaven, and they had feaven heads and

¹ "Brave Christmas gambols" were, in the Plymouth of 1628. (See Bradford, it may be remarked, not greatly in vogue p. 112.)
thee were accounted Hidra with the seaven heads: and the Maypole, with the Hornes nailed neere the topp, was the forked tayle of this suppos'd Monster, which they (for want of skill) imposed: yet feared in time, (if they hindered not mine Hoft), hee would hinder the benefit of their Beaver trade, as hee had done, (by meanes of this helpe,) in Kynyback river finely, ere they were aware: who, coming too late, were much dismaide to finde that mine Hoft his boate had gleaned away all before they came; which Beaver is a fitt companion for Scarlett: and I beleev that Iafons golden Fleece was either the same, or some other Fleece not of so much value.

This action bred a kinde of hart burning in the Plimmouth Planters, who after sought occasion against mine Hoft to overthrowe his undertakings and to destroy his Plantation; whome they accoumpted a maine enemy to theire Church and State.

*Now when they had begunne with him, they * thought beft to proceede: forasmuch as they thought themselves farre enough from any controule of Iustice, and therefore resolved to be their owne carvers: (and the rather because they presumed upon some encouragement they had from the favourites of their Sect in England:) and with fire and sword, nine in number, pursu'd mine Hoft, who had escaped their hands, in scorne of what they intended, and betooke him to his habitation in a night of great thunder and lightening, when they durft not follow him, as hardy as these nine worthies seemed to be.

It was in the Moneth of June that these Marshallifts had appointed
appointed to goe about this mischeifous project, and deale so crabbidly with mine Host.

After a parly, hee capitulated with them about the quarter they proffered him, if hee would consent to goe for England, there to answere, (as they pretended,) some thing they could object againft him principall to the generall: But what it would be hee cared not, neither was it any thing materiall.

Yet when quarter was agreed upon, they, contrary wise, abused him, and carried him to theire towne of Plimmouth, where, (if they had thought hee durft have gone to England,) rather then they would have bin any more affronted by him they would have dispatched him, as Captaine Shrimp in a rage profeft that hee would doe with his Pistoll, as mine Host should set his foote into the boate. Howsoever, the cheife Elders voyce in that place was more powerfull than any of the rest, who concluded * to send mine Host without any other thing to be done to him. And this being the finall agreement, (contrary to Shrimpe and others,) the nine Worthies had a great Feaft made, and the furmity\(^1\) pott was provided for the boats gang by no allowance: and all manner of pastime.

Captaine Shrimpe was so overjoyed in the performance of this explyot, that they had, at that time, extraordinary merri-ment, (a thing not usuall amongst those presifians); and when the winde servd they tooke mine Host into their Shallop, hoyfed Saile, and carried him to the Northern parts; where they left him upon a Island.

\begin{center}\textbf{Chapter XVIII.}\end{center}

\(^{1}\textit{Supra, 163, note 1.}\)
Of a Doctor made at a Commencement in New Canaan.

The Church of Plimouth, having due regard to the weale publike and the Brethren that were to come over, and knowing that they would be busily imployed to make provision for the cure of Soules, and therefore might neglect the body for that time, did hold themselves to be in duety bound to make search for a fitting man, that might be able, (if so neede requir'd,) to take the chardge upon him in that place of employment: and therefore called a Counsell of the whole Synagoge: amongst which company, they chose out a man that long time had bin nurft up in the tender boosome of the Church: one that had *speciall gifts: * hee could wright and reade; nay, more: hee had tane the oath of abjuration, which is a speciall stepp, yea, and a maine degree unto perferment. Him they weane, and out of Phaos boxe fitt him with speciall guifts of no leffe worth: they stile him Doctor, and forth they send him to gaine imployement and opinion.

What luck is it I cannot hit on his name: but I will give you

1 The personage referred to, in this amuing but extremely fcurrilous chapter, is Dr. Samuel Fuller. There is a notice of Dr. Fuller in Young's Chron. of Pilg. (p. 222, note), and in Eliot's Biog. Dil. He was one of those who came over in the Mayflower; but that he was born in the County of Somerfet, and bred a butcher, appears only from the state-

2 Infra, 345, note.
you him by a periphrasis, that you may know him when you meete him next.

Hee was borne at Wrintong, in the County of Somerset, where hee was bred a Butcher. Hee weares a longe beard, and a Garment like the Greeke that beggd in Pauls Church.¹ This new made Doctor, comes to Salem to congratulate:² where hee findes some are newly come from Sea, and ill at ease.

He takes the patient, and the urinall: eies the State there; findes the Crafsi Syptomes, and the attomi natantes: and tells the patient that his disease was winde, which hee had tane by gapeing feasting over board³ at Sea; but hee would quickly ease him of that greife, and quite expell the winde. And this hee did performe, with his gifts hee had: and then hee handled the patient so handsomely, that hee eased him of all the winde hee had in an instaunt.

And yet I hope this man may be forgiven, if hee were made a fitting Plant for Heaven.

How hee went to worke with his gifts is a question; yet hee did a great cure for Captaine Littleworth, hee cured him of a disease called a wife:⁴ and yet I hope this man may

¹ Paul's Walk, as the central nave of old St. Paul's was called, was in the reign of Charles I. much what a business arcade is now. There is a vivid descriptiion of it, with extracts from writers of the time, in W. H. Ainfworth's romance, Old St. Paul's (B. ii. ch. 7). See also, Gardiner's Charles I. (vol. ii. p. 11).
² The visit of Dr. Fuller to Salem, referred to in the text, may have taken place in 1628. Though he was also there in 1629; and again in 1630, when he likewise visited Charlestown. (Young's Chron. of Pilg., p. 222, note.)
³ This description of the usual effect of sea-sicknes I take to be peculiar to Morton.
⁴ Endicott's first wife was Anna Gover, a cousin of Governor Cradock. Little is known of her. She came to New England with her husband, and died during the very early days of the settlement, as she seems to have been in failing health in September, 1628. Endicott was married to his second
may be forgiven, if she were made a fitting plant for heaven.

* By this means he was allowed 4. p. a moneth, * 153 and the chirurgeon's chest, and made Phisition generall of Salem: where he exercised his gifts so well, that of full 42. that there hee tooke to cure, there is not one has more cause to complaine, or can say black's his eie. This saved Captaine Littleworths credit, that had truck'd away the vittels: though it brought forth a scandal on the Country by it: and then I hope this man may be forgiven, if they were all made fitting plants for Heaven.

But in mine opinion, hee deserves to be fet upon, a palfrey and lead up and downe in triumph throw new Canaan, with a coller of Iurdans about his neck, as was one of like desert in Richard the seconds time through the streets of London, that men might know where to finde a Quacksaluer.  

CHAPTER XIX.

Second wife August 18, 1630; on the 17th of the following month he sat among the magistrates at Boston in judgment upon the author of the New Canaan, who had been "fent for" just five days after the marriage, which seems to have taken place at Charlestown. (Winthrop, vol. i. p. *30; Young's Chron. of Mafs., pp. 131, 292; Supra, 43-4.)

1 This was the case of Roger Clerk, of Wandsworth, attached in the chamber of the Guildhall of London, before the mayor and aldermen, on the 13th of May, 1382, on a plea of deceit and falsehood as to Roger atte Hacche. The record is to be found in Riley's Memorials of London and London Life (pp. 464-6), and is very curious as illustrating English manners in the time of Richard II. Morton's reference would indicate that the case had then been handed down as a tradition for two hundred and fifty years. It seems that Clerk gave Hacche a bit of old parchment, rolled up in "a piece of cloth of gold," asserting that it was very good for the ailments with which his wife was afflicted. Upon being arraigned, Clerk contended that upon the parchment was written "a good charm for fevers." Upon examination, no word of the alleged charm was found in the paper. The court then told the prisoner "that a straw beneath his foot would be of just as much avail for fevers, as this charm of his was; whereupon, he fully granted that it would be so. And because that the same Roger Clerk was in no way a literate man, and seeing that on the examinations aforesaid,
A silenced Minister, out of covetousness,\(^2\) came over into new Canaan to play the spy: Hee pretended, out of a

(as well as others afterwards made,) he was found to be an infidel, and altogether ignorant of the art of phyfic or of surgery; and to the end that the people might not be deceived and aggrieved by such ignorant persons, etc.; it was adjudged that the same Roger Clerk should be led through the middle of the City, with trumpets and pipes, he riding on a horfe without a saddle, the said parchment and a whetstone, for his lies, being hung about his neck, an urinal also being hung before him, and another urinal on his back."

The punishment of the "pillory and the whetstone," as it was called, was that ordinarily imposed on those telling falsehoods. In another cafe in the same volume (p. 316) it is thus given in detail: "The said John shall come out of Newgate without hood or girdle, barefoot and unfod, with a whetstone hung by a chain from his neck, and lying on his breast, it being marked with the words,—'A false liar;' and there shall be a pair of trumpets trumpeting before him on his way to the pillory."

1 The person referred to in this chapter was probably the Rev. Francis Bright, of whom very little is known. He was one of the three ministers sent over by the Massachufetts Company in 1629, Higginfon and Skelton being the other two. In June of that year, when Graves and the Spragues were sent by Endicott to effect a settlement at Charlestown, Bright accompanied them as "minifter to the Company's servants." (Young's Chron. of Mafs., pp. 316, 376.) As such, he was the Caiaphas, or high-prieft, of that region, and it naturally devolved on him to "exercife his guilts on the Lords day at Weenafimute." Morton further says that the person he refers to had been a silenced minister in England. That Bright had been silenced is not known, but both Skelton and Higginfon had been (Magnalia, B. i. ch. iv. § 4; Neal's Hist. of Puritans, vol. ii. p. 229); and, though Hubbard intimates that Bright was a conformist (p. 113), yet, in the Company's letter to Endicott, the three ministers are stated to have "declared themselves to us to be of one judgment, and to be fully agreed on the manner how to exercife their miniftry." (Young's Chron. of Pilgs., p. 160.) Winthrop, Morton adds, "spied out Caiaphas praetife; and he must be packing;" Bright returned to England shortly after Winthrop's arrival. Johnfon says (Wonder-working Providence, p. 20) that he "betooke him to the Seas againe," when he saw that "all forts of stones would not fit in the building."

