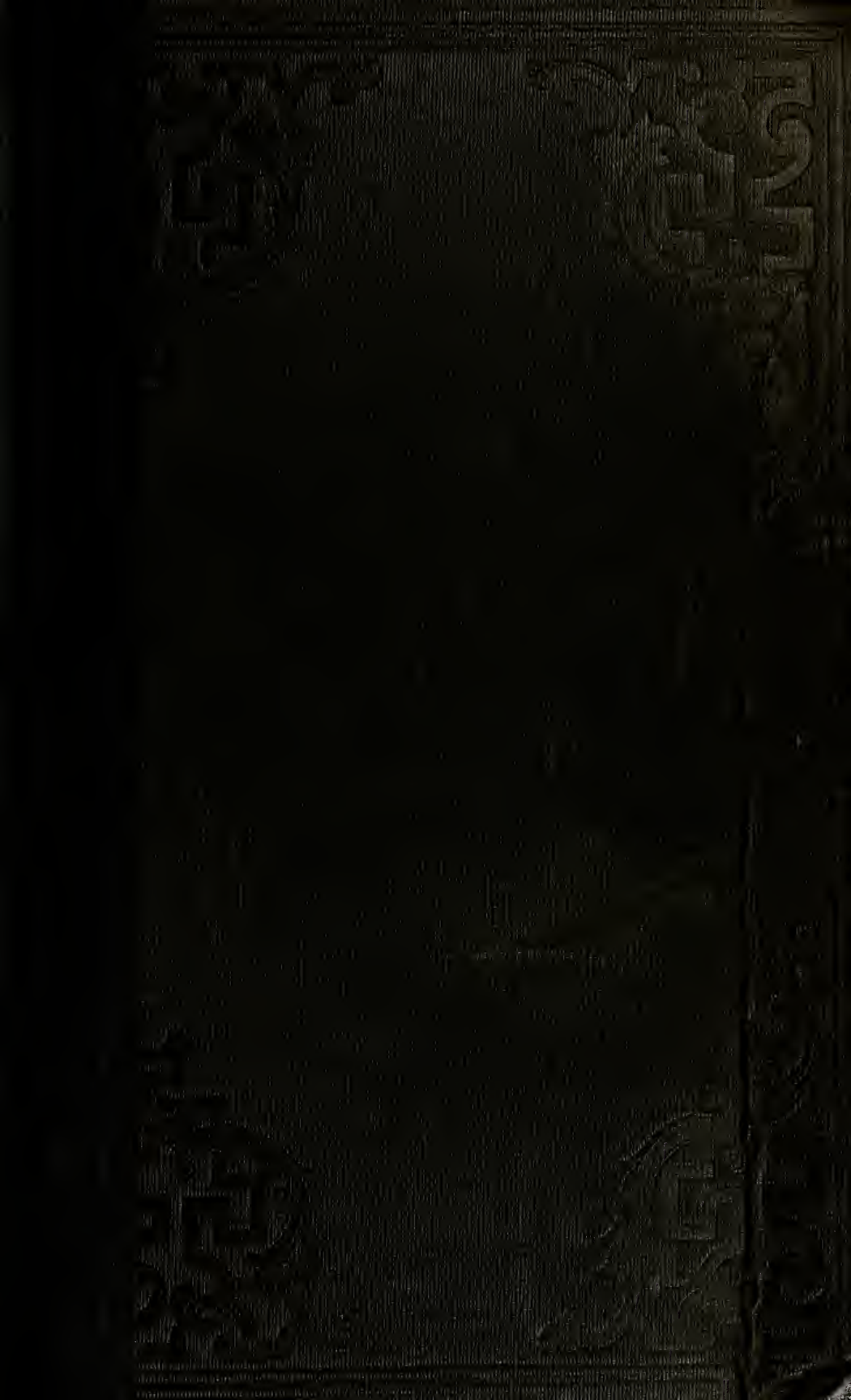




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At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford in said State, on the first Wednesday of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one:—

Upon the memorial of Hon. Thomas Day and others, a committee of the Connecticut Historical Society, appointed to memorialize this General Assembly in behalf of the continued publication of the early Records of this State:—

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Secretary of State be authorized to purchase, for the use of the State, two hundred and fifty copies of the proposed publication of the Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, from 1665 to 1678, transcribed and edited by J. Hammond Trumbull, Esq. *Provided,* that such publication shall be made with the approval and under the supervision of the Secretary of State, and authenticated by his official certificate, as a true copy of the original record; *and provided also,* that the expense of the same shall not exceed two dollars and fifty cents per copy.

Resolved, That the copies so purchased be distributed by the Secretary, as follows: one copy to the town clerk of each town in this State, to be preserved in his office, for the use of the town; one copy to the Governor and to each of the State Officers of this State: one copy to the Governor of each of the several States and Territories of the United States; one copy to the library of Congress; one copy to the Smithsonian Institute; one copy to each of the colleges of this State; twenty-five copies to Mr. Alexander Vattemare, for International Exchange; and the remainder of said two hundred and fifty copies to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, subject to the disposal of the General Assembly.

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P R E F A C E .

THIS volume continues the publication of the public records of the Colony of Connecticut, from the Union with New Haven Colony, (May, 1665,) to the close of the year 1677,—comprising one of the most interesting and eventful periods in our colonial history. Like the volume which preceded it, (and of which it is in immediate continuation,) it is designed to supply a full and literally exact copy of the original records; and to this end, the transcriber has not been sparing of time or labor, in preparing the copy and in the supervision of the press.

The second part of the volume (pp. 331–510) comprises the Journal and correspondence of the standing Council, or council of war, from the commencement of the great Indian war, in June, 1675, to October, 1677. The Journal is published entire, and a considerable number of letters and other documents to which the Journal refers or which were deemed necessary to its illustration, have been incorporated with it. This mode of arrangement is perhaps liable to some objections; but no other occurred to the compiler which seemed, on the whole, to be *less* objectionable or to promise less inconvenience to the reader. Copies and abstracts of letters, &c., which did not originally constitute part of the Journal itself, are printed in a smaller type, and references are, in all cases, given to the volumes from which they have been extracted. *Abstracts* and *partial copies* are included between brackets.

Where the omission of a word, in the original record, rendered the sense obscure, or where a slip of the recorder's pen had introduced a different word from that which he manifestly intended to write, the omission has been supplied or the error corrected, by words in *italics*, and between brackets. Words supplied as the *probable* reading, where the paper of the original is so worn or defaced as to be quite illegible, or where one or more words are lost by a blot or by the mutilation of the page, are likewise distinguished by brackets. While the original orthography has been strictly adhered to, the same liberty has been taken with the *punctuation* and use of *capital letters*, as in the former volume; nor has it been thought worth while to retain, in all cases, the character &, (invariably employed by Secretary Allyn,) the too frequent recurrence of which tires the eye of the reader and mars the beauty of a printed page more than even the false spelling or the numerous contractions and superior letters.

The Appendix contains copies and abstracts, more or less full, of a great number of documents not previously published. Some of these will, it is believed, prove of interest to the general reader; and many of them, as supplying valuable material of colonial history, seem scarcely less worthy of preservation than the Record itself. These papers have been brought together, under several titles, with such regard to classification and arrangement in order of time, as was found practicable. Of some of the transactions to which they refer, (as for example, the controversy with Gov. Andross, and the affair at Saybrook, in 1675,) an attempt has been made to compile as complete a documentary history as the records and files in the State Department would supply.

In the selection and arrangement of the letters, &c., incorporated with the Journal of the Council, as well as of the documents contained in the Appendix, the principal difficulty has been the compression within the limits of a single volume, of all that seemed essential to the explanation of the record, or that possessed sufficient historical value and interest to render its publication desirable. With what degree of success this difficulty has been encountered, the readers of the volume must themselves determine; and the hope is indulged that those whose experience in similar labors has best qualified them to appreciate the embarrassments and perplexities incident to their prosecution, will prove the most lenient judges.

Indexes of names and of subjects have been prepared with considerable care; and, if less perfect than those who have occasion to consult them might desire, are, to say the least, somewhat more satisfactory than those given with a former volume.

The initial letter of the Charter of 1662, enclosing a head of Charles the Second, is a reduced copy, in fac-simile, of a finely executed drawing on the original Charter.

To friends, in this and other States, whose commendations of the compiler's earlier labors have encouraged him to their further prosecution, he returns grateful acknowledgments; and especially, to the Connecticut Historical Society, upon whose memorial to the General Assembly, in behalf of the continued publication of the Colony Records, a resolution extending the patronage of the State to the volume now published, was predicated.

J. H. T.

HARTFORD, April 10th, 1852.

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THE CHARTER OF CONNECTICUT.



Charles the Second, By the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the Faith, &c. ; **To** all to whome theis presents shall come, Greeting: **Whereas**, by the severall Navigaçons, discoveryes and successfull Plantaçons of diverse of our loveing Subjects of this our Realme of England, Severall Lands, Islands, Places, Colonies and Plantaçons have byn obtayned and settled in that parte of the Continent of America called

New England, and thereby the Trade and Commerce there hath byn of late yeares much increased, **And whereas**, We have byn informed by the humble Petiçon of our Trusty and welbeloved John Winthrop, John Mason, Samuell Willis, Henry Clerke, Mathew Allen, John Tappen, Nathan Gold, Richard Treate, Richard Lord, Henry Woollicott, John Talcott, Daniell Clerke, John Ogden, Thomas Wells, Obedias Brewen, John Clerke, Anthony Haukins, John Deming and Mathew Camfeild, being Persons Principally interested in our Colony or Plantaçon of Conecticut in New England, that the same Colony or the greatest parte thereof was purchased and obteyned for greate and valuable consideraçons, And some other parte thereof gained by Conquest and with much difficulty, and att the onely endeavours, expence and Charge of them and their Associates, and those vnder whome they Clayme, Subdued and improved, and thereby become a considerable enlargement and addiçon of our Dominions and interest there,—**Now Know yea**, that in Considera-

çon thereof, and in regard the said Colony is remote from other the English Plantaçons in the Places aforesaid, And to the end the Affaires and Busines which shall from tyme to tyme happen or arise concerning the same may bee duely Ordered and managed, **Wee** **have** thought fitt, and att the humble Petiçon of the Persons aforesaid, and are graciously pleased to Create and Make them a Body Politique and Corporate, with the powers and Priviledges herein after mençoned ; And accordingly Our Will and pleasure is, and of our especiall grace, certeine knowledge and meere moçon, **wee** **have** Ordeyned, Constituted and Declared, And by theis presents, for vs, our heires and Successors, **Doe** Ordeine, Constitute and Declare That they, the said John Winthrop, John Mason, Samuell Willis, Henry Clerke, Mathew Allen, John Tappen, Nathan Gold, Richard Treat, Richard Lord, Henry Woolcott, John Talcot, Daniell Clerke, John Ogden, Thomas Wells, Obadiah Brewen, John Clerke, Anthony Hawkins, John Deming and Mathew Camfeild, and all such others as now are or hereafter shall bee Admitted and made free of the Company and Society of our Collony of Conecticut in America, shall from tyme to tyme and for ever hereafter, bee one Body Corporate and Politique in fact and name, by the Name of Governour and Company of the English Collony of Conecticut in New England in America ; And that by the same name they and their Successors shall and may have perpetuall Succession, and shall and may bee Persons able and capable in the law to Plead and bee Impleaded, to Answer and to bee Answered vnto, to Defend and bee Defended in all and singuler Suits, Causes, quarrells, Matters, Acçons and things of what kind or nature soever, And alsoe to have, take, possesse, acquire and purchase lands, Tenements or hereditaments, or any goods or Chattells, and the same to Lease, Graunt, Demise, Alien, Bargaine, Sell and dispose of, as other our leige People of this our Realme of England, or any other Corporaçon or Body Politique within the same may lawfully doe. **And further**, that the said Governour and Company, and their Successors shall and may for ever hereafter have a Comon Seale to serve and vse for all Causes, matters, things and affaires whatsoever of them and their Successors, and the same Seale to alter, change, breake and make new from tyme to tyme att their wills and pleasures, as they shall thinke fitt. **And** further, wee will and Ordeine, and by theis presents for vs, our heires and Successors **Doe** Declare and appoint, that for the better ordering and manageing of the affaires and businesse of the said Company and their Successors, there shall bee one Governour, one Deputy Governour and Twelve Assistants, to bee from tyme to tyme Constituted, Elected and Chosen out of the Freemen of the said Company for the tyme being, in such manner and forme as hereafter in these presents is expressed ; which said Officers shall apply themselves to take care for the best disposing and Ordering of the Generall busines and affaires of and concerning the lands and hereditaments herein after mençoned to bee graunted, and the Plantaçon thereof and the Government of the People thereof. And for the better execuçon of our Royall Pleasure herein, **Wee**

doe for vs, our heires and Successors, Assigne, name, Constitute and appoint the aforesaid John Winthrop to bee ^{the} first and present Governour of the said Company ; And the said John Mason to bee ^{the} Deputy Governour ; And the said Samuells Willis, Mathew Allen, Nathan Gold, Henry Clerke, Richard Treat, John Ogden, Thomas Tappen, John Talcott, Thomas Wells, Henry Woolcot, Richard Lord and Daniell Clerke to bee the Twelve present Assistants of the said Company ; to contynue in the said severall Offices respectively, vntill the second Thursday which shall bee in the Moneth of October now next comeing. **And** further, wee will, and by theis presents for vs, our heires and Successors, **Doe** Ordaine and Graunt that the Governour of the said Company for the tyme being, or, in his absence by occasion of sicknes, or otherwise by his leave or permission, the Deputy Governour for the tyme being, shall and may from tyme to tyme vpon all occasions give Order for the assembling of the said Company and calling them together to Consult and advise of the businesse and Affaires of the said Company, And that for ever hereafter, Twice in every yeare, (That is to say,) on every second Thursday in October and on every second Thursday in May, or oftner, in Case it shall be requisite, The Assistants and freemen of the said Company, or such of them (not exceeding twoe Persons from each place, Towne or Citty) whoe shall bee from tyme to tyme therevnto Elected or Deputed by the maior parte of the freemen of the respective Townes, Cittyes and Places for which they shall bee soe elected or Deputed, shall have a generall meeting or Assembly, then and their to Consult and advise in and about the Affaires and businesse of the said Company ; And that the Governour, or in his absence the Deputy Governour of the said Company for the tyme being, and such of the Assistants and freemen of the said Company as shall be soe Elected or Deputed and bee present att such meeting or Assembly, or the greatest number of them, whereof the Governour or Deputy Governour and Six of the Assistants, at least, to bee Seaven, shall be called the Generall Assembly, and shall have full power and authority to alter and change their dayes and tymes of meeting or Generall Assemblies for Electing the Governour, Deputy Governour and Assistants or other Officers, or any other Courts, Assemblies or meetings, and to Choose, Nominate and appoint such and soe many other Persons as they shall thinke fitt and shall bee willing to accept the same, to bee free of the said Company and Body Politique, and them into the same to Admitt and to Elect, and Constitute such Officers as they shall thinke fitt and requisite for the Ordering, mannageing and disposing of the Affaires of the said Governour and Company and their Successors. **And wee doe** hereby for vs, our heirs and Successors, Establish and Ordeine, that once in the yeare, for ever hereafter, namely, the said Second Thursday in May, the Governour, Deputy Governour and Assistants of the said Company and other Officers of the said Company, or such of them as the said Generall Assembly shall thinke fitt, shall bee, in the said Generall Court and Assembly to bee held from that day or tyme, newly Chosen for the yeare ensuing, by such greater

part of the said Company for the tyme being then and there present. And if the Governour, Deputy Governour and Assistants by these presents appointed, or such as hereafter bee newly Chosen into their Roomes, or any of them, or any other the Officers to be appointed for the said Company shall dye or be removed from his or their severall Offices or Places before the said Generall day of Elecçon, whome wee doe hereby Declare for any misdemeanour or default to bee removeable by the Governour, Assistants and Company, or such greater part of them in any of the said publique Courts to be Assembled as is aforesaid, That then and in every such Case itt shall and may bee lawfull to and for the Governour, Deputy Governour and Assistants and Company aforesaid, or such greater parte of them soe to bee Assembled as is aforesaid in any of their Assemblies, to Proceede to a New Elecçon of one or more of their Company in the Roome or place, Roomes or Places of such Governour, Deputy Governour, Assistant or other Officer or Officers soe dyeing or removed, according to their discretions; and immediately vpon and after such Elecçon or Elecçons made of such Governour, Deputy Governour, Assistant or Assistants, or any other Officer of the said Company in manner and forme aforesaid, The Authority, Office and Power before given to the former Governour, Deputy Governour or other Officer and Officers soe removed, in whose stead and Place new shall be chosen, shall as to him and them and every of them respectively cease and determine. **Provided**, alsoe, and our will and pleasure is, that as well such as are by theis presents appointed to bee the present Governour, Deputy Governour and Assistants of the said Company as those that ^{shall} succeed them, and all other Officers to bee appointed and Chosen as aforesaid, shall, before they vndertake the Execuçon of their said Offices and Places respectively, take their severall and respective Corporall Oathes for the due and faithfull performance of their duties in their severall Offices and Places, before such Person or Persons as are by these presents hereafter appointed to take and receive the same; That is to say, the said John Winthrop, whoe is herein before nominated and appointed the present Governour of the said Company, shall take the said Oath before one or more of the Masters of our Court of Chancery for the tyme being, vnto which Master of Chancery **wee doe**, by theis presents, give full power and authority to Administer the said Oath to the said John Winthrop accordingly. And the said John Mason, whoe is herein before nominated and appointed the present Deputy Governour of the said Company, shall take the said Oath before the said John Winthrop, or any twoe of the Assistants of the said Company, vnto whome **wee doe** by these presents, give full power and authority to Administer the said Oath to the said John Mason accordingly. **And** the said Samuell Willis, Henry Clerke, Mathew Allen, John Tappen, Nathan Gold, Richard Treate, Richard Lord, Henry Woolecott, John Taleott, Daniell Clerke, John Ogden and Thomas Welles, whoe are herein before Nominated and appointed the present Assistants of the said Company, shall take the Oath before ^{the} said John Winthrop and John Mason, or one of them, to whome

wee doe hereby give full power and authority to Administer the same accordingly. **And** our further will and pleasure is, that all and every Governour or Deputy Governour to bee Elected and Chosen by vertue of theis presents, shall take the said Oath before two or more of the Assistants of the said Company for the tyme being, vnto whome **Wee doe**, by theis presents, give full power and authority to give and Administer the said Oath accordingly ; And the said Assistants and every of them, and all and every other Officer or Officers to bee hereafter Chosen from tyme to tyme, to take the said Oath before the Governour or Deputy Governour for the tyme being, vnto which said Governour or Deputy Governour **wee doe**, by theis presents, give full power and authority to Administer the same accordingly. **And further**, of our more ample grace, certeine knowledge and meere moçon **wee have** given and Graunted, and by theis presents, for vs, our heires and Successors, **Doe** give and Graunt vnto the said Governour and Company of the English Colony of Conecticut in New England in America, and to every Inhabitant there, and to every Person and Persons Tradeing thither, And to every such Person and Persons as are or shall bee free of the said Colony, full power and authority from tyme to tyme and att all tymes hereafter, to take, Ship, Transport and Carry away, for and towards the Plantaçon and defence of the said Collony such of our loveing Subiects and Strangers as shall or will willingly accompany them in and to their said Collony and Plantaçon ; (Except such Person and Persons as are or shall bee therein restrayned by vs, our heires and Successors ;) And alsoe to Ship and Transport all and all manner of goods, Chattells, Merchandizes and other things whatsoever that are or shall bee vsefull or necessary for the Inhabitants of the said Collony and may lawfully bee Transported thither ; Nevertheless, not to bee discharged of payment to vs, our heires and Successors, of the Dutyes, Customes and Subsidies which are or ought to bee paid or payable for the same. **And further**, Our will and pleasure is, and **wee doe** for vs, our heires and Successors, Ordeyne, Declare and Graunt vnto the said Governor and Company and their Successors, That all and every the Subiects of vs, our heires or Successors which shall goe to Inhabite within the said Colony, and every of their Children which shall happen to bee borne there or on the Sea in goeing thither or returneing from thence, shall have and enioye all liberties and Immunities of free and naturall Subiects within any the Dominions of vs, our heires or Successors, to all intents, Construcçons and purposes watsoever, as if they and every of them were borne within the Realme of England. **And wee doe** authorise and impower the Governour, or in his absence the Deputy Governor for the tyme being, to appointe two or more of the said Assistants att any of their Courts or Assemblies to bee held as aforesaid, to have power and authority to Administer the Oath of Supremacy and obedience to all and every Person and Persons which shall att any tyme or tymes hereafter goe or passe into the said Colony of Conecticut, vnto which said Assistants soe to bee appointed as aforesaid, **wee doe**, by these presents, give full power and authority to

Administer the said Oath accordingly. **And wee doe further,** of our especiall grace, certeine knowledge and meere moçon, give and Graunt vnto the said Governor and Company of the English Colony of Conecticut in New England in America, and their Successors, that itt shall and may bee lawfull to and for the Governor or Deputy Governor and such of the Assistants of the said Company for the tyme being as shall bee Assembled in any of the Generall Courts aforesaid, or in any Courts to bee especially Sumoned or Assembled for that purpose, or the greater parte of them, whereof the Governor or Deputy Governor and Six of the Assistants to bee all wayes Seaven, to Erect and make such Iudicatories for the heareing and Determining of all Acçons, Causes, matters and thinges happening within the said Colony or Plantaçon and which shall bee in dispute and depending there, as they shall thinke fitt and convenient ; And alsoe from tyme to tyme to Make, Ordaine and Establish All manner of wholsome and reasonable Lawes, Statutes, Ordinances, Direcçons and Instrucçons, not contrary to the lawes of this Realme of England, as well for settling the formes and Ceremonies of Governement and Magistracy fitt and necessary for the said Plantaçon and the Inhabitants there as for nameing and Stileing all sorts of Officers, both superior and inferior, which they shall find needfull for the Governement and Plantaçon of the said Colony, and the distinguishing and setting forth of the severall Dutyes, Powers and Lymitts of every such Office and Place, and the formes of such Oathes, not being contrary to the Lawes and Statutes of this our Realme of England, to bee Administred for the Execuçon of the said severall Offices and Places ; As alsoe for the disposing and ordering of the Elecçon of such of the said Officers as are to bee Annually Chosen, and of such others as shall succede in case of death or removall, and Administring the said Oath to the new Elected Officers, and Granting necessary Comissions, and for imposition of lawfull Fines, Mulets, Imprisonment or other Punishment vpon Offenders and Delinquents, according to the Course of other Corporaçons within this our Kingdome of England, and the same Lawes, fines, Mulets and Execuçons to alter, change, revoke, adnull, release or Pardon, vnder their Comon Scale, As by the said Generall Assembly or the maior part of them shall bee thought fitt ; and for the directing, ruleing and disposeing of all other matters and things whereby our said people, Inhabitants there, may bee soe religiously, peaceably and civilly Governed as their good life and orderly Conversaçon may wynn and invite the Natives of the Country to the knowledge and obedience of the onely true God and Saviour of mankind, and the Christian faith, which in our Royall intençons and the Adventurers free profession is the onely and principall end of this Plantaçon ; **Willing,** Commanding and requireing, and by these presents, for vs, our heires and Successors, Ordaineing and appointeing, That all such Lawes, Statutes and Ordinances, Instrucçons, Imposiçons and Direcçons as shall bee soe made by the Governor, Deputy Governor and Assistants, as aforesaid, and published in writeing vnder their Comon Scale, shall carefully and duely bee observed, kept, performed and

putt in execuçon, according to the true intent and meaning of the same. **And** these our letters Patents, or the Duplicate or Exemplification thereof, shall bee to all and every such Officers, Superiors and inferiors, from tyme to tyme, for the Putting of the same Orders, Lawes, Statutes, Ordinances, Instrucçons and Direcçons in due Execuçon, against vs, our heires and Successors, a sufficient warrant and discharge. **And wee doe further**, for vs, our heires and Successors, give and Graunt vnto the said Governor and Company and their Successors, by these presents, That itt shall and may bee lawfull to and for the Cheife Commanders, Governors and Officers of the said Company for the tyme being whoe shall bee resident in the parts of New England hereafter mençoned, and others inhabiting there by their leave, admittance, appointment or direcçon, from tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter, for their speciall defence and safety, to Assemble, Martiall, Array and putt in Warlike posture the Inhabitants of the said Colony, and to Commissioneate, Impower and authorise such Person or Persons as they shall thinke fitt to lead and Conduct the said Inhabitants, and to encounter, expulse, repell and resist by force of Armes, as well by Sea as by land, And alsoe to kill, Slay and destroy, by all fitting wayes, enterprizes and meanes whatsoever, all and every such Person or Persons as shall att any tyme hereafter Attempt or enterprize the distrucçon, invasion, detriment or annoyance of the said Inhabitants or Plantaçon, And to vse and exercise the Law Martiall, in such Cases onely as occasion shall require, And to take or surprize by all wayes and meanes whatsoever, all and every such Person and Persons, with their Shippes, Armour, Ammuniçon and other goods of such as shall in such hostile manner invade or attempt the defeating of the said Plantaçon or the hurt of the said Company and Inhabitants; and vpon iust Causes to invade and destroy the Natives or other Enemyes of the said Colony. **Nevertheless**, Our Will and pleasure is, And **wee doe** hereby Declare vnto all Christian Kings, Princes and States, That if any Persons which shall hereafter bee of the said Company or Plantaçon, or any other, by appointment of the said Governor and Company for the tyme being, shall att any tyme or tymes hereafter Robb or Spoile by Sea or by land, and doe any hurt, violence or vnlawfull hostillity to any of the Subiects of vs, our heires or Successors, or any of the Subiects of any Prince or State beinge then in league with vs, our heires or Successors, vpon Complaint of such iniury done to any such Prince or State, or their Subiects, **wee**, our heires and Successors, will make open Proclamaçon within any parts of our Realme of England fitt for that purpose, That the Person or Persons committinge any such Robbery or Spoile, shall within the tyme lymitted by such Proclamaçon, make full restituçon or satisfacçon of all such iniuries done or committed, Soe as the said Prince or others soe complayneing may bee fully satisfied and contented. And if the said Person or Persons whoe shall committ any such Robbery or Spoile shall not make satisfacçon accordingly, within such tyme soe to bee limited, That then itt shall and may bee lawfull for vs, our heires and Successors, to putt

such Person or Persons out of our Allegiance and Proteccon; And that it shall and may be lawfull and free for all Princes or others to Prosecute with hostility such Offenders and every of them, their and every of their Procurers, ayders, Abettors and Councillors in that behalfe. **Provided**, alsoe, and our express will and pleasure is, **And wee doe** by these presents for vs, our heires and Successors, Ordeyne and appointe that these presents shall not in any manner hinder any of our loveing Subiects whatsoever to vse and exercise the Trade of Fishinge vpon the Coast of New England in America, but they and every or any of them shall have full and free power and liberty to contynue and vse the said Trade of Fishing vpon the said Coast, in any of the Seas therevnto adioyning, or any Armes of the Seas or Salt Water Rivers where they have byn accustomed to Fish, And to build and sett vpon the wast land belonging to the said Colony of Conecticut, such Wharfes, Stages and workehouses as shall bee necessary for the Salting, dryeing and keepeing of their Fish to bee taken or gotten vpon that Coast, any thinge in these presents conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding. **And Knowe yee further**, That Wee, of our more abundant grace, certaine knowledge and meere mocon **have** given, Graunted and Confirmed, And by theis presents, for vs, our heires and Successors, **Doe** give, Graunt and Confirme vnto the said Governor and Company and their Successors, **All** that parte of our Dominions in Newe England in America bounded on the East by Norrogancett River, comonly called Norrogancett Bay, where the said River falleth into the Sea, and on the North by the lyne of the Massachusetts Plantation, and on the South by the Sea, and in longitude as the lyne of the Massachusetts Colony, runinge from East to West, (that is to say,) from the said Narrogancett Bay on the East to the South Sea on the West parte, with the Islands therevnto adioyneinge, Together with all firme lands, Soyles, Grounds, Havens, Ports, Rivers, Waters, Fishings, Mynes, Mynerals, Precious Stones, Quarries, and all and singular other Comodities, Iurisdiccons, Royalties, Priviledges, Franchises, Preheminences and hereditaments whatsoever within the said Tract, Bounds, lands and Islands aforesaid, or to them or any of them belonging, **To have and to hold** the same vnto the said Governor and Company, their Successors and Assignes, for ever vpon Trust and for the vse and benefitt of themselves and their Associates, free-men of the said Colony, their heires and Assignes, **To bee holden** of vs, our heires and Successors, as of our Mannor of East Greenwich, in Free and Comon Socceage, and not in Capite nor by Knights Service, **Yeilding and Payinge** therefore, to vs, our heires and Successors, onely the Fifth parte of all the Oare of Gold and Silver which from tyme to tyme and att all tymes hereafter shall bee there gotten, had or obteyned, in lieu of all Services, Dutyes and Demaunds whatsoever, to bee to vs, our heires or Successors, therefore or thereout rendered, made or paid. **And lastly**, Wee doe for vs, our heires and Successors, Graunt to the said Governor and Company and their Successors, by these presents, that these our Letters Patent shall be firme, good and effectuell in the lawe to all

intents, Construccions and purposes whatsoever, according to our true intent and meaneing herein before Declared, as shall bee Construed, reputed and adiudged most favourable on the behalfe and for the best benefitt and behoofe of the said Governor and Company and their Successors, **Although Expresse mencon** of the true yearly value or certainty of the premises, or of any of them, or of any other Guifts or Graunts by vs or by any of our Progenitors or Predecessors heretofore made to the said Governor and Company of the English Colony of Conecticut in New England in America aforesaid in theis presents is not made, or ^{any} Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision, Proclamaçon or Restriction heretofore had, made, Enacted, Ordeyned or Provided, or any other matter, Cause or thinge whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. **In witnes** whereof, wee have caused these our Letters to bee made Patent: **Witnes** our Selfe, att Westminster, the three and Twentieth day of Aprill, in the Fowerteenth yeare of our Reigne.

By writt of Privy Seale.

Howard.

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[206] AT A GEN^l ASSEMBLY FOR ELECTION HELD AT HART-
FORD, MAY 11: '65.

These were elected by the freemen :

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOUVERNO^r.

John Mason Esq^r, D. GOUVERN^r.

Assistants.

Mathew Allyn Esq.

Lt. James Richards

Sam^l Willys Esq.

Mr. William Leet

Mr. Nathan Gold

Mr. William Joanes

Capt. John Talcot, *et Treasu^r*. Mr. Benjamin Fenn

Mr. Henry Woolcot

Mr. Jasper Crane.

Lt. John Allyn

Secretary.

Mr. Sam^l Sherman

Capt. Daniell Clark.

Deputies for y^e Gen^l Session.

Mr. William Wadsworth, Mr. Joseph Fitch,

Capt. Benjamin Newberry, Jo: Moore,

Capt. Jo: Nash, Mr. James Bishop,

Mr. Thomas Pell, John Banks,

Sam^l Boreman, Sam^l Hall,

John Clarke, Thomas Welch,

Joseph Judson, Phillip Groue,

James Avery, James Morgan,

Lt. Sam^l Swaine, Lawrence Ward,

Nathan^{ll} White, Sam^{ll} Stockin,
 George Bartlet, John Fowler,
 Thomas Minor, Sam^{ll} Chesborough,
 Mr. Anthony Howkins, John Standly,
 Mr. Campfield, John Gregory,
 Peter Disborough, Francis Brown,
 Robert Vsher, Mr. Robert Chapman,
 Hugh Caulkin,
 Will^m Waller, Francis Griswold.

The freemen referred the choice of y^e Co^mmissioners for y^e yeare ensueing to y^e Gen^{ll} Court.

This Court doth remit the fine formerly imposed upon y^e Constable at Norwich, John Olmsted, for his neglect respecting his Acco^{ts} about y^e Countrey Leuy, and doe order the said Olmsted to pay 30s. to y^e Publ: Treasury.

Mr. Thomas Fitch is confirmed Ensigne to y^e Train Band at Norwalk.

Mr. Samuell Wells is chosen Co^mmissioner for and within the Plantation of Wethersfield, for y^e yeare ensueing, and is invested wth magestraticall power within the said Plantation.

Mr. Waitstil Winthrop is confirmed Captaine to y^e Train Band at New London.

[207] This Court desires and appoints Mr. Samuell Willis, Mr. James Richards, Lt. Sam^{ll} Wells and Samuell Boreman to issue the present difference between the inhabitants at Middle Town and the Indians dwelling by the said Towne; and also to settle the bounds of what land they shal see cause in an equitable way to allow to the said Indians at Middle Town. Any three of the abouesaid Gent: have power to issue, provided Mr. Willys be one.

Mr. Lawes is chosen Co^mmission^r and invested with magestraticall power in the townes of Stanford, Greenwich and Rye, and alsoe to assist in the execution of justice in the Courts at Fairfield and Stratford.

Jonathan Sellick is approued for Ordinary keeper at Stanford.

The Court for the present sees cause to defer y^e administering the freeman's Oath to Thomas Stephens, Wm. Steuens,

John Shether, Georg Chatfield, and John Meggs Jun^r, vntil some farther opertunity.

Will^m Lord, Abraham Post, William Ward, and John Rescoe are fined 30s. p^r person respectiuely to y^e Publ: Treasury, for neglecting to make vp accot^s wth y^e Treasurer.

This Court declare that it is their full sense and determination that such persons as are or hereafter shalbe approued to be freemen of this Corporation shal take y^e Oath that is already established vpon record to be administred to y^e respectiue freemen: And further, that all such as shal refuse to take the said oath, though otherwise approued p^rsons yet shal not p^rtake of the priuiledges of those that haue bene formally incorporated into this civil society, vntil y^e said Oath be administred vnto them: Provided that this order includes not either freemen formerly admitted and sworne or Assistants and Co^mmissioners that haue taken their corporal oaths or Deputies that haue bene accepted into y^e Gen^l Assembly to assist in y^e concernments of this corporation.

[208] This Court hath remitted the custome of Mr. Samu^{el} Collins his goods which he hath already landed in this Colony, in consideration of his late loss.

The Treasurer together with the Deputies of Hartford are impowred to farme out y^e Customes that are to be receaued by the Customasters in y^e respectiue plantations in this Colony.

It is ordered, that the Villages of Hastings & Rye shalbe for the future conioyned and make one Plantation, and that it shalbe called by the appellation of Rye;* and Mr. Gold,

* The Royal Commissioners appointed for settling the bounds between the Duke of York's Patent and the Colony of Connecticut, declared (Nov. 30th, 1664) "the creek or river called Momoronock, which is reputed to be about twelve miles to the east of West Chester, and a line drawn from the east point or side where the fresh water falls into the salt at high water marke, north north west to the line of the Massachusetts," to be the western bounds of Connecticut. [Copy, in Col. Boundaries, II. Doc. 22.]

By this decision, the villages of Rye and Hastings were included within the Colony of Connecticut; under whose jurisdiction they remained until 1683, when, by the terms of an agreement between the agents of the two colonies for the determination of their bounds, a new line was established, and the township of Rye was re-annexed to New York.

The lands comprising this township had been purchased from the Indian proprietors in 1660, '61 and '62, by Peter Disbrow, John Coe, Thomas Studwell and John Budd; and were conveyed, April 28, 1663, by these four original proprietors, to Samuel Allen, Richard Lowe

Mr. Lawes and John Banks or any two of them are desired and appointed to take paines to goe down to settle and issue such differences as may be disturbing to y^e inhabitants of those Villages of Hastings & Rye; and to see y^e line betwixt Stanford and Greenwich run.

Mr. Willis, Mr. Leet, Capt. Nash and Mr. Chapman or any three of them are chosen a co^mitte^e to hear y^e matt^r respecting Vncos his complaints, and to make report to y^e Court what they conceiue in those matters.

This Court remits six pounds of y^e fine imposed on James Enno by the Magistrates, he undertakeing before them to answer the law for his wiues selling cider to y^e Indians.

Concerning the fine of y^e son of Ann Phillips formerly White, of Southampton, this Court doth hereby declare that in case he pay 30£. readily and willingly, it shalbe accepted for satisfaction, otherwise the whole su^m wilbe expected.

Capt. John Talcot and Mr. John Allyn are impowred to make vp accounts wth Capt. John Yong respecting his demands from y^e Countrey, and Capt. John Yong is desired and impowred to make sale in an orderly and legal way of that land upon Long Island that is bound ouer to this Court to answer Capt. Scot's* fine imposed on him for his misdemeanour formerly, and Capt. Yong is desired to sel y^e land for currant pay and to return y^e same according to y^e Treasurers order.

[209] Mr. Thomas Stanton and Thomas Minor are desired

and five other planters. [Rye Records, Lib. A., cited in Bolton's Hist. of Westchester Co., II. 19.] The village of Hastings was settled in 1660 or '61, by planters formerly residing at Middleborough, L. Island,—on an island near Rye Port harbor, called by the Indians, Minnewies or Minussing, which was purchased by Disbrow, Coe and Studwell, June 29, 1660. [Bolton's Westchester Co., Vol. II.]

* Capt. John Scott, of Southhold, L. Island. was apprehended and brought to Hartford for trial, in May, 1664. He was charged with "usurping the authority of the King, in tendering to pardon Treason, as Scott called the crime, (for bribes.) 2dly, for words tending to the defamation of the King's Majesty, &c." [See C. Rec. I. 421.] The Particular Court, May 24th, 1664, found him guilty of the several charges, (ten in number,) and sentenced him to pay a fine of £250, to continue in prison during the Court's pleasure, and to find security for his good behavior, in the sun of £500; degrading him from his office of Commissioner on Long Island, and disfranchising him. The General Court, May, 1664, sequestered all Capt. Scott's estate within the limits of the Colony; and the sequestration was not removed until security was obtained for the payment of the fine. [Rec. of P. Court, iii. 16, 17.]

and impowred to examine the matter respecting Herman Garrets complaint agaynst Capt. George Denison and to take the testimonies referring to that case. And if Capt. Denison doe not issue with y^e Indian to his content and satisfaction, the forenamed Mr. Stanton and Th: Minor are to summon the said Garret and Denison to appeare at y^e Quarter Court in June next, to be held at Hartford and to send vp all the evidences vnd^r safe custody to y^e Court.

Mr. Thomas Stanton, Thomas Minor, Ens. Avery, Mr. Bruen, Mr. Chapman, are chosen Com^{rs} for and within their respectiue townes where they inhabit; and any three of them wth y^e Dep: Gourⁿ^r are hereby impowred to keep Court at N. London twice this p^rsent yeare, that is to say on y^e third Wednesday in June and on y^e 3d Wednesday in November.

Vpon y^e motion and desire of y^e people of Greenwich this Court doth declare that Greenwich shalbe a Township intire of itself, provided they procure and mainteine an orthodox minister; and in the mean time and vntil y^t be effected they are to attend y^e ministry at Stanford and to contribute proportionably wth Stanford to y^e maintenance of the ministrey there.

Mr. Samuell Wells is confirmed in the place and office of a Lieutenant to y^e Train Band at Wethersfield; and William Goodrich, Ensigne.

James Avery is confirmed Lieutenant to y^e Train Band at N: London, and Gabriell Harris Ensigne to y^e said Train Band.

John Clarke and Thomas Welch are chosen Co^m^{rs} for and within y^e Plantation of Milford, who are invested wth Magistraticall power. And they, wth y^e Assistant are impowred to keep Court in y^t Towne and to try and issue controuersall cases vnd^r y^e su^m of Twenty pounds, calling a Jury to issue actions amounting to 40s. and vpwards. And if either party be vnsatisfied wth y^e judgment of y^t Court they may appeale to y^e Courte at Hartford. And if y^e Towne see cause to chuse two selectmen to ioyne wth y^e Assistant and Co^mis-
[210] sioners, they || shal have power to assist in keeping Court, haueing an Oath administred vnto them; w^{ch} said

Court hath power to impose fines for breach of y^e orders of this Colony, to y^e su^m of five pounds, liberty of appeale being reserued according to former order.

Thomas Welch, sworn freeman.

Mr. Sherman is desired to administer y^e Assistants oath to Mr. William Joanes who is chosen to that place and office.

Mr. Gilbert, Capt. Nash and Mr. James Bishop are chosen to y^e office of Com^{rs} for and wthin y^e plantation of New Hauen, and in case they accept to take y^e freeman's Oath and their corporal oaths they are impowred wth y^e Assistant to keep a Town Court and haue power to act according as was granted to Milford.

Mr. Sherman and Mr. John Allyn are desired to goe downe to New Haven, Branford, Guilford and Milford, and impowred to administer the freeman's oath to al those that were formerly freemen there, or to so many of them as wil accept of it, and to as many others as by sufficient evidence they iudg quallified according to law. And to take y^e names of such as are sworn in a list in each Towne.

Mr. Rob^t Kitchel and Georg Hubberd are chosen Com^{rs} for the towne of Guilford, and are invested wth magestraticall power, they taking their oaths, the one of freeman and both of Com^{rs}; to assist in keeping Court at Guilford according as was granted to Milford; and the Towne of Guilford haue hereby power to choose one or two selectmen to assist in their Court.

Lt. Samuell Swaine, Lawrenc Ward and John Milford* are chosen Com^{rs} for y^e town of Branford, to assist in keeping a Town Court, they taking y^e Oath of Freemen and Com^{rs}, according as was granted to Milford.

The Gouverno^r and Win. Lect Esq^r were chosen Com^{rs} for this yeare, and Mr. Mathew Allyn a reserue.

Thomas Burnam is re-admitted to his freedom.

This Court orders that if there be discoverd any comodity that may be of use for y^e Countrey for bringing in a supply of goods from forreigne parts, that is not as yet of vse or

* Probably, an error of the recorder, for *Wilford*.

raised amongst vs, he y^t discouers it shal haue y^e benefit thereof. And y^e comodity shalbe regulated according to y^e mind of y^e Court, and due encouragem^t shalbe granted to y^e adventurers herein.

[211] These were admitted freemen and sworne: Dan^l Swaine, Daniell Rose, Wm. Corbet, Wm. Morrice, Wm. Warren, Caleb Standley, Mr. Jo: Whiting, Abrah: Post, Mr. Jos: Willard, David Atwater, John Parmely, John Stream, John Lane, Andrew Benton.

The 2d Wednesday in June appointed to bee kept a publique fast, for severall weighty considerations.

The Court adiournes vntil y^e Gouvernor or Dep. Gouvernor call it agayne.

AT A GEN^l SESSION HELD AT HARTFORD, CALLED BY THE
GOUVERNO^r, JULY 6: '65.

Magestrates.

John Winthrop Esq. Go:
John Mason Esq. DEP: Go:
Wm. Leet Esq.
Capt. John Talcot
Mr. Henry Woolcot
Lt. John Allyn
Lt. James Richards
Mr. Fenn
Mr. Crane.

Secretary, Dan^l Clark.

Deputies.

'Twenty-two of those that
mett at May Session.

smiths, in their said townships, for a rational consideration for their time and paynes, to be presently paid vpon the repaire of the deficient Armes, forthwith to doe what is requisit to be done for fitting the Armes sent to them.

It is further ordered that each inhabitant in this corporation that according to order is to provide and keep Armes,

This Court vnderstanding
that the Armes in the respectiue
plantations are deficient, and
that it proues difficult to procure
them to be repayred, doe
therfore herby order and im-
powre the Assistants or Coñ-
issioners in the respectiue plan-
tations where any Gunsmith or
any other fit to doe such worke
doth inhabit, vpon iust com-
plaint of any souldier or inhab-
itant in this Colony, to grant,
order and to require the said

shal provide four pounds of bullets and one pound of powder; and that this shalbe in readines at all times; and that the cheif military officers in each towne shal haue power by themselves either by requireing the souldiers to appeare at a time and place appointed wth their Armes and amunition, or by sending forth the clarke to vei^w the said armes and amunition: And in case they find defect in either, the person [212] defectiue shal pay to y^e vse of y^e company to w^{ch} he belongs 5s. for every such defect, vnles according to former order he carry in pay to the Clarke of y^e band to procure what he is wanting in.

The selectmen in the respectiue Townes are desired and appointed to haue inspection to see that y^e provision of a^munition be attended in their townships according to order wthout delay: And the Deputies chosen to attend the Generall Assembly in October next shal at that session, and soe yearly at Octobr^r session, bring certificates vnder the hands of the selectmen of y^e townes to w^{ch} y^r doe apperteyne that y^e said order is duly attended and obserued in their towne. And if any towne be deficient in their proportion of powder or lead etc., that said towne shal pay as a forfeit fine pounds to y^e publ: treasury. And if the towne be not deficient and the selectmen shal neglect to send certificates vnd^r their hands by their Dep^s or some other, the said selectmen that are delinq^t shal forfeit fifty shillings to y^e publ: treasury for each neglect herein.

Simon Woolcot is added to y^e comitte^e at Windsor for the dispose of Mussaco lands.*

Nathan^{ll} White, Sam^{ll} Boreman and Sam^{ll} Boreman† are desired to vei^w a tract of land that Goodman Higby hath petitioned for to y^e Court, and to make report to y^e Court at Octobr^r Session what they find it to bee.

This Court declares that they see noe cause to repeale or to take of y^e file that law which hath bene longe established by

* This committee, consisting of Capt. Benj. Newbery, Edward Griswold and John Moore, was appointed by the Court, March, 1663, to lay out the undivided lands at Mussaco, (Simsbury,) "to such inhabitants in Windsor as desire and need it." [Col. Rec. 1. 397.]

† So in the original.

the Gouvernment of this Colony, respecting the punishment inflicted vpon the crime of Adultery.

This Court haueing by his Maties order bene informed that De Ruiter* is likely to assault his Maties Colonies in these parts of the world and that it is his royall pleasure that his subiects here should put themselves in a posture of defence agaynst the comon adversary, In pursuance thereof, doe order that each plantatⁿ in this Colony should consid^r of some way for the discouery of the approach of the enemy: And that vpon the discovery of the enemy they presently giue notice thereof to y^e Co^mittee appointed by the Court, who are to act therein according to the p^ower co^mitted to them by this Assembly. The Co^mittees are Maior Mason, Ens: Avery, Thomas Minor, Rob^t Chapman, or any three of [213] them, from Southerton to Guilford; Mr. Leet, Mr. Fenn, Mr. Crane, Mr. Treat, Mr. Briant & Capt. Nash, or any three of them, from Guilford to Stratford; Mr. Gould, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Campfield, Ens: Judson, Mr. Lawes, Lt. Olmsted or any three of them, from Stratford to Rye: and the Gouverno^r and Magestrates for y^e Riuer, or y^e maior part of the Magestrates in the Gouvern^{rs} absenc. W^{ch} said Co^mittees being mett in their respectiue limits are hereby impowred to order and appoint how and in what way the order established for aid and reliefe in such cases may be effectually attended.

Mr. Robert Treat is established Capt: of the Traine Band at Milford.

This Court doe order the Ensigne and sergeants of the said towne, vidz: Ens: Briant, Sergeants Tibbals, Buckingham and Streame, to remaine in and exercise the places and offices that they were formerly settled in, in the Traine Band.

* War with the States General was formally proclaimed at London, on the 22d of February, Gov. Nicolls received intelligence of it in June, by a letter from the Lord Chancellor (Clarendon,) and was informed that De Ruyter, the Dutch admiral, with a considerable force, had orders to visit New York. The northern colonies were alarmed at the anticipated approach of so formidable an enemy, and commenced preparations for defence. The admiral was diverted from his enterprise,—probably, by the urgent need of his services nearer home,—and New York remained in the peaceable possession of the English until the treaty of Breda put an end to the war, in 1667. [Rapin, II. 638; Smith's Hist. of N. York, I. 37.]

George Bartlet being presented as chosen to y^e place and office of a Leiuetenant to y^e Train Band at Guilford, Samu^{el}l Kitchel for Ensigne, John Fowler, Will^m Johnson and Will^m Seward for Sergeants, all of them are by the Court of Assistants established in their respectiue offices.

Thomas Minord* is appointed chiefe military officer for the Train Band at Mistick, vntil there be a choice made by that company and a further establishment by the Court.

This Court see reason to alter the form^r order respecting those who were appointed to keep Court at N: London: And doe now desire and appoint the Dep: Gour, Major Mason, Mr. Leet, Mr. John Allyn and Mr. Bruen to keep Court at N: London the 2d Wednesday in No^{br} next, and haue liberty to attend the seruice as occasion p^rsents: and the former limitation to two daies is taken of, provided the Countrey is to be freed totally of the expence of keeping this Court except the costs of the Magestrats journey. Mr. Samu^{el}l Willys and Mr. Fenn are added to y^e other Gent: Octobr 12: '62, p^r Curiam.†

This Court doth request and impowre Mr. John Allyn and Mr. Sherman to take paines once againe, twixt this and next October, to attend the former order‡ of the Court in administering the Oath of Freedom to such as are approued to be freemen or such as they shal approue & accept of according to former order, wthin the plantations of N: Haven and Branford, and to attend the p^rticulars therein ordered.

[214] Mr. Leet, Mr. Phen or Mr. Crane, any one of them are desired and appointed to administer the Oath of Assistant to Mr. Jones, and y^e oath of Comission^{rs} to Mr. Gilbert, Capt. Nash and Mr. Bishop.

This Court doth confirme these as officers to y^e Traine Band at N: Hauen, as follow; John Nash Capt, Thomas

* Thomas Minor.

† The last sentence appears to have been inserted out of its proper place, by the Recorder; and should perhaps be transposed to the end of the paragraph next following.

‡ Mr. Sherman and Secretary Allyn were appointed by the Court, Oct. 13th, 1664, to go to the several towns of the New Haven Colony, to admit freemen and administer the oath to as many "as they shall by sufficient testimony finde quallified," &c. [C. R. 437.]

Munson Lt., Nathaneel Merriman, Sam^{ll} Whitehead, Roger Allyn, James Bishop, Sergeants.

AT A GENERAL SESSION HELD AT HARTFORD, OCTOBER 12: 65.

John Winthrop Esq. Gour.

Major Mason, D: Go:

Assistants.

Mr. Mathew Allyn

Mr. Sam^{ll} Willis

Mr. Will^m Leet

Capt. John Talcot

Mr. Henry Woolcot

Mr. John Allyn

Mr. W^m Jones

Mr. Benj: Fenn

Mr. Sam^{ll} Sherman

Mr. Henry Crane.

Sec^y.

Dan^{ll} Clarke.

Deputies.

Mr. Wadsworth

Mr. Fitch

Capt. Nubery

John Moore

Capt. Treat

John Clarke

Mr. Bishop

John Cooper

Mr. Edward Palmes appeals to this Court in a case tried at N: London Court, for being overlisted by James Rogers & Cary Latham, whereby his estate is destreined and his name traduced to 50£. damadge.

John Winthrop Esq. appeals to this Court in a case tried at y^e Particuler Court in May last depending between the said John Winthrop and James Rogers respecting breach of covenant to the forfeiture thereof.*

Mr. William Leet appealeth to this Court for a hearing and determination about those cases that have bene depending betweene Mr. Brian Rosseter agst y^e s^d Mr. Leet, in May Court, and at a Court in July held at Hartford.†

* See Rec. of Part. Court, III, 26, 30, 31.

† "At a Particuler Court called by order from the Gouvern^r, Hartford, July 13th, '65: Mr. Brian Rosseter Pl^f contra Mr. Wm. Leet and Wm. Seward Def^s, in an action of the case respecting damadge to y^e sum of three hundred pounds, p^rpounded in a case of molestation in an hostile manner done to y^e said Mr. Rosseter already found by the Jury and Court and y^e damadge not agreed on. In this action the Jury return they cannot agree on a verdict.

"In refference to a spetial verdict the Magistrates and Jury being mett together, there was nine that voted for £150 dammadge. Court and Jury was nineteene.

"The case not being issued it is referred to be issued by the Generall Court at y^e Session in October next." [Rec. of Part. Court, III, 33.]

Mr. Hill
 John Banks
 Mr. Campfield
 Mr. Howkins
 Lt. Olmstead
 Wm. Goodrich
 John Not
 Mr. Fairechild
 Mr. Hawley
 Rob^t Warner
 Sam^l Stockin
 John Standley
 Mr. Lawes
 Tho: Minor
 John Gallop
 Richard Vowles
 George Hubbard
 Wm. Johnson
 Lt. Swaine
 John Wilford
 Thomas Leffingwel
 Francis Griswold
 Mr. Bruen *abs.*
 James Morgan.

[215] them, that they may be || in a capable way to enioy the ordnances of God and Civil Order amongst themselves, then the Court wilbe ready to confer such privildiges as may be for their comfort soc they doe not preiudice the town of Milford or N: Haven in their coñons. Further this Court doth [*order*] that the said inhabitants shal not impropriate any more lands to themselves then at present they doe im-proue, vntil there is such a number as wil engage to this Court to attend the former proposall.

Respecting Mr. Palmes his appeale this Court doth establish the issue of N: London Court, respect: Mr. Palmes and y^e list makers.

This Court remits 10£ of the recognisance of 20£ y^t

Mr. James Bishop is by this Court ioyned to y^e former Coñmittee for y^e hearing and considering Vncos his compl^{ts}, in y^e room and stead of Capt. John Nash.

Capt. George Denison being bound ouer for his appearance at this Court and being three times called did not appeare and soc forfeited his bond entered in the Court at N: London.

This Court vpon the petition of y^e Inhabitants of Paugasuck* doe declare that they are willing to afford the best incouridgment they can to promote a Plantat: there; and if there doe a sufficient numbr appeare betwixt this & Octobr next that wil engage to make a Plantation there, to mantein an orthodox minister among

* Paugasuck, (Derby ;) variously written, Paugussett, Pagawsett, Paugasuck, &c.

Will^m Palmer forfeited for his non-appearance when cald in y^e Court.

This Court vpon report from severall Plantats that they cannot at present provide their proportions of powder and shot, it being not to be procured though indeauoured after, doe therefore remit the fines imposed by former order, provided they doe accomplish w^t is required by former order betwixt this and the session in October, Año '66.

This Court doth fully impower the Customasters to seize any Wine or Liquors that are landed and not entred, where-soeuer they find them.

Edward Higby hath granted by this Court 300 acres of land of that which was veiwd by Nath^l White, Sam^l Stockin and Sam^l Boreman, appointed thervnto by the Court.

Mr. Lawes and Lt. Richard Olmsted are desired and appointed to veiwd the lands apperteineing to Hasting and Rye, to see what there is that may be sutable for a plantation and to make returne to the Court the next session.

This Court doth establish two County Courts to be held at N: Haven, the first on the second Thursday in June, the other on the 3d Thursday in No^{br}, w^{ch} Courts shal consist of not less than two Assistants wth two or more Com^{rs}, to y^e number of fivie judges at least, for y^e triall of all cases excepting life, limb and banishment. Mr. Fenn desires liberty of further consideration for Milford, which is granted. This to stand vntil the Court take further order about it.

This Court voated and by vote declared that the busines that Mr. Brian Rosseter prosecuted agaynst Mr. Leet in May Court, and in July last, and Mr. Leet's appeale to this Court about it, is included in the act of oblivion and Mr. Leet by that act indemnified. This put to voat wth generall consent. [216] This Court grants a Rate for defraying publ: charge, of a penny vpon the pound, to be paid in wheat, pease and Indian corne, equally proportioned, or in porke, 3£. 10s. p^r Barrill ful sized and the porke good.

Sam^l Butler is accepted as a freeman and had y^e freemans oath administred vnto him.

Southerton is by this Court named Mistick in memory of that victory God was pleased to giue this people of Conecticut ouer the Pequot Indians.

This Court doth alter y^e day for keeping Court at N: London in No^{br} next, and order to be the second Wednesday of that month.

Mr. Mathew Allyn, C: John Talcot, Mr. Jo: Allyn, C: Benj: Nubery, Jo: Moor, Wm. Wadsworth, Jos: Fitch, Tho: Minor, John Banks, Jo: Not, Will^m Goodrich, Mr. Fairchild, Richard Vowles, desire that their desent in that vote wherein the Court declared That Mr. Leet's appeale from May & July last is included in the act of oblivion and Mr. Leet by that act indemnified, may be recorded.

This Court doth appoint a solemne day of Thanksgiuing to be kept throwout this Colony on the last Wednesday of Nouember, to returne praise to God for his great mercy to vs in the continuation of our liberties and pruilidges both Ciuill and Ecclesiastick; and for our peace and preventeing those troubles that we feard by forreigne enemies; and for the blessings in the fruits of the earth and the generall health in the plantations.

The Magistrates and Deputies in these 3 or 4 Towns are appointed as a Co^mittee to returne answer to Collonell Nicolls his letter.

Mr. Willys, Mr. Leet, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Wadsworth are desired and impowred to heare and determine Vncos his complaints about his rights and intrests about N: London, and to make a ful issue of y^e matter and of other his just complaints or demands. These foure Gent: or the maior part agreeing shal stand for an issue.*

The Treasurer is allowed fifteen pounds salery for this yeare.

The Secretary hath granted vnto him an augmentation to his former grant to y^e sum of one hundred acres of vpland; and he hath liberty to take it vp for his meadow the remainder of the meadow that is not taken vp at Jonathan Gilberts [217] farme if it be there to be had, wth an hundred acres

* See Reports of this Committee, in Appendix I, (1 & 2,) from "Indians," Vol. I. Doc. 5 & 6.

of vpland adioyning; and the rest to make vp his former grant, at some place vpon Mattabeseek Ri[uer,] where he can find it free from those limitations inserted in his former grant.

John Catlin and Daniel Arnold are admitted freemen of this Corporation.

Mr. Chapman is authorized to administer the freeman's oath to such in SeaBrooke as haue stood propounded in an orderly way.

The Secretary is ordered to send downe a warrant to Mr. Will^m Lord to levy the Pattent rate, w^{ch} according to their List of 8000 £. ariseth to 12 £. 10s. at a farthing half farthing p^r £. And the Treasurers direction is to be attended herein.

The Gouvernor and Dep: Gour, Mr. Leet, Mr. Chapman and Mathew Griswold, or any foure of them are appointed a Comittee to heare & issue a case presented to his Matie in a petitⁿ: of W^m Morton read in this Court, and to make report thereof to this Court at their next session in May, 1666. Mr. Morton for himself and Richard Haughton doth desire and consent to the hearing and issue by the said Gents and declares that he wil acquiesce therein.

The Gouvernor and Secretary are desired by this Court to perfect the Address (now read in Court) to be presented to his Matie by the Honorable Secretary Bennet,* to whom a L^r is to be directed for that purpose by the said Gent: The Gouvernor is requested to signe y^e Address in y^e name of the Colony.

Vpon the motion of Thomas Hosmore, this Court doth order y^e Secretary to respite execution in y^e case respecting the s^d Osmore and John Bissel Sen^r about ferriage of sheep, vntil this Court hath heard the case.

It is ordered that each Town in this Colony wthin one month after publication hereof shal haue a towne brand for horses wth a severall letter as is hereby directed and one chosen in each Towne to brand, who shal make an entry of [218] all horses soe branded wth their naturall and artificiall

* Sir Henry Bennett, (afterwards created Lord Arlington,) was appointed a Secretary of State in 1663, on the removal of Sir Edward Nicholas.

No copy of this Letter or of the Address to the King is preserved in the files.

marks, in a book kept by him for y^t purpose, who shal haue sixpence for each horse soe branded and entred. The marks for the several Planta^s—

Windsor	I	N. London	L	New Haven	H
Hartford	A	Norridge	N	Guilford	G
Wethersf ^{ld}	W	SeaBrook	D	Brandford	T
Farmingt:	X	Stanford	S	Milford	M
Middle Town	B	Stratford	P	Greenwich	E
Stonington	K	Fairfield	F	Rye	R
		Norwalk	O	Kenilworth*	V

For future, al horses to be branded on y^e near shoulder.

It is ordered that every person or persons y^t shal sel any horse or horses, he or they shal enter such saile wthin 10 daies in the said brand booke, wth y^e artificial and natural m^rks, coulour and age of such horses, paying 4^d for y^e entring of each horse, or shal forfeit for euery neglect herein twenty shillings to be paid to y^e publ: Treasury.

Rates of Cattle, voated by this Court:—Cowes at 4£. Bulls rate free; 3 year old, 3£. 10s.; Horses, 4 yeares old, 10£; three yeares, 7£. All other Cattle as formerly.

A List of y^e Persons and Estate rateable in this Colony.

Persons & Estate.		Persons & Estate.	
Hartford,	17734.19.4	SeaBrook,	06590.00.0
Windsor,	15812.00.0	Standford,	06347.00.0
Guilford,	07315.00.0	Milford,	09600.00.0
Farmington,	06953.15.0	Wethersfield,	11847.11.0
N. London,	09059.02.0	Paugasuck,	00774.00.0
[219] Middle Town,	03719.10.0	Rye,	1211.00.0
Norwalk,	04931.02.10	Greenwich,	1434.00.0
Brandford,	03960.04.0	Fairfield,	11253.12.0
Stonington,	04356.13.4	Stratford,	09187.06.4
N. Hauen,	17703.10.0		
Norridge,	03830.00.0		153620.16.5

To preuent further trouble and chARGE to y^e Country, It is ordered that two Courts of Assistants consisting of seauen Assistants at least, be held at Hartford yearely, the one on

* This was added at a later date. See record of May, 1667, *post*.

Teusday before the Gen^{ll} Assembly in May, the other on Teusday before the Gen^{ll} Assembly in October, vnto w^{ch} Courts there shalbe liberty of appeale from y^e respectiue County Courts. W^{ch} said Courts of Assistants are impowred to heare and determine such appeales as shalbe orderly p^rsented as before. And likewise all Capitall Crimes respecting life, limb or banishment shalbe tried at those said Courts of Assistants. And its further ordered that for each appeale to y^e said Courts there shalbe paid to y^e Publ: Treasury 20s. p^r the person y^t enters y^e appeale. And that for each appeale preferred to y^e Gen^{ll} Assembly there shalbe p^d to y^e Publ: Treasury 3£. w^{ch} appeale shal come only and immediately from the Court of Assistants vpon the issue there made.

It is also ordered that in all appeales to y^e Court of Assistants, the trialls there shalbe by a Jury if the nature of the case require; And the 10 shillings formerly imposed on each case tried by a Jury is included in the 20s. for each case issued in this Court of Assistants: And in appeales no evidence shalbe considered but such as haue been presented at y^e County Court.

Its ordered that in stead of the Quarter Courts at Hartford there shalbe for future two County Courts to be held at y^e place aforesaid in March and September as formerly.

Whereas information is giuen to this Court by the complaints of many of the people of N: London [y^t] the Mil there is not duely attended nor the Corne ground according to couenant, wherby the s^d Towne is much damnified as appeares to this Court who haue heard both parties, This Court doth order James Rogers the present miller by himself or some other able and sufficient Miller to see the said Towne be duely serued in the grinding their corne according to couenant, to preuent damage to y^e owner and inhabitants [220] and disturbance || of the peace, and to that end that y^e miller giue a dayly attendance on the said Mil as the occasions of the Mill shal require.

In referenc to y^e appeale of John Winthrop Esq^r as Pl^tf contr James Rogers, This Court haueing heard both parties

and duely considering the case, doe not find that the said Rogers hath forfeited his couenant though it be appar^{tly} manifest that he hath broken couen^t; and doe therfore leaue the Pl^{tf} to his remedie for damadges to recouer it in a course of law. And the said Mr. Rogers is to pay the charge of this appeale. *Execution deliuered for forty shillings, Sept^r 9^a: 67.*

And whereas Capt. Dan^{ll} Clark attourney to the said John Winthrop Esq. doth petition this Court for an equitable consideration and issue about y^e damadges and that due reparation may be made to y^e Pl^{tf} accordingly, This Court doth refer the said petition to Edward Griswold, Lt. Avery and Thomas Leffingwell who are hereby appointed a Co^mittee to hear and issue y^e said cause, and both parties by themselves or their lawfull attourneyes are ordered to attend the said Co^mittee when and where they shal appoint for such issues.

[221] AT A COURT OF ELECTION HELD AT HARTFORD, MAY 10, 1666.

Nominated to Election.

Jo: Winthrop Esqr.

Jo: Mason Esq.

Mr. Mathew Allyn

Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys

Mr. Nathan Gold

Capt. John Talcot

Mr. Henry Woolcot

Lt. John Allyn

Mr. Sam^{ll} Sherman

Mr. Will^m Leet

Mr. Will^m Joanes

Mr. Benja^m: Fenn

Mr. Jasper Crane

Capt. Dan^{ll} Clark

Mr. Mathew Gilbert

Mr. Allexand^r Briant

Elected by the Freemen.

Jo: Winthrop Esq. GOV^RNOR. *sworn.*

Major Mason, DEP: GOVERNOR. *s.*

Assistants.

Mr. Mathew Allyn *s*

Mr. Willys *s*

Mr. Gold

Capt. Talcott, *et Treasurer. s*

Mr. Woolcott *s*

Lt. Jo: Allyn *s*

Mr. Sam^{ll} Sherman *s*

Mr. Will^m Leet *s*

Mr. Will^m Joanes

Mr. Fenn

Mr. Crane *s*

Mr. Clarke, *et Secretary. s*

Mr. Lawes
 Mr. Rob^t Treat
 Capt. Benia^m: Nubery
 Mr. Anthony Howkins.

The freemen voated that y^e Gen^l
 Assembly should choose Com^{rs} for
 this yeare ensueing.

Deputies.

[222] Mr. Wadsworth

Mr. Fitch

Capt. Nubery

John Loomis

Mr. Bishop

Mr. Munson

John Not

Will^m Goodrich

Mr. East

Mr. Geo: Clarke

Mr. Banks

John Burr

Tho: Judd

Jo: Standley

Mr. Fairfeild

Ens: Judson

John Ward

John Wilford

John Fowler

Thomas Cooke

Mr. Campfield

Richard Olmsted

James Rogers

Cary Latham

Mr. Stanton

Sam^l Chesborough

Hugh Caulkin

Francis Griswold

Lt. Budd

Mr. Hamlin

Nath^l Wh[ite]

|| Thomas Hosmore being called
 and not appearing to p^rsent his
 ease to the Court, the former respite
 of executⁿ is taken of.

Capt. John Nash, Mr. Banks,
 Mr. Fairchild and Ensigne Judson
 or any three of them are desired
 and appointed a Co^mittee to veiw
 a tract of land that Tauntonimo
 hath made ouer to Richrd Bauld-
 win of Milford* and to consider
 what y^e nature and quantity is of
 meadow and vpland and swampe;
 and also the said Co^mittee are de-
 sired to heare a difference between
 the Indians and English at Pau-
 gasut and the Indians at Podatuck
 and also to veiw the land at Pau-
 gasuck whether it may be fit for a
 township. And vpon heareing the
 difference they are to draw vp a
 determination and to present their
 intelligenc respecting the lands and
 their determination to y^e Court the
 next session, to be fully issued and
 settled by the Court.

