

### *Did people break the rules?*

The first year, only three people were arrested for breaking the rules.

The people of Plymouth had to take turns watching the town for dangers.

One night it was John Billington's turn to stay up all night. He was supposed to look out for fires or strange Indians. But he said he would not do it.

John Billington was arrested. The Governor told Billington what his punishment would be. His neck and his heels would be tied together.

When Billington heard this, he said he would take his turn watching Plymouth, like everyone else.

The Governor let Billington go free.

But John Billington kept on getting into trouble.

Nine years later, he shot a man and was hanged for his crime.

The two servants of Steven Hopkins got into a fight. They fought with sword and dagger.

The Pilgrim leaders were angry. There were not enough men left in Plymouth, they said. No one had the right to risk his life in a fight!

The two men would have to be punished. Each man would have his head tied to his feet. They would stay tied for a whole day. And they could have nothing to eat.

After an hour of punishment, the men cried to be let free. Mr. Hopkins took pity on his two servants. He asked the Governor to let them go. And the Governor did.