Samuel Skelton is referred to by Morton a few pages further on (Infra, 306) as "Pastor Master Eager," which name may be taken to imply "covetousness" in him. But, though Skelton might be termed the "Caiaphas" of the country, he was not silenced by Winthrop. He can, therefore, hardly be the person here aimed at.

2 [covetousness.] See supra, i, i, n. 1.
a zealous intent to doe the Salvages good, and to teach them. Hee brought a great Bundell of Horne books with him, and carefull hee was, (good man,) to blott out all the croffes of them, for feare leaft the people of the land should become Idolaters. Hee was in hope, with his gifts, to prepare a great auditory against greate Iofua should arive there.

* Hee applyed himselfe on the weeke dayes to the *154 trade of Beaver, but it was, (as might feeme,) to purchase the principall benefite of the Lande, when the time should come; for hee had a hope to be the Caiphas of the Country: and well hee might, for hee was higher by the head than any of his tribe that came after him.

This man, it feemes, played the spie very handsomely; for in the exercise of his guifts on the Lords day at Weenafimute,1 hee espied a Salvage come in with a good Beaver coate, and tooke occasion to reproove the covetous desire of his auditory to trade for Beaver on those dayes; which made them all use so much modesty about the matter for the present, that hee found opportunity, the fame day, to take the Salvage a fide into a corner, where (with the helpe of his Wampampeack hee had in his pocket for that purpose in a readinesse,) hee made a shifte to get that Beaver coate, which their mouthes watered at; and fo deceaved them all.

But shortly after, when Iofua2 came into the Land, hee had foone spied out Caiphas practife, and put him to silence; and

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1 Supra, 229, note 3, and 300, note 1. Morton always designates Governor
2 Iofua Temperwell. Under this name John Winthrop.
and either hee must put up his pipes and be packing, or
forfake Ionas posture, and play
Demas part alltogether.¹

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Of the Præfife of the Seperatifs to gett a fnare to hamper
mine Hoft of Ma-re-Mount.

A lthough the nine Worthies had left mine Hofte upon
an Ifland,² in such an inhumane manner as yee heard
before; yet when they understood that hee had got shipping
and was gone to England of his owne accord, they dis-
patched letters of advise to an Agent they had there: and
by the next shipp sent after to have a snare made, that
might hamper mine Hoft fo as hee might not any more
trouble theire conscience: and to that end made a generall
collection of Beaver to defray the chardge,³ and hee was not
thought a good Christian that would not lay much out for
that employment.

Some contributed three pounds, some foure, some five
pounds; and procured a pretty quantity by that Devife,
which should be given to a cunning man that could make
a snare to hamper him.

¹ Caiaphas was the high-priest of the
Jews; Jonas, or Jonah, was the firft
Hebrew prophet sent to a heathen na-
tion. The propriety of these two Bibli-
cal allusions in this connection is, there-
fore, apparent enough. The allusion to
Demas is more obscure, as he is only
mentioned by Paul as a fellow-disciple
who had forsaken him, “having loved
this present world, and is departed unto
Thessalonica.” (II. Timothy iv. 10.)
² Supra, *144, *151.
³ Supra, 30.
The Agent, (according to his directions,) does his endeavoure, (in the best manner hee could,) to have this instrument made: and used no little diligence to have it effectèd.\(^1\) His reputation stood upon the taske imposed upon him against mine Hoft, the onely enemy (accounted) of their Church and State.

Much inquiry was made in London, and about, for a skillfull man that would worke the feate. Noe cost was spared, for gold hee had good store: first hee \(^1\) 156 inquires of one, and then another: at the laft hee heard newes of a very famous man, one that was excellent at making subtile instruments, such as that age had never bin acquainted with.

Hee was well knowne to be the man, that had wit and wondrous skill to make a cunning instrument where with to save himselfe and his whole family, if all the world besides should be drown'd; and this the best; yea, and the best cheap too, for, no good done, the man would nothing take.\(^*\)

To him this agent goes, and praies his aide: Declares his cause, and tells the substance of his greivance, all at large, and laid before his eies a heape of gold.

When all was shewed, that could be she'd, and said, what could be said, and all too little for to have it done, the agent then did see his gold refused, his cause despised, and thought himselfe disgraced to leave the worke undone: so that hee was much dismayed, yet importun'd the cunning [man], who found no reason to take the taske in hand.

Hee thought, perhaps, mine Hoft, (that had the flight to escape from the nine Worthies, to chaine Argus eies, and by inchauntment

\(^1\) Supra, 35.
Mine Hoft arrived a-gaine in Plimouth.

Chap. XXI.

Of Captaine Littleworth his new devise for the purchase of Beaver.

In the meane time, whiles these former passages were, there was a great swelling fellow, of Littleworth, crept over to Salem, (by the helpe of Master Charter party, the Treforer, and Master Ananias Increase, the Collector for the Company

1 Supra, 37.
2 By this name Morton designates Matthew Cradock, the first Governor of the Maflachutfetts Bay Company, though he never came to America. Cradock was a wealthy London merchant, and as such subscribed largely to the funds of the company. In regard to him, see Dr. Young's note in Chron. of Mafs. (p. 137).
3 It is not clear who Morton may have intended to designate by this name.
Company of Separatists,) to take upon him their imployments for a time.

Hee, resolving to make hay whiles the Sonne did shine, first pretended himselfe to be sent over as cheife Iustice of the Massachusettss Bay and Salem, forsoth, and tooke unto him a councell; and a worthy one no doubt, for the Cowkeeper of Salem was a prime man in those imployments; and to ad a Majesty, (as hee thought,) to his new assumed dignity, hee caused the Patent of the Massachusettss, (new brought into the Land,) to be carried where hee went in his progresse to and froe, as an embleme of his authority: which *the vulgar people, not acquainted with, thought it to *158 be some instrument of Musick locked up in that covered cafe,¹ and thought, (for so some said,) this man of little-worth had bin a fidler, and the rather because hee had put into

name. John Walsheurne was the secre-
tary and "collector for the company" at the time Endicott was sent over, but of him nothing is known. (Young's Chron. of Mafs., p. 55.) It would seem more probable that Increase Nowell was the person Morton had in mind. Nowell was one of the original paten-
tees, contributing money to forward the purposes of the company, serving on committees, &c. (Ib., p. 262.) He came to New England with Winthrop, and was among the magistrates who were present at the trial of Morton in September, 1630. (Records, vol. i. pp. 73, 75.) He was the first rulingelder of the Charlestown church. He is described as having been "a worthy pious man" (Eliot); and if he was the person intended by Morton,—which is not at all clear,—the propriety of calling him Ananias, if it rests on anything, is not apparent from the record.

¹ The "covered cafe," in which Gov-
ernor Winthrop is supposed to have brought over the charter of 1629, is still to be seen in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the State Houfe in Boston; and that in which Endicott brought over the patent of 1628 was, it may be inferred from the text, similar in appearance. It very much resembles the cafe for "some instrument of musick," being a flat, nar-
row box, 2 feet 10 inches long, by 3½ inches wide and 3 inches deep. It has a species of circular annex, so to speak, at its middle, intended to contain the seal. This annex, like the box, is of wood, and is 7 by 8 inches in surface, and the fame in depth as the main cafe, of which it is a part. The whole is covered with stamped leather, now brown and mould-
ered with age. There are, however, some things about this cafe which sug-
gest doubts as to its having been made quite so early as the time of Charles I.
into the mouthes of poore silly things, that were sent alonge with him, what skill hee had in Engines, and in things of quaint devise: all which prooved in conclusion to be but impostury.

This man, thinking none so worthy as himselfe, tooke upon him infinitely: and made warrants in his owne name, (without relation to his Majesties authority in that place,) and summoned a generall appearance at the worshipfull towne of Salem:¹ there in open assembly was tendered certaine Articles, devised betwene him and theire new Pastor Master Eager,² (that had renounced his old calling to the Miniftry receaved in England, by warrant of Gods word, and taken a new one there, by their fantasticall way imposed, and conferred upon him with some speciall guifts had out of Phaos boxe.)³

To these Articles every Planter, old and new, must signe, or be expelled from any manner of aboade within the Com- pas of the Land contained within that graunt then shewed: which was so large it would suffice for Elbow roome for more then were in all the Land by 700000. such an army might have planted them a Colony with [in] that cirquit which hee challenged, and not contend for roome for their Cattell. But for all that, hee that shoule refuse to subscribe, must pack.

The tenor of the Articles were these: That in all

¹ In regard to this meeting at Salem, and the action taken at it, see supra, 38-40. No record or other mention of it, except that contained in the text, has come down to us.

² See supra 300, note 1.

³ This refers to the famous Salem ordination of Skelton and Higgifon, July 20 and August 6, 1629; in regard to which see Palfrey, vol. i. pp. 295-6.
*causes, as well Ecclesiasticall as Politicall, wee should *159
follow the rule of Gods word.

This made a shew of a good intent, and all the assembly, (onely mine Hoft replyed,) did subscribe: hee would not, unlesse they would ad this Caution: So as nothing be done contrary or repugnant to the Lawes of the Kingdome of England. These words hee knew, by former experience, were necessary, and without these the same would proove a very mousetrapp to catch some body by his owne consent, (which the rest nothing suspected,) for the construction of the worde would be made by them of the Seperation to serve their owne turnses: and if any man should, in such a case, be accused of a crime, (though in it selfe it were petty,) they might set it on the tenter hookes of their imaginary gifts, and stretch it to make it seeme cappitall; which was the reason why mine Hoft refused to subscribe.

It was then agreed upon that there should be one generall trade used within that Patent, (as hee said,) and a generall flock: and every man to put in a parte: and every man, for his person, to have shares alike: and for their flock, according to the ratable proportion was put in: and this to continue for 12. moneths, and then to call an accompt.

All were united, but mine Hoft refused: two truckmasters were chosen; wages prefixed; onely mine Hoft put in a Caviat that the wages might be paid out of the cleare proffit, which there in black and white was plainly put downe.

* But before the end of 6. moneths, the partners in *160
this flock, (handled by the Truckmasters,) would have an accompt: some of them had perceaved that Wampambeacke
pambeacke could be pocketted up, and the underlings, (that went in the boats alonge,) would bee neere the Wifer for any thinge, but what was trucked for Beaver onely.

