

THE ¹⁴
Clear Sun-shine of the Gospel
BREAKING FORTH
UPON THE
INDIANS
IN
NEW-ENGLAND.

O R,
An Historicall Narration of Gods
Wonderfull Workings upon sundry of the
INDIANS, both chief Governors and Common-people,
in bringing them to a willing and desired subinission to
the Ordinances of the Gospel; and framing their
hearts to an earnest inquirie after the knowledge
of God the Father, and of Jesus Christ
the Saviour of the World.

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*Isaiah 2. 2, 3. And it shall come to passe in the last dayes, that the mountain of the
Lords: oue shall bee established in the top of the mountains, and shall bee exalted
above the hills; and all Nations shall flow unto it.*

*And many people shal go and say, Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his wayes, and we will walk
in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the word of the Lord from
Jerusalem.* *mark 8. 4.* *1647*

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TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE
LORDS & COMMONS

Assembled
In High Court of Parliament.

Right Honorable,

THeſe few ſheets preſent unto your
view a ſhort but welcome diſcourſe of
the viſitations of the moſt High up-
on the ſaddeſt ſpectacles of degeneracy upon
earth, The poore Indian People: the diſtance of
place, (if our ſpirits be right) will be no leſſe-
ning of the mercy, nor of our thankſfulneſſe,
That Chriſt is glorified, that the Goſpel doth
any where find footing; and ſucceſſe is a mer-
cy as well worthy the praiſe of the Saints on
Earth, as the joy of the Angels in heaven. The
report of this mercy is firſt made to you, who
are the Representative of this Nation, That
in you England might bee ſtirred up, to be

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Rejoycers in, and Advancers of these promising beginnings. And because to You an account is first due of the *success* of the Gospel in those *darke* corners of the World, which have been so much *inlightened* by Your favour, *enlivened* by Your resolutions, *encouraged* by Your fore past indeavours for God, & hope stil being parts of Your selves, to be further strengthened by Your benigne aspects and bountifull influences on them.

The present troubles have not so far *obliterated* and worn out the sad *mispressions* which former times have made upon our spirits, but we can *sadly* remember those *destructive* designs which were on foot, and carried on for the *Introduction* of so great evils both into *Church* and *State*; In order to which it was the *endeavour* of the *Contrivers* and *Promoters* of those designs, to *wast* the number of the godly, as those who would never be brought to *comply* in such destructive enterprises; which was attempted by *banishing* and *forcing* some abroad, by *burthening* and *afflicting* all at home. Among those who *tasted* of the *first*, I say not the *worst* sort of their cruelty, were these our
Brethren

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Brethren, who to enjoy the *liberties* of the Gospel, were *content* to sit downe, and pitch their *tents* in the *utmost* parts of the Earth, hoping that there they might be out of the *reach* of their malice, as they were assured they were beyond the *bounds* of their love. God who doth often make mans *evil* of sin, serviceable to the *advancement* of the *riches* of his owne Grace; The most *horrid* act that ever was done by the *sonnes* of men, the *murther* of Christ, God made *serviceable* to the highest *purposes* of Grace and mercy that ever came upon his breast; That God doth shew that hee had *mercifull* ends, in this their *malicious* purpose: as hee suffer'd Paul to be cast into prison, to *convert* the Acts 16. 30. Jaylor, to be shipwrackt at *Melita*, to *preach* 33. 34. to the *barbarous*, so hee suffer'd their way to be *stopped* up here, and their persons to be *banished* hence, that hee might *open* a passage for them in the *Wildernesse*, and make them *instruments* to draw soules to him, who had been so long *estranged* from him.

It was the end of the *adversary* to suppress, but Gods to *propagate* the Gospel; theirs to *smother* and put out the light, Gods to *communicate* and disperse it to the
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utmost corners of the Earth; that as one faith of Paul, his blindnesse gave light to the whole World, so we hope God will make their distance and estrangednesse from us, a meanes of bringing many near and in to acquaintance with him.

Indeed a long time it was before God let them see any farther end of their comming over, then to preserve their consciences, cherish their Graces, provide for their sustenance: But when Providences invited their return, he let them know it was for some farther Arrand that hee brought them thither, giving them some Bunches of Grapes, some Clusters of Figs in earnest of the prosperous successe of their endeavours upon those poor outcasts: The utmost ends of the earth are designed and promised to be in time the possessions of Christ; And hee sends his Ministers into every place where he himself intends to come, and take possession. Where the Ministry is the Harbinger and goes before, Christ and Grace will certainly follow after.

This little we see is something in hand, to earnest to us those things which are in hope; something in possession, to assure us of the rest in

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in promise, when the ends of the earth shall see his glory, and the Kingdomes of the world shall become the Kingdomes of the Lord and his Christ, when hee shall have Dominion from Sea to Sea, and they that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him. And if the dawn of the morning be so delightfull, what will the clear day be? If the first fruits be so precious, what will the whole harvest be? If some beginnings be so full of joy, what will it be when God shall perform his whole work, when the whole earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the Sea, and East and West shall sing together the song of the Lamb?

In order to this what doth God require of us, but that we should strengthen the hands, encourage the hearts of those who are at work for him, conflicting with difficulties, wrestling with discouragements, to spread the Gospel, & in that, the same and honor of this Nation, to the utmost ends of the earth? It was the design of your enemies to make them little, let it be your endeavor to make them great, their greatnesse is your strength. Their enemies threatned their hands should reach them for evil, God disappointed them; And let your hands reach them now for good; there is enough in them to speak then fit objects of your encouragement, they are men of choice spirits, not frightened with dangers, softened with allurements, nor

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discouraged with difficulties, preparing the way of the Lord in those unpassable places of the earth, dealing with such whom they are to make men, before they can make them Christians. They are such who are impressed for your service in the service of Christ, can stand alone, but desire to have dependence on you, they feare not the malice of their enemies, but desire the countenance and encouragement of their friends; And shal your Honors in consideration of their former sufferings, their present service, and reall deservings, help the day of small things among them; shal you interest them in your assistances, as you are interested in their affections, you will thereby not only further the beginnings of God by encouraging their hearts, and strengthening their hands to work for him, but also (as we humbly conceive) much add to the comfort of your owne accounts in the day of the Lord, and lay greater obligations on them yet more to pray for you, to promote your counsels, and together with us your unworthy servants to write down themselves,

Yours humbly devoted in the service of the Gospel.

Stephen Marshall
Jeremy Whitaker
Edm. Calamy
William Greenhill

John Downam
Philip Nye
Syd. Sympsen
William Carter

Tho. Goodwin
Tho. Case
Simeon Ashe
Samuel Bolton,

To



TO THE
Godly and well affected of
this Kingdom^e of ENGLAND;

who pray for, and rejoyce in, the
thrivings of the Gospel of our
LORD JESUS.

Christian Reader,

IF ever thou hadst experience of this day of power, these visitations of Christ upon thine own spirit, I suppose thee to be one who hast imbarqu'd many prayers for the successe of the Gospel in these darke corners of the earth, to strengthen thy faith, enlarge thy heart, and assure thy soul that God is a God hearing prayers: An account is here given to thee of the conquests of the Lord Iesus upon these poor out-casts, who have thus long been estranged from him, spilt like water upon the ground and none to gather them. Formerly thou had, The Day-break, some dawns of light, after a long and black night of darkenes, here thou seest the sun is up, which wee hope will rejoyce like the strong man to run its race, scattering those thick clouds of darknesse, and shining brighter and brighter till it come to a perfect day. These few sheets give thee some footing for such thoughts, and some further encouragements to wait & pray for the accomplishment of such things. Here thou mayst see, the Ministry is precious, the feet of them who bring glad tidings beautifull, Ordinances desired, the Word frequented and attended, the Spirit also going forth in power and efficacy with it, in awakening and humbling of them, drawing forth those affections of sorrow, and expressions of tears in abundance, which no tortures or extremities were ever observed to force from them, with lamenting we read here, their leaving of sinne, they forsake their former evil wayes, and set up fences never to re-

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turne, by making laws for the punishment of those sins wherein they have lived, and to which they have been so much addicted. They set up prayers in their families morning and evening, and are in earnest in them; And with more affection they crave Gods blessing upon a little p rched corn, & Indian stalks, then many of us do upon our greatest plenty and abundance. They rest on the Lords day, and make laws for the observation of it, wherein they meet together to pray & instruct one another in the things of God, which have been communicated to them. They renounce their diabolicall Charms and Charmers, and many of those who were practitioners in these sinfull and soul-undoing Arts, being made naked, convinced and ashamed of their evill, forsake their way, and betake themselves to prayer, preferring the Christian Charin, before their diabolical Spells: herein God making good that promise Zeph. 2. 11. I will furnish al the Gods of the earth, (which he doth by withdrawing the worshippers, and throwing contempt upon the worship) And men shal worship me alone every one from his place, even all the Isles of the Heathens.

All these are hopefull prelagés that God is going out in his power and grace to conquer a people to himself; That he begins to cast an owning look on them, whom he hath so long neglected & despised. And indeed God may wel seek out for other ground to sow the seed of his Ordinances upon, seeing the ground where it hath been sown hath brought forth no better fruit to him; he may well bepeak another people to himself, seeing he finds no better en.ertainment among the people he hath ei.oused to him, and that by so many mercies, priviledges, indeerments, ingagements. We have as many sad symptomes of a declining, as these poor outcasts have glad prelagés of a Rising Sun among them. The Ordinances are as much contemned here, as frequented there; Religion as much derided, the ways of godlines as much scorned here, as they can be wished and desired there; generally wee are sick of plenty, wee surfet of our abundance, the most of us surress, and with our loathed Manna and disdained food, God is

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preparing them a Table in the wildernes, where our satieties, wil be their sufficiencies; our complaints, their contents; our burthens, their comforts; if he cannot have an England here, he can have an England there: & baptize & adopt them into those priviledges, which wee have looked upon as our burthens. We have sad decayes upon us, we are a revolting Nation, a people guilty of great defection from God. Some fall from the worship of God to their old superstitions, and corrupt worship, saying with those in Jeremy, It was better with us then now. Some fall from the doctrin of grace to errors, some to damnable, others to defiling, some to destructive, others to corruptive opinions. Some fall from professed seeming holynes, to sin & profanenes, who like blazing comets did shine bright for a time, but after have set in a night of darknes. We have many sad symptomes on us, we decay under all the means of nourishment, are barren under all Gods sowings, dry under al the dews, droppings showres of he even, like that Country whereof Historians speak, where drought causeth dirt, and showres causeth dust. And what doth God threaten herein, but to remove the Candlesticks, to take away the Gospel, that pretious Gospel, the streams whereof have brought so many ships laden with blessings to our shoar, that Gospel under the shadow whereof we have late down and been refreshed these many years? where the power is lost, God will not long continue the form, where the heat is gone, he wil not long continue the light. The temple did not preserve the Jews when their hearts were the Synagogues of Satan, nor shall any outward priviledge hold us up, when the inward power is down in our spirits. God hath forsaken other Churches as eminent as ever England was: where are the churches of Asia, once famous for the gospel, for general Councils, now places for Zim and Ochim, their habitation desolate? where are those ancient people of the Jews who were (segulla micol bahnânim) his peculiar and chosen people of al nations? they are scattered abroad as a curse, and their place knows them no more. And shall I tel you? God hath no need of us, he can call them Gnammi, his people, who were Lognammi, not his people.

