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few days and bring another Indian with me who can speak Eng. much better than I can. And so in that spring Samoset came back and brought with him Tisquantum whose name they shortened to Squanto, and they found that in the providence of God this man ~~Swain~~ Squanto had lived right at that place in the village that had been there and when an Eng. ship had come -- we can see now why he did not come first, why Samoset came to see them -- when an Eng. ship had come and had traded with the Indians a few yrs. before the Eng. capt. had said, Would some of you like to see the inside of the ship, and so a few of the young Indians had come to the ship and as soon as they got in to the ship they were siezed and bound and the ship went off to carry them off to sell them as slaves in Spain. And Squanto had managed to escape from Spain and had lived a couple of years in Eng. He knew the streets of London far better than any of the pilgrims did. He could speak Eng. very well. He was able to interpret everything for them. And in addition to that he knew this area. He had come back and all his old friends were gone. Everybody that he knew except Chief Massasoit had been wiped out in the plague, but he was able to help the pilgrims and he interpreted for them. He showed them what to plant, where to plant it. Showed them how ~~to~~ to catch the particular kind of fish there that were edible, he showed them all sorts of things without which it is difficult to imagine how they could possibly have survived and he interpreted for them with the Indians and without that there would certainly have been terrible misunderstandings that would doubtless have led to the little group being completely wiped out. God had prepared this man to be there to help these poor settlers in order that they might get established, in order that they might be able to survive. Well John Carver, a very fine Christian man had been elected their governor, but he was taken ill very shortly after they began their work there in the spring, shortly after the Mayflower had left them to go back to Eng. he was taken ill and died and his wife died shortly after that. And young Wm Bradford was elected the new governor. Now Bradford was still suffering from the sickness. Bradford describes in his ~~account~~ account when more than half of them were lying there sick at one time there were only 7 people that weren't sick among the whole group, and he describes how Miles Standish and Wm Brewster who were not taken sick, how wonderfully they took care of them. And how anybody that was not sick just did everything they could to help the others to survive. While the ~~sailors~~ sailors also were taken sick, but they were afraid of their