The accoumpt being made betweene Captaine Littleworth, and the two Truckmafters, it was found that instead of increasing the proffit, they had decreafed it; for the principall flock, by this imployment, was freetted fo, that there was a great hole to be feene in the very middle of it, which coft the partners afterwards one hundred markes to flopp and make good to Captaine Littleworth.

But mine Hofl, that flurred not his foote at all for the matter, did not onely fave his flock from fuch a Cancar, but gained fixe and feaven for one: in the meane time hee derided the Contributers for being catch’d in that fnare.

**CHAP. XXII.**

*Of a Sequestration made in New Canaan.*

C Aptaine Littleworth, (that had an akeing tooth at mine Hofl of Ma-re-Mount,) devifed how hee might put a trick upon him, by colour of a Sequestration; and got some persons to pretend that hee had corne and other *161* goods of theirs in posfession; and the *rather because mine Hofl had flore of corne and hee had improvidently truckt his flore for the prefent gaine of Beaver; in fo much that his people under his chardge were put to short allowance, which caufed fome of them to ficken with con- 

1 *Supra,* 41-2.
cept of such usuage, and some of them by the practife of the
new entertained Doctor Noddy, with his Imaginary gifts.
They sent therefore to exhibit a petition to grim Minos,
Eacus and Radamant, where they wished to have the author
of their greife to be convented: and they had procured it
quickly, if curses would have caused it: for good prayers
would be of no validity, (as they supposed,) in this extremity.

Now in this extremity Capt. Littleworth gave commission
to such as hee had found ready for such imployments to
enter in the howfe at Ma-re-Mount, and, with a shallop, to
bring from thence such corne and other utensilles as in their
commission hee had specified. But mine Hoft, wary to pre-
vent eminent mischeife, had conveyed his powther and shott,
(and such other things as stood him in most stead for his pre-
sent condition,) into the woods for safety: and, whiles this
was put in praÆtise by him, the shallop was landed and the
Commissioners entred the howfe, and willfully bent against
mine honnest Hoft, that loved good hospitality. After they had
feasted their bodies with that they found there, they carried
all his corne away, with some other of his goods, contrary to
the Lawes of hospitallity: a female parcell of refuse corne
onely excepted, which they left mine Hoft to keepe Christ-
mas with.

* But when they were gone, mine Hoft fell to make * 162
use of his gunne, (as one that had a good faculty in
the use of that instrument,) and feasted his body neverthe-
lesse with fowle and venison, which hee purchased with the
helpe of that instrument, the plenty of the Country and
the commodiousnes of the place affording meanes, by the
blessing

1 [converted] See supra i i , note i.
blessing of God; and hee did but deride Captaine Littleworth, that made his servants snap shorte in a Country so much abounding with plenty of foode for an industrious man, with great variety.

**Chap. XXIII.**

*Of a great Bonfire made for joy of the arrivall of great Iosua, surnamed Temperwell, into the Land of Canaan.*

Even shipps set forth at once, and altogether arrived in the Land of Canaan, to take a full possession thereof: What are all the 12. Tribes of new Israel come? No, none but the tribe of Issacar, and some few scattered Levites of the remnant of those that were descended of old Elies houfe.

And here comes their Iosua too among them; and they make it a more miraculous thing for these seaven shipps to set forth together, and arrive at New Canaan together, then it was for the Israelites to goe over Iordan drishod: perhaps it was, because they had a wall on the right hand and a wall on the left hand.

*163* *These Seperatists suppose there was no more difficulty in the matter then for a man to finde the way to the Counter at noone dayes, betweene a Sergeant and

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1 The arrival of Winthrop's fleet in June, 1630, is here referred to. It has already been stated that Iosua Temperwell is intended for Governor Winthrop. It will be noticed that Morton, much as he disliked him, always refers to Winthrop, if not with respect, yet with a certain restraint of tone and infalluation which he did not show to others, such as Endicott, Fuller and Standish.
and his yeoman: Now you may thinke mine Host will be hamperd or never.

These are the men that come prepared to ridd the Land of all pollution. These are more subtile then the Cunning, that did refuse a goodly heap of gold. These men have brought a very snare indeed; and now mine Host must suffer. The book of Common Prayer, which hee used, to be despifed: and hee must not be spared.

Now they are come, his doome before hand was concluded on: they have a warrant now: A cheife one too: and now mine Host must know hee is the subject of their hatred: the Snare must now be used; this instrument must not be brought by Iosua in vaine.

A Court is called of purpose for mine host: hee there convented, and must heare his doome before hee goe: nor will they admitt him to capitulate, and know wherefore they are so violent to put such things in practice against a man they never saw before: nor will they allow of it, though hee decline their Jurisdiction.

There they all with one assent put him to silence, crying out, heare the Governour, heare the Govern: who gave this sentence against mine Host at first sight: that he should be first put in the Billbowes, his goods should be all confiscatcd, his Plantation should be burned downe to the ground, because the habitation of the wicked should no more appeare in Israell, and *his person banished from those territories; and this put in execution with all speed.

1 Supra, *156.  
2 Supra, 47.  See, also, the petition of Winslow, while a prisoner in the Fleet, to the Lords of the Council. (Proc. of Mafs. Hist. Soc. 1860–2, p. 133.)  
3 Supra, 43–5.
The remorseles Salvages, (his neighboures,) came the while, (greived, poore filly lambes, to see what they went about,) and did reproove thofe Elphants of witt for their inhumane deede: the Lord above did open their mouthes like Balams Asse, and made them speake in his behalfe sentences of unexpected divinity, besides morrallity; and tould them that god would not love them that burned this good mans howfe; and plainly fayed that they who were new come would finde the want of fuch a howfes in the winter: fo much themselves to him confef.

The fmoake that did affend appeared to be the very Sacrifice of Kain. Mine Hoft, (that a farre of abourd a fhip did there behold this wofull fpectacle,) knew not what hee Ihould doe in this extremity but beare and forbeare, as Epictetus fayes 1: it was booteleffe to exclame.

Hee did confider then these tranfitory things are but ludibria fortunaë, 2 as Cicero calls them. All was burnt downe to the ground, and nothing did remaine but the bare afhes as an embleme of their cruelty: and unles it could, (like to the Phenix,) rise out of these afhes and be new againe, (to the immortall glory and renowne of this fertile Canaan the new,)

1 T. W. Higginfon, who in 1866 published a tranflation of Epictetus, furnishes me the following note on this allufion: "The phrafe 'bear and forbear' has always been received as the formula especially characteriftic of Epictetus. It is moft explicitly preferved to us in the Noltes Atticae of Aulus Gellius (B. XVII. ch. xix. §§ 5–6). Gellius fays: 'Verba duo dicebat: 'Ανίχνου καὶ ἀνίχνου,' having previoufly explained their meaning. There was in 1634 no English tranflation of any portion of Epictetus containing the phrafe; nor was he an author then much read at the Englifh univerfities. Morton probably, therefore, got the quotation from the Latin of Aulus Gellius; if, indeed, he did not pick it up in liftening to the talk of fome more scholarly man, — poifibly Ben Jonfon."

2 Ille haec ludibria fortunaë, ne fua quidem putavit, que nos appelamus etiam bona. (Paradoxa, I. i.)
new,) the stumpes and postes in their black liveries will mourne; and piety it selfe will add a voyce to the bare remnant of that Monument, and make it cry for recom- pence, (or else revenge,) against the Sect of cruell Schismaticks.

*Chap. XXIV.* *165

*Of the digrating and creating gentry in New Canaan.*

There was a zealous Professor in the Land of Canaan, (growne a great Merchant in the Beaver trade,) that came over for his conscience sake, (as other men have done,) and the meanes, (as the phrase is,) who in his minority had bin prentice to a tombe maker; who, comming to more ripenes of yeares, (though lesse discretion,) found a kind of scruple in his conscience that the trade was in parte against the second commandement: and therefore left it off wholely, and betooke himselfe to some other imployments.

In the end hee settled upon this course, where hee had hope of preferrement, and become one of those things that any Iudas might hange himselfe upon, that is an Elder.

Hee had bin a man of some recconing in his time, (as himselfe would boaste,) for hee was an officer, just under the Exchequer.

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1 I am unable to suggeʃt any explana- tion of the allusions contained in this chapter. There is no apparent clew either to the “zealous Professor” whose conscience did not permit him to cut tombstones, or to the “gentleman newly come into the land,” who “incurred the displeasure” of Governor Winthrop and was degraded.

2 “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.”
Exchequer at Westminster, in a place called Phlegeton: there hee was comptroller, and conversed with noe plebeians, I tell you, but such as have angels or their attendance, (I meane some Lawyers with appertenances, that is, Clarks,) with whome a Iugg of Beare and a crufty rolle in the terme is as currant as a three penny scute at Hall time.

* 166 * There is another place thereby, called Sticks: these are two daingerous places, by which the infernall gods doe sweare: but this of Sticks is the more daingerous of the two, because there, (if a man be once in,) hee cannot tell how to get out againe handfomely

I knew an under sherriff was in unwares, and hee laboured to be free of it: yet hee broake his back before he got fo farre as quietus eft: There is no such danger in Phlegeton, where this man of fo much recconing was comptroller.

Hee being here, waited an opportunity to be made a gentl. and now it fell out that a gentl. newly come into the land of Canaan, (before hee knew what ground hee stood upon,) had incurred the displeasure of great Iofua fo highly that hee muft therefore be digraded.

No reconciliation could be had for him: all hopes were past for that matter: Where upon this man of much recconing (pretending a graunt of the approach in avoydance,) helps the lame dogge over the stile, and was as jocund on the matter as a Magpie over a Mutton.

Wherefore the Heralls, with Drums, and Trumpets, pro-claiming in a very solemne manner that it was the pleasure of great Iofua, (for divers and sundry very good caufes and con-considerations, Master Temperwell thereunto especially mooving,) to take away the title, prerogative and preheminence of

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*Iofua displeased.

*Master Temperwell.
of the Delinquent, so unworthy of it, and to place the same upon a Professor of more reckoning: so that it was made *a penall thing for any man after to lifte the *167 fame man againe on the top of that file, but that hee should stand perpetually digraded from that prerogative. And the place by this meanes being voyde, this man, of so much more reckoning, was receaved in like a Cypher to fill up a roome, and was made a Gentleman of the first head; and his Coate of Armes, blazon'd and tricked out fit for that purpose, in this Poem following.