Sicut as dar la
tum, imbres
pulverem.

Ma. 26. 16.
Incantatio,
multitatio.
Jer. 8. 17.
Ecclef. 10. 11.

Ag. 14. 16.
Act. 17. 30.
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people, and them beloved, who were not beloved. Indeed he hath held up us, as if he had not known where to have another people, if he should forsake us, we have been a Goshen, when others have been in Egypt, a Canaan, when others an Akeldama, the garden of God, when others have been a wilderness, our fleece hath been wet, when others have been dry: But know, God hath no need of us, he can want no people if he please to call; If he speake, all the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the Nations shall worship before him. If he set up his standard, to him shall the Gentiles flock, and the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. It is not for need but for love that God abides with England, and there is nothing out of himselfe the incentive of this love: there can be no reason given why God should fence us, and suffer other places to lye wast, that we should bee his Garden, and other places a Wildernes, that he should feed us with the bread of Heaven, and suffer others to starve, men of the same mould, his offspring as well as we, and such (did he conquer to himselfe) were likely to doe him more service, bring him more glory then we have done. We see something here done in order to such a work, our Harvest is much over, we see little incomes, there we see the fields are ripe for harvest; here the ministry is contemned, there the feet of them that bring glad tydings are beautifull; we have outlived the power and efficacy of Ordinances, there God goes forth with life and power, we can outsit the most speaking and winning discoveries of Christ, there every notion, breeds motion in them; the glory of the Lord is much departed from us, there his rising is conspicuous and glorious. The blind man found it good to be in the way where Christ came: And who would be in Egypt when there is light in Goshen? Oh that England would be quickened by their risings, and weep over her own declinings! What a wonder is it that they should doe so much, and we so little, that they should be men in their infancy, and we such children in our manhood, that they so active, we so dead

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dead: That which was Hieroms complaint may be ours, O that Infidelity should do that which those who professe themselves beleivers cannot do! We have the light of former times, but want the heat, knowledge abounds as the waters cover the sea, but we want the salt, we have a form of Godliness, but want the power: And it will be small comfort should God continue to us the form, and cary to others the power, to suffer us to wast our selves with unnecessary brangles (which are the sweat of the times) and in the mean to cary the life and power of Religion unto others.

Let these poor Indians stand up incentives to us, as the Apostle set up the Gentiles a provocation to the Jews: who knows but God gave life to New England, to quicken Old, and hath warmed them, that they might heat us, raised them from the dead, that they might recover us from that consumption, and those sad decayes which are come upon us?

This small Treatise is an Essay to that end, an Indian Sermon, though you will not hear us, possibly when some rise from the dead you will hear them. The main Doctrin it preacheth unto all, is to value the Gospel, prize the Ministry, loath not your Manna, surfeit not of your plenty, be thankfull for mercies, fruitfull under means: Awake from your slumber; repair your decayes, redeem your time, improve the seasons of your peace, answer to calls, open to knocks, attend to whispers, obey commands: you have a name you live, take heed you bee not dead, you are Christians in shew, be so indeed: least as you have lost the power, God take away from you the form also.

And you that are Ministers learn by this not to despond though you see not present fruit of your labors, though you fish all night and catch nothing, God hath a fulnesse of time to perform all his purposes. And the deepest degeneracies, & widest estrangements from God, shall be no bar or obstacle to the power and freeness of his owne grace when that time is come.

And you that are Merchants, take encouragement from hence to scatter the beames of light, to spread and propagate the Gospel into

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dim fides.
Ignis qui in pa-
rentibus fuit
Cali lugin no-
bis Lucidus.

Rom 11. 14.

Psalm 27. 18.
8. c.
11. Efa 9. 10.

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into those dark corners of the earth; whither you traffick you take much from them, if you can carry this to them, you will make them an abundant recompence. And you that are Christians indeed, rejoice to see the Curtaines of the Tabernacle enlarged, the bounds of the Sanctuary extended, Christ advanced, the Gospel propagated, and souls saved. And if ever the love of God did center in your hearts, if ever the sense of his goodness hath begot bowels of compassion in you, draw them forth towards them whom God hath singled out to be the objects of his grace and mercy, lay out your prayers, lend your assistance to carry on this day of the Lord begun among them. They are not able (as Moses said) to bear the burthen of that people alone, to make provision for the children whom God hath given them, & therefore it is requisite the spiritual community should help to bear part with them. Many of the young ones are given and taken in, so be educated & brought up in Schooles, they are naked and must be clad, they want all things, and must be supplied. The Parents also, and many others being convinced of the evil of an idle life, desire to be employed in honest labor, but they want instruments and tooles to set them on work, and cast-garments to throw upon those bodies, that their loins may blesse you, whose souls Christ hath clothed. Some worthy persons have given much, and if God shall move the heart of others to offer willingly towards the building of Christ a Spirituall temple, it will certainly remain upon their account, when the smallest rewards from God, shall be better then the greatest layings out for God. But we are making a relation, not a collection, we leave the whole to your Christian consideration, not doubting but they who have tasted of mercy from God, will be ready to exercise compassion to others, & commend you unto him who gave himself for us, that hee might redeem us from all iniquity, and purifie as well as purchase unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Stephen Marshall
Jer. Whitaker
Edmund Calamy
William Greenhill

John Downam
Philip Nye
Sy. Simpson
William Cart.

Tho. Goodwin
Tho. Case
Simeon Ashe
Samuel Belen.



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Breaking forth upon the INDIANS
in New-England.

Much Honored and deare Sir,



Hat glorious and sudden rising of Christ Jesus upon our poore Indians which began a little before you set saile from these shores, hath not bene altogether clouded since, but rather broken out further into more light and life, wherewith the most High hath visited them; and because some may call in question the truth of the first relation, either because they may thinke too good newes to be true, or because some persons maligning the good of the Countrey, are apt, as to aggravate to the utmost any evill thing against it, so to vilifie and extenuate any good thing in it: and because your selfe desired to heare how farre since God hath carried on that worke, which your owne eyes saw here begun; I shall therefore as faithfully and as briefly as I can, give you a true relation of the progresse of it, which I hope may be a sufficient confirmation of what hath been published to

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the world before, having this as the chiefe end in my owne eye, that the precious Saints and people of God in *England*, beleeving what hath been and may bee reported to them, of these things, may help forward this work together with us by their prayers and prayes, as we desire to doe the like for the worke of Christ begun among them there. I dare not speake too much, nor what I thinke about their conversion, I have seen so much falsenesse in that point among many English, that I am slow to beleeve herein too hastily concerning these poore naked men; onely this is evident to all honest hearts that dwell neer them, and have observed them, that the work of the Lord upon them (what ever it bee) is both unexpected and wonderfull in so short a time; I shall set downe things as they are, and then your selve and others to whom these may come, may judge as you please of them.

Soon after your departure hence, the awaking of these *Indians* in our Towne raised a great noyse among all the rest round about us, especially about *Concord* side where the * *Sachim* (as I remember) and one or two more of his men, hearing of these things and of the preaching of the Word, and how it wrought among them here, came therefore hither to * *Noonanetum* to the *Indian* Lecture, and what the Lord spake to his heart wee know not, onely it seems hee was so farre affected, as that he desired to become more like to the English, and to cast off those *Indian* wild and sinfull courtes they formerly lived in; but when divers of his men perceived their *Sachims* mind, they secretly opposed him herein, which opposition being known, he therefore called together his chiefe men about him, & made a speech to this effect unto them, *viz* That they had no reason at all to oppose those courtes the English were now taking for their good, for (saith hee) all the time you have lived after the *Indian* fashion under the power and protection of higher *Indian* *Sachems*, what did they care for you? they onely sought their owne ends out of you, and therefore would exact upon you, and take away your skins and your *Kettles* & your *Wampam* from you at their own pleasure, & this was al that they regarded: but you may evidently see that the English mind no such things, care for none of your goods, but onely seeke your good and welfare, and in stead of taking away, are ready to give to you; with many other things I now forget

* An inferiour
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* An *Indian*
towne so called.

Breaking forth upon the Indians in New-England.

forget, which were related by an eminent man of that town to me. What the effect of this speech was, we can tell no otherwise then as the effects shewed it; the first thing was, the making of certain Lawes for their more religious and civill government and behaviour, to the making of which, they craved the assistance of one of the chiefe *Indians* in *Noonanetum*, a very active *Indian* to bring in others to the knowledge of God; desiring withall an able faithfull man in *Concord* to record and keep in writing what they had generally agreed upon. Another effect was, their desire of * *Mr. Eliots* coming up to them, to preach, as he could find time among them; and the last effect was, their desire of having a Towne given them within the bounds of *Concord* neare unto the English. This latter when it was propounded by the *Sachim* of the place, he was demanded why hee desired a towne so neare, when as there was more roome for them up in the Country. To which the *Sachim* replied, that he therefore desired it because he knew that if the *Indians* dwelt far from the English, that they would not so much care to pray, nor would they be so ready to heare the Word of God, but they would be all one *Indians* still; but dwelling neare the English he hoped it might bee otherwise with them then. The Towne therefore was granted them; but it seems that the opposition made by some of themselves more malignantly set against these courtes, hath kept them from any present settling downe: and surely this opposition is a speciall finger of *Satan* resisting these budding beginnings; for what more hopefull way of doing them good then by cohabitation in such Townes, neare unto good examples, and such as may be continually whetting upon them, and dropping into them of the things of God? what greater meanes at least to civilize them? as is evident in the *Cusco* and *Mexico* *Indians*, more civill then any else in this vast Continent that wee know of, who were reduced by the politick principles of the two great conquering Princes of those Countries after their long and tedious wars, from these wild and wandring course of life, unto a settling into particular Townes and Cities: but I forbear, only to confirme the truth of these things, I have sent you the orders agreed on at *Concord* by the *Indians*, under the hand of two faithfull witnesses, who could tell the more, if need were, of these matters: I have sent you their

* Teacher of
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Roxbury, that
preacheth to the
Indians in their
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owne Copy and their own hands to it, which I have here inserted.