Co^missioners chosen for y^e yeare
 ensueing:—for *Farmington*, Mr.
 Antho: Howkins; for *Stanford*,
 Mr. Lawes; *Fairfield*, Mr. Hill,
 Mr. Banks; *Milford*, Mr. Briant

* See Appendix, II.

and John Clarke; *New Hauen*, Capt. Jo: Nash, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Jo: Dauenport & Mr. Bishop; *Brandford*, John Wilford, Lawrence Ward; *Guilford*, Mr. Kitchell, and Georg Hubbard; *Sea Brook*, Lt. W^m Prat, Mr. Chapman; *N: London*, Mr. Bruen, Lt. Avery; *Mistick* alias *Stonington*, Mr. Thomas Stanton senr; *Middle Town*, Mr. Hamlin; *Wethersfield*, Mr. Sam^l Wells; *Stratford*, Mr. Fairchild.

Will^m Fowler is established Lieuetent^t for and to y^e Train Band at Milford.

These entred of Windsor to haue the oath for freedom administred vnto them;—Return Stronge, John Makesley, Josuah and Benajah Holcomb, Timothy Hale, John Case, John and Thomas Barber. Either Mr. Allyn or Mr. Woolcot and the Secretary are impowred to administer the oath to them.

This Court doth remit the forfeiture of Will^m Palmers bond for his non-appearance at y^e Court according to his engagement.

[223] Severall of Stratford being orderly p^rsented to this Court for freedom, This Court empowers Mr. Sherman to administer the oath to such of them as are willing to accept of it. And likewise Mr. Sherman or Mr. Gold either of them are impowred to administer the said oath to such as haue bene p^rsented from Fairfield for freedom and are willing to accept of it; and likewise the Assistants oath to Mr. Gold and Com^{is}sioners oath to Mr. Hill and Mr. Banks.

The Deputy Go: is requested to administer the freemans oath to John Post, John Baldwin & Morgan Bowers of Norridge.

And to these of Stonington;—Nehe: Palmer, Tho: Shaw, Thomas Stanton Jun^r, John Stanton, Moses Palmer, Benja^m: Palmer, Gershom Palmer, Ephraim Minor, Joseph Minor, Aaron Start, James York Sen^r, Mr. Noice, Nath^l Chesborough, Elisha Chesborough. Mr. Thomas Stanton is to administer the freemⁿs oath to those, and y^e oath of Fidelity to such in Stonington as haue not taken it.

And these of N. London;—John Smith, Miles Moor, Mr. Douglas, Thomas Beebe, Joseph Coit, Sam Rogers, Nehemiah

Roice, Mr. Buckley, Clement Minor, are to haue the oath administred there at y^e County Court.

Mr. Sherman is impowred to administer the Assistants Oath to Mr. Fenn, and of Co^mr to Mr. Briant.

Its ordered that any two Assistants or Com^{rs} in the respective Plantations shal administer the oath of Fidelity to those in their Townes that haue not taken it, and where is noe such officers inhabiting y^e next Publ: officers are to administer y^e oath in the neighbouring Townes. And if any refuse to take the said oath their names are to be returned at the next Session. The former order respecting the administration of this oath vpon Publ: notice giuen in each Towne and warneing to attend y^e time appointed by the Publ: officer is to be obserued.

Mr. Mathew Allyn, Daniell Clark and Benjamin Nubery and Will^m Wadsworth are chosen a Co^mittee and by this [224] Court authorized to settle the matter || in difference betwixt Stonington Inhab^{ts} and the Indians at Coassatuck. And what the said Co^mittee or any three of them shall doe, either for settling Lands on the said Pequots or ordering the measureinge out that w^{ch} may be sutable to y^e said Indians and to y^e Town of Stonington to each party respectiue, this Court doth hereby state and settle y^e determination of y^e said Co^mittee to be a finall issue of y^e p^rsent controuersy betwixt the Indians and Stonington Inhabitants.*

*In accordance with a promise given to the conquered Pequots, of "a settled accommodation" in their own country, the Comm^{rs} of the U. Colonies, in 1663, ordered Capt. Geo. Denison, Thomas Stanton and James Avery, "to lay to Hernan Garrett and his company, [the eastern or Pawcatuck company of Pequots,] a convenient accommodation of lands for their planting, either at Coassatuck or such other place as may be to their satisfaction" &c. "The quantity promised them at Coassatuck is 8000 acres; if near the sea side and such a quantity as is to mutual satisfaction, we are content." [Rec. C. U. Col. MSS.; see Ilaz. St. Papers, ii. 484.]

The town of Southerton (Stonington) finding the tract designated for the occupation of the Pequots, to fall within the limits of their township, and to trench closely upon, or in part include, lands already assigned by the town to particular persons, refused to assent to the settlement proposed by the Commissioners. At a town meeting in June, 1664, a committee was appointed to "goe and warne the Indians from off the town's land, and from further keeping possession of the same lands, viz. at Cowissatuck." [Town Rec.]

Sept. 1664, "Complaint being made by Hernan Garrett and his company, that all former provision notwithstanding, they are yet dissettled and abused, by the neighboring English, the

Vpon the Petitⁿ of James Wakley's wife, This Court doth remit 50£ of the hundred and fifty pounds bond forfeited by James Wakeley to this Corporation.

This Court doth order the Treasurer speedily by virtue of his warrant, to destreine soe much of y^e land of James Wakeley as may satisfy an hundred pounds of y^e bond forfeited to this Corporation by James Wakeley.

This Court doth free al the sheep in this Colony from the list of estates wherby Rates are made, vntil the Court see cause to alter it.

Mr. Hamlin and John Hall are desired and appointed to assist in laying out the extent of twelue miles from Sea Brook northward into y^e country and to take a spetial account how far it extends, and likewise to see and take account how far it may be from the end of that to Thirty Miles Island.

This Court doth invest the severall Com^{rs} in this Corporation wth magistraticall power wthin the limits of y^e respectiue Townes where they liue.

This Court orders that the Townes on the Riuer from y^e north bounds of Windsor wth Farmington to y^e south end of y^e bounds of Thirty Miles Island shalbe & remaine to be one County w^{ch} shalbe called the County of Hartford. And it is ordered that the County Court shalbe kept at Hartford on the 1st Thursday in March and on the first Thursday in September yearly.

[225] This Court orders that from Paukatuck Riuer wth Norridge to y^e west bounds of Homonoscet Plantation shalbe for future one County, w^{ch} County is called the County of

Commissioners doe order, that according to the last agreement, they shall be accommodated at Coassatuck " &c. [Rec. U. Col. in Haz. ii 500.]

Sept 1665, the town of Southerton, " finding it very prejudiciall in case" the Indians " should be settled at Cowissatuck, doe therefore order that the matter be referred to the General Court in October next, for counsel and advice." [Town Rec.] There is no record of any action taken by the October Court; but the following year (Mar. 28, 1666,) the town appointed another committee to give the Indians at Cowissatuck " full notice of the town order made this day concerning their intruding upon us; and to forwarn them of proceeding any further in such a way," &c. and "to dispossess those that are already come thither," and soon after (April 30th,) ordered " an exact survey" to be made of the town lands, at and near Cowissatuck, directing the committee "to take notice of what Indians are there and who they are;" probably, with a view to the reference of the controversy to the General Court, for a final adjustment.

N: London. And it is ordered that the County Court shalbe held at N. London the first Wednesday in June and the third Thursday in Septembr yearly.

This Court orders that from the east bounds of Guilford vnto y^e west bounds of Millford shalbe for future one County w^{ch} shalbe called the County of N: Hauen. And it is ordered that the County Court shalbe held at N: Hauen on the second Wednesday in June and on the second Wednesday in Nouember yearly.

This Court orders that from the east bounds of Stratford to y^e west bounds of Rye shalbe for future one County w^{ch} shalbe called the County of Fairfield. And it is ordered that the County Court shalbe held at Fairfield on the second Teusday in March and the first Teusday in Nouember yearly.

It is ordered that each County Court shal consist at least of one Assistant and two Com^{rs} to bee the Judges thereof; provided that if there be three Assistants at the said Court they may proceed as Judges though y^e Com^{rs} neglect to attend the Court.

In answer to Thomas Miller's Petition—That if Nathaneel Bacon haue any claime for himself or his children to make to any part of Thomas Miller's estate besides what he hath ordered to him by the last Court, he shall make it out and prosecute it to effect [*at*] the County Court or elce the claime is to remaine of noe force and vertue.

This Court doth grant to Norridge 50 fathoms of Wompom or y^e effects thereof that was sent to Capt. Willet, when it shalbe returned to this Colony.

In answer to y^e Petition of Mr^s Vrsulah Gibbons, This Court doth grant a hearinge of the case depending betwixt the said Vrsulah and Mr. Rich^d Lord, prosecuted at y^e last County Court in Hartford.*

* "At the County Court held at Hartford, March 1, '65-'66; Mrs. Vrsula Gibbons plf as executrix, contra the estate of Capt. Richard Lord deceased. in an action of y^e case, for monyes due to y^e estate of Mr. Willm. Gibbons deceased, by vertue of partnership in y^e Guiney voyage, to y^e sum of £70 debt and damadge." * * * "The Jury find for Deft. costs of court; 2 witnesses 2 dayes, 6s. The Plf. enters appeale to the next Court of Assistants." [Court Rec. iii. 45, 49.]

The inhabitants of Guilford are desired to make evident [226] vnto this Assembly at October session || their rights to the lands at Homonoscet Riuer and the extent of their bounds eastward.

This Court doth ratifie the returne of the Co^mittee that were ordered to lay out land to Cussisinimo and the Pequots vnd^r him and doe order the Secretary to record it.

The Towne of Mistick is by this Court named Stonington.

This Court doth grant vnto the Plantatⁿ of Stonington to extend the bounds thereof ten miles from the sea vp into the Countrey northward.

Thomas Minor and John Gallop are granted by this Court to each of them respectiuey one hundred acres of land lying next vnto the bounds of Stonington on y^e north side the bounds.

Lt. Avery and James Morgan are appointed and required by this Court to lay out the land for Coassatuck Indians according to y^e determination of y^e comittee; and likewise to lay out the northern bounds of Stonington, and also y^e land granted to Thomas Minor and John Gallop respectiuey.

Thomas Clark and John Graues are desired & appointed to lay out the bounds twixt SeaBrook and Homonascet.

This Court doth pass an act of indemnity to Capt. Georg Denison vpon the same grounds as was formerly granted to other inhabitants of Stonington.*

This Court doth grant vnto the Worship^l Gouvern^r,

* Capt. Denison had been excepted by the Gen. Court in October, 1664, from the general pardon granted to the inhabitants of Mystic and Pawcatuck for disowning the jurisdiction and resisting the authority of Connecticut. [See Col. Rec. I. 433.] In the order of the Massachusetts Court, Oct. 19, 1658, incorporating the town of Southertown, Capt. Denison is first named of those who were "to order the prudential affairs" of the plantation, and as clerk of the writs, &c. After this township was included within the jurisdiction limits of Connecticut, by the Charter of 1662, Capt. D. did not willingly assent to the separation from Massachusetts, but, with some others of the planters, refused compliance with the orders of the Gen. Court at Hartford; and in 1663, presented to the Comm^rs of the U. Colonies, a petition from the town, in which he asks "that we who have, according to your orders, acted by Commission from the Bay, may not have our actions censured by any power but the same from whom our power is derived; and that this Court would take care that we may not be sufferers by our fidelity." [Haz. ii. 485.]

Threescore and ten pounds as a gratuity for this yeare, besides his salary of 80£.

This Court doth impower Capt. Talcot and Lt. John Allyn to call in John Scots fine and what elce is due to y^e Countrey from Long Island or any p^rson there; and what they doe recouer and bring to y^e Publ: Treasury vpon the Maine, a quarter part thereof shalbe vnto themselues for their labour and paines therein.

This Court impowres Mr. Wm. Jones, Mr. Jaspar Crane and Mr. James Bishop to grant licence to the Clerk of y^e Iron works or some meet person to draw wine & liquors at the Iron works, he attending such instructions as shalbe enioyned by them.

This Court doth commend and leaue it wth y^e Magistrates [227] to settle some course to preuent infection || that may happen to the inhabitants in this Colony by vessels that may come into any of our Ports.

This Court doth at present and vntil they see cause to alter it, grant to Stonington that the bounds of that Towne shal extend eastwards to the Riuer called Paukatuck.

To prevent disorderly and corrupt practices in the election of the members of the Gen^l Assembly, it is Ordered by this Court that if any person that is not a freeman of this Corporation, soe acknowledged by this Assembly, shal p^rsume to voat in the election of any of the aforesaid Members of this Court, or if any person that is a freeman shal put in aboue one voate at a time, he shal pay five pounds as a fine to y^e Publ: Treasury, for each transgression herein.

Mr. Jn^o Allyn, Wm. Wadsworth and Mr. Stanton are deputed by this Court a Co^mittee to hear and determine such cases of controversy as the Indians are desirous and willing to p^rsent to y^m & to leaue wth them to be determined by the said Co^mittee.

This Court in answer to John Bennets Petitⁿ, doe declare, that they doe remit Jo: Bennets fine of 4£; only the charge of the Marshal is excepted in this voat.

It is ordered that y^e Plantations of Stonington and Norridge shal conueigh vnto N: London soe much of their pro-

portion of the Countrey Levy yearly as the Treasurer shal appoint, and there is to be allowed 12*d.* p^r £ for all that according to ord^r is there d'd.

This Court doth order that al vessels of what burthen soeuer, whiles they are vpon the stocks shal for future be exempted from y^e list of estates whereby rates are ordered, in the severall Plantations in this Colony.

Joseph Wright and Allexandr Keny are p^rpounded to this Assembly for freedom.

Mr. Leet, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Banks and Mr. Hamlin and Mr. Bishop are appointed a Co^mittee to hear the case depending between Mrs. Vrsulah Gibbons and Mr. Richard [228] Lord. And the determination of || the major part of the Comittee shal stand for an issue in that case. The Comittee is desired to attend it to-morrow by 4 of y^e clock in afternoon.

Mr. Mathew Allyn is chosen Moderator in Courts in the absence of the Gouern^r and Deputy Gouern^r.

This Court doth appoint Mr. Hill to be Clerke of y^e County Court at Fairfield, Mr. Bishop at y^e County Court at N: Hauen, Mr. Bruen of the County Court at N: London, and Mr. Clark of y^e County Court at Hartford. The next County Courts are to administer their respectiue oaths to these persons for a faithfull discharge of their places,—who are to remaine in their respectiue offices vntil the Court takes further order.

There is liberty granted to y^e Assistants and Com^{rs} in the respectiue Counties to call a spetiall Court in extraordinary cases, provided there be noe charge therby to y^e Colony.

It is ordered that after y^e publication hereof noe attachmt^t or repleuin shalbe granted vpon any estate that shalbe taken by destreint for Town or Country Levies for civil or ecclesiasticall respects, provided that any person that accounts himself wronged hath liberty of the civil law thereby to procure his right by ordinary proecess or complaint.

This Court grants liberty to y^e Gouernor or Dep: Go: and Assistants, vpon extraordinary occasions to call a spetial Court of Assistants to attend such seruice as is by former law

already established in the provision respecting the Court of Assistts.

It is ordered, That y^e Wills and Inventories of persons deceased wthin any of the Counties in this Colony shalbe exhibited and proued at y^e County Court to w^{ch} y^e deceased did apperteine by his habitation. And the said County Court is to settle the distribution of the estate to the legatees. And in case any party concerned in the estate shal conceiue that the distribution made by that Court be not either according to y^e Testators mind or not according to rules of justice or equity, there is liberty reserued in such case for the greined party to apply himself to the Court of Assistants for releife.

[229] Robin Cussinamo is appointed Gou^rn^r ouer the Pequots on this side Mistick Riuer, and Cushaunakim and Yoiomatimo are appointed as Assistants to y^e said Cussinamo in gouerneing the said Indians. And Lt. James Avery, Cary Latham and John Gallop are desired to assist by advice and counsell to these Gouern^{rs} as occasion or necessity may p^rsent.

Mr. Stanton and old Mr. Chesborough are chosen by this Court to ouersee the Gouernors appointed ouer Coassatuck Indians and assist them by advice and counsell as need calls for.

The Gouern^r and Mr. Sam^l Willys are chosen Com^{rs} for a full and compleat yeare and invested wth ful power to act in all matters according to the articles of confæderation.

This Court taking into serious consideration y^e great inconvenience y^t may ensue to orphanes whose parents de ceaseinge intestate, that in their life time were possessed wth a reall estate of houseing & lands, such as may be appointed to administer to y^e estate may throw inconsideratenes make alienation of such lands or houseing, wherby the proper heires may come to be disinherited of that estate w^{ch} ought to be reserued for them, Doe therfore order, that after y^e publication hereof, all sales or alienations of houseing or lands of persons deceased made by executors or administrators (where is suruiuing any proper heire to y^e estate of the

deceased,) shalbe void and of none effect, vnles it be ratified and established by the approbation of the Gen^{ll} Assembly. And whatsoeuer distribution of estate is ordered by any civil court in this Corporation, to legatees or propper heires, the execution thereof by the person or p^rsons therein concerned or thervnto appointed shalbe out of the propper estate of the person deceased and at the same value as it was inventoried, vnles y^e Court that orders the destribution doe approue of the sale or alienatⁿ of any of the moueables: And it is also ordered that all such houseing that apperteine to y^e estate of y^e deceased as before mentioned shalbe kept in tenantable repaire out of the renew of the land, and soe to be deliuered vnto the legatees at the time appointed in the destribution ordered by the Court, extraordinary casualties excepted.

[230] Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys, Capt. Talcot, Lt. Jn^o Allyn and Sec^y Clarke are desired and appointed a Co^mittee to treat wth Mr. Rosseter about those troublesom occurrents that haue fallen out in referenc to former passages betwixt [*him*] and Mr. Leet etc.* And the said Co^mittee is desired to indeauour a reasonable and equitable composition wth the said Mr. Rosseter. And in case the said Co^mittee can worke such an issue as may be to their and Mr. Rosseters satisfaction and the honor and security of this Colo: this Court wil wel like and approue their act; but if otherwise, they may and hereby are ordered to returne it vp into the Courts dispose.

The same Co^mittee is ordered wth y^e Deputies of Hartford to draw vp an answer to Col: Rich^d Nicols L^r sent to o^r Honrd Gouern^r.

The Conclusion of this Co^mittee wth Mr. Rosseter.

The Co^mittee chosen by the Gen^{ll} Assembly and impow^{er}ed to effect an accomodation wth Mr. Rosseter & to put a period and make a final issue of all those differences that haue bene a long exercise both to this Court and to y^e members thereof and to Mr. Rosseter (ariseing principally from the excerting of authority by o^r friends at N: Hauen, Guilford, Branford & Milford since y^e publication of our Charter,) considering the loss that Mr. Rosseter hath vndoubtedly sustained, the many distractions and troubles that he hath

* See page 23, ante.

passed throw both in his owne person and his family wth him, and the effects thereof to this Gouvermt, much expence and trouble both to this Court and Councill, and other worse effects too manifest tending to animosities, at y^e best to great disturbance, wherby the promotion of publ: vtility hath bene much impeded, the spirits of many afflicted, and the worke of God in the hands of Authority hath not reached to y^t prosperous p^rgress that otherwise might haue bene expected: The p^rmisses considered, and that for future there may be an vtter cessation and absolute issue of all further and future demands on Mr. Rosseters part against any either person or persons, in any of the townes forementioned, for and vpon the account of maleadministra^on or exerting power in a civil way; and that there may be noe further attempt or complaint made or prosecuted agst any or all the people in those Townes to this Court or any other authority elcewhere, for any matter or thinge except it be for matters of meum and tuum noe way referring to Publique Administratⁿ, Mr. Rosseter accepting of these propositions and acknowledging his transgressions in his papers presented to this Assembly, [231] soe far as they hold forth any reflexion || vpon the Courts honor, We doe grant vnto him an hundred pounds to be paid vnto him out of the Levy next Springe, whereof those foure Townes, N: Hauen, Guilford, Brandford and Milford shal pay sixty pounds, and the other forty pounds out of the Publique Treasury, all w^{ch} shalbe by the Treasurers order. And we doe also determine and prohibit vtterly and foreuer Mr. Willam Leet or any other person or persons in those foure Townes to make any complaints or cause further trouble either to y^e said Mr. Bray Rosseter or those of Guilford concerned wth him about any matt^r referring to former administra^on of Gouvernement, excepting such things as haue bene stated by this Generall Assembly. In confirmation that the premises is the conclusion and act of the Co^mittee and Mr. Bray Rosseter's acceptance, we haue mutually herevnto subscribed, this 19 May, Año Doⁿi 1666.

John Talcot

Transcribed out of y^e origin^l and therwth

John Allyn

compared, July 29, 1666.

Dan^l Clarke

p^r Dan^l Clark, Sec^y.

Bryan Rosseter.

This writeing witnesseth that Vncass, Sachem of Moheag, in behalfe of himselfe and people of Moheag and Nahantick, doe hereby engage him and them to Aramamatt, Seacut & Nessaheagen, Gentⁿ of Conecticut, in behalfe of the Indian

people at Windsor, Podunk, Hartford, that they wil carry it peaceably & neighbourly towards them and the aforesaid Indians and that they wil not either secretly or publicly contriue or practice any evil or mischiefe against y^m. And the aforesaid Aramamat etc. engage that they & the aforesaid Indians on the Riuer wil carry it peaceably towards y^e aforesaid Sachem and his people and that they wil neither plot nor practice any evil against the said Vncass or his people. And whereas there is a difference about the bounds of Lands and Royalties belonging to y^e said Sachem and Aramamat, It is agreed between them that the deuideing bounds shalbe at Ashowat to Wonggunshoake and soe to Washiack and from thenc northerly, from w^{ch} bounds the Land and Royalties on the east shalbe and remaine to Vncass and his heires, and from y^e said bounds on y^e west to Conecticut Riuer shalbe to Aramamat and his heires; & this our agreem^t, and that we oblige ourselues & o^r heires to stand to y^e same, wee testify by subscribing o^r marks.

It is agreed that Aramamat	Vncass X his mark
shal not imp ^r prate vnto himself	Aramamat X his mark
any of y ^e Land y ^t is on the	Seacut X his mark
south of y ^e path that goes from	Nesahegen X his mark
Thomas Edwards to Monheage.	Quanampewet X his m ^r k

This writinge aboue was signed and d'd in presence of vs, who were appointed by the Gen^l Assembly to hear and indeauour the said Indians compliance, wth y^e ful and free consent of both parties.

John Allyn

Will^m Wadsworth

Tho: Stanton.

Recorded out of y^e Originall,
this Augst 3^d, 66.

p^r Daniel Clark, Sec^y.

[232] Whereas by an order of the Generall Assembly in May last, 1654, it was agreed and appointed that we whose names are here vnd^rwritten should set out y^e bounds and limits betwixt y^e inhabitants of Nameag and Monheag, who haue accordingly addressed o^rselues, We doe therefore conclude that haueing run the line it shal extend from Nameag northward to a brooke called by the Indians Cochicknake where the footpath to Monheag now goeth ouer the Creek or Coue, being the bounds to y^e south eastward, and y^e other way it runneth vpon a west norwest line northerly set out by two marked trees; and for the lands on the other side the

Creek or Coue, we leaue it to y^e Court to ord^r or y^e Town or p^rticuler persons whom it concernes to agree wth Vncass: Witness or hands, this tenth of June, 1654.

The mark of Vncass X

John Winthrop

Sachem of Monhegen

John Mason

Mathew Griswold.

Recorded out of a Coppy drawn out of the Originall, examined and attested by Lt. John Allyn.

Dan^{ll} Clark, Sec^y.

AT AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE GEN^{ll} ASSEMBLY, JULY 26, '66.

Jo: Winthrop Esq^r, Go: This Court doth ord^r that four
Major Mason, DEP: horsmen be speedily sent to Spring-

Assistants.

Mr. Mathew Allyn

Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys

Capt. John Talcot

Mr. Henry Woolcot

Lt. John Allyn

Mr. Joanes

Mr. Fenn

Daniell Clark *et Sec^r:*

Deputies.

Mr. Will^m Wadsworth

Mr. Joseph Fitch

Capt. Benja: Nubery

John Loomis

Mr. James Bishop

John Not

Wm. Goodrich

Mr. East

John Clarke

Thomas Judd

John Standley

Mr. Campfield

Mr. Hamlin

field to accompany such as shalbe sent by Capt. Pinchon to Fort Albany or further as may be judged meet, to atteine certeine vnd^rstandinge concerninge the motion of y^e French, according to such instructions as shalbe directed and giuen vnto them by this Court.

Mr. Samu^{ll} Willys, Capt. John Talcot and the Secretary are impowred to appoint or if need be to press four men and horses to attend the forsaid ord^r and instructions of this Court.

The men are Serg^t John Stedman, Corp^{ll} Martin, Corp^{ll} Gilbert and David Winshall. And this Court doth impower the Comittee to order all matters for y^e comly settinge them forth.

[233] This Court desires Mr. Jones and Mr. Fenn to take the paines to goe to Mr. Gold and in the name

Mr. Stanton of the Court desire, and if need be Samuel Chesbrough. to require him to accept of his comission for an orderly attendanc and execution of the place and office the Countrey hath chosen him to.

This Court doth order that in case of any apparent danger of invasion by the approach or motion of any enemie towards any of his Maties subjects in this Colony, and a necessity appeare of sending force out to intercept or expell the enemie before the General Assembly can convene, The Comittee hereafter nominated are hereby impowred and authorized to order the militia or any part thereof as they shall judge meet, to appoint and comissionate officers how and which way to act and proceed soe as in their best judgmts may most aptly conduce to a present preuention of the enemies designe and the conseruation of the Colony and the peace of the Plantations and people inhabiting the same. The Comittee is the Gouvern^r Winthrop, Mr. Mathew Allyn, Mr. Samuells Willys, Capt. Talcot, Mr. Henry Woolecot, Lt. John Allyn, C: Daniel Clarke, Capt. Nubery, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Howkins, Mr. Fitch; and a maior part of them meeting and concurring, their determination shalbe attended. This to stand in force til the Court order otherwise.

This Court recommends it to y^e Committee that issued the busines between the people of Stonington and the Indians at Coassatuck, to review their act, and to giue their sense of their act and to direct further for y^e laying out of y^e land agreed on that the Indians should haue.*

This Court doth order that if any person in this Colony, wthout iust and necessary occasion soe to doe, shal cause an

* See Note on page 33, ante. The report of the committee appointed by the Court in May, has not been preserved. Their determination of the controversy did not prove satisfactory to the people of Stonington, and was not accepted by them as final and conclusive. At a town meeting, July 5, 1666, the following vote was passed: "Whereas the town being very much unsatisfied by reason of the settling the Pequitt Indians upon us, as is stated and expressed in the order we had last from the Court or Committee, which order if attended will draw us into a far greater inconveniency than before; the town therefore this day constitutes the selectmen to draw up the full state of the town boundrys and to desire aid and help from the neighboring towns, i. e. some one or two neighbors that may be able to give a full and satisfactory testimony to the Court in that case." [Ston. Town Rec. Vol. I.]

A further order of the General Court, will be found with the records of the October session.

alarme in any of y^e Plantations, by firing any gun at any time between sunne set and sun riseinge, such actions proueinge very preiuditiall to y^e comfort and safety of the Plantats, the person that is discoverd and convicted to bee guilty herein shall pay as a fine five pounds to y^e Pub: Treasury or suffer two months imprisonment, or to be corporally punished vnles the Court doe iudge the occasion of shooteing to be iust.

[234] It is likewise ordered that when there is an alarme caused in any Plantation if the souldiers do not repaire to the severall Squadrons or places to which their chiefe officers doe appoint them to meet in, any person neglecting or refuseinge to attend his duty herein shalbe punished by 5[£] fine or imprisonm^t or corporall punishm^t; Vnles the delinquent doe giue a just reason of his disabilitie to attend this order w^{ch} reason shalbe presented to y^e next County Court.

His Maties Letter, dated 22^d Febr, '65,* being read and considered, This Court desires the Gouvern^r to consult wth or confæderate freinds in y^e Mass: Col: and wth S^r Thomas Temple, about his Maties desire therein.

July 31, '66.

The Comittee for y^e Militia being mett desired the Hon^d Go: and Dep: Govern^r to excite such Indians as they iudge trusty to relieue or people in case of invasion.

It is ordered, that such as beare pikes in y^e Train bands in y^e respectiue Plantations shal forthwith p^rcure their pikes to be sufficiently headed, and the pike to be noe less then fourteen foot in length; and if any refuse to mainteine a pike and other armes accordinge to order, they shall sell their poles to y^e Towne where they liue, if the chiefe officer approue of them or any of them, and the select men shal forthwith get them fitted vp for the Townes vse, to keep in a

* See Appendix III. (1.) This letter announces the King's declaration of war with France; and desires the Colony to apply themselves with all their force and skill, to the reduction of the French and Dutch possessions in America, (especially, of Canada,) to obedience to England.

In September following, Gov. Winthrop and Sir Thomas Temple (Governor of Nova Scotia,) presented themselves before the General Court of Massachusetts, to join in the consideration of matters proposed in his Majesty's letter. A sketch of the debate which ensued upon this proposition, will be found among the Danforth Papers, (in Mass. His. Coll. 2d Ser. viii. 101 et seq.)

Town stock. And for euery hundred souldiers there shalbe kept in a readines twenty pikes at least, of fourteen foot in length, and this proportion to be provided speedily in each Plantation.

[235] AT A GEN^l ASSEMBLY HELD AT HARTFORD, OCTOBER 11, '66.

Major Mason, D: Gor: This Court doth remit 20s. that
Assistants. Math: Griswold should pay to y^e
 Mr. Mathew Allyn Publ: Treasury for his appeale to y^e
 Mr. Sam^l Willys Court of Assistants.

Mr. Will^m Leet For preuention of future disap-
 Capt. John Talcot pointm^{ts} respecting appeales from the
 Mr. Henry Woolcot severall County Courts to y^e Court
 Mr. John Allyn of Assistants, It is ordered by this
 Mr. Sam^l Sherman Court that y^e Clarks of the respectiue
 Mr. Wm. Jones County Courts shall, vpon entrey of
 Mr. Fenn appeales in any of the said Courts to
 Mr. Crane y^e Court of Assistants, seasonably
 Daniell Clark, *et Sec^r.* returne to y^e Sec^y of the Corpora-

Deputies. tion an account of the appeales en-
 Mr. Wadsworth tred for y^e next Court of Assts, to-
 Mr. Fitch gether wth y^e judgmt of the said
 John Moor Court in the action tried, as also y^e
 John Loomis evidences referring to y^e action and
 Mr. Bishop the bonds taken for prosecution and
 John Cooper defence, all sealed up and deliuered
 John Clark to y^e person appealeing, by him to be
 Wm. East deliuered to the Secretary at least two
 Mr. Howkins weeks before the * of Assistants. And
 John Standley if any Clark faile herin he shall pay
 Mr. Hill the charges and damadges that ensue
 John Banks by his neglect, the w^{ch} the said Court
 Lawrenc Ward of Assistants shall determine. And
 John Wilford the person appealeing shal render

* The words "said Court," or their equivalent, were omitted by the recorder.

Mr. Bruen	reasonable recompense to y ^e Clerk
James Morgan	for his paines in transmitting the cop-
Hugh Caulkin	pies of those writeings dependant on
Lt. Francis Griswold	the case to be tried. And if the party
Lt. Wm. Pratt	receaeuing those writings from the
Rob ^t Ley	Clerk shal neglect to deliuer them to
Sam ^l Chesbrough	the Secretary as aforesaid, he shal
Mr. Tho: Stanton	pay the damadges that ensue thereon.
Georg Hubbard	And the entrey of the appeale w th
John Fowler	necessary security taken shalbe suffi-
Mr. Fairchild	cient su ^m ons to y ^e p ^r sons concerned
Ens: Judson	to attend the appeale.
Mr. Hamlin	[236] This Court considering the
Nath ^l White	order respecting 20s. imposed on ap-
John Nott	peales to y ^e Court of Assist ^{ts} to be
Wm. Goodrich	paid to y ^e Publ: Treasurie, doe de-
Math: Campfield	clare that the 20s. there imposed doth
Rich rd Olmstead	not include the 6s. due to y ^e Jury nor
Mr. Lawes.	y ^e Secretaries fees.

Its ordered by this Court that whateuer testimonies are improued in any Court of Justice in this Corporation in any action or case to be tried, shalbe presented in writeing and soe kept by the Sec^y or Clerke of y^e said Court on file; and the said Sec^y or Clerke for his paines herein shal be allowed by the Plaintiff two pence for fileing each individuall writeing. And what coppies are required there shalbe sixpence for each copy paid to the officer by him y^t takes them out.

This Court doth ord^r that al vessels of the burthen of thirty tuns and vpwards shalbe free for future from y^e list of estates by w^{ch} the Corporatⁿ levies are raised.

This Court haueing bene often troubled wth debates about y^e differences respecting the bounds betwixt N: London and Vncas, and haueing considered the writeing p^rsented at y^e Court, at N. London Court in June last, w^{ch} stands vpon record and is subscribed by the Gouvernor, Deputy Gouvern^r and Mathew Griswold and Vncas, doe see noe cause to alter the determination of the Co^mittee who ordered the Towne of N. London to pay vnto Vncass twenty pounds in currant pay; and doe further order the inhabitants of N. London to

make paymt of the aforesaid sum of 20£ to Vncass betwixt this and the first of May next, vpon the penalty of forfeiting 25£ to y^e Publ: Treasury. The bounds to stand as they were concluded between N. London and Vncass by the Co^mittee, which were Mr. Willys, Mr. Leet, Wm. Wadsworth, and Rob^t Chapman.

This Court doth hereby ord^r Mathew Griswold and Wm. Waller wthin the space of one month to send up to y^e Treasurer a true valuation of all y^e rateable estate of the persons that haue estate in that place called Lyme, on the east side the great Riuer, ouer against Sea Brooke, w^{ch} was in their possession in Augst last, vpon y^e penalty of forfeiting 5£. a peice to y^e Publ: Treasury.

Whereas by former order the Com^{rs} y^t were to view the lists before the Gen^l Court, were to meet sometime to attend [237] that seruice specified in y^e said ord^r (both || those on the Riuer and those by the seaside) at Hartford, w^{ch} ord^r hath not bene soe fully attended as ought to be, It is therefore ordered by this Court that for the future each Plantation in this Colony that send their lists fairly written by one of their Deputies, who is to supply the place of a Co^missioner, to meet wth y^e rest appointed for the seruice aforesaid, at Hartford, on the first day of y^e sitting of y^e Gen^l Court in October yearely, to perfect their List and make p^rsentation thereof to the Court accordinge to former [order.] And if any towne neglect soe to doe, the said Towne shal forfeit fiue pounds to y^e Publ: Treasury for each neglect herein.

This Court doth order that y^e land inclosed by Amos Richardson, Mr. Chesbrough and his sons, and Aaron Start, and by them impropriated to their proper vse wthin the bounds of Stonington, be valued by the list makers of Stonington and sent vp to y^e Treasurer to be added to their Towne estate, and soe from time to time for y^e future, all such land to be inserted in y^e list of estates.

Lt. Prat, Rob^t Chap^m: Good^m: Chaulk^r, Mathew Griswold and Wm. Waller are by this Court appointed a Co^mittee for enterteincing and approueing such as are receaued inhabitants on y^e east side y^e Riuer at Sea Brooke.

This Court doth declare that y^e power of the Com^{rs} at Sea Brook doth extend as far as Sea Brook ancient bounds betwixt them & N. London.

This Court doth desire Mr. Geo: Denison and James Morgan to make seizure on such rateable estate of Amos Richardson or any other persons that haue neglected to be presented to y^e List makers at Stonington or N. London.

Thomas Lee appeales to this Court for a further hearinge and determination in a case issued at y^e last Court of Assistants between Mr. James Cornish Plaintiff and y^e said Lee Defend^t.*

This Court grants an hundred acres of vpland and twenty acres of meadow adioyneinge or neer vnto the farme granted to Maior Mason, vnto Mr. James Fitch of Norridge, to him and his heires foreuer.†

Francis Griswold is confirmed Lt to y^e Trainee band at Norridge and Thomas Tracy to be Ensigne.

[238] The List of Estates from y^e several Townes in this Collony:—

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Hartford	16150.	01.	00	Windsor	14875.	00.	00
Wethersfield	12094.	19.	00	New Hauen	17474.	00.	00
Farmingt ⁿ	06934.	00.	00	SeaBrooke	04968.	10.	00
Guilford	06606.	00.	00	N. London	07761.	00.	00
Brandford	03327.	00.	00	MiddleTown	03731.	00.	00
Norwalk	05242.	00.	00	Norridge	03725.	00.	00
Milford	09536.	00.	00	Paugasut	00617.	00.	00
Fairfield	11149.	00.	00	Stratford	09661.	05.	00
Stoningt ⁿ	04631.	18.	00	Rye	01547.	10.	00
Greenwich	1607.	17.	00	Stanford	06003.	00.	00
Meriden	0144.	00.	00				

* "At a Court of Assist^{ts} held at Hartford, Octob^r 9, '66:—Mr. James Cornish Pltf. contra Thomas Lee Def^t. in an action of y^e case, for non performance of covenant, to sixty pounds damadge." * * * "The Jury find for Pltf. his bond of Ten pounds and an Account specified in y^e Bond, and costs of Court." [Rec. of Courts, pp. 55, 56.]

† The native right, in this grant, was subsequently purchased by Rev. Mr. Fitch, of Uncas, Owaneco and Attawanhood,—“to be taken up as nigh to the farm of Major Mason at Pomacook as shall be found convenient.” A patent was granted by the Court, in 1686, to Major Mason and Mr. Fitch, for their lands at Pomacook. [Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 323; II. 169.]

It is ordered by this Court that noe p^rson that is vnd^r the gouern^t of parents or master or guardiants shalbe capeable to make any contract or bargaine that in law shalbe accounted valid vnles the said p^rson be authorized and allowed by his gouern^r or guardiant. Nor shal any contract, bargaine, mortgage or sale of Inheritance of Houseinge or Lands made by any person that is vnd^r y^e age of twenty one yeares be accounted valid in law, although in any other respect it be made or done accordinge to y^e lawes established in this Corporation.

It is ordered by this Court, that all y^e inhabitants of this Jurisdiction shal make and mainteine sufficient fence or fences to secure their improueable lands against Cattle of all sorts whatsoever, vnruely Cattle only excepted. And what damadge is done by Cattle through y^e want or insufficiency of fence (except before excepted) it shal not be recoverable by law. This order to stand in force notwthstanding any former provision to y^e contrary respecting y^e lands on y^e East side y^e Great Riuer.

This Court doth order that ten pounds due to Daniel Garret for Capt. Scot, be paid vnto y^e said Garret out of y^e next Countrey Levy.

This Court doth confirme Josias Hul Sen^r, Lieuetenant to y^e Trainband at Killingsworth alias Homonascet.

[239] This Court haveing considered the appeale exhibited by Thomas Lee Pl^t agst James Cornish D^t, and the pleas by both parties, doe determine that y^e said Thomas Lee shal pay to y^e said Cornish 8£. currant pay, and y^t y^e said Thomas shall pay 3£. to Jeremie Adams, for y^e charge of the Court.

This Court frees y^e Constable of N. London and acquits him for the corne that he makes appeares to be burnt, of y^e Countreys, in his house.

This Court vnd^rstanding by certeine information that y^e determination of y^e Co^mittee in May last about Cosatuck Indians is destructiue to y^e comforts of Stonington people, doe therefore desire the Co^mittee to take the matt^r into further consideration and to put an issue to it.

This Court vnderstandinge and seriously considering the difference betwixt y^e Inhabitants of Fairfield and Norwalke about y^e deviding line betwixt those two Plantat^s, and finding evidenc that Fairfield had a grant of seauen miles from Stratford bounds, Doe therefore see cause to establish vnto Fairfield Towne the seauen miles in breadth, and to run the line betwixt Fairfield and Norwalk upon y^e same point northward as y^e line betwixt Stratford and Fairfield is run. And y^e Towne of Fairfield is required to allow a reasonable consideration to Norwalk men for y^e money y^t Norwalk hath laid out to y^e Indians for such lands as fall wthin Fairfield bounds forementioned.

Mr. Sherman, Mr. Fairchild and Ensigne Judson are desired and appointed by this Court to consid^r and determine what is equitable and reasonable for y^e Inhabitats^s of Fairfield to pay to y^e Towne of Norwalk in reference to y^e purchase forementioned. And the foresaid Co^mitte^e are desired to view the lands belonginge to Fairfield and Norwalk, vp northward into the Countrey 12 miles, and to make returne to y^e Court what kind of land it is in its nature, and the townes of Fairfield and Norwalk are to satisfy this Committee for their paines.

Mr. Judson, John Banks and Lt. Olmsted are appointed to run y^e line betwixt Fairfield and Norwalk.

[240] This Court doth order, that if any person either English or Indian wthin this Colony shall, vnder p^rtence of Wild Hogs, attempt to kill or willingly destroy any hogg or swine, great or small, in the Co^mons wthin the liberties of this Colony, the p^rson or p^rsons soe doing shal pay just damadges to y^e owners of such swine when knowen, and vpon conviction of the breach of this ord^r pay a fine of 5[£]. for each swine to y^e Publ: Treasury, vnles it be made evid^tly to appeare to y^e Townesmen where y^e person inhabits that y^e swine that he kild were his owne; and that noe man shal imploy any Indian to kill hoggs in y^e woods vpon the foresaid penalty.

This Court doth co^mend it to y^e consideration of the Plantations in this Colony and doe desire that there may be some provision agreed on in each Towne for y^e subdueing of vn-

d^rgrowth and shrubs neer the townes, that soe pasture for cat-
tle and sheep may be increased. And this Court doth iudge
it very expedient that some meet persons in each Towne be
appointed and impowred to settle some orderly and equita-
ble way for effecting what is propounded yearly.

This Court being informed of y^e great care and endeavours
of y^e respectiue Plantat^s in this Colony to procure Amūni-
tion accordinge to law, which hitherto hath bene ineffectuall,
Doth for this time remit the fines due from those Plantat^s, ex-
pecting the attendanc of the ord^r of y^e Colony for y^e future.

This Court doth establish y^e east bounds of the Towne
of Guilford to be the west side of Homonoscet Riuer, and
soe to take y^e most westerly branch of that Riuer vp in the
wild^rness.

Mr. Henry Wolcot Sen^r and Mr. John Allyn and James
Bishop or any two of them are desired and appointed to
audit the Treasurers accounts, som time in January next.

This Court grants a levy of three halfpence in y^e £. to be
raised on y^e estate of this Colony, to pay publ: charges.

It is ordered by this Court y^t noe p^rson that is settled in
any of y^e Counties in this Colony shalbe requireable by ver-
tue of a summons serued on him in that County to answer
[241] a case in another County Court. || And if the Plaintiff
and Def^t liue both in one County, the triall of the case be-
tween such p^rsons shalbe first in the County where they both
liue. And noe p^rson shal molest his neighbour in another
County in this Colony vnless it be in some extraordinary case
or by mutuall consent of both parties.

These to be put to nomination, at y^e election in May
next:—Capt. Benjamin Nubery, Lt. James Richards, Mr.
Alexand^r Briant, Mr. John Davenport, Mr. James Bishop,
Mr. Anthony Howkins, Mr. Tho: Fairchild, Mr. Giles Ham-
lin, Mr. Lawes.

This Court doth empower the County Court at N. Hauen
to administer the Freemans Oath to those who haue bin
accepted by this Court as freemen, at N. Hauen, Milford and
Brandford.

This Court orders that Edward Higby for makeing and

mainteineing the way over Pilgrooms Harbour passable for man & horse, shal haue his estate & farme free of Countrey [*rates*] for this yeare and next, he mainteineing the way soe longe as aforesaid.

This Court haueing heard & considered the compl^t of Mr. Tho: Stanton against Cuskatome and his brother in law for stealeing a considerable estate from him, and y^e great expence that he was at in app^rhending and secureing the said Indians, and considering the recompence y^t y^e law allowes in such cases, the whole acc^t being cast vp the total su^m amounts to twenty seauen pounds twelue shillings and two pence; of which Cuskatome is to satisfy 15£. 03s. 01*d*, and his brother in law, 12£. 09s. 01*d*. The which su^ms if y^e Sachems or their freinds to whom y^v doe belonge doe wthin fourteen daies after Mr. Stanton acquaints them wth this ord^r, pay vnto his satisfaction in currant pay, then these Indians in durance shalbe released, but if not, Mr. Stanton is hereby impowred to dispose of these Indians by selling or sending them to Barbadoes or any other English Island. And what ouerplus he makes to this su^m the said Mr. Stanton shal giue acc^t of to y^e Publ: Treasurer, all future charges being first discounted out of what is made of them.

This Court impowres the clerks of y^e severall County Courts to grant Execution vpon Judgm^t in any the said Courts, vnles appeale be entred in any the said Courts to y^e Court of Assistants.

[242] This Court doth conclude to consid^r of some way or meanes to bring those Ecclesiasticall matters that are in difference in the severall Plantations, to an issue, by stateing some suteable accomodation and expedient therevnto, and doe therefore order that a Synod be called to consider and debate those matters, and that y^e Questions p^rsented to y^e Elders and Ministers that are called to this Synod shalbe publicly disputed to an issue. And this Court doth confer power to this Synod, being met and constituted, to order and methodize the disputation soe as may most conduce in their app^rhension to attaine a regular issue of their debates.

This Court orders that all y^e Preacheing Elders and Min-

isters that are or shalbe settled in this Colony at y^e time of y^e meeting of the Synod shalbe sent to to attend as members of y^e Synod. This Court orders that Mr. Michil, Mr. Browne, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Glouer shalbe desired as from this Court to assist as members of this Synod.

This Court orders that all these Ministers or y^e maior part of them meeting shal proceed as a Synod, Provided that y^e maior part of y^e Teacheing Elders of y^e Churches be present. The Synod is to meet at Hartford, vpon the 3d Wednesday in May. The Secretary is to send this order and y^e Questions stated to each Minister in this Colony. Mr. Sam^l Willys and the Sec^y are to write to y^e Elders in y^e Bay to request them to attend what is here desired.

This Court doth order that y^e Questions stated by this Court shalbe those that shalbe considered and publiquely disputed in y^e Synod next May.

It is desired by this Court and solemnly commended to y^e Churches and people in this Jurisdiction, to suspend all matters controuersall and y^e practice of them not formerly receaued and practiced in y^e Churches here vntil an orderly decision be giuen by y^e Synod in May next.

The Questions to be disputed.

1. Whether federall holines or couent^t interest be not y^e proper ground of Baptisme.

2. Whether Co^munion of Ch^s, as such, be not warrantable by the word of God.

3. Whether the adu^t seed of visible beleiuers not cast out be not true members and the subieets of Church watch.

4. Whether ministeriall officers are not as truly bound to baptize the visible disciples of X^t providentially settled amongst them, as officially to preach the Word.

5. Whether settled inhabitants in the Countrey, being mem-
[243] bers of other Churches, should haue their children || baptized amongst vs wthout themselues first ord^rly ioynceing in Churches here.

6. Whether membership in a perticuler instituted Church be not essentially requisite vnd^r the gospel to intitle to baptism.

7. Whether adopted children and such as are bought wth money are Couenant seed.

8. Whether things new and weighty may be manadged in a Church wthout concurrence of officers and consent of the fraternity of the same Church; And if things are of co^mon concernem^t, then how far the consent of neighbouring Churches is to be sought for.

9. Whether it doth not belong to y^e body of a Towne collectiue^{ly}, taken joyntly; to call him to be their minister whom the Church shal choose to be their officer.

10. Whether the politicall and externall administra^{ti}on of Abraham's Couent be not obligatory to gospel Ch^s.

11. Vnto whom shal such persons repaire that are greiued at any Church process or censure, or whether they must acquiesce in the Churches sentence vnto w^{ch} they doe belonge.

12. Whether the laying on of hands in ordination of Elders belong to Presbiters or Brethren.

13. Whether the Church her invitation and election of an officer or preacheing Elder necessitates the whole Congregation to sit downe satisfied, as bound thereby to accept him as their Minister though invited and settled wthout y^e Townes consent.

14. What is the Gospell way to gather or settle Ch^s.

15. From whom doe Ministers receaue their co^mission to Baptize.

16. Whether a Synod haue a decisive power.

17. Whether it be not justifiable by the Word of God that Civil Authority indolge Congregation^{ll} and Presbyterian Churches, and their discipline in the Churches.

This Court declares that y^e action co^menced by Higby, Attourney to Post, against Mr. Crane and John Cooper, shal be let fall, and if the Pl^{tf} wil prosecute he may doe it at N. Hauen County Court, the Pl^{tf}s and D^{ts} both liueing wthin that County and y^e evidences being there. Mr. Fen or Mr. Joanes are desired to signify this to Edw: Higby.

[244] Francis Bell is by this Court established in the place and office of a Lieuetenant to y^e Traineband at Stanford.

This Court doth appoint a solemn day of Thanksgiueing to be kept throwout this Colony, on the last day of this Instant Octob^r, to returne praise to God for his great mercy in the continuation of o^r liberties and priuiledges both civil and eccles: & for o^r peace and preuenting those troubles we feared by forraigne enemies, and for his blessing in the fruits of y^e earth, and the Generall health continued in y^e Plantations.

This Gen^l Assembly being informed by James Morgan and James Averages certificate, who were appointed to lay out a tract of land for those Indians that are at Cosattuck, that the land that the Co^mittee appointed to be laid out for those Pequots comes not only wthin the bounds of Stonington but wil take in several mens proprieties and house lotts, did therfore desire the Co^mittee appointed in May last to take y^e matter into further consideration and settle that business, w^{ch} Co^mittee haueing deliberately considered the matter and being certified that there is a tract of land wthout the bounds of Stonington, called Pochaug, that may be sufficient and suteable to supply those Pequots at Cosattuck for planting ground for them and their successors, Doe therfore desire and appoint Lt. Francis Griswold, Ens: Thomas Tracy and James Morgan to view the said place, and if they iudge that place suteable and sufficient, or can by any meanes discover a more suteable place wthout the bounds settled by the Court to Stonington, that then they lay out for those Indians, two or three miles square, to be for the vse & benefit of those Indians and their successors.* And the said Lient. Griswold, Ens: Tracey and James Morgan are to consider what worke those Indians haue done at Cosattuck in breakeing up ground and fenceing there; and to endeauor a composition betwixt Stonington people and those Indians for the said labour; and if they cannot bring them to agreem^t then those men are to determine what shalbe paid to those Indians by Ston: people for the labour improued on Cosattuck lands, which shalbe forthwith paid by the people of Stonington. And soe those Indians are to make preparation to depart from Cosattuck to plant themselves on the [245] place laid out to them by those three men, by || the first of Aprill next ensueinge. And those Indians are to secure their planting land from damadge by English mens Cattle. And further, this Co^mittee doth establish Hermon

* Nov. 5, 1666: "It was voated that the townsmen shall with all expedition send unto those men which are by order of Court deputed to lay out the Indians land which are now at Cowissattuck; and to provide for their comforts." [Ston. Town Rec. Vol. I.]

Garret* in his Gouvern^t over those Ind^{ns}, hereby ordering him to take the advice and counsel of Wacotiant, repairinge in difficulties to those that the Court haue appointed to assist him in Stonington; and that Tomsquash doe not any further meddle in matt^r of Gouvern^t over those Pequot Indians now at Cosattuck, nor any way to interrupt Hermon in his Gouvern^t. This determination approued and established by this Assembly, Octobr 18, 66, attests, Daniel Clark Sec^{ry}.

AT A COURT OF ELECTION HELD AT HARTFORD,
MAY 9th, 1667.

These Nominated to Election.

John Winthrop Esq^r
Major Jn^o Mason
Mr. Matthew Allyn
Mr. Samuel Willis
Mr. Nathan Gold
Capt. Jn^o Talcott
Mr. Henery Woolcot
Leifet Jn^o Allyn
Mr. Sam^{ll} Sherman
Mr. Wm. Leet
Mr. Williã Joanes
Mr. Benjamin Fen

Elected.

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOUVERN^r
s. Major Mason, DEPT Gov^r.

Assistants.

s Mr. Matthew Allyn
s Mr. Samuel Willis
s Mr. Nathan Gold
s Capt. Jn^o Talcot
s Mr. Henery Woolcot
s Lief^t John Allyn
s Mr. Sam^{ll} Sherman
s Mr. Wm. Leet
s Mr. Wm. Joanes

* Hermon Garrett (elsewhere called Wequash. Wequash Cook, Cushawashet, &c.) was a younger brother of the Wequash who guided Capt. Mason's forces to the Mystic Fort, in the Pequot war of 1637. He was a son of Momojoshuck, (or Wettamozo,) a great Niantic sachem, who lived near where Ninigret's fort stood in 1699,—some four or five miles east of Pawcatuck River. After the death of Wequash, Hermon Garrett assumed his name and claimed to succeed him as Sachem. But his right was contested by Ninigret, (a younger brother of Momojoshuck and who had married Hermon Garrett's sister,) on the ground that the sons of Momojoshuck were not of the whole blood. In a deed given by Hermon Garrett in 1672, he describes himself as "Sachem or prince and rightful owner of" certain lands within the reputed bounds of Stonington, (east of Pawcatuck River,) which lands were "given to his eldest brother Wequascooke by his father Wettamozo and at his brother Wequascook's death given to him, the said Hermon Garrett, or alias Wequascook, as the next brother and heire." [Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 435.] See Rec. Comm^rs U. Colonies, in Hazard, II. 464, 465: Potter's Hist. of Narragansett, pp. 64, 65.

Mr. Jasper Crane
 Capt. Daniell Clarke
 Capt. Benj: Newbury
 Mr. James Richards
 Mr. Alex: Bryant
 Mr. James Bishop
 Mr. Jn^o Davenport
 Mr. Anthony Howkins
 Mr. Tho: Fairechild
 Mr. Giles Hamlyn
 Mr. Lawes.

[246] *Deputyes.*

Mr. Wm. Wadsworth
 Mr. Jos. Fitch
 Jn^o Moore
 John Loomis
 Mr. James Bishop
 Jn^o Mosse
 Sam^{ll} Boreman
 St Jn^o Notte
 Mr. Jn^o Clarke
 Mr. Williã East
 Mr. W^m Hill
 Mr. Cornelius Hul
 Mr. Tho: Fairchild
 Ens: Jos: Judson
 Mr. Rob^t Chapman
 Zach: Sanford
 Mr. Anth: Howkins
 Serjt Jn^o Stanley
 Mr. Gyles Hamlyn
 Nath: White
 Leift James Averey
 Mr. Cary Latham
 Jn^o Fowler
 W^m Johnson
 Mr. Edw: Grisell

s Mr. Benj: Fen
 Mr. Jaspar Crane
 s Capt. Daniell Clarke
 Capt. Jn^o Talcot, *Treasurer.*
 s Leift Jn^o Allyn, *Sec^r.*

Those that are marked wth y^e
 letter S are sworne to their
 respectiue places.

These were sworne :—Jn^o Strong,
 Joⁿ Grant, Timothy Buckland, Jn^o
 Moor junior, Edward Chapman,
 Mr. Henery Woolcot junior, Sam^{ll}
 Wheeler, Tho: Hucksley, David En-
 signe, Henery Grime, Edw: Higby,
 Jn^o Ward, Anthony Martin, Edw:
 Turner, David Sage, Mr. Eliezer
 Kimberly, Alex: Kency, Jos: Wright,
 Jos: Smith, Jn^o Cornwall, Tho: An-
 drews, Jonathan Selick, Jn^o Mitch-
 el, Nath: Stanley, Saunders Martu-
 gal, Henry Buck, Jos: Bull, Tho:
 Bunce, Stephen Osmore, Jn^o Sey-
 more.

This Court orders that y^e towne
 of Homonoscit shal for y^e future
 be named Kenilworth, & for y^r
 brand of horses they shal have y^e
 letter V on y^e near buttock.

This Court doth reco^mend it to
 y^e Town of Fairefeild to settle y^e
 land that hath been vnder y^e im-
 provem^t of y^e farm^{rs} at Banckside
 to y^m & y^r heires for ever by a
 firme record.*

* A copy of articles of agreement between the "farmers of Maxamus alias called Bank-
 side," and the town of Fairfield, executed June 29th, 1666, is in Towns & Lands, Vol. VI.

Leift Josias Hull	Although the Court by form ^r or-
Jn ^o Wilford	dr hath prohibited al persons from
Tho: Blackley	pleading as Attourneys in y ^e be-
Leift Rich: Olmsteed	halfe of any person y ^t is charged
Serjt Walter Hoit	& prosecuted for delinquency, yet
Robert Vsher <i>absent</i>	it is observed persons doe not at-
Francis Browne	tend y ^e mind of this Court y ^r in;
Mr. Jn ^o Bud	for y ^e pr ^v enting w ^r of, & y ^t persons
Mr. Tho: Stantō Sen ^r <i>abs.</i>	may not be encouraged in y ^r evil
Jn ^o Gallop	practises, it is by this Court or-
Fran: Grisel <i>absent</i>	dered, y ^t what person or persons
Tho: Tracey.	soever shal take that boldnes to

himselfe as to plead or speake in y^e behalfe of any person that is vpon examination or tryal for delinquency, (except he speake directly to matter of law & with leave from y^e authority p^rsent) he shal pay ten shillings to y^e Publike Treasure as a fine, or sit in y^e stocks one hour, for every such offence.

This Court doth remit y^e 60 pounds y^t was to be payd by New Haven, Milford, Brandford, & Guilford to Mr. Roses-ter; and it is to be payd out of y^e Publike Treasury.

This Court doth for y^e future free y^e several Com^{rs} in y^e respectiue Plantations in this Colony, whyle they so stand, y^r persons from being put into y^e List of Estates by which rates are made.

Whereas y^e Treasurer hath seised upon y^e howsing and part of y^e lands of James Wakely, for a forfeiture of a bond to y^e Court w^{ch} amounted to y^e sume of one hundred & fifty pounds, of w^{ch} fifty pound was abated, this Court orders y^e Treasurer to make sale of y^e sayd housing and land for y^e benefit of y^e Country. And himselfe and y^e Secretary are to signe the deed of sale in y^e name and behalfe of this Court and Corporation.

Vpon y^e petition of Mr. Tho: Wels & Mr. Pitkin, in be-

Doc. 283. It provides for the union of the plantation at Bankside with the town, guaranteeing to the five farmers who first settled there, their right of possession to all the lands enclosed by them and equal shares in future allotments of town lands. The Farmers named were Tho. Newton, Danl. Frost, Henry Gray, John Green and Fras. Andrus. In a copy of the original agreement of 1648, (from the Fairfield Records,) between the town and the planters, the name is written Machamux. [T. & Lands, I. 52.]

halfe of several persons who are proprietors in y^e land adjoining to y^e East side of Coⁿecticut River, that they might be freed frō fencing their land there, this Court doth for y^e future graunt liberty to y^e proprietors y^r on y^e East side y^e sayd River, to forbear fencing there, til y^e Court hath further considered y^e matter, & order that y^e inhabitants of each Towne [247] whoe are concerned in y^t || land doe consider what may be most advantageous for y^e private and y^e publike good, & make return to y^e Court, October next.

Vpon y^e motion of y^e Deputys of Farmington, this Court doth declare that [*they*] doe grant y^e sayd Towne liberty to improve y^r land as formerly, wthout fencing it otherwise yⁿ they have done formerly, notwthstanding any form^r ord^r.

These were p^rsented to stand for freemen:—Mr. Nath: Collins, Mr. Sam^l Collins, Henry Cole, Sam^l Cornewal, Georg Durant, Jn^o Owen, Abrahā Felps, Daniel Hayden, Nath: Pinney, Tho: Maschal, W^m Barber, Jos: Wilkinson, Eliezer Isbell, James Topping, Jaspar Clemens, Tho: Rañey, Mr. George Sanders.

This Court confirms Abrahā Post Ens: of y^e Trayne Band of Say-brooke.

This Court made choice of Mr. Mathew Allyn to be Moderator in Courts in y^e absenee of the Gov^r & Depty Gov^r.

This Court remits what is or shal be due frō Black Hal this year & y^e next, to y^e Country for y^r proportion of Rates.

This Court orders y^t y^e Plantation on y^e East side y^e River over ag^t Say-brooke for y^e future be named Lyme.

This Court doth order & impower y^e several officers & ministers of justice in this Colony, vpon y^e examinatⁿ or tryall of any person or persons brought before y^m for delinquency if any such persons shal in y^r wordes or actions carry it contemptuously or disorderly, to inflict such punishm^t vpon y^m as they shal judg most suitable to y^e nature of their offence, provided noe particular minister of justice shal inflict any punishm^t [*other*] yⁿ imprisonm^t or stocking or binding y^m to y^e peace or good behavior til y^e next County Court in y^t County, or a fine not exceeding twenty shillings.

There being a prison already onely erected in y^e County of Hartford, and such provision wanting in y^e other Countys to secure delinquents to a tryall &c: This Court doth order y^e several countys speedily to provide & mayntaine in y^e County Towne of each County, a prison or house of correction for y^e vse aforesayd; & for encouragem^t of y^e several Countys that shal accomplish what is ordered between this & y^e first of December next, this Court doth order twelve pounds to each County y^t shal attend y^e same, to be payd by y^e Treasurers order of y^e next Country Rate; if any County shal not have accomplished this order by y^e time aforesayd, they shal forfeit twenty pounds to y^e Publike Treasury.

It is ordered by this Court, that for every Wolfe y^t is killed by any person y^r shal be payd to him eight shillings by y^e Towne in whose bownd y^e Wolfe is killed & eight shillings by y^e Country out of y^e Publike Treasury, provided y^r be a certificate brought to y^e Treasurer frō y^e Constable of y^e Towne in whose bounds y^e Wolfe was killed to certify y^e same; this to stand notwthstanding any former order.

This Court orders that y^r shalbe a Grand Jury of twelve able men at least, warn'd to appeare at y^e County Courts [248] yearly, in y^e several countys (at Hartford || on y^e first Thursday in March; at New London on y^e first Wednesday in June; at New Haven on y^e 2nd Wednesday in June; at Fairefeild on y^e 2nd Teusday in March; or oftner if y^e Judges of y^e sayd Courts see meet,) to make p^rsentm^t of y^e breaches of any laws or orders or any other misdemeano^{rs} they shal know of in y^r respective Countys.

For y^e p^rventiō of y^e breach of y^e Sabbath by the Indians wthin y^e English limits, it is ordered by this Court, that w^tever Indian or Indians shal labor or play on y^e Sabbath wthin y^e English limits & on y^e English lands, he shal pay five shillings as a fine, halfe to y^e Publike Treasury, y^e other halfe to y^e party discovering the same, or sit in y^e stocks one hour; any onē Assist: or Co^mr to heare and determine any such case; this order is to be made knowne to y^e Indians by y^e Constables in each Plantatiō.

This Court orders y^t for y^e future y^e prices of Horses, in y^e

List of Estates, shalbe as followeth : Horses & Mares of four yeers old & vpwards shalbe valued at 8 pound p^r peice ; those of 3 yeer old & vantage, six pound p^r horse ; those of two yeer old & vantage, four pound a peice ; those of one yeer old & vantage, two pound a peice.

This Court desired & appointed Mr. S. Willis, Mr. Nathan Gold, Mr. W^m Joanes, Mr. W^m Wadsworth, Mr. James Bishop, Mr. W^m Hill, Mr. Edward Grisell, as a Co^mittee to wayt vpon y^e Governor to receive frō him such reasons as he shal p^rsent for his desires to lay downe his place ; as also to returne such answers as they shal see cause to returne ; & y^e also are desired to vse their endeavors to p^rswade him to accept of y^e place he is chosen to, & to make returne to y^e Court.

*Whereas it is found by experiance that several persons are very injurious to y^e comforts of their neighbours, by throweing down the fences & barrs and leaveing open the gates of cornfeilds & meadowes, & not setting them up or shutting them agayne, whereby much damage doth often come to the proprietors of such feilds or meadowes, For the prevention whereof, it is ordered by this Court, that whosoever shall throw down or leave open any gates, barrs or fences of any cornfeild or meadow, he shall pay as a fine for every such defect thirty shillings, fifteen shillings to the person complayneing & proueing the same, the rest to the proprietors of the sayd feild, and answer all other damages that shall come thereby, any one Assistant or two Co^mr^s to heare and determine any such case.

This Court haueing heard the complaynt made against Captⁿ Georg Denison, wth y^e evidences referring thereto, doe find that in a letter by him writt to some of Warwick he hath blemished this Court & one of the principle members thereof, & that he hath not bin soe carefull as he ought of his engagement to this Colony, but hath fayled therein in not duely mayntaineing the honour of the Court & Magistrates thereof; for which this Court doth adjudge him to pay as a fine for

* Secretary Allyn's record commences here, and all that follows, to the end of the volume, is in his hand writing.

his misdemeanor therein Tenn pounds, and that he shall give in Twenty pound bond for his good behaiour till the Court at New London, Nouember next. This Court upon the humble petition of Captⁿ Denison, saw cause to release him from his bond for his good behaiour.

This Court doth refer the confirmation of the Lieutenant & Ensigne of Stanford to Mr. Gold, Mr. Sherman & Mr. Hill, upon full & cleare evidence of their free election.

This Court doth confirm Joseph Horton, L^t to the trayn band of Rye. Mr. Lawes is to administer the oath to the Constable of Rye.

[249] Mr. Richard Lawes & Mr. John Holly are chosen Commissioners for the Townes of Standford, Greenwich & Rye, and to assist in the execution of justice at the courts at Fayrefeild for the yeare ensueing.

Mr. Mathew Campfeild is chosen Co^mmissioner for the towne of Norwake and to assist in the execution of justice at the courts at Fayrefeild.

Mr. W^m Hill is chosen Co^mmissioner for Fayrefeild.

Mr. Thomas Fayrechild is chosen Co^mmissioner for Stratford.

Mr. Alexander Bryant & Mr. John Clarke, Co^mmissioners for Milford.

Mr. Jeams Bishop, Mr. Mathew Gilbert, Mr. John Davenport, Captⁿ John Nash, Co^mr^s for New Haven.

Mr. Rob^t Kitchel & Mr. George Hubbard, Co^mr^s for Guilford.

Mr. Edward Griswold, Co^mr for Kenilworth.

Mr. Rob^t Chapman & L^t W^m Pratt, Co^mr^s for Saybrook & Lyme.

Mr. Edward Palmes & L^t James Avery, Mr. Dan^{ll} Witherly, Mr. Wm. Duglas, are chosen Co^mr^s for N. London.

Mr. Tho: Stanton is Co^mr for Stonington.

Mr. Giles Hamlin, Commissioner for Middleton. Mr. Sam^{ll} Wells, Co^mr for Wethersfeild. Mr. Anthony Howkins, Co^mr for Farmington. John Wilford, for Brandford.

Mr. Leete, Mr. Joanes & Mr. Fen are desired to administer the oath of a magistrate to Mr. Crane, & to the Co^mr^s of

New Haven, Guilford, & Milford that yet are not sworne, any one of y^m to administer the oath of a Co^mr. And Mr. Gold or Mr. Sherman to administer the oath of Co^mr to Mr. Lawes & Mr. Campfeild, Mr. Holly and Mr. Fayrechild; Mr. Rob^t Chapman to administer the oath to L^{nt} Pratt.

