

Indian Squaw taken at Springfield, who tells y^t the Indians who burnt y^t town lodged about six miles off y^e Town; some men went forth, found 24 fires and some plunder. Shee saith there came of y^e enemy 270; that the enemy in all are 600. The place where they keepe is at Coassit (as is supposed) about 50 miles above Hadley.

After y^e sending my letters to Hartford, I drew forth o^r own men, all but Capt. Seely's (who are neer sixty) intending to march up to Squakheage. We had not marched above a mile or two, ere we received intelligence by post y^t y^e enemy was by his track discovered to be in great numbers on y^e West side of the River. We p^resently changed o^r course, and hasted over the River. It was after sunsett ere we gotte out of Hatfield. We marched some miles, and in y^e darke saw a gun fired, annd heard its report & o^r scouts saw and heard this gun. Some also sd they heard a noise of Indians. My purpose was now to march to Deerfield, but upon what we discovered, o^r officers, especially Capt. Mosely, were very app^rhensive of danger to the Towns here if we should march up. This being often p^rssd, and I alone for proceeding, none of the Connecticute men wth us, nor any left in the Towns of Hadley and Hatfield, & night threatening rain and tempest, I yeilded against my own inclination to return to o^r quarters, w^{ch} we did late in the night. This morning we und^rstand by scouts that there is cer-