THE POEM.

What ailes Pigmalion? Is it Lunacy; Or Doteage on his owne Imagery? Let him remember how hee came from Hell, That after ages by record may tell The compleat story to posterity. Blazon his Coate in forme of Heraldry. Hee beareth argent alwaies at commaund, A barre betweene three crusty rolls at hand, And, for his creft, with froth, there does appeare Dextra Paw Elevant a Iugg of beare.

Now, that it may the more easily be understoold, I have here endeavoured to set it forth in these illustrations following: Pigmalion was an Image maker, who, doteing on his owne perfection in making the Image of Venus, grew to be a
a mazed man, like our Gentleman here of the first head: and by the figure Antonomasía is hee herein exemplified.

Hee was translated from a tombe maker to be the *tapfter at hell, (which is in Westminster, under the Ex-Chequer office,) for benefit of the meanes hee translated himselfe into New England, where, by the help of Beaver and the command of a servaunt or two, hee was advaunced to the title of a gentleman; where I left him to the exercise of his guifts.

**Chap. XXV.**

Of the manner how the Separatists doe pay debts to them that are without.

There was an honeflt man, one Mr. Innocence Fairecloath, by Mr. Mathias Charterparty sent over into New Canaan, to raife a very good marchantable commodity for

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1 "Antonomasía (Rhet.). The use of the name of some office, dignity, profession, science or trade, instead of the proper name of the person; as where his majesty is used for a king, or his lordship for a nobleman, or when, instead of Aristotle, we say the philosopher; or, conversely, the use of a proper name instead of an appellative, as where a wife man is called a Cato, or an eminent orator a Cicero, the application being supported by a resemblance in character." (Webster.)

2 The phrase "them that are without [the church]" calls for no explanation. It was common in early New England, and both Lyford and Bradford are found using it (Bradford, pp. 184, 187) exactly as Morton uses it, who probably picked it up at Plymouth.

3 Innocence Fairecloath is the name under which Morton alludes to Philip Ratcliff. This man was a servant or agent of Governor Matthew Cradock. He got into trouble with Endicott and the members of the Salem church, and, according to Winthrop, "being convict, ore tenus, of most foul, scandalous invectives against our churches and government, was cenfured to be whipped, lofe his ears, and be banished the plantation, which was presently executed." (p. *56.) Another authority speaks of the offence as a "most horible blasphemy."
for his benefit; for, whiles the man was bound by covenant to stay for a time, and to employ such servants as did there belong to Mr. Charterparty, he disdained the tenets of the Separatifts: and they also, (finding him to be none,) disdained to be employed by a carnall man, (as they termed him,) and fought occasion against him, to doe him a mischief. Intelligence was conveyed to Mr. Charterparty that this man was a member of the Church of England, and therefore, (in their account,) an enemy to their Church and state. And, (to the end they might have some colour against him,) some of them practized to get into his debt, which hee, not mistrusting, suffered, and gave credit for such Commodity as hee had fold at a price. When the day of payment came, instede of monyes, hee, being at that time sick and weake and stoude in neede of the Beaver hee had contracted for, hee had an Epiftle full of zealous exhortations to provide for the soule; and * not to * 169 minde these transitory things that perished with the body, and to bethinke himselfe whether his conscience would be so prompt to demand so greate a somme of Beaver as had
had bin contracted for. Hee was further exhorted therein to consider hee was but a steward for a time, and by all likely hood was going to give up an accompt of his stewardship: and therefore persuaded the creditor not to load his conscience with such a burthen, which hee was bound by the Gospell to ease him of (if it were possible;) and for that cause hee had framed this Epistle in such a freindly maner to put him in minde of it. The perufall of this, (lap'd in the paper,) was as bad as a potion to the creditor, to see his debtor Master Subtilety (a zealous professor as hee thought) to deride him in this extremity, that hee could not chuse, (in admiration of the deceit,) but cast out these words:

Are these youre members? if they be all like these, I beleeeve the Divell was the fetter of their Church.

This was called in question when Mr. Fairecloath leaft thought of it. Capt. Littleworth muft be the man muft presse it againft him, for blasphemy against the Church of Salem: and to greate Iofua Temperwell hee goes with a bitter accufation, to have Master Innocence made an example for all carnall men to presume to speake the leaft word that might tend to the dishonor of the Church of Salem; yea, the mother Church of all that holy Land.

And hee convented was before their Synagoge, where no defence would serve his turne; yet was there none to be feene to accuse him, save the Court alone.

* 170 * The time of his sicknes, nor the urgent caufe, were not allowed to be urg'd for him; but whatsoever could be thought upon againft him was urged, seeing hee was a carnall man, of them that are without. So that it feemes, by those proceedings there, the matter was adjudged before
before he came: Hee onely brought to heare his sentence in publicke: which was, to have his tongue bored through; his nose slit; his face branded; his eares cut; his body to be whip'd in every severall plantation of their Jurisdiction; and a fine of forty pounds impof'd, with perpetuall banishment: and, (to execute this vengeance,) Shackles,¹ (the Deacon of Charles Towne,) was as ready as Mephostophiles, when Doctor Faustus was bent upon mischeife.

Hee is the purfer generall of New Canaan, who, (with his whipp, with knotts moft terrible,) takes this man unto the Counting howfe: there capitulates with him why hee fhould be fo hasty for payment, when Gods deare children muft pay as they are able: and hee weepes, and fobbes, and his handkercher walkes as a signe of his forrow for Master Fairecloaths finne, that hee fhould beare no better affection to the Church and the Saints of New Canaan: and strips Innocence the while, and comforts him.

Though hee be made to flay for payment, hee fhould not thinke

¹ The first two deacons of the church at Charlestown were Robert Hale and Ralph Monfall. The Charlestown church, however, was not organized until November, 1632, sixteen months after Ratcliff's punishment. (Budington's First Church of Charlestown, pp. 31, 34.)

The Boston church in June, 1631, had but one deacon, William Aspinwall (Ellis's First Church of Boston, p. 328), in regard to whom there is a detailed note in Savage's Winthrop (p. *32). He was the deacon of the Charlestown church at the time Morton was arraigned and punished, and it is possible that Morton refers to him as Shackles. Aspinwall was a man of prominence in the settlement; but it must be remem-
thineke it longe; the payment would be sure when it did come, and hee should have his due to a doite; hee should not wish for a token more; And then tould it him downe in such manner that hee made Fairecloaths Innocent back like the picture of Rawhead and blowdy bones, and his shirte like a pudding wifes aperon. In this imployment Shackles takes a greate felicity, and glories in the practife of it. This cruell sentence was stoped in part by Sir Christopher Gardiner, (then present at the execution,) by expostulating with Master Temperwell: who was content, (with that whipping and the cutting of parte of his eares,) to send Innocence going, with the losse of all his goods, to pay the fine imposed, and perpetuall banifhment out of their Lands of New Canaan, in terrorem populi.

Loe this is the payment you shall get, if you be one of them they terme, without.

C H A P. X X V I.

Of the Charity of the Seperatists.

Charity is sayd to be the darling of Religion, and is indeed the Marke of a good Christiant: But where we doe finde a Commission for miniftring to the necessity of the Saints, we doe not finde any prohibition against casting our bread upon the waters, where the unsanctified, as well as the sanctified, are in possibility to make use of it.

I cannot perceave that the Seperatists doe allowe of helping our poore, though they magnify their practife in contributing to the nourishment of their Saints; For as much as
as some that are of the number of those whom they terme
without, (though it were in case of sickness,) upon
theire landing, when a little fresh victuals would 172
have recovered their healths, yet could they not finde
any charitable assistance from them. Nay, mine Host of
Ma-re-Mount, (if hee might have had the use of his gunne,
powther and shott, and his dogg, which were denied,) hee
doubtles would have preserved such poore helples wretches
as were neglected by those that brought them over; which
was so apparent, (as it seemed,) that one of their owne tribe
said, the death of them would be required at some bodies
hands one day, (meaning Master Temperwell.)

But such good must not come from a carnall man: if it
come from a member, then it is a sanctified worke; if other-
wise, it is rejected as unsanctified.

But when Shackles' wife, and such as had husbands,
parents or freinds, happened to bee sick, mine Hosts helpe
was used, and instrumments provided for him to kill fresh
vittell with, (wherein hee was industrious,) and the persons,
having fresh vittell, lived.

So doubtles might many others have bin preserved, but
they were of the number left without; neither will those
precise people admit a carnall man into their howses, though
they have made use of his in the like case; they are such
antagonists to those that doe not comply with them, and
seeke to be admitted to be of their Church, that in scorne
they say, you may see what it is to be without.

Chapter XXVII.

1 Supra, 319.
The Church of the Separatists is governed by Pastors, Elders and Deacons, and there is not *any of these, though hee be but a Cow keeper, but is allowed to exercise his guifts in the publik assembly on the Lords day; so as hee doe not make use of any notes for the helpe of his memory: for such things, they say, smell of Lampe oyle.

1 The character of the New Canaan as a political pamphlet of the time, intended to effect a given result in a particular quarter, has already been referred to. (Supra, pp. 68-9.) In this respect the present chapter is the most significant one in the book. It was intended to act on the well-known prejudices of Archbishop Laud, the head and controlling spirit of that Board of Lords Commissioners of Foreign Plantations which then had supreme authority over the colonies. To that Board Morton dedicated his book; and at the time he was writing it the Lords Commissioners, and especially the Archbishop, were taking active measures to vacate the Massachusetts charter and to assume the direct government of the colonies. It is its connection with these facts which alone gives any great degree of historical value to the present chapter. In itself it is not deserving of careful annotation, as it contains nothing that is new, and the ground is much better covered by Lechford in his Plaine Dealing. Like Morton, Lechford was a lawyer; and, unlike Morton, he was by nature a devout man. A member of the Church of England he has given in his book a remarkably vivid and fair-minded description of the practice of the New England churches during the earliest days of the settlement. Mr. Trumbull’s very learned and elaborate notes to his edition of the Plaine Dealing, which is the edition referred to in the notes to the present chapter, have cleared up Lechford’s text wherever it is obscure; and they obviate the necessity of any careful annotation of the present chapter, except where it is desirable to call notice to the special bearing any particular assertion made may be supposed to have had on Archbishop Laud’s idiosyncrasies.