This Court haveing heard the returne of the committee that were desired to treat wth the Gouverneur, doe still desire the Gouverneur to accept of the place he is chosen to and that he may be the better inabled to attend the same, this Court doth free the Governors estate that is in this Colony from Country Rates for this yeare, and order that a hundred and twelue pownds be payd to him out of the publique Treasury, for this yeare.

This Court orders that what shall be justly due for the hyer of a chamber for the keeping of the Country Rate in the respective Townes, from the time of the gathering of it till it is payd, it shall be allowed & payd by the Countrye.

Vpon the petition of Edward Wooster, in the behalfe of some of Pawgasuck, that they may be encouraged to make a plantation or vilage there, This Court doth order, that if there be a sufficient number appeare betwixt this & October com two year, as will engage to make a plantation there and mayntayne an orthodox minister, that they may be in a capeable way to enjoy the ordinances of God and civill order amongst them, this Court shall be ready to conferr such priuiledges upon them as may be for their comfort; provided in the mean time and till they have a minister amongst themselves they shall pay their proportions towards the maintenance of the ministry of Milford, and the repayre of there meeting house; and they are to receive no inhabitant to them wthout approbation from Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Fayrechild & Mr. John Clarke, and that they shall not impropriate any more land to themselves then at present they doe possesse.

Vpon the petition of Mr. Eliz: Way for a release of a percell of Rum seized by the Custome-master of Windsor, which the sayd Mr. Way doth affirme he entered wth the Custome-master of Middleton, Mr. Way engaging to this

Court that when he shall be called he will make it appear that the Rumm seized is the same entered at Middleton, This Court hereby orders the Custome-master to releas to Mr. Way or his order the Rumme seized.

Vpon the petition of John Plumbe, this Court doth order the Treasurer to pay unto John Plumbe in leiw of the Rumme by the Custome-master seized, five pownds. This Court remitts the tenn shillings for his petition.

The Court voated that the retorne of the Jury in the action of reviewe wherein Thomas Burnham was plaintife and Barth: Barnard & Wm. Pitkin were defents, at the County Court at Hartford, March last, doth not take off the first verdict of the Jury, Octobr 30th, 1666.*

[250] Vpon the petition of the inhabitants of Thirty Miles Island,† this Court desired & impowered Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys, Mr. W^m Wadsworth, Mr. Giles Hamlin & Sam^{ll} Boreman or any three of them to be a committe in the behalfe of this

* "At a spetiall County Court called at Hartford, Octobr 30, '66:—Wm. Pitkin and Berthlor Bernard, Plts. contra Tho: Burnam Dft in an action of y^e case for a devision of y^e lands in his possession in Windsor bounds at Podunk, by virtue of theire purchase from Jacob Migat. In this action the Jury find for y^e Plaintifs a devision of land according to disbursm^{ts} and costs of Court. The Deft enters a review at y^e next County Court in March ensueinge." [Court Rec. iii. 56.] In the action of review, tried at the March Court, "the Jury retorne that they find neither for Pltf. nor Defend^t." [Ibid, 60.]

The land in controversy was the undivided half of a tract on the east side of Connecticut River, in the townships of Hartford and Windsor, which had been purchased by Thomas Burnham and Jacob Mygatt, of Tantonimo the sachem of the Podunk Indians. In May, 1666, Mygatt sold his interest in these lands to Wm. Pitkin and Barth. Barnard,—who soon after demanded from Burnham a division of the land, and surrender of possession. On his refusal to comply, they brought an action against him in the County Court. [The files in this case, including Mygatt's deed, numerous depositions, pleas, &c., are in "Private Controversies" Vol. I. Docs. 29—47.]

† Subsequently named *Haddam*. The petition referred to is as follows:—

"To the Honrd Gen: Assembly now sitting in Hartford. The humble petition of the inhabitants of the plantation at Thirty Myle Island, sheweth, That whereas your Petiti^{on} had a graunt of our plantation from the Honrd Gen: Assembly, Octob. 4th, 1660, and wee accordingly did settle there, and since there hath arissen som trouble about the lands because our bounds are only settled in generall terms in the said graunt; and your pet^{rs} haue formerly requested a more partickular settlement, but the Committee appointed thereunto hath done nothing in it, wee humbly pray this Honrd Assembly that our bounds may bee fully settled on euery side according to the true intent of the said graunt, and for a cessation of controversies, and for this Honrd Court y^r Pet^{rs} shall ever pray &c.

May 16th, 1667.

In the name and by the order of the inhabitants,
subscribed by mee, James Bate."

[T. & Lands, Vol. I. 92.]

Court to consider of the difference between Saybrook & the sayd plantation of Thirty Mile Island, about there bownds, and to bring it to the best issue they can & make returne what they shall doe, at the Court in October next.

These are to stand vpon tryall for freeman, from New Haven; Abram Dickerman, W^m Bassett, John Herryman, Ephraim How, Jeremy Howe, Sam^{ll} Street, Daniel Sherman, John Cooper Jun^r, Sam^{ll} Munson, Joseph Mosse, John Gilberd, Windal Johnson, John Hall Jun^r, John Thomas Sen^r, John Miles, Edward Perkins, Sam^{ll} Miles, Isack Turner, James Clarke, Mathew Moulthrop Jun^r, Ellis Mew, John Potter, James Denison, John Assabell, Sam^{ll} Hemaway:—

For Farmington; Sam^{ll} Cole, Benjamin Jud, Zachary Seimore, Richard Seimore, Isack Boreman, Sam^{ll} Hall Jun^r.

This Court appoynted & impowered an Indian named Daniel to assist Casinamen in the Gouverment of the Pequits committed to his charge; and the sayd Governours are hereby impowered to appoynt a constable amongst themselves. This to stand for this yeare ensueing.

This Court doth not see cause to grant Mr. Richard Ely his petition.

Vpon complaynt made to this Court that diuers persons have thrust themselves into the severall Plantations of this Colony, to the unjust disturbance of the same, for prevention thereof, this Court doth order that for the future whatsoever person or persons doe com into any Towne & after warning giuen him to depart shall there abide wthout leaue of y^e selectmen of each Towne or the respective Townes themselues, shall forfeit Twenty shillings by the weeke to the Towne Treasury where he so remaynes, for euery such default in this kind: and in default of payment to sit in the stocks and there remayne the space of one hower, or otherwise be corporally punished, & so from weeke to weeke, the time he shall remayne in the sayd Towne; any one Assistant or Commissioner to hear and issue any such case.

Captⁿ John Talcott, y^e Secretry & Captⁿ Dan^{ll} Clarke are desired to journey to New London and assist the Deputy Governour in keeping Court there in June next.

Whereas the Gen^l Assembly in October last did see a necessity to take some course for the stateing and issueing of such ecclesiasticall matters and questions as are amongst us, and therefore thought it expedient to call the seuerall ministers in this Colony to conveen together to consider of and dispute such questions as by the sayd Court should be presented to them, and in that order stiled them a Synod, vpon farther consideration this Court sees cause to vary that title, and to stile them an Assembly of the ministers of this Colony called together by the Generall Court for the discoursing of the questions stated according to former order.

This Court doth grant the Town of Fayrefeild liberty to runn their bownds northwards soe farre as Stratford bownds goes, which is twelue miles.

Norwalke hath allso liberty from this Court granted to them to runn their bownds northwards so farr as Fayrefeild bowndes goeth, which is twelue miles.

This Court being duely sencible of the great trouble & contention that doth and may arise in this Corporation by reason of the great defects that are fownd in records and alienations of houses and lands, that due forme of law not being duely attended which is requisit in such affayres, for the prevention whereof, and that future trouble may be avoyded and Righteousness and Justice may be mayntayned, It is ordered by the Authority of this Court, that what person or persons soever shall stand possessed of any house or houses, percell or percells of lands wthin this Colony, wthout being interrupted by lawe wthin the space of twelve moneths & a day after the publication hereof, such person or persons hath hereby full power to enter and record the same to himselfe and his heirs, in the book of Records of that towne where the sayd houses and land lyeth, payeing a meet recompence to the recorder of the Towne for his paynes; and a record under the recorder's hand and one of the selectmen wth an Assistant or Commissioner shall be a sufficient and legal evidence [251] to all and every person or || persons that shall have the same to all intents, ends and purposes for the holding of the same firme to him, his heirs & assignes forever, provided this

law includes not orphans under age and proprietors in forraighn parts.

Whereas in an order already established there is a liberty granted to the Plaintife either to wthdraw his prosecution upon ordinary summons or attachment before the court, or non-suit himsele in the prosecution before judgment, which in cases of reveiwe upon judgment recouered for debts due upon specialties, or otherwise, may prove very prejudiciall to the creditor to keep him out of his estate, by reason of that liberty that the lawe allowes, that vpon non-suit the Plaintife may renewe his processe at an other court, for prevention whereof, this Court hereby orders that no Peticuler Court in this Colony shall grant a reveiw in cases of the afoarsayd nature, but where the defendant doth make appeare to the sayd Court some speciall consideration that cannot by him be foreseen or prevented for the defence of his case, and if the Court see cause to grant a reveiw upon considerations before mentioned, the person reveiwing shall wthout farther trouble rest in the judgment upon the reveiwe or proceed to appeale according to order established, and his wthdraweing or non-suit in the reveiwe shall be the establishment of the first judgment in order to the issœing forth execution.

This Court heartily recommends it to the inhabitants of New Haven and Milford by a committee to meet together and agree about there bownds; and it is desired that ye towne of New Haven would so farr condesend to there neighbours of Milford as to alowe them a sufficiency of land for an outlett into the wilderness.

Jonathan & John Sillick, by reson of the losse befell them in there last voyage, petitioning this Court, ye Court remitts unto Jonath: & John Sillick, Three pounds & Ten shillings, provided Mr. Bryant alowe them the rest of their custome.

This Court grants unto Farmington to runn their bounds from the Rownd Hill to the southward tenn miles, provided it doth not prejudice any former grant to any towne or perticuler person.

Mr. William Leete & Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys are chosen Commissioners for this yeare, and Mr. Mathew Allyn for a reserve.

This Court joyned Major Mason to the Committees for the Militiæ.

This Court impowered the severell Committees in cases of exegency and extremity by reason of an enemie, to order and determine what to doe in poynt of giving and receiveing quarter and makeing compositions wth a forraighne enemie.

This Court is adjourned till the Governour, Deputy Governour or the Assistants of the County of Hartford shall see cause to call it againe.

[252] A GENERALL ASSEMBLY HELD AT HARTFORD, OCTOBER 10th, 1667.

John Winthrop Esqr, Gov^r. The inhabitants of Windsor
Assistants. haveing improued themselves in
 Mr. Math: Allyn building a forte, this Court for
 Mr. Wm. Leete there incouragement doe release
 Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys the Traine soldiers of Windsor
 Captⁿ Nathan Gold two dayes of their training this
 Captⁿ John Talcott Michael Tide and one day in
 Mr. Henry Woolcott the spring.

Mr. Benj: Fenn This Court doth desire and ap-
 Captⁿ Dan: Clark poynt James Steele and George
 L^{nt} John Allyn, *Sec^y* Graue Jun^r to measure out the
 Mr. Sam^{ll} Sherman. bownds of Wethersfeild, on the
Deputies. east side of the great Riuer, from
 Mr. Wm. Wadsworth Hartford bownds to the sowth
 Mr. Jos: Fitch bownds of Wethersfeild and to
 Captⁿ Benj: Newbury state it, and Wethersfeild &
 Deacon John Moore MidleTon are to alowe the sayd
 Mr. James Bishop James Steele & Georg Graue a
 Mr. John Mosse meet recompence for the same.

Mr. John Clarke The Honord Commissioners
 Mr. Wm. East of the Vnited Colonyes at their
 Mr. John Deming meeting at Hartford, Sept^r last,
 Sarg^t John Nott haueing recommended it to the

Mr. Wm. Hill
 Mr. John Burr
 Mr. Anth: Howkins
 Sarj^t John Standly
 L^{nt} James Avery
 Mr. Cary Latham
 Mr. Rob^t Chapman
 L^{nt} Wm. Pratt
 Mr. Josep: Hawley
 L^{nt} Wm. Curtice
 Mr. Giles Hamlin
 Wm. Cheeny
 Mr. Thom: Stanton
 Sarj^t John Minor
 Sarj^t Walter Hoyte
 John Gregory
 John Fowler
 Wm. Johnson
 Mathew Griswold
 Wm. Heyden
 L^t Francis Griswold
 Ens: Thom: Tracy
 Jonathan Reynold
 Peter Ferret
 John Willford.

Generall Courts of the severall Colonyes, that when questions of publique concern^{mt} about matters of fayth & order doe arise in any Colony, that the decission thereof should be referred to a Sinod or Councill of Messengers of churches indifferently called out of the Vnited Colonyes, by an orderly agreement of all the Generall Courts, and that the place of meeting be at or neer Boston, And whereas the Reverend Mr. John Warham, Mr. Sam^{ll} Hooker & Mr. John Whitting, by a writing subscribed by them, presented the desires of the Assembly of Ministers of this Colony, that there might be a more generall convention of meet persons sent from the churches from the Massachusetts & o^rselves, for the consideration and decission of such questions as haue beene by this Assembly, Octobr, sixty-six, presented to the sayd assembly of Ministers, This Court haueing considered the premises thought good to declare that those Questions formerly stated, Octobr, sixty-six, and recommended to the sayd assembly of Ministers, May last, have not as yet had any decission: And that they doe desire the seuerall churches & plantations in this Colony, upon theire owne charge, to send their teaching elders or ministers to joyne in councill wth such of the Massachusetts & Plimouth as shall be appoynted to attend the consideration and issue of such controversall poynts, and desire that the same may be signified to the Generall Assembly of the Massachusetts;* and that they are desired to appoynt the time & place of meeting, if they see cause.

This Court appoynts Mr. W^m Wadsworth and James

* See Appendix, No. IV.

Steele to divide unto John Allyn, W^m Lewes, and the Widow Lord, their proportion of land (according to record & grant of the Towne of Hartford,) in the North Meadow, and to bownd it out to them, and to make reporte to the Court in May next, who will consider what is to be attended for the confirming of the same.

This Court, upon the petition of the inhabitants of Kenilworth,* doe hereby declare and give them their approbation and encouragement to gather themselves into church order, according to the order of the gospell.

These were sworne in Court for Freeman; Abram Phelps, Nathan Pinney, Timothy Palmer & John Owen.

This Court doth approve of Isack Phelps, Daniel Heyden, Thomas Mascall, John Sheare, Nath^l Bissell, Sam^l Filly, Owen Tudor, to be freemen, and desire Mr. Math: Allyn to administer the oath of freedome to them.

[253] The list of the estates of the severall Plantations are as followeth:—

Hartford persons & estate is	£ 17000 : 00 : 00
New Haven persons & estate is	£ 16580 : 00 : 00
Milford persons & estate is	£ 09279 : 00 : 00
Saybrook persons & estate is	£ 05432 : 15 : 00
Norwalk persons & estate is	£ 05061 : 05 : 00
Norwich persons and estate is	£ 03786 : 12 : 00
Stonington persons & estate is	£ 04702 : 19 : 00
MiddleTon persons & estate is	£ 03593 : 10 : 00

* The original petition is in Ecclesiastical Papers, Vol. I. Doc. 13:—

"May it please the Honoured Court: Whereas the plenary enjoyment of all the sacred ordinances & institutions of Christ, and all possible communion with him therein is that one thing that we should desire and seeke after, and all tedious and unnecessary remissenesse in the prosecution of so sacred a designe, grandly culpable; and forasmuch as the Honrd Generall Court have formerly in their wisdom established that no persons or inhabitants within this Colony imbody themselves in a church without their favourable approbation; We, the inhabitants of the Towne of Kenelmeworth, in obedience to so, not more just then, necessary a law, humbly craue and entreat their benigne aspect and approving allowance of so profitable and desireable a worke as the gathering of our selves into church order for the full and regular enjoyeing of the aforesayd ordinances and institutions. As we therefore beseech your acceptance of us & encouragement to us in this proceeding, so we humbly implore the Eye of Almighty God to guide you in all your Affaires.

Octob. 11th, '67.

John Woodbridge.

Edward Griswold, Will. Heyden,

In the name & wth the consent of the rest."

Guilford persons & estate is	£ 06719 : 16 : 03
Wethersfeild persons & estate is	£ 11775 : 11 : 04
Windsor persons & estate is	£ 14562 : 10 : 00
Rye persons & estate is	£ 01721 : 00 : 00
Standford persons & estate is	£ 05539 : 13 : 00
Greenwich persons & estate is	£ 01632 : 14 : 00
Brandford persons & estate is	£ 02371 : 00 : 00
New London persons & estate is	£ 08463 : 06 : 00
Farmington persons & estate is	£ 06712 : 00 : 00
Stratford persons & estate is	£ 08827 : 06 : 00
Fayrefeild persons and estate is	£ 10637 : 08 : 00
	£ 144398 : 06 : 09

Mr. Howkins to administer the oath of freedome to those of Farmington propownded last Court in May :

Mr. Joanes & Mr. Bishop to administer the oath of freedome to those of New Haven propownded as afoars^d :

Mr. Hamlin to attend the same seruice in administring the oath of freedome to those of Midleton :

Mr. Griswould to administer the oath of freedome to those propownded for freemen of Kennilworth :

Mr. Wells to administer the oath of freedome to those propownded of Wethersfeild.

Adam Hurd, John Birdseye Senr, Sam^{ll} Blackman, Israel Curtice, are accepted as freemen, & Mr. Sherman to administer the oath of freedom to them.

This Court accepts of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Woodbridge & Mr. Chaney of Stratford to be freemen, to be sworne with the rest : and Moses Wheeler.

This Court accepts of John Rusco, Nath: Hayes, Sam^{ll} Hayes & Rob^t Steward for freemen.

Vpon the motion of Mr. Whiting, Mr. Buckly, Mr. Haynes, & Mr. Stone, to this Court, to know what they expect from the Assembly of ministers in refference to theire meeting according to their adjournment, this Court doth returne that they purpose to make a motion to the Generall Assembly of the Massachusetts for a more Generall Convention.

These are to stand for nomination for freemen: Daniel Baldwin, Eleazer Rogers, Andrew Sandford, in Milford.

In Guilford; Richard Gutteridge, Thomas Meeock, Nath: Chittenton, Thomas Cook Jun^r, Joseph Dudley:

In Saybrook; Mr. Thomas Buckingham, Francis Bushnell, W^m Bushnell, Alexander Chalker, Thomas Dunck, Edward Shipton, John Hingham, John Bushnell, John Parker, Richard Raymon, John Chapman, Rob^t Chapman, Richard Tooseland, Samuel Joanes, Thomas Norton:

[254] In Norwalke; Thomas Benedict Sen^r, Richard Homes, John Raymond, Thomas Seimore, Christouer Comstock, Joseph Fenn, Thomas Fitch Jun^r, Samuel Senssion, John Platt, Ephraim Lockwood, John Hoyte, Henry Whitney, Ralph Keeler, Thomas Benidict Jun^r, John Gregory Jun^r:

In Brandford; Michael Taynter, Mich: Palmer, Sam^l Warde, Jonath: Rose:

In Windsor; Peter Bewell, Thomas Rowell.

Mr. James Richards appeales to this Court from the jurisdiction of the special court held at Hartford, August 27th, 1667, & from the sentence of that court, wherein there was a fine imposed upon him.

This Court upon the petition of W^m Haugh, have considered that case depending between him & Henry Whitney, and doe order that there shall be payd unto the sayd Henry Whitney fower pownds out of the publique Treasury, and this to be an issue of the case depending between the s^d Haugh & Whitney about seizing of rumme. The Treasurer is desired to order him his pay at Norwalke.

This Court doth desire and require the Towne of Windsor to meet on Munday next, at y^e meeting house, by sunn an hower high in the morning, and all the freemen and householders within the limits of the sayd towne and Massacoe are to bring in their votes to Mr. Henry Woolcott; those that would have Mr. Chancy to be the settled minister for Windsor are to bring in a paper to Mr. Woolcott a paper with some writing on it, those that are against his continuance are to bring a white paper to Mr. Woolcott. And Mr. Wool-

cott is desired to take the account of it, and to make reporte thereof to the Generall Assembly. And this Court doth hereby require and command all and every the inhabitants of Windsor, that dureing this meeting they forbear all discourse and agitation of any matter as may provoake or disturbe the spirits of each other; and at the issue of the worke that they repayre to there severall occations as they will answer the contrary. If any should object against the vote of any person, Mr. Henry Woolcott is to decide it. This to be published on the Sabbath day, after the morning exercise.

Mr. Woolcott returnes that this day, being the 14th of October, the Towne hath mett, and there was eighty six voted for Mr. Chauncey's continuance, and fifty two voted against it.

This Court grants unto Ens: Thomas Tracy & Thomas Leffingwell, the suñe of Fower Hundred Acres of Land, to be equally diuided between them.

And also this Court grants unto Thomas Minor, the suñe of Fifty acres of land, as a farther addition to his & John Gallop's former grant of Two Hundred acres, upon his willingness to exchange or remove from the land he has layed out to him by Ensigne Avery & James Morgan.

And this Court desires Thomas Leffingwell, Ens: Thomas Tracy & Sarjt Thomas Minor to agree together and lay out each other their proportion according to their grants, in that land of the east side of Shawtuckett River.

This Court confirmes John Graves Ensigne of the Traine Band of Guilford.

This Court for the present and vntill farther order be taken, doe free the land on the east side the great River from fenceing.

New Haven are compleat in their aṃmunition, according to order.

Millford is compleat in their aṃmunition, according to order

Brandford is compleat in their aṃmunition, according to order.

Wethersfeild, not compleat; Norwalke, not compleat; Windsor, not compleat; Norwich, not compleate; Guilford, not compleate; Middleton, not compleate; Stonington, not compleat; Farmington, not compleate.⁶

[255] The court orders that the letter read in Court, wth the order, shall be subscribed (and sent to the Generall Court of the Massachusetts,) by the Secretary in the name of the Courte.

Ens: Joseph Judson moueing this Court for a confirmation of the agreement of the towne of Stratford,* made December 18th, 66, in reference to the diuission of sequestred lands to Mr. Chancy, the present minister, and Mr. Peter Bulkley or any other, there haueing nothing appeared to this Court therein that is contrary to lawe, the Court doth aproue of the sayd agreement, and desire Ens: Judson, Mr. Fayrechild, L^{nt} Curtice, Mr. Hawly, Richard Butler & Henry Walkley to lay out the land according to the sayd agreement; and that from henceforth they shall all joyntly make payment of their proportions towards the mayntenance of Mr. Chancy, till there be another minister at Stratford there cohabiting.

Vpon the motion of the deputies of New Haven, this Court grants the towne of New Haven liberty to make a village† on the east River, if they see it capable for such a thing, provided they setle a village there within fower yeares from May next.

This Court grants Mr. Sherman, Mr. Fayrechild, L^{nt} Curtice, Ens: Judson, Mr. Hawley & John Minor liberty to purchase Potatuke and the lands adjoyneing, to be reserved for a village or plantation.

The people of New Haven haueing had liberty granted by this Court for setleing a village on the East River, Mr. Sherman being thereby prevented of takeing up his grant there, this Court gives him liberty to take up his grant elsewhere, and Mr. Joseph Judson & Mr. Fayrechild are to lay it out to him.

* A copy of this agreement is in Ecclesiastical Papers, Vol. I. Doc. 23.

† New Haven Village; incorporated, May, 1670, and named *Wallingford*.

This Court grants Brandford for their north bownds, from the sea into the wilderness tenn miles.

This Court grants Guilford for their north bownds, from the sea into the wilderness tenn miles.

This Court grants Mr. Hamlin liberty to retale wine and liq^{rs} to his neighbors at Midleton.

This Court grants Mr. John Blackleach liberty to retale wine and liq^{rs} to his neighbours that are honest, sober householders, and those onely, till the last of Nov^r next.

This Court grants liberty to the County Courtes in the respective Countyes, to grant lycense to any perticuler person to retale wine & liq^{rs}, as occation shall require; and none els but such as are lycensed by the Generall Court or the County Courtes, wthout a tickett from the Magistrate of the place where they live, shall have liberty to sell by retale any wine or liq^{rs}.

This Court, upon the petition of Mrs. Jane Blackman, in reference to Deliverance Blackman her son, that he may be eased of payeing what is by order of the Magistrates imposed upon him, for the bringing vp of Mary Benfeild's childe, doe referr the consideration and issue thereof to the next County Court at Fayrefeild.

This Court grants liberty to Edward Turner to assigne over his right in Franchway Bolgway his French boy, to any such person in this Colony as two Assistants shall approve of, for twelve yeares from June next.

This Court grants Mr. W^m Leete the su^me of Three Hundred acres of land for a farme, whereof there may be Forty acres of meadow if it may be found, provided it may not be prejudiciall to a plantation or any former grant.

This Court doth appoynt Mr. Fayrechild, Mr. Hawley & Joseph Judson to vei^w and consider y^e difference between New Haven & Milford respecting theire bownds, and to present their opinion therein to the Generall Assembly in May next.

[256] This Court haueing duely weighed the case presented by the church at Windsor respecting the uncomfortable commotions there in refference to Mr. Chancey's reception, and

the dissatisfaction of a considerable number of the inhabitants as to his settling, Doe therefore upon the earnest solicitation of the dissenting party, as an expedient to their mutual peace and settlement, grant liberty to those inhabitants that are unsatisfied and cannot close with Mr. Chancey, if they see meet, to provide or procure an able orthodox minister, such an one as the Generall Assembly shall approve of; and this Court leaves the church at Windsor at liberty for settling Mr. Chancey and calling him to office; and in the mean time and untill another be procured and resident in the worke of the ministry at Windsor by the afoarsayd inhabitants, this Court expects and orders that all persons at Windsor shall contribute according to their proportions to the maintenance of Mr. Chancey.

This Court grants Mr. Nathan Gold the sume of Three Hundred Acres of land for a farme, whereof there may be forty acres of meadow if it may be found, provided it may not be prejudiciall to a plantation or any former grant.

This Court grants Mr. Thomas Stanton & Captⁿ Newbery the sume of Two Hundred & Fifty Acres of land a piece for a farme, whereof there may be thirty acres apiece of meadow if it may be found.

This Court grants Mr. Sam^l Hooker the sume of Two Hundred & Fifty Acres of land for a farme, whereof there may be Thirty acres of meadow if it may be found, provided it be not prejudiciall to a plantation or any former grant.

This Court doth appoynt the third Wedensday in November next to be kept throughout this colony, a publique day of Thanksgiveing, to returne prayse unto God for his great mercy to us in the continuacion of our priviledges and liberties both civill and ecclesiasticall; and for our peace which through the mercy of God hath hitherto beene continued to us notwithstanding those feares we had of forreign enemies; and for his blessing on the fruits of the earth, and the continuation of health in our plantations.

Mr. George Sanders is by this Court confirmed Ensigne of the Trayne Band of Kennilworth.

Mr. Woolcott, Captⁿ Tallcott, Mr. John Allyn, Mr. Bishop,

Mr. East, are desired to consider of & proportion the charge about procureing the Patent, for the severall townes.

This Court desires Mr. Woolcott, John Allyn, Mr. Bishop, Mr. East, or any three of them, to auditt the Treasurer's accompts.

This Court grants a rate of a penny halfe penny vpon the pound of all the rateable estate in this Colony, to discharge the debts of this Colony.

This Court orders that the County Courtes have liberty to chuse their clarkes.

This Court grants Thomas Harris liberty to build a sawe mill on the Brooke beyond the bownds between Hartford & Wethersfeild on the east side of the great River, provided it be accomplished within two yeares, and he is allowed forty acres of land for encouragement therein.

Mr. Alexander Bryant, Mr. James Bishop, Captⁿ Newbery, Mr. Howkins, Mr. Fayrechild, Mr. Thomas Wells, & Mr. James Richards, are appoynted to stand for nomination for Magistrates, in May next.

This Court desires the Governor, Mr. Willys, Captⁿ Tallcott, Mr. Dan^{ll} Clarke & Mr. Secretry, or the major parte of them, to consider of the acts of the Commissioners, and draw up an answer to what concernes this Colony, and prepare it against the next Courte.*

Mr. James Richards haueing appealed to this Courte from the jurisdiction of a special court held at Hartford, August 27th, 1667,† by Mr. Math: Allyn, Captⁿ Tallcot, & y^e Secretry,

* See Rec. of Comm'rs, in *Haz.* ii. 504, 509. The Commissioners of Massachusetts and Plymouth complained that "sundry conclusions made by the Commissioners, referring to our beloved brethren and confederates of Connecticut Colony," "have not by them been attended according to the articles of confederation" &c. The acts of the Comm'rs especially alluded to, were those respecting the division of the Pequot country,—for making provision for the Pequot Indians, under Herman Garrett and Robin,—and for an adjustment of the terms of the Union between the Colonies of New Haven and Connecticut, under the charter.

† "At a Special County Court" &c. Aug. 27, 1667, "Upon the presentation and reading some papers of Mr. James Richards, it was demanded of him, Whether he denies the jurisdiction of this Court. His answer was, Hee doth. We have it in his writing. 2d. Being asked whether he haueing denied the Jurisdiction of this Court, he doth appeale therein to y^e Gen^{ll} Assembly, He answered, Hee doth.

Mr. James Richards being told by the Court he must appear after dinner before the Court to answer for his expressions, he answered, He would not, wthout a summons.

this Court haueing heard the plea of both sides, doe returne, that they doe judge that the afoars^d Assistants had power according to the intent of the lawe to keep court then, and that they had jurisdiction power to try the causes presented [257] to them and brought before them; || yet in the lawe for calling of speciall courtes there being some mention of the commissioners being consulted with about the calling of such Courtes, though this Courte in that law onely did intend that of Coñ^{rs} in those countyes when and where there are not a sufficiency of Assistants to carry an end such publique concerns (wthout coñ^{missioners},) according to lawe, therefore they judge Mr. Richards might in an humble mañer have presented his apprehensions that his case was not under cognizance of that court.

This Court remitts unto Mr. Richards halfe the fine imposed upon him by the speciall court, August 27th, 1667.

Vpon the motion of Mr. James Richards* for the totall abatement of his fine of 20£, this Court sees cause to remitt the same, except those sent forth as a committee sec cause to haue it called ouer agayne when they returne into the court.

If it be your mindes that Mr. James Richards shall have his fine wholly remitted to him, signify it by holding up your hands. This was voted in the negative.

Whereas it is found by experiance that great inconveniences may follow in regard persons may be sudenly called to answer suits in the Peticuler Court wthout timely notice, and so, many times, the most inocent may be surprised to damages, for the preuention whereof, It is ordered by this Courte that from henceforth all processe that issueth forth against any person or persons requiring his or their appear-

This Court haueing duely considered the expressions of Mr. James Richards in denying the Jurisdiction of this Court and his possitive and presumptuous refusall (by words) to attend the Court when required by the Court to attend them to answer for his offences, Doe judg such expressions in their owne nature to be tending to y^e weakening of the hands of Authority in the manadgem^t of the worke of the Lord in their hands and a very evil example and incouragm^t to others in such practices: Doe therefore adiudge the said Mr. James Richards for his offence therein, to pay as a fine to y^e Publ: Treasury, Twenty Pounds.

Mr. James Richards doth appeale from the sentence of this Court, to y^e Gen^l Assembly in Octob^r next." [County Court Rec. III. 64, 65.]

* Mr. Richards's Petition is preserved in "Civil Officers," Vol. I. Doc. 51.

ance and answer to any action of debt, trespass, defamation, slander, accompt, or of the case, it shall be served on the defendant at least five dayes before the Courte.

It is also ordered that after the County Court is satt, if any person or persons that haue entered an action to be tryed by the sayd Court be three times called and not appeare by himselfe or his attourney to prosecute his action he shall be non-suited and pay all costs and charges as if his action had proceeded to an issue.

Mr. James Richards haueing informed this Court that by a late prouidence by fire he hath lost seuerall deeds for land, vpon his petition this Court doth desire and advise those of whom Mr. W^m Gibbons or Mr. Richards hath purchased land of (and the deeds be burnt) that they give new deeds & assurances for the same to him & his heires forever, or attest the records.

This Court being informed by the deputies of Stonington that one John Crandell hath, on the west side of Pawcatuck River and wthin the limits of their towne, layed out a mile square of land unto his sonn within which are seuerall persons proprieties granted them by lott, Doe order that the Secre^{try} doe informe the Gouverneur & Councill of Rohd Island thereof, by a letter,* and desire them that they command those vnder their gouernment to forbear such practices for the future, and to declare if we be molested in or just rights we shall use all just meanes within our power to mayntayne or s^d rights, and bring such disturbers of or right to condigne punishment. And if after this be signified to the Gouvern^r & Councill of Rohd Island, they shall yet proceed to molest any of the inhabitants of Stonington or any other in their just rights, by takeing possession of there lands on the west side of Pawcatuck River, the constable is hereby ordered and required to repayre to them and to take them into custody, and bring

* A copy of the letter written by Secretary Allyn, in compliance with the above order of the Court, is in "Col. Boundaries," Vol. I. Doc. 30. Reference to, and abstracts of numerous documents relating to the encroachments of Rhode Island upon the charter limits of Connecticut,—consequent proceedings of the General Court, for the establishment of the right of jurisdiction in the disputed territory,—and the protracted controversy between the governments of the two colonies, respecting bounds, will be found in the Appendix, No. VI.

them before some magistrate whoe is to examine the case, and if it appeare that they are culpable they are to committ them to the county prison, there to remayne till the next County Court, for a tryall.

Whereas the committee of the Millitiæ lately ordered that each county in this Colony should rays a Troope of Dragoon-eers for the defence of the Colony against a common enemy, seuerall countyes haueing rayseed such a company, This Court haueing seriously considered whither it be not most advantagious for the publique weale either to reduce them to their seuerall foot companÿes or establish them a company of dragooners in each county, doe see cause to order that all such companÿes or troopes of dragooneers in this Colony shall be reduced to their seuerall foote companÿes in each respectiue towne to which each soldier appertaines; and doe order the select men in each towne, that the halfe pickes, belts & powches prepared for the companies upon the towne [258] accompt, may be safely layd up || and be preserved, that when there may be occasion such prouission may be at hand for publique use. And upon occasion of assault or feares thereof, the committee of safety in each county may send forth their warrants to rayse such a troope of dragoon-eers as the exigence of each county in their judgments may require. And what cost upon the enterteinment of the seuerall troopes in this Colony hath bin expended allready in their last meeting together, shall be defrayed out of the County Treasurie in each county; and in default thereof, the Court doth appoynt each County Court to grant a rate upon each towne proportionably to the list of their estates to sattisfy such just charges.

This Court grants the County of New Haven, Fayrefeild & New London liberty to rays a Troop of Horss in each county, of about forty.

The Court is adjourned till the Gouvernor or Deputy see cause to call it agayne.

AT A COURT OF ELECTION HELD AT HARTFORD, MAY 14th,
1668.

These nominated for election. These were elected.

John Winthrop Esqr. John Winthrop Esqr, GOVERNOR.
Major John Mason Esqr. Major John Mason, DEPT^t Gouvernor.

Mr. Math: Allyn

Assistants.

Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys

Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys

Captⁿ Nathan Gold

Captⁿ Nathan Gold

Captⁿ John Tallcot

Captⁿ John Tallcott

Mr. Henry Wolcott

Mr. Henry Woolecott

Mr. John Allyn

Ln^t John Allyn

Mr. Sam^{ll} Shearman

Mr. W^m Leete

Mr. W^m Leete

Mr. W^m Joanes

Mr. W^m Joanes

Mr. Benj: Fenn

Mr. Benj: Fenn

Mr Alex: Bryant

Mr. Jasper Crane

Mr. James Bishop

Captⁿ Dan: Clarke

Mr. Anth: Howkins

Mr. Alex: Bryant

Mr. Tho: Welles.

Mr. James Bishop

Captⁿ Benj: Newbery

Captⁿ John Tallcott, *Treasurer.*

Mr. Anth: Howkins

Ln^t John Allyn, *Secret^y.*

Mr. Tho: Fayrechild

Mr. Tho: Welles

The Freemen left it wth the Generall
Assembly to chuse Co^missioners for
the Colony for the year ensueing.

Mr. James Richards.

Deputies for the Court.

Mr. W^m Wadsworth, [259] May 15th. The Gouvernor &

Mr. Joseph Fitch

Mr. Leet are chosen Com^{rs} for the
year ensueing, and Mr. Samuel Wil-
lys for a reserve.

Captⁿ Newbery

Deacon More

Mr. John Deming Sen^r

Sarj^t John Nott

Sarj^t John Standly

Mr. Giles Hamlin

Ens: Nath: White

Samuel Butler

Mr. Edw: Griswold

Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys, Mr. James
Bishop & Mr. Tho: Stanton are ap-
poynted as a co^mittee to heare the
difference between Vncas and the
Niantiek Indians, & to make report
thereof to the Court.

Samuel Gregory & Ephraim Stiles

L^{nt} Josi: Hull of Stratford are propownded for free-
 L^{nt} Rich: Olmsted men.

John Gregory Those propownded for freemen,
 Mr. John Mosse Octobr last, of the seuerall townes,
 Mr. W^m East are to be sworne by the respectiue
 Mr. Georg Clarke Assistants and Comissioners in the
 Mr. W^m Hill townes where they live.

John Fowler Mr. Willowbey & John Halle for
 W^m Johnson Wethersfeild.

Mr. Tho: Stanton John Barlowe, John Sturge, John
 Nehemya Palmer Hide, Dan^{ll} Burr, W^m Warde, Andr:
 L^{nt} Franc: Griswold Warde, Sam^{ll} Warde, John Buckley,
 Mr. Benj: Brewster Tho: Jones, James Bennett, Ezekel
 Ens: W^m Waller Sandford, Rich^d Ogden, John Cable
 Mr. Math: Griswold Jun^r, Benj: Towney, Thomas Oliver,
 Mr. Jehu Burre Dan^{ll} Lockwood, propownded for
 Mr. Robt Chapman freemen.

Zachary Sandford Nath: Palmeter to be sworne by
 L^{nt} James Avery Mr. Griswold at Keñilworth.

Mr. Cary Latham This Court upon the petition of
 L^{nt} W^m Curtice Norwidg, in lieu of the fifty fathom
 Mr. Jos: Hawly. of peage formerly ordered to them,
 doe order the Treasurer to pay them

fiue pownds out of the next Country Rate, and this to be a
 finall issue of the case.

This Court leaues it to the deputies and townesmen of
 Windsor to agree & setle a Ferryman there to keep the ferry
 over the great River for seaven yeares, provided there be noe
 charge come thereby to the country.

This Court grants Nicholas Knell, of Stratford, Fifty Acres
 of land adjoyneing to Potatuck River in some convenient
 place where it may not be prejudiciall to a plantation; and
 Mr. Hawley, Jos: Judson, and Henry Wakeley are desired to
 lay it out to him, he payeing them for there time.

This Court approues of Gregory Winterton's makeing sale
 of Thomas Lord's house & land at Wethersfeild to Mrs.
 Sarah Lord, for the maintenance of Dorathy Lord, the daugh-
 ter of the sayd Thomas.

Mr. Giles Hamlin is chosen Commissioner for the year ensuing for Midleton; Mr. Sam^{ll} Wells, for Wethersfeild; Mr. Rob^t Chapman, and L^{nt} W^m Pratt, for Saybrooke & Lyme; Mr. Edward Griswold, for Kenilworth; Mr. Wetherly & L^{nt} James Avery for New London; Mr. Thomas Stanton, for Stonington; John Wilford, for Brandford; Mr. Gilberd & Captⁿ Nash, for New Haven; Mr. W^m East, for Milford; Mr. Tho: Fayrechild, for Stratford; Mr. Jehu Burre & Mr. W^m Hill, for Fayrefeild; L^{nt} Olmsted, for Norwalk; Mr. Richard Lawe & Mr. John Holly, Commissioners for Standford, Greenwich and Rye.

Vpon the petition of Mrs. Jane Blackman,* This Court nominates and appoynts Mr. Gold & the Commissioners of Fayrefeild & Stratford as a committee to heare and determine the whole matter respecting Goodwife Benfeild and Deliverance Blackman.

May 16th. This Court in order to the promoateing and establishing of peace in the churches and plantations, doe desire the reverend Mr. James Fitch, Mr. Gershom Bulckley, Mr. Joseph Elliott & Mr. Sam^{ll} Wakeman to meet at Saybrook, if Mr. Fitch can come there, if not, then at Norwich, vpon the eighth or ninth of June next, to consider of some expedient for our peace, by searching out the rule and thereby cleareing up how farre the churches and people may walke together within themselues and one wth another in the fellowship and order of the Gospel, notwithstanding some various apprehensions amonge them in matters of disipline respecting membership and baptisme &c.

This Court doe grant W^m Lewes Sen^r that the lawe made about cleareing of titles of land wthin twelve moneths & a day, shall be no prejudice to the sayd W^m Lewes his title to his land which he hath in the long meadowe, although any person should controvert his right.

Vpon the petition of Mr. Wm. Pitkin & Barth: Barnard,† this Court haueing considered the case represented in the pe-

* The petition (dated at Stratford, May 13th, 1668,) is in Priv. Controversies, Vol. I. Doc. 61.

† See note on page 75, ante. The Petition above referred to, is in Priv. Controversies, Vol. I. Doc. 43.

tition, doe judg and determine that the land which by execution was giuen or deliuered to them, which formerly was in the possession of Thomas Burnam, that they the said Pitkin and Barnard shall stand quiatly possessed of the sayd [260] land, against any clayme or p^rtence of claime from Thomas Burnam for the future; only Thomas Burnam is to haue liberty to reap that wheat that is groweing on the land, and to have the pease, he payeing rent for the pease after eight shillings p^r the acre; and what cost Mr. Pitkin and Barth: Barnard haue received besides what was the proper charge of the Court of Assistants, October 8th, '67, they are to returne the same to the sayd Burnam againe. This to be a finall issue of the controuersy about the Podunk lands between Thomas Burnam and Mr. Pitkin & Barth: Barnard.

Vpon the petition of Ens: Steele, John Pratt and Nath: Standley* &c: This Court doe hereby order that the children of James Boosey or their heires shall not be prejudiced or disinabled, by the lawe for clayme of land and prosecution within a twelve moneth & a day, to sue for or recouer any right or title they haue or ought to haue in any land in reversion after the death of their mother, either by will or heirship at co^mon lawe.

This Court grants Robert Rose Fifty Acres of land to be layd out to him in some convenient place where it may not be prejudiciall to any former grant or township allready set up or to set up.

May 18th. Vpon the petition of some of the inhabitants of Windsor that this Court would declare their approbation of Mr. Woodbridge's continuance in the worke of the ministry at Windsor, The Court declares that they shall not disaproue of Mr. Woodbridge's continuance as a lecturer there, and if that the church and Mr. Warham shall so farr condescend for peace as to giue liberty for Mr. Woodbridg to preach once a fortnight on the Sabboth as well as on the weeke day vntill some farther time be obteyned to improve

* The Petition of "Samuel Steel, John Pratt and Nathanell Standly in the name and behalf of [their] wives," is in Priv. Controversies, 1. Doc. 62.

some other way as an expedient for the peace of Windsor, it shall be acceptable to this Courte.

Vpon the petition of Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcot, Mr. Eliezer Kimberly & Thomas Edwards, that some meet persons may by this Court be appoynted and impowered to lay out the seuerall bownds of the proprietors lotts at Nabuck, on the east side of the great Riuer at Wethersfeild, according to the originall grants of the towne, the originall bownds being lost, This Court doth grant there desire, and doe hereby desire and empower Mr. Samuel Wells & Samuel Boarman, Sarjt John Nott, Sarjt John Deming, Sarjt Hugh Wells, or any three of them, to attend the afoarsayd seruice in diuideing the sayd lands, from Hartford bownds or Pewter Pott Brooke to Roareing Brooke, and the proprietors according to their seuerall proportions are to make sattisfaction for this seruice to the afoarsayd persons. And if it fall out that any person hath improued his neighbours land, and it thereby be bettered, those persons aboue mentioned or major parte of them are allso to determine and sett downe what recompence he shall receiue for the same, of his neighbor. This to be attended throughout the whole feild, between this and the last of June next.*

May 19th. The Reuerend Mr. Warham desireing to be resolved whether any of the members of the church of Windsor were included in the order of the Court, October last, that granted liberty for chooseing another minister, the Court returnes that the dissenting party mentioned in the order are those that have liberty granted to them.

May 20th. The Major desireing this Court to grant him

* The division of the Naubuck (North Glastenbury) lands and the determination of the dividing line between Naubuck and Noyaug, (or Naiaug,) occasioned much difficulty to the General Court and led to numerous law suits between adjoining proprietors. Eleazer Kimberly, in his deposition made in 1684, [Priv. Controv. III. 120,] refers to the appointment of the Committee of 1663, and the result of their labors: "Some time after the law of possession was made, and before possession according to the said law gave title to lands, some persons interested in the lands [at Naubuck] petitioning to the General Court for an exact settlement of the severall dividing lines," &c. * * * The committee appointed for that purpose went over the River, and made numerous trials to reconcile the discrepancies in the recorded measurements and bounds, or to effect an adjustment of the bounds satisfactory to the several proprietors; but their labors proving unsuccessful, at length "finding their task too hard for them, they left it not finished." [See various Depositions, &c., taken in 1684, in Priv. Controv. III. 115-140.]

a farme of about Three Hundred Acres, for one of his sons, his desire is hereby granted (prouided there be not aboue thirty acres of meadow;) and L^{nt} Griswold & Ens: Tracy are hereby desired to lay it out to him in some convenient place neer that tract of land granted Jer: Adams, it being the place the Major hath pitcht upon; the name of the place is Vneupsitt; prouided it prejudice no plantation or former grant.

[261] From New Haven, these nominated for freemen, John Hudson, Thomas Trowbridge, W^m Payne, Philip Leeke, Thomas Barnes, George Roose, Timothy Forde, John Peck, Joseph Peck, Sam^{ll} Allyn, Thomas Yale Junr, Thomas Sandford, Joseph Bradly, Joseph Potter.

The Court haueing formerly granted Mr. Thomas Stanton the grant of a farme, upon his farther request L^{nt} Auery & James Morgan are appoynted to lay it out to him according to his former grant, he payeing them for the same.*

Whereas it is found by experience that there is not due prouission in the lawe for the establishment of Towne Officers in the seuerall townes in this corporation, as townsmen, constables & surveyors of the highwayes, when chosen, no course being taken to constrayne them to accept of their s^d respectiue offices and places, It is therefore ordered that if any person chosen to any of the afoarsayd offices by the inhabitants of the towne where he liues shall refuse or neglect to accept of any the sayd offices to which they are chosen, it not being cleared to the sattisfaction of the Assist^t or Co^missioner of the towne that they are oppressed by such a choyce, and others vnjustly exempted, they shall paye five poulds fine to the towne treasury where they liue; any one Assist^t or Commissioner to hear and determine any such ease.

Whereas by a former order† hereticall bookes, viz: such bookes or manuscripts as contayne the errors of Quakers, Ranters, Adamites or such like Notorious Heretiques, should

* The lay-out of this tract of 250 acres, is recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, Vol. I. p. 308. It was laid out, April 12th, 1669,—upon the Pachaug River, in what was afterwards the town of Preston.

† Oct. 1st, 1657. [C. Rec. I. 308.]

not be kept, under the penalty expressed in the sayd lawe, This Court orders for the future that all such bookes when & wheresoeuer they are fownd they shall by the Constable be seized and deliuered to the Commissioner or Assistant of the towne, to be kept by him untill the next County Court. And then the sayd County Court shall take care and full order that all such bookes as afoarsayd be utterly suppress.

John Post, Richard Egerton, Morgan Bowers, are accepted as freemen, and the Major is desired to giue them their oath.

Whereas the sanetification of the Sabboth is a matter of great concernment to the weale of a people, and the prophanation thereof is that as pulls downe the judgments of God upon that place or people that suffer the same, It is therefore ordered by this Court & the authority thereof that if any person shall prophane the Sabboth by unnecessary trauell or playeing thereon in the time of publike worshipec, or before or after, or shall keep out of the meeting house dureing the publike worship unnecessarily, there being conuenient roome in the house, he shall pay fine shillings for euery such offence, or sit in the stocks one hower, any one Assist^t or Co^mmissioner to heare and determine any such case; and the constables in the seuerall plantations are hereby required to make search after all offenders against this lawe, and make returne thereof to the Commissioners or Assistants.

21th. This Court appoynts Mr. W^m Hill to assist in the layeing out of the bownds between Norwalke and Fayrfeild, in the roome of John Bankes.

This Court doth desire and appoynt Mr. W^m Wadsworth, Mr. Hamline, Ensign White and Bartholome Barnard, or any three of them, to labor wth Saybrooke plantation and Thirty Mile Island, to gayne a complyance between them and to settle their bownds to mutuall satisfaction, between this and Octobr Court.

This Court doth nominate and appoynt the Secretry, Mr. Thom: Stanton, Mr. Giles Hamlin & Mr. Rob^t Chapinan, a committee in behalfe of this Courte to hear and determine

any difference wherein the Indians are concerned, either among themselves or between any English and them.

This Court appoynts Mr. W^m Joanes & Mr. Bishop to administer the oath of Asst^s to Mr. Fenn, Mr. Gold, Mr. Alexander Bryant. The Gouvernor or Assist^s here to administer the oath to Mr. Henry Woolcott.

This Court doth desire Mr. Joanes or Mr. Bishop to administer the oath of Commissioner to those appoynted of [262] New Haven, & to Mr. Willford of Brandford. || And Mr. Bryant or Mr. Fenn to administer the oath to Mr. Fayrechild. And Mr. Gold, to Mr. Hill & Mr. Burre. L^{ut} Olmsted to administer the oath to Mr. Lawe & Mr. Holly. And any one of the Assistants here to administer the oath to Mr. Welles. Mr. Chapman to administer the oath to Lientenant Pratt. The Major to administer the oath to Mr. Witherly.

These nominated for freemen: Jacob White, Nicholas Worthington, George Hall, Zachary Sandford, Mr. Siborn Nicholls, W^m Hills Jun^r, Sam^l Andrews, Daniell Hubbard, Sam^l Rizley, Joseph Butler, John Campe, John Bigeloe, Nath: Ruscoe Jun^r, Nath: Butler, John Hills.

22th. Mr. W^m Leete is chosen Moderator in the absence of the Gouvern^r & Deputy.

This Court doth desire and appoynt Mr. John Allyn & Mr. Tho: Stanton to goe to Rhode Island, to treat with the Gentⁿ there according to such instructions as shall by order from this Court be giuen them.*

This Court doth approue of the letter that was prepared for the Massachusetts by the Gouvernor and some others, in answer to what was presented by the Com^{rs}, and desire that there may be some answer aded to the letter, in answer to the letter from the Bay read in Court, by the Gouvern^r, Mr. Willys, Captⁿ Tallcott, & Secretry, and that it be signed by the Secretry, in the name of this Court and sent to the Gouvern^r & Assembly of the Massachusetts.

This Court doth order and appoynt that the 29th of this instant May be kept throughout this Colony a day of Humiliation, to humble our souls before the Lord in the sight

* The credentials and instructions for the commissioners are given below,—pp. 91, 92.

and sence of or manifold sins, whereby we have caused the Lord to goe out against us in those yearly judgments of blasting the increase of the feild, the spoyleing the fruits of the trees, the continuance of diuissions in seuerall plantations and societies amongst us; and to implore mercy from the Lord in behalfe of his people in England, and that he would cause his face to shine upon us in this wilderness, stay his hand, prevent us with his mercy, establish peace & truth in or habitations, continue health amongst us, and bless the fruits of the earth; as also that the Lord would be pleased to guide, counsell and bless all good endeauoures and meanes for the establishment of peace & truth amongst us.

This Court orders that the time limited for the prosecution of claimes to land shall be prolonged to Nouember Thirtieth, Sixty Eight, and no longer.

This Court orders that there shall be liberty of claime and prosecution reserued to this Colony and the members thereof, to lay claime to any proprieties of land or houseing they haue in the Narrogansett Country, any thing in any former order to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Mr. W^m Joanes of New Haven hath liberty granted after the time by the former lawe is expired, to prosecute his clayme to the farme at Stony Riuer by the Iorn workes (which farme was formerly Mr. Theophilus Eaton's) any thing in the lawe to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

The like liberty is granted to John Jordan to prosecute his clayme to land in possession of Thomas Clarke of Guilford.

Mr. Benjamin Brewster hath Two Hundred Acres of land by Poccotañock Brook, granted to him by this Court. The sayd land joynes to Norwich bownds.*

L^{ut} James Auery† hath likewise by this Court granted to

* This land was laid out and measured by Thomas Tracy, May, 1669; "At a place called Wisquades," and "lying near to Pogatanack Brooke." [Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 308.]

† "The request of James Avery of New London to this Honor^d Assembly is, that whereas the Country have putt me upon some publique employment, and haue done what seruice I am capeable of, that this Assembly would please to grant me, as they have done to diuerse others, a percell of land w^{ch} belongs to the Country, soe much as they shall think meet, where it may

him a Hundred Acres of land for a farme, in which there may not be aboue twenty acres of meadow.

L^{nt} Franc: Griswold hath the grant of a Hundred Acres of land for a farme, provided there be not aboue twenty acres of meadowe in it.

[263] This Court grants Mr. Willys a Hundred Acres of vpland adjoyneing to the Pond he bought of Rob^t Boltwood, about six miles from Tho: Edwardses in the way to New London.*

An agreement dated May 21th, 1668, signed by Mathew Griswold, W^m Waller, James Auery & Cary Latham, delivered in presence of James Rogers and Francis Griswold, concerning the bounds between New London & Lyme is approved by this Court, and so it is certified under the sayd agreement and attested, May 22th, '68, p^r John Allyn, Secretary.†

This Court orders that there shall be a third of all customes upon wines and liqu^{rs} abatted for the future.

This Court impowers Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys, Captⁿ Talcott and the Secretary to make a deed of sale to Andrew Benton of Nath: Greensmith's house and land which was seized for charge expended on s^d Greensmith and sold to G: Benton.

This Court abates Thomas Whitmore his rate that was payable this yeare to the country, for his service in ferrying Assist^{ts} & Deputies over the River.

A certificate.‡

These are to signify that the Generall Assembly now sitting in Hartford, May 14th, 1668, have chosen and appoynted Mr. John Allyn, Assist^t, and Mr. Thomas Stanton, to be their agents to treate wth the Gouvernor of Rhode Island,

be found; w^{ch} I shall thankfully accept; and ever pray for y^r prosperity. Octobr 12: (67.)" [T. & Lands, I. 74.]

* Laid out, by order of the General Assembly in 1732, to Hezekiah Willys, son of Samuel. [T. & Lands, VI. 39-42.]

† A copy of this agreement is in Towns & Lands, Vol. I. Doc. 98, pp. 4, 5. The town of New London, at a meeting in June following, expressed their dissatisfaction with this agreement, and protested against it, as involving a surrender of their former bounds.

‡ The original Certificate and Instructions, signed by Capt. John Talcott, are in 'Col Boundaries,' Vol. I. Docs. 33, 34.

either singly or with his Councill, concerning any matter or thing respecting o^r right and clayme to any lands in the Narrogancett Countrey or at Squamacuck* or elsewhere, deteyned by any persons under pretence of being under Rhode Island gouern^t, and so take what answer they shall please to giue and make returne or reporte thereof unto the Generall Court in Octobr next.

Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys and Capt^a John Talcott are to signe this in the name of the Court.

Instructions for Mr. John Allyn & Mr. Thomas Stanton.

1. You are by the first conuenient oppertunety to repayre unto the Gouvern^r of Rhode Island and signify to him that you are sent from this Generall Assembly to declare their sence of great wronges done to this Colony by sundry pretending to be vnder theire Gouvernement, in interrupting the quiat possession of diuers inhabitants in their lands and estates at Squamacuck or elsewhere within that tract of Narrogancett Country which hath been graciously granted by his Maties Charter unto this Colony.

2. You are then to assert the clayme of o^r right thereunto, describeing it according to Charter.

3. You are to lett them vnderstand that if an effectuall course be not taken forthwith to cause all those persons that haue not taken up their right in any of those lands from this Court, that they still owneing and submitting thereunto, then this Court purpose to use such meanes as shall be in their power to repress such enormous and turbulent practices from such intruders, leaueing the consequences thereof vpon the accompt of such as shall not obserue accordingly.

4. You are then to demand some answer from the sayd Gouvernour and his Councill hereunto in playn expressions or writeing that may be reported to this Courte wthout mistake.

The Court is adjourned till the Gouvern^r or Deputy see cause to call it agayn.

* Squamacuck or Misquamicut,—the name of a neck of land on the east side of Pawcatuck river, which was afterwards (May, 1669,) incorporated by the General Assembly of Rhode Island as a town, and named *Westerly*. [Potter's Hist. of Narragansett, p. 71.]

[264] A GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD AT HARTFORD, OCTOBER THE 8th, 1668.

John Winthrop Esqr, GOV^{nr} This Court orders the Secretary to deliver unto Mr. Willys & Mr. Joanes the mortgage of Long Island*, for the use of those concerned.

Mr. W^m Leete
Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys
Mr. W^m Joanes
Mr. Nath: Gold
Captⁿ John Tallcott
Mr. Henry Woolcott
L^{nt} John Allyn, *Secret^{ry}* This Court grants a rate of a penny upon the pound of all the rateable estate in this Colony.

Mr. Benj: Fenn
Mr. Alex: Bryant
Mr. James Bishop
Mr. Anth: Howkins.
Deputies. This Court orders that Brandford rate shall be rayased one halfe upon Kenilworth and the other parte upon the sayd Brandford, for this present yeare.

Mr. W^m Wadsworth
Mr. Jos: Fitch
Vpon the petition of Thomas Day for a release of that leather

* July 29th, 1641, James Farrett, the agent of the Earl of Stirling, "to provide as he may for that part of Long Island not possessed nor as he conceiveth claimed by the Dutch, before his departure for England," gave a mortgage deed of the whole of the Island and its dependencies, not previously disposed of, to Geo. Fenwick, of Saybrook, Edward Hopkins, of Hartford, and Theophilus Eaton, Steven Goodyear and Thomas Gregson, of New Haven. The condition of the deed was the repayment to the mortgagees, within three years, of £110 and charges; and in default of such payment, the title to the Island to vest in them and their assigns. [Certified copy of Letter of Agency, to Mr. Farrett, in T. & Lands, I. 6; Mortgage Deed, in Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 319.]

"At a Councill held at Hartford, December 14, 1663; Mr. Mathew Allyn test: that he heard Mr. Edward Hopkins in Court demand moneys which he sayd was due to him from the Countrey for what he had disbursed upon y^e mortgage of Long Island from Farrett, & also that the Court were willing they should haue what East Hampton was to give for y^e purchase of their towne. Taken upon oath before the Councill, this 14th of December, 1663.

"Capt. John Scott test: that he heard Mr. Eaton, (speakeing of Long Island) say that he had wth other Gent^{le}, layd out money upon the mortgage of Long Island, but he did it for the good of the countrey, & he sayd 'Much good may it doe them; God bless them with it.' This he spake when they were about settleing of Huntington. Taken upon oath," &c.

"Wm Wadsworth test: that he heard Mr. Haynes & Mr. Hopkins treat with the Court of this Colony about laying out money for the mortgage of Long Island, and they sayd they would not doe it without y^e Court would order them to doe it & what they did doe, it was for the publike good. Taken upon oath," &c.

"Mr. Sam: Willys doth resigne up his interest in the mortgage of Long Island to the Colony of Conecticut, trusting that they will consider him with something that may be a valuable consideration; & that he will deliver the mortgage itselfe to the Secretary, whoe is ordered by the Councill to record it in the book of Records. And the Councill doth order that what part of the summe disbursd is yet unpaid shall be duely satisfysed for, by the Islanders within the bownds of the Mortgage." [Rec. of Gov. & Council, 1663-5; p. 2.]

Captⁿ Benj: Newbery
 Deacon John Moore
 Mr. John Mosse
 Mr. Abra: Doelittle
 Mr. John Deming
 Sarj^t John Nott
 Mr. W^m Hill, *absent*
 Mr. John Burr
 Mr. John Clarke
 Mr. George Clarke
 Deacon Tho: Judd
 John Lancton
 Mr. Giles Hamlin
 Ens: Nath: White
 Mr. Rob^t Chapman.
 L^{nt} W^m Pratt
 Mr. Tho: Stanton
 Nehemiah Palmer *absent*
 Mr. James Rogers
 John Prentice
 Deacon John Fowler
 Sarj^t W^m Johnson
 Mr. Math: Griswold
 Ens: W^m Waller *absent*
 Mr. John Wilford
 Tho: Blachly *absent*
 Mr. John Budd
 Richard Vowles
 George Gates
 L^{nt} W^m Curtice
 Mr. Jos: Hawley
 L^{nt} Rich^d Ohnsteed *absent*
 Sarj^t Walter Hoyte
 L^{nt} Francis Griswold *abs:*
 Sarj^t Tho: Lessingwell
 Mr. Edw: Griswold
 L^{nt} Jos: Hull

that was lately seized of his, the Court doth release to him the forfeiture thereof.

This Court doth order that the ferridge for the Magistrates & Deputies shall be paid to the respectiue ferrymen out of the Publique Treasurie.

This Court orders that Middleton ferryman shall haue but fower pence for a horss and man for Magistrates & Deputies.

The list of the seuerall townes for this yeare are,—

Persons & estates.*

Hartford	£17940: 05: 00
Windsor	£14853: 16: 00
New Haven	£15932: 10: 00
Wethersfeild	£11496: 13: 02
Fayrefeild	£10213: 10: 00
Milford	£10195: 02: 06
Stratford	£09126: 05: 00
Farmington	£06658: 00: 00
Middleton	£03793: 00: 00
Saybrook	£05248: 10: 00
New London	£07946: 10: 00
Norwich	£03818: 17: 09
Stonington	£04660: 00: 00
Guilford	£06492: 05: 00
Brandford	£02456: 10: 00
Norwake	£05148: 00: 00
Standford	£05475: 00: 00
Greenwich	£01609: 15: 00
Rye	£02174: 00: 00

This Court doth for some reasons reffer the issue of the appeale of Marshall Gilbert's from

* In the Record, the words "persons and estates" are repeated after the name of each town.

Frances Browne the judgment of the Court of
 John Green. Assists,* May last, (in that action
 was commenced against him by Mr. Wells,) to the next session
 of the Generall Court. *Wthdrawn in Court.*

[265] This Court doth appoynt the Deputies & Townsmen
 of Windsor to settle a ferry there without delay.

The Secretary & Mr. Stanton presented the Court wth an
 accot of what they did at Rhode Island,† and allso a letter
 from the Gouvernour of Rhode Island was read in Court,‡
 and a petition from Mr. Hutchinson & Capt^a Hudson &
 others;§ all which are left upon file, to be considered the next
 session of the Generall Court.

Rob^t Wattson is by the Court freed from trayneing, watch-
 ing & wardeing.

Daniel Porter is freed from watching, wardeing & trayne-
 inge.

This Court vpon the request of Mr. W^m Rosewell, doe
 grant him liberty to distill Indian Corne to liquers, and allso
 to retaile liquers, from a gallon of liquers vpwardes. This to
 stand till the Court takes further order.

The like liberty is granted to Capt^a Tallcott, Mr. Henry
 Woolcott & Mr. Jos: Willard, vpon the same limitations as
 is granted to Mr. Rosewell.

* "At a County Court, at Hartford, Mar. 5, '67-'68. ** Mr. Thomas Welles, in behalfe of his
 wife as shee is executrix to the estate of Mr. John Pantry deceased, Pltf., Jonathan Gübert, Defnt.
 in an action of the case for unjust possessing of lands belonging to the afoars'd estate as appears
 by record, and for vnjust molesting of him in the improuement of the afoars'd land with damage,
 to the value of forty pownds. The Plaintife declares that the land in controversy is the land be-
 longing to John Pantry on the east side of the Great River ouer against the landing place, or the
 Marshall's warehouse."

"The Jury find for the Deft, costs of Court. Mr. Wells doth appeale to the Court of Assis'ts,
 May next." [Co. Court Rec. III. 73, 76.]

† In accordance with their instructions, Secretary Allyn and Mr. Stanton repaired to New
 Port, and made known to Gov. Brenton the nature of their commission, with "the desires and
 the claims" of Connecticut; and asked "an answer to these perticulers in playne tearms, in
 writing," &c. This communication is dated June 3d, 1668. The Governor and Council re-
 turn answer "That our Gen^l Court is not now sitting, nor is o^r Gen^l Councill to bee conuened
 on a suddaine, by reason of distance of places; wherfore being incapacitated in thos respects
 Wee are and shall bee ready to communicate your applicacon to eyther Court or Councill vpon
 the first opportunity, for a farther result." [Col. Boundaries, I. 35, 36.]

‡ This letter (dated Aug. 20th, 1668) is in Appendix VI. (No. 8.)

§ See petition of Edward Hutchinson and other proprietors of Narragansett lands, in Appendix
 No. VII.

The Court doth desire Mr. Willys to take the advice of Colonell Richard Niccolls and Major Rob^t Tompson, and to take the best way to promoate an issue in the matter depending between Rhod Island & this Colony, in respect of the Narrogancett Country. And Mr. W^m Leete and the Secretary are desired to draw vp instructions for Mr. Willys and present them to the Generall Court now in being.

Vpon the petition of the inhabitants of Rye and Rich^d Bul-
lerd, this Courte sees cause to desire and appoynt L^{nt} Rich^d
Olmsted, Mr. Tho: Fitch & Mr. John Holly to goe to Rye
speedily, to heare and labour to issue and compose such dif-
ferences as are amongst them respecting land or other mat-
ters, and make returne of what they shall doe, vnder their
hands to the next Court.*

This Court vpon the petition of Cristouer Huntington, doe
grant him a Hundred Acres of land, provided there be not
about twenty acres of it meadowe, and that it prejudice not
any former grant nor the erecting of a new plantation. L^{nt}
Griswold & Ens: Tracy are desired to lay it out.

Those nominated for freemen last May Court whoe are on
file are to be sworn by the respectiue Assistants or Commis-
sioners of the townes where they dwell.

This Court doth heartily recommed it to the Plantations

* Besides the Indian purchase made by the four original proprietors of the township of Rye, jointly, John Budd (formerly of Southold, L. I.) one of the proprietors, obtained grants from the natives, on his private account, of large tracts of land adjoining or, as was subsequently claimed, within, the limits of the township. The Indian deeds, from Shannarocke, sachem, and other Indians, bear date, Nov. 8, 1661, Jan. 5th and 12th, 166 $\frac{1}{2}$, [Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 333;] and these were subsequently confirmed by Shannarocke, Romackqua and Pathuog, April 29th, 1666; [Ibid, 334.] The tract conveyed is called Apawamnis (or Apawquamnis,) lying between the Mockquams River (Blind brook,) and Pockcotessewake River, (Stony brook,) and extending from the sea on the south to the Westchester path on the north, with the islands adjacent; and also, a second tract, lying northward of the former, bounded by Mamaroneck River on the west, and extending twenty miles into the country.

