

A
NARRATIVE,
OF THE
EXCURSION and RAVAGES
OF THE
KING'S TROOPS

Under the Command of General GAGE,
On the nineteenth of APRIL, 1775.

TOGETHER WITH THE
DEPOSITIONS
Taken by ORDER of CONGRESS,
To support the Truth of it.

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MASSACHUSETTS-BAY :

WORCESTER, Printed by ISAIAH THOMAS, by order
of the PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, 1775.

I THOMAS RICE WILLARD, of lawful age, do testify and declare, that being in the house of Daniel Harrington, of Lexington, on the nineteenth instant, in the morning, about half an hour before sun-rise, looked out at the window of said house and saw (as I suppose) about four hundred of regulars in one body coming up the road and marched toward the north part of the Common back of the meeting-house, of said Lexington, and as soon as said regulars were against the East-End of the meeting house, the commanding officer said something, what I know not, but upon that the regulars ran till they came within about eight or nine rods of about an hundred of the militia of Lexington who were collected on said common, at which time the militia of Lexington dispersed, then the officers made an huzza, and the private soldiers succeeded them, directly after this, an officer rode before the regulars, to the other side of the body, and hollowed after the Militia of said Lexington, and said "Lay down your arms, damn you, why don't you lay down your arms," and that there was not a gun fired till the militia of Lexington were dispersed, and further saith not.

THOMAS RICE WILLARD.

MIDDLESEX, ff. April 23d. 1775.

THE within named *Thomas Rice Willard*, personally appeared, and after due caution to testify the whole truth and nothing but the truth, made solemn oath to the truth of the within deposition by him subscribed, before us,

William Read

Jonathan Hastings,

Duncan Ingraham.

} Justices
of the
Peace.

Concord, April 23d. 1775.

I JAMES MARR of lawful age testify and say, that in the evening of the eighteenth instant I received orders from George Hutchinson, Adjutant of the fourth regiment of the regular troops stationed in Boston, to prepare and march to which order I attended and marched to Concord where I was ordered by an officer, with about one hundred men to guard a certain bridge, there, while attending that service, a number of people came along, in order as I supposed, to cross said bridge, at which time a number of regular troops first fired upon them.

MIDDLESEX, ff. April 23d. 1775. JAMES MARR.

THE above-named *James Marr*, appeared, and after due caution to testify the truth and nothing but the truth, made solemn oath to the truth of the above deposition by him voluntarily subscribed. Before us,

Duncan Ingraham,

Jonas Dix.

} Justices of
the Peace.

I EDWARD THORNTON GOULD, of his Majesty's own regiment of foot, being of lawful age, do testify and declare, that on the evening of the 18th, instant, under the order of General Gage, I embarked with the light infantry and grenadiers of the line, commanded by Colonel Smith, and landed on the marshes of Cambridge, from whence we proceeded to Lexington, on our arrival at that place we saw a body of provincial troops armed, to the number of about sixty or seventy men, on our approach they dispersed and soon after firing began, but which party fired first I cannot exactly say, as our troops rushed on, shouting, huzzaing, previous to the firing, which was continued

by our troops so long as any of the provincials were to be seen. From thence we marched to Concord, on a hill near the entrance of the town, we saw another body of provincials assembled, the Light-Infantry companies were ordered up the hill to disperse them, on our approach they retreated towards Concord, the grenadiers continued the road under the hill towards the town, six companies of light-infantry were ordered down to take possession of the bridge which the provincials retreated over; the company I commanded was one of the three companies of the above detachment went forward about two miles, in the mean time the provincial troops returned to the number of about three or four hundred, we drew up on the Concord side the bridge, the provincials came down upon us, upon which we engaged and gave the first fire: This was the first engagement after the one at Lexington, a continued firing from both parties lasted through the whole day: I myself was wounded at the attack of the bridge, and am now treated with the greatest humanity and taken all possible care of, by the provincials at Medford,

Medford, April 20th, 1775. EDWARD THORNTON GOULD.

Province of the MASSACHUSETTS-BAY,

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, *April 25th, 1775.*

LIEUTENANT EDWARD THORNTON GOULD, aforementioned, personally made oath to the truth of the foregoing declaration by him subscribed. Before us,

Thaddeus Mason,
Josiah Johnson,
Simon Tufts.

} Justices
of the
Peace.

Province of the MASSACHUSETTS-BAY.

CHARLESTOWN, ff.

I NATHANIEL GORHAM, Notary and Tabellion Public, by lawful authority, duly-admitted and sworn, hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern, that Thaddeus Mason, Josiah Johnson, and Simon Tufts, Esq's. are three of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace (Quorum Unus) for the county of Middlesex, and that full faith and credit is and ought to be given to their transactions as such, both in court and out. In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my name and seal, this twenty sixth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand, seven hundred, and seventy-five. NATHANIEL GORHAM.

N. B. A certificate was made out under the signature of the Notary Public, that all the other Justices who administered the oaths to the several deponents, were his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the counties where such certificates were made, and were legally appointed to that office, and that full faith and credit is and ought to be given to their transactions.

A paper having been printed in Boston, representing that one of the British troops killed at the bridge at Concord, was scalped, and the ears cut off from the head, supposed to be done in order to dishonour the Massachusetts people, and to make them appear to be savage and barbarous, the following deposition was taken that the truth may be known.

WE the subscribers, of lawful age, testify and say, that we buried the dead bodies of the King's troops that were killed at the North-Bridge in Concord, on the nineteenth day of April, 1775, where the action first began, and that neither of those persons were scalped, nor their ears cut off, as has been represented.

ZECCHARIAH BROWN,
THOMAS DAVIS, jun.

Concord, May 11th, 1775.