2 “Teaching in the church publicly,” was, it will be remembered, one of the offences charged against Winflow before the Lords Commissioners at the hearing of 1634, for which, at Archbishop Laud’s “vehement importunity,” he was committed to the Fleet. (Supra, 69; Proc. Mafs. Hlst. Soc., 1860-2, p. 131.) On the real practice of the New England churches in regard to the exercise of their gifts by lay members, see Plaine Dealing, p. 42.

3 “I suppose the first preacher that ever thus preached with notes in our New-England was the Reverend Warham.” (Magnalia, B. iii. part 2, ch. xviii.) In regard to John Warham, first of Dorchester and subsequently of Windsor,
oyle, and there must be no such unsavory perfume admitted to come into the congregation.

These are all publike preachers. There is amongst these people a Deakonesse, made of the sisters, that uses her gifts at home in an assembly of her sexe, by way of repetition or exhortation:¹ such is their practice.

The Windfor, Connecticut, see Dr. Young's note in Chron. of Mafs., p. 347.

¹ There probably never was any regularly chosen deacons in New England. The office was recognized as having come down from the primitive churches (Dexter's Congregationalifin, p. 69); and Robert Browne in his definitions, in the Life and Manners of all true Christians, says: "The widow is a person having office of God to pray for the church, and to visit and minister to those which are afflicted and distrested in the church; for which she is tried and received as meet." (Bacon's Genesis of the New England Churches, p. 84.) Bradford in his Dialogue, written in 1648, speaking of the Separatift church at Amfterdam, says, that besides the pastor, teacher, elders and deacons, there was "one ancient widow for a deaconefs, who did them service many years, though she was sixty years of age when she was chosen. She honored her place and was an ornament to the congregation. She usually sat in a convenient place in the congregation, with a little birchen rod in her hand, and kept little children in great awe from disturbing the congregation. She did frequently visit the sick and weak, especially women, and, as there was need, called out maids and young women to watch and do them other helps as their necessity did require; and if they were poor, she would gather relief for them of thofe that were able, or acquaint the deacons; and she was obeyed as a mother in Israel and an officer of Christ." (Young's Chron. of Pilg., p. 455.) It would be inferred from the passage quoted that there had in 1648 never been a deaconefs in the Plymouth church, as in this Dialogue the old men are supposed to be describing to the young men events strange to the latter, as having occurred long before. Lechford says, speaking of the Massachufetts colony: "No church there has a Deaconefs, as far as I know." (Plaine Dealing, pp. 24, 40.) "I have not met with an instance of [the] actual institution [of the office of deaconefs] in New England." (Palfrey, vol. ii. p. 37, note.)

It does not seem, however, to have been even theoretically one of the functions of the deaconefs "to use her gifts at home," as Morton says, "in an assembly of her sexe, by way of repetition, or exhortation." This would rather have pertained to the office of teacher. Meetings of females, such as those described, were held in the parishes during the early days, and played an important part in the Antinomian controversy. The deaconefs did not, however, officiate at them. The character of these meetings appears in the following passage at the trial of Mrs. Hutchinson:

"COURT. . . . What say you to your weekly public meetings? Can you find a warrant for them?

MRS. HUTCHINSON. I will shew you how I took it up. There were such meetings in use before I came; and because I went to none of them, this was
New English Canaan.

The Pastor, (before hee is allowed of,) must disclaime his former calling to the Ministry, as hereticall; and take a new calling after their fantastical inventions: and then hee is admitted to bee their Pastor.

The manner of disclaimeing is, to renounce his calling with bitter execrations, for the time that hee hath heretofore lived in it: and after his new election, there is great joy conceaved at his commission.\(^1\)

And theire Pastors have this preheminence above the Civile Magistrate: Hee must first consider of the complaint made against a member: and if hee be disposed to give the partie complained of an admonition, there is no more to be said: if not; Hee delivers him over to the Magistrate to deal with him in a course of Justice, according to theire practice in cases of that nature.\(^2\)

was the special reason of my taking up this course. We began it with but five or six, and, though it grew to more in future time, yet, being tolerated at the first, I knew not why it might not continue.

Court. There were private meetings indeed, and are still in many places, of some few neighbors; but not fo public and frequent as yours; and are of use for increase of love and mutual edification. But yours are of another nature. If they had been such as yours they had been evil, and therefore no good warrant to justify yours. But answer by what authority or rule you uphold them?

Mrs. H. By Titus ii. 3-5, where the elder women are to teach the younger.

Court. So we allow you to do, as the Apostle there means, privately and upon occasion. But that gives no warrant of such set meetings for that purpose. And, besides, you take upon you to teach many that are older than yourself. Neither do you teach them that which the Apostle commands, viz: to keep at home.

Mrs. H. Will you please to give me a rule against it, and I will yield.

Court. You must have a rule for it, or else you cannot do it in faith. Yet you have a plain rule against it, — 'I suffer not a woman to teach.' (I. Tim. ii. 12.)

Mrs. H. That is meant of teaching men."

(Weld's \textit{Short Story}, pp. 34-5.) See also the version to the same effect in Hutchinson's \textit{Massachusetts}, vol. ii. pp. 484-7.

\(^1\) \textit{Supra}, 262, note 3, and 306, note 3. The effect such a statement as that in the text would have upon Archbishop Laud is apparent. The real practice of the early New England churches in the matter of ordination can be found in the \textit{Plaine Dealing}, pp. 13, 16, 17.

\(^2\) "There hath been some difference about
* Of these pastors I have not knowne many:¹ some

I have observed together with their carriage in New Canaan, and can informe you what opinion hath bin conceaved of their conditions in the particuler. There is one who, (as they give it out there that thinke they speake it to advance his worth,) has bin expected to exercise his gifts in an assembly that stayed his comming, in the middest of his Jorney falls into a fitt, (which they terme a zealous meditation,) and was 4. miles past the place appointed before hee came to himselle, or did remember where abouts hee went. And how much these things are different from the actions of mazed men, I leave to any indifferent man to judge; and if I should say they are all much alike, they that have seene and heard what I have done, will not condemne mee altogether.

Now, for as much as by the practife of their Church every Elder

about jurisdictions, or cognizance of caufes: Some have held that, in caufes betweene brethren of the Church, the matter should be first told the Church, before they goe to the civill Magistrate, because all caufes in difference doe amount, one way or other, to a matter of offence; and that all criminall matters concerning Church members, should be first heard by the Church. But these opinionists are held, by the wiser fort, not to know the dangerous issues and consequences of such tenets.” *(Plaine Dealing, p. 34.)*

¹ There was no minister at Plymouth in the spring of 1628, when Morton was there. William Brewster was the ruling elder in the church and officiated in its pulpit, where, from the beginning, he had “taught twice every sabbath, and that both powerfully and profitably, to the great contentment of the hearers, and their comfortable edification.” *(Young’s Chron. of Pilg., p. 467; Bradford, pp. 187–8.)* In the summer of 1628, but after Morton had been sent to England, Allerton brought over Mr. Rogers as a preacher, who soon proved to be “crafed in his braine” *(Bradford, p. 243,)* and the next seafon was sent home. In the autumn, apparently, of 1629, and while Morton may have been at Plymouth at Allerton’s house *(Ib. p. 253,* before his final return to Mount Wollaston, the Rev. Ralfe Smith, who had come over with Skelton and Higginson in the previous June *(Young’s Chron. of Mass., p. 151,)* was found at Nantasket and brought down to Plymouth. *(Bradford, p. 263.)* He was not, however, chosen into the ministry there until a later time. *(Ib.)* It is unlikely that Morton here refers
Elder or Deacon may preach, it is not amisse to discover their practise in that particular, before I part with them.  

It has bin an old saying, and a true, what is bred in the bone will not out of the flesh, nor the stepping into the pulpit that can make the person fitt for the employment. The unfitnes of the person undertaking to be the Messenger has brought a blemish upon the message, as in the time of Lewes the Eleventh, King of France, who, (having advanced his Barber to place of Honor, and graced him with eminent titles), made him so presumptuous to undertake an Embassage to treat with foraine princes of Civile affaires.  

But what was the issue? Hee behaved himselfe so unwillingly, (yet as well as his breeding would give him leave,) that both the Messenger and the message were despised; and had not hee, (being discovered,) conveyed himselfe out of their territories, they had made him pay for his barbarous presumption.  

Socrates refers to Plymouth personages. He was at Salem in 1629 (Supra, 306), and in Boston, where as a prisoner he was undoubtedly made regularly to attend divine service, from early September to the end of December, 1630. (Supra, 45; Young’s Chron. of Mafs., p. 321.) At Salem he had come in contact with Skelton and Higginson; and it has been seen (Supra, 300, note 1) that he probably knew something of Francis Bright of Charlestown. The only other ministers then in the colony were John Warham and John Maverick at Dorchester, George Phillips at Watertown, and John Wilton at Boston.  

1 It is scarcely necessary to point out that the three following pages are largely the fruit of Morton’s imaginative powers, and were intended for the special edification of Archbifhop Laud. As Plymouth was much less well supplied with preachers than the towns of the Maffachusetts colony, it is altogether probable — as Dr. John Eliot furnifed, in his review of the New Canaan, in the Monthly Anthology for July, 1810 — the allusions to the church-practifes in this chapter found their largest basis of fact in incidents which Morton had been a witness of in the Plymouth meeting-house. It is safe to add, however, that he could have had no agreeable recollections of the meeting-houses at Boston and Charlestown.  

2 Oliver Le Daim, barber of Louis XI., created by him Comte de Meulan, and sent in 1477 on a confidential mission to Mary of Burgundy at Ghent. The account of his experiences is to be found in the Memoires de Commines, L. v. ch. xiv.
Socrates says, *loquere ut te videam.* If a man observe these people in the exercise of their gifts, hee may thereby discerne the tincture of their proper calling, the asse s eares will peepe through the lyons hide. I am sorry they cannot discerne their owne infirmities. I will deale fairely with them, for I will draw their pictures cap a pe, that you may discerne them plainly from head to foote in their postures, that so much bewitch, (as I may speake with modesty,) these illiterate people to be so fantastical, to take Ionas taske ¹ upon them without sufficient warrant.