*Conclusions and Orders made and agreed upon by
divers Sachims and other principall men amongst the In-
dians at Concord, in the end of the eleventh month, An. 1646.*

1. **T**hat every one that shall abuse themselves with wine or strong liquors, shall pay for every time so abusing themselves, 20 s.
2. That there shall be no more *Pawwowing* amongst the *Indians*. And if any shall hereafter * *Pawwown*, both he that shall *Pawwown*, & he that shall procure him to *Pawwown*, shall pay 20 s. apeece.
3. They doe desire that they may be stirred up to seek after God.
4. They desire they may understand the wiles of Satan, and grow out of love with his suggestions, and temptations.
5. That they may fall upon some better course to improve their time, then formerly.
6. That they may be brought to the sight of the sinne of lying, and whosoever shall be found faulty herein shall pay for the first offence 5 s. the second 10 s. the third 20 s.
7. Whosoever shall steale any thing from another, shall restore fourfold.
8. They desire that no *Indian* hereafter shall have any more but one wife.
9. They desire to prevent falling out of *Indians* one with another, and that they may live quietly one by another.
10. That they may labour after humility, and not be proud.
11. That when *Indians* doe wrong one to another, they may be lyable to censure by *sne* or the like, as the *English* are.
12. That they pay their debts to the *English*.
13. That they doe observe the Lords-Day, and whosoever shall prophane it shall pay 20 s.
14. That there shall not be allowance to pick *Lice*, as formerly, and eate them, and whosoever shall offend in this case shall pay for every louse a penny.

15. They

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Sorcerers that
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15. They will weare their *haire* comely, as the *English* do, and whosoever shall offend herein shall pay 5 s.
16. They intend to reforme themselves, in their former greasing themselves, under the Penalty of 5 s. for every default.
17. They doe all resolve to set up prayer in their *wigwams*, and to seek to God both before and after meate.
18. If any commit the sinne of fornication, being single persons, the man shall pay 20 s. and the woman 10 s.
19. If any man lie with a beate he shall die.
20. Whosoever shall play at their former games shall pay 10 s.
21. Whosoever shall commit adultery shall be put to death.
22. Wilfull Murder shall be punished with death.
23. They shall not disguise themselves in their mournings, as formerly, nor shall they keep a great noyse by howling.
24. The old Ceremony of the Maide walking alone and living apart so many dayes 20 s.
25. No *Indian* shall take an *English* mans * *Canoe* without leave under the penaltie of 5 s.
26. No *Indian* shall come into any *English* mans house except he first knock: and this they expect from the *English*.
27. Whosoever beats his wife shall pay 20 s.
28. If any *Indian* shall fall out with, and beate another *Indian*, he shall pay 20 s.
29. They desire they may bee a towne, and either to dwell on this side the *Beare Swamp*, or at the East side of Mr. *Flints Pond*. Immediately after these things were agreed upon, most of the *Indians* of these parts, set up Prayer morning and evening in their families, and before and after meate. They also generally cut their haire, and were more civill in their carriage to the *English* then formerly. And they doe manifest a great willingness to conform themselves to the civill fashions of the *English*. The Lords day they keepe a day of rest, and minister what edification they can to one another. These former orders were put into this forme by Captaine *Simond Willard* of *Concord*, whom the *Indians* with unanimous consent intreated to bee their Recorder, being very solicitous that what they did agree upon might be faithfully preserved without alteration.

Thomas Flint. Simon Willard.

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A *Wigwam*
is such a dwell-
ing house as
they live in.

* A *Canoe* is
a small Boate.

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These things thus wrought in a short time about *Concord* side, I looke upon as fruits of the ministry of the Word; for although their high esteem bred lately in them, especially the chief and best of the *English*, together with that mean esteem many of them have of themselves, and therefore will call themselves sometimes *poore Creatures*, when they see and heare of their great distance from others of the *English*; I say, although these things may be some causes of making these orders and walking in these courses, yet the chiefe cause seemes to bee the power of the Word, which hath been the chiefe cause of these Orders, and therefore it is that untill now of late they never so much as thought of any of these things.

I am not able to acquaint you very much from my owne eye and care witness of things, for you know the neare relation between me and the fire side usually all winter time, onely I shall impart two or three things more of what I have heard and seen, and the rest I shall relate to you as I have received from faithfull witnesses, who testify nothing to me by their writings, but what is seene in the open Sun, and done in the view of all the world, and generally known to be true of people abiding in these parts wee live in.

As soone as ever the fiercenesse of the winter was past, March. 3. 1647. I went out to *Noonantum* to the *Indian* Lecture, where Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Allen*, of *Dedham*, Mr. *Dunster*, beside many other Christians were present; on which day perceiving divers of the *Indian* women well affected, and considering that their *soules* might stand in need of answer to their scruples as well as the mens; & yet because we knew how unfit it was for women so much as to aske questions publicly immediatly by themselves; wee did therefore desire them to propound any questions they would bee resolved about by first acquainting either their Husbands, or the Interpreter privately therewith: whereupon we heard two questions thus orderly propounded; which because they are the first that ever were propounded by *Indian* women in such an ordinance that ever wee heard of, and because they may bee otherwise usefull, I shall therefore set them downe.

The first question was propounded by the wife of one *Wampoon* a well affected *Indian*, viz. "Whether (said she) do I pray when
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" my husband prayes if I speak nothing as he doth, yet if I like
" what he saith, and my heart goes with it? (for the *Indians* will many times pray with their wives, and with their children also sometime in the fields) shee therefore fearing lest prayer should onely be an externall action of the lips, enquired if it might not be also an inward action of the heart, if she liked of what he said.

The second question was propounded by the Wife of one *Tother-swampe*, her meaning in her question (as wee all perceived) was thus, viz. "Whether a husband should do well to pray with his
" wife, and yet continue in his passions, & be angry with his wife? But the modesty and wisdom of the woman directed her to doe three things in one, for thus shee spake to us, viz. "Before my
" husband did pray hee was much angry and froward, but
" since hee hath begun to pray hee was not angry so much,
" but little angry: wherein first shee gave an honorable testimony of her husband and commended him for the abatement of his passion; secondly, shee gave implicitly a secret reproofe for what was past, and for somewhat at present that was amisse; and thirdly, it was intended by her as a question whether her husband should pray to God, and yet continue in some unruly passions; but she wisely avoyded that, lest it might reflect too much upon him, although wee desired her to expresse if that was not her meaning.

At this time (beside these questions) there were sundry others propounded of very good use, in all which we saw the Lord *Jesus* leading them to make narrow inquiries into the things of God, that so they might see the reality of them. I have heard few Christians when they begin to looke toward God, make more searching questions that they might see things really, and not onely have a notion of them: I forbore to mention any of them, because I forget the chiefe of them, onely this wee tooke notice of at this dayes meeting, that there was an aged *Indian* who proposed his complaint in propounding his question concerning an unruly disobedient son, and "what one should do with him
" in case of obstinacy and disobedience, and that will not heare
" Gods Word, though his Father command him, nor will not
" forsake his drunkenness, though his father forbid him? Unto which there were many answers to set forth the sinne of disobedience

dience to parents; which were the more quickned and sharpened because wee knew that this rebellious sonne whom the old man meant, was by Gods providence present at this Lecture: Mr. *Wilson* was much enlarged, and spake so terribly, yet so graciously as might have affected a heart not quite shut up, which this young *desperado* hearing (who well understood the *English* tongue) instead of humbling himself before the Lords Word, which touched his conscience and condition so neare, hee was filled with a spirit of Satan, and as soone as ever Mr. *Wilson* speech was ended hee brake out into a loud contemptuous exprellion; So, saith he: which we passed by without speaking againe, leaving the Word with him, which we knew would one day take its effect one way or other upon him.

The latter end of this yeare Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Eliot*, and my selfe were sent for by those in *Tarmonib* to meet with some other Elders of *Plimouth patent*, to heare and heale (if it were the will of Christ) the difference and sad breaches which have been too long a time among them, wherein the Lord was very mercifull to us and them in binding them up beyond our thoughts in a very short time, in giving not only that bruised Church but the whole Towne also a hopefull beginning of settled peace and future quietnesse; but Mr. *Eliot* as hee takes all other advantages of time, so hee tooke this, of speaking with, and preaching to the poore *Indians* in these remote places about *Cape Cod*: in which journey I shall acquaint you with what all of us observed.

Wee first found these *Indians* (not very farre from ours) to understand (but with much difficulty) the usuall language of those in our parts, partly in regard of the different dialect which generally varies in 40. or 60. miles, and partly and especially in regard of their not being accustomed unto sacred language about the holy things of God, wherein Mr. *Eliot* excells any other of the *English*, that in the *Indian* language about common matters excell him: I say therefore although they did with much difficulty understand him, yet they did understand him, although by many circumlocutions and variations of speech and the helpe of one or two Interpreters which were then present.

Secondly, wee observed much opposition against him, and hearing of him at the day appointed, especially by one of the chiefest

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Sachims in those parts, a man of a fierce, strong and furious spirit whom the *English* therefore call by the name *Jibu*: who although before the day appointed for preaching, promised very faire that he would come and bring his men with him; yet that very morning when they were to bee present, he sends out almost all his men to Sea, pretending fishing, and therefore although at last he came late himselfe to the Sermon, yet his men were absent, and when he came himself, would not seem to understand any thing, although hee did understand as some of the *Indians* themselves then told us, when Mr. *Eliot* by himself and by them inquired of him if he understood what was spoken: yet he continued hearing what was said with a dogged looke and a discontented countenance.

Thirdly, notwithstanding this opposition wee found another *Sachim* then present willing to learne, and divers of his men attentive and knowing what was said: and in the time which is usually set apart for propounding questions, an aged *Indian* told us openly, " That these very things which Mr. *Eliot* had taught them as the Commandements of God, and concerning God, and the making of the world by one God, that they had heard some old men who were now dead, to say the same things, since whose death there hath been no remembrance or knowledge of them among the *Indians* untill now they heare of them againe. Which when I heard solemnly spoken, I could not tell how those old *Indians* should attaine to such knowledge, unlesse perhaps by means of the *French* Preacher cast upon those coasts many yeeres since, by whose ministry they might possibly reape and retaine some knowledge of those things; this also I hear by a godly and able Christian who hath much converse with them; that many of them have this apprehension now stirring among them, *viz.* " That their forefathers did know God, but that after this, they fell into a great sleep, and when they did awaken they quite forgot him, (for under such metaphoricall language they usually expresse what eminent things they meane:) so that it may seeme to be the day of the Lords gracious visitation of these poore Natives, which is just as it is with all other people, when they are most low, the wheele then turnes, and the Lord remembers to have mercy.

