

Curtiour fir cap Oliver I Rceived Noe Leter from you sinc John  
 was at Boston . We long to here som good tiding from Boston if god so Pleaf  
 we have But Littel here But fuch News as Increafeth our forrowes the  
 Indians are very Bold and <sup>have</sup> driven or Ride Away three Horfes from  
 feaconk finc daniel Smith came from Boston this last weeke of which his  
 hors was one fo foun as he came home and purfued one loan man of  
 our town Being going to Seaconk But he out Run them three an escape<sup>d</sup>  
 they are often feen other whil one taken one of which was A noatabl  
 fellow as hath Apered finc to the sorrow of the englilh he was wel know<sup>n</sup>  
 to us here and Being examined he Related Many things to much to troubl  
 you with But this one moft nerely concerns your ferious caer <sup>he</sup> being alked  
 where thofe Indians that are out stil had there supply of powder and  
 fhoot he very Redyly told us that the Praying Indians secretly did  
 fupply them I defiered Mr Stantons fonf to inform your felf of it  
 Becaus I had not time to writ they were in haft we herd by an Indian  
 from waruck that About 14 mils from us there if one hundred yet  
 nigh together But our young men often fee there track in the fnow  
 as the walk neer our town we here you latly fent 20 praying  
 Indians for fo they be to watchchufet and that there is 5 hundred  
 Indians fighting men If so our laber hath been and if in vain in  
 thinking to hold thefe 20 houfes which now Remain of six  
 scoer and three befides our mill we shal be forced  
 to leave our town If thefe wreches are sufered to take thefe  
 catel we now have latly Bought for our mony we muft fly  
 If the Lord help not for ought we can difcern at Present our  
 Condition wil be fad if we canot plant next fpring we  
 canot fublift any longer we once were as Rich as any town  
 within 40 miles of us Round about But now are the pooreft  
 of al towns: were I nere your I could ~~shew~~ tel you  
 the grand caus next to our fin and Backflidings from  
 our God But leters often mifcary and if truth be spoke or  
 writen . and mens one felvs be touched if many times ftirs  
 them moer the<sup>n</sup> the weal or woo of a town or 2 or many  
 petifions : But howeve<sup>r</sup> were I worthy to writ to <sup>so</sup> moast  
 and worthy deserving A gentlemen <sup>as</sup> as your governer if I would  
 humbly petion him to writ to Road Iland governer  
 that for the good of the towns upon the main he would clere the  
 Iland, of thofe wicked Indians that are with them who wil  
 undoubtly Run away in the fpring and Ralley in the<sup>ir</sup> ~~spring~~  
 forces together and deftroy us and many others if not our  
 lives our Livlyhood : Juft Now Came newf that Cunnexiticut men  
 have killed 24 Indians <sup>and taken</sup> and fom of narraganfet men serched  
 some of there woods and found 2 men and 2 women in A wigwam  
 which 4 had 16 pound of Bulets and 6 <sup>8</sup> of powder they laid  
 that there is fix fcore in our woods as wel furnilhed as they  
 were pray fir let som serious cours be taken to prevent

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92 your praying Indians from ~~selling~~ such secreet convayanc  
 of power and fhoot truly fir there in No truft in Indians the<sup>y</sup> are  
 subtil to deceiv I wish you knewe them as wel as we do: mr Jofeph  
 Ginkel told me that there if 3 hundred fighting men Indians up  
 Road Iland I pray fir in our Behalf ftand now for us and though<sup>h</sup>

I am not worthy yet you may speak to your governer and counfel  
to send to Road Iland About thofe Indians th<sup>t</sup> for the Profit they  
hope to have by them are detained by them for fervants which may  
prove moer Injury to the Contery than al we Can say wil make  
them sencable of: when I have as any time murmered againft the  
Indians wickednes or the English neglect the same moment  
I am Redy to filien<sup>ce</sup> my felf caling to mind the Lord hath don  
if thefe Afflictions Com not out of the duft nor thefe troubl<sup>s</sup> fpring  
out of the ground But fin is the caus of our sorrow the Lord in  
much mercy make us as sencabl of the cauf as we are of the punish<sup>ment</sup>  
ment the stroke is heavi and I fear wil yet be heavier except  
the Lord make us Able to meet him by true Repentanc an Reform  
ation of Life there is an Indian Run Away from us which was A  
servant to Henery fouller who Lived upon Jofeph wifes farme  
nere us and we have Information he is about your part<sup>f</sup> we  
suppos he may be with Jofeph Wife I hope you wil look to  
him that he may have his dew which is A halter his ~~Re~~  
Runing away by divers lyef he told kindered fourty or fifty  
Indians from coming to us that otherwif were Resouled to  
Come his Common Name was furlly tom his Indian name I  
have forgot we hope you Rulers are so Juditious that they  
wil not sufer any of these wreches to live among you it is  
greatly to be feared and undoubtedly wil prove so that they  
wil Run Away in the Spring and Joyn with such as themselves  
and so the wreches Incourage one another and the next sumer may  
prove wors than this uncuful owne men accust him with fal<sup>sh</sup>  
hood and trechorry sum here think that fom of the eastwd  
Indians are Come into these parts and not without ground  
when I here further concerning it I wil Inform you the mean  
time I defier the lord to keep and direct us al in his fear and  
to keep us fo nere to himself that we make not flesh our arm  
But hope in his mercy your to Comand to my power Caled  
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Mary Prays letter to  
Capt Olliver //

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