

Instructions for Captain John Elden Commander of  
the Sloop *Ellery*, and such other Gentlemen as shall  
accompany him in this present Voyage.

In Pursuance of an Agreement made at York the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Novemb<sup>r</sup>  
instant by some Gentlemen Commissioned by the Governor & Council,  
with John Hawkins an Indian Enemy Captain in behalf of the Eastern  
Sagamores, referring to the Exchange of Captives. Copy whereof is herewith given you.

You are forthwith to man the said Sloop with Twenty able men or thereabout  
and set sayle directly unto Portsmouth in Piscataqua River, to take in the  
Indian Captives, and such persons as the Gentlemen of Piscataqua shall  
think fit, and suitable to accompany, and assist you in this service,  
(Captain Brooke, Mr. Partridge, and Captain Conners (if upon the place) are  
apprehended to be meet for the same) with an able Interpreter.

And so proceed to Sagadahock, where you are to put aboard a flagg of  
Truce, the Indians having promised to bring the English Captives  
thither, which (they say) are to the number of Seventeen or upwards,  
and send your Boat ashore with a flagg of Truce, they having likewise  
promised, that at the same time, they will send as many Indians in a

Canoe, as there shall be men in your Boat on board your Vessel to  
remain there as hostages until your men return, And having  
received the English Captives into your possession, deliver up to them  
their Captives which you carry with you; Els also receive & digest  
into writing such Proposals and Overtures as shall be made by the  
Indian Sagamores, referring to a further Treaty, and agree of  
the time and place for the same, which must not be to the Eastward  
of Wells, and the time cannot well be until the next Spring,  
towards the latter End of April. And if any agreement be  
made of that nature, there must be Articles likewise drawn  
in writing, interchangeably passed under your hands of the one  
part, and the Sagamores hands on the other part, witnessed by both  
English and Indians, for a Cessation of Arms, until after the time  
that shall be agreed on for Treaty, And that neither themselves nor  
any of their men during all that time, shall do any Act of Hostility  
or injure any of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Subjects in person or Estate, nor  
hold correspondence joyned with, or Assist any of the French, or  
Indian Enemy, but Endeavour to give timely notice to the English  
of any approach of the Enemy, or designe which they may know of  
intended by them against the English, the like promise for a Truce  
on

the part of the English you may ~~agree~~ consent to; Endeavouring  
to obtain a Hostage to remain with the English, as security for their  
performance; And it will be advisable that they be limited to keep  
at some convenient distance from the English dwellings & Plantations  
which if they transgress and any inconvenience or mischief happen  
thereby, the English must be held excusable; But if at any time  
they have Occasion to make application to the English for Supply,  
or bring them intelligence, that they come to Mr. Samuel Wheeler  
wrights Garrison in Wells, and not above three of them unarmed  
and with a flagg of Truce. -

If you meet with any of our Vessels upon their return from Canada  
that are in any waies distressed, or in want, yield them what Supplies &  
assistance you can. -

The particular Conduct of this Affaire must be left to the good  
discretion of yo<sup>r</sup>. Selfe; and the Gentlemen that shall accompany  
you to Assist therein, In which Let all prudence and care be  
used that you be neither surpris'd, deceived by their treachery,  
or drawn into any inconvenient Engagement to the prejudice of  
their ma<sup>ty</sup>. Interest or detriment of their Subjects; And that all  
possible dispatch to return with the Vessel to Boston.

Boston Nov<sup>r</sup>. 19<sup>o</sup>. 1690. -