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Fourthly, a fourth and last observation wee took, was the story of an *Indian* in those parts, telling us of his dreame many yeers since, which he told us of openly before many witnesses when we sat at meat: the dreame is this, hee said " That about two yeers before the *English* came over into those parts there was a great mortality among the *Indians*, and one night he could not sleep above half the night, after which hee fell into a dream, in which he did think he saw a great many men come to those parts in cloths, just as the *English* now are apparelled, and among them there arose up a man all in black, with a thing in his hand which hee now sees was all one *English* mans book; this black man he said stood upon a higher place then all the rest, and on the one side of him were the *English*, on the other a great number of *Indians*: this man told all the *Indians* that God was *moosquantum* or angry with them, and that he would kill them for their sinnes, whereupon he said himself stood up, and desired to know of the black man what God would do with him and his *Squaw* and *Paposes* but the black man would not answer him a first time, nor yet a second time, untill he desired the third time, and then he smil'd upon him, and told him that he and his *Paposes* should be safe, and that God would give unto them *Mitchen*, (i. e.) victuals and other good things, and so hee awakened. What similitude this dream hath with the truth accomplished, you may easily see. I attribute little to dreams, yet God may speak to such by them rather then to those who have a more sure Word to direct and warn them, yet this dream made us think surely this *Indian* will regard the black man now come among them rather then any others of them: but whether Satan, or fear, and guilt, or world prevailed, we cannot say, but this is certaine, that he withdrew from the Sermon, and although hee came at the latter end of it, as hoping it had been done, yet we could not perswade him then to stay and hear, but away hee flung, and we saw him no more till next day.

From this third of *March* untill the latter end of this Summer I could not be present at the *Indian* Lectures, but when I came this last time, I marvelled to see so many *Indian* men, women and children in *English* apparell, they being at *Noonan*: time generally clad, especially upon Lecture dayes, which they have got partly

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partly by gift from the *English*, and partly by their own labours, by which some of them have very handsomely apparelled themselves, & you would scarce know them from *English* people. There is one thing more which I would acquaint you with, which happened this Summer, viz. June 9. the first day of the Synods meeting at *Cambridge*, where the forenoon was spent in hearing a Sermon preached by one of the *Elders* as a preparative to the worke of the Synod, the afternoon was spent in hearing an *Indian* Lecture where there was a great confluence of *Indians* all parts to heare Mr. *Eliot*, which we conceived not unseasonable at such a time, partly that the reports of Gods worke begun among them, might be seen and beleaved of the chief who were then sent and met from all the Churches of Christ in the Countrey, who could hardly beleve the reports they had received concerning these new stirrs among the *Indians*, and partly hereby to raise up a greater spirit of prayer for the carrying on of the work begun upon the *Indians*, among all the Churches and servants of the Lord Jesus: The Sermon was spent in shewing them their miserable condition without Christ, out of *Ephes. 2. 1.* that they were dead in trespasses and sinnes, and in pointing unto them the Lord Jesus, who onely could quicken them.

When the Sermon was done, there was a convenient space of time spent in hearing those questions which the *Indians* publicly propounded, and in giving answers to them; one question was, *What Countrey man Christ was, and where he was borne?*

Another was, *How farre off that place was fromus here?*

Another was, *Where Christ now was?*

And another, *How they might lay hold on him, and where, being now absent from them?* with some other to this purpose, which received full answers from severall hands. But that which I note is this, that their gracious attention to the Word, the affections and mournings of some of them under it, their sober propounding of divers spirituall questions, their aptnesse to understand and beleve what was replied to them, the readinesse of divers poore naked children to answer openly the chief questions in Catechism which were formerly taught them, and such like appearances of a great change upon them, did marvellously affect all the wise and godly Ministers, Magistrates, & people, and did

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raise their hearts up to great thankfulness to God; very many deeply and abundantly mourning for joy to see such a blessed day, and the Lord Jesus so much known and spoken of among such as never heard of him before: So that if any in *England* doubt of the truth of what was formerly writ, or if any malignant eye shall question and villie this work, they will now speak too late, for what was here done at *Cambridge* was not set under a bushell, but in the open Sunne, that what *Thomas* would not believe by the reports of others, he might be forced to believe, by seeing with his own eyes and feeling Christ Jesus thus risen among them with his own hands.

I have done with what I have observed my self; I shall therefore proceed to give you a true relation of what I have heard from others, and many faithfull witnesses have scene: and first I shall speake a little more of the old man who is mentioned in the story now in print; this old man hath much affection stirred up by the Word, and comming to Mr. *Eliot*'s house (for of him I had this story) Mr. *Eliot* told him that because he brought his wife & all his children constantly to the Lecture, that he would therefore bestow some Cloths upon him, (it being now winter & the old man naked:) which promise he not certainly understanding the meaning of, asked therefore of another *Indian* (who is Mr. *Eliot*'s servant and very hopefull) what it was that Mr. *Eliot* promised him? he told him that hee said hee would give him some Cloths; which when hee understood, hee affectionately brake out into these expressions, *God I see is mercifull*: a blessed, because a plain hearted affectionate speech, and worthy *English* mens thoughts when they put on their Cloths; to thinke that a poor blind *Indian* that scarce ever heard of God before, that he should see not only God in his Cloths, but mercy also in a promise of a cast off worne sute of Cloths, which were then given him, and which now he daily weares. But to proceed;

This same old man (as I thinke a little before hee had these Cloths) after an *Indian* Lecture, when they usually come to propound questions; instead of asking a question, began to speak to the rest of the *Indians*, and brake out into many expressions of wondering at Gods goodnesse unto them, that the Lord should at last look upon them and send his Word as a light unto them that

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that had been in darknesse and such grosse ignorance so long; me wonder (saith he) at God that he should thus deale with us. This speech expressed in many words in the *Indian* Language, and with strong actings of his eyes and hands, being interpreted afterward to the *English*, did much also affect all of them that were present this Lecture also.

There were this winter many other questions propounded, which were writ down by Mr. *Edward Jackson* one of our Town, constantly present at these Lectures, to take notes both of the questions made by the *Indians* and returned by Mr. *Eliot* to them; this man having sent me in his notes, I shall send you a talt of some of them.

1 *Why some men were so bad, that they hate those men that would teach them good things?*

2 *Whether the devill or man were made first?*

3 *Whether if a father prays to God to teach his sons to know him, and he doth teach them himself and they will not learn to know God, what should such fathers doe?* (this was propounded by an old man that had rude children.)

4 A *Squam* propounded this question, *Whether she might not go to pray in some private place in the woods, when her husband was not at man.* Some, because she was ashamed to pray in the *Wigwam* before company?

5 *How may one know wicked men, who are good and who are bad?*

6 *To what Nation Jesus Christ came first unto, and when?*

7 *If a man should be inclosed in Iron a foot thick and thrown into the fire, what would become of his soule, whether could the soule come forth thence or not?*

8 *Why did not God give all men good hearts that they might be good?*

9 *If one should be taken among strange Indians that know not God, and they would make him to fight against some that he should not, and he refuse, and for his refusal they kill him, what would become of his soule in such a case?* This was propounded by a *Rout* fellow who was affected.

10 *How long it is before men believe that have the Word of God made known to them?*

11 *How they should know when their faith is good, and their prayers good prayers?*

† They hold that all their stout and valiant men have a reward after death.

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11 *Why did not God kill the Devill that made all men so bad, God having all power?*

12 *If we be made weak by sinne in our hearts, how can we come before God to sanctifie a Sabbath?*

There were many more questions of this kind, as also many Philosophicall about the Sunne, Moon, Stars, Earth and Seas, Thunder, Lightning, Earthquakes, &c. which I forbear to make mention of, lest I should clog your time with reading, together with the various answers to them: by these you may perceive in what streame their minds are carried, and that the Lord Jesus hath at last an enquiring people among these poor naked men, that formerly never so much as thought of him; which questionings and enquiries are accounted of by some as part of the whitenings of the harvest toward, wherever they are found among any people, the good and benefit that comes to them hereby is and will be exceeding great.

We had this year a malignant drunken Indian, that (to cast some reproach, as wee feared, upon this way) boldly propounded this question, Mr. Eliot (said he) *Who made Sack? who made Sack?* but he was soon snub'd by the other Indians, calling it * a Papose question, and seriously and gravely answered (not so much to his question, as to his spirit) by Mr. Eliot, which hath cooled his boldnesse ever since, while others have gone on comfortably in this profitable and pleasant way.

The man who tent me these and the like questions with their severall answers in writing, concluded his letter with this story, which I shall here insert, that you may see the more of God among these poore people: "Upon the 25. of Aprill last (saith he) I had some occasion to go to speak with * Wabun about Sun-rising in the morning, and staying some half an hours time, as I came back by one of the Wigwams, the man of that Wigwam was at prayer; at which I was so much affected, that I could not but stand under a Tree within hearing, though I could not understand but little of his words, and consider that God was fulfilling his Word, viz. *The ends of the earth shall remember themselves and turne unto him*; and that Scripture, *Then shall all the kindes of flesh come to thee to bow down before thee, and shall say, Peace be unto thee, for thou art our God*. *God that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.*

"Also this present September I have observed one of them to call

* That is a childish question.

* An Indian Sachum.

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"call his children to him from their gathering of Corne in the field, and to crave a blessing, with much affection, having but a homely dinner to eat.

These things me thinkes should move bowels, and awaken English hearts to be thankfull, it is no small part of Religion to awaken with God in family prayer, (as it seemes these doe it early) and to crave a blessing with affectionate hearts upon a homely dinner, perhaps perchance Corne or Indian (talks: I wish the like hearts and wayes were seen in many English who professe themselves Christians, and that herein and many the like excellencies they were become Indians, excepting that name, as he did in another case, except his bonds: and that you may see not only how farre Religion, but civility hath taken place among them, you may be pleased therefore to peruse this Court Order, which is here inserted.

The Order made last Generall Court at Boston the 26. of May, 1647. concerning the Indians, &c.

