

to get possession in their Country in ord^r to seize upon the Traders & their Goods w^{ch} is the reason that I have stopd my people who are trading among you from setting out as early as usual for fear of running the risque of their Lives & property & your being deprived of your necessaries. And let me tell you Children that if you dont endeavor to keep your Country clear of these people for the future, you must expect to be entirely without Trade as I wont expose my peoples lives and property if they can't go into your Country with safety. I think it is the least thing for so numerous a Body of People as you are to keep a handfull of Bostonians out of it. I for my part have not been Idle these 4 years passt to keep this River open that you may have your supplies and defend this Country from the Incursion of the Rebels who make frequent attempts to attack it in order to cut off the communication, with you w^{ch} point if they should gain would deprive you of every kind of cloathing and ammunition; for the King your Fathers ships would immediately block up this River that not a single Ship of the Rebels or their Allies wth merchandize could get in. So that you must be convinced it is for your essential wellfare and Interest to do your part & keep your Country clear of the Bostonians.

A large belt.

Children,— As to the Stories these evil Birds carry about & wisper into your Ears with regard to your former fathers the French coming among you again. I shall tell you the Truth of the Matter and you may depend upon it as a fact for I never told an Untruth yet in my Life.

The Bostonians seeing themselves not able enough to stand up against their Father the King, sent some of their most cunning Men to your former Father the King of France telling him many false stories how rich and able they were to fight agst their Father the King of England, but that they had no large ships like his; If therefore the french King would only hire them some of his big Ships to fight for them they would pay him well & trade with him,