

chem, came here; who made and received divers compliments, presented the governor with five English captives, and received from him presents, encouraging him and the rest to continue the war; but all gave but little satisfaction to the Indians, who expected greater recompense. They would often discourse their discontent to some of us who understand their language. I was in hopes to make some improvement of their discontent, by proposing the settlement of a trading-house up Penobscot River at Neyas. They were glad of the proposal, and it is the only means of recovering our interest with the Eastern Indians. I promised to send my thoughts thereon to yourselves, of which I would have you to consider, &c. Madockawando gave daily advice of all their results, he is certainly well affected towards us. Two days ago he was dispatched from hence, with orders to get together all the Indians he can; they make account of two or three hundred; they are to remain at Penobscot until the two men-of-war join them, who are preparing themselves as well as they can, adding to their number 200 Canadians, so that, in all, they will have about 400, who, with the Indians, are to assault Wells, Isle of Shoals, and Piscataqua. The design is dangerous, if you should be unprovided; I have, therefore, improved my utmost endeavors to give thus this intelligence. By money, and a promise of good reward from yourselves, I have corrupted two Frenchmen, viz., Arnaud du Vignon and Francis Albert, to be bearers of this letter, and also to be guides to two Dutchmen and two Englishmen, who promise to be with you in 22 days. I pray that they may be contented. I have furnished them with 13 French crowns, which it is just should be allowed to my wife. My charge is otherwise great here, there being so many of my countrymen to relieve, &c. The two men of war, which come from hence, are the one a great Dutch square stern ship of about 500 tons, takes in six guns from hence, so that she will have in all 38 guns, &c. the other is a French frigate of 34 guns, who is the admiral. They take at Port Royal and along the coast all the small vessels, shallops, boats, &c., to land