Vpon information that the Indians dwelling among us, and submitted to our government, being by the Ministry of the Word brought to some civility, are desirous to have a course of ordinary Judicature set up among them: It is therefore ordered by authority of this Court, that some one or more of the Magistrates, as they shall agree amongst themselves, shall once every quarter keep a Court at such place, where the Indians ordinarily assemble to hear the Word of God, and may then hear and determine all causes both civill and criminall, not being capitall, concerning the Indians only, and that the Indian Sachims shall have libertie to take order in the nature of Summons or Attachments, to bring any of their own people to the said Courts, and to keep a Court of themselves, every moneth if they see occasion, to determine small causes of a civill nature, and such smaller criminall causes, as the said Magistrates shall referre to them; and the said Sachims shall appoint Officers to serve Warrants, and to execute

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execute the Orders and Judgements of either of the said Courts, which Officers shall from time to time bee allowed by the said Magistrates in the quarter Courts or by the Governor: And that all fines to bee imposed upon any *Indian* in any of the said Courts, shall goe and bee bestowed towards the building of some meeting houses, for education of their poorer children in learning, or other publick use, by the advice of the said Magistrates and of Master *Eliot*, or of such other Elder, as shall ordinarily instruct them in the true Religion. And it is the desire of this Court, that these Magistrates and Mr. *Eliot* or such other Elders as shall attend the keeping of the said Courts will carefully endeavour to make the *Indians* understand our most usefull Lawes, and the principles of reason, justice and equity whereupon they are grounded, & it is desired that some care may be taken of the *Indians* on the Lords dayes.

Thus having had a desire to acquaint you with these proceedings among the *Indians*, and being desirous that you might more fully understand, especially from him who is best able to judge, I did therefore intreat my brother *Eliot* after some conference about these things, to set down under his own hand what he hath observed lately among them: which I do therefore herein send unto you in his owne hand writing as he sent it unto mee, which I think is worthy all Christian thankfull cares to heare, and wherein they may see a little of the Spirit of this man of God, whom in other respects, but especially for his unweariednesse in this work of God, going up and down among them and doing them good, I think we can never love nor honour enough.

The Letter of Mr. Eliot to T. S. concerning the late work of God among the Indians.

Deare Brother,

AT your desire I have wrote a few things touching the *Indians* which at present came to my mind, as being some of those passages which took principall impression in my heart, wherein

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wherein I thought I saw the Lord, and said the finger of God is here.

That which I first aymed at was to declare & deliver unto them the Law of God, to civilize them, w^{ch} course the Lord took by *Moses*, to give the Law to that rude company because of transgression, *Gal. 3. 19.* to convince, bridle, restrain, and civilize them, and also to humble them. But when I first attempted it, they gave no heed unto it, but were weary, and rather despised what I said. A while after God stirred up in some of them a desire to come into the *English* fashions, and live after their manner, but knew not how to attain unto it, yea despaired that ever it should come to passe in their dayes, but thought that in 40. yeers more, some *Indians* would be all one *English*, and in an hundred yeers, all *Indians* here about, would so bee: which when I heard, (for some of them told me they thought so, and that some wise *Indians* said so) my heart moved within mee, abhorring that wee should sit still and let that work alone, and hoping that this motion in them was of the Lord, and that this mind in them was a preparative to imbrace the Law and Word of God; and therefore I told them that they and wee were already all one s^{ave} in two things, which make the only difference betwixt them and us: First, we know, serve, and pray unto God, and they doe not: Secondly, we labour and work in building, planting, clothing our selves, &c. and they doe not: and would they but doe as wee doe in these things, they would be all one with *English* men: they said they did not know God, and therefore could not tell how to pray to him, nor serve him. I told them if they would learn to know God, I would teach them: unto which they being very willing, I then taught them (as I sundry times had endeavored afore) but never found them so forward, attentive and desirous to learn till this time, and then I told them I would come to their *Wigwams*, and teach them, their wives and children, which they seemed very glad of, and from that day forward I have not failed to doe that poore little which you know I doe.

I first began with the *Indians* of *Noonantum*, as you know, those of *Dorchester mill* not regarding any such thing: but the better sort of them perceiving how acceptable this was to the *English*, both to Magistrates, and all the good people, it pleased God so step in and bow their hearts to desire to be taught to know God,

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and pray unto him likewise, and had not I gone unto them also, and taught them when I did, they had prevented me, and desired me so to do, as I afterward heard.

The effect of the Word which appears among them, and the change that is among them is this: First, they have utterly forsaken all their *Powwows*, and given over that diabolicall exercise, being convinced that it is quite contrary to praying unto God; yea sundry of their *Powwows* have renounced their wicked employment, have condemned it as evil, and resolved never to use it any more; others of them, seeing their employment and guines were utterly gone here, have fled to other places, where they are still entertained, and have raised lies, slanders, and an evill report upon those that heare the Word, and pray unto God, and also upon the English that endeavour to reclaim them and instruct them, that so they might discourage others from praying unto God, for that they account as a principall signe of a good man, and call all religion by that name, praying to God; and beside they mock and scoffe at those *Indians* which pray, and blaspheme God when they pray; as this is one instance. A sober *Indian* going up into the countrey with two of his sons, did pray (as his manner was at home) and talked to them of God and Jesus Christ; but they mocked, & called one of his sons *Jehovah*, and the other *Jesw Christ*: so that they are not without opposition raised by the *Powwows*, and other wicked *Indians*.

Again as they have forsaken their former Religion, and manner of worship, so they doe pray unto God constantly in their families, morning and evening, and that with great affection, as hath been seen and heard by sundry that have gone to their *Wigwams* at such times; as also when they goe to meat they solemnly pray and give thanks to God, as they see the English to doe: so that that curse which God threatens to poure out upon the families that call not on his name, is through his grace, and tender mercy stayed from breaking forth against them, and when they come to English houses, they desire to be taught; and if meat bee given them, they pray and give thanks to God: and usually expresse their great joy, that they are taught to know God, and their great affection to them that teach them.

Furthermore they are carefull to instruct their children, that so when I come they might be ready to answer their Catechize, which

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which by the often repeating of it to the children, the men and women can readily answer to.

Likewise they are carefull to sanctifie the Sabbath, but at first they could not tell how to doe it, and they asked of mee how they should doe it, propounding it as a question whether they should come to the English meetings or meet among themselves; they said, if they come to the English meetings they understand nothing, or to no purpose, and if they met together among themselves, they had none that could teach them. I told them that it was not pleasing to God, nor profitable to themselves, to hear and understand nothing, nor having any that could interpret to them. Therefore I counselled them to meet together, and desire those that were the wisest and best men to pray, and then to teach the rest such things as I had taught them from Gods Word, as well as they could; and when one hath done, then let another do the like, and then a third, and when that was done aske questions, and if they could not answer them, then remember to aske me, &c. and to pray unto God to help them therein: and this is the manner how they spend their Sabbaths.

They are also strict against any profanation of the Sabbath, by working, fishing, hunting, &c. and have a Law to punish such as are delinquents therein by a fine of 10 s. and sundry cases they have had, wherein they have very strictly prosecuted such as have any way profaned the Sabbath. As for example, upon a Sabbath morning *Cutchamaquin* the *Sachim* his wife going to fetch water met with other women, and she began to talk of worldly matters, and so held on their discourse a while, which evill came to *Nabantons* eare, who was to teach that day (this *Nabanton* is a sober good man, and a true friend to the English ever since our coming) so he bent his discourse to shew the sanctification of the Sabbath, & reproved such evils as did violate the same; & among other things worldly talk, and thereupon reproved that which he heard of that morning. After hee had done, they fell to discourse about it, and spent much time therein, hee standing to prove that it was a sinne, and the doubting of it, seeing it was early in the morning, and in private; and alledging that he was more to blame then she, because he had occasioned so much discourse in the publick meeting: but in conclusion they determined

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to refer the case to me, and accordingly they did come to my house on the second day morning and opened all the matter, and I gave them such direction as the Lord directed me unto, according to his holy Word.

Another case was this, upon a Lords day towards night two strangers came to *Wabans Wigwam* (it being usuall with them to travaile on that day, as on any other; and when they came in, they told him that at a place about a mile off they had chased a *Raccoon*, and he betook himself into an hollow tree, and if they would goe with them, they might fell the tree and take him: at which tidings, *Waban* being willing to be so well provided to entertain those strangers (a common practise among them, freely to entertain travellers and strangers) he sent his two servants with them, who felled the tree, and took the beatt. But this act of his was an offence to the rest, who judged it a violation of the Sabbath, and moved agitation among them: but the conclusion was, it was to bee moved as a question upon the next Lecture day, which was accordingly done, and received such answer as the Lord guided unto by his Word.

Another case was this, upon a Lords day their publick meeting holding long, and somewhat late, when they came at home, in one *Wigwam* the fire was almost out, and therefore the man of the house, as he sat by the fire side took his Hatchet and split a little dry peece of wood, which they reserve on purpose for such use, and so kindled his fire, which being taken notice of, it was thought to bee such a worke as might not lawfully be done upon the Sabbath day, and therefore the case was propounded the Lecture following for their better information.

These instances may serve to shew their care of the externall observation of the Sabbath day.

In my exercise among them (as you know) wee attend foure things, besides prayer unto God, for his presence and blessing upon all we doe.

First, I catechize the children and youth, wherein some are very ready & expert, they can readily say all the Commandements, so far as I have communicated them, and all other principles about the creation, the fall, the redemption by Christ, &c. wherein also the aged people are pretty expert, by the frequent repetition thereof

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thereof to the children, and are able to teach it to their children at home, and do so.

Secondly, I preach unto them out of some texts of Scripture, wherein I study all plainnesse, and brevity, unto which many are very attentive.

Thirdly, if there be any occasion, we in the next place go to admonition and censure; unto which they submit themselves reverently, and obediently, and some of them penitently confessing their sins with much plainnesse, and without shiftings, and excuses: I will instance in two or three particulars; this was one case, a man named *Wampowar*, being in a passion upon some light occasion did beat his wife, which was a very great offence among them now (though in former times it was very usuall) and they had made a Law against it, and set a fine upon it; whereupon he was publicly brought forth before the Assembly, which was great that day, for our Governor and many other English were then present: the man wholly condemned himself without any excuse: and when he was asked what provocation his wife gave him? he did not in the least measure blame her but himself, and when the quality of the sinne was opened, that it was cruelty to his own body, and against Gods Commandement, and that passion was a sinne, and much aggravated by such effects, yet God was ready to pardon it in Christ, &c. he turned his face to the wall and wept, though with modest indeavor to hide it, and such was the modest, penitent, and melting behavior of the man, that it much affected all to see it in a Barbarian, and all did forgive him, onely this remained, that they executed their Law notwithstanding his repentance, and required his fine, to which he willingly submitted, and paid it.