Oct. 2, 1668, the inhabitants of Rye petitioned the General Court, that the neck of land owned, or claimed, by Mr. Budd, "may be delivered up to the town, [they] paying him the Indian purchases with interest, he abateing for what land he hath sold, if not prejudiciall to the towne; and them that are prejudiciall may be removed;" and that the Court would "depute two or three persons, whom [they] shall think meet to come and settell amongst us, with what speed may be." The petitioners allege that Mr. Budd some four years previous, had procured the assent of the town to the appropriation of the Neck, "for the settling of himself and children;" but "hath and doth dayley let it, and settle people upon it extremely prejudiciall to the towne, without the towne's approbation," &c. [Bolton's Hist. of Westchester Co., II. 38.]

of Saybrook, Lyme and Thirty Mile Island to agree and conclude the bownds between their plantations, and that it be settled according to the neighbourly proposition of our freinds of Saybrooke, viz: that the fower miles granted as an addition to the bownds of Saybrooke on the west side of the River and to Lyme on the east side the River, be divided, two miles to Saybrook & Lyme and two miles to Thirty Mile Island plantation.

This Court orders that the plantation of Thirty Mile Isl- and shall for the future be called Haddum, and this Court grants them the power and priuiledg of a Plantation.

This Court grants Haddum that the sowth bownds of Midleton shall be theire north bownds.

This Court doth desire that Massacoe, which hitherto hath been an appendix to the towne of Windsor, may be improued for the makeing of a plantation, & Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Deacon John Moore & Mr. Symon Woolcott the present comittee for the grant of those lands are desired and impow- ered by the Courte to farther the planting of the same, and to make such just orders as they shall judge requisitt for the well ordering of the sayd Plantation, so they be not repugnant to the publike orders of this Colony.

This Court orders that if Saybrooke & Haddum Planta- tions doe agree that theire bownds shall be settled according to the minde of this Court recommended to them, that then there shall runn a west line from Saybrooke bownds, which lyne shall be the north bownds of Kennilworth and the sowth bownds of Haddum, soe farr as the grant of Haddum bownds goeth; and from thence the bownds of Kenillworth shall runn of the same till it meet with Guilford bownds.

Mrs. Lord, Mr. Haynes & Mr. Richard Lord haueing peti- [266] tioned this Court for || a confirmation of a leass of land they haue by their p^rdesessor Captⁿ Lord procured of the In- dians,* which sayd land is pretended to be within that por-

* Jan. 18th, 1658-9, Seanan, 'Sachem living at Wethersfield,' in consideration of "goods received to redeem some prisoners taken by the Mohegans," &c. deeded to Richard Lord Sen., of Hartford, "a parcel of land called Nuequiauke," lying "upon a small river which goeth up on the east side of Conecticot river a little below Thirty Mile Island, which brancheth itself into three small brooks;" bounded, next the great river, with the lands of Major Mason, "and so

tion of land that was allotted for Haddum Plantation, This Courte therefore, that they may come to a right vnderstanding of the matter, doe desire and appoynt the sayd Mr. Lord and Mr. Haynes, by themselves or some others, with Simon Smith, Ens: Jarrad Spencer & George Gates, to take a veiwe of the land leassed to s^d Mr. Lord, and to see whither it be within that which they desire to be stated their bownds, all or parte of it, and whither there may not be somewhat out of their bownds to recompence Mr. Lord, and to make a reporte of what they finde to the next court in May, whoe will then issue the same.

This Court doth appoynt Ens: Sam^{ll} Steele, Nath: Willett & Daniel Pratt to diuide that land in controuersie (between the Widdow Lord, W^m Leawes & John Allyn,) to them according to their grant and record, attendinge therein justice and righteousness as near as they cann; and they to sett down meer stones between them; which bownds being sett are to be and remayne their bownds foreuer. Mr. Rich^d Lord in the behalfe of his grandmother engageth to rest satisfied in this issue, and W^m Lewes and John Allyn engage the same for themselves.

This Court upon the petition of John Ginnings doe see cause to grant him Forty Acres of land, by Jeramy Adams his farme in the way to New London, for his seruice in attending the members of this Court, and he is not to sell it without liberty from two of the Assistants. Nath: Willett & Thomas Edwards to lay it out there, prouided there be not aboue tenn acres of it meadowe.

This Court orders that in each County the Grand Jury shall appeare according to former order, and that the courtes in the respectiue counties or the clarke of the court shall suñon soe many honest men as the s^d County Court shall approue of, to be of the sayd Jury, prouided there be one at least of euery plantation in the respectiue counties; whoe are

lyeth up those branches of this little river." This tract belonged to Seanan as "heir to his mother, and to her from her ancestors," and was granted "with the consent of his kinsman Uncas." Recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, II, 36.

to be sworne by the sayd Courte or one of the Assistants or Commissioners whoe the Court shall appoynte.

This Court by reason of seuerall applications that haue been made to them both by the officers of the church of Christ at Windsor, and allso by the dissenting party, are to their great greife very apprehensiuē that those diuisions that haue been amongst them there are not healed, and therefore cannot but declare that they are very studious to promote the publike peace of the church and towne of Windsor. And in order thereto, this Court doth desire and appoynt the Reuerend Mr. James Fitch, Mr. Samuel Wakeman, Mr. Gershom Bulkley & Mr. Joseph Eliott, to meet at Windsor, ye 4th day of the second week in Aprill (or sooner if they see cause,) there to heare all & whatsoeuer shall be represented to them by the church of Christ at Windsor or by the dissenting bretheren and inhabitants there, in refference to Mr. Chancies inuitation, reception, election and ordination to office in the church of Christ at Windsor; as allso whatsoeuer shall be objected against the procurement, enterteinment, continuance and improuement of Mr. Woodbridge at Windsor. And when they haue heard what they haue to say, of both sides, they are desired and impowered to setle an accomadation between the church and dissenting bretheren of Windsor, if they can attayne it. But if, after all their endeauoures the afoarsayd Gentⁿ cannot attayne an accomadation or issue to sattisfaction, they are desired and by this Court ordered to make a returne how they find the state of Windsor, wth their [267] aduice || annexed, what way in their judgments may be most agreeable to rule to setle peace in the church and towne of Windsor. But if, by any Providence of God, any of the forementioned Gentⁿ should be hindred from meeting the afoars^d time, they are desired to take the next oppertunety to attend the afoars^d service, so it be before the Generall Court in May next. And for the meane time this Court grants Mr. Woodbridg liberty to keep a lecture at Windsor once a fortnight, on the fowerth day of the weeke, that the inhabitants of that Plantatⁿ, as their occasions will permitt, may religiously and wthout offence attend the same, and not

on the Sabbath without liberty from the Reuerend Mr. Warham : which is all at present this Court sees cause to grant.

And this Court doth desire the afoarsayd Reuerend Gentⁿ to attend what was recommended to them from the Generall Court in May last, soe as to make a returne of what they shall doe therein to the Court in May next.

This Court grants Sarj^t Rich^d Beckly, Three Hundred Acres of land lyeing by Mattabesett Riuer, halfe a mile wide of both sides the River, and to runn vp from New Haven path so farr till it doth contayne three hundred acres. Sarj^t John Nott & Sarj^t Hugh Wells are desired to lay out the land.

This Court grants vnto Mr. Antho: Howkins, Fifty Acres as an addition to the two hundred acres formerly granted him, which sayd land is to be layd out by L^{nt} W^m Pratt & Mr. Math: Griswold, at the north east corner of the bownds of Lyme, prouided it doe not prejudice any former grant or plantation.

Mr. James Rogers, in leiw of a former grant of land which he had of one hundred & fifty acres, is allowed Two Hundred Acres, neare the pond as you goe to New London, prouided it doe not prejudice any former grant or plantation. Mr. Math: Griswold & Tho: Leffingwell to lay it out.

This Court grants John Stone, One Hundred Acres of land.

This Court recommends it to the people of Standford to pay vnto Mr. Bryant their proportion of what was agreed to be payd to Captⁿ Mañing.

These to be propownded for nomination at the Court of Election, May next:—Mr. Math: Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Samuel Sherman, Captⁿ Newbery, Mr. Fayrchild, Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott, Mr. Rob^t Chapman.

This Court appoynts Mr. Bishop, Mr. Hill, Mr. Math: Griswold, the Secrety or any three of them to auditt the Treasurer's accot after the Generall Court.

These presented to stand for freemen:—of *Milford*, Jonathan Lawe, John Smith;—of *Windsor*, Joseph Gillett, Joseph Skiñer, Taban Grant, Nieh: Buckland, Jonath: Winchell, Sam^{ll} Baker, John Osborn Sen^r, Nicho: Palmer, John Stiles,

Luke Hill, Mr. Chancey ;—of *Stratford*, John Birdseye Junr, John Bostick, Eliasaph Preston, Jonas Tomlinson, John Willcoxson.

This Court grants Corporall Marshall a lycenss to retale wine and liq^{rs}, till his lycens be called in.

This Court grants L^{nt} W^m Leawes a farme of Two Hundred Acres of land.

Thomas Burnam petitioning this Court for audiance in the businesse which hath been depending between Mr. Pitkin & Bart: Barnard about Podunk lands, the Court did not see cause to admitt of his petition because that matter had received a finall issue in the Gen^l Court, May last.

[268] John Porter haueing been accused by this Court for defameing of some whoe haue been in authority in this Court* doe order that he make a full acknowledgment of the same and manifest his repentance the next traineing day at Windsor, or els that he appeare at the next County Court to answer for his miscarriage therein.

In answer to Benjamin Wright's petition, this Court doth declare that the case haueing passed to an issue in the Court at New Haven, see no cause to admitt of a farther procedure therein.

This Court confirms Marshall Jonathan Gilbert Cornett of the Troope of Horss.

For easeing the publike charge of the Jurisdiction, this Court ordereth this, as a meet allowance to euery town towards the charge of Deputies, leaueing each seuerall town to their liberty to send one or two to euery session of the Generall Court, according to charter :—

To Hartford, £1. 5s.†	To New Haven, £2. 10s.
To Wethersfeild, £1. 10s.	To Saybrooke, £2. 10s.
To Windsor, £2.	To Guilford, £2. 10s.
To Midleton, £2.	To Norwich, £2. 10s.
To Farmington, £2.	To Brandford, £2. 10s.
To Fayrfeild, £2. 15s.	To Standford, £3.

* So in the original record.

† The numerals and characters, £1. 5s, are substituted here for "one pound, five shillings," as written out at length, in the original record ; and so of the other towns.

To Norwalk, £2. 15s.	To Kenilworth, £2. 10s.
To Rye, £3.	To Milford, £2. 10s.
To Haddum, £2.	To Stratford, £2. 12s.
To New London, £2. 15s.	To Stonington, £2. 15s.
To Lyme, £2. 15s.	To Greenwich, £3.

for one session, which is for the two Courts yearly one hundred and seven pounds, fewer shillings.

This Court orders that one or more of each county be appointed yearly to audit the accounts of the Jurisdiction.

It is ordered by this Court that for the future the prizes of Horses in the List of Estates shall be, Horses of one year old, one pound ten shillings; two year old Horses, three pounds; three year old Horses, fewer pounds ten shillings; fewer year old Horses & upwards, six pounds.

It is ordered by this Court that for the future the prizes of Cattle in the List of Estates shall be, one year olds, one pound; two year olds, two pounds; three year olds, three pounds; fewer year olds, and cows, fewer pounds; five year old oxen & upwards, five pounds.

This Court orders that if any person or persons shall be called to an account for the breach of a former lawe that requires all persons to attend the publique worship of God &c. it shall be lawfull for the Assistants or Commissioners before whome any such person is brought & complained of for the breach of the said lawe, to judge him guilty of the breach of the aforesaid lawe except he make it appeare that he did attend the publique worship of God or was necessarily detained from the same the aforesaid time.

Whereas there have been severall complaints and applications made to this Court by severall inhabitants of the Narragansett countrey who have petitioned us to establish a civil government there (they being at present (as they say) without Government,) This Court having formerly commissioned the Secretary & Mr. Stanton to treat in behalfe of this Colony with the government of Rhode Island about the premises, which conference hath produced no satisfaction to this Government, This Court being willing to attend all wayes of peace, doe order the Secretary in the name and by order of

this Court to certify the Gouverment of Rhode Island that if they please to attend and commissionate two or more to treat wth some likewise commissioned by this Colony, we shall attend them at New London, in Nouember or March next as they shall please to appoynt; which commissioners shall be impowred to endeaouour an amicable compliyanse and issue between this Colony and Rhode Island in refference to those claymes that are between us, to the lands & gouerment of the Narrogancett country; and that if the sayd Gouverment of Rhode Island shall refuse to attend such a treaty as afoar^{sd}, this Court doth determin to use all just endeaouours to mayntayn there proprieties in those lands circumscribed wthin the bownds of our charter, and the peaceable improuement of the same.* The Committee appoynted in behalfe of this Colony are Mr. W^m Leet, the Secret^y, Captⁿ Fitz John & Captⁿ Waight Winthrop, Mr. Tho: Stanton, Mr. Mathew Griswold, or any three or more of them.

Forasmuch as sundry of the people inhabitants wthin that tract of land in the Narrogancett country, which lyeth circumscribed wthin the lincs of or Pattent, and which sayd people haue formerly by their own free choyse been vnder this Gouverment and doe still petition the same, as yet haueing no orderly Gouverment owned & settled amongst them whereby they may be religiously gonerned and haue their just rights secured to them, but are suffered to be violated and injured to their insufferable damage and wrong, contrary to the order and appoyntment of the Right Honourable Generall Nicolls and others of his Maties Commissioners, This Court doth authorize and commissionate the Hon^d Mr. Samuel Willys, in conjunction wth Rob^t Tompson, of London, Esq^r, by way of petition or otherwise as they shall see cause, to present the matter to his Matie for resolution herein, that soe we may come more fully to see our way & what duty may be incumbant upon us both towards his Matie and respecting those people that doe soe apply themselues to us for succour upon the accot^t forementioned, whose request, wth the narra-

* See letter to the Government of Rhode Island, in Appendix VI, (9); and the reply, dated May 14th, 1669.

tive of their grievances &c., Mr. Willys is desired allso to take along wth him and improue as they shall see occassion; that people likewise furnishing him or them with what may be farther needfull for their carrying on that affayre or their negotiation therein.

This Court doth reecomend it to and order the people of the seuerall plantations throughout this Colony to keep the third Wedensday in Nouember next a publique day of Thanksgiueing to returne thanks to God for the continuation of his mercy to us the year past, both in respect of that peace and health which hath been contiued in most of the plantations, and the restoration of health in a comfortable measure [in] those townes that haue been visited wth sickness, and for God's blessings upon us in the fruits of the earth.

The Court is adjourned till the Gouvernor or Deputy see cause to call it agayne.

[270] AT A COURT OF ELECTION HELD AT HARTFORD,
MAY 13th, 1669.

*These were nominated for
Election.*

John Winthrop Esq^r
Major John Mason
Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys
Captⁿ Nathan Gold
Captⁿ John Tallcott
Mr. Henry Woolecott
Mr. John Allyn
Mr. W^m Leete
Mr. W^m Joanes
Mr. Benj: Fenn
Mr. Alex: Bryant
Mr. James Bishop
Mr. Antho: Howkins
Mr. James Richards

*These underwritten were
elected.*

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOVERN^r
W^m Leete Esq^r, DEP. GOVERN^r
Assistants.
Major John Mason *sworne*
Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys *absent*
Captⁿ Nathan Gold *absent*
Captⁿ John Tallcott *sworne*
Mr. Henry Woolecott *sworne*
L^{nt} John Allyn *sworne*
Mr. W^m Joanes *sworne*
Mr. Benj: Fenn *absent*
Mr. Alex: Bryant *absent*
Mr. James Bishop *sworne*
Mr. Anth: Howkins *sworne*

Mr. Sam^l Shearman
 Captⁿ Benj: Newbery
 Mr. Thom: Fayrechild
 Mr. Sam^l Tallcott
 Mr. Rob^t Chapman.

Mr. James Richards *sworne*

Captⁿ John Tallcott, *Treasur.*
 L^{nt} John Allyn, *Secret^y.*

*The Deputies of the
 Court are*

Mr. W^m Wadsworth
 Mr. Richard Lord
 Captⁿ Benj: Newbery
 Deacon John Moore
 L^{nt} Thomas Munson
 Mr. John Mosse
 Mr. John Deming
 Sarj^t John Nott
 Mr. W^m Hill
 Mr. Jehu Burr
 Ens: Sam^l Steele
 Sarj^t John Standly
 Mr. Edw: Griswold
 L^{nt} Jos: Hall
 Ens: Nath: White
 Sam^l Stocking
 Deacon Georg Clarke
 Mr. Thom: Welch
 Mr. Thom: Stanton
 Mr. Nehem: Palmer
 Deacon John Fowler
 Sarj^t W^m Johnson
 L^{nt} Rich^d Olmstead
 John Gregory
 Georg Gates
 Peter Blachford
 L^{nt} W^m Curtice
 Mr. Jos: Hawly
 Mr. Rob^t Chapman
 L^{nt} W^m Pratt

The freemen left it with the Gen^l
 Court to chuse Commissioners.

Presented for freemen:—Rich^d
 Edwards, John Marsh, Thomas
 Long, Mr. Way, of *Hartford*.

Thomas Marshall, Isack Lane,
 of *Middleton*.

Mr. John Blackleach Sen^r, Joh:
 Brinsmead, for *Stratford*.

New Haven:—Jeremy Hall, Jo-
 seph Tutell, John Frost, Rich^d
 Newman, Jeremy Johnson, Thom-
 as Smith, John Ives, Barth: Jacob.

Say Brooke:—Rob^t Niccols, Rob^t
 Bull, Julian Bull, W^m Dudley,
 Sam^l Cogswell, John Pratt, W^m
 Parker Jun^r, Joseph Peck.

Farmington:—John Coale, Oba-
 diah Richards, John North, Samuel
 North, Thomas Bull, Samuel Grid-
 ley.

[271] *Guilford*:—W^m Dudley, An-
 drew Benton, Nathan Bradley, Ste-
 uen Bradley, Sam^l Hughes, Judah
 Euerts.

Stonington:—Thomas Wheeler,
 Isack Wheeler, Josiah Witter, Mr.
 John Dennison.

Milford:—Sam^l Burwell, Benj:
 Fenn, John Plumbe, Sam^l Nuton,

Mr. Math: Griswould	Josi: Baldwine, Sam ^{ll} Baldwin,
Ens: W ^m Waller	Sam ^{ll} Samford, Jos: Hawkins, Abel
Mr. Dan: Witherly	Gunn, Ephraim Smith, Sam ^{ll} Clark,
L ^{nt} James Auery	Georg Clarke.
Richard Fowels	<i>Fayrefeild</i> :—Mr. Joanes, Mr.
Ens: Fran: Browne	Haruy, Rich ^d Lyon, John Andrews,
John Greene	Francis Bradley, John Tomkins,
Mr. John Willford	Joseph Middlebrooke.
Hugh Calkin	<i>Haddum</i> :—Mr. Nicho: . Noice,
L ^{nt} Francis Griswould.	John Spencer, Dan ^{ll} Braynard, Jo-
	seph Stonard, Dan ^{ll} Cone, Mr.

Bates, James Wells, Richard Pyper.

Kenilworth :—Henry Farnum, Benj: Wright, Annanias Turriner, Ben: Wright Jun^r, Rich^d Hende, Jos: Rosseter, Josiah Hull Jun^r, John Hull, Obadiah Willeoxson, Jonathan Duning, Rob^t Williams.

These were chosen Com^{rs} for the yeare ensueing, in the seuerall plantations:—Captⁿ Newbery, for *Windsor*; Mr. Sam^{ll} Wells, and Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott, for *Wethersfeild*; Mr. Hamlin & Ens: White, for *Middleton*; Mr. Rob^t Chapman & L^{nt} W^m Pratt, for *Saybrook & Lime*; Mr. Math: Griswould, for *Lyme*; L^{nt} James Auery & Mr. Dan^{ll} Witherly, Com^{rs} for *New London*; Mr. Tho: Stanton & Tho: Minor for *Stonington*; Mr. Edward Griswould, for *Kenilworth*; Mr. John Willford, for *Brandford*; Mr. Gilbert, Captⁿ John Nash, for *New Haven*; Mr. John Clark, for *Millford*; Mr. Tho: Fayrechild, for *Stratford*; Mr. W^m Hill, Mr. Jehu Burr, for *Fayrefeild*; L^{nt} Rich^d Olmsted, Mr. Tho: Fitch, for *Norwalke*; Mr. Lawes, for *Standford*.

This Court orders that the Com^{rs} of the County of New London, New Haven & Fayrefeild are inuested with Magistraticall power wthin the seuerall plantations to which they doe belong, and at their respectiue County Courts.

Whereas seuerall Gentⁿ in the name of sundry freemen presented to this Court their desires that those who were elected this Generall Court should take the oath of supremacy and obedience, this Court in order to their satisfaction did nominate, desire & appoynte the Gouvernor, Major Mason & Mr. Henry Woolcott to be a committee in the behalfe of this

Court to consider and draw up an answer to the sayd writing and present it to this Court for a farther consideration & issue of the same.

The Court remits Tho: Wheeler his fine which by order from the Treasurer was levied upon him by the Marshall.

This Court orders that the towne of Stonington shall pay the Marshall's charge in goeing to Stonington to leuy Thomas Wheeler's fine, (which as the Marshall says) is Three pownds.

Whereas in [the] Constables oath, the Constable is obliged onely till another is chosen, this Court orders that for the future it shall be added to the oath, vntill a new be chosen and sworne.

In the list of Estates, as foloweth,—John Tompson Jun^r, 47£. 15s. John Beardsley, 87£. 12s. 6d. John Wells, 71£. 5s. 0d. W^m Robberts, 76£. Sam^l Fayrechild, 44£. Sam^l Mills, 39£. 10s. Theophilus Shearman, 44£. 10s. This Court orders that those aboue written or so many of them as haue unjustly been repulsed in the endeauoring to procure their freedome, they makeing it appeare that they haue been unjustly debarred of that priuiledg, and that they are qualified according to lawe, to the sattisfaction of Mr. Gold & the Com^{rs} of Fayrefeild and Stratford, they shall stand as nominated for their freedom at this court.

The returne of the Reuerend Mr. James Fitch, Mr. Buckly, Mr. Wakeman & Mr. Eliott was read in this Court, and left upon the file.

This Court desires and appoynts the Major, Mr. Allyn, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Richards, Mr. Hill, Mr. Math: Griswold, and L^{ut} Griswold, a committee to consider and prepare some thing for the consideration of the Court, respecting ecclesiasticall matters.

This Court confirmes Mr. John Mason Ensigne of the Traine Band of Norwidge. John Stream is confirmed Ensigne of Milford Traine Band, and Thomas Campfeild & Samuel Eales are confirmed Sarjeants of the Traine Band of Milford.

[272] For the preuention of trouble to the inhabitants of

the seuerall plantations in this Colony, this Court doe grant liberty and hereby impower any one Assist^t or Com^r, wth the Selectmen of the towne where he liues or any two of them, to hear and determine any action that shall be presented before them for tryall, to the value of forty shillings, and to enter judgment upon the case and grant execution upon the judgment; provided any person that acco^{ts} himselfe agreiued with any issue or judgment that shall pass upon his case, hath liberty to reueiue to the next County Court in that County; and in euery such case judgment shall be respited till the issue of the case. And towards the expences of the persons attending these Courts, euery person that enters an action to be tryed as afoars^d, shall pay two shillings for the same, besides the clarke's fees, which shall be as is allready provided by lawe for the entry of actions wth the clarke of the county. Provided also, the s^d Court shall keep a record of all their proceedings as afoarsayd.

Vpon the petition of Mr. W^m Andrews on behalfe of Captⁿ Thomas Clarke, master of the Iron Workes of N: Haven, for encouragment of the s^d worke in supply of the country with good iron and well wrought according to art, This Court doe confirme a grant formerly made by N: Haven, viz: that the sayd persons & estates constantly and onely employed in the sayd worke shall be and are hereby exempted from payeing countrey rates for seuen yeares next ensuing. Mr. Wilford engages to pay ten shillings for this petition.

This Court remitts Jeremy Judson the remaynder of the fine that is unpaid, which fine was imposed upon him by the County Court, March last, at Fayrefeild, for selling Cider to the Indians.

The Gouvernor & Captⁿ John Tallicot were chosen Com^{rs} for the year ensuing, and Mr. James Richards for a reserue.

Whereas their hath been a difference between Saybrook & Haddum, and Lyme & Haddum about their bownds, for the issue of the case this Court orders that the fower miles granted to Saybrook & Lyme shall be diuided, two miles of it to Saybrook and Lyme, and two miles of it to Haddum plantation.

This Court grants that the bownds of Haddum shall runn from the great Riuer westward into the wilderness six miles, and from the great Riuer eastward into the wilderness six miles, provided this grant doe not prejudice any former grant made to any plantation or perticuler person.

This Court grants Captⁿ John Tallcott & L^{nt} John Allyn liberty to take up their former grant of land near the sowth bownds of Midleton at or near a place called Coginchauge;* and if they doe not judg it conuenient to take up all their grant there, they may take up halfe of their grant elsewhere; and Ens: White and W^m Cheney are appoynted to lay it out to them.

This Court haueing seriously considered the great divisions that arise amongst us about matters of Church Gouvernment, for the honor of God, wellfare of the churches and preservation of the publique peace so greatly hazarded, doe declare that whereas the Congregationall Churches in these partes for the generall of their profession and practice haue hitherto been approued, we can doe no less than still approue and countenance the same to be wthout disturbance vntill better light in an orderly way doth appeare; but yet forasmuch as sundry persons of worth for prudence and piety amongst us are otherwise perswaded (whose wellfare and peaceable sattisfaction we desire to accomadate,) This Court doth declare that all such persons being allso approued according to lawe as orthodox and sounnd in the fundamentalls of Christian religion may haue allowance of their perswasion and profession in church wayes or assemblies wthout disturbance.

[273] In regard Mr. Mathew Griswold is chosen and

* Coginchaug; afterwards, DURHAM. Some years later, Mr. Samuel Wyllys, Capt. Talcott, Mr. James Richards and Mr. Allyn, all of whom then held lands at Coginchaug under grants from the General Court, purchased the native right to the whole tract, from the sachem Turra-muggus and other Indian proprietors. The deed (executed, Jan. 24, 1672-3,) is recorded in the Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 411. A plot of the township of Durham (in Towns & Lands, Vol. II. Doc. 175) exhibits the location of the several Coginchaug farms; among which were "Collo. Tallcott's upland farmes, upon which this Honrd. Generall Court ordered the town of Durham to be layed out."

The grant to Capt. Talcott and Mr. Allyn, (of 600 acres of upland and 100 acres of meadow, was made in March, 1662. See Col. Rec. I. 376.

[sworn Com^r for Lyme, this Court doe]* order that the sayd town shall chuse another constable in his roome.

Whereas seuerall persons in the plantations of this Colony are apt to be injurious to their neighbours by their disorderly rideing in the townes, whereby the liues of themselues and others are hazarded and endangered, for the preuention whereof this Court doth order that after the publication hereof, whatsoeuer person or persons shall beyond the pace of an ordinary and easy hand gallop, ride or runn in any the streats or lanes lyeing wthin the limitts of any towne plott, without it be upon speciall and necessary occasions, or troopers under the conduct of their commanders, euery such person or persons that shall transgresse this order shall pay five shillings, two shillings to the complayner and three shillings to the towne treasury where the transgression is committed; any one Assistant or Com^r to heare and issue any such case and to grant distress for the sayd fine imposed by lawe.

This Court doth order and appoint that the third Wednesday in June next be kept throughout this Colony, a day of Humiliation to humble o^r soules before the Lord for all o^r unprofitableness under the precious seasons of grace we enjoy, for o^r unthankfulness for our spirituall liberties and outward injoyments, and for the diuissions and contentions that are yet remayneing amongst us whereby we haue caused the Lord to goe out agaynst us in those late judgments of blasting the increase of the feild and spoyling the fruits of the trees &c. and to beg mercy of the Lord in behalfe of his people of England, that he would bless o^r Lord the King and establish peace and truth throughout his dominions; and that he would smile upon us in this wilderness, heale o^r diuissions, remoue his judgments from us, bless our injoyments spirituall and temporal, continue health in o^r habitations, bless the fruits of the earth, and o^r labours in the occassions of the ensueing yeare.

Vpon the petition of the church of Stratford, this court doth declare that whereas y^e church haue settled Mr. Chancey

*These words are partially obliterated.

their officer and doe desire that they may peaceably injoy the full improuement of their minister and administrations without hinderance or disturbance, the Court grants their petition therein, onely the Court seriously aduiseeth both parties to choose some indifferent persons of piety and learning to compose their differences and setle an agreement among them, and that till October Court there may be liberty for Mr. Walker to preach once in the day, as they haue hitherto done by their agreement, the church alloweing him full three howers between the church two meetings for the same.

Seuerall inhabitants of Stoneington petitioning this Court for their approbation that they might setle themselues in Church order, this Court grants them their petition.

Mr. John Blackleach Sen^r moueing this Court for their approbation that he might use his endeauoures to make known to the Indians (in the best way he can) something of the knowledg of God according as he shall haue opportunity, This Court grants his desire therein, wth theire desires that he may through the blessing of God be an advantageous instrument to the end proposed.

This Court desires Mr. James Bishop to administer the oath of a Magistrate to Captⁿ Gold, Mr. Fenn & Mr. Bryant, and L^{nt} Olmsted to administer the oath to Mr. Fayrechild & Mr. Lawes; and the Major to administer the oath to Mr. Witherell & Tho: Minor; and any one of the Assistants to administer the oath to Mr. Sam^l Wells & Mr. Sam^l Tallcott; and Mr. Gold to administer the oath of a Com^r to Mr. Tho: Fitch, Mr. W^m Hill and Mr. Jehue Burr; and Mr. Joanes to administer the oath to Mr. Gilbert & Captⁿ Nash; and Mr. Fenn to administer the oath of a Com^r to Mr. John Clarke.

Mr. Gershom Buckley, Mr. John Hollister, Tho: W^{ms}, Captⁿ Thomas Atwood, Tho: Couch, Jo: Brunson, John Edwards, John Beckly, Nath: Borman, Edward Benton, W^m Warner, Caleb Benjamen, are nominated to stand for their acceptation for freemen.

This Court grants Joseph Bull & John Bidwell Jun^r the su^{me} of Two Hundred Acres of land, in the next commons

to the place where there saw mill stands, with liberty to take timber out of the commons for the improuement of their saw mill as their need s[hall] require.

This Court grants Henry Wakelin* Fifty A[cres] of land, and L^{nt} Curtice, Ens: Judson & [] Hawly are to lay it to him.

For N: H: presented for nomination for freemen,—Sam^{ll} Hopkins, Mathias Hitchcock, Nath: A[] W^m Trowbridg, John Down, Nath: Thorp, Sam^{ll} Cooke, Benj: Brackett, Sam^{ll} [Clark†] Andrew Goodyer, John Glouer, John Smith, Nath: Boyken, John Parker, John A[] [274] Rich^d Litle, John Ball, Nath: Merryman, Caleb Ruthersford, Edmun Dorman.

For B:‡ John Bowers, Edward Frisbey, Thom: Harrison, Rob^t Foote, John Whitehead, Georg Page, Edward Ball, W^m Hoadley.

This Court orders that the select men and constables in the seuerall plantations shall take a list of all the freemen in theire respectiue plantations where they dwell, and send it up under their hands fayrely written by their deputies to the Gen^{ll} Court in October next, and the Secretry is to record the same in a booke for that purpose, that soe when there may be any occasion or difficulty about that matter, whoe are freemen, it may be the easier determined.§

This Court orders that the Assistants or Com^{rs} in the respectiue plantations are hereby authorized to administer the oath of freedom to those that were propownded for that priuiledg the last Court.

This Court desires the townesmen of Hartford to make prouision for the supply of Thomas Harris, whilst he is under his present weaknesse, and the Court will determine, October next, how what is expended upon them shall be answered.

This Court orders that for the future the towne of Ston-

* So in the record.

† Partially obliterated.

‡ Branford.

§ Copies of the lists of freemen, for the several towns, so far as they have been preserved, will be found in Appendix V.

ington shall be allowed for what of their rates they pay by order of the Treasurer at NewLondon, two shillings in the pound.

This Court grants that the plantation at Massacoe shall be rate free to the country for three yeares next ensuing.

This Court grants L^{nt} Rich^d Olmsted Sixty Acres of land, where he can find it, it not being prejudicial to any former grant or plantation.

Vpon the motion of Mr. Samⁿ Stone, this Court doth grant Mr. Stone liberty to receive of the Indians that parcell of land which they reserved for themselves at Padaquonck,* provided if he dispose of it, it shall be to such person as shall be approved of by the towne in whose bounds it shall lye.

This Court upon the motion of Mr. Nicholas Knell, doe grant him an addition of Fifty Acres of land to his former grant, and it is to be layed out by the persons that were appointed to lay out his former grant.

Mr. Tho: Stanton and James Morgan are desired by this Court to lay out the land that was granted to L^{nt} James Auery by the former Court;† and Tho: Leppingwell & Cristouer Huntington to lay out to L^{nt} Franc: Griswold what was granted to him.

The precedent Court haueing desired and impowered Mr. James Fitch, Mr. Gershom Buckley, Mr. Samⁿ Wakeman & Mr. Joseph Elliott, to hear all that should be presented to them by the church of Windsor or by the dissenting brethren and inhabitants there in reference to Mr. Chancey's invitation, reception, election and ordination, and also whatsoever should be objected against the procurement, intertainment, continuance and improvement of Mr. Woodbridge at Windsor, and when they haue heard what they have to say of both sides, to settle an accomadation in that case, and the sayd Gent^a haueing heard and considered and returned in

* Padaquonck, (elsewhere Pattacunk and Padacunk,) the northeast part of the township of Saybrook, bordering on Haddam; now, CHESTER.

† This grant to Lieut James Avery was laid out, Oct. 12th, 1669,—adjoining the land of Thomas Stanton, on Pachaug River. Recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 278.

writing under their hands the sence of that case and their aduice for an accomadation suitable to the present state of matters there, This Court doth, according to the serious aduice of those sayd Gentⁿ approue that both those Gentⁿ viz: Mr. Chancy & Mr. Woodbridg abide in their respectiue improuements as formerly, till such time as either there be a greater appearance of the settlement of their peace in the enjoynment of these, or some other orderly means (to be promoated by the ciuill authority,) may be used for the procureing of another minister, so as may be for the union and sattisfaction of the whole, or till some other expedient be ordered by the Court. And it is ordered that a copy of the elders' aduice be deliuered to the church of Windsor and another copy to the dissenting party. And it is desired they would seuerally declare to the next Court in October, their consideration about it.

[275] This Generall Assembly of his Maties Colony of Coñecticut doe unan[imously] declare to the freemen and other inhabitants of this Colony, that they doe in all humble mañer acknowledg and profess their duty and true allegience to or Soueraigne Lord the King, renownceing the Pope and all other forraine princes, states and potentates, and their jurisdiction and authority. And haueing receiued his Maties gracious Charter wth full commission therein for the righteous and religious gouernment of his Maties subjects of this Colony, they find that it hath been endeauoured by the precedent Assemblyes, and the members thereof, to haue his Maties pleasure ducly obserued in the administration of the essentials of that way & order of gouernment which he hath been pleased to appoynt, and that all officers haue been under those respectiue oaths which his Maties Charter doth require. And they do now farther declare that they doe seriously indeauour and will so doe for the future (God assisting,) to the best of their knowledg and skill to gouern this his Maties Colony according to his Maties command in the sayd Charter or Letters Pattents, and euery part thereof, and that all officers shall haue their respectiue oathes which are required in the said Charter.

The Court is adjourned till the Gouvernor or Deputy see cause to call them againe.

A GENERALL ASSEMBLY HELD AT HARTFORD, OCTOB^r 14th,
1669.

W ^m Leet Esqr, DEPT ^r GOVERN ^r	Upon the request of some
Mr. Sam ^{ll} Willys,	Gent ⁿ of the County of New
Mr. W ^m Joanes	London, this Court orders that
Capt ⁿ John Tallcott	the Courts at New London for
Mr. Henry Woolecott	the future shall be kept the
Mr. John Allyn, Sec ^{ry}	first Tewsday in June and the
Mr. James Richards	third Tewsday in September,
Mr. James Bishop	annually, and that there shall
Mr. Alex: Bryant	be one Assistant at least ap-
Mr. Benj: Fenn	pyoynted to attend those Courts,
Mr. Anth: Howkins.	by the Generall Court in

The Deputies of this Court May.*

are,

Mr. W^m Wadsworth
Mr. Richard Lord
Mr. Samuel Tallcott
Sarj^t John Nott
L^{nt} Thomas Munson
Mr. John Mosse
L^{nt} W^m Fowler
Mr. George Clarke

For *Guilford*, presented for
freemen, John Collins, Ebene-
zer Thompson, W^m Stone
Jun^r, John Scranton Jun^r:—

Joseph Stanton, for *Stonington*:—

Norwalke; Tho: Taylor, Ja-
cin Gregory, Judah Gregory,
Sam^{ll} Campfield:—

* A petition to the General Court, (dated Sept. 17th, 1669,) signed by "Daniel Wetherell, Clerke, in the name and with the consent of the Commissioners for the County of New London," sets forth, that the county had been empowered to hold two courts yearly (in June and September,) to consist of one Magistrate with the Commissioners; that "it having pleased God so by his Providence to bless us with the injoyment of only one Maiestrate within our County, namely, our hon^d Maior Mason, who by God's visiting hand upon him in respect of weaknes and sicknes of body, hath not at all times been in a capacity to vndergoe the great trouble that attends our Courts, without assistance, whereby our Courts have been formerly much weakened," &c.; that they were now wholly destitute of such help, as the law requires; and prays the Court to appoint some person to this service, especially naming Mr. John Allyn, "who is well acquainted with our concernments; and our matters many times requires able help in respect of the often recourse of merchants and strangers by reason of the conveniencie of our Harbor here." [Civil Officers, Vol. I. Doc. 52.]

Mr. Edward Griswold
 L^{nt} Josiah Hull
 Mr. Thom: Stanton
 Mr. Elisha Cheesbrooke
 Georg Gates
 Joseph Mead
 Captⁿ Ben: Nubery
 Deacon John Moore
 Ens: Samuel Steele
 Sarj^t John Standly
 W^m Johnson
 John Sera[nton]
 Mr. John Wilford
 Tho: Blachly *absent*
 John Gregory
 John Bowgh[ton]
 Hugh Calkin *absent*
 Thomas Leffingwell
 Mr. Rob^t Chapman
 L^{nt} W^m Pratt
 Mr. Joseph Hawly
 L^{nt} W^m Curtice
 Ens: Nath: White
 Sam^{ll} Stocking
 Mr. Dan^{ll} Witherley
 L^{nt} James Auery
 Mr. Rich^d Law *absent*
 John Greene.

Milford; James Primme,
 Ephraim Wheeler, John Fow-
 ler, John Smith, John Rogers,
 Nath: Biscoe, John Turrell,
 Josiah Tibballs:—

Stratford; Thomas Fayre-
 child, Benja: Beach:—

[276] *New London*; Mr. Si-
 mon Bradstreet, Mr. Edward
 Palmes, Mr. Charles Hill, Mr.
 Joshua Raymond, Mr. John
 Baldwin, Mr. W^m Condry, Mr.
 Sam^{ll} Chester, John Daniel,
 John Keeny, Daniel Leister,
 Gabrill Harris, Joseph Coite,
 John Steuens, Sam^{ll} Beebe,
 Thomas Beebe, Joshua Hemp-
 stead, Rob^t Douglass, W^m
 Dowglass, Cristouer Auery, Ol-
 iuer Manwaring, Miles Moore,
 John Stebings Jun^r, Alex:
 Pygon, Thomas Roach, John
 Allyn, Andrew Leister Jun^r,
 James Auery Jun^r, Sam^{ll} Bur-
 rowes, John Burrowes, John
 Packer, Aron Start, John
 Lambe, John Smith, James
 Morgan Jun^r, John Morgan,
 Sam^{ll} Royce, Dan^{ll} Cumstock,

Nath: Royce, Edward Smith, Nehemiah Smith.

Milford hath ammunition sufficient according to lawe.

Norwalke hath their ammunition according to lawe, only
 some powder wanting.

Whereas or beloved bretheren at Saybrooke have formerly
 by and wth the approbation of the Gouern^r & severall Ma-
 gistrates and Elders of Churches, embodyed themselves in
 church society, to take off some scruples that may happily
 lye in the breasts of any concerning their non-attendance of

the lawe in the punctilioes of it, and this Court findeing no record of their proceedings in this matter, doe now upon their request see cause hereby to declare that they doe approve of their imbodying themselves in church society, and desire the Lord to smile upon them, establish and bless their beginnings.

Whereas it is too manifest to this Court that the Natives about us notwithstanding all counsell and advice to the contrary given them by the authority here, have and still doe proceed to committ murther and kill one another within the English plantations and upon the English land, and take no course that justice be executed upon such malefactors, as may take off the guilt of blood from the land,—For the prevention whereof, this Court doth order that for the future whateuer Indian or Indians shall willfully and violently fall upon any Indian or Indians within this Colony upon the English land and murther him, he shall be put to death; and if the Indians doe not execution upon such a murtherer or murtherers forthwith, the next civill officer upon information thereof shall forthwith cause him or them to be apprehended and without bayle or maynprize committ him to the common goale, there to be secured for a tryall [at] the next Court of Assistants. And the Constables in the severall plantations are hereby required to take sure course that this order be duly published to the Indians that live within their respective limits.

The List of Estates.

Hartford,	17037: 05: 00	Guilford,	6095: 11: 00
Wethersfeild,	12134: 13: 08½	Norwich,	3864: 11: 00
New Hauen,	15402: 10: 00	MidleTon,	3920: 00: 00
Milford,	09629: 14: 00	Stratford,	8636: 11: 00
Windsor,	13258: 00: 00	Kenilworth,	2475: 04: 00
Stonington,	04498: 05: 00	Brandford,	2313: 05: 00
New London,	07745: 05: 00	Greenwich,	1667: 10: 00
Norwalke,	04834: 00: 00	Standford,	5094: 04: 00
Farmington,	06326: 00: 00	Rye,	2403: 10: 00
Saybrooke,	05224: 00: 00	Fayrefeild,	9432: 05: 00

[277] The Court haueing considered the petition of Kath-
eren Harrison, doe declare that they see no cause to admitt
of any farther heareing of her complaint against Mr. Chester,
she haueing neglected to prosecute her case according to
law in the Court of Assistants.

This Court desire Mr. Richards to procure standards of
waights and measures (for the use of the colony,) from Eng-
land, viz: a gallon, two gallons, fower gallons, brass, Win-
chester measure, sealed wth the city seale; and brass waights,
a fifty-six, twenty-eight, fowerteen, seuen, fower, two, and one;
and the Court engages to see the sayd Mr. Richards sattis-
fied for the same out of the publike Treasurie, to his ra-
tionall content.

This Court grants liberty of makeing a plantation at Paw-
gasuck, and continue the grant of the same priuiledges to
the people there that were formerly granted to them May
9th, 67; they attending the sayd order of Court, and what
it requires of their behalfe, and that they effect the same be-
tween this and October next com two yeares. And this
Court appoynts Edward Worster constable for this present
yeare, and Mr. Bryant is desired to administer the oath of a
constable to him.

This Court appoynts John Case, constable for Massacoe
and Mr. Woolcott or Capⁿ Newbery are desired to adminis-
ter the constables oath to him.

This Court orders that those nominated for freemen (wth
Phillip Lewes, May last,) shall be sworne by the Assistants
or Com^{rs} in the respectiue townes where they dwell; onely
except Annanias Turrener.

Propownded for freemen:—*Standford*; John Holly Sen^r,
Georg Slawson, John Slawson, Eliezer Slawson, John Sel-
lick, Abram Ambler, Josh: Hoyte, Jonath: Bell, Jonas Weed,
Rich^d Ambler, John Miller, John Bates, Samuel Finch, John
Holmes, Steuen Holmes, John Petit, Caleb Knap, John
Weed, W^m Potter, W^m Newman, Samuel Deane.

Greenwich; Jonathan Reynolds, John Reynolds, Joseph
Pherris, Joshua Knap, W^m Ratcliffe, are accepted as freemen,

and Mr. Lawes is impowered to administer the oath of freedom to them.

This Court upon consideration that or neighbor Colonys of the Massachusetts & Plimouth haue opened the trade of selling powder & lead to the Indians, and that the Indians doe gayne a full supply thereof according to their needs notwithstanding our lawe prohibits the same amongst the people of this Colony, and they thereby are deprived of the benefitt and gayne that might be made thereof, Doe therefore order that for the future (and untill the Gouvernor or Assistants doe order otherwise,) there shall be one man in euery plantation in this Colony appoynted and approued by the respectiue townes to sell powder and lead to the Indians.

This Court takeing into consideration the great abuse that comes by the selling of wine, liquers & cider to the Indians notwithstanding all former orders and endeaoures to preuent the same, Doe therefore now order that if any person or persons shall be accused by any Indian or Indians for selling of him or them any wine, liquers, cider or any other strong drink, and they be fownd drunck, or the liquers fownd with them, and the person accused shall refuse to purg himselfe by an oath before some Assistant or Com^r (being called thereto,) that he hath neither directly nor indirectly, by himselfe or by any others, sold or giuen the sayd wine, cider, liquers or strong drinke he is charged wth to haue sold or giuen, it shall be in the power of the Court before w^home any such person is accused, to impose such a fine upon him as the law requires for such a quantity as he is charged with to haue sold or giuen.

This Court, upon the petition of Eltwood Poomery to haue some releife and sattisfaction for the mare the Indians killed of his, according to the acts of the Com^{rs} in '59, doe see cause to grant to Eltwood Poomery tenn pownd out of the publique Treasury.

[278] This Court orders that the land on the east side the great Riuer, both of Hartford, Windsor & Weathersfeild, that is improued or improueable, shall be fenced according to lawe, any former order or grant to the contrary in any wise

notwthstanding. This fence to be erected by the last of Aprill next and the equitable considerations about the carrying on and effecting the same is referred to the prudent consideration and determination of the selectmen in the seuerall and respective townes concerned.

Vpon the petition presented by Mr. Whiting &c. to this Court for their approbation for a distinct walkeing in Congregational Church order as hath been here settled according to counsell of the Elders, the Court doth recommend it to the Church of Hartford to take some effectuall course that Mr. Whiting &c. may practice the Congregationall way wthout disturbance either from preaching or practice diuersly to their just offence, or els to grant their loveing consent to these bretheren to walke distinct, according to such their Congregationall principles, which this Court allowes liberty in Hartford to be done. But if both of these be refused or neglected by the church, then these bretheren may in any regular way attend to release and releiue themselves, wthout offence to the Courte. In the vote for this aboue written order there dissented fower Assists & fowerteen Deputies. Their dissent is on file wth their names annexed.

This Court haueing been informed that the people of Rye are yet destitute of an orthodox minister, and that they doe not take due care to procure such a one as might carry on the worke of the Lord on the Sabbath, and instruct them in the wayes and will of God, but rather seem to rest satisfied without, in the improuement of John Coe & Marmaduke Smith, who both are represented to this Court as persons unsound and heterodox in their judgments if not scandalous in their liues; and by that improuement of them they are put in a capacity more to prejudice then farther the edification of the people there; upon these considerations, this Court doe authorize and impower Mr. Nathan Gold and any three of the Com^{rs} of that County, to require the afoars^d persons, John Coe & Marmaduke Smith, or any others of that towne to appeare before them, and if upon examination things doe appeare to them as they are represented to this Court, they are desired to take effectuall course that the persons afoarsayd

may haue no oppertunety affoorded them to sowe the seeds of eror among the people there; and allso they are to informe the people of Rye that this Court are resolu'd, if the sayd people's prudent considerations doe not moue them to make such prouisions of a suitable person, sownd & orthodox in his principles and apt to teach, (so approued by Mr. Bishop, Mr. Handford, Mr. Wakeman & Mr. Eliphalet Joanes,) the Court will themselues procure and settle a preaching minister amongst them, and take sufficient order that he be mayntained by them, at their next session.

This Court doth order that the Secret'y shall draw up a letter to the Gen^l Court of the Massachusetts, for substance wth that drawn up by Captⁿ Tallcott, and signe it in the name of this Court, and send it to them.

This Court grants a rate of a penny upon the pownd of all rateable estate.

[279] Whereas the Hono^rd Com^{rs} of the Colony of the Massachusetts, Sept^r 13, 1669, haue recommended it to this Court to take order that the proprietors of Narragancett & Pequit Country may be admitted to a full heareinge of their complaynts which they haue to make against those intruders that interrupt them in the peaceable possession and improuement of their lands &c., This Court in persuance of what is recommended to them, doe nominate and authorize the Gouvernor & Assist^s on the River, or so many of them as shall meete wth any other of the Assistants that can attend the meeting (which is to be) on the third Wedensday in Nouember next, to hear all such complaynts as shall be made to them about any injuries they haue receiued; and what wrong is made sufficiently to appeare to be done to the complayners by any person or persons inhabiting in the Narragancett & Pequitt Country, the sayd Committee are impowered to order that sattisfaction for the wronges they haue done be demanded, and in case it be refused to be made, the sayd Committee are desired and impowered to make relation of the s^d wronges done, of the sattisfaction that hath been demanded and denied, to the Hono^rd Gen^l Courts of the Massachusetts & Plimoth, and to request their advice and

assistance in the case. The Secret^y is ordered, when he is certified of the names of the persons that are to be complained against, that he doe certify them of the same.*

This Court doe nominate and appoynt Mr. Sam^l Willys and Captⁿ John Tallcott to attend at Boston to meet wth the Com^{rs} (or those appoynted of the other Colonies,) in May next, and they are hereby inuested with full power & authority to treat of and conclude the establishment of the Artickells of Confederation with Three Colonies, as formerly it was with Fower. They are farther by this Court impowered to treat & consider of what may be requisit to be altered in or aded to the sayd Artickells, and so to ripen the matter that such Artickells may be agreed upon and drawn up as may be judged meet to be established & confirmed by this Generall Court. And in case any of the former Gentⁿ should be disinabled to attend this afoars^d service, Mr. James Richards is appoynted and impowered to supply his place.

This Court doth appoynt the 2^d Tewsd^y in Nouember next to be kept solemnly throughout this Colony, a publique day of Thanksgiueing, to render or due acknowledgments of thanks and prayse to God for his many mercyes to us the yeare past, in spareing so much of or comforts both of the frutes of the feilds and of the trees as we enjoy; and allso for that health that hath been continued in seuerall plantations, and that healing of the deaseases that haue been afforded to many amongst us; and for that measure of peace that is yet continued in or societies.

Mr. Henry Woolcott, in absence of Mr. John Allyn, and Mr. James Bishop, Mr. Rob^t Chapman & Mr. Joseph Hawly are appoynted to audite the Treasurer's acco^{ts}, both of this yeare and last.

This Court doe order that Mr. Tho: Fayrechild, Mr. Rob^t Chapman, Captⁿ John Nash, L^{nt} James Auery, Mr. Richard

* Notice of this appointment by the General Assembly, of a time and place of hearing complaints, &c., was given to the people of Misquamicut; but they did not appear at the November Court. Complaints were presented by the people of Stonington; but the Court reserved judgment until the following Spring, to give an opportunity to the defendants to be heard, or to come to an amicable agreement with the parties wronged. [Letter from Gov. & Council to John Crandall & others, Nov. 18th, 1669, in Col. Boundaries, I. 42.]

Lawes and Mr. W^m Hill, shall be nominated for election in May next.

This Court orders^t that the customes for wine & liqu^{rs} for the future shall be and remayne to the use of that County in which those goods are landed and the customes taken in.

This Court grants Corp^l John Gilbert the sūme of Two Hundred Acres of land, whereof twenty acres may be meadow, provided that he doe not take it up to the prejudice of any former grant or plantation.

This Court grants Daniel Porter, One Hundred Acres of land, provided he take it up where it doe not prejudice any former grant or plantation.*

[280] This Court grants Mr. Samuel Tallcott, Two Hundred Acres of land, provided he take it up where it doe not prejudice any former grant.

This Court grants Mr. W^m Wadsworth, Three Hundred Acres of land provided he take it up where it doe not prejudice any former grant.

This Court grants Mr. Henry Woolcott Three Hundred Acres of land, provided he take it up where it doe not prejudice any former grant.†

This Court grants Mr. James Bishop Three Hundred Acres of land, provided he take it up where it doe not prejudice any former grant.

This Court, considering that upon the desires of diuers of the inhabitants of the towne of Stratford to haue a diuision of their lands belonging to the Ministry, that so two ministers might be accomadated, and this Court ordering it so to be done, and for the afoars^d end was done, viz: that both parties might enjoy their minister; as allso this land being receiued upon this acco^t by Mr. Chancy & Mr. Walker; this Court

* This grant was taken up near the N. W. corner of Wallingford; but the tract afterwards being found to fall within Wallingford bounds, the Gen. Assembly in 1728, granted to the grandsons of Daniel Porter (Daniel P. of Waterbury and Hezekiah, of Woodbury,) 100 acres west of Housatonic River, as an equivalent. [T. & Lands, V. 10.]

† October, 1717, upon the petition of Mathew Allyn, and Roger Wolcott, solicitor to Josias Wolcott, the General Assembly ordered the surveyor of the county of Hartford to lay out this grant of 300 acres, to Josias Wolcott, Mathew Allyn, John, Charles and Samuel Wolcott, heirs of the original grantee. [Towns & Lands, Vol. III. Docs. 114, 115.]

doth therefore recommend it to the church of Stratford that Mr. Walker haue liberty the one parte of the Sabbath, whether parte Mr. Chancy will, and that they would hold comunion together in preaching & prayer. But in case Mr. Chansey and the Bretheren wth him will not agree to that, it shall not be offensiue to this Court if Mr. Walker and his Company doe meet distinctly elsewhere; provided each of them provide well for the comfortable supply of ther ministers.

This Court grants that Tenn pownds be paid out of the publique Treasury towards the charge expended by the townsmen of Hartford on Thomas Harriss, and the rest of the charge the sayd towne of Hartford are to see it discharged.

This Court grants Mrs. Hamlin that the custome of a hog-head of liq^{rs} be abated her.

This Court grants Mr. Willerd a Hundred Acres of land, provided he take it up where it doe not prejudice any former grant.

Whereas it is found by experience that seuerall of y^e Deputies, members of this Court, doe in a disorderly maⁿer depart wthout leaue from the Court, whereby the occasions of the Country are prejudiced, for the preuention whereof, It is ordered that if any person or persons whoe is a member of this Court shall totally departe wthout leaue, before the Court be issued, he or they shall forfeit that allowance that the Country allowes him for the defraying of his charge of attendance on the Court.

This Court findeing to their great greife that the differences & dissentions at Windsor doe after many meanes of healing yet contiⁿue, and no appearance of a mutuall compli^ance as yet presented in their last returne to what the Court recommended, therefore they see not cause to deny liberty to those dissentors to meet distinctly for the present, and orderly and regularly to imbody themselues in church state, according to law, when they shall seek it.

This Court being desireous that all o^r people together wth ourselues may be made more deeply & Christianly sencible of the Lord's holy hand still stretched forth against us, upon o^r bodyes in strange sicknesses, in seuerall plantations, by

blasting of o^r crops, & by letting out much of the euill spirit of diuission in sundry places amongst us, doe order that the first fowerth-day in December next be obserued a solemne day of Fasting & Prayer in all o^r plantations, to humble o^r soules before the Lord whoe hath done all these things justly unto us, that he will shew us why he so contendeth with us, [281] and bring us to a thorow repentance for || the same, and returne in mercy to us, healeing o^r sickneses, blessing o^r fruits & laboures, reconcileing o^r differences, and breathing out a spirit of conuersion abundantly amongst us; and that we may recouer our first loue and doe o^r first workes; and that he would shine upon us in the face of Jesus Christ, and on the riseing generation that are to succeed us.*

The Court is adjourned till the Gouvernor see cause to call it agayne.

* At a meeting of the Governor and Assistants, March 9th, 1669-'70, the following order was made, for another day of fasting and prayer:—

"Forasmuch as it is too manefest that notwithstanding all our former humiliations and fasting, the Lord's holy hand is still lifted up against us, as may evidently appeare by the continuations of blasting and cattmillows, and former diuisions now at last heightened to much to be lamented seperation in some places amongst us, the Gouvernor and Assistants doe order and appoint that the first Wednesday in Aprill next be obserued and kept a day of publique and solemm humiliation throwout this Colony, to humble o^r souls before God who hath been righteous and holy in bringing all these things upon us; and to implore the Lord to returne to us in mercy and loveing kindness, sheweing us what is the cause he so contendeth with us; and that he would enable us truely to repent for the same, to walk more holy and humbly before him, and more fruitfully under the means of grace we enjoy, that God may be glorified by us, his presence abide with us and his blessing may be powered forth upon us and ours, that they may be throwly perswaded to know, feare and serve the God of their Fathers with a willing heart and ready mind; and that health may be continued in our habitations, and wee may be blessed with a seasonable seed time, and haue reserued for us the appoynted weakes of haruest; and that God would bless our Souereigne Lord the King, in granting and establishing peace and truth throwout his Dominions." [Rec. of Co. of Assistants, 1669-1701; p. 5.]

[END OF VOLUME II. OF THE ORIGINAL RECORDS.]

[VOLUME III.]

[1] A COURT OF ELECTION HELD AT HARTFORD, MAY 12th,
1670.

*These were nominated for election:—*John Winthrop Esq^r, Wm. Leet Esq^r, Major John Mason Esq^r, Mr. Samuel Willys, Captⁿ Nathan Gold, Captⁿ John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Mr. John Allyn, Mr. Wm. Joanes, Mr. Benj: Fenn, Mr. Alex: Bryant, Mr. James Richards, Mr. James Bishop, Mr. Antho: Howkins, Mr. Thomas Fayrechild, Mr. Rob^t Chapman, Captⁿ John Nash, L^{nt} James Avery, Mr. Richard Lawes, Mr. Wm. Hill.

These were elected:

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOUVERNO^r. *sworne*.

Wm. Leet Esq^r, DEP^t GOUVERN^r. *sworne*.

Assistants.

Major John Mason, <i>absent</i> .	Mr. Wm. Joanes, <i>s</i> .
Mr. Samuel Willys, <i>sworne</i> .	Mr. Benj: Fenn, <i>s</i> .
Capt ⁿ Nathan Gold, <i>s</i> .	Mr. Alex: Bryant, <i>absent</i> .
Capt ⁿ John Tallcott, <i>s</i> .	Mr. James Richards, <i>s</i> .
Mr. Henry Woolcott, <i>s</i> .	Mr. James Bishop, <i>s</i> .
Mr. John Allyn, <i>s</i> .	Mr. Anth: Howkins, <i>s</i> .

Captⁿ John Tallcott, *Treasurer*.

Mr. John Allyn, *Secretary*.

The freemen left it with the Court to chuse Co^mmissioners for the Vnited Colonyes.

The Deputies of the Court are these underwritten :

Mr. Wm. Wadsworth, Mr. Rich: Lord ; for Hartford.
L^{nt} Thom: Munson, Mr. John Moss ; for New Haven.
Ens: Nath: White, Mr. Wm. Cheeny ; for Midleton.
Joshua Holcombe, John Case ; for Simbury.
John Scranton, John Graves ; for Guilford.
Tho: Tracy, *absent* ; Tho: Leffingwell ; for Norwidge.
Mr. Edward Griswould, Henry Farnum ; for Keⁿilworth.
L^{nt} Jonath: Sillick, John Green ; for Standford.
Captⁿ Ben: Nubery, Deacon John Moor ; for Windsor.

Ens: Sam: Steele, Serg^t John Standly ; for Farmington.
 L^{nt} Wm. Fowler, Mr. Tho: Wheeler ; for Milford.
 Mr. James Morgan, Mr. Cary Latham ; for N: London.
 Mr. Rob^t Chapman, Wm. Bushnel ; for Saybrook.
 Tho: Blachly, Micha: Tainter, *absent* ; for Brandford.
 Joseph Mead, Wm. Ratcliff ; for Greenwich.
 Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Sarj^t John Nott ; for Wetherfield.
 Mr. Jehu Burr, Mr. John Burr ; for Fayrefeild.
 Georg Gates, Peter Blachford ; for Haddam.
 Mr. Tho: Benedict, Walter Hoyte ; for Norwalk.
 Mr. Tho: Stanton, Mr. Sam: Cheesbrook ; for Stonington.
 L^{nt} Wm. Curtice, Mr. Jos: Hawley ; for Stratford.
 Mr. John Banks, Peter Disbroe ; for Rye.

This Court haueing been moved to state the bownds of the New Village that is settled upon the playne as you goe to New Haven, doe grant that their bownds shall com from the Brook at the sowth end of the great playne, to the northward tenn miles, and from the said [Brook] sowthward to Brandford bownds, and on each side the riuer five miles ; that is five miles on the east side and five miles on the west side the River, provided that the sayd village be carryed on and made a plantation wthout any relation or subordination to any other towne, and provided the bownds hereby granted to the sayd village doe not prejudice any bownds formerly granted to any plantation or perticuler person, or doe not extend to the north any further then wh[ere] the old road to New Hauen goeth ouer Pilgrimes Harbour.

The Court orders that the plantation on the playne in the Road to New Haven, be called Wallingford.

This Court grants Massacoe's bownds shall runn from Farmington bownds to the northward tenn miles, and from Windsor bownds on the east to run westward tenn miles, provided it doe not prejudice any former grant and be in the power of this Court so to dispose.

This Court orders that the plantation at Massacoe be called Simmsbury.

[2] These propownded for freemen ; John Tompson, of *Farmington* ; Mr. Ben: Blackman, of *Stratford* ; of *Milford*, John Vffitt, Joseph Northrup ; of *Guilford*, Mr. Andrew Leet,

John Hall, Isack Crittington, John Euitts; *Windsor*, Dan: Birge; of *Kenilworth*, Wm. Palmer, Nath: Hayden, John Netleton; of *Standford*, Wm. Newman, Sam^{ll} Deen, Rich^d Scoefeild, Edmun Lockwood, John Silleck, Caleb Napp, Cornelius Joanes Sen^r, Henry Smith, Steuen Clawson, John Jagger, John Holmes, Daniel Westgatt, Jonas Weed, Thomas Lawrence; of *Ry*, Joseph Horten, George Snuffene, Hackalyah Browne, Jonath: Fowles; of *Fayrefeild*, Rich^d Osborn, Isack Hall, Isack Wheeler, Sam^{ll} Tredwell, Sam^{ll} Hall, Joseph Whelpley, Sam^{ll} Smith.

This Court doth hereby impower the Court at New London to examine the matter concerning Mr. Hill's Spanyard, and if it doth appeare that he the sayd Spaniard was legally purchased, then the sayd Court of New London are to order him his freedome and to empower some person to take order for his transportation home, provided what is reasonable for his time out of the publike Treasury be ordered to Mr. Hills.

This Court grants Tho: Dunk thirty shillings out of the publike Treasury, in leiu of what he payd for country charge when he was Constable.

This Court grants Captⁿ Nathan Gold, Mr. Jehu and Mr. John Burr liberty to purchase Weantenock* and the lands adjacent, of the Indians, to make a plantation if it be capeable for such a thing; and Mr. Gold, Mr. Jehu Burr, Mr. Hill, Mr. Tho: Fayrechild and Mr. Tho: Fitch are by this Court appoynted a Committee for the well ordering of the planting of the same, and allso to entertein inhabitants. And it is by this Court declared that any of the honest inhabitants of this Colony that are in want of land may have liberty to be entertained there till the place is filled; provided if the place be not planted in fower yeares it shall return to the Court's dispose againe.

Whereas seuerall inhabitants of Stratford haue, Octobr, '67, had liberty to purchase Potatuck† for a village or towne,

* Weantenock, (variously written, Wyantenuck, Wiantanock, Weantenauge, &c.) was the name given to an extensive tract,—of which the boundaries do not appear to have been very exactly defined,—lying on both sides the Housatonuc River, and comprising the present township of *New Milford*, together with a part of the adjoining townships on the south and west.

† See page 75, ante.

the afoarsayd Committee wth Mr. Sherman of Stratford are hereby impowered to order the planting of the same, if it be judged fitt to make a plantation; p^{ro}vided if they doe not settle a plantation there within fower yeares it shall returne to the Courte's dispose agayne.

In answer to the petition of Hanna Huitt of Stonington, she haueing declared that she hath not heard from her late husband Thomas Huitt for the space of eight yeares and better, and the neighbours allso testifying that the sayd Huit hath so long been absent and that they have not heard of him or of the vessell or company he went with since their departure, The Court haueing considered the premises, declare that she the sayd Hanna Huitt is at liberty to marry if shee see cause.

This Court in the absence of the Gouvernor and Deputy Gouvernor doe nominate and appoynt Mr. Sam^l Willys to be Moderator, to order the management of affayres in the Generall Court.

Whereas this Court hath ordered that tenn shillings shall be payd for euery petition that is read in Court, the Court now orders that the Secre^{try} shall see that the tenn shillings be payd before it be read, and for his paynes therein he is allowed the one halfe.

Vpon the petition of Captⁿ Denison & Mr. Richardson, in behalfe of the towne of Stonington, that this Court would remitt unto the towne the three pownds they were ordered to pay to the Marshall for his charge in goeing to Stonington, as appeares by the order of the Court, May last, This Court haueing considered the sayd petition, remitt to the sayd towne thirty shillings of the sayd three pownds ordered as afoarsayd. Captⁿ Tallcott engages to pay tenn shillings for this petition upon the Country acco^t.

Whereas sundry inhabitants both of Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfeild, haue moved this Court to repeale a former order of Court made October last, requireing fence to be made for the land on the east side of Conecticut Riu^{er},* the Court

* At a County Court holden at Hartford, Mar. 3d, 1669-70: "Whereas severall inhabitants of Windsor and Hartford haue petitioned this Court that they might (at least for the present) be

haueing heard what they haue to alledg with the orders of this Court and of the respectiue townes which anywayes concerne their pleas, and the testimonies referring thereto, doe declare that they see no cause to free those lands from fence; yet notwithstanding, the foresayd petitioners haueing [3] pr[escn]ted seuerall || prouidences that haue fallen in and preuented them from doeing their fence according to the former order of this Court, the Court haueing considered the same doe giue liberty of a longer time for the erecting that fence on the east side of the River, prouided it be set up between this and the first of December next. Yet if there be any perticuler place or places that being fenced may probably secure the lands adjacent and preuent damadge, this Court orders that such places which the major part of the selectmen of each towne shall judg necessary at present, shall be erected within fowerteen dayes, by those whose portion it is, or elce it shall be erected by those who suffer by such neglects, and such whose portion it is shall pay for it.

This Court grants Edward Pattesun sixty acres of land where he can finde it, prouided he doe not take it up in any place where it may prejudice any former grant to any plantation or perticuler person.

This Court grants unto Mr. Cary Latham (for his encouragement) for what he hath done for ferriage of magistrates and deputies, and others imployed upon country occasions, Fowler Pounds.

