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COVER ILLUSTRATION: A rough lean-to siding on a boulder suggests the beginnings of a new life in Maine. In the eastern sections of the District, the years between 1770 and 1810 were transformative, bringing a dramatic influx of settlers from Massachusetts, followed by the insecurities of war and military occupation, and finally a series of legal disputes between proprietors and settlers over boundaries and titles. Articles in this issue provide insight into this trying period, and particularly into the connections between eastern Maine and Massachusetts, which exercised jurisdiction over the District during these years. In the first, Jamie H. Eves describes the migration from Cape Cod that peopled the lower Penobscot River. Next, Francis D. Cogliano demonstrates the importance Massachusetts officials attached to the Indians of eastern Maine, and the lengths to which they went to ensure their loyalty during the Revolution.