

# LONDON GAZETTE REPORT ON KING PHILIP'S WAR

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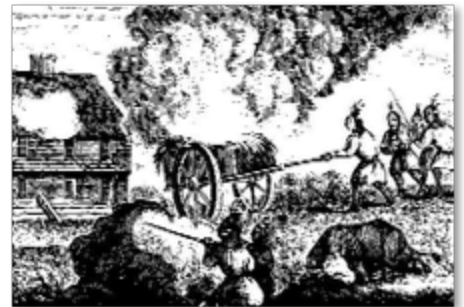
## **Boston in New England, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

We have learned from Plymouth that King Philip, the Indian Sachem of those parts, has raised 600 native warriors against the English. He has moved them to a point that is difficult to access, since it is a promontory of land called Mount Hope by the English.... The reason for King Philip fighting the colonists is unclear. We only know he has always had a subtle and angry temper. Several months before one of his Indians killed another Indian, who had been faithful and helpful to the English. The colonists had a trial, and condemned then executed two of King Philip's Indians for the murder. King Philip himself was thought to be involved in the murder, so he too was tried, but found not guilty. This may have infuriated him.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup> Plymouth asked England for help. They had gotten 150 soldiers ready to fight against the Indians. Englishmen were sent to King Philip to try and create peace, and another went to a nearby Indian king to warn him not to join King Philip.

On July 24<sup>th</sup>, we heard that the Indians had killed an Englishman, and then plundered several farms and farmhouses.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July we learned of further damage the Indians had done to the English in body and goods.



On the 26<sup>th</sup> of July, in the morning we sent out about one hundred horses, and as many soldiers on foot, with four cannons. We could not find King Philip, who refused to speak with them. In their journey, the soldiers found several murdered Englishmen.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of July the English engaged and beat some Indians and took their food. It is prohibited to export any food out of the colonies.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> an Indian spy was executed at Plymouth.

## Social Studies

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1. This particular newspaper was published in London on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1675. What other dates can you identify from this page?

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e. \_\_\_\_\_ f. \_\_\_\_\_ g. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Did all of these come from before or after the day the newspaper was published?

**Before or After**

3. **SUPER GENIUS QUESTION!** Why did the London Gazette have to publish all of these events all on the same day, since some of them took place over a month before?

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4. King Philip's War was one of the deadliest wars in American history. What does The London Gazette write may have caused the war?