These Commissioners were chosen for this year ensueing: Captⁿ Ben: Nubery, for *Windsor & Simsbury*; Mr. Sam^l Wells & Mr. Sam^l Tallcot, for *Wethersfeild*; Mr. Giles

eased or freed from fenceing their lands on the east side the great River, alledging that by reason of the late solemne afflicting hand of God upon them in the blasting the corne the harvest past, they are disenabled so that they cannot procure the setting up of the fence according to the former order of the Generall Court, October last, or pay f^r the same, as also the winter, for the latter part of it. euer since they haue had the order of the Generall Court published, hath been so unseasonable that they haue not been in a capacity to imploy themselves in getting fence; The Court haueing considered there petition, doe return, that they haue not the power to alter the order of the Generall Court, but shall be ready to commend the consideration of their petition to the Generall Court in May next, and in the mean time doe aduise all persons concerned in those lands to labour on to manage their affayres that they may not damnify one another." [Co. Court Rec. III. 97, 98.]

Hamlin & Ens: Nath: White, for *Middleton*; Mr. Rob^t Chapman & L^{nt} Wm. Pratt, for *Saybrook & Lime*; Mr. Math: Griswould, for *Lime*; Mr. Witherly & L^{nt} Auery, for *New London*; for *Stonington*, Mr. Tho: Stanton & Thomas Minor; for *Kenilworth*, Mr. Edward Griswould; for *Brandford*, Mr. John Willford; for *New Haven*, Mr. Gilbert and Captⁿ John Nash; for *Milford*, Mr. John Clarke; for *Stratford*, Mr. Tho: Fayrechild; for *Fayrefeild*, Mr. Jehu Burr & Mr. Wm. Hill; for *Norwalke*, Mr. Tho: Fitch & L^{nt} Olmstead; for *Standford*, *Greenwich & Rye*, Mr. Lawes.

The Court by their vote agreed to issue that Question whether they would haue the election to be managed by proxies.

This Court being sencible of the great charge, difficulty and expence of time the freemen of this colony are at by reason of their great numbers and remoatness from Hartford, the place of election, and considering the many inconveniences that otherwayes may arise upon the yearly day of election, and that the worke of that day may be the more orderly, easily and speedily issued,—It is ordered by this Court and the Authority thereof, that henceforth all the freemen of this Jurisdiction, wthout any other summons, from yeare to yeare, shall or may upon the second Thursday in May yearly, either in person or in proxie, at Hartford attend and consummate the election of Gouvernour, Deputy Gouvernour and Assist^s, and such other publique officers as his Ma^{tie} hath appoynted by o^r Charter then to be yearly chosen.

From Lyme, Mr. Moses Noyse, Mr. John Lay Sen^r and John Lay Jun^r, Henry Champion and Tho: Lea are accepted for freemen.

Propownded for freemen from New Hauen; John Thompson Sen^r, Ben: Bunnell, Sam^{ll} Thorpe, John Ponderson, Sam^{ll} Andrews, Eliakim Hitchcock, John Hitchcock, Nath: Hitchcock, Daniel Thomas, Sam^{ll} Hodgskin, John Payne, John Morrice, Sam^{ll} Lines, Sam^{ll} Todd, John Todd.

This Court impowers Mr. Allyn or Mr. Richards to administer the oath of an Assist^t to the Major.

This Court impowers Mr. Leet to administer the oath of

an Assist^t to Mr. Joanes, and Mr. Fenn to administer the oath of an Assistant to Mr. Bryant.

This Court appoynts Mr. John Holly Sen^r, of Standford, to be Com^r wth Mr. Law, for Standford, Greenwich & Rye; Mr. Gold to administer the oath of a Com^r to him, after he hath taken the oath of a freeman.

This Court accepts those who were presented to stand upon tryall for freemen, October last, and order the Assistants or Ccm^{rs} in the respectiue townes to administer the freemen's oath to them.

This Court refers the tryall of the prisoners now in durance, to the Court of Assistants, and impower them fully to heare and determine the same, in as ample a maⁿer as if the General Court themselues did issue.*

The Honord Mr. Willys and Captⁿ John Tallcott were chosen Com^{rs} for the year ensueing, and Mr. James Richards for a reserue.

Mr. Sam^l Mason was confirmed by this Court for a Leiftenant of the 'Traine Band of Stonington.

Mr. Sam^l Wells was by this Court confirmed Captⁿ of the Traine Band of Wethersfeild.

Propownded for freemen of Greenwich, Jonathan Lockwood, John Mead, John Holly, Moses Knap; of Wethersfeild, Isack Stiles, John Stadder, Sigesmun Richells and Thomas Loueman; of Hartford, Roger [Ma]son, and Jacob Mygatt.

[4] Whereas Mr. Samuell Tallcott complaynes that the proprietors of the lands on the east side the great Riuer at Nabuck haue not their bownds of their land exactly stated, this

* The "prisoners in durance" (as appears by the record of "a Court of Assistants by speciall Order from the Generall Court, May 20, 1670, held at Hartford,") were Thomas Welch, Duke Potter and Katharine Harrison. Welch and Potter had been indicted for "immoderate correcting" and cruel treatment of a negro belonging to Welch, so as to cause his death. The Court sentenced Potter to be severely whipped, and fined the owner of the negro £10, for "committing of power to Duke Potter to correct him, and not seeing it moderately attended."

The third prisoner, Katharine Harrison, of Wethersfeild, had been indicted, tried by a jury, at the May Court of Assistants, and found guilty of *witchcraft*. The Special Court "haueing considered the verdict of the Jury respecting Kathern Harrison, cannot concur with them so as to sentence her to death or to a longer continuance in restraynt, but do dismiss her from her imprisonment, she payeing her just fees; willing her to minde the fullfilment of remoueing from Weathersfeild, which is that will tend most to her owne safety & the contentment of the people who are her neighbours." [Rec. Co. of Assist^{ts}, p. 7.]

Court doth recommend it to the proprietors of those lands, and order them to meet together there upon the first Thursday in October next, and consider what is right and just amongst them, and state and settle their bownds between them and set down their meer stones.

This Court grants Thom: Blachly, sixty acres of land where he can find it, provided he take it not up where it may prejudice any former grant to any perticuler person or plantation.

This Court grants Mr. Benjamin Fenn, two hundred and fifty acres of land, whereof there may be thirty of mead: if it be to be had, upon the same tearmes wth Thomas Blachly.

This Court grants Sarg^t John Nott, fifty acres of land, upon the same tearmes with Thomas Blachly.

This Court being sencible of the great abuse that comes by that liberty that hath beene granted for selling of cider by retaile, doe repeale that order that grants liberty as afoarsayd, and doe order that if any person or persons for the future shall retaile cider without a perticuler lycense for the same, shall forfeit five shillings for every quart so sold.

This Court orders that the selectmen in the respectiue plantations on the Riuer shall lay out a highway six rod wide upon the upland on the east side the great Riuer, that men may pass to their lotts there as occasion shall require; and they may order the fence to be sett up in the place where they shall order the highway to be sett out. And this Court grants the seuerall plantations that their bownds shall extend to the eastward twenty rod farther then their three miles formerly granted, in consideration thereof.

That the election by proxies may be so managed that there be no fraud or deceit used therein, this Court orders that the Secretary for the time being shall, with the orders of October Court, yearly, send a copy of the names of all those whoe by the sayd Generall Court in October shall be appointed to stand in nomination for election the May following, which the Constable of each Towne shall publish to the freemen. And all the s^d freemen in the respectiue townes shall be warned by the Constable or one deputed by him, to

meet where he shall appoynt, upon the last Tewsdai in Aprill annually, where they shall haue read to them the freemen's oath and the law which puts a penalty upon disorderly voting, wth the names of those appoynted to stand for nomination, out of which number the freemen may bring in to the sayd Constable the name of him whoe they would haue for Gouvernor for the yeare ensueing, fayrely written upon a peice of paper, which the sayd Constable with the Com^{rs} of the towne or one of the deputies shall receiue and, in the presence of the freemen, put them up in a piece of paper and seale them up and write upon the outside of the paper the name of the towne and these wordes, The votes for the Gouvernor. In like maⁿer they shall bring in their votes for the Deputy Governor, Treasurer and Secretary; and they shall be sealed up in the p^rsence of the freemen and writt upon what they are as afoarsayd; and then they shall bring in their perticuler votes for euery person that is nominated for election, which votes shall be a paper with some writeing for election, and a white paper for a blanck; and they shall begin with he that first stands in nomination, and bring in their votes for him, which shall be receiued, sealed up and writt upon as afoarsayd; and so they shall proceed for euery person, till they haue past throw the whole nomination. And the sayd Constable or Deputy of the Court that receiues the votes sealed up as afoarsayd shall bring them up to Hartford and deliuer them at the election, as they shall be appoynted, to them that shall be ordered to take and sorte the votes upon their oath; and at the time of election those that stand for nomination shall be put to election in the same order that they are propownded, untill the number required by Charter are elected, and then they shall cease. And the Constable or Deputy that brings up the votes shall bring therewith the names of all those that haue put in their votes fairely written upon a peice of paper and sealed up with the proxies.

[5] This Court nominates and appoyntes the Deputy Gouvernor, W^m Leete Esqr, Mr. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Captⁿ John Winthrop, and Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, or any three of them, to be a committee to meet at New London on

the second Tewsday in June next, then to treat with those Gentⁿ that shall be appoynted, sent and impowered by the Colony of Rhode Island about the Charter bownds between these Colonies, and concerning any wrongs that the people of this Colony haue receined from the people of that colony; and they are inuested with full power and authority not onely to treat but conclude the differences forementioned according as they shall see just cause.

In case the gouernment of Rhode Island shall neglect or refuse to joyne wth us in the treaty forementioned to effect and sattisfaction, then the sayd Committee are inuested with full power and authority to reduce those people of Squamacuk & Narrogancett to the obedience of this gouernment, and to grant liberty to the greiued parties by a process in law to prosecute those that have injured them, and to command those people of Squamacuck to appeare before them and make answer to those complaints that are made against them, at a court to be holden in the Pequitt or Narrogancett Country, the first oppertunety after the time of the foresayd treaty is expired. And those afoarsayd Gentⁿ are hereby authorized to appoynt a time and place for a court, and accordingly to keep the sayd Court, and to hear and issue according to justice all such actions and complaints as shall be brought before them. And allso, they are hereby impowered to constitute and appoynt such necessary officers in those places as shall be requisitt for the peaceable goverment of those people.

This Court orders that the letters read in Court to the Gouvernor &c. of Rhod Island,* and that to seuerall Gentⁿ in the Bay,† be signed by the Secretr̃y in the name of the Court, and sent as directed.

This Court is adjourned till the Gouvernor or Dep^t Gouvernor shall see cause to call them together agayne.

* See Appendix VI. (13.)

† See Appendix VIII. (2.)

A GENERALL COURT HOLDEN AT HARTFORD, OCTOBER 13th,
1670.

Assistants.

Wm. Leet Esqr, DEPT: GOUERN ^r ,	Mr. Wm. Joanes,
Mr. Sam ^{ll} Willys,	Mr. James Richards,
Capt. John Tallcott,	Mr. Benj: Fenn,
Mr. Henry Woolcott,	Mr. James Bishop,
Mr. John Allyn, <i>Secret^{ry}.</i>	Mr. Antho: Howkins.

Deputies.

For Hartford; Mr. Wm. Wadsworth, Mr. Rich^d Lord.
 For Windsor; Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Deacon John Moore.
 For Wethersfeild; Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott, Sarg^t John Nott.
 For Farmington; Deacon Tho: Judd, Ens: Sam^{ll} Steele.
 For Midleton; Mr. Giles Hamlin, Ens: Nath: White.
 For Haddum; Mr. James Bates, Georg Gates.
 For Simsbury; John Griffin, Michael Humphrey.
 For New Hauen; L^{nt} Tho: Munson, Mr. John Mosse.
 For Guilford; Deacon John Fowler, Wm. Johnson.
 For Milford; Tho: Wheeler, Nicho: Camp.
 For Brandford; Tho: Blachly.
 For New London; Mr. Dan^{ll} Witherly *abs.*, Mr. John Prentice.
 For Saybrook; Mr. Rob^t Chapman, L^{nt} Wm. Pratt.
 For Stonington; Mr. Tho: Stanton, Mr. Tho: Minor.
 For Norwich; Tho: Leffingwell, Tho: Tracy.
 For Kenilworth; Mr. Edward Griswould, Henry Farnum.
 For Lime; Reinold Maruin.
 For Fayrefeild; Mr. Jehu Burr, Mr. John Burr.
 For Stratford; L^{nt} Wm. Curtice, Mr. Jos: Hawley.
 For Norwalke; John Gregory Sen^r, Dan^{ll} Kellog.
 For Standford; Mr. John Holly, Mr. Jonath: Bell.
 For Rye; Timothy Knap.

This Court appoynts Captⁿ Nathan Gold, Mr. Benjamin Fenn, Mr. Alexander Bryant, Mr. Sam^{ll} Sherman, Mr. Jehu Burr and Mr. Jos: Hawly, a committee in behalfe of this Court to agree wth some meet person to keep the Ferry between Stratford and Milford upon as good tearmes as they can for the country and provided that they doe not let it out for aboute twenty-one years.

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The list of Estates are

Persons & estates.		Persons & estates.	
£	s.	£	s.
Hartford,	17028: 05: 0	Standford,	05210: 17: 0
Windsor,	13545: 00: 0	Rye,	01950: 12: 0
Stonington,	04435: 00: 0	Haddam,	01862: 07: 0
Stratford,	08558: 05: 0	Fayrefeild,	10201: 03: 0
Norwich,	03832: 07: 0	Norwalk,	04973: 15: 0
Saybrook,	04873: 05: 0	Farmington,	06463: 00: 0
Milford,	09994: 15: 0	Midleton,	03915: 00: 0
Kennilworth,	02241: 09: 0	Brandford,	02362: 00: 0
Guilford,	06276: 11: 0	New Haven,	16140: 10: 0
Wethersfeild,	11510: 00: 0	Greenwich,	01897: 05: 0
New London,	08506: 15: 0		

This Court doth nominate Mr. Wadsworth, Ens: Steele, L^{nt} Munson, John Fowler, Mr. Jehu Burr, Mr. Holly, L^{nt} Pratt and John Prentice, a committee whoe are desired to take into their consideration the land belonging to the seuerall plantations, and consider and set such an apprizement upon the land as may as near as may be just and equal, and present it to the Court.

Guilford townesmen certified that they had one barrill of powder and forty-eight pownd, and 231 pownds of lead; certified by a writeing dated Octob: 11, '70.

Milford certified under their Townesmen's hands that their ammunition was sufficient according to lawe.

Windsor recorder certified that they had 300^{lbs} of powder and 700^{lbs} of lead for their towne stock.

The Secretry and Mr. James Richards haueing returned to this Court that according to their commission from this Court, May last, they have attended at New London, and there mett with the Gentⁿ of Rhode Island, and treated with them so long as they pleased to treat;* but the sayd treaty producing no good settlement, they did proceed and according to their commission repayered to Wickford and the people on the east side Pawcatuck Riuer, and there read the Charter

* See abstract of correspondence between the commissioners of the two Colonies, in Appendix X.

granted by his Matie to this Colony, and in the name of this Court and by their order required their obedience to this Gouverment; and settled a constable, and appoynted Mr. Tho: Stanton, Thomas Minor and Tobias Sanders, Com^{rs}, inuested with magistraticall power within the limits formerly granted to Stonington, on the east side Pawcatuck Riuer; they did also at Wickford appoynt Captⁿ Wm. Hudson, Captⁿ Edward Hutchinson, Mr. Tho: Gold and Mr. John Cole, Com^{rs} for the towne of Wickford, inuested with magestraticall power there, and Sam^l Eldred and Henry Tippet, Constables; they also acquainted the Court with those interruptions they mett with from some of the people of Rhode Island in the management of those affayres, and what they did farther in prosecution of those matters, which is too long here to in- [7] sert.* The Court haueing considered of || the same doe approue of what they haue done, and returne the sayd Mr. James Richards, Captⁿ John Winthrop and the Secretary, thanks for their paynes and trauell in this affayre; and doe now confirm the Com^{rs} of Stonington with Toby Sanders to be Commissioners for and within the bownds formerly granted to Stonington on the east side of Pawcatuck Riuer, and also, Captⁿ Edward Hutchinson, Captⁿ Wm. Hudson, Mr. Tho: Gold and Mr. John Cole, Commissioners for the towne of Wickford, and Sam^l Eldrige and Henry Tippitt, Constables for the sayd Wickford, to continue in their respectiue places till this Court order otherwise; and doe appoynt the people of the east side of Pawcatuck and those of Wickford to repayre for justice, as their occasions call for, to the County Court at New London, and the sayd Commissioners shall direct their summons and other processe in all actions and other causes whatsoever for tryall in the sayd County Court of New London, according to lawe.

Whereas the Deputy of New London hath moved this Court to settle the bownds between the towne of New London & Lyme, the Court refers the heareing and issue of the matter to the next session of this Court in May, and the per-

* See an abstract of the proceedings of these commissioners, in Appendix X.

sons concerned are hereby ordered to appeare and declare what they haue to say in the case, the time afoarsayd.

A certificate from Brandford was exhibited wherein it was certified that there is a sufficient stock of powder and lead according to law for their towne.

Allso from Farmington it was certified that they had in powder one hundred and fower pownd waight, and in lead two hundred ninety fower pownd waight.

It is ordered by this Court that there shall be free liberty of process granted in any ciuill action against any person according to lawe, requireing their appearance at the adjournments of any of the county courts, prouided there be five dayes warning giuen for their appearance and answer to any such action before the case be heard in the sayd adjourned County Courtes.

Thomas Hopewell moueing this Court for a confirmation of some land granted to him by an Indian, at Aspatuck, this Court perceiueing that Fayrefeild or Norwalk people may be interested in the case, referr the issue of the matter to the County Court at Fayrefeild.

For the incouragement of rayseing sheep &c. in the plantations, this Court orders that every male person in the seuerall plantations, from fowerteen yeares old and upwards (that is not a publique officer, viz. an Assistant, Commissioner or Minister of the Gospell,) shall worke one day in the year, some time in June yearly, in cutting down and clearing the underwood, that so there may be pasture; and the townesmen in the respectiue townes are to appoynt the dayes for this worke, and the places where they shall worke, in the highwayes or Commons or other places agreed upon by the towns; and if the townesmen neglect their duty therein they shall forfeit for euery default five pounds to the towne treasury where they dwell. And euery person that neglects to attend the fores^d worke, the dayes appoynted, being warned, shall pay five shillings to the towne treasury where he dwells.

These were nominated for freemen:—*Stonington*; John Frink, Mr. Amos Richardson:—*Windsor*; John Woolecott, Zerubabell Fyler, Ebenezer Dible, Jos: Gaylor, Josep: Gris-

would :—*Guilford* ; Mr. John Leet, Wm. Leet Jun^r, and Joseph Clay :—*Stratford* ; Jonath: Curtice, John Peckit, Sam^{ll} Hawly, Thom: Curtice :—*Standford* ; Jeremy Jagger, Daniel Newman.

This Court doth nominate and appoynt Mr. Georg Hubbard, John Fowler and Wm. Johnson to be Com^{rs} for and within the plantation of Guilford, and they three joyntly concurring, or any two of them, are inuested with Magistraticall power there, and haue power to hear and issue any case as the law directs to be issued by one Magistrate ; and Mr. George Hubbard is hereby inuested with full power to grant summons according to lawe and allso to joyne persons in marriage as need requires.

This Court doth hereby grant the power of Water Bayleys to all and eury the constables in the respectiue plantations where there is occasion for the same.

Whereas Mr. Richards hath procured waights and measures for the use of the Colony, from England, according to the desire of this Court, October last, the Court now order that thanks be returned to him for his care in answering the desires of this Court, and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to [8] take care that the sayd Mr. Richards || be satisfiied to his rationall content, for the sayd waights and measures, out of the publique Treasury.

That righteousnes and justice may be mayntained amongst us in our commerce and dealeings each with other, this Court orders that each county in this Colony, at their owne proper charge, shall, within the space of six monethes, procure sufficient waights and measures for their county, approued and tryed by the Colonyes standards at Hartford, to be preserued and kept in the county townes as standards for the respectiue countyes ; and within nine moneths each towne are to procure, from the county standards, standards for themselves both of waights and measures ; and all waights and measures that are improued by perticuler persons shall be tryed by the towne standards within tenn monethes ; and whosoeuer shall, after the time specifiied in this order make use of any waights or measures which are not proued and

tryed by the standards in their respective townes shall forfeit for every such default, five shillings to the publique treasury of that county.

And this Court appoyntes George Graues to be the sealer and approver of the measures for the severall countyes, and also of the towne of Hartford. And Sarg^t Joseph Nash is appoynted to be the sealer and approver of the waights for the severall countyes, and also for the towne of Hartford.

Whereas Mr. Sherman hath motioned to this Court in the behalfe of some of the inhabitants of Stratford, that they might have liberty and encouragement to erect a plantation at or near a Riuer called the farr mill Riuer, and the lands adjacent, this Court refers the consideration of this motion to Captain Nathan Gold, Mr. James Bishop, Mr. Tho: Fitch and Mr. John Holly, and they are desired and appoynted to view the sayd lands desired, and to meet some time in November next, to consider of the afoarsayd motion, and to labour to worke a compliyanee between those two parties in Stratford; and if their endeauoures prove unsuccessfull then they are desired and ordered to make returne to the Court in May next what they judg expedient to be attended in the case.

This Court grants liberty to Captⁿ Daniel Clarke to add to his troope soe many as may make them compleat sixty besides officers,—provided none be taken out of Windsor without the Captⁿ of the foote companie's leaue, and that they are volunteers and mayntaine a horss and armes compleat according to lawe without any charge to the country.

This Court orders that the Govern^r, Deputy Govern^r and Assistants shall be chosen out of those that are nominated by the Court in October to stand for election in the May following, any order to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Court voted that those that should be nominated to stand for election May next, should be voted now, by papers.

These were appoynted to stand in nomination for Assistants at the election in May next, viz: Captⁿ Thom: Topping, Mr. Jos: Hawly, Mr. Math: Gilbert, Captⁿ John Nash, Mr.

John Holly, Mr. W^m Hill, Mr. Rob^t Chapman, Mr. W^m Pratt, Captⁿ Daniel Clarke, and Mr. Tho: Bull.

This Court orders that the prize of Horses, in the List of estates shall be, fower yeare old horses, and upwards, fower pownd; three yeare olds, three pownds; two yeare old, two pownds; one yeare olds, one pownd.

Mr. Charles Hill petitioning this Court for a confirmation of a grant of land of six hundred acres adjacent to the land of Mr. Benj: Brewster at Wepowage, made to Mr. Picket long since by Uncass, sachem of Mohegen, with the consent of Major Mason, Norwich Deputies claymeing an interest in the land in behalfe of their towne, this Court refers the consideration and issue thereof to the next session of the Generall Court in May; and the Deputies of Norwich are to acquaint their towne to prepare to make good their clayme at the sayd Court.

The Court haueing heard Mr. W^m Measure's petition,* and considered what hath been alledged by him, and findeing that Mr. James Rogers, a party concerned in the case, had no notice to appeare this Court to make answer || for himselfe, doe not see themselues capacited to put a regular issue to the case at this time, and therefore doe referr the consideration and issue of the case to the Generall Court in May next; and if the sayd Measure doth intend to appeare then to manage his matter against the sayd Rogers, he is to giue him timely notice thereof, by a summons requireing his appearance.

This Court orders that the Treasurer for the future shall make payment of the sallary formerly granted to the Deputies (by this Court,) out of the Country Rate, in the respective places where they dwell.

This Court doth recommend it to the County Court of Fayrefield to take an effectuall course to settle an able and orthodox minister in the towne of Rye, and to order due and competent mayntenance for such minister in a proportionable way among all the inhabitants, with coercion of payment

* See page 148, post.

according to lawe, upon complaynt and euidence against any that shall neglect; and the well affected of the sayd towne to a setlement of such a mercy amonge them, are appoynted to adres themselues to the sayd County Court at Fayrefeild to that end.

Mr. Bishop of Standford is accepted a freeman upon his taking the freeman's oath.

This Court granted a rate of a penny farthing upon the pownd.

This Court appoynted Mr. James Bishop, Captⁿ Newbery, Mr. Joseph Hawly and John Allyn to audit the Treasurer's account.

This Court nominates and appoyntes Mr. Willys and Captⁿ Tallcott to assist in keeping of a Court at New London, on the first of November next.

This Court appoyntes the third Wedensday in Nouember next to be solemnly kept a day of Thankesgiueing throughout this Colony, to prayse God for the many mercyes that he hath extended to us the yeare past in the continuation of the Gospell of Peace amongst us, and so good a measure of health in many of our plantations, and the remouall of sicknesse from some of our plantations, and for the Lord's blessing upon our laboures and the fruites of the earth, and for that peace is yet continued amongst us.

This Court desire and impower the Gouvernor and Assistants to appoynt a day of humiliation, some conuenient time.

This Court grant and confirme unto the towne of Stonington the bownds of their plantation formerly granted to them by the Massachusetts and possessed by them while they were vnder that Gouverment.*

This Court haueing read and considered the Artickels of Confederation drawn up by the Honoured Commissioners of

* The bounds of the township of Southertown, as incorporated by the Massachusetts General Court, Oct. 1658, extended "into the country [north]ward between Weacapauge and Mistic river, eight miles from the mouth of Mistic river." This grant, now confirmed by the General Court of Connecticut, included Misquamicut, and the whole tract between Pawcatuck River and Weacapug, which was claimed by Rhode Island.

the Massachusetts and Plimouth &c.,* and now by our owne Commissioners presented to orselues for approbation and confirmation, doe see cause to approue and confirme the sayd Artickels of Confederation as they are drawne;—prouided the Honored Generall Courts of the Massachusetts and New Plimouth doe the same; and the Secretry is ordered, in the name of this Court, to certify soe much to the Generall Court of the Massachusetts.

The Court orders that the letter drawn up and read in Court by Mr. Richards, be signed by the Secretry in the name of the Court, and sent to the Gouverment of Rhod Island.†

Vpon the humble petition and submission of Jacob Lucenæ, for some abatement of the fine imposed upon him by the Court of Assistants, the Court see cause, considering he is a Jew, to shew him what fauoure they may, abate him tenn pownds of his fine.‡

This Court grants L^{nt} W^m Pratt, one hundred acres of land; and Aron Starte, fifty acres;§ and George Chappell fifty acres; prouided they take it up so as it may not prejudice any former grant or plantation.

This Court grants Mr. Willys that his upland lotts at Hoccanum and Nabuck shall extend a mile farther eastward into the wilderness, the bredth of his sayd lots, more then his former grant.

This Court accepts of those propownded for freemen in May last, and doe order the Assistants and Commissioners in the respectiue plantations to administer the oath of freedom to them.

This Court leaues it with the Gouvernor and Assistants on

* A copy of these Articles will be found in Hazard's St. Papers, Vol. II. pp. 511-516. They differ in several particulars from those which were subsequently adopted and ratified by the respective General Courts, in 1672.

† See Appendix VI. (21.)

‡ Jacob Lucena had been tried by the Court of Assistants, Oct. 11, 1670, (on a criminal charge,) and fined £20, to be imprisoned until the fine was paid, and immediately on his discharge to leave the Colony. [Rec. of Court of Assistants, 1669-1701, p. 7.]

§ This grant was purchased by Tho. Parke Sen.; and was laid out to him, in 1679, upon Pa-chaug River. [Col. Rec. Lands, I. 454.]

the Riuer to write to Col. Louelace,* that there may be a committee appoynted by them and us, to runn the line between them and us.

This Court appoynts Mr. John Mosse and Mr. John Brackett to lay out to the Hon^d Mr. Leet and Mr. James Bishop that land that was formerly granted to them by this Court, according to their respectiue grants.

Whereas there hath been propownded that there may be a liberty granted to make a plantation about twelue miles aboue Norwich, and another plantion near the head of Paw-[10] catuck Riuer, this Court desires the Deputies || to informe their neighbours in their seuerall plantations that are in want of land that if they see cause to plant in either of those places they may giue in their names to their Deputies to present the same to the Court in May next, whoe, (if a sufficient number appeare to carry an end such a worke) will encourage them in settleing plantations in those places.

Whereas the Gouvernour hath desired the leaue and approbation of this Generall Assembly to make resignation of the Gouverment and office of a Gouvernour to this Assembly, we haueing considered this motion, for many waighty considerations, we doe declare that we cannot giue way to any such thing.†

* Col. Francis Lovelace, who, by appointment from the Duke of York, succeeded Col. Richard Nicolls, as Governor of New York, May, 1667. [Smith's Hist. N. York, I. 38.]

† A copy of Gov. Winthrop's letter of resignation is given below, from the original [in 'Civil Officers,' Vol. I. Doc. 54.] It is without date or address, and was probably forwarded to the General Assembly from Boston. It is not unlikely that the increasing difficulties with Rhode Island, as to the adjustment of the boundary, had something to do with the wish of Gov. W. to resign at this time; as it appears that he considered himself precluded, by his agreement with the agents of R. Island in 1663, from exercising any authority over, or enforcing the claims of Connecticut to, the territory then in dispute. [See his communication to the Gen. Assembly, May, 1670; in Appendix. VI (14.)]

"Whereas very important occasions have necessitated my absence, of w^{ch} I gave notice to the Generall Assembly of his Maties Colony of Conecticut for their consent, in case such occasions should require it, and doe now find a necessity eyther of a voyage into England, or much longer stay in the Massachusetts then I intended when I came from Hartford: Therefore least the occasions of the Colony should be any way disapointed, or any inconvenience fall out, I thought fitt heerby (wth the leave and approbation of the Generall Assembly of the said Colony of Conecticut,) to make this my free Resignation of the Government & office of Governour, to the said Generall Assembly, that they may be thereby in a full capacity to elect, make choyce of & constitute another Governour for the supply of that place, if they please, and in confirmation thereof I have heerunto sett my hand and seale.

JOHN WINTHROP," [Seal.]

This Court doth nominate and appoynt the Deputy Govern^r, Mr. Sam^l Willys, Mr. James Richards, Capt Fitz: Winthrop, and the Secretary, to be Commissioners in behalfe of this Court, they or any three of them, provided allwayes that Mr. James Richards or John Allyn be one, to meet with soe many impowred from Rhod Island to treat with them, issue and conclude all matters respecting jurisdiction limitts, bownds, and other matters of generall concernment in controversie between us and them; and they are hereby inuested with the same power the former Commissioners had from this Assembly in May last.

The Court is adjourned till the Gouvern^r or Deputy Gouvern^r see cause to call them agayne.

AT A COURT OF ELECTION HELD AT HARTFORD, MAY 11th,
1671.

These were nominated for election:—John Winthrop Esq^r, William Leete Esq^r, Major John Mason Esq^r, Mr. Samuel Willys, Captⁿ Nathan Gold, Captⁿ John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Mr. John Allyn, Mr. Wm. Joanes, Mr. Benj: Fenn, Mr. Alex: Bryant, Mr. James Richards, Mr. James Bishop, Mr. Anth: Howkins, Captⁿ Tho: Topping, Mr. Josep: Hawley, Mr. Mathew Gilbert, Captⁿ John Nash, Mr. John Holly, Mr. Wm. Hill, Mr. Robert Chapman, L^{nt} Wm. Pratt, Captⁿ Dan^l Clarke, L^{nt} Tho: Bull.

These were elected:

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOUN^r.

Wm. Leete Esq^r, DEPT GOUN^r.

Assistants.

Major John Mason Esq ^r ,	Mr. Benja: Fenn,
Mr. Samuel Willys,	Mr. Alex: Bryant,
Capt ⁿ Nathan Gold,	Mr. James Richards,
Capt ⁿ John Tallcott,	Mr. James Bishop,
Mr. Henry Woolcott,	Mr. Anth: Howkins.
Mr. John Allyn,	Capt ⁿ John Tallcott, <i>Treasu^r.</i>
Mr. Wm. Joanes,	Mr. John Allyn, <i>Secret^ry.</i>

The Deputies of the Court are,

For Hartford; Mr. Wm. Wadsworth, Mr. Richard Lord.
 For Windsor; Captⁿ Benj: Nubery, Deacon John Moore.
 For Wethersfeild; Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Sarg^t John Nott.
 For Farmington; Ens: Sam^l Steele, Sarg^t John Standly.
 For Kenilworth; Wm. Callsey, Thom: Steuens.
 For Midleton; Mr. Giles Hamlin, Ens: Nath: White.
 For Stratford; L^{nt} Joseph Curtice, Mr. Joseph Hawly.
 For Milford; Tho: Wheeler, Mr. Nicho: Campe.
 For Lyme; Mr. Mathew Griswould, Ens: Wm. Waller.
 For New Hauen; L^{nt} Tho: Munson, John Cooper.
 For Fayrefeild; Mr. Wm. Hill, Mr. John Burr.
 For Guilford; Ens: John Graue, Wm. Johnson.
 For Brandford; Mr. John Willford, Tho: Blachly.
 For Saybrook; Mr. Rob^t Chapman, L^{nt} Wm. Pratt.
 For New London; Mr. Edward Palmes, Mr. Dan^l Wetherly.
 For Simsbury; John Griffin, Joshu: Holcomb.
 [11] For Norwalke; L^{nt} Rich^d Olmstead, Sarg^t Walter Hoyt.
 For Stonington; Mr. Tho: Stanton, Mr. Sam^l Cheesbrough.
 For Haddum; Mr. James Battes, George Gates.
 For Rye; Mr. John Banckes, Peter Disbroe.
 For Wallingforde; Mr. John Moss, Abram Dowlittle.
 For Norwich; L^{nt} Francis Griswould, Sarg^t Tho: Leffingwell.
 For Standford; L^{nt} Jonath: Sellick, John Greene.
 For Greenwich; Joseph Mead, Jonath: Lockwood.

This Court granted Thomas Blachly liberty to depart the Court.

This Court appoynts Mr. Willys, Moderator, in the absence of the Gouvernour and Deputy Gouvernor.

This Court grants Sarg^t Tibballs, of Milford, upon the accot of his service at the Pequitt warre, the summe of fifty acres of land, provided he take it up where it [may] not prejudice any plantation or former grant made.*

The Court doe grant to Mr. John Allyn, Secret^{ry}, for his encouragement in the [im]prouement of a saw-mill he hath built for public benefitt, the number of one hundred acres of

* Ordered to be laid out to Samuel Wadsworth of Farmington, May, 1732,—he having purchased the title under the grant to Serj. Tibballs. [T. & Lands, VI. 43, 44.]

land about the same, with liberty of the use of the timber on the Commons thereabout, and use of the stream adjoyneing, provided this grant intrench not upon any other propriety or former grant.

This Court grants Francis Hall a release of the cattel forfeited to the Country by judgment of the County Court, Fayrefeild, November, 1670; save onely thirty shillings he hath paid upon that account.

Whereas this Court haue manifested themselues ready to encourage a plantation [at] Pagusuck,* provided the people there may be in a capacity to mayntayne an orthodox ministry amongst them there, which this Court cannot see it will be capeable unless there may be thirty families entertained; and for the encouragement of such as shall see cause to plant there, this Court are willing and doe hereby grant that their bownds shall be on the sowth on Milford bownds, on the west on Pototuck Riuer, and from their sowth bownds into the north, twelue miles; and that they shall haue liberty to improue all the meadow lyeing on Pompawraug Riuer, although it be out of their bownds, till the Court shall see cause otherwise to dispose of it: and Milford and they are aduised to see if they can agree to settle the bownds of the sayd Pawgusuck on the east, between this and October Court; and if they cannot agree, this Court will settle their eastern bownd: and when they see that they are in a capacity to perform what was enjoyned by the Court, May 9, 1667, they shall be ready to giue their plantation a suitable name and priuiledges of a towne, and that they shall be free from Country Rates three yeares.

The petition of Wm. Measure against James Rogers respecting judgment and execution obtayned against him at a Quarter Court held at Hartford the 7th of 7^{ber}, 1665,† haue-

* See pp. 64, 118, ante.

† Quarter Court held at Hartford, Sept. 7th, '65. "Mr. James Rogers Pltf, vpon a review granted pr the Court at N: London agst Wm. Measure in an action of y^e case for not satisfyinge a debt w^{ch} should haue bene paid by Mr. Tinker his predecessor to y^e damadge of 90^l." * * *

"In the action of review, * * * the Jury find for Dft costs of y^e Court." * * *

"This Court being vnsatisfied with the verdict of y^e Jury in y^e action depending between James Rogers and William Measure successor to John Tinker, and haueing seriously considered the case doe find that y^e estate of John Tinker is Debtor by assignement of the Towne of N. Lon-

ing been read and considered, the grownds and reasons of the sayd judgment and proceeding not sufficiently appeareing to this Court, and findeing some circumstances in poynt of lawe doubtfull to them, doe not see cause to allow the same, and therefore doe order the estate leuyed by the sayd execution be in kind returned by the sayd James Rogers to the petitioner, upon due apprizment, and doe leaue the sayd Rogers to renew his sute at common lawe as he shall see cause, any former proceedings therein notwthstanding. Mr. Wm. Waller in Court engageth himselfe that coppies of all those papers in the hands of Mr. Measure that any way concern Mr. Rogers and that action now issued in Court, shall within the space of fowerteen days be deliuered to Mr. Daniel Witherell for the use of Mr. Rogers, and that upon his oath if desired.

This Court grants Henry Smith, upon the accot of his seruice at the Pequit warre, eighty acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant or plantation.

This Court grants Nicholas Disbrough fifty acres, upon the same accot wth Henry Smith, and upon the same tearmes.

[12] This Court grants Jeremy Osborn liberty to transport about fowerteen pownds worth of leather, to purchass a seruant for himselfe in the Bay, to help carry an end his trade.

This Court haueing heard and considered the petition of Philip Galping, as allso what return L^{nt} Richard Olmstead and Mr. Holly haue made to the Court concerning the affayres of Rye, they cannot see that the sayd Galping is oppressed by their remoue as is alledged; but doe aduise the sayd Galping to comply wth his neighbours and remoue with them. Yet if he remaynes his dwelling where he is, he is aduised to take care of damnifying his neighbours. And Capt^a Na-

don to James Rogers the sum of fourteen pounds, six shillings, five pence; and therefore doe not only advise but judge that it should speedily be paid by Wm. Measure out of the estate of Mr. John Tinker, to y^e said Mr. Rogers, wth costs of Court, which amounts to 2*£*. And if the said Measure rests not satisfied herewith, then he is to attend a review of the case at the Particuler Court to be held at Hartf^d on Tuesday before the 2^d Thursday in October next. Willm. Measure departing the Court before the case was issued, not haueinge libertie, this is y^e joynt conclusion of y^e Bench." [Rec. of County Court, &c. III. 41, 42.]

than Gold, Mr. Tho: Fitch, Mr. Holly, L^{nt} Richard Olmstead and Mr. John Burr, they or any three of them, are desired to repayre to the sayd Rye as soone as may be, and to endeauoure a comfortable composure and issue of such differences as are amonge the people there, and to lend their endeauoures in the procureing of an able and orthodox minister, to settle in that place; and if the people of Rye shall not concur wth their endeauoures in procureing a minister and comfortably settling of him in the plantation of Rye, then the Court doth impower the afoarsayd committee to agree with a suitable man for that worke in that place; and to agree with him for mayntenance to the value of forty pownds p^r annum, which the Treasurer, by warrant to the constable of sayd Rye, shall order the gathering and payment thereof, with the Country Rate.

This Court grants Sarg^t Tho: Spencer, sixty acres of land, for his good seruice in the country, provided he take it up where it may not p^rjudice any former grant or plantation.

This Court grants Wm. Trall, Sarg^t Aluard, of Windsor, and Samuel Whitehead, of New Hauen, for their good seruice in the Pequot warr, fifty acres of land apeice, provided they take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant or plantation.

This Court grants Jeremy Jagger, of Standford, deceased, his three sonns, twenty acres of land apeice, for their father's good seruice in the Pequott warre, provided they take it up where it may not p^rjudice any former grant or plantation.

This Court being often moued for grants of land by those whoe were Pequitt soldiers, doe now see cause to resolue that the next Court they will finish that matter, and afterwards giue no farther audience to such motions.

This Court haueing heard and considered the petition of Simon Crowch, and Fayrefeild Deputies alledging they are not prepared to make answer to what concernes them in the case, doe see cause to referr the consideration and issue thereof to Mr. Gold, Mr. Hill and Mr. John Burr, whoe are desired to issue the matter speedily; and if it be not issued to sattisfaction, the sayd Simon Crowch may present his case to the

Court, Octobr next, where it shall be issued. Jer: Adams past his noat to pay for this petition, 10s.

Captⁿ Clarke haueing moued this Court that he might haue confirmed to him his grant in the place where he took it up upon Mattabesett Riuer, the Court haueing heard what hath been alledged to the case by Farmington, as also by Captⁿ Clarke, doe judg that the true and just right in the sayd land belonges to Captain Clarke provided it be not within Farmington's first grant of five miles.

This Court appoynts James Steele and Sarg^t Hugh Wells to lay out to the Marshall as Captⁿ Clarke's agent or assigne, his land according to his grant in the place where he took it up, at Mattabeset Riuer.

This Court grants that Farmington bownds shall runn from Hartford bownds towards the west, tenn miles.

[13] This Court grants Richard Osborn, of Fayrefeild, eighty acres of land for his good seruice in the Pequit warre, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant or plantation.

This Court grants Mr. Wm. Joanes, three hundred acres of land provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any plantation or former grant. Those that are appoynted to lay out Mr. Leete and Mr. Bishop's grant, are to lay out Mr. Joanes's grant.

This Court grants Sam^l Hale, of Wethersfeild, sixty acres of land, upon the same tearmes with the Pequitt soldiers.

This Court grants Mr. Anthony Howkins liberty to take up his former grant of land, with fifty acres aded to make it up three hundred acres, in some place neare Norwich, and L^{nt} Griswold and Sarg^t Leffingwell are to lay it out.

Mr. James Richards hath by this Court granted him, three hundred acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to a plantation or perticuler person.

This Court grants the towne of Rye's bownds shall extend up into the country northward, twelue miles.

This Court grants Mr. Richard Lawes, Mr. Thomas Fitch, L^{nt} Jonathan Silleck and Mr. John Banckes liberty to pur-

chass of the Indians such land as they shall judge convenient within the bownds of this Colony, allwayes provided the sayd land shall remayne to the disspose of the Generall Court, and when the land is dissposed of by the Court, the forenamed Gentleman shall haue rationall sattisfaction for their disbursments.

In answer to the petition of the towne of New London, the Court sees not cause to appoynt a committee to runn the lyne between the sayd New London and them of Lyme. Jonathan Gilbert payes 10s. for this petition.

This Court appoynts L^{nt} Thomas Munson to runn the depth of the bownds of Brandford and Guilford to the northwards, according to their grant.

This Court appoynts James Steele and Sarg^t Hugh Wells to lay out to Joseph Bull and John Bidwell their grant of land, according to the grant of the Court.*

This Court doth nominate and appoynt these following to be comissioners for the yeare ensueing:—For *Windsor & Simsbury*, Captⁿ Ben: Nubery; for *Wethersfeild*, Mr. Sam^{ll} Wells, Mr. Sam^{ll} Talcot; for *Midleton & Haddum*, Mr. Giles Hamlin; for *Saybrooke & Lyme*, Rob^t Chapman & L^{nt} Wm. Pratt; for *New London*, Mr. Edward Palmes, Mr. Dan^{ll} Witherell; for *Stonington*, Mr. Tho: Stanton & Mr. Tho: Mynor; for *Kenilworth*, Mr. Edw: Griswould, L^{nt} Josi: Hull; for *Brandford*, Mr. John Wilford; for *New Haven*, Mr. Math: Gilbert; for *Milford*, Mr. John Clark; for *Stratford*, Mr. Sam^{ll} Shearman, L^{nt} Wm. Curtice; for *Fayrefeild*, Mr. Wm. Hill, Mr. Jehu Burr; for *Norwalk*, L^{nt} Rich^d Olmstead, Mr. Tho: Fitch; for *Standford*, *Greenwich & Rye*, Mr. Richard Lawes, Mr. John Holly.

This Court grants that the towne of Wallingford shall be and belong to the county of New Haven.

This Court grants the towne of Wallingford a freedome from Country Rates, three yeares from this time.

* This land was granted, May, 1669. The lay-out, by James Steele and Hugh Welles, May 18th, 1671, is recorded in Col. Records of Lands, Vol. II. p. 26. The tract of 240 acres (including 40 acres granted to Thomas Harris, and by him conveyed to Bull and Bidwell) was laid out "on the east side the Great River, near their saw mill."

For the encouragement of Daniel Porter in attending the service of the country in setting bones &c., the Court doe hereby augment his sallery from six pownds a yeare to twelue pownds p^r annum, and doe aduise him to instruct some meet person in his arte.

This Court grants that the present Gouvernor his sallery shall be made for the future One Hundred and Fifty pownds p^r annum.

This Court orders that Haddum brand shall be the letter Z; and Simsbury brand, the letter C; and Wallingford the letter Y.

Vpon the petition of Mr. Charles Hill, this Court doth recommend it to the inhabitants of Norwich to consider of Mr. Charles Hill his predecessor's disbursments about the purchase of a tract of land which sayd Norwich claym-eth a propriety in, and allow him a considerable quantity of the land purchased of Vncass, to be to him and the heires of Mr. Pickett, in way of sattisfaction for the afoarsayd disbursments.

This Court grants that the bownds of Norwich shall bee [14] nine miles || square, according as is exprest in the purchase of the sayd Norwich from Vncass.

This Court doth recommend it to the inhabitants and proprietors of Simsbury to rayse the minister's and towne rate this yeare upon persons and land.

This Court grants that Standford bownds shall runn to the northward twelue miles.

This Court grants that Greenwich bownds shall extend to the northward twelue miles.

It is ordered by this Court that the Secretry Mr. Allyn prepare a draught of the Lawes of this Jurisdiction now in use wth such amendmets and farther additions as he shall find necessary, to be farther reuised and prepared by the committee thereunto appoynted, for the Generall Court's approbation and confirmation, October next.

This Court desires the Gouvernor, Dept. Gouvernor and Assistants here wth those by the sea side whose occasions will permit it, shall be a committee to consider the lawes

and prepare and dispose them soe that they may be fitt for the consideration of the Generall Court, and to be published and printed; and they are at liberty to call in what help they judge meet to counsell and aduise in the case.

This Court orders that for the future the seuerall and respectiue plantations shall pay for the hyer of their Deputies' horses, which they ride upon up to the seuerall sessions of the Generall Courte.

This Court grants Thomas Bunce sixty acres of land for his good service in the Pequott warre.

This Court grants John Hallaway fifty acres of land for his good service in the Pequott warre.

Vpon the petition of Mr. Assur Leuy, this Court sees cause to abate fine pownds of Jacob Lucenæ's fine, as a token of their respect to the sayd Mr. Assur Leuy.

This Court orders that all sheep that shall be taken damage feizant and be impownded, shall pay one penny a head, a fowerth part of which shall be to the pownd keeper, the remainder to him that driues them.

Mr. Samuel Willys and Capt^a John Tallcott are chosen Commissioners for the Vnited Colonys for the yeare ensuing, and Mr. James Richards is a reserue; and they are inuested with full power to attend the meeting of the Commissioners at Plimoth, Sept^r next, and to act in behalfe of this Colony in all matters wherein the sayd Commissioners are concerned, as allso in the name of the Court to signe the articles of confœderation as now they are agreed upon.*

Propownded for freemen:—From *New Haven*, Mr. Wm. Roswell, Thomas Bemond, Wm. Gibbons, John Tompson farm^r, John Allyn Jun^r;

From *Norwich*; John Mason, John Tracy, Thomas Howard, Thomas Waterman, Steuen Gifford, Thomas Bingham, Hugh Amos, Thomas Leffingwell;

From *Stratford*; John Tompson Jun^r, John Judson, Theoph: Sherman, John Beardsly;

* See the articles of confederation, as they were finally agreed upon and signed by the commissioners, in Hazard, II. 521-526. They were ratified and fully concluded, Sept. 5th, 1672. An engrossed copy, with the autograph signatures of the six commissioners, is in "Miscellaneous Papers," Vol. I. Doc. 90.

From *Milford*; Josia Plott, Nath: Baldwin, Jeremy Beard, Siluanus Baldwin, Nathan Burwell, Mathew Woodroffe, Thomas Wheeler, Thomas Tibbells, Sam^l Nortrup, Daniel Gunn, Samuel Gunn, James Biscoe, Samuel Riggs, John Tibballs;

From *Lyme*; Richard Smith, Baltazar Dewoolfe, Wm. Measure, John Robbins, Isack Waterhouse.

This Court accepts those propownded for freemen in Octobr last, and they are to be sworne by the respectiue Assist^{ts} or Commissioners in the towne where they dwell.

This Court grants that the bownds of Windsor shall extend to the northward two miles beyond their old grant.

This Court doe, as farr as it is with them, confirm to Mr. Tho: Stanton a grant of a neck of land made to him by Cassawashitt, 1659, which deed is recorded at Boston in the Third Book of records of the County of Suffolk, as is attested & Free Grace Bendall, Clarke.*

This Court appoynts and impowers Mr. Sam^l Willys and Capt. James Richards and the Secret^{ry} to draw up an answer to the letter that came from the Gouverment of Rhode Island, and to cause the same to be signed by the Secret^{ry} in the name of the Court.†

This Court appoynts and impowers Mr. Willys and Captⁿ John Tallcott to prepare an answer to the letter that came [15] from the Gouverment of the Masachusetts, || and to certify that this Court cannot see reason to agree to their emendations in the Ninth & Tenth Article, but we hold in them to the Articles drawn by the Co^mmissioners, June the last.‡

* Cashawashet (alias Hermon Garret) granted to Thomas Stanton, Senr., Jan., 1659-'60, a "neck of land called Quanecontack," in the Narragansett country, with "the three small islands in the pond, to belong to the neck." This grant was acknowledged by Cashawashet before Daniel Gookin, July 4th, 1661; and again before the Royal Commissioners in 1665; and is recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 308. In 1662, it appearing that this neck fell within the limits of the purchase made by Major Atherton and his partners, of whom Thomas Stanton was one, the latter gave up the title derived from Hermon Garrett, quitclaiming the tract to the Atherton proprietors, and "cast himself upon the company to doe for him as they judg equall, in the ultimate division of the lands. [Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 325.]

† This letter, dated May 11th, 1671, is in Col. Boundaries, I. 81.

‡ The changes introduced by the General Court of Massachusetts, in the Articles of Confederation originally agreed upon by the Commissioners, may be seen by comparing the copies in Hazard, II. 511-515, 516-520, and 521-526. The 9th and 10th articles relate to the apportion-

Their other emendations we approue of. As allso to inform them how prejudiciall it will be to one of our plantations, their laying out of the lands so near Windsor &c., which we conceiue to be within the limitts of or Pattennt. And the Secretry is to signe that letter in the name of the Court.*

The Deputy Gouvern^r, Mr. Joanes or Mr. Bishop is desired, and by this Court impowered to administer the oath of Assistants to Mr. Bryant and Mr. Fenn; and to Mr. Gilbert of New Haven, the Com^{rs} oath. Mr. Fenn or any other Assistant that can attend it is desired and impowered to administer the oath of an Assistant to Mr. Gold, and of a Com^r to Mr. Sherman, Mr. John Clark, Mr. Hill and Mr. Jehu Burr; and L^{nt} Olmstead is desyred to administer the oath of a Com^r to Mr. Tho: Fitch, Mr. Richard Lawes, and Mr. John Holly. Mr. Chapman is appoynted and impowered to administer the oath of a Com^r to Mr. Edward Griswould and L^{nt} Hull, and Mr. Samuel Tallcott to administer the Com^{rs} oath to Mr. Samuel Wells.

This Court doth make choyse of those nominated in October last, viz: the Deputy Gouvernor, Mr. Samuel Willys, Mr. James Richards, Captⁿ Fitz John Winthrop and the Secretry, or any three of them, to be a committee in behalfe of this Court, to treat with such as shall be chosen and impowered from Rhode Island, to issue and conclude all matters respecting Jurisdiction Limits & Bownds, and other matters of Generall Concernment, in controuersy between Rhod Island Gouverment and orselues; and we leave it with

ment of troops, provisions and expenses to the several colonies, in the event of war. The Commissioners, at first, proposed that Massachusetts should send 100 men, Plymouth 45, and Connecticut 90, or in that proportion; and that all expenses of the war should be borne by the colonies in proportion to the number of adult males in each. To the latter clause the Massachusetts General Court objected. The 9th article, as finally adopted, provides that the "rule for proportioning men and raising of moneys * * * shall be as followeth; The Massachusetts 100; Plymouth, 30; Connecticut, 60; and this rule to continue for fifteen years." See a letter from Massachusetts, 6 June, 1671, in Col. Boundaries, III. Doc. 2.

* "Upon notice that the Government of the Massachusetts, in 1671, (which was eight years after the Charter granted to this Colony,) were about to lay out Plantations in the lands which, upon the stating the dividend line between the Governments, it was deemed would fall within this Government, we gave them notice how prejudiciall it would be to this Colony, in hope of their desisting upon such notice given them." [Memorial respecting the dividing line, &c., transmitted to Sir Henry Ashurst, 1709; in Col. Boundaries, III. 37.]

the Government of Rhode Island to appoynt the time and place of meeting, provided it be not beyond New London.

This Court appoynts Captⁿ Edward Hutchinson, Captⁿ Wm. Hudson, Mr. Richard Smith and Mr. John Cole, Commissioners for the plantation of Wickford and the limits thereof, and they are inuested with Magistraticall power. Sam^{ll} Eldred is nominated and appoynted Constable for the sayd Wickford. Mr. Thomas Stanton is commissioned and impowered to giue the afoarsayd Commissioners and Sarjt Minor the oath of Commissioners, and Sam^{ll} Eldred the Constable's oath.

This Court doth appoynt the Constables of the seuerall plantations to send a list of all the males from sixteen yeares of age to sixty that are wthin their respectiue li^mitts, to the Secretary at Hartford, within the space of one moneth.

This Court confirmes unto Farmington their bownds, tenn miles towards the sowth from the Rownd Hill (provided Captⁿ Clarke enjoy his grant) without those exceptions made in their former grant.

This Court doe appoynt and impower Captⁿ John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards and Mr. Thomas Stanton to be a committee to heare and determinc all matters in controversie between the Indians whoe now wayt upon the Court for a decision of their matters.*

Whereas this Court haue been informed that Vncass and Owanecoe with some of their people are perswaded to be willing to giue attendance to what of the knowledg of the onely true God and or Sauour Jesus Christ is discovered to them by the Reuerend Mr. James Fitch &c., This Court thought good hereby to declare that Mr. Fitch's endeauours

* Joshua, the son of Uncas, claimed a tract of land within the limits of the town of Lyme, as his inheritance in the right of Attawanhood, a younger brother of his grandfather, and a "great sachem." The committee, without deciding upon the validity of Joshua's claim, advised the town of Lyme to grant him the whole or a part of the land, for his present improvement. Their report (dated May 18th, 1671,) states that "though it appear by the best light we can come at, both by the concurrant testimony of Captin Sannup and Arramanet, Robin Cassinomon, with sundry English, that the said land, however formerly contriverted, was in the possession of the Pequots at the time of the English conquest, and soe properly belongs to the English. yet we doe not take upon us to determin the contriversy; but doe advise," &c. [Indians, Vol. I. Doc. 25.]

to conuey something of the knowledge of God and the light of his Gospell to those poore heathen that haue so long satt in darkness and the shaddow of death, is gratefully accepted by this Court, who shall be ready to encourage Mr. Fitch in the worke and moue the Com^{rs} at their next meeting to alowe suitable 'encouragment allso.* This Court doth likewise declare to all those people, both Sachems and others, that readily and willingly attend to those discoueries of the things of God that are held forth to them, they shall be ready to encourage them therein, as allso looke with an unpleasing countenance upon those that shall any wayes interupt or hinder them in their due attendance to what of God shall be made knowne to them.

This Court doe order and appoynt the third Wednesday in June next to be solemnly kept a day of publike Humiliation throughout this Colony, to humble or'selves before the Lord for all or manifold sins and prouocations against him, whereby we haue justly provoaked him to goe out against us in those yearly vissitations which his holy and righteous hand hath justly brought upon us, both in cutting us short of the fruits of the feild and of the trees, and to bewayle our diuissions and decayes of religion in the life and power of it, and allso the growth of impiety and prophaness, to the great dishonour of God and prouocation of his Holy Name; as [16] allso to seek unto the Lord to smile upon his people, || in pardoning their sins and powering forth a spirit of conuersion upon the present and rising generation; as allso that he would bless the labours of or hands in the occasions of this ensuing yeare, continue health in or habitations, prosper the

* At the next meeting of the Commissioners (Sept. 1672,) Mr. Usher was directed to pay out of the "Indian stock" in his custody, "to Mr. James Fitch, in Hartford Colony, the Revenues of Mr. Mouth's gift for the year past," £31. 10. 0; and "to sundry well deserving Indians that are near Mr. Fitch and helpfull to him in the work," £10. 00. 0. [Haz. II. 530.]

Although Uncas and his son may have been "persuaded to be willing to give attendance" to religious instructions, Mr. Fitch does not appear to have found them very tractable or hopeful pupils. In 1678, in a letter to Secretary Allyn, he refers to the habits of Uncas, (which "are commonly known,") "reproachfully to vilifye our rulers, our lawes and religion;" and declares him to be "the greate opponent of any meanes of soul's good and concernment to his people, and abounding more and more in dancings and all manner of Heathenish impieties." [Indians, Vol. I. Doc. 33.]

work of the Lord now begun among the Indians in this Colony, that if it be his Holy Will they may become subjects to the kingdom of our Lord Jesus; as also to seeke the Lord in behalfe of his people in other partes, that such mercy may be extended to them as their present occasions may call for.

The Court is adjourned till the Gouvernor or Dep^t Gouvern^r see cause to call them agayne.

A SESSION OF THE GENERALL COURT HELD IN HARTFORD,
OCTOBER 12^h, 1671.

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOUVERNOUR.

W^m Leet Esq^r, DEPT: GOUVERN^r.

Assistants.

Mr. Samuel Willys,

Mr. W^m Joanes,

Captⁿ John Tallcott,

Mr. Benj: Fenn,

Mr. John Allyn, *Secret^y*,

Mr. James Bishop,

Mr. James Richards,

Mr. Antho: Howkins.

Deputies.

For Hartford; Mr. W^m Wadsworth, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

For Windsor; Captⁿ Benj: Nubery, Deacon John More.

For Wethersfeild; Mr. Sam^l Boreman, Sarg^t John Nott.

For Farmington; Ens: Sam^l Steele, Sarg^t John Standly.

For Simsbury; Mr. Simon Woolcott.

For Midleton; Mr. Giles Hamlin, Ens: Nath: White.

For Hadum; Georg Gates.

For New London; Captⁿ John Winthrop, *abs.*, Mr. Edward
Palmes.

For Saybrooke; Mr. Rob^t Chapman, L^{nt} Wm. Pratt.

For Lyme; Mr. Math: Griswold, Ens: Wm. Waller.

For Kenilworth; Mr. Edw: Griswold, L^{nt} Josi: Hull.

For Norwich; Mr. Hugh Calkin, Sarg^t Tho: Leffingwell.

For Stonington; Mr. Tho: Stanton, Capt. George Denison.

For Fayrefeild; Mr. John Burr, Mr. John Wheeler.

For Stratford; Mr. Jos: Hawley, Mr. John Brinsmead.

For Norwalke; Mr. John Gregory, John Bowton.

For Standford; Mr. John Green, Mr. Joseph Theale.
 For Greenwich; Jonath: Lockwood.
 For New Haven; L^{nt} Tho: Munson, Mr. John Cooper.
 For Milford; L^{nt} Wm. Fowler, Mr. Nic: Camp.
 For Brandford; Mr. John Wilford, Mr. Tho: Blatchly.
 For Guilford; Deac: John Fowler, Ens: John Graue.
 For Wallingford; Mr. John Bracket.

The Committee appoynted to reveiw the Lawes, in May last, are desired still to attend the same and perfect it by the next session of this Courte.

The List of Estates.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Hartford,*	16402:	15:	00	Kenilworth,	02519:	00:	00
Wethersfeild,	11286:	05:	10	Norwalke,	04762:	10:	00
Windsor,	12798:	00:	00	Greenwich,	01806:	00:	00
New Haven,	13759:	00:	00	Norwich,	04100:	00:	00
[17] Milford,	09657:	02:	00	Haddum,	1789:	00:	00
Guilford,	05802:	18:	00	New London,	8588:	10:	00
Saybrook,	04598:	13:	06	Fayrefeild,	9967:	00:	00
Stratford,	08074:	03:	00	Rye,	1979:	15:	00
Brandford,	02118:	15:	00	Lyme,	1663:	15:	00
Farmington,	06249:	13:	00	Stoneington,	4273:	15:	00
Midleton,	03998:	10:	00	Standford,	5000:	00:	00

In answer to the petition presented by Mr. John Crandall, signed by Mr. Tobias Sanders, in the behalfe of himselfe and the rest of the people on the east side of Pawcatuck Riuer, according to the desire of those people as Mr. Crandall affirmed in Court,—This Court returnes that all those people on the east side of Pawcatuck Riuer within the bownds of Stonington, shall haue the same protection for their persons and estates as the rest of the people of this Colony haue, and as the law will afoarde them; and this Court doth declare that according to their desire there shall be a cessation of all prosecutions against them in poynts of tryalls for titles of land, and for what other matters at present are past respecting trespass or misdemeanour, till the Generall Court in May

* The words "persons & estates," are, in the record, repeated after the name of each town.

next; provided they doe carry it peaceably in the meane time and duely performe all that they haue engaged in their petition to this Court.*

This Court grants these followeing grants to those followeing, whoe were Pequott soldiers, provided they are taken up where they may not prejudice any former grant to any plantation or perticuler person:—

This Court grants Thomas Hollybut Sen^r, one hundred and twenty acres of land. To Nicholas Clarke; to the heirs of Wm. Heyden, in roome of their father; to the heirs of Thomas Buckland; to the heires of Thomas Gridley; to Thomas Barnes; to John Warner; to John Hills; to Thomas Standish; to Nathan Gillett; to Mr. James Rogers; to Peter Blachford's heirs; to John Johnson;—to these persons are granted fifty acres of land apeice.

This Court grants Mr. Josiah Willard an adition to his former grant of land, fifty acres of land, and Mr. Sam^l Boreman and Sarg^t Hugh Wells are desired to lay it out to him at Ashowassuck, provided it be not within the bownds of some plantation or within the limits granted to some perticuler person.

This Court doth rejeet James Wright's petition. Jer: Adams engaged to pay 10s. for this petition.

In answer to the recommendation of the County Court at New London, June last, and the petition of Mr. James Rogers, that this Court would declare whither the issue of the Generall Court in May last was not a finall issue of the ease soe farr as it concerned damage due to Mr. Wm. Measure from Mr. James Rogers or his estate, the Court doth returne, that

* John Crandall, had been appointed by the Government of Rhode Island, a conservator of the peace in the town of Westerly. In April, 1671, he was apprehended by the constables of Stonington, under a warrant issued by the commissioners of that town, and carried before the New London County Court, in June, for trial, on a charge of "contempt of authority, a mover of sedition or indeavors that waye," and for "open rebellion" in resisting the exercise of Connecticut authority east of Pawcatuck River. He was ordered to give bonds for his appearance at the Court of Assistants in October, and on his refusal so to do, was delivered to the custody of the Marshall. [Crimes & Misdemeanors, Vol. I. Docs. 36-49.] At the meeting of the Court of Assistants, at Hartford, (Oct. 10th,) Crandall refused to plead, or ask for a trial by Jury; and the Court, after hearing the evidence, sentenced him to pay a fine of £10 and costs. [Rec. of Co. of Assistants. Vol. i. p. 9.]

the judgment of this Court, May last, did put a finall issue to all Mr. Wm. Measure's demands of damage from Mr. James Rogers, in that case, to that day;* and that Mr. Rogers had full liberty to renew his sute at common lawe against Mr. Measure. Jeremy Adams engaged to pay tenn shillings for this Petition.

This Court grants Mr. Simon Woolcott liberty to retaille wine and liq^{rs} (provided he keep good order in the dispose of it,) untill there be an Ordinary set up in Simsbury.

Mrs. Blackman's petition is rejected. Francis Hall engageth to pay Mr. Bryant 10s. for this petition.

John Gallop is granted a hundred acres of land for his service in the Pequot warre, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant granted to any plantation or perticuler person.

James Egleston hath by this Court granted fifty acres of land upon the same tearmes; and Thomas Hale is allowed fifty acres, for his service in the Pequott warr, upon the same tearmes.

[18] This Court appoynts and authorizeth Ens: Nath: White and Mr. John Willford to lay out the bownds of Wallingford according to the grants of the Court to them.†

This Court doth order and appoynt that the first Wednesday in Nouembr next, be solemnly kept a day of publike Thankesgiueing, throughout this Colony, to prayse God for his mercy and goodness towards us, in the continuance of the Gospell and Ordinances amongst us, and in the fruits of the earth, and that measure of health that hath been enjoyed in or plantations, and the restoreing of health to those whoe have been visited with sickness, and for our peace, and for the goodness of God in settleing good agreement between them and the Natiues in or neighbour Colony,‡ and for the peace

* See page 148. ante.

† The report of this Committee (dated, Nov. 6th, 1674.) is recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, II. 118. The boundary line was established to "run from the East River, commonly called New Haven River, upon an east-and-by-sowth lyne, five miles, very neere Pishatipage pond, & from thence upon a north-and-by-east lyne untill it meet with Midleton sowth bownds, and on a east-and-by-sowth lyne till it meet with Midleton west bownds; and on the west side New Haven River, upon a west-and-by-north line, seven miles."

‡ Philip, Sachem of Pokanoket, complaining of injuries received from the inhabitants of Ply-

that yet through the goodness of God is injoyed in or native country.

This Court grants the Deputy Gouverno^r for his service this yeare, twenty pownds.

This Court grants a Rate of a penny farthing upon the pownd, to be payd in wheat, pease and Indian corn, a third of each.

Propownded for freemen :— *Windsor*, David Winchell, John Gaylerd Jun^r ; *Middleton*, Joseph Hubbard ; *Saybrook*, John Tulley ; *Stratford*, John Barrett, Jos: Hawly Jun^r, Ephraim Booth, John Wells ; *Hartford*, John Pantry, Wm. Burnam, John Day, Joseph Colior, Richard Case, Joseph Hills ; *Hadum*, Thomas Shaylor.

The County Court at New Haven, the 14th of June, 1671, haueing granted their approbation of the disposall of a house and land sometime belonging to Edward Watson late of New Haven, &c., and desireing this Court allso to approue of the sayd disposall of the house and land afoarsayd, the premises being considered this Court doth declare that they doe approue of the same, and order the Secretry so to vnderwrite the recommendation of the County Court.

This Court grants Mr. John Woodbridg of Kenilworth, two hundred and fifty acres of land for a farm, provided he take it up where it may not p^rjudice any former grant to any plantation or perticuler person.

This Court orders the Secretry to grant Mr. Anthony Howkins an execution against the estate of Thomas Wells Esq^r, deceased, for what was granted to him by the Generall Court, March 11th, $\frac{6}{8} \frac{2}{3}$.

