

1675. **Att the second Sessions of the Generall Court, held at Boston,
the 13th of Octobr, 1675.*

13 October.

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PRESENT, Jn^o Leueret, Esq̄, Gov̄,
Sañ Symonds, Esq̄, Dep^t Gov̄.
Daniel Gookin,
Daniel Dennison,
Symon Willard, 19 : 8 : 75.
Rich^d Russell,
Thō Danforth,
W^m Hathorne,
Edw^d Tyng,
W^m Stoughton,
Thomas Clarke.

The names of the deputjes y^t sat at this Court were, —

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the councils former prohibition of all Indians coming to, or remaying in, the toune of Boston, wee finde that still there remaines ground of feare that, vnless more effectuall care be taken, wee may be exposed to mischief by some of that barbarous crew, or any strangers, not of our nation, by the coming into or residing in the toune of Boston, this Court doeth therefore order, —

First. That, from the publication hereof, no person or persons whateuer, in the sajd toune, shall, vpon any pretence whatsoever, entertajne, oune, or countenance any Indian, vnder the pœnalty of being a betrayer of this government.

Secondly. That there be a guard appointed at the end of the sajd toune, towards Roxbury, to hinder the coming in of any Indian vntill application be first made to the Gouverno^r, or council, if sitting, and then to be admitted with a guard of two musketeers, and to be remanded backe wth the *the* same guard, nor to be suffered to lodge in toune, unless in prison; provided that, if any Indian or Indians that shall be employed vpon any message or business shall come vp to the sajd guard, they shall forthuith be conveyed to the Gouverno^r or council, & be by him or them disposed of & secured during their necessary stay for the dispatch of their business, and that [^] to be conveyed as aboue sajd.

Thirdly. That it shall be lawfull for any person, finding any Indian in toune without sajd guard, to apphend and secure him.

Fouerthly That care be taken by the military watch to prevent any from coming by water to the sajd toune, either from Dorchester or Roxbury Necke, in cannooes or otherwise, and that there be speciall care taken of places where ammunion is, &c.

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Fifthly. That order be given to Charls Toune fferry not to land any Indian at the sajd toune wthout order from the Gouverno^r, & then to be guarded with two musqueteers.

Sixthly. That it shall be lawfull for any person, vpon any Indians approaching the sajd toune, either by water or land, without a guard as aboue sajd, to apprehend & secure him.

Seventhly. That account be taken of all straingers who are not his majestjes subjects, and that they remajne not in toune vnless security be given for their fidelity, and that none be admitted but vpon the like security, and that no master of any vessell bring in any wthout acquainting the Gouvernor therewith, & presenting their persons in order to their examination, who, if vpon their examination can give no good account of their business, and security for their good behaviour, shall be sent to prison vnless they doe forth with depart.

*Eighthly. That it shall not be lafull for any inhabitant, from the declaration hereof, to enterteine any stranger in his house, or for tyme to come, till this order be reuersed, wthout leaue granted by authority, vpon the pœnalty of any fine authority shall see meet to impose; and the co^missioners, & the selectmen, and captaines of Boston are ordered & required respectively to haue a speciall care, that this order in the seuerall parts thereof be duely observed and attended.

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Whereas it is found by experience that troopers & pikemen are of litle vse in the present warr wth the Indians, now, for the improouement of them to more or better advantage, —

Courts proclamation to phibit Indians com^e into Boston.

It is ordered by this Court and the authority thereof, that all troopers shall forthwith furnish themselues wth carbines and amunion proportionable, and also be lvable to be impressed by the co^mittee of militia in the toune where they liue, to serve as foot soldjers during the sajd warr; prouided always, that one fourth part of the troopers in each toune be reserved for the vse of the country as such; and all pikemen are hereby required forth with to furnish themselues wth fire armes, and such a quantity of amunion, from time to tyme, as the law requires musketeeres to be furnished wth, any law, usage, or custome to the contrary notwithstanding.

Troopers to furnish themselues wth carbines.

3 p^{ts} of troopers liable to presse in y^e townes y^e liue.

Pikemen to furnish y^em^sel^s wth fire armes.

Whereas the great necessity of a speedy supply of fire armes, musketts, and carbines is too apparent in this time of warr wth the Indians, —