

## Dr. John Perkins (1676-1740) of Boston

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1736 March 10 (Wednesday). Variously taken up with Visits and Business. At Mr. Fennels' (Bookseller) Shop -- Dr. John Perkins<sup>2</sup> there. He informs me that many in Town are sick of the Kingston Distemper,<sup>3</sup> and that more dye of it than a while agoe -- however (through Divine Mercy) no proportion to what have dyed at the Eastward.

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<sup>1</sup>Mr. Fennel, bookseller

<sup>2</sup>Dr. John Perkins

<sup>3</sup>Parkman was undoubtedly familiar with reports of the outbreak of diphtheria in Kingston, New Hampshire. See *Boston News-Letter*, Aug. 21 and 28, 1735; *Boston Gazette*, Aug. 25, 1735; *New-England Weekly Journal*, Aug. 26, 1735.