One steps up like the Minister of Justice with the ballance *A Grocer.* onely, not the sword for feare of affrighting his auditory. Hee poynts at a text, and handles it as evenly as hee can; and teaches the auditory, that the thing hee has to deliver must be well waied, for it is a very pretious thing, yes, much more pretious then gold or pearle: and hee will teach them the meanes how to way things of that excellent worth; that a man would suppose hee and his auditory were to part stakes by the scale; and the like distribution they have used about a bag pudding.

Another, (of a more cutting disposition,) steps in his steed; *A Taylor.* and hee takes a text, which hee divides into many parts: (to speake truly) as many as hee lift. The fag end of it hee pares away, as a superfluous remnant.

*Hee puts his auditory in comfort, that hee will * ¹76 make a garment for them, and teach them how they shall put it on; and encourages them to be in love with it, for it is of such a fashion as doth best become a Christian man.

¹ *Supra, 302, note 1.*
man. Hee will affuer them that it shall be armor of profse against all assaults of Satan. This garment, (fayes hee,) is not composed as the garments made by a carnall man, that are fowed with a hot needle and a burning thread; but it is a garment that shall out laft all the garments: and, if they will make use of it as hee shall direct them, they shall be able, (like saint George,) to terrifie the greate Dragon, error; and defend truth, which error with her wide chaps would devour: whose mouth shall be filled with the shredds and parings, which hee continually gapes for under the cutting bourd.

A Tapster.

A third, hee supplies the rome: and in the exercise of his guifts begins with a text that is drawne out of a fountaine that has in it no dreggs of popery. This shall proove unto you, (fays hee,) the Cup of repentance: it is not like unto the Cup of the Whore of Babilon, who will make men drunk with comfortable joyce, and will proove a comfortable cordiall to a fick foule, fayes hee. And so hee handles the matter as if hee dealt by the pinte and the quarte, with Nic and Froth.1.

1 I am indebted to Mr. Lindsay Swift, of the Boston Public Library, for the following explanation of this, to me, very perplexing allusion: “Nic, or, more correctly, nick, — namely, ‘a raised or indented bottom in a beer-can, by which the customers were cheated, the nick below and the froth above filling up part of the measure.’ I take this definition from Wright’s Dictionary of Obsolete and Provincial English. That the expreffion was a common one the following quotations prove:—

‘We must be running up and downe
With cannies of beere (malt fod in fishes broth),
And those they say are fil’d with nick and froth.’ (Rowland’s Knave of Harts.)

‘From the nick and froth of a penny pot-houfe.’ (Fletcher.)

‘Our pots were full quarted,
We were not thus thwarted
With froth-canne and nick-pot,
And fuch nimble quick fot.’ (Spurious lines added to Rand’s 1624 edition of Skelton’s Elynour Rummynge.)

Moft
An other, (a very learned man indeed,) goes another way to worke with his auditory; and exhorts them to walke upright, in the way of their calling, and not, (like carnall men,) tread awry. And if they should *fayle * 177 in the performance of that duety, yet they should seeke for amendement whiles it was time; and tells them it would bee to late to seek for help when the shop windowes were shutt up: and pricks them forward with a freindly admonition not to place their delight in worldly pleasures, which will not last, but in time will come to an end; but so to handle the matter that they may be found to wax better and better, and then they shall be doublely rewarded for their worke: and so closes up the matter in a comfortable manner.

But stay: Here is one stept up in haste, and, (being not minded to hold his auditory in expectation of any long discourse,) hee takes a text; and, (for brevities sake,) divides it into one part: and then runnes so fast a fore with the matter, that his auditory cannot follow him. Doubles his Father was some Irish footeman; 1 by his speede it seemes so. And it may be at the howre of death, the sone, being present, did participat of his Fathers nature, (according to Pithagoras,) 2 and so the vertue of his Fathers nimble feete being

Most of this information I have taken from Nares’s *Glossary* and Halliwell-Phillipps’s *Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words*, second edition.”

1 The reference here is apparently to the running footmen much in ufe in the eighteenth century, and alo, judging by the text, as early as the reign of Charles I. Their duty was to run before and alongside the cumbrous coaches then in ufe, and to notify innkeepers of the coming guests. They carried long poles to affift them in clearing obstacles, and to help pry the carriages out of the floughs in which they frequently got stuck. (Brewer’s *Dist. of Phrase and Fable*, p. 773; Macaulay’s *England*, vol. i. pp. 374–8.)

2 It was one of the doctrines of Pythagoras that the souls of the dying passed
being infused into his braines, might make his tongue out-runne his wit.

Well, if you marke it, these are speciall gifts indeede: which the vulgar people are so taken with, that there is no perswading them that it is so ridiculous.

This is the meanes, (O the meanes,) that they pursue: This that comes without premeditation; This is the Supar-lative: and hee that does not approve of this, they say is a very reprobate.

* 178 * Many unwarrantable Tenents they havelikewise:

some of which being come to my knowledge I will here fet downe: one wherof, being in publicke præctise maintained, is more notorious then the rest. I will therefore beginne with that, and convince them of manifest error by the maintenance of it, which is this:

Tenent I.

That it is the Magiftrates office absolutely, (and not the Minfters,) to joyne the people in lawfull matrimony.¹ And

pafted into the air, and thence into the living bodies of other men, taking controlling posfession of them. That the nimblenes of the father's feet might thus account for the volubility of the fon's tongue is, it is needles to say, a purely Mortonian deduction.

¹ "May 12. [1621] was the first marriage in this place, which, according to the laudable cuftome of the Low-Countries, in which they had lived, was thought most requisite to be performed by the magiftrate, as being a civill thing, upon which many questions aboute inheritances doe depeende, with other things most proper to their cognizans, and moft confonante to the scriptures. Ruth 4. and no wher found in the gofpell to be layed on the minfters as a part of their office." (Bradford, p. 101.) The marriage here referred to was that of Edward Winflow to Mrs. Sufannah White. It took place in May, Winflow's wife having died seven weeks before, and Mrs. White's hufband, William, twelve weeks before. That he had married people was, it will be remembered, the other of the two charges advanced against Winflow himself, at the Privy Council hearing juft referred to. (Supra, 322, note 2.) The practice of civil marriage already prevailed in the Massachu-fetts colony also, as, a week before the arrest of Morton was ordered, Governor Endicott, on Auguft 18, 1630, was married, at Charlestown apparently, "by the governour and Mr. Wilfon." (Winthrop, vol. i. p. *30. See also Plaine Dealing, pp. 86-7.) There are few more edifying examples of the catufical skill of Win-throp
New English Canaan.

for this they vouch the History of Ruth, laying Boas was married to Ruth in presence of the Elders of the people. Herein they mistake the scope of the text.

2. That it is a relique of popery to make use of a ring in marriage: and that it is a diabolical circle for the Divell to daunce in.¹

3. That the purification used for women after delivery is not to be used.²

4. That no child shall be baptized whose parents are not received into their Church first.³

5. That

thop and his associates than is afforded by his method of dealing with the question of civil marriages, as explained in detail in his Journal (vol. i. p. *323). "In our church discipline, and in matters of marriage, to make a law that marriages should not be solemnized by ministers is repugnant to the laws of England; but to bring it to a custom by practice for the magistrates to perform it, is no law made repugnant, etc." The charter of 1629 empowered the General Court of the colony "to make, ordaine, and estaftifie all Manner of wholesome and reasonable Orders, Lawes, Statutes, and Ordinances, Directions, and Infructions, not contrary to the Lawes of their Realme of England." (Hazard, vol. i. p. 252.)

¹ At the conference between the Bishops and the Puritans, held in presence of James I. at Hampton Court in January, 1603, one of the practises of the English Church especially excepted to as a "relique of popery" by Dr. John Reynolds, the Spokesman of the Puritans, was the ring in marriage. (Neal's Hist. of Puritans, vol. ii. p. 42.) Among the reasons urged against its use I have not elsewhere found the "diabolical circle" argument. It seems rather to have been associated in the Puritan mind with the Romish traditions. (Jones's Finger-Ring Lore, pp. 288-90.) This count, in Morton's indictment, was based on good grounds. "In the Weddings of [early] New England the ring makes none of the ceremonies." (Mather's Ratio Disciplinar, p. 116.)

² This refers to churcning practice of the English Church. At the Hampton Court conference, referred to in the preceding note, another of the "relique of popery," specifically excepted to by Dr. Reynolds, was "the churcning of women by the name of purification."³

³ This count in the indictment was well laid. The children of the non-communicants in early New England could not be baptized; though they might be if either one of the parents was a member of the church. At a later period this became one of the leading causes of political agitation in the colony, and is referred to in the Dr. Robert Childs petition of 1646. In 1670 from four fifths to five sixths of the adult male inhabitants of Massachufetts were without the franchise, as being non-communicants. (Lechford's Plaine Dealing, pp. 47, 48, 151; Mem. Hist. of Boston, vol. i. p. 156; Palfrey, vol. ii. p. 8, vol. iii. p. 41.)
5. That no person shall be admitted to the Sacrament of the Lords supper that is without.  
6. That the booke of Common prayer is an idoll: and all that use it, Idolaters.²

1 Supra. 316, note 2.
2 This was the favorite epithet employed by the early reformers in referring to the Mafs. Calvin called it “an execrable idol;” Hooper, “a wicked idol.” Bradford—not Governor William, but John, the Smithfield martyr of Queen Mary’s time—terms it an “abominable idol of bread;” and again, “the horriblest and most detestable device that ever the devil brought out by man.” Bland, rector of Adifhan, repeated the familiar figure, calling it a “most blaspemous idol;” and Latimer improved upon this by adding the words, “full of idolatry, blaspemy, sacrilege against God and the dear sacrifice of His Christ.” (Blunt’s Reformation of the Church of Eng., vol. ii. pp. 399-402.) The derivation of the Book of Common Prayer, in many of its parts, from the Miffal was unmistakable; and naturally the next race of religious reformers applied to the former the fame earnest epithets of theological diſtinct which had before been applied to the latter. Accordingly, in Barrowe’s Brief Discovery of the False Church, we find the Book of Common Prayer referred to as “a detestable idol, . . . old rotten stuff . . . abstracted out of the pope’s blaspemous mafs-book, . . . an abominable and loathsome sacrifice in the sight of God, even as a dead dog.” Barrowe was one of the three Separatift martyrs, and as such held in deepest veneration at Plymouth. (Young’s Chron. of Pilg., pp. 427-34.) The Book of Common Prayer was therefore undoubtedly looked upon and referred to at Plymouth as Morton fays. Indeed, the Lyford schism was in some degree due to its use. (Bradford, p. 181.) That it was, in the early days, also so looked upon and so referred to at Salem and at Boston, is not clear. It is true that in 1629 it was again the cause of the Browne diſfension at Salem (Young’s Chron. of Mafs., p. 287), in conquence of which Skelton and Higginfon both declared openly “that they came away from the Common Prayer and ceremonies, . . . and therefore, being in a place where they might have their liberty, they neither could nor would use them, because they judged the imposition of these things to be sinful corruptions in the worship of God.” (Morton’s Memorial, p. 147.) The Puritans of Boston, however, were not Separatifts, and it is open to question whether they at first felt towards the Common Prayer as the Plymouth people felt towards it, and as Morton fays. In 1640 Governor Winthrop, it is true, noted it as a thing worthy of observation that his fon “having many books in a chamber where there was corn of divers sorts, had among them one wherein the Greek testament, the psalms and the common prayer were bound together. He found the common prayer eaten with mice, every leaf of it, and not any of the two other touched, nor any other of his books, though they were above a thousand.” (Winthrop, vol. ii. p. *20.) When Governor Winthrop tried and fenctenced Morton, however, he was anxious to preserve his connection with the Church of England, and it is very doubtful whether he then looked upon its Book of Prayer as “an idol.” (Proc. Mafs. Hist. Soc., vol. xvii. p. 296.)