Another case of admonition was this, *Cusshamaquin* the *Sachim* having a son of about 14. or 15 years old, he had bin drunk, & had behaved himself disobediently, and rebelliously against his father and mother, for which sinne they did blame him, but he despised their admonition. And before I knew of it, I did observe when I catechized him, when he should say the fifth Commandement, he did not freely say, *Honor thy father*, but wholly left out *mother*, and so he did the Lecture day before, but when this sinne of his was produced, he was called forth before the Assembly

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bly, and hee confessed that what was said against him was true, but hee felt to accuse his father of sundry evils, as that hee would have killed him in his anger, and that he forced him to drink Sack, and I know not what else: which behavior wee greatly disliked, shewed him the evill of it, and Mr. *Wilson* being present laboured much with him, for hee understood the English, but all in vaine, his heart was hard and hopelesse for that time, therefore using due loving persivations, wee did sharply admonish him of his sinne, and required him to answer further the next Lecture day, and so left him; and so it out he was, that when his father offered to pay his fine of 10 s. for his drunkenness according to their Law, he would not except it at his hand. When the next day was come, and other exercises finished, I called him forth, and he willingly came, but still in the same mind as before. Then wee turned to his father, and exhorted him to remove that stumbling block out of his sonnes way, by confessing his own sinnes whereby hee had given occasion of hardnesse of heart to his sonne; which thing was not fud:aln to him, for I had formerly in private prepared him thereunto, and hee was very willing to hearken to that counsell, because his conscience told him he was blameworthy; and accordingly he did, he confessed his maine and principall evils of his own accord: and upon this advantage I took occasion to put him upon confession of sundry other vices which I knew hee had in former times been guilty of, and all the Indians knew it likewise; and put it after this manner, Are you now sorry for your drunkennesse, filthines, false dealing, lying, &c. which sinnes you committed before you knew God? unto all which cases, he expressed himself sorrowfull, and condemned himself for them: which example of the *Sachim* was profitable for all the Indians. And when he had thus confessed his sinnes, we turned againe to his sonne and laboured with him, requiring him to confesse his sinne, and intreat God to forgive him for Christ his sake, and to confesse his offence against his father and mother, and intreat them to forgive him, but he still refused; and now the other Indians spake unto him soberly, and affectionately, to put him on, and divers spake one after another, and some severall times. Mr. *Wilson* againe did much labour with him, and at last he did humble himself, confessed all,

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and intreated his father to forgive him, and took him by the hand, at which his father burst forth into great weeping: hee did the same also to his mother, who wept also, and so did divers others; and many English being present, they fell a weeping, so that the house was filled with weeping on every side, and then we went to prayer, in all which time *Cutshamaquin* wept, in so much that when wee had done the board he stood upon was all dropped with his teares.

Another case of admonition was this, a hopefull young man who is my servant, being upon a journey, and drinking Sack at their setting forth, he drank too much, and was disguised; which when I heard I reprov'd him, and he humbled himself, with confession of his sinne, and teares. And the next Lecture day I called him forth before the Assembly, where he did confesse his sinne with many teares.

Before I leave this point of admonition, if I thought it would not bee too tedious to you, I would mention one particular more, where we saw the power of God awing a wicked wretch by this ordinance of admonition. It was *George* that wicked *Indian*, who as you know, at our first beginnings sought to cast aspersions upon Religion, by laying slanderous accusations against godly men, and who asked that captious question, *who made Sack?* and this fellow having kild a young Cow at your Towne, and sold it at the Colledge instead of *Meose*, covered it with many lies, inso much as Mr. *Dunster* was loath he should be directly charged with it when we called him forth, but that wee should rather inquire. But when he was called before the Assembly, and charged with it, he had not power to deny it, but presently confessed, onely hee added one thing which wee think was an excuse; thus God hath honored this ordinance among them.

Fourthly the last exercise, you know, we have among them, is their asking us questions, and very many they have asked, which I have forgotten, but some few that come to my present remembrance I will briefly touch.

One was *Wabakonees* question, who is reputed an old *Powwow*, it was to this purpose, seeing the English had been 27 years (some of them) in this land, why did wee never teach them to know God

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God till now? had you done it sooner, said hee, wee might have known much of God by this time, and much sin might have been prevented, but now some of us are grown old in sin, &c. To whom we answered, that we doe repent that wee did not long agoe, as now we doe, yet withall wee told them, that they were never willing to hear till now, and that seeing God hath bowed their hearts to be willing to hear, we are desirous to take all the paines we can now to teach them.

Another question was, that of *Cushamaquim*, to this purpose, Before I knew God, said he, I thought I was well, but since I have known God and sin, I find my heart full of sin, and more sinfull then ever it was before, and this hath been a great trouble to mee; and at this day my heart is but very little better then it was, and I am afraid it will be as bad againe as it was before, and therefore I sometime wish I might die before I be so bad again as I have been. Now my question is, whether is this a sin or not? This question could not be learned from the English, nor did it seem a coyned feigned thing, but a reall matter gathered from the experience of his own heart, and from an inward observation of himself.

Another question was about their children, Whither their little children goe when they dye, seeing they have not sinned?

Which question gave occasion more fully to teach them originall sin, and the damned state of all men: And also, and especially it gave occasion to teach them the Covenant of God, which he hath made with all his people, and with their children, so that when God chooseth a man or a woman to be his servant, he chooseth all their children to be so also: which doctrine was exceeding gratefull unto them.

Another great question was this, when I preached out of 1 Cor. 6. 9, 10, 11. old Mr. Brown, being present, observed them to be much affected, and one especially did weep very much, though covered it what hee could; and after that there was a generall question, which they sent unto mee about, by my man, as the question of them all, *Whether any of them should goe to Heaven, seeing they found their hearts full of sinne, and especially full of the sinne of lust,* which they call *namwunwudquas*, that is, mad after women; and the next meeting, being at *Dorchester mill*, Mr. Maiber and Mr.

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Wareham, with divers others being present, they did there propound it, expressing their feares, *that none of them should bee saved*; which question did draw forth my heart to preach and presse the promise of pardon to all that were weary and sick of sinne, if they did beleeve in Christ who had died for us, and satisfied the justice of God for all our sinnes, and through whom God is well pleased with all such repenting sinners that come to Christ, and beleeve in him; and the next day I took that Text, *Matib. 11. 28, 29.* and this doctrine some of them in a speciall manner did receive in a very reverent manner.

There is another great question that hath been severall times propounded, and much sticks with such as begin to pray, namely, *If they leave off Powwawing, and pray to God, what shall they do when they are sick?* for they have no skill in physick, though some of them understand the vertues of sundry things, yet the state of mans body, and skill to apply them they have not: but all the refuge they have and relie upon in time of sicknesse is their *Powwaws*, who by antick, foolish and irrationall conceits delude the poore people; so that it is a very needfull thing to informe them in the use of Physick, and a most effectuall meanes to take them off from their *Powwawing*. Some of the wiser sort I have stirred up to get this skill; I have shewed them the anatomy of mans body, and some generall principles of Physick, which is very acceptable to them, but they are so extremely ignorant, that these things must rather be taught by sight, sense, and experience then by precepts, and rules of art; and therefore I have had many thoughts in my heart, that it were a singular good work, if the Lord would stirre up the hearts of some or other of his people in England to give some maintenance toward some Schoole or Collegiate exercise this way, wherein there should be Anatomies and other instructions that way, and where there might be some recompence given to any that should bring in any vegetable or other thing that is vertuous in the way of Physick; by this means we should soon have all these things which they know, and others of our Countreymen that are skilfull that way, and now their skill lies buried for want of encouragement; would be a searching and trying to find out the vertues of things in this countrey, which doubtlesse are many, and would not a

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little conduce to the benefit of the people of this Countrey, and it may bee of our native Countrey also; by this meanes wee should traine up these poore *Indians* in that skill which would confound and root out their *Paganisms*, and then would they be faire more easily inclined to leave those wayes, and pray unto God, whose gift Phylick is, and whose blessing must make it effectuell.

There is also another reason which moves my thought and desires this way, namely that our young Students in Physick may be trained up better then yet they bee, who have onely theoreticall knowledge, and are forced to fall to practise before ever they saw an Anatomy made, or duely trained up in making experiments, for we never had but one Anatomy in the Countrey, which Mr. *Giles Firman* (now in England) did make and read upon very well, but no more of that now.

This very day that I wrote these things unto you, I have been with the *Indians* to teach them, as I was wont to doe, and one of their questions among many other was to know what to say to such *Indians* as oppose their praying to God, and beleeving in Jesus Christ, and for their own information also, What get you, say they, by praying to God, and beleeving in Jesus Christ? you goe naked still, and you are as poore as wee, and our Corne is as good as yours, and wee take more pleasure then you; did we see that you got any thing by it, wee would pray to God and beleeve in Jesus Christ also as you doe? Unto which question I then answered them. First, God giveth unto us two sorts of good things, one sort are little ones, which I shewed by my little finger; the other sort are great ones, which I shewed by my thumbe, (for you know they use and delight in demonstrations:) the little mercies are riches, as cloths, food, sack, houses, cattle, and pleasures, these are little things which serve but for our bodies a little while in this life; the great mercies are wisdom, the knowledge of God, Christ, eternall life, repentance, faith, these are mercies for the soule, and for eternall life: now though God do not yet give you the little mercies, he giveth you that which is a great deale better, which the wicked *Indians* cannot see. And this I proved to them by this example; when *Foxon* the *Mobegans* Counsellor, who is counted the wisest *Indian* in the Countrey,

was in the Bay, I did on purpose bring him unto you; and when he was here, you saw he was a foole in comparisou of you, for you could speak of God and Christ, and heaven and repentance and faith, but he sate and had not one word to say, unlesse you talked of such poor things as hunting, wars, &c. Secondly, you have some more cloths then they, and the reason why you have no more is because you have but a little wildome, if you were more wise to know God, and obey his Commands, you would work more then you do, for so God commandeth, *Six dayes thou shalt work, &c.* and thus the English do: and if you would bee so wise as to worke as they do, you should have cloths, houses, cattle, riches as they have, God would give you them.

This day they told me this news, that some of them having been abroad in the Countrey at *Titanut*, divers of those *Indians* would be glad to know God, and to pray unto God, and would be glad if I would come and teach them, but some of them opposed and would not. They aske me this day, why God made the Rainbow. These things are now fresh in my mind, that makes me so large in them, but I'll forbear any more of their questions of this nature.