This Court doth impower the County Courtes in the respectiue countyes to appoynt a Treasurer for their county, and to grant Rates for the defrayeing of their just and necessary charges ; the Treasurer to order the gathering of them.

mouth, threatened that Colony with war. The difficulty was settled, by the mediation and advice of Massachusetts and Connecticut ; and Philip, acknowledging his pretense of wrongs to be groundless and false, subscribed an instrument of submission, renewing his covenant of friendship with the Colony and promising restitution for damages sustained at his hand. For some two or three years afterwards he appears to have lived on good terms with the English. [Brief Narrative, &c., of the Plymouth Comm^rs, in Haz. II. 532 ; Hubbard's Ind. Wars, 51, 52 ; Hutchinson, I. 279.]

Whereas there is complaint made to this Court that there hath been a ryott or route committed at or near Nyantick, by some of New London or Lyme or both, and a great strife about the bownds of those plantations of New London and Lyme,* and it being alledged to this Court that as the case is circumstanced there are so many of the people of that county of New London by one meanes or another soe farr engaged in those matters that it may be difficult to finde jurors or judges unconcerned in that county, as some alledge, The Court hath thought meet to referr the heareing and issue of both those affayres to the Gouverno^r, Deputy Gouverno^r and Assistants at Hartford, or so many of them as can attend it, the next County Court in Hartford, in March. And they doe also order that those that haue lett the land to hier to the Indians the yeare past, shall peaceably receiue what rent shall be due without molestation, till the Court order otherwise. This Court also grants liberty that what testimonies concerne this case, shall be taken where the persons dwell, by any of the Commissioners, provided the plantife and def^{ts} both [*be notified*†] to attend when the testimonies are taken. [19] Vpon the motion of Norwich, it is ordered by this Court, that the land between Norwich and New London bownds that is not yet granted to perticuler persons, shall lye in co^mon for the use of New London & Norwich, till the Court shall see good reason otherwise to dispose of it. Mr. Brewster to belong to Norwich if he desires it. *April 30th, 1672, Mr. Brewster manifested his desire to belong to Norwich, under his hand.‡*

The Court by their vote voted that Mr. Stone hath right to that land he took up about Mattebeseck Riuer, which was measured out to him by James Steele, and is now in Farmington bownds.§

* See Appendix XII.

† These, or some words of like import, were omitted by the recorder.

‡ The words in italics are interlined.

§ This tract of land of 550 acres or thereabouts, Mr. Stone purchased from the sachem Turra-muggus, and subsequently conveyed it (Apr. 6, 1670,) to Thomas Bell, of Stonington. For the history of this grant and the litigation respecting it, see Court Papers, Vol. I. Docs. 433-464.

This Court appoynts James Steele and Nath: Willett to lay out Farmington bownds southward from the Rownd Hill according to their grant.*

This Court doth grant the Gouvernor liberty to erect a plantation at Quinibauge, aloweing the purchase his Honour hath made of the Indians for those lands (prouided it doe not prjudice any plantation allready erected.)

This Court grants Robin Cassacinimun liberty to buy a horss, for his perticuler use and seruice.

This Court appoynts Ens: Waller and James Morgan to lay out to L^{nt} Bull, &c. that grant of land which, by way of exchange, was granted to them, 2^d March, 165½, by this Court, according to the grant.†

These were nominated to stand for election in May next: Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Captⁿ John Nash, L^{nt} Wm. Curtice, Mr. Rob^t Chapman, Captⁿ Daniel Clarke, Captⁿ Thomas Topping, Mr. Wm. Hill, Mr. Edw: Griswould.

This Court appoynts Mr. Allyn, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Chapman & Mr. Hawley to audit the Treasurer's accot for the yeare past.

Whereas this Court hath been informed that Vncass hath rec^d great damage in his corn, by some horses belonging to New London or Norwich, and hath received no sattisfaction for the same, the Court thought good and doe hereby recommend it to the townes of New London and Norwich to consider some way to do Vncass right in the case, in some suitable manner.

Midleton hath one barell of powder. Windsor stock is 300^{lbs} of powder and 700^{lbs} of lead. New Haven certified that they had their ammunition for their town, according to

* A copy of this Committee's report is in Court Papers, I. 451.

† Jan. 1641-2, the Gen. Court granted 500 acres of land "about Pequot country" to be allotted by Capt. Mason to certain of the Pequot soldiers. In 1650, it was found that the lands appropriated by "five well deserving soldiers," under this grant, fell within the limits of the new plantation at Pequot; and the Court ordered that the first proprietors should be recompensed for a surrender of their grant, with other lands at Niantic or elsewhere. In 1651-2 it appeared that this *second* allotment to the soldiers, at Niantic, trenched upon the bounds of Saybrook; and Capt. Bull with his fellow grantees, surrendered 100 acres to the Court, (for an Indian reservation,) receiving in exchange a grant of 200 acres of upland, adjoining their former grants on the north. [Col. Rec. I. 70, 208, 221, 230.]

lawe. Milford ammunition is sufficient, according to lawe. Guilford ammunition is sufficient according to lawe.

Whereas Jonathan Armstrong hath declared to this Court that he hath receiued great damage by an execution serued upon him by vertue of a judgment of Court at Stoneington, as by his declaration on file may appeare, the Court judge meet to grant the sayd Armstrong a heareing of the whole case, at the next Court of Assistants in May next, provided he giue in security to prosecute the same.*

Jonathan Armstrong acknowledgeth himself, person and estate, bownd in a recognizance of forty pownds sterling to the publike Treasury of this Corporation; the condition is, that the sayd Jonathan Armstrong shall at the next Court of Assis^{ts}, to be holden at Hartford in May, prosecute his complain^t now made to this Court, according to his declaration. Acknowledged in Court, as attests,

John Allyn, Secretry.

This Court appoynts John Brackett to lay out to John Stone the land granted to him, according to his grant.

This Court appoynts Samuel Grant to lay out the bownds between Wethersfeild and Midleton.

Wm. Waller is confirmed Liuetenant of the Train Band of Lyme.

This Court doth impower Captⁿ Tallcott to take care to preserue the great Artillery that belongs to the Colony at Saybrooke.

This Court desires and appoynts the Secretry, Mr. James Richards and Captⁿ John Winthrop, to be a committee in behalfe of this Colony to meet with and treat with the com-

* John Reynolds, some time previous to 1667, came to Misquamicut, (Westerly,) where he bought a house and lot of James Babcock. In 1667, he was dispossessed by the constables of Stonington, as an intruder on lands belonging to that town and within the charter limits claimed by Connecticut. Reynolds subsequently submitted to Connecticut authority, became an inhabitant of Stonington, and, as he alleged, hired of Mr. Roger Plaisted the same land he had formerly purchased from James Babcock. In Sept., 1670, he complained to the County Court at New London, against Jonathan Armstrong, a Rhode Island man, "for unjust molestation and contemptuous improving of the said Renold's land," &c. The Jury gave a verdict for the Plaintiff of £14 and costs,—with liberty to the Defendant, of review at the next court. The Court in June, 1671, confirming the former verdict, Armstrong appealed to the Court of Assistants, in October following. [The files and copies of record, in this case, are in Priv. Controversies, I. 75-94.] The Court of Assistants reduced the damages allowed to Reynolds to £10: 15: 6; from which judgment Armstrong again appealed to the General Assembly. See page 175, post.

mittec for Rhod Island, according to commission granted to them by this Courte, which is to be signed by Captⁿ John Tallcott in the name of this Courte. Mr. Samuel Willys is chosen to be a reserue.

The Court orders that the letters read in Court, to the Massachusetts and Rhoad Island,* be signed by the Secretry, in the name of this Court, and sent to the respectiue Gouvernor^s and Generall Courts or Councills of those Colonyes.

[20] The commission of those that are to treat with Rohd Island is :—

Know all men that by this Generall Assembly for his Maties Colony of Connecticutt, sitting at Hartford, Octobr 12, 1671, Captⁿ John Allyn, Assist^t, Mr. James Richards, Assist^t, and Captⁿ Fitz-John Winthrop Esq^r, or, in case of Prouidenciall hinderance to any one of those, Mr. Samuel Willys in his stead, are chosen and appoynted to be agents for this Colony of Conecticutt, fully impowered and authorized to treat and conclude of all matters and things in controuersy between this sayd Colony and Rhode Island respecting Patent Bownds and Gouvernment, or matters of wrong and injury depending thereupon, together with soe many of Rhod Island soe authorized and appoynted to treat and conclude, for a finall issue therein betwixt us and them, whether by agreement amongst themselves or their mutuall refference of those matters unto such and soe many other Gentⁿ of the Massachusetts and New Plimouth Colonyes as they and the Rhode Island agents shall mutually choose, sitting either at Rehoboth or Boston, about the midle of Nouembr^r or midle of Aprill next; and in like maner are they impowered and authorized to setle and giue oath unto any officers within or Patent limits, orderly chosen.

Whereas some Indians who haue lately or now doe inhabit wthin the bownds of Milford haue made some complaynt to this Court of some injury that they haue receiued from the English in burning their forte or at least (as they say,) in cutting it down, and they desireing that this Court would please seriously to consider their case and right them therein, and allso appoynt them a place to build their forte upon, the Court haueing considered the premises doe judg it

* A copy of this letter to Rhode Island, is in 'Col. Boundaries,' I. 89. See Appendix VI.

a matter worthy of serious consideration, and look upon themselves bownd to inquire into the same, and to beare witness against such irregularities which may prouue prejudiciall to the publike peace if connived at, and therefore doe desire the Deputy Gouvernor and Assist^{ts} of New Haven County speedily to examine the case, and if the complaint of the Indians be made good, they are desired to doe the Indians justice in the case, and beare due witness against such carriages; as allso to consider of and order some conuenient place for the Indians to build a forte upon for their security in this time of difculty and danger amongst the Indians. And this Court doth judg it meet that the Milford Sachem should be allowed liberty [of] about twenty six men wth their famalys of the Pawgussett Indians, for their farther security till the troubles and warrs with the Indians be ouer.

Whereas the Honor^d Major John Mason hath moued this Court that they would please to heare or appoynt a committee to hear and determin a case wherein himselfe and Mr. Amos Richeson is concerned, by whom the Major conceines himselfe much wrounged and defamed, It is therefore ordered by this Court, and this Court doth hereby nominate, appoynt and authorize the Gouvernor and Assist^{ts} in the county of Hartford, or any three of them, with the first oppertunity, to require the Major by himselfe or his attorney, and Mr. Amoss Richeson personally to appeare before them; Mr. Richeson to make answer to what shall be objected against him by the said Major or his attourney; and the afoarsayd Gentⁿ are authorized to make a finall issue of the sayd matter so farr as it concernes the publike, and matter of fact shall appeare.

This Court is adjourned till the Gouvernor or deputy Gouvernor shall see cause to call it agayne.

[21] A COURT OF ELECTION HELD AT HARTFORD, MAY
THE 9th, 1672.

*These were nominated for election:—*John Winthrop Esq^r,
Wm. Lect Esq^r, Mr. Sam^l Willys, Captⁿ Nathan Gold,

Captⁿ John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Mr. John Allyn, Mr. Wm. Joanes, Mr. Benj: Fenn, Mr. Alex: Bryant, Mr. James Richards, Mr. James Bishop, Mr. Antho: Howkins, Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Captⁿ John Nash, L^{nt} Wm. Curtice, Mr. Rob^t Chapman, Captⁿ Dan^{ll} Clarke, Captⁿ Thomas Topping, Mr. Wm. Hill, Mr. Edward Griswold.

These were elected by the freemen :

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOUVERNO^r. *sworn.*

Wm. Leete Esq^r, DEPT: GOUVERNO^r. *s.*

Assistants.

Mr. Samuell Willys,	Mr. Benjamin Fenn,
Capt ⁿ Nathan Gold,	Mr. Alexand ^r Bryant,
Capt ⁿ John Tallcott,	Mr. James Richards,
Mr. Henry Woolcott,	Mr. James Bishop,
Mr. John Allyn,	Mr. Anth: Howkins,
Mr. Wm Joanes,	Capt ⁿ John Nash.

Captⁿ John Tallcott, *Treasurer.*

Mr. John Allyn, *Secret^y.*

The freemen voted that the Generall Court should choose Commissioners for the Vnited Colonies for the year ensuing.

The Deputies of the Court are,—

For Hartford ; Mr. William Wadsworth, Mr. Richard Lord.
 For Windsor ; Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Deacon John Moore.
 For Wethersfeild ; Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott, Mr. James Treete.
 For Farmington ; Ens: Sam^{ll} Steele, John Wadsworth.
 For Haddam ; Mr. James Bates, Mr. Georg Gates.
 For Simsbury ; John Griffin.
 For Middleton ; Ens: Nath: White, Mr. Wm. Cheeney.
 For New Haven ; Mr. Tho: Yeale, L^{nt} Tho: Munson.
 For Millford ; Mr. George Clarke, Mr. Nicho: Campe.
 For Brandford ; Tho: Blachly, Michael Taynter.
 For Wallingford ; Mr. John Moss, Mr. John Bracket.
 For Guilford ; De: John Fowler, Ens: John Graue.
 For Kenilworth ; Mr. Edw: Griswold, L^{nt} Josi: Hull.
 For New London ; Mr. Edw: Palmes, Mr. Wm. Dowglas.
 For Saybrook ; L^{nt} Wm. Pratt, S: Wm. Parker.

For Norwich; Ens: Tho: Tracy, S: Tho: Leffingwell.
 For Stonington; Mr. Tho: Stanton, Mr. Sam^l Chessbrook.
 For Lyme; Mr. Math: Griswold, L^{nt} Wm. Waller.
 For Fayrefeild; Mr. Jehu Burr, Mr. John Wheeler.
 For Stratford; L^{nt} Wm. Curtice, Mr. John Brinsmead.
 For Standford; Mr. Richard Lawes, Mr. Jonath: Selleck.
 For Norwalke; Mr. John Gregory, Dan^l Kellog.
 For Rye; Mr. John Bankes, Mr. Jos: Orton.

This Court desires and appoyntes Mr. John Holly, L^{nt} Jonath: Bell and John Green to veiw the townshipp of Rye, and to consider what highwayes may be requisit and necessary for the use of the towne and Colony, and lay them out and see them recorded in the town book; and if the said highwayes shall fall in any man's perticuler proprietie, the sayd committee are hereby appoynted to order such person or persons reasonable sattisfaction for the same, which shall be allowed out of the comon lands within that township not already layed out. And the sayd Gentⁿ are desired to take care to lay out the highwayes so as may be least prejudiciall to the proprietors.

The Deputy Gouvernor and Mr. James Richards were chosen Commissioners for the Vnited Colonyes for the year ensuing; and Captⁿ Tallcott for a reserve.

The Commissioners for the plantations for the year ensuing are: Captⁿ Benjamin Newbery, for *Windsor & Simsbury*; Captⁿ Sam^l Wells, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, for *Wethersfeild*; Mr. Giles Hamlin, Ens: Nath: White, for *Midleton & Haddum*; Mr. Rob^t Chapman, L^{nt} Wm. Pratt, for *Saybrook & Lyme*; Ens: John Mason, for *Norwich*; Mr. Edward Griswold, for *Kenilworth*; Mr. Edward Palmes, Mr. Dan. With-erly, for *New London*; Mr. Tho: Stanton, Mr. Tho: Minor, for *Stoneington*; Mr. John Willford, for *Brandford*; Mr. John Clark, for *Milford*; Mr. Sam^l Sherman, L^{nt} Wm. Curtice, for *Stratford*; Mr. W^m Hill, Mr. Jehu Burr, for *Fayrefeild*; L^{nt} Rich: Olmsted, Mr. Tho: Fitch, for *Norwalk*; Mr. Rich^d Lawes, Mr. John Holly, for *Standford, Greenwich & Rye*. Mr. John Moss and Mr. John Bracket, for *Wallingford*.

Mr. Sam^l Willys and Captⁿ John Tallcott are appoynted to assist in the keeping of the Court at New London, in June and Sept^r next.

This Court appoynts Ens: Sam^l Steele and Sarg^t John Wadsworth to lay out to Deacon Thomas Judd his grant of land formerly granted to him by this Court, according to his grant. They are allso to lay out to Daniel Porter his grant of land, according to the grant of the Court.

This Court appoynts Ens: White and Wm Cheeny to lay out to Mr. James Richards his grant of land granted to him by this Court, according to his grant.*

Ens: Tracy is appoynted to joyne wth Sarg^t Tho: Leffingwell in layeing out to the Major and Mr. Howkins their grants of land according to their grants.

This Court appoynts Sarg^t Hugh Wells and Wm. Cheeny to lay out to Mr. Willys his grant of land granted to him by this Court, according to his grant.

This Court appoynts Mr. Georg Clark and Sarg^t Daniel Buckingham to lay out to Mr. Fenn his grant of land granted to him by this Court, according to his grant.

This Court appoynts Sam^l Grant and John Porter to lay out to Captⁿ Newbery and Deacon John Moore their grants of land granted to them by this Court, according to their grants.

This Court grants L^{nt} Rob^t Webster three hundred acres of land prouided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any plantation or particuler person.

This Court appoynts Mr. Fenn to administer the oath of a Magistrate to Mr. Bryant, and the Com^{rs} oath to Mr. Clarke; and Mr. Gold to administer the Commissioner's oath to Mr. Sherman and Mr. Hill. Mr. Lawes to administer the Com^{rs} oath to L^{nt} Olmsted, Mr. Fitch and Mr. Holly. The Deputy Gouvernor to administer the Magistrate's oath to Capt. John Nash, and Com^{rs} oath to Mr. John Willford. L^{nt} Pratt is desired to administer the Com^{rs} oath to Mr. Rob^t

* Three hundred acres laid out to Mr. Richards at Coginchaug (Durham,) adjoining Haddam west bounds, and extending to Middletown bounds, on the north, May 24th, 1672. [Recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 414.]

Chapman; Mr. Tallcott to administer the Com^{rs} oath to Mr Wells; and Mr. White to administer the Commissioner's oath to Mr. Hamlin.

Jeremy Adams payes for Stoneington petition, tenn shillings. Mr. Bryant payes for Mrs. Blackman's petition, tenn shillings. Anthony Hoskins payes for a petition, tenn shillings.

Mr. Sam^l Marshall payes for Windsor 2^d petition, tenn shillings:—

The Court answers this petition thus,—and it is condescended to by Captⁿ Newbery and Deacon Moore,—that if Windsor plantation at their next towne meeting, by vnanimous or major vote of the inhabitants of Windsor, || will release their township right in the lands on the east side of Conecticut Riuer that are within their bownds, to make a distinct plantation on that side the Riuer, then the sayd Captⁿ Newbery and Deacon Moore engage to release their perticuler grants, for the accomadateing of the sayd plantation; prouided the plantation be confirmed a plantation by this Court aliso, October next, and they haue their proportion therein.*

This Court confirmes Mr. John Chester, L^{nt} for Wethersfeild Trayn Band.

This Court confirmes Nath: Merryman Sen^r, Liuetenant of Wallingford Trayn Band.

This Court haueing heard the petition of the people of Mistick, and considered the same, are very sencible of those difficulties mentioned, in their remoatness from the place of publique worship, and shall be ready to contriue their easment as much as may be; but considering their present condition as it is circumstanced, the Court sees it not for their proffit to grant their request, but doe aduise them with their neighbours to goe on in a vnanimous way in prouideing for

* On learning that the General Assembly had granted a considerable tract of land on the east side of Connecticut River, within Windsor bounds, to Capt. Benj. Newbery, Deacon John Moore and others, the inhabitants of Windsor petitioned the General Assembly for a hearing at this session, or a postponement of the establishment of the grant until an opportunity should be afforded the town to present reasons against its confirmation.—“those lands being part of y^e purchase belonging to Windsor.” [See the Windsor Petition, in T. & Lands, I. 130.]

and building a place for the publique worship of God, according to their agreement.

Whereas the Generall Assembly of Rhode Island, May 1st, 1672, haue propownded to us their purpose of a treaty with us, to the end that an amicable compliyance and composure of the differences between them and ourselues may be attained, this Court therefore haue thought meet and doe herby nominate and appoynt Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys, Captⁿ John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, Captⁿ John Winthrop and the Secretary, or any three of them, to be a committee in behalfe of this Court to meet wth such Gentⁿ as shall be appoynted and commissioned by the Honrd Gen^{ll} Court of Rhod Isl- and to treat with them, issue and conclude all matters and controuersies as are depending between ourselues and the Gouverment of Rhode Island respecting the bownds and limitts of our Charter or any controuersy that hath arisen thereupon. And what shall be determined and mutually agreed upon between our sayd Committee and the Committee of Rhode Island, and giuen under their hands and seals, this Court doth hereby engage to rattify and confirm the same, provided such issue be effected between this and the last of June next.

It is also ordered that in case the Gentⁿ of Rhoad Island shall fayle of treating with us, or the treaty fayle of obtayneing a good agreement and settlement of those differences, this Court doth appoynt and authorize Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys, Captⁿ John Tallcott and Captⁿ John Winthrop to goe into the Narrogancet Country. And the sayd Gentⁿ are by this Court appoynted and impowered to giue oath to such as they shall judge qualified to be freemen of this corporation, and to nominate, appoynt and administer the oath to three, fower or six suitable persons to be Commissioners within the towne of Wickford, and two constables; and to impower them with a priuiledge of keeping a Court for the tryall of any action vnder the value of twenty pownd; allwayes provided Mr. Richard Smith be president, (or Captⁿ Hutchinson in Mr. Smith's absence,) of euery such court, and that such actions be tryed by a Jury according to lawe, and records

made of all such tryalls; till the Court take farther order. They are also impowered to administer the oath of fidelity to such inhabitants as they shall see cause.

This Court desires and appoynts James Steele, Hugh Wells, wth Ensigne White, wthin the space of two moneths to goe to Lyme, and in the most indifferent place by Conecticut Riuer, they are to take their rise and to measure five miles eastward; as also they are to take the most indifferent place by Pequitt River and to measure fower miles westward; and also measure how much it is between the five mile and the fower miles; and make a true report how they find matters, to this Court in October next. And till October next, the inhabitants of Lyme and the Indians shall not be molested in their improuements of the land at Black Poynt.

It is condesended to by Lyme Deputies in behalfe of their towne, that Joshua the sachem of Niantick shall haue layd out to him a sufficiency of upland to plant both for himselfe and men from time to time, which land is adjoyneing to the north side of Eight Mile Riuer, they secureing their land and corn so that cattell and swine may not damnify them; and when they haue worne it out, that they leaue it to Lyme, and also doe as an acknowledgment deliuer a wolfe's head euery yeare to the townesmen of Lyme.* This grant is confirmed by the Court accordingly.

This Court grants to Ens: Samuel Steele and Sarg^t John Wadsworth, two hundred acres of land apeice, provided they take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any plantation or perticuler person.

[24] This Court desires and appoynts L^{nt} Olmsted, Mr. John Holly, Jonathan Lockwood and L^{nt} Joseph Orton, a committee to measure on an east northeast lyne from Mamorenack Riuer to the west bownds of Fayrefeild, and to make report to this Court in October next, the distance twixt the sayd places and the quantitie of miles belonging to each of those plantations. This to be don at the charge of the townes of Norwalke, Standford, Greenwich & Rye.

* See page 157, ante.

This Court haueing considered the case and complaynt p^resented to them by Jonathan Armstrong on the one part and the towne of Stoneington on the other part, doe declare as an issue to those matters that they find it too apparant that the sayd Armestrong as well as others of those people of Squamacuk, haue been troublesom, injurious and prouoaking to this Colony; and their settlement and manageing there is no other but an intrusion and so very offensiue, which might call for severity; yet seeing the Gentⁿ of Stoneington haue tendered a surrendry of the mare that was by execution taken from Armstrong, the Court see at present no cause to make further scrutiny in that matter, the sayd Armstrong haueing neglected to take the benefitt of a review or appeale before execution was granted against him.*

This Court grants Wallingford to extend their bownds to the westward of their former grant, two miles, their whole bredth, provided this grant shall not prejudice any grant made by this Court to any person or persons formerly of any part of that tract of land.

This Court by their vote determined that Midleton bownds shall extend from their meeting house to the north, till it meet with Wethersfeild bownds, and to runn the whole bredth westward fve miles from their north and sowth lyne; desireing them that the Marshall be not disturbed in the improuement of his right though it fall within their bownds.

Propownded for Freeman:—Thomas Sherwood Sen^r, Thomas Squire, George Squire Jun^r, John Bennit, Thomas Sherwington, Wm. Lord Jun^r, Thomas Lord, John Drake Jun^r, Joseph Persons, Josiah Clark, Sam^l Willecox, James Hilier, Andrew Hilier;—*Brandford*, Samuel Pond, Eleazer Stent, Peter Tyler, John Adams, Sam^l Bradford, John Frizbey, John Large;—of *Killingworth*, John Hurlbutt, Jacob Walker.

This Court grants that Farmington bownds shall be enlarged from Hartford bownds to the westward, till it extends towards the west eleuen miles, from whence they are to runn their bownds north and south.

* See page 166, ante.

Whereas Rich^d Olmsted, Thomas Benedict, Thomas Betts, Walter Hoyte, John Rusco, Daniel Kellog, Nath: Hayes, Mathew Maruin Jun^r, Edward Nash, Mark Sension, Thomas Seimor, Sam^l Hayes, Tho: Taylor, Henry Whitney, haue giuen in their names for the begining of a plantation neare the backside of Norwalke, and by their deputies desired the countenance of the Court therein,—The Court haueing considered the same doe see cause to nominate Mr. Rich^d Lawes, Mr. Tho: Fitch, L^{nt} Richard Olmsted, Mr. John Burr and Mr. Wm. Curtice to be a committee to veiw the place moued for to make a plantation, and to order the planting thereof, and to entertein inhabitants to joyne with the afoarnamed people of Norwalke, in the planting the afoar-sayd plantation.

This Court granted to the County Townes of Fayrefield and New London the sune of six hundred acres of land apeice to each of those County Townes, to be taken up where it may not prejudice any former grant; which sayd land shall be and belong to the said County Townes for euer, to be improued in the best manner that may be for the benefitt of a grammer schoole in the sayd County Townes, and to no other use or end whatsoever.

There is also granted to the County Townes of New Haven and Hartford, to each of them, six hundred acres of land, upon the same tearmes and to the same use with the other County Townes.

[25] This Court by their vote granted that all those Deputies that haue attended this Court hitherto shall be alowed tenn shillings a peice towards their expences vpon their extraordinary attendance to veiw the Lawes; to be payd for them to Jeremy Adams or Jonath: Gilbert, or to themselues in their owne townes.

This Court by their vote ordered that Thomas Rood, now in durance, shall be returned to the County Court at New-London, next June, there to be examined concerning that accusation is layd to his charge; and if it appear that the sayd Rood be guilty of incest, then they are to return him to the prison, to be secured for a tryall at the next Court of As-

sistants; but if it doe not appeare, then they are to proceed according to law to a jayle deliucry.*

Mr. Allyn, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Lord and Mr. Camp are ap-
poynted to audit the Treasurer's accompts.

This Court recommends it to the towne of Guilford and their inhabitants on the east end neere Homonoscitt, to consult wth their neighbours of Kenilworth what may be most aduantageious to the publique good in refference to those people of the east end, their contribution to the ministry of Kellingworth; and to agree upon what may be most conuenient; and to labour to settle that matter in the most amicable way for the generall good, between this and the Court in October next; and to make return thereof to the sayd Court. And this Court requesteth the Dep^t Gouverno^r to lend his assistance to help compose the matter in question in the most suitable way that may be.

The Court voted that the letters read in Court to be sent to the people of Squamacuck, and that to the Gouvernement of Rhode Island, should be signed by the Secretry in the name of the Court, and sent to the sayd Gouverment of Rhoad Island and people of Squamacuck.

This Court grants Mr. Sam^l Sherman, L^{nt} Wm. Curtice, Ens: Joseph Judson and John Minor themselues and associates liberty to erect a plantation at Pomperoeage,† provided it doth not prejudice any former grant to any other plantation or perticuler person; provided any other honest inhabitants of Stratford haue liberty to joyne with them in settleing there, and that they entertein so many inhabitants as the place will conueniently interteine, and that they settle there within the space of three yeares.

The Court accepted those nominated for freemen, May and Octobr last, and order the Assistants or Commissioners in the respectiue townes to administer the freemen's oath to them.

This Court requests the Gouverno^r to signe the letter sent to the Massachusets, in the name of the Court.

* See page 184, post; and note.

† Pomperoeage, (or Paumperaug,) named WOODBURY, May, 1674.

This Court grants Mr. John Wheeler one hundred acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any plantation or any former grant to any particular person.

This Court appoints L^{nt} Rob^t Webster and Nath: Standly to view the land that some of Windsor inhabitants desire may be reserved for a plantation on the east of their town bounds, and make reports thereof to the Court at their next session.

This Court appoints Nath: Willett and Caleb Standly to lay out to the Secretary the grant of land that the Court formerly granted him near his saw mill on the east side Connecticut River.*

Mr. Thomas Stanton's Commission—

Mr. Thomas Stanton, you are to take two or three men with you, and (except you receive order to the contrary from the Assistants,) you are to repayre to Ninicraft† and declare to him from this Court that they being informed that an Indian called Mowweam whoe was here in prison,‡ being accused of murdering of a Pequet squaw, is escaped and fled to Narrogancett, and abides there amongst his people; whereupon you are sent to know whether he will deliver him, that he may be brought to tryall for the same, or whether he

* Laid out to Sec. Allyn, Mar. 19th, 1672-3, "a neck of land abutting on the Saw-Mill River commonly called Hoccanum River, towards the south and towards the east," &c., containing 80 acres; and 20 acres, "on the Saw Mill river on the south and on a brook running in Sparr Mill swamp towards the west," &c. Recorded in Col. Rec. Lands, I, 275.

† Ninicraft (or Ninigret,) sachem of the eastern Niantics.

‡ Mowweam (*var.*, Moween) a Niantic Indian, was sent by the Commissioners of Stonington, Dec. 1671, to Hartford for trial, charged with having murdered a Pequot girl, the daughter of Yoghason, (one of Hermon Garrett's band.) The murder was committed at Quaquinaug, within the bounds of Stonington. Moween was committed to prison at Hartford, there to remain until his trial by the Court of Assistants, in May, following. [Crimes & Misdemeanors, Vol. I Doc. 50-53: Rec. Co. of Assists. p. 10.]

A letter from Thomas Stanton and Thomas Minor to the Court of Assistants, (dated Jan. 19, 1671-2.) respecting this murder, contains some particulars of the seizure of the English girls at Wethersfield, by the Pequots, in April, 1637. One of Hermon Garrett's Pequots named Woodquinnon (*var.*, Odonquenimen) had been charged with the murder for which Moween was imprisoned. The commissioners write that they find no proof against this Odonquenimen, "onlie as I am informed, [he] was with the Pequates when they did the massacre in Wethersfield meadow where theye took 3 English maydens: 2 theye carried with them; the other was left by the river side and Odonquenimen demanded of his feltns, where the other mayd was? they answered him, Wee have left her the other side the River: said hee, I will goe over and kill her. So hee did, as is reported. I bring this passage," adds Mr. Stanton, "to show you how theye delite in blood & crueltie, and tho his feltnes had spared the mayd yet he would not." [Cr. & Misd., I, 53.]

will refuse so to doe and doe justice himselfe upon him. And you are to giue him to understand that it will be well taken if he shall farther justice herein, and ill taken if he shall hinder or refuse; expresseing yourselfe in those matters with such prudence and cleareness as may best evince to him the necessity of his readines to promoat the execution of justice in a case of murther, which seemes to be so cleare to those who haue inquired into it.

The order about a Fast and the occasions thereof is upon file.

An answer to Benjamin Blackman's petition :—Whereas there haue been severall suits depending between Mrs. Jane Blackman and Mr. Benjamin Blackman, and Mr. Jacob Walker as administrator to the estate of Samuel Blackman, which controuersies and suits haue arisen about bookes and land which formerly did belong or at least was improved by Mr. Sam^l Blackman, of Stratford, and now are claymed by Mrs. Jane & Benjamin Blackman;* the whole of all controversies arisen about the sayd land and bookes, or any other [26] thing to this day, is by the said Mrs. Jane || and Mr. Benjamin Blackman, of the one part, and Mr. Jacob Walker, of the other part, so farr as their respectiue rights are any way concerned, refered to the consideration, issue and determination of Captⁿ John Nash, Captⁿ Robert Treat and Mr. John Burr; and what they or any two of them shall declare as their issue, under their hands and seales, all three being present, the sayd Jane Blackman, by her attourney, and Mr. Benjamin Blackman and Jacob Walker doe bind themselues, executors and administrators, in the sume of two hundred pownd, to rest sattisfied therewith, upon the penalty of forfeiting the afoarsayd summe to the parties that shall stand and abide by the awarde. This acknowledged in Court by Francis Hall, Mrs. Jane Blackman's attourney, and Mr. Benjamin Blackman and Mr. Jacob Walker, and approued by the Court.

This Court left it with the Gouvernor and Assistants here to make a law for Adultery, and for burning a dwelling howse; and allso to make a preface to the Booke of Lawes.

* See Rec. of Co. of Assistants, p. 10.

The Court is adjourned till the Gouverno^r or Deputy Gouverno^r shall see cause to call them agayne.

AT AN ADJOURNED COURT HELD AT HARTFORD, JUNE
26, 1672.*

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOUVERNOUR.

Wm Leete Esq^r, DEPT^t GOUVERNO^r.

Mr. Sam ^{ll} Willys,	John Allyn, <i>Secret^y</i> .
Capt. John Tallcott,	Mr. James Richards,
Mr. Henry Woolcott,	Mr. Antho: Howkins.
Mr. Wm Joanes,	

Deputies.

For Hartford; Mr. Wm. Wadsworth, Mr. Rich^d Lord.
 For Windsor; Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Deacon John Moore.
 For New London; Mr. Edward Palmes.
 For Fayrefeild; Mr. Jehu Burr, Mr. John Wheeler.
 For New Hauen; Mr. Tho: Yeale, L^{nt} Tho: Munson.
 For Wethersfeild; Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott, Mr. James Treat.
 For Saybrooke; L^{nt} Wm. Pratt, Sarg^t Wm. Parker.
 For Millford; Mr. Nicho: Camp.
 For Stratford; L^{nt} Wm. Curtice, Mr. John Brinsmead.
 For Norwalke; John Gregory.
 For Middleton; Ens: Nath: White, Mr. Wm. Cheeny.
 For Haddum; Mr. James Bates, Mr. Georg Gates.
 For Norwich; Sarg^t Tho: Leffingwell.
 For Guilford; Deacon John Fowler, Ens: John Graue.
 For Kenilworth; L^{nt} Jos: Hull.
 For Brandford; Michael Tayntor.
 For Rye; Mr. John Bancks.

* A letter from the King (April 3d, 1672,) announced his declaration of war against the States General, and counselled the New England colonies to make speedy and effectual provision for their defence against the Dutch. Upon the receipt of this letter, by Gov. Winthrop, (to whom it had been forwarded by the Governor of Massachusetts, June 2d,) a special session of the General Court appears to have been forthwith convened. [See the King's letter, in Appendix, No. XIII,—from For. Correspondence, Vol. I. Doc. 7.]

This Court desire and appoynt L^{nt} Wm. Pratt and Sargt Wm. Parker to take an accot of what a^mmunition or artillery, great or smale, that belongs to the Colony or county of Hartford, that is now at Saybrooke, and make return thereof to the Treasurer the next opportunity, whoe is to order the securing thereof as he shall judg most suitable.

This Court confirmes Wm. Curtice, Captain, and Joseph Judson, Liutenant, and Steuen Burrett, Ensigne, of the Traine Band of Stratford.

This Court confirmes Mr. John Mason, Liutenant, and Thomas Leffingwell, Ensigne, of the Traine Band of Norwich.

This Court upon speciall occasion have thought good and doe hereby order that the cheife military officers in each plantation doe forthwith take speciall care that the armes of their plantation and the seuerall soldiers thereof, be veiued and set in sufficient repayre, well fixed and fitted for seruice; and that euery person be furnished with a^mmunition according to law; as allso the townesmen in the respectiue plantations are hereby required forthwith to take speciall care that the plantations be furnished with a^mmunition, according as the law prouides; and what defects appeares in either, they are to be returned to the next Assistant or Com^r, and if those defects are not speedily supplied, the Assist^{ts} or Com^{rs} are hereby ordered to see the lawe duely executed upon such as shall be found delinquents, by granting distress according to lawe.

This Court alowes and approues of the Articles of Confederation, as they are agreed and concluded upon by o^r Commissioners and the Commissioners of the Massachusetts, at Boston, May last; and doe impower the Commissioners chosen by this Court to sign the sayd Artickles in the name of this Court.*

This Court appoynts Mr. Sam^l Willys and the Secre^{try} to examine the Marshall's acco^{ts}, and what appeares to be

* See note on page 154, ante; Hazard's St. Papers, II. 521. .

due to him from the country, to order the payment of the same out of the publique Treasury.

[27] This Court orders and appoynts Captⁿ Nathan Gold and Mr. Tho: Fitch to list such suitable persons of their county as they shall judg meet for the same and are willing to be troopers, to the number of forty fower; which troopers so listed shall haue power to make choyse of their officers; and the troopers so listed, with their officers chosen as afoarsayd, shall be presented to the court in October next.

This Court appoynts and desires Captⁿ Nash and Captⁿ Topping to list such suitable persons of their county as they shall judg meet for the same and are willing to be troopers, to the number of forty; which troopers so listed shall haue power to make choyse of their officers; and the troopers so listed, with their officers chosen as afoarsayd, shall be presented to the Court, October next.

This Court desires and appoynts Mr. Edward Palmes and L^{nt} John Mason to list such suitable persons in their county as they shall judg meet for the same and are willing to be troopers, to the number of forty; which troopers so listed shall haue power to make choyse of their officers; and the troopers so listed, with their officers chosen as afoarsayd, shall be presented to the Court, October next.

The Gouverno^rs occasions calling him forth of this Colony about the time of the meeting of the Commissioners in September next, this Court lookes at it as inconuenient in this juncture of time that the Gouverno^r and Deputy Gouverno^r should be both absent at the same time, and therefore request and impower the Gouverno^r to attend as Commissioner in the roome of the Deputy Gouverno^r at the next meeting in Plymouth.

Ensigne Jarrad Spencer is propownded for a freeman.

Whereas this Court appoynted a Committee for the well ordering of the Militiæ in case of any suddayn exigence, July 6th, '65, some of the seuerall committees being remoued by death or otherwise, for the supply of such defects, it is now ordered by this Court that Mr. Edward Palmes shall supply Major John Mason's place, Mr. Wm. Joanes to supply Mr.

Crane's absence, and Captⁿ Wm. Curtice to serue in Mr. Campfeild's roome; which committee, with the supply aboue named, are fully impowered upon any suddayn exigence to order and dispose of the Militiæ in the best way they can to defend themselues from the assault of any enemie, and in assisting any of the neighbors as occasion may require. And in case any forces should be drawn from one county into another, it is by this Court ordered that the cheife millitary officer of that county where the forces are shall command in cheife all the forces in that county that belong to their county or that com from other countyes to their releife. And it is hereby declared that till farther order be taken, Captⁿ Nathan Gold shall be deemed cheife millitary officer of the county of Fayrefield, and Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, his second; and Captⁿ John Nash for New Hauen county, and Captⁿ Treat, his second; and Captⁿ John Winthrop for the county of New London, and L^t James Auery, his second; and Captⁿ John Tallcott for the county of Hartford, and Captⁿ Benjamin Newbery, his second. And in case of any defect or absence of any of the parties before mentioned, the Committee of the Millitiæ in the seuerall countyes are impowered to nominate and commissionate a meet person to supply the defect.

A GENERALL COURT HELD AT HARTFORD, OCTOBER 10th,
1672.

Wm. Leete Esqu^r, DEPT^t GOUERNO^r.

Mr. Sam ^{ll} Willys,	Mr. James Richards,
Capt ⁿ John Tallcott,	Mr. James Bishop,
Mr. John Allyn, Sec ^{ry} ,	Mr. Anth: Howkins.
Mr. Wm. Joanes,	

Deputies.

For Hartford; Mr. Wm. Wadsworth, Ens: Nicho: Olmstead;
For Windsor; Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Deacon Jn^o Moore;
For Wethersfield; Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott, Mr. John Deming;
For New Haven; L^t Tho: Munson, Mr. Jeremy Osborn;
For Fayrfeild; Mr. John Wheeler;

For Millford; Mr. Nicholas Camp, L^{nt} Wm. Fowler;
 For Lyme; Mr. Mathew Griswold, Mr. Reinold Maruin;
 For Farmington; Ens: Sam^l Steel, Sarg^t Jn^o Wadsworth;
 For Midleton; Mr. Sam^l Collins, Mr. Wm. Cheeny;
 For Haddum; Mr. James Bates, Mr. Georg Gates;
 For Brandford; Mr. John Wilford, Mr. Tho: Blachley;
 For Norwich; Mr. John Mason, Ens: Tho: Leffingwell;
 For Stratford; Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Mr. John Brinsmead;
 For Norwalke; Nicholas Hoyte, Marke Sension;
 For Kenilworth; Mr. Edward Griswold, L^{nt} Jos: Hull;
 For Guilford; Deacon Jn^o Fowler, Ens: Jn^o Graue;
 For Stonington; Mr. Tho: Stanton, Mr. Tho: Minor;
 For Rye; Mr. John Bankes;
 For Walingford; Mr. John Moss, Mr. Abram Doelittle.

[28] The Deputy Gouvernor and Assistants desired the advice of the Generall Court concerning Incest,* whether the law of this Colony that orders in defect of a lawe we should haue recourse to the word of God for or lawe, and seeing the word of God doth anex death to be the penalty of Incest, whether such person or persons that haue comitted that sin ought not to be put to death, the Court haueing considered the case declared their judgments to be that such persons as are proued to be guilty of Incest, they ought by the lawe of God and or lawes as now they stand to be put to death.

Octobr 11th. Obadiah Allyn was propounded for a free-man, and John Porter Jun^r and Joseph Felps and John Parents and John Hill of Guilford.

This Court by their vote declared that they sawe no cause to put a stop to Deacon Moore and Captain Newbery's take-

* Thomas and Sarah Rood were tried at the Court of Assistants at Hartford, October 8th, 1672, on a charge of incest. Both plead guilty to the indictment. Thomas Rood was sentenced to be executed on the 18th inst; his daughter, to be severely whipt, "that others may heare an feare." The Colony Laws made no special provision for the punishment of incest; and this appears to have been the first instance of a prosecution for that crime, within the Colony. The Court of Assistants in June, 1672, submitted to several of the neighboring ministers, the query whether a person guilty of the crime charged against the prisoner ought to be put to death? The reply, signed by Rev. Messrs. Whiting, Bulkeley, Haynes and Collins, was in the affirmative; and doubtless served to remove any scruples the Court may have previously entertained. [Rec. of Court of Assist's, I. 11-13, 15; Ecclesiastical Papers, I. 39.]

ing up their grants of land at the place they desire to take it up, on the east side of Windsor bownds.

Whereas Mr. Joseph Fitch, Corporall Sam^{ll} Marshall and Jacob Drake, by the appoyntment of the towne of Windsor, Sept^r 9th, 1672, moved this Court to grant them some enlargement on the east side the River of Conecticut, by reason of a purchass they haue made of the Indians, they haueing an eye that in conuenient time it may be fitt for a plantation,—This Court upon the sayd motion, for the encouragement of such as shall plant there, grant the bownds of Winsor shall extend eastward fiue miles from their former bownds, provided all former grants made of any parts of those lands are excepted in this grant.

Octobr 12. Whereas this Court at their last session in May, granted that the inhabitants of Lyme and the Indians should not be molested in their improuement of the land at Black Poynt, they doe now order the continuance of that grant to the inhabitants of Lyme and the Indians till this matter is fully and determinatively issued, which is to be attended in May Court next.

This Court doth grant unto James Steel, Nath: White and Hugh Wells, for their seruice in runing the lyne between New London and Lyme, six pownds fifteen shillings, to be payd to them out of the publique Treasury; and the Treasurer is ordered to ad to the Country Rates of the towne of New London, three pownds fifteen shillings, and Lyme, three pownds, for the payment of the six pownds fifteen shillings into the publique Treasury agayn. And Lyme is to pay the fifteen shillings to the Ferry and Mr. West.

The Court is adjourned to the 14th of this month.

Octobr 14th.

The List of Estates of the scuerall townes are,—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Hartford,*	16836:	10:	0	Wethersfeild,	11609:	11:	0
Windsor,	13030:	00:	0	Farmington,	06333:	00:	0

* The words, " persons and estates are," are repeated after the name of each town, in the original record.

New Haven,	13017: 00: 0	Lyme,	02426: 10: 0
Saybrook,	04837: 12: 0	Stoneington,	06404: 05: 0
Stratford,	09441: 13: 0	Kenilworth,	02384: 00: 0
Guilford,	06076: 10: 0	Haddum,	01979: 19: 0
Norwich,	04308: 18: 0	Norwalk,	04920: 00: 0
Brandford,	02427: 00: 0	Fayrefeild,	10209: 00: 0
New London,	08982: 00: 0	Greenwich,	01162: 00: 0
Rye,	02031: 00: 0	Standford,	04766: 19: 9
Milford,	09728: 02: 0	Midleton,	04456: 10: 0

This Court appoynts Mr. James Bishop, Mr. Edward Griswold and Sarg^t John Wadsworth to be a committee to heare what shall be presented to them by L^{nt} Fyler and John Hosford in reference to the appeale L^{nt} Fyler hath made to this Court, and make report how they find matters, to this Court.

Captⁿ Clark hath liberty to list any in Windsor whoe he shall judg suitable and sufficient for to be troopers that are not of the Traine Band at present.

[29] Mr. Edward Palmes and L^{nt} John Mason haueing presented a list of the names of such as are willing to be Troopers in the county of New London, this Court doe accept of them, and confirm Mr. Edward Palmes Captⁿ of the sayd Troope, and Mr. Joshua Raymond, Cornett; and as for the Liutenant, he being often absent at sea, though otherwise well qualyfyed, and the Court judging it most suitable to haue the commission officers in seuerall plantations, he is not at present established: but this Court doe recommend it to the Captain to gather his Troope together and see that they are well fitted and fixed for seruice, according to lawe.

Octobr 15. This Court granted a rate of a penny farthen upon the pownd, upon all the rateable estate of the Colony.

This Court appoynts Mr. James Richards, Mr. James Bishop, Captⁿ Benjamen Newbery and the Secre^{try}, to audit the Treasurer's accompts.

This Court grants the Deputy Gouernor for a salary for this year, the summe of thirty pownds, to be payd out of the publike Treasurie.

This Court appoynts James Steele and Nathaniel Willett

to lay out to Corporall John Gilbert his grant of land, according to his grant.*

This Court grants that the bownds of the towne of Hartford shall extend to the eastward of their present bownds, five miles, for the encouragment of people to plant there, provided all former grants are excepted in this grant.

This Court grants that the bownds of the towne of Weathersfeild shall extend to the eastward of their present bownds, five miles, for the encouragment of people to plant there, provided all former grants are excepted in this grant.

This Court grants Mr. Wm. Hill of Fayrefeild one hundred and fifty acres of land, for a farme.

This Court grants Mr. John Whiting two hundred acres of land for a farme.

This Court grants Mr. James Steele one hundred and fifty acres of land, for a farme.

This Court adds to Thomas Bunce's former grant, fifty acres of land more.

This Court grants John Bancks one hundred acres of land.

Provided these grants be taken up where they may not prejudice any former grant made to any plantation or particuler person.

This Court order that Mr. Bird† and those of Rye that haue impropriated the lands of Rye to themselues shall appeare at the Generall Court in May next, to make appeare their right, for then the Court intends to settle those lands according to righteousness, that so a plantation may be encouraged, and plantation worke may go forward to better satisfaction then formerly.

Octobr 16. This Court appoynts Ens: Tho: Leffingwell and Mr. Tho: Tracey to lay out to Mr. Haynes his children, the grant of land granted to them, according to their grant,

* Two hundred acres laid out, March, 1673, to Corp. John Gilbert, "on the east side of the great River, about two miles eastwardly from Mr. Crowe's saw mill, upon a brook called Hopp Brook." Recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, l. 425.

† John Budd. See note on page 96, ante.

at a place near Mr. Stanton's Farme, on the east side of Pawcatuck Riuer.*

This Court doth nominate and appoynt Captⁿ John Tallcott to take such ayde and assistance as the Court shall appoynt, well provided, fixed and fitted for service, to goe to Narraganeett and to demand and take he that hath murdered the Pequit girle, according to his commissions and instructions as he shall receive from this Court.

The Deputy Gouverno^r and Mr. Richards are by this Court desired and appoynted to draw a commission for Captⁿ Tallcott.

The Court accepts of Mr. Crandall and Mr. Sanders' word for tenn shillings, for their petition p^rsented to the Court.

The petition of Mr. John Crandall and Mr. Tobias Sanders, in behalfe of themselves and the rest,† being publicly read in Court and duely considered, the Court doe see cause to return this answer; that they haue formerly made a grant to Stonington of those lands, or at least a great part of them, that they shall belong to the township of Stoneington, and therefore they cannot be yea and nay in their grants; and so there is no roome to grant the petitioners to be a plantation; yet if they shall see cause to continue their habitations in Stoneington, this Court doth expect from them that they shall carry it peaceably and yeild due obedience to the lawes here established. As to the fines they petition a release of, this Court so farr grants their petition as to remitt to them all fines imposed upon them by the Court of Assistants or Generall Court, hoping their lenity and goodness herein will oblige them to a cheerfull obedience for the future. And to the last perticular in their petition, this Court so farr grants them their petition that they release them from the Country Rate this year, but not from town or minister's rates and dues.

* Of this grant, of 1000 acres, 538 acres were laid out, June 10th, 1673; bounded westwardly by Mr. Stanton's farm, southwardly on the sea, and eastwardly "on the small brook called by the Indians name Yagompseh, running southwardly into a cove or pond." Recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 409. The native right was purchased from Hermon Garrett, June 11th, 1673. [Ibid. 435.]

† This petition has not been preserved. John Crandall and Tobias Sanders were Rhode Island men, living on the east side of Pawcatuck River, within the territory claimed by Connecticut, and constituting a part of the town of Stonington.

And this Court grants that the people of Stoneington, on the east side of Pawcatuck shall peaceably enjoy their present allotments, in case they have not allotted to themselves any man's particular propriety or more then may be judged convenient and sufficient for them.

This Court grants Robert Sandford eighty acres of land, provided he take it where it may not prejudice any former grant.

[30] This Court appoynts the last Thursday in October next to be solemnly kept a day of publique Thanksgiueing throughout this Colony, to prayse God for his goodness and mercy extended to us the yeare past, in the continuation of our peace unto us, with the blessings of the Gospell of peace, and his crowneing of the yeare with his goodness, not onely in granting so large a blessing of the fruits of the feild unto us, but in a comfortable measure restoring the fruits of the trees againe unto us, and for the continuation of health in some and restoring health to the people in other of or plantations.

October 17. This Court grants that L^{nt} Tho: Bull shall have liberty to exchange a hundred acres of land with the Nihantick Indians.

This Court appoynts Ens: Tho: Tracey and Ens: Tho: Leffingwell to lay out to Wm. Pratt his grant of land, according to his grant.

This Court appoynts Ens: Tho: Tracey and Ens: Tho: Leffingwell to lay out to the towne of Stoneington their east bownds, according to their former grants from this Court.*

The Court voted that the Assistants here should incert in the law about Incest the particulars that shall be punished with death.

Hartford, Milford, Windsor, Guilford, New Haven, Saybrooke, Stratford and Wallingford are provided wth ammunition; and Norwalke.

Captⁿ Ben: Newbery, Mr. Rob^t Chapman, Mr. Robert Treat, Mr. Wm. Hill, Mr. Giles Hamlin, Mr. John Mason,

* The report of Ens. Tracy and Leffingwell is dated May 8th, 1673; and recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, Vol. I. p. 424.

Capt. Tho: Topping and Captⁿ Wm. Curtice were voted to stand in the nomination in May next.

Whereas there hath been an action commenced, by way of appeale to this Generall Courte, by L^{nt} Fyler as agent or attourney for Mrs. Jane Hosford, plantife, against Mr. John Hosford, def^{nt}, for certain moneys due by agreement and rent of land, to the sayd Mrs. Hosford from the sayd John,—The Court haueing heard and considered the same doe, by what at p^{re}sent appears by testimonies and writeings, determine that John Hosford shall pay unto the sayd Mrs. Jane Hosford or her attourney, the sume of fifty pownds, with due costs of courts; provided also that if John Hosford doe make appeare that the whole or part of the sayd sume of fifty pownds be already payd, so much as so appears to be payd shall be allowed by the plantife, Mrs. Jane Hosford, or her attourney, whoe also shall grant to the def^{nt}, upon the payment of the afoarsayd sume, acquittances and generall releases from the sayd debt and all bills and bonds [and] other specialties respecting all farther claymes or demands upon acco^t of the premises. *Execution dd., Aprill 24, '74. Costs of courts comes to two pownds, 14 s. and sixpence.*

It is ordered by this Court that o^r Lawes shall be printed as soone as may be conveniently, the copy of them being veiwed and approued by this Court.*

It is also ordered that euery famely in the seuerall plantations in this Colony shall purchase one of o^r Law bookes, to keep for their use; and the constables of the seuerall plantations are to see that this order be duely attended, and that the bookes are payd for as they are deliuered, either in siluer or wheat; those that pay in siluer to pay twelue pence a booke, and those that pay in wheat to pay a peck and halfe a book; and those that haue not those things to paye are to pay two shillings in pease for a booke, pease at three shillings p^r bushell; all to be deliuered at the County Townes in each County.

Mr. Wm. Cheeny and Sarg^t Hugh Wells are appoynted

* See Appendix XV.

to lay out to Mr. Sam^l Tallcott his grant of land, according to his grant.

This Court confirms the sale John Elderkin made of the mill at Kenilworth, provided the money Thomas Steuens pays for the mill and the fifty acres of land in Norwich on a hill called the Westward Hill be also reserved for the children of Richard Hendy deceased.

This Court refers it to the Gouvernor and Assistants here to consider of Robin Cassasinimoe's petition and to answer the same, and to act thereupon so as they shall judge most convenient.

The Court is adjourned till the Gouvernor or Depty Gouvernor see cause to call them agayne.

[31] A COURT OF ELECTION HELD AT HARTFORD, MAY
THE 8th, 1673.

*These were nominated for election:—*John Winthrop Esq^r, Wm. Leet Esq^r, Mr. Sam^l Willys, Captⁿ Nathan Gold, Captⁿ John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Mr. John Allyn, Mr. Wm. Joanes, Mr. Alex: Bryant, Mr. James Richards, Mr. James Bishop, Mr. Anthony Howkins, Captⁿ John Nash, Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Mr. Rob^t Chapman, Mr. Rob^t Treat, Mr. Wm. Hill, Mr. Giles Hamlin, Mr. John Mason, Captⁿ Tho: Topping, Captⁿ Wm. Curtice.

These were elected:

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOUVERNO^r.

Wm. Leete Esq^r, DEPT^t GOUVERNO^r.

Assistants.

Mr. Sam^l Willys,

Captⁿ Nathan Gold,

Captⁿ John Tallcott,

Mr. Henry Woolcott,

Mr. John Allyn,

Mr. Wm. Joanes,

Mr. Alexand: Bryant,

Mr. James Richards,

Mr. James Bishop,

Mr. Anth: Howkins,

Captⁿ John Nash,

Captⁿ Rob^t Treat.

Captⁿ John Tallcott, *Treasurer*.

Mr. John Allyn, *Secretary*.

The Deputies of the Court are :

For Hartford; Mr. Wm. Wadsworth, Ens: Nicho: Olmsted.
 For New London; Captⁿ Edw: Palmes.
 For Wethersfeild; Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Mr. James Treat.
 For Windsor; Captⁿ Ben: Newbery, Deacon Jn^o Moore.
 For Farmington; Ens: Sam^l Steele, Sargt Jn^o Wadsworth.
 For Middleton; Mr. Giles Hamlin, Ens: Nath: White.
 For Simsbury; Mr. Simon Woolcot.
 For Guilford; Deacon Jn^o Fowler, Ens: Jn^o Graues.
 For Haddum; Mr. James Bates, Mr. Georg Gates.
 For Fayrefeild; Mr. Jehu Burr, Mr. Jn^o Bankes.
 For Stratford; Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, John Picket.
 For Saybrook; L^{nt} Wm. Pratt, Sargt Wm. Parker.
 For Brandford; Mr. John Willford, Mr. Dan^l Swaine.
 For Lyme; Mr. Mathew Griswold, Sargt Reinold Maruin.
 For Wallingford; Mr. John Moss.
 For Norwich; Mr. Tho: Tracey, Ens: Tho: Leffingwell.
 For New Haven; L^{nt} Tho: Munson, Mr. Jere: Osborn.
 For Milford; L^{nt} Wm. Fowler, Mr. Georg Clark.
 For Kenilworth; Mr. Edw: Griswold, L^{nt} Jos: Hull.
 For Norwalke; Mr. Tho: Fitch.
 For Stoneington; Mr. Tho: Stanton, Mr. Sam^l Cheesbrook.
 For Standford; L^{nt} Jonath: Silleck, John Green.
 For Rye; Peter Disbroe.
 For Greenwich; Mr. John Holley, Sargt Jon: Lockwood.

The Commissioners for the Vnited Colonies were chosen, viz: The Deputy Gouvernor and Captⁿ John Tallcott; and the Secrety is chosen a reserve.

The Com^{rs} for the seuerall plantations are,—for *Windsor*, and *Simsbury*, Captⁿ Ben: Newbery; for *Wethersfeild*, Captⁿ Sam^l Wells & Mr. Sam^l Tallcott; for *Middleton & Haddum*, Mr. Giles Hamlin & Ens: Nath: White; for *Saybrook & Lyme*, Mr. Robt Chapman & L^{nt} Wm. Pratt; for *New London*, Captⁿ Edw: Palmes & L^{nt} James Auery; for *Norwich*, L^{nt} John Mason; for *Stoneington*, Mr. Tho: Stanton

& Sarg^t Tho: Minor; for *Kenilworth*, Mr. Edward Griswold; and for *Brandford*, Mr. John Wilford; for *Wallingford*, Mr. John Moss; for *Milford*, Mr. Jn^o Clarke; for *Stratford*, Captⁿ Wm. Curtice and Mr. Sam^l Sherman; for *Fayrefeild*, Mr. Jehue Burre, Mr. Wm. Hill; for *Norwalke*, L^{nt} Rich^d Olmsted & Mr. Tho: Fitch; for *Standford*, *Greenwich* & *Rye*, Mr. Rich^d Lawes and Mr. John Holley.

The Dep^t Gouvernor is desired to administer the oath of Assist^s to Mr. Joanes and Captⁿ Nash; Mr. Treat to administer the oath to Mr. Gold and Mr. Bryant, and of Com^{rs}, to Mr. John Clarke and Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Hill, or any other of the Com^{rs} in the county of Fayrefeild.

L^{nt} Pratt to administer the oath of Com^{rs} to Mr. Chapman; Mr. Tallcott to swear Mr. Wells.

Upon the motion of Henry Wakely, this Court appoynts Mr. Jehu Burr and Captⁿ Wm. Curtice to lay out to him his grant of land, according to his grant.

[32] This Court grants Quarter Master Samuel Marshall, one hundred and fifty acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant.

This Court grants Deacon Steven Hart one hundred and fifty acres of land,* upon the same tearmes with Quarter Master Marshall.

Samuel Grant and John Porter are to lay out to Wm. Trall his grant of land, according to his grant.†

James Steele and John Standly are appoynted to lay out to Ens: Sam^l Steele and Sarg^t John Wadsworth their grants of land, according to their grants.

This Court ordered that the letter read in Court be drawn up, the substance thereof, and sent to the Massachusetts,‡ being signed p^r the Secret^{ry} in the name of the Court.

* Laid out, by order of Thomas (son to Dea. Stephen) Hart, to David Russell, in Killingly bounds, 1706. The title was afterwards in dispute. [T. & Lands, VII. 101-103.]

† Laid out, April, 1674, to Wm. Trall of Windsor, 50 acres, "on the east side great River, about two miles beyond Hoccanum River, toward the cedar swamp." [Recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, II. 37.] This tract was conveyed, Febr. 1674-'5, by W. T. to his son-in-law John Hosford. [Ibid.]

‡ The copy of this letter has not been preserved. In the reply, from the General Court of Massachusetts, (Oct. 24th,) it is referred to as "containing an answer to ours directed to yourselves, dated October 15th, 1672, referring to the unjust intrusion made by some of yours on

This Court desires Captⁿ John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards and the Secretary to inform themselves the best way they can concerning the bownds between the Massachusetts and us, and the rise and runn thereof, with what they judg needfull concerning the same; and make return thereof to the Generall Court in Octob^r next.

This Court grants L^{nt} Walter Fyler the sume of one hundred and fifty acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant.

The Court's adjourned to the 12th of May next.

May 12th. The Court mett according to adjournment.

This Court appoynt Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, L^{nt} Richard Olmsted, to lay out to Mr. Alex: Bryant, Mr. Wm. Hill, Mr. John Wheeler and Mr. John Bankes, their grants of land, according to their grants.

Mr. Benjamin Blackman appeales from the judgment of the Court of Assistants, May 6, 1673, to this Generall Court. The Court haueing heard this case, declare, that they doe not finde Jacob Walker hath forfeited his bond. The Court allowes twenty five shillings charges of this Court, besides the eighteen shillings at the County Court and forty fower shillings at the Court of Assistants.* *Execution d'd for £4. 7s., June 6, 1673.*

In answer to the petition of Mrs. Blackman's ouerseers, this Court return, that they judg the awarde of Captⁿ John Nash and Captⁿ Rob^t Treat concerning those things committed to their consideration by Mrs: Blackman, Mr. Benj: Blackman and Mr. Jacob Walker, stands firm, though Mr. John Burr were not present when they sealed; it appeareing he was present when it was drawn up and signed by the sayd Mr. Treat and Captⁿ Nash.†

This Court desires and appoynts Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Mr. John Bankes and L^{nt} Wm. Fowler to veiw the lands of Pow-

that part of the conquered land near Pawcatuck," and also, a remonstrance against the encroachment by Massachusetts on the north line of Connecticut, at and near Windsor. [See Reply, in Col. Boundaries, III. 4.]

* See Rec. of Court of Assists., pp. 10, 14: Priv. Controversies, I. 97-108.

† Private Controversies, I. 107, 108.

tocock and those adjoyneing, whither they may be fitt for a plantation, and to make return thereof how they find it, at the next session of this Court, in October.

In answer to Michael Griswould's petition to this Court, in refference to a case he complains against Sam^l Wright, about his horss that was killed, it is by this Court refered to the heareing, issue and determination of Captⁿ Edward Palmes, Mr. Tho: Fitch and Mr. Jehu Burr, whoe are im-powered with a power of Chancerie in this case, which they are to attend Wednesday next, seuen a clock in the morn-ing.*

May 13. This Court appoynts L^{nt} Daniel Harris and Wm. Cheeney to lay out unto Thomas Bunce, John Halla-way and Sarg^t Spencer their grants of lands, according to their grants.

Mr. Wm. Hill and L^{nt} Olmsted are appoynted to lay out to Captⁿ Wm. Curtice his grant of land, according to his grant.

This Court desires and appoynts Captⁿ Thomas Topping, Mr. Tho: Fitch, Mr. Jonathan Silleck, Mr. John Holley and L^{nt} Jos: Horton, to be a committee to consider of those lands between Stratford and Momoreanoke River, that are not all-ready granted by order of the Court to any plantation; and to proportion them to the seuerall plantations between Stratford and Momoranoke River, as they judge may be most equal and accommadating to the plantations as now they are [33] settled, and make presentation thereof to the Court at their next session in October, for confirmation.

Henry Tomlins in behalfe of Stratford, presented a petition to this Court. The answer thereof was returned, under the petition. Mr. Tomlins vndertook to pay the tenn shillings for the petition.†

* Complaint, testimony and award, in Priv. Controv. I. 114-120.

† This petition, from the townsmen of Stratford, asks for some act of the General Court, for the establishment and confirmation of the bounds of that plantation, and for adjudication of the claim of Lieut. Joseph Judson to a large tract of land alleged to be within Stratford bounds. The original petition is in Towns & Lands, Vol. I. Doc. 133. The answer of the Court was as follows: "In answer to this petition, the Court return that they cannot hear the case to an issue at present, because Lnt. Joseph Judson & those concerned, have not notice thereof, and therefore doe order that the case be respited till October Court next, when those persons concerned are hereby ordered to attend the Court for an issue."

Wm. Cheeny and Deacon Hall are appoynted to lay out to Mr. Whiteing and Mr. James Steele their grants of land, according to their grants.*

This Court haueing formerly granted a grant of land to L^{ut} Thomas Munson and Sarg^t Wm. Parker which hath slipt the recording, doe now confirm and grant unto them the sayd L^{ut} Munson and Sarg^t Wm. Parker one hundred acres of land apiece, provided they take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any perticuler person or plantation.

This Court accepts the return of Ens: Tracey and Ens: Tho: Leffingwell concerning the laying out of the east bownds of Stoneington, and giue them liberty to record the same in the Booke of records.†

Whereas the people of Stoneington on the east side of Pawcatuck were, Octobr last, granted that priuiledg to injoy peaceably their present alottments, with the proviso in the order exprest,—This Court now saw cause to recommend it to the townesmen of Stoneington accordingly to lay out to those inhabitants of the east side of Pawcatuck River, a conveniency and sufficiency of land for them according to the present state and condition of their families, and that they enter and record the same to them in theire towne booke, to be and remayne to them and their heirs and assignes for ever.

May 14. This Court orders the bownds between Hartford and Windsor shall begin on the east side Coñecticut River at the lowermost Elm that was discourst between the two Coñmittees and sayd to be agreed on.

In answer to Robbin Cassacinamon his motion to this Court for the apprehending Moween that broak out of Hartford prison and is sheltered in the Narrogancett Country by Ninicraft, this Court doth see cause upon due consideration of the case in all its circumstances, not to prosecute the matter in a hostile way untill the aduice of the Comissioners of the Colony be taken.‡

* Grant of 200 acres to Mr. John Whiting, laid out, adjoining the land of Mr. Samuel Tallcott (at Coginchaug.) on the north-west, &c. [Col. Rec. of Lands, l. 414.]

† Recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, l. 424; as returned to the Court, May 8th.

‡ The following testimony, taken before Thomas Stanton, (and by him forwarded to the Gov-

Whereas the stated bownds betwixt Hartford and Windsor on the west side of the great River giues Hartford some aduantage of land, in varying from the west line from Brick Hill Swamp, northerly,—This Court orders that the line betwixt the sayd townes on the east side of the great River shall take its rise at the Elme Tree appoynted by this Court to be the bownd tree, and to runn to the sowth of the east from the sayd tree, so much and so farr as it doth vary from the west nothward from the abouesayd swamp, to the end of Hartford west bownds.

This Court appoynts Ensigne Sam^{ll} Steele and Sargt Hugh Wells to runn the lyne and lay out the bownds betwixt Hartford and Windsor on the east side of the great Riuer, according to the order of the Court.