As
7. That every man is bound to believe a professor upon his bare affirmation onely, before a Protestant upon oath.

8. That no person hath any right to God's creatures, but God's children onely, who are themselves: and that all others are but usurpers of the Creatures.

9. And that, for the generall good of their Church and commonwealth, they are to neglect father, mother and all freindfhip.

10. Much a doe they keepe about their Church discipline, as if that were the most essentiaall part of their Religion. Tythes are banished from thence, all except the tyth of Mint and Commin.¹

11. They differ from us something in the creede too, for if they get the goods of one, that is without, into their hands, hee

As one count in Morton's indictment of the people of New England, that in the text now under consideration was not only sufficiently well founded, but it was peculiarly calculated to excite Archbishop Laud's anger. It is unnecessary to say that he was the special champion of the Church of England ritual. To enforce exact conformity to it he regarded as his mission. When the ships loaded with emigrants for New England were, in March, 1634, flapped in the Thames by order of the Privy Council, they were not allowed to proceed on their voyage until the masters bound themselves to have the Book of Common Prayer used at morning and evening service during the voyage. (Council Register, Feb. 21, 28, 1634; Gardiner's Charles I., vol. ii. p. 23.) This was Laud's act, and it is more than probable that he was as much influenced by Morton on that occasion as he was subsequently in the matter of Winflow's imprisonment for having performed the marriage ceremony. (Supra, 69, 93.)

¹ "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith." (Matt. xxiii. 23.)

"But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pas over judgment and the love of God." (Luke xi. 42.)

The significance of the text referred to lay, of course, in Morton's mind, rather in its indirect than its direct application, — more in its denunciatory than in its contributory portions. The clergy in early Massachufetts were supported by the voluntary contributions in Boston, and by a regular town-tax levied outside of Boston. (Plaine Dealing, pp. 48-50; Proc. Mafs. Hist. Soc., 1860-2, p. 116.)
hee shall be kept without remedy for any satisfaction: and they believe that this is not cozenage.\(^1\)

12. And lastly they differ from us in the manner of praying; for they winke\(^2\) when they pray, because they thinke themselves so perfect in the highe way to heaven that they can find it blindfould: so doe not I.\(^3\)

**Chap. XXVIII.**

*Of their Policy in publik Iustice.*

Now that I have anottomized the two extreame parts of this Politique Commonwealth, the head and the inferior members, I will shew you the hart, and reade a short lecture over that too; which is Iustice.

1. *Supra,* Ch. XXV. pp. 316-20.
2. "*Wink,* v. n. i. to shut the eyes. obs." (Worcester.)
3. Edward Howes, in writing from London to John Winthrop, Jr., in November, 1632, describes how, on going home at noon one day, he met the master of a vessell which had just arrived from New England, together with three others who had come over with him. The master passing into the house on some matter of busines, Howes had a talk with one of the other men, whom he describes as an "egregious knave." The report given by this man of the Maffachusetts community strikingly resembles that given by Morton in this chapter. He would, writes Howes, "give none of you a good word, but the governor [Winthrop]; he was a good man and kept a good table, but all the rest were Hereticks, and they would be more holy than all the world; they would be a peculiar people to God, but go to the Devil; that one man with you being at confercion, as he called it, said he believed his father and mother and ancestors went all to Hell; and that your preachers, in their public prayers, pray for the governor before they pray for our king and state; . . . that you never use the Lord's prayer; that your ministers marry none; that fellows which keep hogs all the week preach on the Sabbath; that every town in your plantation is of a several religion; that you count all men in England, yea all out of your church, in the state of damnation. But I believe and know better things of you; but here you may partly see how the Devil stirs up his instrumants." (iv. *Mafs. Hist. Col.*, vol. vi. p. 485.)
I have a petition to exhibit to the highe and mighty Mr. Temperwell; and I have my choise whether I shall make my plaint in a case of conscience, or bring it with in the Compas of a point in law. And because I will goe the surest way to worke, at firft, I will see how others are answered in the like kinde, whether it be with hab or nab, as the Judge did the Countryman.¹

Here comes Mr. Hopewell: his petition is in a case of conscience, (as hee sayes.) But, see, great Iosua allowes conscience to be of his fide: yet cuts him off with this answere; Law is flat against him. Well let * me * i8o see another. I marry: Here comes one Master Doubt-not: his matter depends, (I am sure,) upon a point in Law: alas, what will it not doe, looke ye it is affirmed that Law is on his fide: but Conscience, like a blanket, over spreades it. This passage is like to the Procuftes of Roome, mee thinks; and therefore I may very well say of them,

_Even so, by racking out the joynts & chopping of the head,
Procufles fitted all his guefts unto his Iron bedd._

And, if these speede no better, with whome they are freinds, that neither finde Law nor Conscience to helpe them, I doe not wonder to see mine Hoft of Ma-re-Mount speede so ill, that has bin proclaimed an enemy so many yeares in New Canaan to their Church and State.

**Chapter XXIX.**

¹ Mr. Swift (*Supra, 328, note*) suggefts that Morton here alludes to the scene in Ben Jonson's _Tale of a Tub_ (act iv. sc. 1), where Justice Preamble sayes:

"And what say you now, neighbor Turfe?"

Turfe anwers him: "I put it
Even to your worship's bitterment, hab, nab."

Here the Countryman makes the remark, and not the Justice; but a wholly correct
How mine Host was put into a whales belly.

The Seperatists, (after they had burned Ma-re-Mount they could not get any shipp to undertake the carriage of mine Host from thence, either by faire meanes or fowle,) they were inforced, (contrary to their expectation,) to be troubled with his company:¹ and by that meanes had time to consider more of the man, then they had done of the matter: wherein at length it was discovered that they, (by meanes of their credulity of the intelligence given them in England of the matter, and the false Carecter of the man,) had runne themselves headlonge into an error, and had done that on a sodaine which they repented at leasure, but *181 could not tell which way to help it * as it stood now.

They could debate upon it and especially upon two difficult points, whereof one must be concluded upon: If they sent mine Host away by banishment, hee is in possibility to survive, to their disgrace for the injury done: if they suffer him to stay, and put him in fiatu quo prius, all the vulgar people will conclude they have bin too rash in burning a howse that was usefull, and count them men unadvised.

So that it seemes, (by their discourse about the matter,) they stood betwixt Hawke and Buffard: and could not tell which correct allusion by Morton is not to be looked for. (Supra, 123, note 2.) The meaning of hab, nab is, of course, “hit or mis, at a venture, at random,” and is probably derived from habbe, nabbe, — “to have or not to have.” (See Nares’s Glossary.)¹ Supra, 44-5.
which hand to incline unto. They had founded him secretly: hee was content with it, goe which way it would. Nay Shackles¹ himselfe, (who was imployed in the burning of the howfe, and therefore feared to be caught in England,) and others were fo forward in putting mine Hoft in statu quo prius, after they had found their error, (which was fo apparent that Luceus eies would have served to have found it out in leffe time,) that they would contribute 40. shillings a peece towards it; and affirmed, that every man according to his ability that had a hand in this black designe should be taxed to a Contribution in like nature: it would be done exactly.

Now, (whiles this was in agitation, and was well urged by some of those partys to have bin the upshot,) unexpected, (in the depth of winter, when all shipps were gone out of the land,) in comes Mr. Wethercock, a proper Mariner; and, they said, he could observe the winde: blow it high, blow it low, hee was resolvd to lye at Hull² rather than encounter such a forme as mine Hoft had met with: and this was a man for their turne.

*Hee would doe any office for the brethren, if they *¹⁸² (who hee knew had a strong purse, and his conscience waited on the stringes of it, if all the zeale hee had) would beare him out in it: which they professed they would. Hee undertakes to ridd them of mine Hoft by one meanes or

¹ Supra, 319, note.
² By the General Court of May, 1644, it was ordered, that “Nantafcot shall be called Hull.” (Records, vol. ii. p. 74.) Mr. Savage, in his notes to Winthrop (vol. ii. p. *¹⁷⁵), and Mr. Whitmore (Proc. Mafs. Hist. Soc. 1871-3, p. 397), think it was so called from Hull in Yorkshire. It would appear from the text that it had been locally known by that name among the “old planters” before the settlement of Boston.
or another. They gave him the best means they could, according to the present condition of the worke, and letters of credence to the favourers of that Sect in England; with which, (his busines there being done, and his ship cleared,) hee hoyft the Sayles and put to Sea: since which time mine Host has not troubled the brethren, but only at the Counfell table: where now Sub iudice lis est.

**Chap. XXX.**

*Of Sir Christopher Gardiner Knight, and how hee sped amongst the Separatists.*

Sir Christopher Gardiner, (a Knight, that had bin a traveller both by Sea and Land; a good judicious gentleman in the Mathematticke and other Sciences useful for Plantations, Kimistry, &c. and also being a practicall Engineer,) came into those parts, intending discovery.