There do sundry times fall out differences among them, and they usually bring their cases to me, and sometime such, as it's needfull for me to decline, where I may, I advise them to some issue. One great case that hath come severall times to mee, is about such debts as they owe by gaming, for they have been great gamesters, but have moved questions about it, and are informed of the unlawfulness of it, and have thereupon wholly given over gaming for any wagers, and all games wherein is a lot, onely use lawfull recreations, and have a Law against unlawfull gaming; but other *Indians* that are of another mind, come and challenge their old debts, and now they refuse to pay, because it was a sinne so to game, and they now pray to God, and therefore must not pay such sinfull debts. Now the case being serious, and such as I saw a snare underneath, the first counsaile they had was, who ever would challenge such a debt should come to our Governor, and he would take order to rectifie the matter. But the Creditors liked not that way, and therefore soon after there came another case of the same kinde, and an issue was very necessary,

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cessary; therefore I first dealt with the creditor, and shewed him the sinfulness of such games, and how angry God was at them; and therefore perswaded him to be content to take half his debt, unto which he very willingly condescended; then I dealt with the debtor, and askt him if he did not promise to pay him all that debt? and he answered yea, he did so; then I shewed him that God commands us to performe our promises, and though he sinned in gaming, he must repent of that, but seeing he hath promised payment, he should sin to break his promise: at which he was utterly silenced; but then I asked him, if hee would willingly pay half, if I should perswade the other to accept it; yea said hee very willingly, and so the matter ended: and in this way they usually end such cases since that time. Their young men, who of all the rest, live most idly and dissolutely, now begin to goe to service, some to *Indians*, some to *English*; and some of them growing weary, break out of their services, and they had no help among them for it; so that some propounded what they should doe to remedy that evill; they were answered, that the English bring such servants to the Court, and our Magistrates rectifie those evils; then they desired that they might have a Court among them for government, at which motion wee rejoiced, seeing it came from themselves, and tended so much to civilize them, since which time I moved the Generall Court in it, and they have pleased to order a way for exercising government among them: the good Lord prosper and blesse it.

They moved also as you know for a School, and through Gods mercy a course is now taken that there be Schooles at both places where their children are taught.

You know likewise that wee exhorted them to fence their ground with ditches, stone walls, upon the banks, and promised to helpe them with Shovels, Spades, Mattocks, Crows of Iron; and they are very desirous to follow that counsell, and call upon me to help them with tooles faster then I can get them, though I have now bought pretty store, and they (I hope) are at work. The women are desirous to learn to spin, and I have procured Wheels for sundry of them, and they can spin pretty well. They begin to grow industrious, and find something to sell at Market all the year long: all winter they sell Brooms, Staves, Elepots, Baskets,

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Baskets, Turkies. In the Spring, Craneberries, Fish, Stawberries, in the Summer Hurtleberries, Grapes, Fish: in the Autumn they sell Craneberries, Fish, Venison, &c. and they find a good benefit by the Market, and grow more and more to make use thereof; besides sundry of them work with the English in Hay time, and Harvest, but yet it's not comparable to what they might do, if they were industrious, and old boughs must be bent a little at once; if we can set the young twigs in a better bent, it will bee Gods mercy. Deare brother I can go no further, a weary body, and sleepy eyes command me to conclude, if I have not satisfied your desire in this little I have wrote, let me understand it from you, and I shall be willing to do my indeavour: and thus with my deare love remembered to your self and your beloved yoakfellow, and desiring your prayers for Gods grace and blessing upon my spirit and poor indeavours, I take leave at this time and rest

Roxbury this 24. of
Septemb.
1647.

Your loving brother in
our Saviour Christ,

JOHN ELIOT.

Let me adde this Postscript, that there be two reasons that make me beleeve the Lords time is come to make a preparative at least for the coming of his grace, and kingdom among them. First, that he hath bowed their hearts, who were as averse, and as farre off from God, as any heathen in the world; and their hearts begin to bow more and more. Secondly, because the Lord hath raised a mighty spirit of prayer in this behalfe in all the Churches.

This Relation of Mr. Eliots I know many things therein to be true, & all the rest I have heard confirmed by credible persons, eye & eare witnesses of these things, and they are familiarly known in these parts. I know also that Mr. Eliot writes (as his spirit is) modestly and sparingly, and speaks the least in sundry particulars; for in his story of the repentance and publike admonition of his own man, page 23. hee saith he manifested many teares in publike, but I heard it from many then present that there were so many, as that the day place of the *Wigwam* where hee stood

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was bedirtied with them, powring them out so abundantly. *Indians* are well known not to bee much subject to teares, no not when they come to feele the forest torture, or are solemnly brought forth to die; and if the Word workes these teares, surely there is some conquering power of Christ Jesus stirring among them, which what it will end in at last, the Lord best knows. If Mr. *Brightmans* interpretation of *Daniels* prophesie be true, that Anno 1650. Europe will hear some of the best tidings that ever came into the world, viz. rumors from the Easterne Jews, which shall trouble the Turkish tyrant and shake his Pillars when they are coming to repossesse their own land, for which they will be wrastling (if my memory failes not, according to his notion) about 40. yeers; I shall hope then that these *Westerne Indians* will soon come in, and that these beginnings are but preparatives for a brighter day then we yet see among them, wherein East & West shall sing the song of the Lambe: but I have no skill in prophesies, nor do I believe every mans interpretation of such Scripture; but this is certain, God is at work among these, and it is not usual for the Sun to set as soon as it begins to rise, nor for the Lord to Jesus to lose an inch of ground in the recovering times of his Churches peace and his own eclipsed and forgotten glory, (if these bee such times) untill hee hath won the whole field, and driven the Prince of darknesse out of it, who is but a bold usurper of the Lord Jesus inheritance, to whom are given the utmost ends of the earth. When *Charles* the Great had broken the chief power of the barbarous and fierce *Saxons* in *Germany*, he made this the onely article of peace, that they should entertain such a Gospel as good then as the degenerate Christian world could afford, and for that end admit of a Monastery among them of such men as might instruct them, and this coultre prevailed, if wee may believe * *Cranzins* the Historian of those times; and shall wee think that when the Lord Jesus hath set up not a Monastery of workes but Churches of Saints in these countes to encourage the ministry and this work of Christ, that his blessed Gospel cannot or shall not in these dayes take some effect since it hath broke so far? I dare conclude nothing, onely it will be our comfort in the day of our accounts, that wee have endeavored something this way; and it may be this very endeavour

* *Cranzins*
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your shall be our peace. *Gildas* our British Historian observing that one cause why God let loose the *Saxons* to scourge and root out the *Britaines*, was their deep carelesse of communicating unto them the Christian Religion, when they had their spirits at fit advantage: but I dare not discourse of these matters.

One thing more I remember concerning Mr. *Eliots* conference with a *Narraganset Sachim* a sober man this yeer; after that he had taught this *Sachim* the Law of God, and had shewen him the means of salvation by Christ; he then asked him if he did know and understand those things? and he said, yes. He then asked him if he did beleve them? but hee could not get any answer from him that way, but did seeme to take them into more serious thoughts. He then asked him, why they did not learn of Mr. *Williams* who hath lived among them divers yeers? and he soberly answered that they did not care to learn of him, because hee is no good man but goes out and workes upon the Sabbath day; I name it not to shew what glimmerings nature may have concerning the observation of the Sabbath, but to shew what the ill example of English may doe, and to see what a stumbling block to all Religion the loose observation of the Sabbath is, however mans shifting wits may find out evasions, to get loose from out of that net.

But this may serve to satisfie your own or others desires concerning the progresse of the Gospel among the *Indians*: the Lord Jesus seemes at this day to bee turning upside down the whole frame of things in the world, Kings, Parliaments, Armies, Kingdomes, Authorities, Churches, Ministers, and it out of his free grace hee looks not upon these hopefull beginnings, these will be so turned also; for opposition there is from men and devils against it, and I have feared in my own heart that within these few moneths there hath been some coolings among the best of these *Indians*; but wee find it so also among many people that are *English* in their first work, but the Lord Jesus revives again; and therefore Mr. *Eliot* of late having told them that hee was afraid that they began to bee weary, they took it to heart, and propounded in my hearing at a late *Indian Lecture* at *Noonanewams* many profitable questions, viz. *When they pray-*

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prayed and heard the Word aright? and how they might know when they were weary of them? And what time it might bee before the Lord might come and make them know him? And what the first sinne of the Devils was? (Hee discoursing to them about the danger of Apostasie.) At this time they are (as you may perceive by Mr. Eliot writings) about fencing in their ground and Town given them some hundreds of Acres, with a stone fence, for which end Mr. Eliot provides them Mattocks, Shovels and Crowes of Iron, &c. and to encourage their slothfulnesse, promised to give a goat or sixpence a rod, if they would thus farre attend their own good, and work for themselves: all the poor *Indians* at *Noanawum* are generally clad with such cloths as wee can get them, and the *Wigwams* of the meanest of them equallize any *Sachims* in other places, being built not with mats but barks of Trees in good bignesse, the rather that they may have their partitions in them for husbands and wives together, and their children and servants in their places also, who formerly were never private in what nature is ashamed of, either for the sun or any man to see. It's some refreshing to thinke that there is (if there was no more but) the name of Christ sounding in those darke and despicable *Tartarian* Tents; the Lord can build them houses in time to pray in, when hee hath given unto them better hearts, and when perhaps hee hath curled and consumed theirs who have disdained to give that worship and homage to Christ in their seiled houses, which poor *Indians* rejoyce to give to him in their poor Tents and *Wigwams*: I desire you to gather what stock of prayers you can for them. I had almost forgot to tell you of Mr. Eliot going up the Country lately with Mr. Flint, Captain Willard of Concord, and sundry others, towards *Merrimack* River unto that *Indian* *Sachim* *Passaconaway*, that old Witch and *Powwow*, who together with both his sons, fled the presence of the light, and durst not stand their ground, nor be at home when he came, pretending feare of being killed by a man forsooth that came only with a book in his hand, and with a few others without any weapons only to bear him company and direct his way in those deserts, but in it you may see the guilt of the man, & that *Satan* is but a coward in his *Lions* skin even upon his own dunghill, as also the hatred and enmity

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enmity against the Word which is in some, which argues that the attention which others give to it, is a power of God, and not merely to flatter and get favour with the English: but the rest of *Passaconaway* men attended to the things which were spoken and asked divers questions, the *Indians* in our parts accompanying Mr. Eliot and giving blessed examples to the others herein, as also in laying Grace before and after meat, praying in their *Wigwams* with them, and some of them singing of *Plalmes*, which they have learnt among the English: discoursing also with them about the things of God. It is somewhat observable (though the observation bee more cheerfull then deep) that the first Text out of which Mr. Eliot preached to the *Indians* was about the dry bones, *Ezek. 37.* where it's said, *Verf. 9, 10. that by prophesying to the wind, the wind came and the dry bones lived;* now the *Indian* word for Wind is *Waubon*, and the most active *Indian* for stirring up other *Indians* to seek after the knowledge of God in these parts, his name is *Waubon*, which signifies Wind, (the *Indians* giving names to their children usually according to appearances of providences) although they never dreamt of this, that this their *Waubon* should breathe such a spirit of life and encouragement into the rest of the *Indians*, as hee hath endeavored in all parts of the Countrey, both at *Concord*, *Merrimack* and elsewhere; but some of the *Indians* themselves that were stir'd up by him took notice of this his name and that Scripture together, and the English also have much observed him herein, who still continues the same man, although we thinke there be now many others whom he first breathed encouragement into that do farre exceed him in the light and life of the things of God: Mr. Eliot also professing that he chose that Text without the least thought of any such application in respect of *Waubon*.

