

late spoils done to himself, and his neighbors at Springfield, could not any longer attend the service of commanding in chief as he had done before, wherefore being, according to his earnest request of the Council, eased of that burden, Capt. Samuel Appleton was ordered to succeed in taking the charge of the soldiers left in those upper towns, by whose industry, skill and courage, those towns were preserved from running the same fate with the rest, wholly or in part so lately turned into ashes. For the enemy growing very confident by the late successes, came with all their fury, the 19th of October following, upon Hatfield, hoping no less than to do the like mischief to them, they had done to Springfield. But according to the good Providence of Almighty God, Major Treat was newly returned to Northampton; Capt. Mosely and Capt. Poole were then garrisoning the said Hatfield, and Capt. Appleton for the like end quartering at Hadley, when on a sudden, 7 or 800 of the enemy came upon the town in all quarters, having first killed or taken two or three of the scouts belonging to Capt. Mosely's company: but they were so well entertained on all hands where they attempted to break in upon the town, that they found it too hot for them. Major Appleton with great courage defending one end of the town, and Capt. Poole the other end, that they were, by the resolution of the English, instantly beaten off without doing much harm. Capt. Appleton's sergeant