May 15. Whereas the increase of flocks of Sheep is fownd very aduantageous to this Colony, and as experience doth shew that the breed of sheep is much decayed by reason of a neglect of breeding suitable ramms and not seasonably separating them from the flocks; for the ataynement whereof, it is ordered by this Court that two or three meete persons in each plantation shall be appoynted to take care that a suitable number of such ramms be kept in each towne, and that none be suffered to runn upon the coñons with the ewes, from the first of August untill the last of October, except it be by approbation of the sayd two or three men in each towne, upon the penalty of forfeiting five shillings for each ramm, to him that shall make seizure. And this Court doth order in the seuerall plantations of this Colony, that no sheep be kept in

ernor and Assistants, Jan. 1671-2,) suggests the probable grounds of the Court's determination not to "prosecute the matter in a hostile way" without the advice of the confederate colonies. Uncas, whose jealous hatred of the Pequot tributaries manifested itself on every occasion, and who, whether justly or not, was suspected of encouraging every Indian quarrel and of being privy to every Indian plot in eastern Connecticut, for a half century, had been charged by Robin Cassasinamon with mischievous intermeddling, at this time:

"Saboutosit came to mee and doth affirme y^t hee did not heere Vnckas say any thing to incoradg Nenegret to reveng himselfe on the Pequat Indians, in refferance to Mowwene whose is imprisoned at Hartford for murder: hee saith what was sed by Vnckas was in discours expressing his feeres, that hee did dowt the Narragansets would revenge Mowwen's death if hee should bee hanged; and that Vnckas did not say, Nenigret, You are a great Sachem; whie doe not you come and reskue your man Mowwen out of the Pequats hands?" &c. [Cr. & Misd. I. 52.]

the commons but in flocks, to prevent the sheeps' either doing or receiving damage, except in such plantations where there are not a hundred sheep that may be kept together, and the just regulation and management of the sayd flocks shall be left to the sayd two or three men.

[34] This Court grants unto Mathew Grant, of Windsor, one hundred acres of land, with the same limitation as land is granted to other persons.*

Whereas this Court did order a committee to determine a case in reference to Micael Griswold's petition, the sayd committee doe return as there issue, that they finde it strongly circumstanced that Samuel Wright hath been some meanes of the wounding the said Michael Griswold's horss, for the which he is ordered to pay two pownds tenn shillings unto the aboue named Michael Griswold. This issue is accepted by the Court.†

This Court appoynts Mr. Richard Smith a Commissioner, and doe invest him with Magistraticall power throwout the limitts of the Narrogancett Country, and to be the president of the Court of Commissioners there, which court haue power to issue all cases not exceeding twenty pownds; provided that what cases are brought before them aboue forty shillings value shall be tryed by a jury.

This Court appoynts Mr. Jerrie Bull a Commissioner for Pettaquamscutt,‡ and to assist in keeping of the Courts.

This Court appoynts Mr. Tho: Gold Commissioner within the towne of Wickford, and to assist in keeping of the Courts.

Vpon the petition of Mrs. Katheren Fayrechild, in order to the businesse refered by the County Court of Fayrefeild to this Gen^l Court, in reference to an obligation with condition made by Mr. Thomas Fayrechild before marriage unto the abouesayd Mrs. Katherin Fayrechild, for the payement of two hundred pownds, English money,—This Court findeing a non-performance of the sayd condition obliged, nor any pro-

* Laid out, May, 1674, "without the east bounds of Windsor;"—and assigned by Matthew Grant to his sons Samuel and John, Feb. 1674-'5. [Col. Rec. of Lands, 1. 328.]

† Page 195, ante.

‡ Pettaquamscutt, afterwards *Kingstown*, R. I.

vision made by will or otherwise for three children of the sayd Thomas and Katherin Fayrechild, doe allowe of the sayd two hundred pownd, as just debt to be payd out of the estate left by the sayd Mr. Fayrechild, vnto the sayd Katherin, which is to be apprized and sett out unto her by Lieuutenant Joseph Judson, Mr. Joseph Halley and Mr. Isac: Niccols accordingly; this Court expecting that shee will secure meet portions out of the same to the sayd three children, as shee may be able.*

May the 16. This Court grants the bownds of Midleton on the east side the great River shall extend six miles upon an east line from the sayd great River, prouided that Mr. Howkins hath liberty to take up his former grant within this forementioned bownds. This grant to the s^d towne being upon the same tearmes as the adition was formerly made to the other townes upon the River.

This Court accepts of the list of Troopers presented by Captⁿ John Nash and Captⁿ Thomas Topping for New Haven County, and doe confirm Captⁿ Topping to be Captayn and Mr. Wm. Maltby to be Cornet of the sayd Trooepe.

This Court grants L^{nt} Thomas Bull two hundred acres of land, with the same limitations as is usuall to such grants.†

This Court grants that the bownds of Milford shall extend northwarde into the country as farr as the bownds of New Haven doth.

This Court appoynts Mr. Wm. Pitkin and John Gilbert to lay out to Ensigne Nicholas Olmsteed his grant of land granted to him, according to his grant.

May 17. This Court appoynts Deacon John Hall and Wm. Cheeny to lay out to Mr. John Woodbridge and Mr.

* A copy of the marriage contract between Thomas Fairchild, of Stratford, merchant, and Katherine Cragg, a sister of Elizabeth Whiting, widow, of London, (executed in England, 22^d Dec. 1662,) is in Priv. Controv. Vol. I. Doc. 20. Mr. Fairchild binds himself to convey to the said Katherine, a life estate in his lands at Stratford, or, in case of his death before his arrival in N. England, to cause to be paid to the said Katherine, the sum of £200.

The inventory of Mr. Fairchild's estate, (amounting to £160. 10s. 9d.) with the report of the Committee of the General Court, by whom it was apprized and set out to the widow, is recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, II. 20.

† Laid out, "on the east side the great River, near the cedar swamp." Recorded, 1684, in Col. Rec. of Lands, II. 42.

Wm. Wadsworth their grants of land granted to them, according to their respective grants.

This Court grants two hundred acres of land to Liuetenant John Chester, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grants to towne or perticuler persons.*

This Court grants to Mr. John Fowler, an hundred acres of land:

This Court grants to Ens: John Graues, an hundred acres of land:

This Court grants an hundred acres of land to Wm. Johnson:

This Court grants to Wm. Seward an hundred acres of land. All these grants are made with this limitation, that they are not to be prejudiciall to any former grants or to perticuler persons or townes.

This Court grants to Mr. Jehu Burr two hundred acres of land, provided it be not prejudiciall to former grants to perticuler townes or persons.

[35] This Court haue granted Captⁿ Robert Treat three hundred acres of land provided he take it up where it may not be prejudiciall to former grants to any perticuler towne or persons.†

James Steele and Sarg^t Hugh Wells are appoynted to lay out Mr. Howkins', Mr. Chester's and L^{nt} Bull's grants.

Mr. Mosse and Brakett are to lay out the grants of Deacon Fowler, Wm. Johnson, John Graues and L^{nt} Seward.

This Court orders that all grants of land made to any perticuler person, not yet taken up and layd out, shall be taken up in one intire peice, in a comely form, except by speciall liberty from this Court; and that all former grants that are or shall be layd out by order shall be sufficiently bownded, and so mayntayned to preuent all future trouble.

This Court hath granted to Mr. Sam^l Wakeman two

* Laid out, Oct. 1688, by John Brocket and Thomas Yale; bounded on the west "by the Rev. Mr. John Bishops farme, of Standford," with a highway between its south line and Wallingford north bounds. Recorded, May, 1689. [Col. Rec. of Lands, II 216.]

† Laid out, "across the west branch of New Haven East River upon the road that lyes from New Haven to Farmington." bounded south on Wallingford line. Confirmed by patent, May 24th, 1687. [Col. Rec. of Lands, II. 194.]

hundred acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice former grants to any plantation or perticuler person.

Persons presented to be made free:—For *Stoneington*, L^{nt} Samuëll Mason, Daniel Mason, Ezekeill Mayen, John Searles, Edmun Faning, James Yorke Jun^r, Tho: Bell, John Gallop Jun^r;—*Milford*, Tho: Oviëtt, Nath: Farring;—*Kenilworth*, Jn^o Griswold;—*Stratford*, [Wm. Roberts*];—*Guilford*, Moses Blatchley.

This Court upon the motion of the Honor^d Gouvernor and Mr. Palmes, in behalfe of New London, that they were not now in a capacity of joyneing issue for want of some evidences, this Court orders the issue to be referred till Octobr^r next, when both townes, wthout any further warning are to attend the s^d issue, this Court then resolueing to put a finall issue to it; and in meantime New London are not to medle or giue any interruption to the men of Lyme in improuement of the land lyeing in controuersie.

This Court haueing veiued the lawes respecting maratime affayres made by the Gen^{ll} Court of the Massachusets, according as they are now in print, contained in twenty seven sections, confirm them to be o^r lawes, and order that they be printed and put into our law booke, and what charge it comes to shall be paid out of the Countrey Treasurie.

This Court orders that the impression of the Coloney Seale shall be affixed in the begining of euey law booke.†

This Court appoynts the last Wednesday of this instant moneth to be kept as a day of Humiliation, throughout this Colony. The grownds and reasons of the same are upon file.

28: 1st mo: 1673. 1. Agreed by the Committee for New Haven underwritten, that Wallingford bownds on the east side of the East River shall be from Brandford line northerlie to Wharton's Brooke, where it crosseth the sowth branch of the s^d brooke, and thence as the brook runns into the East River.

* A stroke of the pen has been drawn across this name. •

† From the "impression of the Colony seal" prefixed to the published laws of 1673, compared with and corrected by an impression on wax taken some years later, the copy on the title page of this volume has been made, in nearly exact fac-simile.

2. That New Haven shall runn two miles and a halfe northward from the foot of the Blew Hills on the Mill River, upon that River, and the line from a stake there to the foote of the Blew Hills on the East River, and from the sayd two mile and halfe stake along our reare west and by north to the end of their bownds; which issue they the Committee for Wallingford consented to and accepted, and this to be an issue in loue and peace. Memorandum; that the Committee for New Haven doe consent that the meadow between the Mill River and East River northward aboue the Blue Hills shall be Wallingford's, as to the bulk of it, and liberty of drowneing it as they shall see cause, although the line agreed to should cutt through it.

Subscribed by the s^d parties :

John Mosse,	The marke of	Wm. Joanes,
John Brockett,	John I C Cowper,	James Bishop,
Nath ^l Merriman,	Senr, to the agree-	Mathew Gilbert,
Abraham Dowlite,	ment excepting	Sam ^l Whitehead,
Sam ^l Andrews,	the memorandum	John Winston,
	added about ye	Abram Dickerman,
	meadow, wherein	Moses Mansfeild.
	he dissents.	

The aboue written is a true copy of the original.

This Court grants that the bownds of New Haven shall runn according as it is agreed betwixt the sayd towne of New Haven, Brandford, Wallingford and Milford.

[36] Whereas this Honor^d Court were pleased to chuse and appoynt ns whose names are underwritten, to be a committee to agitate, consult and agree one with another for and in the behalfe of the setleing of the bownds and diuideing lines between the seuerall townships lyeing in the county of Fayrefeild westward, viz: Norwalke, Standford, Greenwich and Rye,—which s^d Committee haue agreed as followeth:—

1. That the five mile brooke between Standford and Norwalke, from the mowth thereof vntill it meet with the cross path that now is where the country roade crosseth the s^d Riuer, shall be the bownds, and from thence to runn up in the country vntill the twelue miles be expired, upon the same line that is between Stratford and Fayrefeild.

2. That the line between Standford and Greenwich, at Tatomok Brook, where the lowermost path or roade that now is to Greenwich cutts the sayd River, and from thence to run on a straight line to the west end of a line drawn from

the falls of Standford Mill River, which s^d line is to runn a due west poynt towards Greenwich bownds, a meete mile; and from the west end of the sayd line, to run due north [to the north]* to the present country road towards Rye; and from thence to runn up into the country, the same line as is between Norawake and Standford, to the end of the bownds of the towne.

3. That the bownds between Greenwich and Rye is to be from the mouth of Byram River, to runn up the River one quarter of a mile above the great stone lyeing in the cross path by the s^d Riuer; and from thence the sayd co^mons upwards, between Standford bownds and the Colony line, is to be equally diuided between them by a paralell line wth Standford and Norwalke, to the end of their bownds up in the country. This is o^r return.

p^r us

Robert Treat,
Jonath: Selleck,
Peter Disbrow.

Consented onely to the bowndes between Standford, Greenwich & Rye, as witness my hand,

Thomas Fitch.

This agreement was confirmed by the vote of the Generall Court.

This Court is adjourned till the Gouverno^r or Dept Gouerno^r see cause to call them agayne.

AT A SESSION OF THE GENERALL COURT HELD AT HARTFORD, BY THE GOUVERNO^rs SPECIALL ORDER, AUGUST 7, 1673.†

John Winthrope Esq^r, GOUVERNO^r.

Wm. Leete Esq^r, DEPT GOUVERNO^r.

Assistants.

Mr. Sam^l Willys,

Mr. James Richards,

* The words in brackets are not in the original report of the Committee,—which is on file, in Vol. I. of Towns & Lands, Doc. 131.

† A small Dutch squadron commanded by Cornelis Evertsen and Jacob Benckes, arrived off the harbor of New York, July 30th, 1672. A message was sent to the English commander, Capt. John Manning, demanding the immediate surrender of the Fort. Gov. Lovelace was, at this time, on a visit to Gov. Winthrop at Connecticut; and Manning, who appears to have been utterly disconcerted by the unexpected approach and “suddaine surprisall” of the Dutch squad-

Capt ⁿ John Tallcott,	Mr. James Bishop,
Mr. Henry Woolcott,	Mr. Antho: Howkins,
Mr. John Allyn,	Capt ⁿ Rob ^t Treatc.

Deputies.

For Hartford; Mr. Wm. Wadsworth, Mr. Nicho: Olmstead.
 For Windsor; Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Deacon Jn^o More.
 For New London; Captⁿ Edward Palmes.
 For Wethersfeild; Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott, Mr. James Treatc.
 [37] For New Hauen; L^{nt} Tho: Munson, Mr. Jer: Osburn.
 For Milford; L^{nt} Wm. Fowler, Mr. George Clark.
 For Saybrook; L^{nt} Wm. Pratt, S[er^{gt}] Wm. Parker.
 For Stratford; Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Mr. John Pickett Sen^r.
 For Brandford; Mr. John Wilford.
 For Kelinworth; Mr. Edw: Griswold.
 For Simsbury; Mr. Simon Woolcott.
 For Lyme; Mr. Math: Griswold, S[er^{gt}] Reinold Maruin.
 For Norwich; Ens: Tho: Tracey.
 For Haddum; Mr. James Bates, Mr. Georg Gates.
 For Guilford; Deacon John Fowler, Ens: John Graue.
 For Midleton; Mr. Giles Hamlin, Ens: Nath: White.
 For Norwalke; Mr. Tho: Fitch.
 For Farmington; Ens: Sam^{ll} Steele, S[er^{gt}] John Wadsworth.

[36] Whereas there is at present a great appearance of danger towards this Colony by the approach of the Dutch, for our own safety and defence till the Gen^{ll} Court in October next, it is now ordered by this Court, that the Committee hereafter named, viz: the Gouverno^r, Dep^t Gouverno^r and Assistants, Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Mr. Giles Hamlin, Mr. Wm. Wadsworth, Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, L^{nt} Wm. Fowler, L^{nt} Tho:

ron, acceded to their demands, and allowed them to take peaceable possession of the fort and city, without a shot having been fired. All New Netherlands, a part of Long Island, and New Jersey, followed the example of New York, and quietly submitted to the authority of the Dutch. But some of the towns on Eastern Long Island, which had been originally settled by New England people and were formerly under Connecticut jurisdiction, refused to acknowledge allegiance to the States General and appealed to Connecticut for protection. [Doc. Hist. of N. York, III. 83, 91: Holmes' Annals, I. 364.] About the same time a vessel of Mr. Selleck's, of Connecticut, was captured by the Dutch, near the harbor of one of the western towns. A special session of the General Assembly was convened by Gov. Winthrop, to provide for the defence of the Colony, and to consult relative to the movements of the Dutch. See Appendix XIV.

Munson, are hereby impowered to act as the Grand Committee of this Colony in establishing and commissionating of military officers, in pressing of men, horses, ships, barques or other vessells, arms, ammunition, provision, carriages, or whatever they judg needfull for or defence, and to manage, order and disspose of the Militiæ of the Colony in the best way and mañer they can, for or defence and safety. The Gouverno^r or in his absence the Dep^t Gouverno^r are hereby impowered by their suñions to convene the s^d Committee, whoe being assembled, the s^d Committee or the major part of them assembled are impowered as aforesaid.*

It is ordered by this Court that the severall and respect-
[37] iue Troopes in this Colony with five hundred dragoones be prepared and fitted for service forthwith, and that all the Traine Bands in the severall plantations with their arms and ammunition be ready for service ; and the military officers of the severall companies to see their companiës compleated as afoars^d, upon the seuerall penalties expressed in the military lawes. The Dragoones are to be rayed upon the Countyes as followeth ; of Hartford county, one hundred and sixty ; of New Haven county one hundred and twenty ; of Fayrefeild, one hundred and twenty : of New London, one hundred.

It is allso ordered by this Court that in case of the approach of any enemie in any towne within this Colony, the Gouverno^r or Dep^t Gouverno^r and Grand Committee appoynted by this Court, so many of them as are present, before they departe shall appoynt such sufficient ayde to defend any place as shall be assaulted, with such ayde as they thinke fitt, which is to be in a readinesse at an hower's warning for a march, upon the call of the chiefe officer of any county.

In case any forces should be sent out of the county of Hartford for the releife of another county, this Court appoynts

* This was the first appointment, by the General Assembly, of a Grand Committee, or as it was afterwards termed, a Council of War, to whom, during the intervals between sessions of the Assembly, were delegated nearly all the powers and authority usually vested in that body. Of this Council, the Governor, Deputy Governor and Assistants were always constituted members, and to these were added from time to time, prominent military officers and influential citizens from the several counties.

Benjamin Newbery Captⁿ, Nicholas Olmstead L^{nt}, John Wadsworth Ensigne.

For the county of New London and such forces as shall be called out of that county, James Avery is appoynted Captⁿ, Tho: Tracey Liutenant, John Denison Ensigne.

For the county of New Haven, Mr. Rob^t Treat Captⁿ, Tho: Munson Liutenant, Sam^l Newton Ensigne.

For the county of Fayrefeild, Mr. Tho: Fitch Captⁿ, Jehue Burr Liutenant, Mathew Sherwood Ensigne.

Captⁿ John Tallcott is chosen Major, for the county of Hartford. Captⁿ Rob^t Treat is chosen Major, for the county of New Haven. Captⁿ Nathan Gold is chosen Major, for the county of Fayrefeild.

* This Court appoynted Mr. James Richards and Mr. Wm. Rosewell forthwith to goe to New Yorke with the letter which this Court hath prepared, and present the same to the commanders in chiefe at the Manathus, and to receiue their answer, and what their intentions are. And in case Mr. Rosewell should by any Prouidence be hindered attendance, Major Rob^t Treat is to supply the place of Mr. Rosewell.

The letter read in Court drawn up to be sent to the commander in cheife of the Dutch fleet rideing in Hudson's River at New Yorke, this Court orders that it be signed by the Secretary in the name and by order of the Gouvern^r and Gen^l Assembly.*

The Court adjourned till the Gouvern^r or Dep^t see cause to call them agayne.

THE GRAND COMMITTEE FOR THE ORDERING OF THE MILITIE
METT IN HARTFORD, AUGUST 11TH, 1673.

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOUVERN^r.

Wm. Lecte Esq^r, DEPT^t GOUVERN^r.

Mr. Sam^l Willys,

Mr. Wm. Wadsworth,

Major John Tallcott,

Captⁿ Benj: Newbery,

* The letter from the General Court, with the reply of the Dutch commanders, will be found in Appendix XIV.

Mr. Henry Woolcott,
Mr. John Allyn,

L^{nt} Tho: Munson.

Whereas the Gen^l Court hath ordered that five hundred dragoones be forthwith raysted to be ready upon an hower's warning to defend any place in this Colony assaulted by an enemy, and haue ordered that the forces raysted shall be under such commanders as they haue appoynted, The Grand Committee for the Militia being mett this day, ordered, that the constables of the respectiue plantations shall forthwith repayre to their cheife commanders of their Traine Bands, and choose so many meet persons as they are appoynted to, that they may be in a readiness fitted according to this following order, upon an hower's warning to march under the conduct of their cheife commanders hereafter named to defend any place assaulted as afoarsayd.

The proportion of dragoones for Hartford County is one hundred and sixty, under the conduct of Benj: Newbery Captⁿ, Nicholas Olmsted L^{nt}, John Wadsworth Ensigne. Hartford, forty fower; Windsor, thirty eight; Wethersfeild, thirty; Farmington, twenty two; Midleton, thirteen; Had-dum, nine; Simsbury, seven; Totall, 163.

The proportion of dragoones for New Haven County, under the conduct of Major Rob^t Treat, Thomas Munson L^{nt}, Sam^l Newton Ensigne, is, New Haven, fifty one; Milford, thirty; Pawgeset, three; Guilford, nineteen; Brandford, nine; Wallingford, eight: Totall, 120.

The proportion of Fayrefeild County, under the conduct of Tho: Fitch Captⁿ, Jehu Burr L^{nt}, Mathew Sherwood Ensigne, is, Fayrefeild, thirty eight; Stratford, thirty three; Standford, twenty fower; Greenwich, eight; Norwalk, seventeen; Ry, being near, is excused: Totall, 120.

[38] The proportion of New London County under the conduct of James Auery Captⁿ, Thomas Tracey Lieutenant, John Denison Ensigne, is, New London, twenty six; Stonington, nineteen; Lyme, tenn; Saybrook, seventeen; Kenilworth, eleven; Norwich, seuenteen: Total, 100.

It is ordered that each dragoone be prouided with a good sword and belt, and serviceable muskett or kirbine, with a

shott powch and powder and bullitts, viz: one pownd of powder made into cartiridges fitt for his gunn, and three pownd of bulletts fitt for their gunns, or pistoll bulletts; and a horss to expedite their march.

It is allso ordered that the place assaulted where the forces rayased are sent for to come, are to provide quarter for the souldiers they send for.

It is allso ordered that the chiefe officer in each county, upon any assault made upon them by an enemie, are hereby impowered to call in ayd from the rest of the counties for their assistance.

It is allso ordered that the dragoones rayased in the counties of New Haven, Fairefeild and New London, doe prepare a halfe-picke for each of their dragoones.

It is allso ordered that the commission officers of the dragoones in each county are hereby impowered to appoynt Sargants and inferior officers for their respectiue companies.

The Committee for the Millitiæ doe hereby appoynt Mr. Simon Woolcott and John Griffin to be those that shall command the Traine Band of Simsbury for the present, and vntill the Generall Court order otherwise or the people there make their choyse.

It is allso ordered that the clark of each county is appoynted to send coppyes hereof forthwith unto each town within their respectiue counties.

It is allso agreed that the Committee shall meet euery day, about sunn two howers high, till further order be giuen.

AT A GEN^l COURT HELD AT HARTFORD, OCTOBER 9th, 1673.

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOVERN^r.

Wm. Lect Esq^r, DEPT^t GOVERN^r.

Major John Tallcott,

Mr. Wm. Joanes,

Mr. Henry Woolcott,

Mr. Antho: Howkins,

Mr. John Allyn, *Sec^ry*,

Major Rob^t Treat.

Mr. James Bishop,

Deputies :

For Hartford; Mr. Wm. Wadsworth, Mr. Rich: Lord, *abs.*;
 For Wethersfeild; Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Mr. James Treaté;
 For Windsor; Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Deacon Jn^o Moore;
 For Farmington; S: Jn^o Wadsworth, S: Jn^o Standly;
 For Midleton; Mr. Giles Hamlin, Mr. Wm. Cheeny;
 For Saybrooke; L^{nt} Wm. Pratt, Sarg^t Wm. Parker;
 For Norwich; L^{nt} Tho: Tracey;
 For Fayrefeild; Mr. Jehu Burr *abs.*, Mr. John Banks;
 For Haddum; John Gilbert *abs.*, Georg Gates;
 For Stoneington; Mr. Tho: Stanton *abs.*, Mr. Tho: Wheeler;
 For Lyme; Mr. Math: Griswold, S: Reinold Marvin;
 For Norwâlke; S: Walter Hoyte, John Bowten;
 For New London; Captⁿ Edw: Palmes;
 For New Haven; L^{nt} Tho: Munson, Mr. Jer: Osborn;
 For Kenilworth; Mr. Edw: Griswold, L^{nt} Jos: Hull *abs.*;
 For Guilford; Deacon John Fowler, L^{nt} Wm. Seward;
 For Milford; L^{nt} Wm. Fowler, S: Tho: Campfeild;
 For Standford; John Green, *abs.*, Joseph Theale;
 For Greenwich; Mr. John Banks;
 For Stratford; Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Mr. Jos: Hawley;
 For Wallingford; Mr. John Moss, Mr. John Bracket;
 For Simsbury; Mr. Simon Woolcott, *abs.*, John Griffen;
 For Brandford; Mr. Willford, Dan: Swaine, *abs.*;

There was presented,—A certificate from N. Haven, Octobr 8, vnder the select men's hands, certifying they were furnished with powder and bulletts, according to law:—

A certificate from Milford, dated Octobr, '73, signified their towne's being furnished with powder and bulletts, according to law;—

A certificate from Windsor, Octobr 8, 1673, certified their stock of powder was 300^{lbs}, bullett 700^{lbs}.

The List of Persons and Estates are;—

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
of Hartford,	16857:	10:	0	Stratford,	08795:	08:	0
of Windsor,	13414:	00:	0	Brandford,	02592:	00:	0
New London,	08472:	00:	0	Greenwich,	02060:	05:	0

Midleton,	04951: 10: 0	Rye,	01767: 05: 0
Guilford,	06241: 08: 0	Norwich,	04590: 10: 0
Farmington,	06338: 00: 0	New Haven,	14290: 00: 0
Saybrooke,	05167: 00: 0	Fayrefeild,	10840: 16: 0
Millford,	09680: 00: 0	Stoneington,	06406: 00: 0
Kellingworth,	02516: 14: 0	Lyme,	02900: 00: 0
Standford,	05067: 09: 0	Haddum,	02013: 03: 0
Norwalke,	05000: 05: 0	Wethersfeild,	12107: 08: 2

[39] In answer to the petition of seuerall inhabitants of the towne of Farmington that Mattatock that those lands* might be granted for a plantation, this Court haue seen cause to order that those lands may be veiued sometime between this and the Court in May next, and that reporte be made to the Court in May next, whether it be judged fitt to make a plantation. The Committee appoynted are L^{nt} Tho: Bull, L^{nt} Robt Webster and Daniel Pratt.

Octo: 10. This Court confirms John Allyn, Captaine of Hartford Traine Band. This Court confirms Nicholas Olmstead, Liuetenant of Hartford Traine Band. This Court confirms John Stedman, Ensigne of Hartford Traine Band.

Leivtenant Olmstead laying down his place of Leiutenant, and John Stedman being chosen therevnto is now by this Court confirmed Leiutenant. And Thomas Watts is also confirmed Ensigne, in John Stedman's roome, being chosen therevnto.

Mr. John Clarke, in the behalfe of the towne of Saybrooke, appeales from the judgment of the Court of Assistants, Octob^r 7th past, in the case wherein the sayd towne of Saybrooke was plantife and Mr. Richard Ely def^{nt}, which was an appeale from the County Court of New London, June 3^d, 1673.

Octo: 11. The Court haueing heard the appeale, doe find

* So in the record. Mattatock, Mattituck, or Matitacook,—afterwards (May, 1686,) named *Waterbury*. The petition is signed by Thomas Newell, John Lankton, Daniel Warner, Abraham Andrews, Thomas Hancox, and twenty-one others; and is accompanied by a certificate from Thomas Newell, Sen., John Warner, Sen. and Richard Scymour, that having been "to view Matitacooke in referans to plantation [they] doe judge it capable of the same." [T. & Lands, I. Doc. 162, 163.]

that Mr. Ely hath not attended the awarde, to the forfeiting of his bond.*

The Court is adjourned till Munday next, nine of the clock.

Octo: 13. The Court mett according to the adjournment.

This Court appoynts Mr. Calkin and Mr. John Birchwood to lay out to L^{nt} Bull, &c. that grant of land which by way of exchang was granted to him, 2^d March, 165½,† by this Court, according to the grant.

This Court appoynt Major Rob^t Treat, Captⁿ Edward Palmes and L^{nt} Tho: Tracey, to vei^w the fence appoynted to Mr. Richard Ely, by the people of Saybrooke, for the fenceing of the co^mon feild, and state how much he should mayntayn, if he make choyse to fence in co^mon with the people of Saybrooke; as allso to sett down how much Mr. Ely shall fence, if he shall choose to fence in his neck of land distinct, to make it a distinct feild from that belonging to the sayd people of Saybrooke.

Whereas this Court haue fownd that Mr. Ely hath not attended his awarde in reference to fence, whereto he was obliged in the su^me of fiue hundred pownd, and the plantife haueing declared his charg expended in prosecution to be nine pownds, twelue and sixpence, as allso that Mr. Ely did not repayre or make sixty rod of fence that was set out to him by the towne of Saybrooke, for which this Court doe order Mr. Ely to pay to the sayd towne six pownd, which being payd with the charge, viz: nine pownd, twelue and sixpence, and the sayd Mr. Ely makeing the diuident fence or co^mon fence (which he shall choose,) according as shall be appoynted by Major Robert Treat, Captain Edward Palmes and Leiut^{nt} Tho: Tracey, and engaging to mayntayne the same, Mr. Richard Ely is freed from the forfeiture of his bond of fiue hundred pownd.

* A dispute having arisen between Mr. Richard Ely and the townsmen of Saybrook, respecting his proportion of fence on the Western Neck, and involving his title to certain lands claimed by him, the matter was referred to arbitration, Mr. Ely and the town mutually binding themselves, under a forfeiture of £500, to submit to the award which should be made by the arbitrators. [See Rec. of Court of Assists., I. 16; and the original files, in Pr.v. Controv. I. 139-161.]

† Col. Rec. I. 230.

14th. Seuerall Gentⁿ from Long Island appeared before the Court and requested advice and counsell from the Court, and presented seuerall papers for consideration to this Court.*

15th. In answer to Mr. Richeson's petition† this Court declares that the most ancient grants of land to perticular persons, which were made by the Court of the Massachusetts Colony or Conecticut, in the bownds of Stoneington, either on the west or east side of Pawcatuck River, shall be injoyed in their just and due proportion, when the particuler proprietors of those lands in differences shall appeare or some in their behalfe to assert the right of their grants, at the next General Assembly at Hartford in May next, for a full and finall confirmation of them; and in the meantime those that haue present possession shall not be molested therein till after that time.

16th. Joseph Pratt is propownded for a freeman.

Those propownded for freemen formerly are now accepted by this Court, and the Assistants or Commissioners in their respectiue townes are appoynted to administer the oath of freemen to them.

This Court grants a rate of a penny halfe penny vpon the pownd, of all the rateable estate in this Colony, to discharge Country debts.

[40] Those that are appoynted for nomination for the yeare ensueing are, Captⁿ Benja: Newbery, Captⁿ Edward Palmes, Captⁿ Tho: Topping, Captaine Wm. Curtice, Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott, Mr. Edward Griswould, Mr. Mathew Gilbert and Mr. Wm. Hill.

* "And being now in consultation upon the late overtures refering to the Dutch their surprisall of New Yorke and the places adjacent, and what was farther to be attended by us, there came vnto us of our dear countrymen and brethren of the east end of Long Island, Capt. John Howell, Capt. John Young and Mr. Tho: James, representatives of the three townes on the east end of Long Island, as appears from severall letters credentiall, accompanied with severall others whoe fully declared vnto us their dolefull and distressed estate by reason of the late threats and vsurpations of the Dutch, and have most affectionately petitioned us to afford them protection and government," &c. [Letter from the Gen. Court, to Massachusetts, Oct. 17.]

† Mr. Amos Richardson was a proprietor of lands in Stonington, and east of Pawcatuck River, under grants made by Massachusetts, before the surrender to Connecticut of the jurisdiction of the Pequot country. He now, in behalf of himself and others similarly interested, petitions the General Court for a confirmation of the Massachusetts grants, or "a determination whether those grants shall stand good to the grantees, provided that it doe not interfere upon any former grants by this Colony." [T. & Lands, I. 136.]

This Court grants the Deputy Gouvern^r, for a salery for this yeare, the sume of thirty pownds.

Mr. Willys, Major Tallcott and Mr. Allyn are by this Court appoynted to treat with Mr. Bishop, and to grant such consideration for his service and expence in the publique occasions as they judg meet.

This Court appoynts the first Wednesday in November next to be a pub: day of Thankesgiueing.

This Court appoynts Mr. Bishop, Mr. Woolcott & Mr. Allyn to audit the Treasurer's account for the yeare past.

Whereas Vncas is indebted to Major Tallcott in the sume of tenn pownds, this Court grants Major John Tallcott liberty to receiue two hundred acres of land for the same.

This Court appoynts Mr. John Moss and Mr. Brackett to lay out to Lieutenant Thomas Munson the grant of land granted to him by this Court, according to his grant.

Whereas there hath been a long difference between the town of New London and Lyme,* the Court haueing heard the same and to put a finall issue thereto, doe now order that the land betweene Saybrooke fiue miles and New London four miles, as it was last measured by James Steele, Nath: White and Hugh Wells, shall be equally diuided between the sayd towne of New London and the towne of Lyme; to be diuided between the sayd townes by Ens: Nath: White and Sarg^t Hugh Wells.

17th. This Court appoynts the Gouvernor, Deputy Gouvernor and Councill, or so many of them as can be procured to attend it, to take the most effectual course they can to recouer Moween, whoe was secured in the common goale upon suspicion of murthering a Pequit girle, that he may be brought to a legall tryall.

This Court order that the letter read in Court be by the Secretry signed in the name of the Court and sent to the Gouvernor and Generall Court of the Massachusetts.†

This Court confirmes Mr. Benj: Brewster, L^{nt} of New

* See pages 164, 174, ante; and Appendix, No. XII.

† See Appendix, No. XIV. (4.) The original draft is in Col. Boundaries, II. 17.

London Troop, and Mr. Daniel Mason, Quarter Master of the sayd Troope.

This Court grants Captⁿ Edward Palmes two hundred acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any plantation or perticuler person.*

This Court grants Mr. Simon Bradstreet two hundred acres of land, upon the same tearmes with Captⁿ Edward Palmes.†

This Court grants Mr. Samuel Martin one hundred and fifty acres of land, upon the same tearmes with Captⁿ Edward Palmes.

Captⁿ Wm. Curtice and L^{nt} Richard Olmstead are appoynted to lay out to Thomas Blachley or his assigne, his grant of land, according to his grant.

John Miles is confirmed Ensigne of New Haven Traine Band.

This Court confirms the Grand Committee appoynted by the Generall Court, August the 7th last, to be in full power and authority according to their commission till the Court in May next.

18th. This Court desire and impower the Gouverno^r, Dep^t Gouverno^r and Assistants, wth Captⁿ Benjamin Newbery and Mr. Wm. Wadsworth, or so many of them as shall meet together, upon the return of an answer from the colonies of the Massachusetts & Plimouth, with their aduice, consent and grant of assistance to protect the people of the east end of Long Island, and to establish Gouverment amongst them, to doe in the case what shall be needfull, so as may be most aduantageous for our own good and the good of the people afoarsayd, according to their good and sownd discession.

This Court orders and appoynts Mr. Sam^l Willys and Mr. James Richards to compare one of the Law bookes‡ wth the originall, and to see that the printer rectify the errataes according to his couenant.

* Sold by Mr. Palmes to Tho: Parkes, Sen^r ; to whom it was laid out, 1679, on Pachaug River. [Col. Rec. Lands, I. 454.]

† Laid out to Mr. B. on the east side Pachaug River. [Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 277.]

‡ For a notice of this Law book of 1673,—the first published revision of the Connecticut Laws,—see Appendix XV.

[41] This Court order that the Constables in the severall plantations shall publish in their respectiue townes or lawes as they are now printed, some time between this and the last of December next, and from that day they shall be accounted to be in full force and vertue.

This Court doth most affectionately recommend it to all the churches and townes throughout this Colony, most seriously to beare upon their hearts the troublesome and hazardous affayres and interests of the people of God throwout the world in generall, and in perticular our owne nation, and to obserue some day or dayes of Humiliation and Prayer this winter season, according as shall be agreed upon (most accomadateing to their own conveniences,) by the leaders ciuill and ecclesiasticall in each towne and societie, earnestly to implore the Lord to mayntayne his owne cause and the cause and interest of his people, as the matter doth or may require.

In answer to Mr. Groues and Mr. Hawley's petition, this Court haue thought meet to recoñend it to Mr. Jacob Walker, and doe aduise that he forbear troubleing the widow of Mr. Blackman in the improuement of those lands he layes clayme to, dureing her naturall life, which is no wayes contradictorie to the determination of the arbitrators; and his not doeing the same will not onely be greiuious to the widow but also not pleasing to the Court.

The Court's adjourned till the Gouvernor or Dep^t Gouvernor see cause to call them agayne.

Octobr 20. Vpon some intelligence from Long Island, the Gouvernor and Dep^t &c. called the Deputies to return to a farther consideration vpon what is now com to hand.

The Court voted that the letter read in Court be sent to the Gouvernor and Generall Court of the Massachusetts, a copy whereof is on file.*

This Court impowers the Gouvernor and Assistants present to write a letter to the commander of New Yorke; and

*The copy of this letter is not preserved.

leauē it to them to write as they see cause and judg convenient.*

The Court is adjourned till the Gouverno^r or Dep^t Gouverno^r see cause to call them againe.

AT A SESSION OF THE GENERALL COURTE BY SPECIALL
ORDER FROM THE GOUVERNO^r, NOU^r 26, 1673.

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOUVERN^r.

Wm. Leet Esq^r, DEP^t GOUVERN^r.

Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys,
Major John Tallcott,
Mr. Henry Woolcott,
Captⁿ John Allyn,

Mr. James Richards,
Major Rob^t Treatē,
Captⁿ John Nash,
Mr. Antho: Howkins.

Deputies.

Mr. Wm. Wadsworth,
Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott,
Mr. James Treat,
Captⁿ Benj: Newbery,
Deacon Jn^o Moore,
L^{nt} Tho: Munson,
Mr. Jeri: Osborn,
Captⁿ Wm. Curtice,
Mr. Jos: Hawley,
L^{nt} Josi: Hull,
L^{nt} Tho: Tracey,
L^{nt} Wm. Fowler,

The Gouverno^r having declared and giuen an acco^t of what hath been acted by the Committee since the Generall Court met last, The Generall Court by their vote declared they well approued of and confirmed the same.

Nou. 27. This Court by their vote determinated it was convenient to send a messenger to treat with the Gentⁿ in the Massachusetts, about the frameing an expedition against the Dutch.†

* A copy of the letter, dated Oct. 21st, is in Col. Boundaries, II. 18. The bearer, John Banks, was detained in New York, by Gov. Colve, some fifteen days, before he was allowed to return home. It does not appear that any reply to the letter was received from the Dutch commander. [Letter to Massachusetts, in Col. Bounds., II. 19.] See Appendix XIV.

† A special session of the General Court of Massachusetts was convened at Boston, December 10th. On receipt of letters from Connecticut, they ordered a ship and ketch to be forthwith fitted out from Boston, to cruise on the Massachusetts coast and towards Block Island, for the protection of New England vessels; and also ordered 560 foot soldiers and two troops of horse to be enlisted from that Colony, under the command of Major Daniel Denison, to be ready to march at two days' warning. [Letter from Massachusetts, in Col. Boundaries, II. 20.]

L^{ut} Wm. Seward,
 L^{ut} Wm. Pratt,
 Serj^t Wm. Parker,
 Deacon Jn^o Fowler,
 Serj^t Tho: Campfeild,
 Serj^t Walt^r Hoyte,
 Mr. Jos: Theall,
 Mr. John Bowton,
 Mr. Dan: Swaine,
 Corp^l Jn^o Gilbert,
 Mr. Wm. Cheeny,
 Mr. Math: Griswold,
 Mr. Dan: Witherly,
 Mr. James Rogers,
 Ens: John Wadsworth,
 Serj^t John Standly.

Nou. 28. Forasmuch as complaints are still made of intolerable insufficiencies and gross defects in armes and ammunition, especially in some countyes, w^{ch} in times of danger may be destructive to the estates, liues and liberties of the people of this Colony, notwithstanding all former lawes and orders, this Court sees it cause and case of necessity farther to order that there shall be a muster-master appoynted in each county, whoe giueing notice to the chiefe military officers of the seuerall Traine Bands when he will take his veiw of their armes, and the sayd cheife

military officers of the seuerall and respectiue Traine Bands in this Colony shall accordingly take order that notice be giuen of the place and time for all those whoe by lawe are required to prouide armes and ammunition, to appeare before the sayd chiefe military officers of the respectiue companies, and the muster-master; and whosoever shall then be fownd defectiue in their armes or ammunition, or not appeare, shall forfeit fīue shillings according to lawe, for euery defect; which fine shall be taken by distresse from authority, and deliuered to the cheife officers of each companỹ, by them to be improued for the use and behoofe of each companỹ. Besides all which, for the certainty of reparation of those defects without delay, there shall either security be giuen in to the sayd muster-master to haue the defects repayred by the day set him, or so much more of the delinquent's estate shall be seized and put into the sayd officer's hand as he conceiues meet to repayre the same, with all necessary charges thereabouts. But if aⁿy householder be fownd unable, the town must deposite for him untill he may repay them; and for single persons, the former order to take place. And the sayd muster master is to giue an accot^t after euery

such veiwe, how he findes things, vnto the Major or next cheife officer of their county respectiue. The muster-master for Hartford county shall be Ensigne John Wadsworth; for New London county, Leivtenant Tho: Tracey; for Fayrefeild county, Leivtenant Richard Olmsted. And the sayd muster-masters are ordered to attend this worke [42] once a yeare, || and to be sworne to a due execution of their office according to this order, and they shall be payd for euery veiwe of a companie, six shillings eight pence p^r day, to be payd forthwith by the cheife military officer's order from the clarke of each Traine Band. And the clarkes of the Traine Bands are to attend their respectiue places and duties as formerly, any thing in this order not wthstanding. The muster-masters are allso to veiwe the towne's stock of ammunition, and make return how they find the respectiue townes supplied.

Major John Tallcott was nominated and appoynted Commander in Cheife of such military forces as shall be rayseed in this Colony and sent against N. Yorke.

Major Rob^t Treat is nominated and appoynted the second Commander of such forces as shall be sent agaynst N. Yorke.

L^{nt} Tho: Bull is chosen Captain for such forces as shall be sent from Hartford county. Captⁿ John Nash is chosen Captain for such forces as shall be sent from New Haven county. Captⁿ Wm. Curtice is chosen Captain for such forces as shall be sent from Fayrefeild County. Leivtenant James Auery is chosen Captⁿ for such forces as shall be sent from New London county.

Mr. Thomas Trowbridg is chosen Commissary for this present expedition.

In consideration of the great expences that hath befallen this Colony by reason of the motions that haue been amongst us by reason of the enemie, this Court haue now seen cause to add a penny upon the pownd of all the rateable [*estates*] of this Colony, which makes with the former grant the Country Rate two pence halfe penny upon the pownd.

This Court desires and impowers the Gouvernor and Assistants to write a letter to the Gouvernor and Councill of the

Massachusetts, in the name of this Court, and the Secretary to subscribe it.*

This Court haueing seriously considered the present state of affayres in reference to those of the Dutch nation at New Yorke, whoe are not onely open and profest enemies to our nation, and in an hostill mañer haue inuaded part of his Maties Dominions in New England, but are still doeing acts of hostility and threaten more as they shall be able, seizing our vessells and shedding English blood, doe find orselues necessitated forthwth to rayse and send forth such forces, both by sea and land (in conjunction wth the rest of the Vnited Colonies,) as may defend or persons and estates both on the mayne and on the east end of Long Island from their outrages, and repress the power and violence of such a dangerous enemie; and accordingly are resolved, with all expedition, to attend the same, trusting in Allmighty God that he will bless and prosper us in this our righteous cause, being necessitated thereunto in our own just defence.† And in regard the management of this affayre requires speed and secrecy, which cannot be so aduantagiously carryed on by the whole Generall Court as by a smaller body, It is therefore ordered by this Court and the Authority thereof, that there shall be a standing Councell of Warr in this Colony for the management of this affayre, consisting of the Gouverno^r or Dept^t Gouverno^r and Assistants, Captⁿ Benjamin Newbery, Ens: John Wadsworth, Captⁿ Tho: Topping, L^{nt} Wm. Fowler and L^{nt} Tho: Munson, which sayd Councell vpon special order, (upon all occasions,) from the Gouverno^r or Dept. Gouverno^r or Secretary, by their or either of their appoyntment, shall be called to conveen at the time and place they shall appoynt; who being assembled, or the major part of them, they or any fīue or seuen of them concurring, the Gouverno^r or Dept. Gouverno^r being allwayes one, shall haue full power

* No copy of this letter has been preserved.

† The only reference to hostilities with the Dutch upon the eastern end of Long Island, which is now to be found in the State Files, occurs in a fragment of a letter from Capt. John Winthrop, dated at Southhold, Feb. 25th, 1673-'4. A copy of all of this letter which is now legible, is given in the Appendix XV. (No. 9.) It is much to be regretted that so interesting a paper should have suffered mutilation.

to act as a Councill of Warr in establishing or commission-ateing of millitary officers, in makeing of martiall lawes, in pressing of men, horses, ships, barques or other vessells, armes, ammunitiion, prouissions, carriages or whateuer they may iudg to be needfull for this present expedition; and all there actings in this concern to be valid as if done by the Generall Court of this Colony. And the Generall Court engageth to rayse, by rate upon the severall plantations in this Colony according to their severall proportions, such moneys as shall be necessary for the defraying the charge as shall be expended as afoarsayd. Which Councell, though it be one, yet must they act as seasons will permit and as the exigencie of cases may be first presented to New Haven or Hartford, each endeaunouring to com̃unecate to the other their inteligence and apprehensions of matters, with desire of their help, whether at Hartford or New Haven the meeting shall be so occasioned. This order to stand in force till the Gen^l Court in May next.

The Court is adjourned till the Gouverno^r or Deputy Gouverno^r see cause to call them.

[43] A COURT OF ELECTION HELD AT HARTFORD, MAY
14th, 1674.

*These were nominated for election :—*John Winthrop Esq^r, Wm. Leet Esq^r, Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Nathan Gold, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Captⁿ John Allyn, Mr. Wm. Joanes, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Alexand^r Bryant, Mr. James Bishop, Captⁿ John Nash, Major Rob^t Treat, Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Captⁿ Edw: Palmes, Captⁿ Tho: Topping, Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Mr. Edward Griswold, Mr. Math: Gilbert, Mr. Wm. Hill.

These were elected :

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOUVERNO^r. s.

Wm. Leet Esq^r, DEPT: GOUVERNO^r. s.

Assistants chosen.

Mr. Samuel Willys, <i>sworn</i> .	Mr. James Richards, <i>s</i> .
Major Nathan Gold,	Mr. Alexand ^r Bryant,
Major John Tallcott, <i>s</i> .	Mr. James Bishop, <i>s</i> .
Mr. Henry Woolcott, <i>s</i> .	Capt ⁿ John Nash, <i>s</i> .
Mr. John Allyn, <i>s</i> .	Major Rob ^t Treat, <i>s</i> .
Mr. Wm. Joanes, <i>s</i> .	Capt ⁿ Tho: Topping, <i>s</i> .

Major John Tallcott, *Treasurer*.

Captⁿ John Allyn, *Secret^y*.

The Secretary and Mr. James Richards were chosen Commissioners for the United Colonys, and Major Tallcott for a reservee.

The Deputies of the Court are,—

For Hartford ; Mr. Wm. Wadsworth, Mr. Rich^d Lord.
 For Wethersfeild ; Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Mr. James Treat.
 For Farmington ; Ens: John Wadsworth, Serj^t John Standly.
 For Middleton ; Mr. Giles Hamlin, Mr. Nath: White.
 For Milford ; Lⁿ Wm. Fowler, Mr. George Clark.
 For Stratford ; Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Mr. Jose: Hawley.
 For Standford ; Lⁿ Jonath: Bell, Abram Ambler.
 For Simsbury ; John Griffen.
 For Kenilworth ; Mr. Edward Griswold, Lⁿ Josi: Hull.
 For Wallingford ; Lⁿ Nath: Merriman.
 For Norwalke ; John Gregory, John Bowton.
 For Windsor ; Captⁿ Benjamin Newbery, Deacon John Moore.

For New London ; Major Edward Palmes.
 For New Haven ; Lⁿ Tho: Munson, Jeremy Osborn.
 For Guilford ; Deacon Wm. Johnson, Ens: John Graue.
 For Norwich ; Ens: Tho: Leffingwell, Simon Huntington.
 For Fayrefeild ; Mr. Jehu Burr, Mr. John Burr.
 For Saybrook ; Mr. Rob^t Chapman, Lⁿ Wm. Pratt.
 For Lyme ; Mr. Math: Griswold, Serj^t Reinold Maruin.
 For Haddum ; Mr. James Bates, Mr. Rich: Pyper.
 For Stonington ; Mr. Tho: Stanton, Mr. Nehem: Palmer.
 For Branford ; Mr. John Wilford, Daniel Swain.

[44] May 15. The Commissioners for the severall plantations, appoynted last May, are allso now confirmed for the
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yeare ensueing in their plantations, and invested with Magistraticall power within their respective limitts. Major Treat is desired and authorized to administer the oath of Assistants to Major Gold, Mr. Bryant and Captⁿ Topping, and of Commissioners to Mr. Hill, Mr. Burr, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Fitch, L^{nt} Olmstead, Mr. Lawes and Mr. Holly. Mr. Stanton to administer the oath of Commissioners to Mr. Minor; and one of the Assistants to L^{nt} Mason and L^{nt} Auery.

It is ordered that the thanks of this Court be returned to the Reverend Mr. James Fitch for the great paynes he hath taken in preaching the election sermon before this Court, and that he be desired to grant a copy of the sayd sermon that it may be printed; and the Treasurer is appoynted to defray the charge.*

This Court upon the information rec^d from the Honord^d Gouern^r and Councill of the Massachusetts of the peace concluded between England and Holland, with the Articles of Peace and the Proclamation, doe judg it necessary forthwith by some messengers to acquaint those of New Yorke with the sayd peace and proclamation, and doe appoynt Mr. Samuel Martin and Mr. Jonath: Sillick to be their messengers.

This Court approues of the Instructions drawn up for Mr. Martin &c., and of the letter for Mount^r Colve,† and order it to be signed by the Secretary in the name of the Court, and send away the same; the coppies whereof are on file.

May 16. The Court adjourned to Munday next.

May 17.‡ The Court being mett proceeded.

The Court findeing that the former order respecting sheep, the hearding of them together, made May last, hath not been duely attended by reason there is no penalty anexed to the sayd order, doe now order that such persons as shall neglect to put their sheep to the heard such sheep shall be lyable to be pownded; and for every sheep so pownded shall be payd to

* This is the first Election Sermon printed by order of the General Assembly.

† Anthony Colve, formerly captain of a company of Netherland infantry in the service of the States General, was commissioned (Aug. 12th.) by Evertsen and Benckes as Governor General of the New Netherlands. No copies of the letters to Mr. Martin and Gov. Colve have been preserved.

‡ There is an error here, in the date, which continues through the remainder of the session. Saturday, the day of adjournment, being the 16th, Monday should have been dated, May 18th.

the person that impownds them, without delay, two pence pr head.

Freemen propownded:—*Norwalke*, James Sension, Sam^{ll} Smith, John Benedict, Sam^{ll} Benedict and Ralph Kelor; *Milford*, Jonath: Balding, David Baldwin; *Windsor*, John Gillett, Thomas Buckland, Mr. John Fyler; *Simsbury*, John Slaughter.

Sarg^t Nath: Seely is by this Court appoynted to joyne with those formerly appoynted by this Court to lay out the bownds between Fayrefeild and Norwalke, in Mr. Hill's stead.

John Olmstead is by this Court confirmed Ensigne of the Traine Band of Norwalke.

This Court being acquainted of a difficulty in the passage between Kenilworth and Guilford, ouer Homonoscott Riuer, the road not yet being stated, haue now seen cause to state the road thorow Nath: Hayden's quarter, from the town of Kenilworth to the place where Wm. Steuens' Bridg stood formerly, which highway is to be a sufficient highway, not less than two rod wide; and in lieu thereof, this Court grants the quantity of two hundred acres of land to the persons concerned in that quarter, they to take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any perticuler person or plantation.

This Court grants the people of Wallingford liberty to build a bridg ouer New Hauen Riuer, in the most convenient place that may be for the generall and perticuler good; and this Court doth declare that their building the bridg there shall be no argument, or not improued as an argument to settle the mayntenance of the bridg upon New Haven or Wallingford, nor no way engage them thereunto.

[45] May 18. James Steele and Nath: Willet made a return to the Court, of their measureing and laying out the bownds of Farmington, which was approued by this Court and ordered to be recorded, and is as followeth:—

These may certify the Honoured Generall Court or whom els it may concern, that we whose names are here underwritten being appoynted by the Court afoars^d to measure or set

out to Farmington, ten miles sowthward from the Rownd Hill in the sayd Farmington meadow, we haue accordingly measured out the sayd ten miles sowth, to a tree marked F: B. I: S. I: W. May 7: 1672, which sayd tree stands on the west side of a swamp under the Hanging Hill, near the sowth end of the sayd hill.

James Steele, Nath: Willett.

Farther I being appoynted as afoars^d to measure the bredth of Farmington bownds, from Hartford bownds westward, haue accordingly measured out eleven miles from the afoarsayd Hartford bownds towards Mattatock, to a white oak tree marked with diuers letters and figures, as S: S. I: S. F: B. I: W. I: R. May 7: '73, with diuers other trees marked in the sayd line.

James Steele.

Although there haue been some objections against the countrye's accot that come from the constables of Fayrefeild, whereby they haue not been signed by the auditors, this Court passeth by what defects were therein, and impower the present auditors to pass those accot^s notwithstanding those objections.

This Court orders that there shall be a person chosen in each towne by the inhabitants thereof, who when any controuersie shall arise between the buyer and the seller concerning the fowlenes or badness of Corn and the unmerchantableness of Porek when payd by the pownd, to regulate and decide such controuersies.

It is ordered that there shall be a Hayward or Haywards chosen in each plantation in this Colony, who shall be sworn to a due execution of their office with this followeing oath:— You A. B. being chosen Hayward for the towne of H. doe sweare by the great and dreadfull name of the euerliueing God, that you will with care and dilligence attend the office you are chosen to, and execute the same without all partiality, according to your ability and as there shall be occasion for the same, so help you God.

The Committee appoynted by the Generall Court for the veiwing of Mattatock, returne that they judg it a suitable place to accomadate thirty famalies.*

* " April 6, 7, 8, 9, 1674. Wee whose names are underwritten (according to the desire and

This Court nominate and appoynt Major John Tallcott, L^{nt} Robt Webster, L^{nt} Nicho: Olmstead, Ens: Sam^{ll} Steele and Ens: John Wadsworth, to be a committee to regulate and order the settleing of a plantation at Mattatock in the most suitable way that may be.

May 19. Corporall John Bissell and Sam^{ll} Grant are nominated and appoynted to lay out to Timothy Phelps a grant of land formerly granted to his father (by this Court,) and passed ouer to him, according to his grant; as also they are to lay out to Benedict Alford his grant of land, according to his grant.

And Corporall Bissell and Tho: Bissell are appoynted to lay Mathew Grant's grant of land according to his grant.

This Court appoynts Ens: Nath: White and Deacon John Hall to lay out the line between Saybrooke and Kenilworth, and also to lay out the North line of Kenilworth from Saybrook lyne on the east till it meets with Guilford lyne on the west, according to their grant.

This Court appoynts Major Tallcott, Major Treat and Mr. Wm. Wadsworth, to be a committee to hear the Indian complaints and to draw the same to an issue, as near as they can, and to present the same to this Court for confirmation.

It appeareing to this Court that Joseph Smith, of Rocky Hill, had made some exchange of lands in Wethersfeild Island and the vpland, with his brother Jonathan Smith, for a parcell of land lying near Mile Meadow, which were not confirmed in the life time of the sayd Joseph Smith, this Court [46] haue now seen reason || to order that the relict of the sayd Joseph Smith be hereby impowered to confirm the sayd alienations or exchange, in behalfe of her husband who is deceased, and to receiue her brother's confirmation as afoarsayd.

appointment of y^e honoured Court) haue veiued y^e lands upon Mattatuck River, in order to a plantation. We doe apprehend that there is about six hundred acres of meadow and plowing land lying on both sides of y^e riuer, besides upland convenient for a towne plot, with a suitable outlet into y^e woods on y^e west of y^e riuer, and good feeding land for cattell. The meadow and plowing land abouewritten, a considerable part of it, lyeth in two peices near the town plot; y^e rest in smaller percels, y^e farthest of which we iudge not aboue fower miles from y^e towne plot, and our apprehensions are that it may accommodate thirty families.

Thomas Bull, Nicho: Olmstead, Robert Webster."

[T. & Lands, l. 164.]

The relict of Anthony Martin* is hereby authorized to confirm unto Ens: Nath: White one acre of meadow which her husband in his life time sold Ens: Nath: White, but confirmed not his sale before his death.

Whereas or neighbours on the east end of Long Island who were formerly associated with us, haue bin commanded by the Dutch to yeild their obedience and submission to their power, and were by them not onely threatened* with ruin by fire and sword but severall times assaulted with considerable force by the enemy, and had bin brought to oppressing straights by the sayd Dutch had not this Colony assisted them by force of armes, through the assistance and good prouidence of God, to the expelling of the enemy out of their coasts;† and the sayd people petitioning this Court for the continuance of them under their assistance and gouernment; in answer to the petition and application of the sayd Long Island Gentⁿ, representatiues for Sowthampton, East Hampton and Sowth Hold, the Court see cause to return as followeth, (viz:) That they doe owne and approue that those sayd townes shall continue in association with this Colony, and they shall therein be priuiledged orderly as other our inhabitants, upon all accounts, as farr as shalbe in our lawfull power from his Maties gracious grant in his Charter, and according to the order of the Committee impowered by the Generall Court in October last, wherby officers were then appoynted amongst them.

According to the order of this Court, Octobr last, the Reuerend Mr. Joseph Haines, for himselfe and the rest of the heirs of the Honoured John Haynes Esq^r, appeareing before this Court to present and assert their title and interest in a tract of land granted to the sayd Honoured Mr. John Haynes, the Court haueing heard, veiued and considered what hath been presented by the sayd Mr. Joseph Haynes, as also what hath been objected against the same by Mr. Simon Lynds, doe declare that they doe find the grant of the Generall Court to the Honor^d Mr. Haynes, June 30th, 52, which hath been fully

* Of Middletown; died, Nov. 16, 1673. [Prob. Rec. III. 123.]

† See letter from John Winthrop, in Appendix XIV. (7.)

stated by this Generall Court, measured and bownded out, possessed and improued by the sayd Mr. Haynes and his successors for many yeares, and that before the Honoured Captⁿ Gookins had any just pretence to the same. And therefore this Court doth declare that by what hath appeared, they cannot but conclude that it is the undoubted right of Mr. Haynes his children to be continued in the possession of the afoarsayd land granted to them at Pawcatuck on the east side of the sayd river, and doe accordingly confirm the sayd tract of land, as it hath been layd out to them by James Morgan and possesst by them, to remayn good to them, their heirs and assignes forever.

20. This Court, upon Wallingford's Deputies' motion and request, doe grant them a release from paying Country Rates for this present yeare.

This Court grants that Paumperaug and the plantation there shall be called by the name of Woodbury, which town is by this Court freed from Country Rates fower yeares from this date.

In pursuance of an order of the General Court, October last, this Court haueing heard what hath been presented by Mr. Simon Lynds, Mr. Roger Playstead, Mr. John Payne and Mr. Amos Richeson, in behalfe of himselfe and the Colledg, in refference to their clayme of lands about Mistick and Pawcatuck, haueing veiued their grants and what els hath been presented, doe see reason (haueing confirmed Mr. Haynes his grant on the east side Pawcatuck, to his successors likewise) to confirme the grants on the east side Pawcatuck River formerly made by the Massachusetts Honoured Generall [47] Court whiles Stoneington, formerly || Sowtherton, was under their gouernment, vnto Captⁿ Daniel Gooking, the Colledg, Captⁿ Prentice, Mr. Rawson, Mr. Mellowes, Mr. Dean Winthrop and Mr. Symonds, or to their assignes; allwayes prouided those grants doe not intrench upon former grants, and that they be regulated according to the number of acres granted [by] the Honoured granters, whether Massachusetts or Conecticut, and be sufficiently bownded and layed out within those tracts of land they haue formerly pitched upon,

within a twelue moneth from this day, as themselues may direct, lyeing together in a convenient form. And for the lands on the west side Pawcatuck, whateuer grants are there made by the Massachusets w^{thin} the limits granted to New London, whilst Mistick and Pawcatuck belonged to them, it is accot^{ed} to be of no value; but for what lands were granted to the Colledg and the Honor^d Mr. Dantforth without these limitts, if any be, which are now taken up and injoyed by the inhabitants of Stoneington, this Court see cause to propownd that they will be willing in regard of the charge such haue expended thereupon to grant some recompence in som other place for those grants, when it is propownded for to this Court.* Mr. Math: Griswold, L^{nt} Tho: Tracey and Ens: Thomas Leffingwell and Mr. Tho: Minor, they or any two or three of them are appoynted to lay out those lands accordingly, when called by the proprietors.

In refference to Wequapang neck or Musquetta claymed by Mr. Simon Lynd as assigne to Captⁿ Denison, this Court haueing heard their pleas and veiued what papers they presented doe find that the sayd neck of land was firstly giuen and layed out to the township of Sowtherton, now Stoneington, being within the bownds granted them by the Honoured Court of the Massachusets, therefore was at the sayd towne's dispose.

Vpon the motion of the Deputies of Haddum, this Court grants that the east end of the bownds of Haddum on the north side, shall runn east so farr as it makes their east bownds a north and sowth lyne, prouided they grant and allow Mr. Robert Chapman fifty acres of land by his house to the northward of his meadow, abutting on the great River, and three hundred acres of land more to be layd out to him by Ens: Nath: White and Deacon John Hall of Midleton, in som place as they shall iudg convenient for s^d Mr. Chapman and as litle prejudiciall unto the town as may be. It is also hereby declared that Mr. Rob^t Chapman haueing these tracts of land layd out to him, he doth and will relinquish all his clayme and pretences of clayme to any other land within the

* See Appendix, VIII.

township of Haddum, comonage for feed of cattell and priuiledge of getting timber, excepted.

This Court doth nominate and appoynt Captⁿ John Howell, Captⁿ John Younges and Mr. John Mulford to be Commissioners for the townes of Sowth Hampton, East Hampton and Southhold, and they are hereby impowered to keep a County Court in those townes as there shall be occasion, and they are invested with Magistraticall power.

[May] 21. We vnderwritten were appoynted by the Generall Assembly, October last past, to deuide that ouerplush land that was fownd between Lyme's five miles and New London's fower miles; accordingly we did, according to the Honoured Court's appoyment, diuide the sayd land to the best of our abillity, and there made a ditch about six foot long, upon a playn a little to the east of Leivtenant Bull his farme house, and at each end of the ditch we set up a stake and layd stones about the stakes; which equall diuission of the sayd land was made by us about the latter end of Nouember, 1673.

Nath: White, Hugh Wells. *Vera Copia.*

Vpon the motion of the Deputies of New London and Lyme, this Court remitts to New London and Lyme the fines that were set upon them for some disorderly carriage of some of their inhabitants.*

[48] Whereas it is sayd in the Law Title, Highways, fo: 28, that the suruayors haue power allowed to call out the seuerall persons &c. fit for labour, to worke at the highways &c.,—This Court declares that by persons for labour, in the sayd Law, is to be understood such as are of sixteen yeares of age and upwards till sixty.

22. This Court doth desire and impower Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott and the Secretary, they or any two of them, to goe ouer to Long Island as soone as they may, and are hereby impowered to order and settle the affayres of those people, and to establish such military officers amongst them as they shall see reason and judge necessary.

This Court orders that the clarkes of the Train Bands are hereby freed from traineing, watching and wardeing.

* See Appendix XII.

This Court in answer to Mr. Amos Richerson's petition, and to put an issue to all claymes of his on the west side of Pawcatuck River by vertue of grants from the Massachusets in behalfe of Mr. Dantforth or any other, this Court grants him three hundred acres of land where he may find it, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any plantation or perticuler person, and there be not above twenty acres of meadow land therein.

In answer to Mr. Lynds his petition, this Court aduiseth the town of Stoneington if there be any ouerpluss upon Squamacuk neck when his grant of five hundred is layd out, then to ad one hundred acres of land to the sayd five hundred, to be layd out with the former; and this advice being attended is to be a finall issue of that matter.

This Court grants the administratrix of the estate of John Wyatt, late of Haddum, to sell the land of her late husband there, provided there be sufficient security giuen for the payment of her children's portion.

Thomas Bissell and Sam^l Grant are by this Court apoynted to lay out to Goodman Buckland his grant of land to him, according to his grant.

Thomas Bissell and Sam^l Grant are by this Court apoynted to lay out to Sarg^t John Wadsworth his grant of land, according to his grant.

This Court grants Mr. John Porter a hundred and twenty acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant; and Tho: Bissell and Samuel Grant are to lay it out to him.

This Court grants John Bissell one hundred acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant.*

This Court grants John Standly one hundred and twenty acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant.

This Court grants Jeremy Gillett Sen^r fifty acres of land,

* This grant was, by the General Assembly, in 1736, ordered to be laid out to Daniel, son of John Bissell. [Col. Rec. V. 543: T. & Lands, VI. 81.]

provided he settles upon it, and takes it up where it may not prejudice any former grant.

In reference to the satisfying some debt that the Governor contracted when he was procuring our Charter, this Court grants that there shall be payd a penny upon the pownd of all the rateable estate in this Colony yearly, for three yeares next ensueing, to be payd as the Country Rate is to the Governor or his assignes.

Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, Mr. John Wadsworth and Mr. John Allyn are by this Court appoynted to be a committee to consider of and dispose of some tracts of land to the best aduantage for the Countrey in procuring estate for them.

The petition of the inhabitants of Wickford being read was well accepted, whereupon this Court doth nominate and appoynt the Honor^d Dep^t Gouvern^r Wm. Leete Esq^r, Mr. James Richards and Major Edward Palmes to trauell to Wickford and to assert and settle Gouverment there: they are also impowdered there to keep a court, and to state Com^{rs} in [49] that plantation and those parts; || and Mr. Richard Smith is appoynted to be a Commissioner and the president of such court as shall occassionally be kept there; and the sayd Gentⁿ are to swear such Com^{rs} and constables as shall be appoynted by them in those partes.*

Major Edward Palmes is invested with Magistraticall power throughout New London County and the Narrogan-cet country.

