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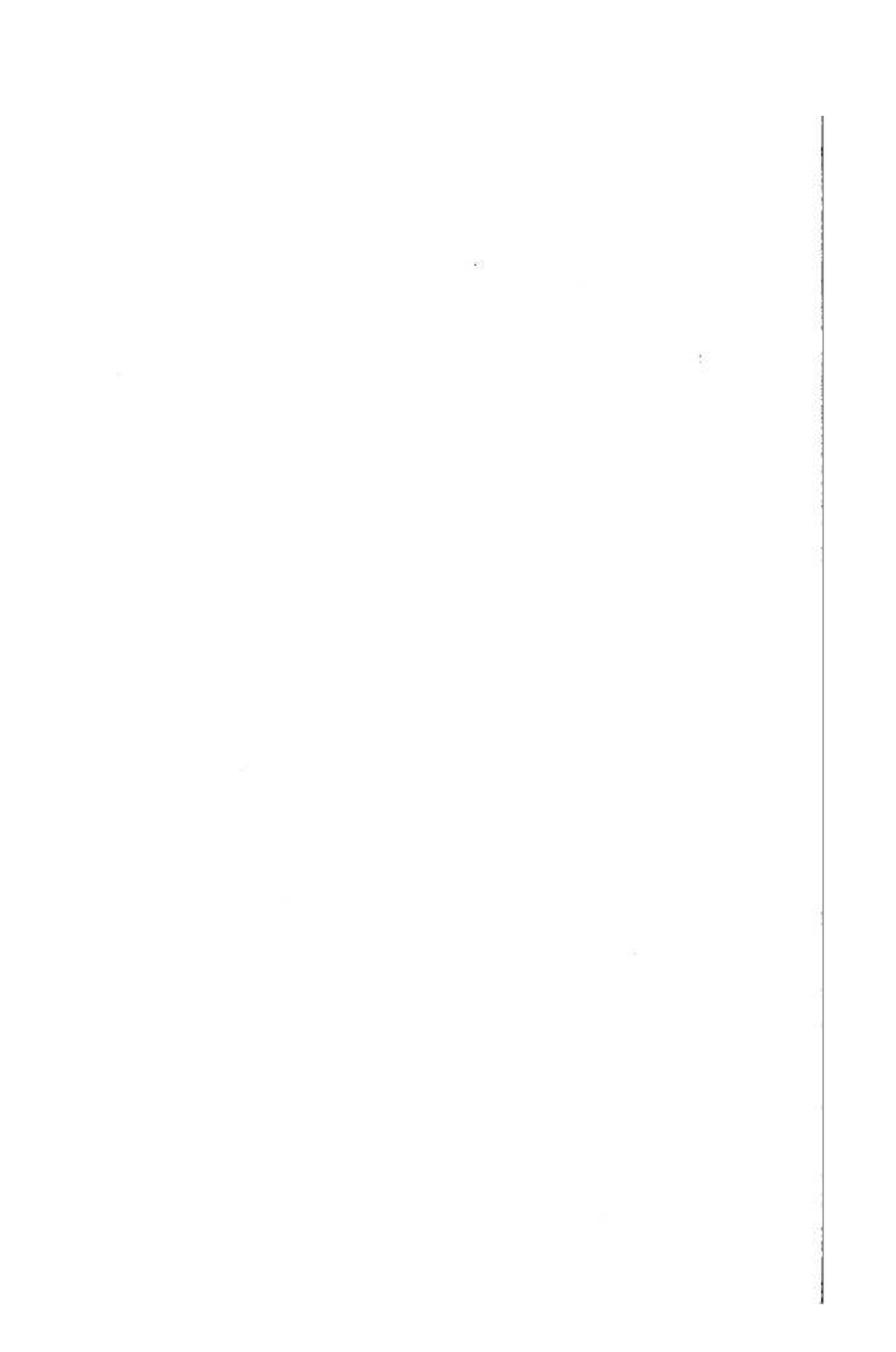
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BOSTON IN 1710

PREPARING FOR A SMALL WAR

BY

JAMES MASCARENE HUBBARD.





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A PAPER READ TO THE BOSTONIAN SOCIETY, COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD
STATE HOUSE, MARCH 9, 1886, BY

JAMES MASCARENE HUBBARD.



AS I was setting up a column of Psalters," writes Judge Sewall in his Diary on Saturday, July 15th, 1710, "the 12th Column, about 11 m., I heard a Gun, and a while after, another. Mr. Mayhew and Joseph run up to the top of the House and saw two Flags hoisted at the Castle. Quickly after I went up, and saw the Flag hoisted at the Sconce, and two Guns fired; then presently the Drums beat and Alarm went through the Town." These signals meant simply that ships were below in the Bay which might prove to be a French fleet about to attack the town, "as there was no certainty of any fleet intended from England." The