

there any more than in the houses, where, finding a barrel of rum, they stove it in, without drinking a single drop, an heroic act for Indians. When they had examined the whole place, they took whatever suited them, and leveled the fort and houses. Some wished to go on and expel the English from an island¹ three or four leagues from Pemkuit, but the majority did not approve the project. The whole party returned to Pentagoët on two sloops taken from the enemy, after killing the crew.²

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The garrison of Pemkuit pretended to have lost only seven men in that fort; but quite a deep trench was found, filled up with bodies; and the commandant told the Indians, on leaving the fort, that they had good powder, and their guns were true. He had experience, his face being half burnt.³ The Canibas had only one man slightly wounded in the leg; and, on their return, they assured Mr. Thury that if they had two hundred Frenchmen, a little accustomed to the country and willing to follow them, they would lead them to Boston.

This expedition was speedily followed by a more vigorous one, attended with still greater loss to the English. The latter had in the neighborhood of the Kennebec fourteen small forts, quite well defended.⁴ The Indians of Pentagoët and St. John's River, uniting, surprised them all, killing as many as two hundred persons, and carrying off a very large booty. The chief advantage derived by us from these incursions was the irreconcilable breach which they effected between the English and the tribes, of all others on the continent, who enjoyed the highest re-

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¹ Monhegan (Hubbard's Indian Wars, ii., p. 72; N. Y. Col. Doc., iii., p. 551), says 6 leagues.

² These boats belonged to Captains Skynner, Farnham, and Patishal. Mather's Magn., bk. vii., p. 65; Williamson's Maine, i., p. 613.

³ Mather's Magn., book vii., p. 65; Gyles, in Drake's Indian Captivities, p. 76.

⁴ Observations on the State of Affairs (N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 433, 438; Canada Doc., I., iv., p. 223) says 16. Dover, N. H., was the first attacked, June 27, 1689, O. S., the incentive being to avenge the treacherous capture and sale of many of the tribe by Waldron in 1676. Hutchinson's Massachusetts, i., p. 351; Belknap's New Hampshire, i., p. 198.