

26 Sept., "upon a new petition to satisfaction," he was dismissed. Once safely out of Massachusetts Bay, however, Greene renewed his attack on the colony's "usurping the powr of Christ over the churches and mens consciences" in a letter to the General Court. The court reacted by reiterating its banishment of Greene and by extending that banishment to include residents of the plantation at Providence who refused to disclaim similar opinions before a magistrate. See Shurtleff, ed., *Mass. Bay Recs.*, I, 200, 203-204, 224. In April 1638, RW claimed that Greene's letter to the General Court had been sent without his knowledge. See RW to Winthrop, 16 Apr. 1638.

5. On the Indian boy, whom RW had requested from Winthrop, see RW to Winthrop, 30 June 1637. He may have been the same Indian named Will, who was RW's servant in 1638. See RW to Winthrop, ca. 1 Aug. 1638. One obscure source, probably written in the early 1660s, referred to "that memorable storie of that yong Indian Prince or Sagemores sonne whome Mr Williams educated and over whome two of ther witches weere assured by the Devill they had noe power over him as long as hee was in his custodie." See *Mass. Hist. Soc., Procs.*, X (1867-1869), 393. It is possible the Indian boy was actually the son of a Pequot sachem.

6. Probably the same place (also called Sasco swamp) near modern Fairfield, Conn., where the last major battle between the Pequot and the English took place on 14 July 1637. For a brief account of this engagement see Vaughan, *New England Frontier*, 149.

## To John Winthrop, ca. 12 August 1637

New Providence this last of the weeke<sup>1</sup>

Sir

I am much desired by Yotaash, (the bearer hereof Miantunno-mues brother),<sup>2</sup> to interpret his Message to you viz: that Miantun-nomu requests you to bestow a Pequot squaw upon him.

I object, he had his share sent him. He answeres that Caounounicus receaved but a few women and keepes them: and yet he sayth his brother hath more right: for, himselfe and his brothers men first laid hold upon that Company.<sup>3</sup>

I object, that all are disposed of. He answeres, if so, he desires to buy one or 2 of some English man.

I object that here are many runn away, wch I have desired himselfe to<sup>4</sup> might convey home to you. He replies, they have bene this fortnight busie that is keeping of a kind of Christmas:<sup>5</sup> and 2ndly at present Miantunnomues father in law [i.e., stepfather]<sup>6</sup> lyes a dying:<sup>[a]</sup> as also that some of the Runnawayes perished in the woods. 3 are at the Nanhighonsick and 3 within 10 mile of this place: wch I thinck may best be fetcht by 2 or 3 Massachuset In-