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Interpreter, to discover, and view that bay, and trade with
natives; they which they performed, and found kind enter-
tainment, the people were much afraid of y^e Jarentins
a people to y^e eastward which used to come in harvest
time, and take away their corn, & many times kill their
persons. They returned in safety, and brought home a good
quantity of beaver, and made reports of y^e place, wishing ~~that~~ ^{they}
had been there seated, (but it seems y^e Lord, who assigns to all
men y^e bounds of their habitations, had appointed it for
an other use) And thus they found y^e Lord to be with
them in all their ways, and to bless their outgoings, &
Incomings; for which let his holy name have y^e praise for
ever, to all posterity.

They began now to gather in y^e small harvest they had, and to
fit up their houses and dwellings, against winter, being all well
recovered in health & strength; and had all things in good plenty,
for as some were thus employed in affairs abroad; others were
exercised in fishing, about codd, & bass, & other fish of which y^e
took good store, of which every family had their portion; and y^e
somor there was no want; and now began to come in store
of fowls, as winter approached, of which this place did abound
when they came first, (but afterwards decreased by degrees) and
besides water fowls, there was great store of wild turkies, of
which they took many, besides venison &c. besides they had about
a peck a meal a week to a person, or now since harvest, and
an corn to y^e proportion. which made many afterwards write
so largely of their plenty, ^{hear} to their friends in England, which
were not fained, but true reports.

In noumber about y^e time twelth month, that them selues came, there
y^e 9. came in a small ship to them unexpected or looked for; in which
y^e cap. came m^r Cushman (so much spoken of before) and with ^{him} 35. per-
sons to remaine ⁱⁿ y^e plantation. which did not a little rejoyce
them; and they when they came ashore and found all well, and
saw plenty of vitails in every house were no less gladd; for they
most of ~~the~~ them were lusty young men, and many of them ~~so~~ wild
enough, who little considered whither, or about what they went
till they came into y^e harbor at cap-codd, and there saw nothing
but a naked and barren place; they then began to think what
should become of them, if the people here were dead, or cut off
by y^e Indians, they began to consult upon some speeches that some
of y^e sea-men had cast out) to take y^e sayls from y^e yeard least ^{ship}