There have been many difficult questions propounded by them, which we have been unwilling to engage our selves in any answer unto, untill wee have the concurrence of others with us.

First, suppose a man before hee knew God, hath had two wives, the first barren and childlesse, the second fruitfull and bearing him many sweet children, the question now propounded was, *Which of these two wives he is to put away?* if hee puts away the first who hath no children, then hee puts away her whom God and Religion undoubtedly binds him unto, there being

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being no other defect but want of children: if hee puts away the other, then he must cast off all his children with her also as illegitimate, whom hee so exceedingly loves. This is a case now among them, and they are very fearefull to do any thing crosse to Gods will and mind herein.

Secondly, suppose a man marry a *Sqam*, and shee deserts and flies from her husband, and commits adultery with other remote *Indians*, but afterward it come to passe that shee hearing the Word, and sorry for what shee hath done, she desires to come to her husband againe, who remains still unmarried; *Whether should this husband upon her repentance receive her againe? and whether he be not bound thereunto so to doe?*

At the last Lecture at *Noonanetum* this September, there were divers questions asked: one was propounded by an old *Sqam*, a Widow; viz. *If when men know God, God loves them, why then is it that any one are afflicted after that they know him?* I shall mention no more, but conclude with the solemn speech of a sober and hopefull *Indian* at this Lecture, whose name is *Wampoon*, who in stead of propounding a question fell into these expressions, viz. "That because wee pray to God, other *Indians* abroad in the country hate us and oppose us, the English on the other side suspect us, and feare us to be still such as doe not pray at all; but (saith he) God who knowes all things, he knowes that we do pray to him. To which speech Mr. Eliot replied, that it was true indeed, that some of the English did so far suspect them for sundry reasons; but I doe not so, and others of us, who know you and speake with you, we do not so think of you; and then gave them gracious and serious encouragements to goe forward and make more progresse in the things of God. This their own testimony of themselves being propounded with much sweetnesse and seriousnessse of affection, may be the last, although it be the least confirmation of some inward worke among them; which I looked upon as a speciall providence that such a speech should be spoken and come to my care just at such a time as this, wherein I was finishing the story, to confirme in some measure what hath been written; the Lord himself I beleeve and no man living, putting these words into their own hearts, to give this modest testimony concerning themselves. The beginning of this enlargement of Christs Kingdome should enlarge our hearts with great

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great joy. If I should gather and summe up together the severall gracious impressions of God upon them from what hath been scattered here and there in the story, I thinke it might make many Christians ashamed, who may easily see how farre they are exceeded by these naked men in so short a time thus wrought upon by such small and despicable means. My brother *Eliot* who is Preacher to them, professing he can as yet but stammer out some peeces of the Word of God unto them in their own tongue; but God is with him, and God is wont to be *maximus in minimis*, and is most seene in doing great things by small meanes. The Sword of Gods Word shall and will pierce deep, even when it is half broken, when the hand of a mighty Redeemer hath the laying of it on: and the Scripture herein is, and must be fulfilled, that as soon as the heathen heare Christ they shall submit, *Psal.* 45. 43, 44. and such nations whom Christ knew not shall run unto him, *Ijai.* 55. 5. The fall of the unbelieving Jewes was the rising of the Gentiles; my prayer to God therefore for *Europe* is, that the fall of the Churches, (little bettered by the devouring Sword which is still thirsty) may not bee the rising of these *American* Gentiles, never pitied till now. I wish that *Alfredus* prophesie herein may never prove true; but rather that the rising of these may be a provoking and raising up of them, especially of the English, to lament after that God whom they have forsaken; and to lament after him, together with us, for these poor *Indians* who never yet knew him.

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Sir, I had ended these relations once or twice, but the stay of the Vessell increaseth new matter; which because 'tis new and fresh, you shall have it as I heard of it from a faithfull hand: There were sundry questions propounded at the *Indian* Lecture at *Noonanetum* this October, 13. by the *Indians*: the first was propounded to Mr. Eliot himself upon occasion of his Sermon out of *Ephes.* 5. 11. *Have no fellowship with unfruitfull workers of darkness, viz. What English men did thinke of Mr. Eliot because he came among wicked Indians to teach them?*

Secondly, *Suppose two men sinne, the one knowes he sinneth, and the other doth not know sinne, will God punish both alike?*

Thirdly, *Suppose there should be one wise Indian that teacheth good things to other Indians, whether should not he be as a father or brother unto such*

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such Indians he so teacheth in the wayes of God? This last question seemes to argue some motions stirring in some of their hearts to pity and teach their poor Countrey-men; and surely then will bee the most hopefull time of doing good among them, when the Lord shall raise up some or other like themselves to go among them and preach the Word of life unto them with fatherly or brotherly bowels; and yet I limit not the most High, who can make use of what Instruments hee pleaseth for this work. I shall conclude therefore with a story I had both by writing and word of mouth, from a faithfull * man which hee saw with his own eyes this *Octob. 7.* There was one of the *Indians* at *Noonawamum*, hath had a child sick of a Consumption many a day, and at that time died of it; when it was dead, some of the *Indians* came to an honest man to enquire how they should bury their dead; the man told them how and what the English did when they buried theirs; hereupon rejecting all their old superstitious observances at such sad times (which are not a few) they presently procured a few boards, and buy a few nayles of the *English*, and so make a pretty handsome Coffin, (for they are very dextrous at any thing they see once done) and put the child into it, and so accompanied it to the grave very solemnly, about 40. *Indians* of them: when the earth was cast upon it and the grave made up, they withdrew a little from that place, and went all together and assembled under a Tree in the Woods, and there they desired one *Tuaswampe* a very hopefull *Indian* to pray with them; now although the *English* do not usually meet in companies to pray together after such sad occasions, yet it seemes God stirred up their hearts thus to doe; what the substance of their prayer was I cannot certainly learn, although I have heard some things that way, which I therefore name not, onely I have and shall indeavour to get it, if it bee possible for the poor *Indian* to expresse the substance of it, and so shall send it if the ship staves long, onely this is certaine by him who was occasionally an eye and eare witness of these things, that they continued instant with God in prayer for almost half an houre together, and this godly mans words to mee (who understands a little of their language) are these; that this *Tuaswampe* did expresse such zeale in prayer with such variety of gracious expressions, and abundance

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of teares, both of himself and most of the company, that the woods rang againe with their sighes and prayers; and (saith he) I was much ashamed of my self and some others, that have had so great light, and yet want such affections as they have, who have as yet so little knowledge. All this he saw standing at some good distance alone from them under a Tree.

Thus you see (Sir) that these old obdurate sinners are not altogether senselesse of Gods afflicting hand and humbling providences; and though naturall affection may be much stirring in such times, yet you see how God begins to sanctifie such affections among them: and I wish that many English were not outstript herein by these poor *Indians*, who have got the Part I feare of many *English*, that can passe by such sad providences without laying them in this manner to heart. I confesse these and many such things which wee see in divers of them, do make some to thinke that there is more of God and his Spirit in some of their hearts then we yet can discover, and which they hope will break out in time.

Thus you have a true, but somewhat rent and ragged relation of these things; it may be most fitable to the story of naked and ragged men: my desire is that no mans Spectacles may deceive him, so as to look upon these things either as bigger or lesser, better or worse then they are; which all men generally are apt to doe at things at so great distance, but that they may judge of them as indeed they are, by what truth they see here exprest in the things themselves. I know that some thinke that all this worke among them is done and acted thus by the *Indians* to please the *English*, and for applause from them; and it is not unlikely but so 'tis in many, who doe but blaze for a time; but certainly 'tis not so in all, but that the power of the Word hath taken place in some, and that inwardly and effectually, but how far savingly time will declare, and the reader may judge of, by the story it self of these things. Some say that if it be so, yet they are but a few that are thus wrought upon; Be it so, yet so it hath ever been, many called, few chosen: and yet withall I beleieve the calling in of a few *Indians* to Christ is the gathering home of many hundreds in one, considering what a vast distance there hath been between God and them so long, even dayes without number; considering

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also how precious the first fruits of *America* will be to Jesus Christ, and what seeds they may be of great harvests in after times; and yet if there was no great matter seen in these of grown yeers, their children notwithstanding are of great hopes both from *English* and *Indians* themselves, who are therefore trained up to Schoole, where many are very apt to learne, and who are also able readily to answer to the questions propounded, containing the principles and grounds of all Christian Religion in their own tongue. I confesse it passeth my skill to tell how the Gospel should be generally received by these *American* Natives, considering the variety of Languages in small distances of places; onely hee that made their eares and tongues can raise up some or other to teach them how to heare, and what to speake; and if the Gospel must ride circuit, Christ can and will conquer by weake and despicable meanes, though the conquest perhaps may be somewhat long. The beginnings and foundations of the *Spaniard* in the Southerne parts of this vast continent, being laid in the blood of nineteene Millions of poor innocent Natives (as *Acoft*, the Jesuite a bird of their own nest relates the story) shall certainly therefore bee utterly rooted up by some revenging hand; and when he is once dispossessed of his Golden Mansions and Silver Mines, it may be then the oppressed remnant in those coasts also may come in. In the meane while if it bee the good pleasure of Christ to look upon any of the worst and meanest of these outcasts in these Coasts of *New-England*, let us not despise this day of small things, but as the Jews did of old, so let us now cry mightily to God and say, and sing, *Let the people praise thee O God, yea let all the people praise thee, then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God even our God will blesse us.*

I have sent you two witnesses beside my own of the truth of the Indian story printed, you may publish them if you please as they have writ, and subscribed with their own hands.

THOMAS SHEPARD.

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