

from Falmouth to Boston in 1675. Andrews died in Boston, 1704. Mrs. Harvey was a daughter of George Cleeves, was married to Michael Mitton (prominent in the early history of Maine), who was the father of all her children. Subsequently she married a Harvey, and died a widow in 1682.

Mr. Willis, in his "Portland," page 292, is in error as to the education of Clark. He says "he was not much educated; his signature to instruments was made by a mark." The letter which follows is unusual for that period, in its expression and in its chirography, especially from one occupying no official position.

Honoured Mother

After my duty & my wifes presented to your selfe these may inform you of our present health, of our present being when other of our friends are by the barbarous heathen cut off from having a being in this World. The Lord of late hath renewed his witnesses against vs, & hath dealt very bitterly with vs in that we are deprived of the Societie of our nearest friends by the breaking in of the adversarie against us: On Friday last in the morning your own Son with your two Sons in Law, Anthony & Thomas Bracket & their whole families were Killed & taken by the Indians, we Know not how, tis certainly known by us that Thomas is slain & his wife & children carried away captiue, & of Anthony & his familie we haue no tidings & therefore think that they might be captivated the night before because of the remoteness of their habitation from neighbourhood. G^m Corban & all his family G^m Lewis & his wife, James Ross & all his family, G^m Durham, John Munjoy, & Daniel Wakely, Benjamin Hadwell & all his family are lost, all slain by Sun an hour high in the Morning & after. G^m Wallis his dwelling house & none besides his is burnt. there are of men slain 11, of women & children 23 killed & taken; we that are aliue are forced upon M^r Andrewes his Island to Secure our own & the liues of our families. we haue but little prouision & are so few in number that we are not able to bury the dead till more strength come to us, the desire of the people to your Selfe is that you would be pleased to Speak to M^r Munjoy & Deacon Philips that they would entreat the Governour that forthwith aid might be Sent to us either to fight the enemie out of our borders that our English Corn may be inned in wherby we may comfortably liue or remoue vs out of danger that we may prouide for our Selues elsewhere, hauing no more at present but desiring your prayers to God for his preservation of vs in these times of danger, I rest

Your dutifull Son

from Casco-bay

THADDEUS CLARK.

14. 6. 76.*

remember my Loue to my sister &c .

[Addressed : "These | ffor his honoured Mother | M^{rs} Elizabeth Harvy, living | in Boston."]

* Which being interpreted means the fourteenth of the sixth month (August), 1676.