

Province of
New Hampshire

To the Sheriff of the Province of
New Hampshire his Under Sheriff
or Deputy

1754

(Seal)

Greeting

Whereas Information hath been made unto
me the Subscriber one of his Majestys Justices
of the Peace for the Province of New Hampshire
that some time in the month of May 1753
Some Person or Persons Did, at a Place called
Contoocook in the Province of New Hampshire
Wickedly and Feloniously Kill and Murder two
Indian Men Namely Sabbadis & Plausaway
of the S^t Francisway Indians, which fact if not
Properly Enquired into may be of fatal Consequence
unto the Inhabitants of the Province of New Hampshire
These are therefore in his Majestys Name to Require
you to make Diligent Search in your Precinct for the
finding any Suspected person or Persons that may have
been Concerned in the said murder And him her or them
Apprehend and Bring before me or Some other of his
majestys Justices of the Peace for said Province to be
Examined Touching the Premises and to be further
Dealt with Pursuant to Law Given under my hand
and Seal the ninth day of February in the 27th year
of his Majestys Reign Annoque Domini 1754

Summon for Evidence

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Thomas George of Kingston
Ephraim Collins & Peter Bowen
of Major Stevens Town so called
Josiah Miles of Canterbury
John Sanders of Contoocook

Copy Examined p^r Messrs Weare Jus. Pacis

Province of
New Hampshire.

Exeter Feb: 16th 1754 By Virtue
of this Precept I have taken the Bodies
of Anthony Bowan otherwise called
John Bowan of Contoscook and
John Morrill of Major Stevens Town
so called. And brought them before
the Hon: Meshuk Weare Esq: Peter
Gilman and Theophilus Smith Esq: three
of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the
Province aforesaid - I have also Summoned
Thomas George of Kingstown Ephraim
Collins and Peter Bowan of Major
Stevens Town aforesaid to give Evidence
Concerning the Premises as also John
Islanders of Contoscook and Josiah
Miles of Canterbury

John Light Under Sherriff

Copy Examined per Meshuk Weare his Son

Province of
New Hamp^s.

Anthony Bowen otherwise called

John Bowen And John Morrill Being
Apprehended And brought before us Messrs
Weare Peter Gilman And Theophilus Smith
Esq^s three of his Majestys Justices of the Peace
for said Province of New Hampshire at
Exeter in said Province on this 16th Day of
February Anno Domini 1754 On Suspicion
of their having been Concerned in the Murder
of two St. Francis Indians the One named
Sabadis the Other named Plausaway in or
About the Month of May in the Year 1753

Upon the Examination of the Witnesses it Appearing
to us that the said Anthony Bowen alias John Bowen
And John Morrill have been Concerned in Killing &
Murdering the said Indians - It is therefore Ordered
that the said Anthony Bowen alias John Bowen. And
the said John Morrill be forthwith Committed to the
Common Goal in Portsmouth in said Province
there to remain with out Bail or Mainprize Untill
the Sitting of the Superiour Court of Judicature at
Portsmouth in and for said Province on the Second
Tuesday in March next by Adjournment And until
the said Court shall make further Order concerning the
Premises

It is also Ordered That Josiah Miles of Canterbury in said
Province Yeoman & Peter Bowen of Major Stevens's Town
so called in said Province Yeoman & Ephraim Collins
of the Same Place Husbandman And Thomas George of
Kingstown in said Province Labourer Recognize
severally with One sufficient Surety for Each of them
unto his Majesty in the Sum of two Hundred Pounds Each
for the appearance of Each of them. the said Josiah
Miles Peter Bowen Ephraim Collins & Thomas George
at the said Superiour Court to give Evidence of
what they severally know concerning the
Premises

Premises And that they and Each of them Stand
Committed till this Order be Comply'd with

Mehek Weare

Peter Gilman

Theo: Smith

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Justices Determination of
on the Examination of
Bousen & Merrill