

which he had been reduced, had an opportunity to supply all his wants.¹ 1713-22.

These repeated insults taught the Indians that there was no hope of settlement to be expected from the English, and that it was time to seek peace by vigorous ways. As soon as they returned from their hunt, and had sowed their lands, they resolved to destroy all the English dwellings on the Kennebec, and to drive from their villages a restless people, who openly menaced their liberty. They sent deputies to all their brethren and allies, to induce them to lend a hand in the just defence if it became necessary, and these appeals met all the success anticipated. War was chanted among the Hurons of Lorette, and in all the Abénaqui towns, and Narantsoak was made the rendezvous of the warriors.²

The Abenakis declare war.

A detachment sent out, had already descended the river to the sea, and finding there three or four small vessels of the enemy, captured them; then ascended the river, plundering and burning all the English settlements, but doing no violence to the settlers, who were even left at liberty to retire whither they chose, except five, who were kept as hostages, to answer for the Abénaqui deputies, still retained prisoners at Boston. Some time after, an English

Conduct it successfully.

¹ Vaudreuil and Begon, Oct. 17, 1722. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 910.

² Gov. Shute proclaimed war July 25, 1722. Penhallow, pp. 89-90. For a French account of these Indian operations, see Vaudreuil and Begon. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 933-5; Penhallow gives the New England version, pp. 90 &c. Among the first expeditions was one in 1723, under Col. Thomas Westbrooke, which ascended the Penobscot, and M'ch 9, 1723, destroyed the fort, 23 dwellings, church and priest's house, apparently on Nicolas Island, at Passadumkeag. Bangor Centennial, p. 27. Vaudreuil and Begon's Dispatches. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 933. Westbrooke's Letter, March 23,

1723, Mass. Hist. Coll., III. ii., p. 264. It is usual to make Pannawamské the same as Old Town; but on the Map of the Eastern Part of New France, vol. iv., Penaounke is considerably above the outlet of the lake that enters the river opposite Old Town. Mr. Godfrey seems more correct in placing it at Nicolas Island, where traces still exist. Pannawamské, evidently the origin of Penobscot, means, "At the fall of the rock." Trumbull, Indian Geographical Names, p. 19. Capt. Heath, in 1725, destroyed another town of 50 houses, while the Indians were actually negotiating a peace. Hutchinson, ii., p. 286.

³ Hutchinson, ii., p. 250.