

B O S T O N, March 14.

*Extract of a Letter from Rhode-Island,  
dated March 11*

*What follows is an Abstract of a Letter from  
New-London, which is confirmed by Word of  
Mouth by a credible Person.*

*Mr. Davenport came lately to New-Lon-  
don (as was supposed to ordain Mr. Curtis)  
and gave Thanks to God among other Mercies  
for his lame Leg, which obliges him to be  
carried about in a Chair. He warned a  
Fast---for only the Children of God, because  
Jesus was to be among them.---Many were  
refused Admittance, even of the New-Lights,  
to their great Mortification.--- At last the  
Lord revealed to them, that they must publick-  
ly burn a Number of Books. This they per-  
formed with great Solemnity last Lords-Day,  
P. M. the Saints singing round the Bonfire,  
Glory, Glory, Glory;---and Monday Night  
last they would have burnt some more, but the  
Mob prevented them.--- Davenport then told  
the dear Children of God, that some of them  
made Idols of their gay Cloaths; on which  
they sought the Lord whether those Idols ought  
to be burnt too.---After which one said it was  
revealed to him that they must not be burnt;  
another that his Things should be burnt.----  
A Strife arising, Davenport order'd all the  
Things to be brought to him, till the Lord  
should determine the Case.--- Hereon the  
Women brought in their Scarlet Cloaks, Vel-  
vet Hoods, fine Laces, and every Thing that  
had two Colours; so that it is supposed the  
Heap of Women's Idols, and the Men's  
Wigs, Velvet Collars, &c. &c. is worth three  
or four hundred Pounds.'*

*March 21. By Persons lately come from  
New-London, we are informed, that some  
of the Books burnt there by Order of Mr.  
Davenport and other Inquisitors, were Bishop  
Beveridge's Private Thoughts on Religion,  
Dyer's Golden Chain, Ruffel's Seven Ser-  
mons, the New-England Psalms, and the Ser-  
mons of some of the present Ministers of this  
Town. It is well if the BIBLE does not un-  
dergo the same Fate, when another burning  
Fit comes upon those Reformers. It is said,  
however, that the Pile of Velvet Hoods, Scar-  
let Cloaks, Wigs and other Idols at New  
London, is reprieved from the Flames (for the  
present) by Mr. Davenport, and that every  
Bird has taken its own Feather again.*