Against the Years 1694—he has this Word “Now Connecticut refuses to subject their Militia under Sir W. Phipps.”

Of a Giant

1705

On the 23rd of July “One of the Gentlemen of the Council at York carried thither a monstrous Tooth that weighed four pounds & three quarters said to be one of the great Teeth of a man whole & found on the Top but much decayed with fangs, one of which being hollow contained half a pint of Liquor. It was dug out of a Bank or Hill that rose from 30 or 40 foot above the place, about 26 Miles below Albany, at a place called Claverack. They found another Tooth, that seemed to be a foretooth that was four fingers broad; and dug up Bones that when they came to the Air turned to Dust, but one bone they took up judged a Thigh Bone of a man Seventeen feet long.” The Journal adds “This Acco. was given in B.o Weekly News Letter for the Week ending August.”

In June 1706, he has this further about the Giant. “On the 14th one Krom Koon a Dutchman that came from Albany brot to my house & shewed me another Tooth of the Monster buried at Clavarack (as is related in July 1705) like a Grinder Tooth with three Ridges on its Top & as hard as stone, the fangs much decayed. It was as big as a great Fist & weighed Two pounds & an Ounce. And he brought two pieces of another Bone

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“conjectured to be of the Wrist being about a Third part of the Bone if split down in its Length. The perfect Bone looking like dull Olivant was nigh an Inch Thick and the porous inward part great. The Bone if it had had the other two parts joyned to it would its judged have been as big as the Calf of A Mans Leg of the biggest Fize. The Dutchman asserted that they took up a Bone judged to be the Knee Bone that was about a foot in its Diameter: and the place where the Bone lay was 25 paces long, according to which the Monster was judged above 60 or 70 foot high. The Indians flocking to see the monstrous Bones upbraided the Dutch with Un-belief in that they would not believe the Report of a monstrous Person w.c they had told them from their Father, viz. that about 240 years ago there was a monstrous Person as high as the Tops of the Pine Trees, that would hunt Bears till they took the Trees, & then would
“catch them with his Hands, and would go into the
“River 12 or 14 foot deep and catch 3 or 4 or 5 sturgeons
“at a Time & Broil them on the Fire for his food. The
“17. th day two other Dutchmen brought another Tooth
“as big again that weighed Five pounds: it had three
“Furrows on the Top four ridges. I alfo faw it with
“mine Eyes and weighed it.”
Weetucks Extracted from the original Manuscript
 Oct.’ 20. 1760 in Westfield by Ezra Stiles

Uncle Eldad adds about the Giant that he remembers hearing
his Father convering about it with the Dutchmen, & that the
Tradition among the Ind- was that the Giant “was peaceable
& would not hurt the little Indians,” and that the little Ind- would give him meat to eat, & he would receive it kindly: tho
they said they always was afraid of him. They however want
afraid of him when they approached him with a piece of meat
or food w he would take without hurting them. He would
knock the bears off the Trees with his fist or a Club.

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