But the Separatists love not those good parts, when they proceede from a carnall man, (as they call every good Protestant); in short time [they] had found the means to pick a quarrell with him. The means is that they purse to obtaine what they aime at: the word is there, the means.

So that, when they finde any man like to proove an enemy

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1 Sir Christopher Gardiner suddenly appeared in Massachufetts in May, 1630, and returned to England in 1632, arriving there in August. He is supposed to have come out as an agent, or emiffary, of Sir Ferdinando Gorges. I had begun the preparation of a note on Sir Christopher, and “how hee sped amongst the Separatists,” for insertion at this point; but the subject developed on my hands until it assumed the shape of a study by itself. It can be found in the *Proceedings of the Mass. Hist. Soc.* for January, 1883, vol. xx.
enemy to their Church and state, then straight the means must be used for defence. The first precept in their Politiques is to defame the man at whom they aime, and then hee is a holy Israelite in their opinions who can spread that fame brodest, like butter upon a loaf: no matter how thin, it will serve for a vaile: and then this man, (who they have thus depraved,) is a spotted uncleane leaper: hee must out, leaft hee pollute the Land, and them that are cleane.

If this be one of their guifts, then Machevill\(^1\) had as good gifts as they. Let them raife a scandall on any, though never so innocent, yet they know it is never wiped cleane out: the tland marks remaines; which hath bin well observed by one in these words of his,

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\text{Stick Candles gainst a Virgin walls white back;}
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\[
\text{If they'rl not burne yet, at the least, they'rl black.}
\]

And thus they dealt with Sir Christopher: and plotted by all the wayes and meanes they could, to overthow his undertakings in those parts.

And therefore I cannot chuse but conclude that these Seperatifts have speciall gifts: for they are given to envy and mallice extremely.

The knowledge of their defamation could not please the gentleman well, when it came to his eare; which would cause him to make some reply, as they supposed, to take exceptions

\(^1\) Machiavelli died in 1527, and The Prince was published in 1532. The reputation of the man and of the book were as well eestablished in Morton's day as they are now.

"Nick Machiavel had ne'er a trick, (Tho' he gave his name to our old Nick.)"

\(\text{\textit{(Hudibras, p. III. can. i. lines 1313-4.)}}\)

This derivation is not accepted by the authorities. See Brewer's \textit{Did?.}, p. 614.
exceptions at, as they did against Faire cloath: and this would be a means, they thought, to blow the coale, and so to kindle a brand that might fire him out of the Country too, and send him after mine Hoft of Ma-re-Mount.

They take occasion, (some of them,) to come to his howfe when hee was gone up into the Country, and (finding hee was from home,) so went to worke that they left him neither howfe nor habitation nor servant, nor any thing to help him, if hee should retorne: but of that they had noe hope, (as they gave it out,) for hee was gone, (as they affirmed,) to leade a Salvage life, and for that cause tooke no company with him: and they having considered of the matter, thought it not fit that any such man should live in fo remoate a place, within the Compas of their patent. So they fired the place, and carried away the persons and goods.

Sir Christopher was gone with a guide, (a Salvage,) into the inland parts for discovery: but, before hee was returned, hee met with a Salvage that told the guide, Sir Christopher would be killed: Mafter Temperwell, (who had now found out matter against him,) would have him dead or alive. This hee related; and would have the gentleman not to goe to the place appointed, because of the danger that was supposed.

But Sir Christopher was nothing dismayed; hee would on, whatsoever come of it; and so met with the Salvages: and betweene them was a terrible skermish: But they had the worst of it, and hee scaped well enough.

The guide was glad of it, and learnd of his fellowes that they

1 Supra, Ch. XXV. pp. 316–20.
they were promised a great reward for what they should do in this employment.

Which thing, (when Sir Christopher understood,) hee gave thanks to God; and after, (upon this occasion to follace himselfe,) in his table booke hee composed this sonnet, which I have here inserted for a memoriall.

*THE SONNET.*

*W*olfes in Sheeps clothing, why will ye
Think to deceave God that doth see
Your simulated sanctity?
For my part, I doe wish you could
Your owne infirmities behold,
For then you would not be so bold.
Like Sophists, why will you dispute
With wisdome so? You doe confute
None but yourselves. For shame, be mute,
Least great Jehovah, with his powre,
Do come upon you in a howre
When you least think, and you devour.

This Sonnet the Gentleman composéd as a testimony of his love towards them, that were so ill-affected towards him; from whome they might have receaved much good, if they had bin so wise to have imbraced him in a loving fashion.

But they despise the helpe that shall come from a carnall man, (as they termed him,) who, after his retourne from those designes, finding how they had used him with such disrepect, tooke shipping, and disposed of himselfe for England; and
and discovered their practises in those parts towards his Majesty's true harted Subjects, which they made wery of their aboade in those parts.

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Of mine Hoft of Ma-re-Mount how hee played Ionas after hee had bin in the Whales belly for a time.

Mine Hoft of Ma-re-Mount, being put to Sea, had delivered him, for his releefe by the way, (because the shipp was unvitteleed, and the Seamen put to straight allowance, which could hold out but to the Canaries,) a part of his owne provision, being two moneths proportion; in all but 3. small pieces of porke, which made him expect to be famished before the voyage should be ended, by all likelyhood. Yet hee thought hee would make one good meale, before hee died: like the Colony servant in Virginea, that, before hee should goe to the gallones, called to his wife to fet on the loblolly pot, and let him have one good meale before hee went; who had committed a petty crime, that in those dayes was made a cappitall offence.

And now, mine Hoft being merrily disposed, on went the peeces of porke, wherewith hee feasted his body, and cherishef the poore Sailers; and got out of them what Mr. Wethercock, their Master, purposed to doe with him that hee had no more provision: and along they failed from place to place, from Iland to Iland, in a pittifull wether beaten ship, where mine Hoft was in more dainger, (without all question,) then Ionas,
Ionas, when hee was in the Whales belly; and it was the
great mercy of God that they had not all perished. Vittelred
they were but for a moneth, when they wayd Ancor and left
the firft port.

* They were a pray for the enemy for want of *187
powther, if they had met them: befides the veffell
was a very flugg, and fo unserviceable that the Mafter called
a counfell of all the company in generall, to have there
opinions which way to goe and how to beare the helme, who
all under their hand affirmed the fhipp to be unserviceable:
so that, in fine, the Mafter and men and all were at their
wits end about it: yet they imploied the Carpenters to
fearch and caulke her fides, and doe thereire beft whiles they
were in her. Nine moneths they made a shifte to use her,
and shifted for supply of vittells at all the Islands they
touched at: though it were fo poorely, that all those helpes,
and the short allowance of a bifket a day, and a few Lymons
taken in at the Canaries, served but to bring the vefsell in
view of the lands end.

They were in fuch a desperat cafe, that, (if God in his
greate mercy had not favoured them, and disposed the
windes faire untill the vefsell was in Plimmouth roade,) they
had without question perished; for when they let drop an
Anchor, neere the Island of S.Michaels,¹ not one bit of
foode left, for all thatftarving allowance of this wretched
Wethercock, that, if hee would have lanched out his beaver,
might

¹ As Saint Michael is one of the
Azores, it may have been during this
voyage that Morton visited the Isle of
Sal and the tropics, as mentioned in the
firft chapter of the New Canaan. (Su-
pra, 117.) If the voyage did laft nine
months, it was Auguft or September,
1631, before he got back to England.
might have bought more vittells in New England then he, and the whole ship with the Cargazoun, was worth, (as the passingers hee carried who vittelled themselves affirmed). But hee played the miserable wretch, and had possessed his men with the contrary; who repented them of waying anchor before they knew so much.

Mine Hoft of Ma-re-Mount, (after hee had bin in *188* the Whales belly,) was set a shore, to see if hee 'would now play Ionas, so metamorphosed with a longe voyage that hee looked like Lazarus in the painted cloath.

But mine Hoft, (after due consideration of the premisses,) thought it fitter for him to play Ionas in this kinde, then for the Seperatists to play Ionas in that kinde as they doe. Hee therefore bid Wethercock tell the Seperatists, that they would be made in due time to repent those malitious practises, and so would hee too; for hee was a Seperatist amongst the Seperatists, as farre as his wit would give him leave; though when hee came in Company of basket makers, hee would doe his indevoure to make them pinne the basket, if hee could, as I have seeen him. And now mine Hoft, being merrily disposed, haveing past many perillous adventures in that desperat Whales belly, beganne in a posture like Ionas, and cryed, Repent you cruell Seperatists, repent; there are as yet but 40. dayes, if I love vouchsafe to thunder, Charter and the Kingdome of the Seperatists will fall asunder: Repent you cruell Schisma-ticks, repent. And in that posture hee greeted them by letters returned into new Canaan; and ever, (as opportunity was fitted for the purpose,) he was both heard and seene in the posture
posture of Ionas against them, crying, repent you cruel Seperatists, repent; there are as yet but 40. dayes; if I love vouchsafe to thunder, the Charter and the Kingdome of the Seperatists will fall a funder: Repent, you cruell Schismaticks, repent. If you will heare any more of this proclamation meete him at the next markettowne, for

Cynthius aurem vellet.¹

¹ "Cum canerem reges et prælia, Cynthius aurem Vellit, et admonuit: . . ."

(Virgil, Eclogues, vi. 3-4.)

There are in the New Canaan (Supra, 280, 297) two references to certain imaginary or special gifts from "Phaos box," which in editing I had been unable to explain. Mr. Lindsay Swift (Supra, 328, note) now supplies me with a reference, which, if it is indeed, as seems most probable, the allusion which Morton had in mind, seems to indicate that his familiarity with classical authors was greater than I have been disposed to give him credit for. The reference is to the Varia Historia of Aelianus (lib. XII. cap. xviii.), and reads as follows: "Phaonem, omnium hominum formosissimum, Venus in lactucis abscondit. Alii dicunt, eum portitorem fuisse, et habuisse hoc vitae genus. Veniebat autem aliquando Venus, trajicere volens; ille vero, neceens quanam esset, libenter recepit, magnaque cura, quoquo voluerat, eam vexit. Pro quibus meritis Dea alabaftrum ei donavit, et erat in eo unguentum, quo unctus Phaon speciofissimus hominem evasit, atque adeo amarunt eum Mitlylenensis feminae. Tandum vero deprehensus in adulterio, trucidatus est."

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