ZECCHARIAH BROWN, *Thomas Davids, jun.* personally appeared before me, and made oath to the above declaration.
Duncan Ingraham, Justice of the Peace.

HANNAH ADAMS, wife of Deacon Joseph Adams, of the second precinct in Cambridge, testifieth and saith, that on the nineteenth day of April last past, upon the return of the King's troops from Concord, diverse of them entered our house, by bursting open the doors, and three of the soldiers broke into the room in which I then was, laid on my bed, being scarcely able to walk from my bed to the fire, not having been to my chamber door from my being delivered in child-birth to that time. One of said soldiers immediately opened my curtains with his bayonet fixed, pointing the same to my breast. I immediately cried out for the Lord's sake do not kill me, he replied, damn you, one that stood near said, we will not hurt the woman, if she will go out of the house, but we will surely burn it. I immediately arose, threw a blanket over me, went out, and crawled into a corn-house near the door, with my infant in my arms, where I remained untill they were gone, they immediately set the house on fire, in which I had left five children and no other person, but the fire was happily extinguished, when the house was in the utmost danger of being utterly consumed.

HANNAH ADAMS.

MIDDLESEX, ff. Cambridge, Second Precinct 17th May, 1775.

HANNAH ADAMS, the subscriber of the above deposition, personally appeared, and made oath to the truth of the same. Before me, *Jonathan Hastings*, Justice of the Peace.

Cambridge

Cambridge, May 19th, 1775.

WE BENJAMIN COOPER and RACHEL COOPER, both of Cambridge aforesaid, of lawful age, testify and say, that in the afternoon of the 19th day of April last, the King's regular troops, under the command of General Gage, upon their return from blood and slaughter which they had made at Lexington and Concord, fired more than an hundred bullets into the house where we dwell, through doors, windows, &c. then a number of them entered the house, where we and two aged gentlemen were, all unarmed, we escaped for our lives into the cellar, the two aged gentlemen were immediately most barbarously and inhumanly murdered by them, being stabbed through in many places, their heads mauled, skulls broke, and their brains out on the floor and walls of the house, and further saith not.

BENJAMIN COOPER,
RACHEL COOPER.

MIDDLESEX, ff. *May 19th, 1775.*

THE above-named *Benjamin Cooper* and *Rachel Cooper*, appeared and after due caution, made solemn oath to the truth of the above deposition by them subscribed. Before me,

Jonas Dix, Justice of peace.

The following is a list of those provincials who were killed, wounded and missing in the action of the 19th of April, 1775, and the towns to which they respectively belonged. Including all that was lost that day.

CAMBRIDGE,

KILLED. William Mercy, Moses Richardson, John Hicks, Jason Russell, Jabish Wyman, Jason Winship.

WOUNDED. Captain Samuel Whittemore.

MISSING. Samuel Frott and Seth Russell.

CHARLESTOWN,

KILLED. James Miller and a son of Captain William Barber.

WATER TOWN,

KILLED. Joseph Cooledge.

SUDBURY.

KILLED. Deacon Josiah Haynes, Asahel Reed.

WOUNDED. Joshua Haynes, jun.

A C T O N.

KILLED. Capt. Isaac Davis, Abner Hosmer, James Hayward.

B E D F O R D.

KILLED. Capt. Jonathan Wilson.

WOUNDED. Job Lane.

W O B U R N.

KILLED. Asa Parker, Daniel Thomson.

WOUNDED. George Read, Jacob Bacon.

M E D F O R D.

KILLED. Henry Putnam, William Polly.

N E W T O N.

WOUNDED. Noah Wiswell.

L E X I N G T O N.

KILLED. Jonas Parker, Robert Munroe, Jedediah Munroe, John Raymond, Samuel Hadley, Jonathan Harrington, jun. Isaac Muzzy, Caleb Harrington, Nathaniel Wyman, John Brown.

WOUNDED. Francis Brown, John Robbins, Solomon Peirce, John Tidd, Joseph Comce, Ebenezer Munroe, jun. Thomas Winship, Nathaniel Fearnux, Prince a Negro.

B I L L E R I C A.

WOUNDED. John Nicholas, Timothy Blanchard.

C H E L M S F O R D.

WOUNDED. Deacon Aaron Chamberlain, Captain Oliver Barron.

C O N C O R D.

WOUNDED. Abel Prescott, jun. Captain Charles Miles, Captain Nathan Barrett.

F R A M I N G H A M.

WOUNDED. Daniel Hemingway.

S T O W.

WOUNDED. Daniel Conant.

D E D H A M.

KILLED. Elias Haven.

WOUNDED. Israel Averit.

N E E D H A M.

KILLED. Lieutenant John Bacon, Serjeant Elifha Mills, Amos Mills, Nathaniel Chamberlain, Jonathan Parker.

WOUNDED. Captain Eleezar Kingsbury, and a son of Doctor Toleman.

R O X B U R Y.

MISSING. Elijah Seever.

B R O O K L I N E.

KILLED. Isaac Gardner, Esq;

S A L E M.

KILLED. Benjamin Peirce.

D A N V E R S.

KILLED. Henry Jacobs, Samuel Cook, Ebenezer Goldthwait, George Southwick, Benjamin Daland, jun. Jotham Webb, Perly Putnam.

WOUNDED. Nathan Putnam, Dennis Wallis.

MISSING. Joseph Bell.

B E V E R L Y.

KILLED. Mr. Kinnym.

WOUNDED. Nathaniel Cleaves, Samuel Woodbury, William Dodge.

L Y N N.

KILLED. Abednego Ramsdell, Daniel Townsend, William Flynt, Thomas Hadley.

WOUNDED. Joshua Felt, Timothy Munro.

MISSING. Jofiah Breed.

R I N I S.