Daniel Gookin, Bartholomew Gedney, William Johnson, John Wayte, Committee regarding Maine, Report to the Massachusetts General Court, 8 October 1678 (Massachusetts Archives 3:333-33a)

3 objection In this pattent it is required that the Religion profesed in the Church of England, and Eclesiastical Goverment therof shalbe proffesed setled & established in, & through the said province, This injunction may prove A snare to us.

Answer 1: The Religion of the church of England, in the Doctrinall part of it, conteyned in, the 39 Articles, is sound, & orthodox & for the substance therof is not only professed by all protestants generally but <by> our selves also, hence their is no reason for any good Ch[ris]tian to [-] at it thinke it a snare

Ans[wer] 2 as for the ecclesiastical Government of England, which is established by the lawes of that land, Although in our judgment wee differ from it, yet wee must remember wee are prohibeted in our Charter of the massachusets, to make any law repugnant to the laws of England, of which lawes this is one; therfore may not make any law against it.

Ans[wer] 3 If it should happen that any of his ma[jes]ties subjects that doe or shal herafter live there, should profes & practise in matters of Religion According to the church of England, is there not as Good reason for us to Admit them. that act therin not against any law made by us, As to permit quakers, and other perswasions different from us, to pra[c]tise their religion contrary unto our lawes & that not in remote parts of the country but in our cheefest townes; They that profes Religion according to the Church of England, owne Good, & sound principles in doctr[i]ne & are obedient to civil order, But the <other> perswations oppose both Therfore which are like to bee the best neig[h]bours let & Subjects let Reason Judge.

Daniel Gookin, "Indians Converted," 1674

Mr Eliot hath of late yeares fallen into a practise among the Indians, the better to prepare and furnish them wth abilityes, to explicate and aply the Scriptures, by setting up a lecture among them in logick & Theologick, once every fortnight all the Sumer at Natick, whereat he is <present &> ready & reades & explaines to them the princip<les>~~alls~~ of those Arts; and god hath been pleased gratiously so to blesse these meanes, that Severall of them especially young men of Acute parts [keen ability] have gained much knowledge and are Able to speake methodically & profitably unto any plaine text of Scripture, yea as well as you can Imagine, such litle meanes & learning Can advantage them unto;

from this Church & towne of Natick hath issued Forth (as from a Seminary of virtue & piety) Divers teachers that are Imployed in Severall new praying townes, of wch wee shall heare more (God willing) hereafter

Daniel Gookin to [?], ca. September 1678 (Egerton Ms. 2395, British Library)

In September last they slew an honest Indian and scalpt him neer an English house at Sudbury & in the same month carried captive two Widdows that were gathering apples at Hassanameset. About ye latter end of April last a party of them slew Tom-Rumney-Marsh [Thomas Quannapohit] that valiant soldier & his cosen Jeremy yt lived at kiteige

your neighbor, & took another man alive & his Squa; this
was done about five miles from Patuxet on ye East side
of the river; there was one Indian escaped, viz, one
since the preacher of Wamesit, they were on a
hunting designe & lost, with their lives, about £10. value in Beaver.
[fol. 3] I had settled this Spring about 20. of our Natick Indians
in a fort neer Patuxet, at Concord Rivers mouth, who by
this disaster were much frightened; several went away,
but some of ye best with some encouragement I procured
for them & the company of my son Samuel; they
have held possession there to this day, & have planted a
good crop of corne. This was done by means I used of
particular men without any charge to the Country who declind it....
Our Council sent two English Messengers to the
Mowhaks to treat with them touching these matters
& urging ye breach of covenant, they (the Sachems)
give fair words & impute these disorders to ye young
mens unruliness, but declined to Surrender ye poor
captives at present, or to send or come & meet our
Commissioners of the Colonies either at Hartford or
Hadley; but said they were willing to treat further
at Albany, & to doe whatever Governor Andross shall
[fol. 4] command them; hee is lately arived I hear, & I wish
hee could quiet these troubles with the Maques, other
wise our Indians with Unkas, the Pequids & Plimouth
Indians will all join in one body & make head against
them, & that probably may bee more prejudicial to
Gov[erno]r Andross interest in point of Trade, than general
peace among the Indians would bee. In the interim
our poore Christian-Indian-freinds & others that have
adher'd stedfastly to the English in this Warr are
dayly destroyed. And though all ours live in forts,
yet the necessity urging to goe abroad to get food,
hunt & fish they become a prey to these Wolves.
I am not without my fears that ye French Jesuits
that live in the Moquas Country have ye hand in
this. If the honorable Corporation would please to
move his Ma[jes]ty to give special order to S[i]r Edmond
Andross to use his utmost endeavor to stop this
persecution of the Christian Indians, whose instruction
in Christian religion his Sacred Ma[jes]ty & Predecessors
did with such Christian wisdome & care by his
Letters Patents to that Corporation & in His
Patents to New England, soe diligently take
care to promote./

Daniel Gookin to the Committee for Petitions of the Massachusetts General Court, on behalf of Wamesit Inhabitants, 19 May 1680 (Massachusetts Archives 16:181a)

<2:> A part of that Necke, next Concord river mouth, wher it falls into merimake river at a place called wamesitt is <an> ancient indian plantation. & so by law determined to belong to ye Indians, 2ly tis granted & layd out, <in> fenced wth a ditch & railes & [-] long. since, <&> its now auct[u]ally in possesion of the praying indians there appointed to live by order of the Generall Court: imprinted. since ye warre: Therfore It cannot be Just to grant the petitioner request to come to concord River mouth & take away the Indians plantations;