This Court appoynts the last Wednesday in June next to be kept a day of publique Thankesgiving throughout this Colony.

* The petition of the inhabitants of Wickford does not appear, among the State Files. A "List of Families" in that town, June, 1674, which was probably made by order of the Connecticut Commissioners, is in Col. Boundaries, 1. 97. It contains the names of 57 persons. On the back of this document, is an endorsement in the hand-writing of Dep. Gov. Leete,—apparently the commencement of a proclamation or address to the people of Wickford,—as follows: "Wickford, June 12. 1674. We the Com^{rs} from y^e Gen^l Cort of Connecticut, according to our Commission from the said Gen^l Cort dated May y^e 14, 1674, (notwthstanding the tumultuous interruption given vs by the Gov^r & Magistrates of Road Island in or p^rsent p^rceedings vnto such effect of doeing as was intended by vs for the good of the inhabitants here, agst w^{ch} we have p^rtested to y^r faces,) yet doe we hereby constitute & declare Mr. Richard Smith to be"—

This Court orders that the constables of the seuerall plantations shall forthwith take care that the Law Bookes be disposed to the people in their seuerall plantations, according to former order; and those constables whoe haue receiued too many bookes are to return them to the Secretary, and those that want law bookes are to take care to procure so many as answer the former order; and the constables are to gather the pay for the law booke, and are hereby ordered to distrein those that do not pay according to former order, and this to be attended forthwith.

This Court desires Mr. Eliphalet Joanes to take the paynes to dispence the word of God to the people of Rye once a fortnight on the Lord's Day, till the Court, October next, and then this Court will take further order concerning them and for Mr. Joanes satisfaction.

This Court desire and impower Mr. Willys and the Secretary to improue John Gallop or some other suitable persons to goe over to Block Island to attach Moweem who murdered a Pequitt girle, and to bring him to the common goale to be continued in durance for a tryall.

This Court ordered that the agreement between New Haven, Milford, Brandford and Wallingford, about their bownds, be recorded with the records of this Court,—and is as followeth :—

Concerning the line for bownds between the townes of New Haven and Milford, This writeing sheweth that all differences thereabout are issued and agreements made and concluded by persons deputed and sent from each towne, whose names are underwritten, which is as followeth : That from the sea at the mouth of Oyster River, the sayd River shall be the bownds up and unto the head of that meadow; and from the head or upper end of the Oyster River meadow, a straight lyne unto the top of the halfe-way hill, where there is a white oake tree marked and stones cast at the roote of it; and from that marked tree upon the sayd hill, a strait line to New Mill Swamp stone which lyeth by a swamp side between Dogbur[y] playne and a playne at the upper end of Wallnutt-tree Hill; and from the sayd stone, a strait line to a white oak tree upon Homes his race, which tree is marked and stones cast at the root of it, and is six score rod west-

ward from the eastern branch of Milford Mill River; and from the sayd tree upon the race, a straight lynce upward into the country, that runeth upon a smale run of water that cometh off Homes his forte, and unto a great stone or rock which lyeth in the sayd run of water about two or three rod distant from its fall into a brooke which cometh fromwards the Rownd Hill, and runeth towards Nagantucks.

Subscribed the first of May in the yeare one thousand six hundred seventy two.

From New Haven.

John Nash
John Cooper I C his marke
Wm. Tuttell
Jeremy Osborne
Jn^o Miles
John Clarke.

From Milford.

Benjamin Fenn
William Fowler
Thomas Wheeler T his marke
Daniel Buckingham
the mark of H Henry Bochford
Samuel Buckingham
Samuel Burwell
Elnathan Bochford
Siluanus Baldwin.

Memorandum. Because the writeing on the other side was not fully understood by all parties, therefore as a supplement thereunto it is now agreed by the persons whose names are underwritten for and on the behalfe of each of their townes, (viz: New Haven and Milford,) that from the stone or rock that lyeth in the runn of water that cometh off Homes [50] his forte mentioned on the || other side, a strait line upwards into the countrey, which lynce shall run upon the rock or stone called the Beacon, which lyeth upon the vpper end of the hill called Beacon Hill, and from thence to the end of the bownds (according to the grant of the Generall Court,) to a heap of stones lyeing at three chesnut trees growing from one roote, being on the next hill called the Reare Hill; and this to be the end and finall issue of all differences respecting the sayd lynce and bownds between the sayd townes for ever, according to the seuerall stations mentioned in the agreements. As witnesse our hands this three and twentieth day of March, in the yeare one thousand six hundred and seuenty three or seauenty fower.

From Milford.

Robert Treate,
Daniel Buckingham,
Siluanus Baldwin.

From New Haven.

John Nash,
Jeremiah Osborne,
John Milles,
Daniel Sherman.

Whereas there hath been a difference between the inhabitants of New Haven and the inhabitants of Brandford about the diuideing bownds between each plantation, and the inhabitants of N. Haven afoarsayd haueing chosen and impowered James Bishop, L^{nt} Thomas Munson, Wm. Andrews, John Moss and John Cooper, Senior, on their part, and the inhabitants of Brandford afoarsayd haueing chosen and impowered Mr. John Wilford, Thomas Blachley, Michael Tayntor, Thomas Harrison and Sam^{ll} Ward on their part to issue the sayd difference in refference to the sayd bownds, the sayd persons aboue named (excepting John Cooper, in whose roome Mr. Wm. Tuttell was desired by the authority of New Haven,) being mett together, this fifth day of October, 1669, and after a full debate and consideration of the case, for the preserueing of loue and peace and the preuenting of trouble for the future between them that haue hitherto been loueing neighbours, haue condesended so far each to other as to agree about the premises as followeth, viz. That from the river formerly called in an agreement, Tapamshashack (with the exception of meadow therein expressed,) the great pond at the head of the Furnace shall be the bownds so farr as it goes; and from the head of the sayd pond that a straight line be drawn to the east end of a Hassukque meadow out of which a brooke called Hercules Brooke runs into Muddy River; and from the east end of the sayd meadow to runn a north lyne, with the just variation according to the country, unto the end of the bownds of Brandford afoars^d, that is ten miles from the sea, according to the order of the Generall Assembly. In Testimonie whereof we haue set to our hands, the day and yeare aboue written.

John Wilford,
Tho: Blachley,
Mich: Tayntor,
Tho: Harrison,
Sam^{ll} Warde.

James Bishop,
Thomas Munson,
William Andrews,
William Tuttell,
John Mosse.

This writeing sheweth to all whome it may concerne, that all differences respecting the line or lines for bownds between the townes of New Hauen and Wallingford are foreuer ended, and agreements made and concluded by persons deputed for and by each towne whose names are underwritten, which agreements are as followeth, viz: That Wallingford bownds on the east side of the east river shall be from Brandford lyne northerly to Wharton's Brooke, where it crosseth the sowth branch of the sayd brooke and thence as the brooke runs into the East River; and from the mouth of the sayd Whar-

ton's Brooke where it falleth into the sayd East Riuer, the s^d East River to be the bownd or line upward, vntill it come as high as the Blew Hills and against a tree marked on the west side of the River, with a heap of stones caste at the roote of it; and from the sayd tree with stones at the root of it, a streight line westward to New Haven Mill River, where there is a tree marked and a heap of stones at the root of it, being about two miles and an halfe aboue the Blue Hills; and from the sayd tree and heap of stones by the sayd Mill [51] River, a straite line west and by north to the || path which lyeth from Milford to Farmington, by which path is a tree marked and stones cast at the root of it. To declare this to be our firm and full agreement, wee subscribe our hands, this 12th day of May, in the year of o^r Lord one thowsand six hundred seuenty fower.

From Wallingford:

John Brockett,
Samuel Andrews,
Nathaniel Roise.

From New Haven:

The marke of John I C Cooper, Sen^r,
Moses Mansfeild,
Abram Dickerman.

The Court is adjoined untill the Gouvernor or Dept^r Gouvernor see cause to call them together.

A GENERALL COURTE HELD AT HARTFORD, OCTOBER 8th,
1674.

Wm. Leete, Esq^r, DEPT. GOV^r,

Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys,

Major Nathan Gold,

Major John Talleott,

Mr. Henry Woolcott,

Captⁿ John Allyn, Sec^y.

Mr. James Richards,

Mr. Wm. Joanes,

Mr. James Bishop,

Captⁿ John Nash,

Major Rob^t Treat.

Deputies:

For Hartford; Mr. Wm. Wadsworth, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

For Windsor; Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Deac: John Moore.

For Wethersfeild; Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallecott, Sarg^t John Nott.

For N. Haven; L^{nt} Tho: Munson, Mr. John Cooper.

For Fayrefeild; Mr. John Bankes, Mr. John Wheeler.

For New London; Major Edw: Palmes.

For Farmington; Ens: Sam^{ll} Steele, Ens: John Wadsworth.

For Stonington; Captⁿ Georg Denison, Mr. Nehe: Palmer, *abs.*
 For Milford; Mr. Georg Clarke, Mr. Thom: Campfield.
 For Wallingford; Mr. John Bracket.
 For Saybrook; L^{nt} Wm. Pratt, Sarj: Wm. Parker.
 For Kenilworth; Mr. Edward Griswold.
 For Norwich; L^{nt} John Mason, Ens: Thom: Leffingwell.
 For Guilford; L^{nt} Wm. Seward, Dea: Jn^o Fowler.
 For Stratford; Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Mr. Jos: Hawley.
 For Midleton; Mr. Nath: White, Dea: Sam: Stockin.
 For Brandford; Mr. John Wilford, Mr. Dan: Swain.
 For Norwalke; Sarj: Walter Hoyte, Daniel Kellog.
 For Haddum; Ens: Jarrad Spencer, George Gates.
 For Standford; Joseph Theale, John Green, *abs.*
 For Greenwich; L^{nt} Jonath: Lockwood.
 For Rye; Mr. John Ogden.
 For Lyme; Mr. Reinold Maruin.
 For Simsbury; John Case.

The List of the seuerall plantations are as followeth:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Hartford,*	16334:	00:	0	Norwalk,	04979:	00:	0
Windsor,	13657:	00:	0	Norwich,	04542:	00:	0
Wethersfeild,	11614:	00:	0	Standford,	05719:	15:	0
Farmington,	06285:	00:	0	Greenwich,	01915:	00:	0
Midleton,	04725:	00:	0	Rye,	01944:	00:	0
Haddum,	01963:	06:	0	Fayrefeild,	10938:	13:	0
New Haven,	14881:	00:	0	Stratford,	07221:	00:	0
Milford,	09944:	12:	0	Stoneington,	07402:	00:	0
Brandford,	02870:	00:	0	New London,	09211:	00:	0
Guilford,	06443:	00:	0	Lyme,	03209:	00:	0
Kenilworth,	02590:	18:	0	Saybrook,	05073:	00:	0

Mr. Richard Bryant his attourney appeales from the judgment of the Court of Assist^{ts}, this instant October, to this Honoured Court, which action was thus entered at the Court of Assist^{ts},†—Mr. Edward Barker, plantif by way of appeale from the County Court of New Hauen, June 10: 74, Mr.

* Supply the words "persons and estates are," after the name of each town.

† Rec. of Co. of Assist's, I. 19.

Richard Bryant, defendant. The action thus entered at the County Court of New Hauen, June 10: 74; Mr. Rich^d Bryant, pln^{tf}, Mr. Edward Barker, def^{nt} in an action of reveiw from the judgment of the Court, Nou^r 12: 1673, in an action of the case, for debt due from the sayd Richard Bryant to him the sayd Barker, for certa^{ine} goods] or wares by him received [52] from him, together || with damage for non-payment in due time, to the value of seventy pownds. In this action the Jury at the Court of Assistants fownd for the plantife sixty pownds and cost of Court. This Court haueing heard and considered this appeale, doe declare that they doe find for the defendant, that Mr. Richard Bryant shall pay unto Mr. Edward Barker the defendant, the su^{me} of fifty pownds and costs of courts, for journey and attendance, 20s. this Court and Court of Assis^{ts}, and for the Court of Assis^{ts}, thirty shillings, and New Haven County Court, one pownd seven shillings and two pence. *Execution deliuered, Decemb^r 16: 74, for fifty-three pownds, seventeen shillings & two pence.*

The last Wednesday in October is by this Court appoynted to be kept a day of publique Thankesgivinge throughout this Colony, to prayse God for the continuance of his merey and goodness to the English nation, in so signally a freeing us from those eminent dangers of warr which did surround them, and in granting us, the people of this Colony, the injoyment of his holy word and ordinances, with peace, when others more deserueing then ourselues are deprived of such precious liberties, and for that health which hath been continued in our plantations, and the comfortable harvest the Lord hath been pleased to grant unto us.

This Court grants a rate of a penny upon the pownd of all the rateable estate in this Colony, to defray the country charges, to be gathered with the former penny rate (granted by this Court, May last,) by and according to the Treasurer's order.

Captⁿ Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. James Bishop, Mr. Jehu Burr, or Mr. Dan^l Burr, they or any three of them, this Court appoynted to audite the Treasurer's acco^{ts}.

The Treasurer of the County of New London informing

this Court that the County Marshall of that County hath layd down his place and that there is great occasion of such an officer there to gather rates and fines at present due to that county treasure, and no County Court being likely to sit there speedily, it is now ordered by this Court that Samuel Starr shall be and remayn the Marshall of that county, till the County Court shall otherwise order.

This Court grants Joshua, Sachem of Nyantick, liberty to purchass two horses, the one for himselfe and the other for his Interpreter, that they may be the better capacited to attend their meetings with Mr. Fitch; the markes of the horses to be entered at Norwich with the recorder there.

This Court grants Thomas Stafford fifty acres of land provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any particular person or township. Mr. James Morgan and Ens: Tho: Leffingwell are appoynted to lay out to Thomas Stafford his grant.*

Those appoynted for nomination in May next are,—Major Edward Palmes, Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Mr. Math: Gilbert, Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, L^{ut} John Mason, Mr. Sam^{ll} Talleott, Mr. John Wilford, Mr. Sam^{ll} Shearman.

This Court granted the continuance of the Dep^t Gouvernors salary of thirty pownds, for this yeare ensueing.

This Court upon good consideration see cause to grant Major Gold his Country Rate for this yeare.

This Court orders that the next General Trayneing be of the county of New Haven, and then New London, and then Fayrefield.

This Court orders that the County Towne's traine band in each county shall be deemed the eldest company in their regiment, and shall accordingly lead, except the Major have a peculyer company belonging to himselfe, in which case they shall lead at all Generall Musters.

Wm. Lewes is by this Court approved Captⁿ of Farmington Traine Band, and Sam^{ll} Steele, Liuetenant, and John Standly, Ensigne.

* Assigned by Thomas Stafford, in 1677, to Wm. Billing, then of Stonington,—to whom it was laid out, Nov. 1677, at or near Pachaug. [Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 446.]

[53] Mary Dowe, of Hartford, informeing this Court that her husband being gon to sea and not being heard of for near two yeares, and leauing her destitute of supplyes necessary for the mayntenance of herselfe and children, she is fallen into debt and knowes not how to pay the same without it be by the sale of her house and lott, and therefore desired this Court to impower her so to doe,—The Court considering the premises doe see good reason to grant her desire, and doe accordingly giue her full power to grant, bargain and sell the sayd house and lott, and her deed therein shall be esteemed good and valid in the law.

The petition of Major Nathan Gold, Mr. Wm. Hill and Mr. Jehu Burr, being duely considered, this Court see good reason to approue of what the County Court of Fayrefeild haue done, in setleing and passing over Henry Greye's farme, at Maxemus,* to Joseph Lockwood the heir of Robert Lockwood, it being the most prudent course in present veiw to reserve any estate for the children of the sayd Grey, and the onely way to pay those just debts which sayd Grey had contracted; and doe therefore hereby impower the administrators of the sayd Henry Greye's estate, by a firm deed of sale, to pass ouer the sayd Grey's farme at Maxemus to the sayd Joseph Lockwood the heir of Rob^t Lockwood; and their sayd deed being made, signed, sealed and deliuered according to law, shall be sufficient for the holding of the sayd farm to the sayd Lockwood, his heirs and assignes forever.

Whereas there are debts due to the country and perticular persons from the estate of Thomas Roode more than his personall estate amounts unto, this Court impowers the administrators of the s^d estate to bargain and sell so much of the land as may with his personall estate pay the just debts due to the country and perticular persons. This Court doth now accept of fifteen pownds, when it is payd, from the estate of the sayd Roode for what he owes to the country, and the rest of the estate to be dissposed according to the order of the County Court of New London to the children of sayd Roode.

* Maxemus,—otherwise called, *Bankside*. Henry Gray was one of the first "five farmers" who settled there and enclosed lands. See note on page 58, ante.

It is ordered by this Court that after the publication hereof no innholder or alehouse keeper shall sell any cider, greater or lesser quantity, aboue fowerpence a quart. And it is allso ordered that no innholder or alehouse keeper shall retale any liquors aboue fowerpence a gill and so after that rate for greater or lesser quantities.

This Court doe desire Mr. Willys, Major Tallcott, the Secretry, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Wm. Wadsworth and Mr. Richard Lord to be a committee, with the Honoured Gouernor, to consult of some way to promoate the pub: good and to take such advice therein as they judg most suitable, and to present this Court in May next with what they shall conclude of.

This Court doth appoynt L^{nt} Tho: Tracey and Ens: Tho: Leffingwell to lay out to Major Edward Palmes his grant of land, according to his former grant, and to Mr. Samuel Stone or his assigne the remaynder of his grant according to his grant.

This Court in answer to Mr. John Blackleach Jun^r his petition, grant him two hundred acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any plantation or perticular person.

This Court desire and impower Captⁿ John Allyn, Mr. James Bishop, Major Robert Treat, with Mr. Gold, to improve there best abillities and endeauours to setle an accomodation between the people and minister of Fayrefeild, that so if it be the will of God, Mr. Wakeman may continue in his worke there; and to endeauour allso the obteyning and settling of a minister at Rye.

Major Tallcott, Mr. James Richards and the Secretry are by this Court desired to take the paynes to endeauour an accomodation between the people of Farmington and Simsbury, in refference to the fenceing of their meadowes, and some course to preuent damage to their cattell and meadowes.

This Court grants Mr. Edward Griswold the quantity of two hundred acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant.*

* Laid out, "at the north end of Lyme bounds," May 3d, 1682. [Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 329.]

Mr. Moss and Mr. Bracket are appoynted to lay out to L^{ut} Tho: Munson his grant of land, according to his grant.

This Court grants Mr. Tho: Hanford two hundred acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant. Mr. Bankes and Captⁿ Curtice are appoynted to lay out this grant, according to the grant.

Mr. John Bankes and Mr. John Wheeler are by this Court appoynted to lay out to Captaine Curtice his grant of land, according to his grant.

[54] This Court grants Samuel Eldred the sume of twenty nobles for his good service in doing and suffering for this Colony.*

This Court grants unto John Plumbe eighty acres of land to be to him and his children and their heires forever, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant; and Marshall Jonath: Gilbert and James Steele are appointed to lay out to him his grant according to his grant.†

This Court grants unto Captⁿ John Nash the sume of three hundred acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant.

This Court grant unto Mr. John Bishop, of Standford, two hundred acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant.

This Court reserves a mile of the reare of Stoneington bownds, the whole bredth, to be kept for the Court's farther and other dispose.

This Court orders that the Country Rate shall be payd in wheat, pease and Indian Corn, a third of each, or porck by the barrell, where corn is not to be had; the wheat, fower shillings the bushell; peas, three shillings pr bush::; Indian, two and sixpence pr bushell; and porck good and merchantable, at three pownds the barill, being well repact by the packer and marked with his marke.

It is ordered by this Court that when the Constable is

* Samuel Eldred, was appointed by the Connecticut commissioners, in June, 1670, constable at Wickford. In July following, he was arrested and imprisoned by the authorities of Rhode Island. [Doings of Comm'rs, in Col. Bound's. I. 74.]

† See John Plumbe's petition, (Oct. 12th, 1674,) in T. & Lands, I. 165.

forced to distrein for the Country Rate, whatsoeuer estate he leuyes he shall sell it by an outcry to purchase the speeie the Court orders the Country Rate to be payd in. The like course he shall take and so dispose of such estate as is presented for the payment of the Country Rate, for to procure the speeie the Court appoynts.

This Court appoynts Mr. John Bankes, L^{nt} Jonath: Sillick, L^{nt} Jonathan Lockwood and L^{nt} Joseph Orton, or any three of them, forthwith to runn the lyne between this Colony and the Colony of New York, from Momoronock Riuer to Hudson's Riuer.

This Court being made sensible of the great damage that may accrue to the publike by a liberty or boldness which some persons may take to themselues (when imployed by order of authority for the convayance of letters, post, and other important occasions of this Colony) by profuse and extrauigent spending at the ordinaries and other places on the road upon the countrye's accot, and allso by great delays on journeyes very prejudiciall to the Colony, which willing to prevent, doe therefore order that the allowance for those persons (who shall be imployed on such seruices) for their wages and expences of themselues and horses shall be as followeth, from the first of May to the midle of October:—

From Rye to Hartford, the horss hyer twelue shillings, the man and expences twenty shillings; all is one pownd twelue shillings:

From Greenwich to Hartford, the horse hyer ten shillings sixpence, the man and expences seuenteen shillings; all, one pownd seven shillings and sixpence:

From Standford to Hartford, the horse hyer ten shillings, the man and expences seuenteen shillings; all is one pownd seuen shillings:

From Norwalk to Hartford, the horse hyer nine shillings, the man and expences fifteen; all is one pownd fower shillings:

From Fayrefeild to Hartford, the horse hyer eight shillings, the man and expences thirteen shillings sixpence; all is one pownd, one shilling and sixpence:

From Stratford to Hartford, the horse hyer seuen shillings, the man and expences twelue shillings; all is nineteen shillings:

From Milford to Hartford, horse hyer six shillings, the man and expences tenn shillings; all is sixteen shillings:

From New Haven to Hartford, the horse hyer five shillings, the man and expences eight shillings sixpence; all is thirteen shillings sixpence:

From Wallingford to Hartford, the horse hyer fower shillings, the man and expences six shillings; all is tenn shillings:

From Brandford to Hartford, the horse hyer five shillings, the man and expences eight shillings; all is thirteen shillings:

[55] From Guilford to Hartford, the horse hyer five shillings, the man and expences eight shillings; all is thirteen shillings:

From Kenilworth to Hartford, the horse hyer five shillings, the man and expences eight shillings; all is thirteen shillings:

From Saybrook to Hartford, the horse hyer five shillings, the man and expences eight shillings sixpence; all is thirteen shillings sixpence:

From Lyme to Hartford, the horse hyer five shillings, the man and expences eight shillings and sixpence; all is thirteen shillings sixpence:

From New London to Hartford, the horse hyer eight shillings, the man and expences eleuen shillings; all is nineteen shillings:

From Stoneington to Hartford, the horse hyer nine shillings, the man and expences thirteen shillings sixpence; all is one pownd two shillings sixpence:

From Norwich to Hartford, the horse hyer six shillings, the man and expences eight shillings; all is fowerteen shillings:

From Haddum to Hartford, the horse hyer fower shillings, the man and expences six shillings; all is tenn shillings:

From Midleton to Hartford, the horse hyer two shillings, the man and expences fower and sixpence; all is six shillings sixpence:

From Wethersfeild to Hartford, the horse hyer sixpence, the man and expences one shilling; all one shilling sixpence:

From Windsor to Hartford, the horse hyer one shilling, the man and expences one shilling sixpence; all is two shillings sixpence:

From Farmington to Hartford, the horse hyer one shilling sixpence, the man and expences two shillings sixpence; all is fower shillings:

From Simsbury to Hartford, the horse hyer one shilling sixpence, the man and expences two shillings sixpence; all is fower shillings:

From Windsor to Springfield, the horse hyer three shillings, the man and expences fower shillings sixpence; all is seuen shillings sixpence.

And from the midle of October to the last of Aprill to be eight pence more than the aboue, for euery night they lye out, for oates to the horses, wherein great care is to be had by the ordinary keepers, that hyred horses are not deprived of their allowance. Allso, the differences in the abouesayd sumes is to be the stated wages from towne to towne, if they goe not to Hartford; and the like proportion by the mile to those whoe shall be imployed in this Colony where their wages is not stated.

It is further ordered that all posts their ferridge shall be on the country account, and that the ordinary keepers in the respective plantations shall provide suitable accomadations for men and horse, whose allowance for the man by the meale shall be sixpence, and for the horse at grass, fower pence a night, and for oates, fower pence the halfe peck, and for hay the night, fower pence.

It is also ordered that whosoener upon these tearmes shall unnecessarily stop or detayne his journey forth or back, or shall be necessarily stopped or detayned by authority or other just occasion, such person or persons shall beare penalty or receive recompence extraordinarily as the authority who sent them shall judge right to be abated or augmented in his wages.

Whereas the law for upholding a good breed of horses amongst us, orders that all horses of two years old and upwards, under thirteen hands high, which are kept in the commons, shall be gelt, which law is not duely attended by the owners of such horses, it is therefore ordered by this Court that the selectmen in each plantation shall haue power to appoynt two or three meet persons to fetch in all such horses within their commons as are not according to the sayd lawe, and to geld them, which is to be done in the moneths of Aprill, May, August and September (to preuent danger by the heat or coldness of the weather,) who shalbe allowed for their paynes of fetching them and gelding them eight shillings pr head, to be paid by the owners thereof, and upon neglect or refusall the selectmen are hereby impowered to

make sale of the sayd horses at an outcry, to defray the sayd charge, and to return the ouerpluss to the owner thereof.

This Court takeing notice of an ill practice that is groweing amongst us by people who when they haue their cattell or swine impownded and haue notice of the same, yet suffer [56] them there to continue to the great greife of the beholders, trouble of the pownd keeper and too much suffering of the creatures, which this Court being willing to prevent, doe order that whatsoever person or persons shall haue notice of his cattell or swine being impownded and doth not within twenty fower howers after notice of the same redeem them out of the pownd, he shall forfeit for the same two shillings a head for euery beast so continued in pownd and so two shillings a day for euery day after he shall suffer them to continue in pownd, besides what necessary charges the pownd keeper shall be at in provideing and giueing meat and water to the sayd cattell and swine while they are continued in pownd; and all such fines as shall becom due for the breach of this order shall, by warrant from any one Commissioner or Assistant, to the constable, by him be leuyed out of the estate of the owner of such cattell or swine, and deliuered the one halfe to the pownd keeper and the other halfe to the selectmen for the use of the poore of that towne; and all charges for meat and water giuen to such cattle, with just damages, and what shall be due for powndage, according to former order, shall be compownded for or payd to the pownd keeper before the sayd cattell are released. And for such cattell or swine as are impownded and no owners heard of them three dayes after notice giuen of their being impownded, to the selectmen of the two next towns (which notice shall be giuen by them that impownd them,) so many of those sayd cattell or swine shall be sold at an outcry as may sattisfy for their powndage, damage they have done, and charg of meat and water whilst impownded, and sending to the two next townes, and selling of the sayd creatures; and if any ouerpluss be, the markes of the creatures so impownded and the creature or creatures so sold shall be entered with the keeper of the brand booke, together with the charge

due and the price of what is sold, and the ouerpluss, after the keeper of the brand book is payd twelue pence for his entry, and the constable received his just dues, shall be deliuered to the treasurer of that county wherein the cattle are impownded, to be kept for the owner if he comes within one yeare; and in defect of the owner's appeareing within the time prefixed, such ouerpluss to remayn the proper vse of the county treasure.

The printer complayneing that he is not payd for the law bookes by the seuerall constables of sundry of the plantations, the court orders that whatsoeuer constable shall neglect to bring in the pay due for the law bookes (their towne hath or ought to receive according to former order) to the county towne of their county, and deliuer the same to the persons appoynted in the sayd countyes to receiue the same, one moneth after publication hereof, shall forfeit twenty shillings, and so twenty shillings a moneth till he hath accomplished the same. The Treasurer upon complaynt made of the breach of this order, is to grant warrant to leuy the penalty for the use of the printer. The persons appoynted to receiue the pay for the printer in the county townes are, for Hartford, the printer himselfe; for New Haven, Mr. John Hudson; For Fayrefield, Mr. John Burr: for New London, Mr. Joshua Raymond.

This Court haue desired and impowered the Dep^t Gouernor, Mr. Willys, Major Tallcott and Mr. Richards, or any three or two of them, with Major Palmes, Mr. Richard Smith and such Commissioners of New London County as can attend, to keep a court at Stonington when they shall think fitt to giue notice thereof,* for the further setleing and man-

* Mr. Leete called a meeting of these commissioners, at Stonington, for the 5th of November following. On his arrival at New London, Nov. 4th, he learned that Mr. Richard Smith had been some weeks absent from home, and that Mr. Wylls (another of the Commissioners,) whom he expected to meet at Stonington, had not yet returned from Boston. He despatched a letter to Mr. Smith, then at Stonington, (Nov. 4th,) expressing his unwillingness to proceed further, unless assured of meeting a majority of the commissioners: "It is my desire," he writes, "to serve God, the country and yourself with my mite, as far as time and strength goes, but have little need to be put to traualle in vaine, in such elder time of my life." The meeting was consequently postponed; nor does it appear that the commissioners were again convened. [Col. Boundaries, I. 100, 101.]

agement of gouernment in behalfe of the people seated in the Narrogancet Country at Wickford &c., there to try cases betwixt party and party, and allso to call to accot^d, deale with, seize and punish any criminall offender, delinquents or such as contemn our authority or refuse to obey it, in the sayd Narrogancet country; allso to order and setle all or any other matters or affayres in those parts needfull for the well-fare or peace of that people, that soe his Maties subjects there may not liue in dissolute or irreligious wayes to the dishonor of God, or King and nation, and to be a stumbling block to the natiue heathen, nor yet longer left in hazard of vassalage to the Indians, nor suffer such injuries from them as hath been complayned of and too long neglected, for want of gouernment and execution of wholsome lawes amongst them.

The Court is adjourned till the Gouvernor or Dep^t shall see cause to call them agayne.*

* The following petition from the selectmen of the town of Norwich appears to have been presented at this session of the General Court. An endorsement (in the hand writing of Gov. Leete,) exhibits the action taken thereupon and explains the omission of any entry respecting it, upon the records of the Court. The original is in 'Civil Officers,' Vol. I. Doc. 53.

"To the Gen^l Court assembled at Hartford. The humble petition of the inhabitants of Norwich. Wee are by divine providence settled in this place under your Government, which wee thankfully accept, & have bene ordered by you to belong unto New London County, unto w^{ch} order wee have hitherto been submissive. But upon many yeares experience it hath proved so afflicting to us that wee cannot but desire to bee free from this County and come under Hartford County, if it may be. Many reasons we could give, but we fear it will not be expedient for us to mention them; onely this wee must craue liberty to say, that hitherto our relation to London County hath bene an oppression unto us, wee beareing the burthen of others contentions, w^{ch} now seeme to be rather of an increasing nature than otherwise. And as amongst ourselves if wee should have occasion to seeke to a Court for justice, wee doe rather choose to make our addres unto Hartford Court. But a word in these must be sufficient unto the wise. And yet wee hope that wee shall not be looked upon in this matter as affecting singularity or moved by prejudice; for wee are sufficiently informed that severall other plantations in this County doe sigh under the same burthen, & desire the like reliefe. But if wee must continue in the state in w^{ch} wee are, wee beseech you to improve some effectuall means whereby a Court of justice may be so upheld & managed in our County as that the peaceable & inocent may not be oppressed. So hoping you will compashionately & timely consider our state, and praieing that God would guide you in this & all other weighty concern^{ts}, wee rest your humble petitioners,

From Norwich, Octob. 7th, 1674.

William Hide: John Holmsted:

Selectmen, in the name & with the consent of the Towne."

[Endorsed, by Gov. Leete:] "The contents of a petition from Norwich, to be taken off from N: L: & reioyned [to Hartford County.] with a like motion from y^e Deputyes of Seabrook, Lyme, Kennellworth & Stonnington, now considered; but the matter seemed to be of such importance & attended with the hazard of much inconveniency to sundry of the inhabitants of that

AT A COURT OF ELECTION HELD AT HARTFORD, MAY 13,
1675.

*These were nominated for election :—*John Winthrop Esq^r,
Wm. Leet Esq^r, Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys, Major Nath: Gold, Ma-
jor John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Captⁿ John Allyn,
Mr. Wm. Joanes, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Alexand^r Bryant,
Mr. James Bishop, Captⁿ John Nash, Major Rob^t Treat,
Captⁿ Tho: Topping, Major Edw: Palmes, Captⁿ Benj: New-
bery, Mr. Math: Gilbert, Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, L^{nt} John Ma-
son, Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott, Mr. John Wilford, Mr. Sam^{ll} Sher-
man.

These were elected :

John Winthrop Esq^r, GOUVERNO^r. *sworne*.

Wm. Leete Esq^r, DEPT^t GOUVERNO^r. *s*.

Assistants :

Mr. Sam ^{ll} Willys,	Mr. James Richards,
Major Nathan Gold,	Mr. Alex: Bryant,
Major John Tallcott,	Mr. James Bishop,
Mr. Henry Woolcott,	Capt ⁿ John Nash,
Capt ⁿ John Allyn,	Major Rob ^t Treat,
Mr. Wm. Joanes,	Capt ⁿ Tho: Topping.

Major John Tallcott, *Treasurer*.

Captⁿ John Allyn, *Secret^y*.

The Secretary and Mr. James Richards are chosen Com-
missioners for the Vnited Colonyes the yeare ensueing, and
Major Tallcott a reserue.

The Deputies of the Court are :

Mr. Wm. Wadsworth,	Upon the motion of Joseph Haw-
Mr. Rich ^d Lord,	kins and John Hulls to haue the
Mr. John Moore,	priuiledges of a plantation granted
Mr. John Loomys,	to the inhabitants of Pagawsett

County, to repair for all iudicature to Hartford, &c. The Co^{rt} saw cause that the matter be recommended to be further considered in euery of the Townes in that County at some full meeting respectiue, & a retorne made to the Gen^{ll} Court in May next, hy subscription of who is for & who against the same, that so the Court may receiue fuller light to declare their sence in that buisinesse."

Mr. John Wadsworth,
 L^{nt} Sam: Steele,
 L^{nt} Wm. Fowler,
 Mr. Georg Clark,
 Ens: John Graue,
 Mr. John Fowler,
 Mr. Rob^t Chapman,
 L^{nt} Wm. Pratt,
 Captⁿ Wm. Curtice,
 Mr. John Pickett Sen^r,
 Mr. Edw: Griswold,
 Henry Crane,
 Thomas Benedict,
 John Bowton,
 Mr. Jonath: Silleck,
 Mr. Joseph Theale,
 Mr. Simon Woolcott,
 John Case,
 L^{nt} Tho: Munson,
 Jeremy Osborne,
 Mr. Giles Hamlin,
 Mr. Nath: White,
 Mr. John Willford,
 Daniel Swaine,
 Ens: Jarrad Spencer,
 George Gates,
 Mr. John Brackett,
 Mr. Jehu Burr,
 Mr. John Bankes,
 Captⁿ Sam^{ll} Wells,
 Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott,
 Captⁿ Georg Denison,
 Mr. Daniel Witherly,
 L^{nt} James Auery,
 L^{nt} John Mason,
 L^{nt} Thom: Tracey.

there being about twelue famalyes settled there allready and more to the number of eleven prepareing for settlement forthwith, and that they haue engaged a minister to come and setle amongst them speedily and haue expended about one hundred pownds in prepareing a howse for the minister, This Court for their incouragement doe grant them the power and priuiledge of a plantation; and for their bownds, this Court doe reserue power in their hands to setle their bownds (when they are informed of the state of those lands,) so as may be most accomadateing and least inconvenient to the sayd Pawgasuck and the new towne goeing up at Mattatock; and doe order that the future dispose of lands wthin the bownds to be granted them and settlement of what is purchased allready for improuement, shall be ordered and dissposed by the committee appoynted by this Court to see to the settlement of both the bownds and distribution of lands, so as may be best for the upholdment of a plantation as is now granted to them; which committee is Captⁿ John Nash, Captⁿ Wm. Curtice and L^{nt} Tho: Munson.

The plantation of Pawgussuck is by this Court named Derby, and is freed from Country Rates for three yeares next followeing, they defrayeing their own charges.

The Commissioners of the severall plantations that were invested with Magistraticall power in May last, are now agayn confirmed in their respectiue places within the plantations; and Mr. Daniel Witherly is added to be a Commissioner for the towne of New London.

[58] Sundry of the inhabitants of Wallingford moueing this Court that they might haue liberty to gather themselues into church fellowship according to the order of the Gospell, their request being considered, this Court grants them their desire, they attending the same with the approbation of the neighbour churches, and desire the Lord's gracious prsence and blessing may crowne theire endeauoures wth such success as may advance the glory of God and their spirituall good and edification.

Propownded for freemen:—*H[artford]*, John Wilson; *Stratford*, Daniel Bearsly, Ebenezer Booth, Jos: Curtice; *Milford*, John Stone, Edward Campe; *Norwich*, Mr. James Fitch and John Gager.

This Court upon the petition of Miles Marwin have perused an act of the County Court of November 11, 1674, and doe see good reason to confirm the same, and order the Secretry to incert so much upon the order of the Court.

Mr. White and Deacon John Hale are appoynted to lay out the bownds of Haddum, their east and west bownds, according to their grant.

Deacon John Hale and Wm. Cheeny are appoynted to lay out to Mr. Griswould his grant of land, according to his grant.

In answer to Mr. John Blackleach Sen^r his petition, this Court declares that they cannot approve or allow of Mr. Blackleach his deed of guift therein mentioned, in so making over the reversionall distribution of his estate to posterity as that his present necessities cañot be releiued, which the reuennue can in noe measure supply suitable to their old age; therefore doe order that whoever of his children hath or shall releine the s^d father and mother shall be duely repayd out of the sayd lands after their decease, notwithstanding

ing the sayd imprudent act of so setting it over to be distributed amongst their children.

James Wells and John Clarke haueing returned to this Court, vnder their hands, that they haue layd out to Mr. John Blackleach, of Hartford, his grant of land on the east end of Midleton bownds and abutts on Midleton bownds on the west, and is two hundred rod in length, north and south, and on Haddum bownds on the south, and on the commons on the north and east, and is one hundred and sixty rods in breadth east and west; November 9, 1674; the Court saw cause to approue of this return and doe confirm the same to the sayd Mr. John Blackleach.

This Court order that the townships of Guilford and Kenillworth shall build and mayntayne a bridge over Homonoseitt River, at their joynt charge, their bownds meeting in the middle of the River. By joynt charge is to be vnderstood that Guilford is to pay one halfe and Kenilworth the other halfe of the charge. Which bridg is to be finished by the last of December next.

In answer to the petition of Captⁿ Thomas Prentiee, this Court doe appoynt Mr. Thomas Minor and John Frinck to lay out unto s^d Captⁿ Tho: Prentiee the remaynder of land that is not taken up where his first grant of three hundred acres was layd out; and what is wanting in that place, L^{nt} James Auery and L^{nt} Tho: Tracey are to lay it out to him, with an addition of fifty acres now granted to him by this Court, in some suitable place as he shall pitch upon, prouided it be taken up and layd out so as may not prejudice any former grant or new plantation, and there be not aboue fifty acres of meadow in it.

This Court appoynts Mr. Porter and Sam^{ll} Grant to lay out to Nathan Gillett his grant of land, according to his grant.

This Court appoynts L^{nt} James Auery and James Morgan to lay out to Mr. Symon Bradstreet his grant of land, according to his grant.

This Court confirmed Thomas Watts Leivetenant of Hartford Traine Band.

This Court confirms Nath: Standly Ensigne of Hartford Traine Band.

This Court being sencible of the great inconveniencie that doth follow upon the Indians being trusted with goods and comodities, which if not preuented is likely to proue extremely prejudiciall to the English and allmost destructive to the Indians, doe order that after the publication hercof, whoesoener shall trust any Indian or Indians by the sale or exchange of any goods or other thing or things (excepting the letting of land to them,) he shall doe it at his owne hazard, and not haue the benifit of law for the recovery of the same.

May 17. The letter prepared and read in this Court, which is for Major Edmond Andross, was approved and ordered to be signed p^r the Secretary in the name of the Court, and sent to him.*

This Court nominates and appoynts Major Nathan Gold, Major Robt Treat and Mr. Jehue Burr, a committee to treat with the inhabitants of Rye and those concerned in lands there, and labour to accomadate matters so that there may be suiteable encouragment for Mr. Prudden to setle there in [59] the ministrey, and such other || suitable inhabitants with him as may promoate the setlement of the sayd towne of Rye, and the ministry therein; and if they shall find any aversness or difficulty with the inhabitants or proprietors in so just and necessary publique good of the towne, they are impowered to doe what they see meet for the end afoarsayd, and make reporte to the Court in October next, for approbation. And for the incouragement of the ministry at Rye, this Court for this year grants them a penny of the pownd upon all the rateable estate of their towne, to be payd out of their Country Rate; and shall be ready as need requires to continue such necessary incouragement as they shall judge suitable.

18. Vpon a motion of Major Winthrop in behalfe of Mr. Richard Smith, to this Court, that he may haue longer time allotted him to gather in his debts then the law allowes

* See Col. Boundaries, II. 25, 26; and Appendix, XVI. (2.)

by reason of a voyage he purposeth to England, this Court grants him one year longer than the former law grants.

This Court appoynts Mr. John Moss and Mr. John Brackett to lay out to Captⁿ John Nash his grant of land, according to his grant.*

This Court grants Mr. John Bankes forty shillings towards his expences when he was detayned in Yorke, in the year seventy three.†

Whereas in the law Title *Freemen*, page 26, it is ordered that those who are to be admitted freemen are to haue a certificate vnder the hands of the selectmen that they haue twenty pownds of estate in houseing and lands besides their personall estate, in the comon list, it is now ordered by this Court that those that for the future shall be propownded for freemen, they shall haue a certificate, according to the foresayd law, that euery such person hath in the List of Estates ten pownd estate in land beside their personall estate, and those other qualifications expressed in the former law.

Captⁿ John Nash, Captⁿ Wm. Curtice and L^{nt} Tho: Munson are by this Court desired and appoynted to lay out the highway from Woodbury to Pawgasuck to the most convenient place for a ferry, and also to lay out a convenient parcell of land for a ferry-place. And the towne of Stratford are also by this Court appoynted to lay out a country highway from their town to Pagasuck in the most convenient place, to the place where the ferry shall be settled.

This Court doth grant that Woodbury shall haue liberty to choose of what county they shall belong to, whether Hartford, New Haven or Fayrefeild.

This Court appoynts L^{nt} Jos: Judson, Mr. John Bankes, Edward Worcester and Wm. Judd to veiue the lands of Derby, Woodbury, Mattatock, Pottotock and Wyantenuck, and the distance between place and place, and to consider

* Laid out to Capt. Nash, "in Middletown South Flank where Wallingford bounds stopped." Recorded, 1686-7. Afterwards purchased by Daniel Merwin, of Durham. [T. & Lands, VII. 151.

† Mr. Banks was the bearer of a letter from the General Court, to New York, and was detained there for fifteen days, by order of Gov. Colve. See note on page 216, ante.

what may be suitable bownds for each town, and present the same to the Court in October next.

This Court approues of Mr. Fitch his receipt of a parcell of land of Joshua for the benifit of the country, out of which this Court grants Mr. James Fitch, Sen^r, and L^{nt} John Mason two hundred acres apeice out of the sayd land, and the rest to be reserued for the country's other and farther dispose.

This Court grants Mr. Daniell Wetherell one hundred acres of land out of the tract of land given by the Indians to Mr. Fitch, he to take it up after Mr. Fitch and Mr. Mason haue taken up their grant.

In order to the petition of Mr. Charles Haynes, the Court order that in case Mr. Charles Hill doth not pay the judgment of the Court in wheat, pease, Indian corn or porecke, to Charles Haynes within one moneth after the date hereof, vpon the signification thereof, the Secretary forthwith is to grant order to the Marshall of the Colony to take the execution vpon the estate of Mr. Pickett where the Constable of New London left, and to prosecute the same to full effect.*

This Court grants Mr. Wm. Lewes Sen^r, two hundred acres of land for a farme, prouided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant or new plantation. One hundred acres of land of this grant Mr. Wm. Lewes granted to his grandson Phillip Lewes, and desired so it might be recorded wth the grant.

May 19. Vpon the application of the inhabitants of Simsbury, this Court haueing veiwed a grant of a liberty by them made to Farmington, May 9, '67, concerning the improuement of there land without fence, doe now see good reason to order that the people of Farmington shall haue that priuiledg or liberty continued to them no longer than to the first of Aprill next.

Vpon the petition of Mr. Wm. Rosewell, and for the encouragement of him in his laudable undertakeing to promote

* Charles Haynes recovered judgment, at the Court of Assistants, May 6th, 1673, against Mr. Hill, of New London, for £35 damages, for a wound received by Haynes's son from the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of Mr. Hill's negro servant. The negro belonged to the estate of Mr. John Pickett, deceased. [Rec. of Court of Assistants, I. 14, 15, 21.]

the pub: good by rayseing rape oyle, a comodity that may wth God's blessing be vsefull and profitable to be exported and to bring in comodities for the supply of the country, It is by this Court ordered that from the date hereof no person besides Mr. Wm. Roswell shall be permitted to erect a mill to make rape oyle for the space of tenn yeares, nor after, without allowance from this Court, It is allso farther ordered, for the incouragement of the aforementioned designe, that noe [60] cole seed || shall be transported out of this Colony, the space of tenn yeares from the date hereof; and for the incouragement of those that shall sowe cole seed for the rayseing the comoditie, this Court grants two shillings an acre pr annum shall be allowed out of the Country Treasury to each person that shall sowe cole seed, for so much as he shall sow, till the quantyty of eighty acres be raysed and no more; and this to continue for tenn yeares; and that the mill and estate so improued in the rayseing the afoars^d commodities with the returnes thereof, persons' land and cattell onely excepted, shall be rate free for the time aforesayd.

In answer to the request of Major John Winthrop, this Court return that Norwich Deputies alledging that they haue much to speake for their right in those lands, and desireing that they may haue opportunity for the towne to manifest there right, the Court refers the issue of this matter to the Court in October next.

In answer to Mr. Ely's petition, this Court seriously recommend it to the towne [of] Lyme to accomadate Mr. Ely's farme with a suitable quantity of vpland to his meadowe at Six Mile Island; and that Mr. Ely and the sayd towne endeavour a mutuall accomadation betwixt this and October next, and if it be not attayned then, they are to attend the Court, October next, for an issue.

In answer to Benj: Wright's petition, this Court judg it requisitt there should be a high way layd out from Benja: Wright's farme to the common, and recommend it to the town of Saybrooke to lay out a highway for him accordingly, to their towne commons.

May 20. It is ordered by this Court that for the future

the custom masters shall be allowed for all such wine and liquors as he enters, for every single barrell twelue pence, for every hogshead two shillings sixpence, and for every greater parcell five shillings.

This Court confirms Mr. Wm. Rosewell Captain of New Haven County Troope. This Court confirms Mr. Thomas Trowbridge Leivetennant of the sayd Troope.

This Court recommends it to the inhabitants of Kenilworth to accomadate Saybrooke in the bownds between them, soe that Saybrooke may run from the riuer towards the west, three miles at their north bownds, and from thence to runn a straight line till they meet with the line where the wadeing place is at Manuncketesseek.

This Court being informed that there was a parcell of beach of twenty-fower acres w^{thin} the bownds of that land Mr. Lynds had layd out to him at Pawcatuck, and this Court being inform^d that it will be necessary to haue some more land left for the benifit of a fishing trade, did request Mr. Parkes and Captⁿ Prentice to inform Mr. Symon Lynde that if he shall see cause to leaue out of his measure a suitable proportion of land to be improved for the fishing trade, there may be so much added to the other end of his land, and that he shall have the vse and improuement of what shall be left as afoarsayd, at all times except when it is improued for fishing, and that none shall common upon it for feeding, without his approbation.

In answer to the petition of Captⁿ George Denison, Mr. John Gallop, Mr. Tho: Wheeler, &c., that they might have some reparation for some loss they haue receiued by their being remoued from grants of land to them made, This Court now declares that those who can pretend to any damage that they have received by such removes by order of this Court, all such persons are to appeare at this Court, October next, and make the same appeare, and this Court will then order sattisfaction.

This Court having considered Robin Cassacinamon's petition, doe nominate, appoynt and impower the Dep^t Governor, Major Tallcott and the rest of the Assistants here to be a

committee in the name of this Court to draw up a commission for Robin and Herman Garrett for the governing of the Pequot Indians, and to appoynt them some under officers, and to giue them some order wth some penalties annexed, for prevention their haueing or worshiping any falls Gods, profanation of the Sabbath, for not attending the lectures of Mr. Fitch amongst them according to his appoyntment, for theft and drunckenness, &c.; and to impower him in case of difficulty to repayre to Mr. Tho: Stanton and L^{nt} Auery for counsell, aduice and assistance, as the difficulty shall require; and to order Robin some smale allowance for his Gouverment, to be raysed upon his people.*

This Court [*appoynts*] L^{nt} Tho: Tracey and Ens: Tho: Leffingwell to lay out to the Reverend Mr. James Fitch, L^{nt} John Mason, Ens: John Standly and Mr. Daniel Witherell, their respectiue grants of land, according to their grants.

Whereas notwthstanding all endeauoures to prevent the Indians being drunck, that sin doth increase amongst them, this Court orders for prevention hereof, that every Indian that [61] is drunck, shall as a penalty for his offence therein, || worke twelue dayes with the person that complains and proues his drunckenness, the one halfe of the benifit of his labour to be to the complayner & the other halfe to the County Treasurie.

22. This Court, upon the petition of Mr. Tho: Stanton and Mr. James Noyse, doe grant the wife of Tho: Shaw one hundred acres of land, prouided it may be taken vp where it may not prejudice any former grant to any plantation or particuler person; and Mr. Nehemiah Palmer and Ephraim Minor are appoynted to lay it out to her, according to her grant.

This Court grants vnto L^{nt} James Auery one hundred acres of land as an adition to his former grant, vpon the same prouisoos that grant was made.

This Court vnderstanding there hath been some differences in the Troop of New Haven County about the choyse of a Cornet, haueing approued and confirmed Captⁿ Wm. Rose-

* A copy of the laws made by this Commission, for the government of the Pequots, will be found in Appendix XVII.

well and L^{nt} Tho: Trowbridge, the Court doth advise the s^d Captⁿ and L^{nt} to put the company upon a new choyse of a Cornett in whome they may better accord, and allso doe aduise in the choyse an eye be had to choose a commission officer in Milford to lead that parte out and in.

Vpon complaint of some of the inhabitants of Windsor, that some fences theire appoynted by this Court hath not been so orderly setled as yet, as to compleat the finishing of it, it is ordered that Mr. Robert Webster, Mr. Richard Lord and Mr. James Steele, Captaine Wells, or any three of them, shall haue power to issue and setle the sayd fence where to be and whoe are to make and mayntayne the same, and setle where the highway shall runn.

This Court impowers the Treasurer to send forth his warrants to the Constables of any towne who are behind in payment for the law bookes, to require them forthwith to distreine and gather the same and pay it in according to former order; and if any Constable after such warrants shall neglect the makeing effectuall search after defects and return of the same, shall be prosecuted by vertue of the last order of this Court, for payment of twenty shillings p^r month, for neglect therein.

Whereas there hath been a declaration or remonstrance presented to this Court by Mr. John Stanton, signed by Captⁿ Denison and some others in the name of theire Towne,* wherein they complaine and charge the authority with acts, orders or lawes passed by them p^rjudiciall to peace, exposing their liberties to hazard, the consequences whereof brings them to an amazement; and this Court haueing considered the premises, judg such practices ought to be crushed and due testimonie to be borne against the same according to the penalty expressed in the law, by fine, imprisonment and disfranchizement; and they haueing been called to speak to their complaint and not able to make the same good, presented the Court with some acknowledgment of their error and retraction of their declaration; and the Honord Govern^r moueing this Court to use what lenety might be towards

* Stonington. See Appendix XVIII.

them, the Court also being of themselves inclined to shew what fauoure might be consistent with prudence in such a case, doe abate all other punishments and onely sentence Captⁿ Denison that he shall not be capeable to beare office in this Colony dureing the Court's pleasure, and pay a fine of tenn pownds* to the Country.

And Mr. John Stanton, the towne's agent, for management of his agency, is fined ten pownds for that boldness; the Court expecting that due payment be made of the rates (so objected against by the Towne,) in the latter end of this summer, at Boston, in money or corn according to order, just allowance for transportation being deducted. The rest of the subscribers are also to giue accot of their miscarriage at the Court, when called.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased the Most High to continue his afflicting hand and prouidence upon this Colony and Country, by shaking his rod over or comfortable injoyments, and also by that long continuance of blastings and mildues upon the fruits of the feild and that present appearance of loss by unseasonable weather and great raines, it is ordered by this Court that a day of publike humiliation be kept throwout this Colony, the first Wednesday in June next, to seek the Lord by solemne fasting and prayer, that he would bless his wilderness people with gospell blessings, stay his hand, giue us a heart to return unto him; that so in judgment he may remember mercy and heale or backslideings, loue us freely and power out more of his converting spirit by his ministry amongst vs, and bless the labours of his people in the occasions of the ensueing yeare, and crown the yeare throwout with his goodness; and that the Lord would bless or Soueraigne Lord the King and or nation with the choys-est of blessings, and doe for them as the matter requires.

The Court is adjourned till the Gour or Dept see cause to call them againe.

* This fine was afterwards remitted by the General Court, in consideration of Capt. Denison's distinguished services in the Indian war.

[62] A GENERALL COURT BY SPECIALL ORDER OF THE GOV-
ERNOR^t, CALLED TO MEET THIS 9th OF JULY, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq^r, DEPT^t GOV^r.

Mr. Sam ^{ll} Willys,	Mr. James Richards,
Major Nath: Gold,	Mr. James Bishop,
Major John Tallcott,	Capt ⁿ John Nash,
Mr. Henry Woolcott,	Major Rob ^t Treat,
Mr. Wm. Joanes,	Capt ⁿ Tho: Topping.
Capt ⁿ John Allyn,	

Deputies.

Captⁿ Sam^{ll} Wells,
Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott,
Deacon John Moore,
Mr. John Loomys,
Mr. John Wadsworth,
L^{nt} Sam^{ll} Steele,
Mr. Nath: White,
Mr. Jehu Burr,
Mr. John Bankes,
Mr. Jer: Osborn,
Deacon John Fowler,
Ens: John Graue,
Captⁿ Wm. Curtice,
Mr. John Pickett,
L^{nt} Jonath: Sillick,
Mr. Simon Woolcott,
John Case,
Sarj^t Wm. Parker,
Deacon George Clarke,

The Court being mett, they were acquainted wth the occasion of their meeting, which was the present trouble of the Indians now risen against the English, spoyleing and destroying of them by fire and sword;* and allso some motions of Major Andross, and in particuler a letter sent to the s^d Andross from the Gouvernor, DEPT^t and Assistants (in answer to a letter rece^d from him,) dated June 16, last.†

And allso the order of the Gouvernor and Assist^{ts} sending forces to Stoneington and New London for the defence of those places, July the 1st, last; and their sending Captⁿ Bull to Saybrooke with the commission and instructions given him, July 7th last, and sent to Saybrooke

* Intelligence of the breaking out of the Indian War, in Plymouth Colony, and of the danger to which the eastern towns in Connecticut were exposed, had been received by the Governor and Council, from New London and Stonington, on the 1st day of July. On the 4th, a letter from the Council of Massachusetts gave further assurance of the greatness and imminence of the danger. Forces were immediately dispatched for the defence of the eastern frontier towns of the Colony; and a special session of the General Court was convened. The proceedings of the Governor and Assistants, from the first to the eighth of July, will be found at the commencement of the Journal of the Council of War, in a subsequent part of this volume; together with copies or abstracts of all important correspondence, &c., relating to the progress of the War and referred to in the Records or the Journal of the Council.

† See Appendix XIX.

Ens: Gerrard Spencer, after him, July 8th last; as also the
 Mr. John Brackett, forces sent from the sea side to Say-
 Mr. John Bowten. brooke, by the Dep^t Gouverno^r and
 Assistants of the sea side;—which
 the Generall Court haueing considered and heard the records
 of those actions, they by their vote declared their acceptance
 and approbation and confirmation of the same.

It is ordered that the letter drawn up by this Court for
 Major Andross be signed by the Secretary in the name of
 the Court, and posted away to him.*

Mr. Jonathan Sellick being chosen by the Traine Band of
 Standford Captain, as appeares by the testimonie of Mr.
 Lawes, Liuetenant Bell and sundry others, is by this Court
 confirmed accordingly Captⁿ of the s^d Traine Band.

This Court for the prevention of whatever may fall out to
 prejudice the wellfare or safety of this Colony or Gouverment
 in the intervalls of the Gen^l Assembly's sitting, for the want
 of persons sufficiently impowered to act in all matters or
 things that may be needfull, it is now ordered that there shall
 be a Councill, consisting of the Gouverno^r, Dep^t Gouverno^r,
 and Assistants, with Captⁿ Newbery, Captⁿ Wells, Mr. John
 Wadsworth and Mr. Rich^d Lord or so many of them as shall
 be conueened, shall be a standing councill and shall haue as
 full power as the Charter will alow, to consult, conclude and
 act all matters and things emergent, according to their best
 discreession, provided their acts are not inconsistent with our
 Charter; and what the aforesayd councill shall determine,
 they or any five or seuen of them, or agree vpon, the Gou-
 erno^r or Dep^t Gouverno^r being allways present, shall be
 deemed as good and effectuell to all intents and purposes as
 if the same were acted by the Generall Court; and this to
 stand till October Court next.

10th. Whereas we are informed that Major Edmond An-
 dross is come with some considerable force into this his
 Maties Colony of Connecticutt, which might be construed to
 be, in persueance of his letter to vs, to invade or intrude
 upon the same or upon part of o^r Charter limits and priui-

* A copy of this letter will be found in the Appendix, XIX.

ledges and so to molest his Maties good subjects in this juncture, when the heathen rage against the English and by fire and sword have destroyed many of his Maties good subjects, our neighbours of Plimouth Colony, and still are carrying their heads about the countrey as trophies of their good success, and yet are proceeding farther in their cruell designes against the English,—in faythfullness to our Royall Sovereigne and in obedience to his Majestie's commands in his gracious Charter to this Colony, we can doe no less then publicly declare and protest against the sayd Major Edmond Andross and these his illegall proceedings, as allso against all his ayders and abettors, as disturbers of the publique peace of his Maties good subjects in this Colony; and that his and their actions in this juncture tend to the encouraging of the heathen to proceed in the effusion of Christian blood, which may be very like to be the consequences of his actions, and which wee shall unavoydably lay at his dore, and use or utmost power and endeaoure (expecting therein the assistance of Almighty God) to defend the good people of this Colony from his the sayd Major Andross his attempts, not doubting but his Matie will countenance and approue or just proceedings therein, they being according to the commission we haue rece^d from his Matie in his gracious Charter to this Colony; by which power and trust so committed unto vs, we doe againe forewarne and aduise the sayd Major Andross and all his ayders and abettors to forbear and desist any such forenamed unjust and unwarrantable practices, as they expect to answer the same with all such just damages and costs as may arise or accrue thereby. And we doe further in his Maties name, require and command all the good people his Maties subjects of this Colony of Conecticut [63] under or present Gouverment, || vtterly to refuse to attend, countenance or obey the sayd Major Edmond Andross or any under him, in any order, instruction or command divers from or contrary to the lawes and orders of this Colony here established by vertue of his Maties gracious Charter granted to this his Colony of Conecticott, as they will answer the contrary at their perill. God save the King.

This voted nemine contradicente.

This Court orders that the aboue written declaration should be forthwith sent forth to the seuerall plantations, sealed with the seale of the Colony and signed by the Secretary, to be there published.

July 12th. This Court ordered that the letter drawn up to the Gouvernor of the Massachusets &c. be signed by the Secretary in the name of this Court and sent to the s^d Gouvernor accordingly.*

This Court ordered that the letter drawn up in Court to Capt^a Winthrop be signed by the Secretry and sent post to him. The cobby is on file, of the file of this Court.†

Forasmuch as the good people of this his Maties Colony of Connecticut haue mett wth much trouble and molestation from Major Edmond Andross, his challeng and attempts to surprize the mayne port of the sayd Colony, which they haue so rightfully obtayned, so long possessed and defended against all invassions of Dutch and Indians, to the great grievance of his Maties good subjects in their settlements, and to dispoyle the happy gouernment by Charter from his Matie granted to themselues, under which they have enjoyed many halcion dayes of peace and tranquillitie, to their great sattisfaction and to the content of his Matie graciously expressed by letters to them, so greatly engaging their loyaltie and thankefullnes as makes it intolerable to be put off from so long and just settlement vnder his Maties gouernment by Charter,—hereupon, for prevention of misrepresentations into England by the sayd Major Andross against us, for or refuseall and withstanding his attempts made with hostile appearances to surprize us at Saybrooke, while we were approaching towards a sauage Indian enemie that had committed much outrage and murther by fire and sword upon or neibhoures about Plimouth,—This Court haue desired the Hono^rd John Winthrop and James Richards Esq^{rs}, or either of them (intending a voyage to England upon their

* Copy in War, Vol. I. Doc. 46.

† No copy preserved.

own occasions) to take with them the Narrative* and coppyes of all the transactions betwixt us, and to giue a right understanding for cleare[ing] our inocencie and better securing or injoyments, as occasion shall offer; and what charge or expences may be necessary in persueance hereof, shall be by the Treasurie of this Colony duely repayd. The Secretary is ordered to furnish [*them*] with all coppyes and writings which may be, for the end afoarsayd, by the Councill be thought needfull.

It is allso ordered that if any thing should fall out to hinder the sayd John Winthrop Esqr and Mr. James Richards in their intendment for England, that then the Councill take an effectuall course to improue some other freind or freinds here or in England for the ends afoarsayd, by the first and safest conuoyance thither.

This Court being moued to consider of the law respecting Quakers, doe see cause at p^rsent to suspend the penalty for absence from or publike assemblyes, or imprisonment of those of that perswasion, provided they do not gather into assemblyes in this Colony nor make any disturbance.

The Court is adjourned till the Gouvernor or Deputy Gouvernor shall call them againe together.

[64] A GENERAL COURT HELD AT HARTFORD, OCTOBER 14:
1675.

Wm. Lcete Esqr, DEPT^t GOU^r.

Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys,

Mr. James Bishop,

Mr. Henry Woolcott,

Major Rob^t Treate,

Mr. James Richards,

Captⁿ Tho: Topping.

Captⁿ John Allyn,

Deputies.

For Hartford; Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. Wm. Pitkin.

For Windsor; Captⁿ Benj: Nuebery, Deacon John Moore.

* This highly interesting document, (hitherto unpublished,) will be found in the Journal of the Council of War, under date of July 22.

For New Haven; Sarg^t Jeremy Osborne, Mr. Wm. Bradly.
 For Fayrefeild; Mr. Jehu Burr, Mr. John Banks.
 For Brandford; Mr. John Wilford.
 For Stratford; Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Mr. Jos: Hawly.
 For Wallingford; Mr. John Moss.
 For Guilford; Mr. Andrew Leete, Deacon Jn^o Fowler.
 For Milford; Deac. Georg Clarke, *abs.*, Mr. Sam^l Buckingham.
 For Norwalke; Mr. John Gregory, Daniel Kellog.
 For Haddum; Ens: Jarad Spencer, Georg Gates.
 For New London; L^{nt} James Auery, *absent*, Mr. Charles Hill, *abs.*
 For Midleton; Ens: Nath: White, Sarj^t Wm. Cheeny.
 For Standford; L^{nt} Jonath: Bell, *abs.*, Mr. Jos: Theale.
 For Farmington; Mr. John Wadsworth, L^{nt} Sam^l Steele, *abs.*
 For Saybrook; Mr. Rob^t Chapman, Sarj^t Wm. Pratt.
 For Kenilworth; Mr. Edward Griswold.
 For Stoneington; Mr. John Gilbert.
 For Lyme; L^{nt} Renold Maruin.

Vpon the intelligence of the enemies's approaching neer. Norwich, and some intelligence of their purpose to assault some of the English plantations, as is informed by an Indian, the Reverend Mr. Fitch desireing allso some assistance to be affoarded,* this Court ordered Major Treat forthwith to post down to sayd Norwich forty men well fixed and fitted for service, under the conduct of some suitable comander, there to assist and defend the sayd plantations if there be present occasion, or els to return forthwith.

The List of Estates of the severall plantations are;—

Hartford,†	15462: 00: 0	Stratford,	6639: 16: 0
Windsor,	13481: 00: 0	Norwalke,	4847: 00: 0
Wethersfeild,	11359: 00: 0	Standford,	5182: 00: 0
Farmington,	06253: 00: 0	Greenwich,	1950: 00: 0
Midleton,	04818: 00: 0	Rye,	1909: 01: 0
Haddum,	02014: 00: 0	N. London,	9572: 00: 0

* Letter from Rev. James Fitch, in War, Vol. I. Doc. 10.

† Supply the words "persons and estates are," after the name of each town.

New Hauen,	13550: 00: 0	Norwich,	4756: 00: 0
Milford,	08836: 05: 0	Stoneington,	7402: 00: 0
Brandford,	02746: 00: 0	Lyme,	3076: 00: 0
Guilford,	06538: 06: 0	Saybrooke,	5108: 12: 0
Fayrefeild,	10111: 02: 0	Kenilworth,	2330: 00: 0

Whereas the Councill of Conecticut, August 9th last past, rayseed forces to assist and defend or neighbours and orselues what they could from the insolencies of the heathen, and accordingly commissioned Major Rob^t Treat to be Commander in Cheife of such forces as should be improued, as by their commission, August 30 last past, will appeare; and Major Rob^t Treat appearing before this Court and desireing to lay down his commission,—This Court haueing considered the same doe thankfully accept of the good seruice the Major hath done, and haue taken so good satisfaction in the Major's good conduct that they doe desire and order Major Rob^t Treat to continue his regiment ouer the forces of this Colony rayseed for the prosecution of the enemie, and doe order the continuance of his commission granted as before by the Councill.

The Court ordered a letter to be directed to Captⁿ Sam^l Apleton, to giue him an accot of the occasion of or calling of Major Treat down into these parts, and allso to desire the s^d Captain Apleton to inform us his resolues concerning the prosecution of the enemie; which letter the Court ordered to be signed by the Secretry and the copy thereof is on file.

The inhabitants of Derby haueing desired the aduice of this Court, what is their best way to attend for their safety in this time of difficulty, the Court return that they judg it the best and safest way to remoue their best goods and their corn, what they can of it, with their wiues and children, to [65] some || bigger towne, whoe, in a way of Prouidence, may be in a better capacitie to defend it; and that those that stay in the towne doe well fortify themselues and stand upon their garde, and hasten the remoueall of their corn as afoars^d what they may; and all inhabitants belonging to the place may be compelled by warrant from any Assistant to reside

there vntill this may be done. The like advice is by this Court giuen to all smale plaees and farmes thorow out this Colony to be obserued.

This Court did nominate and appoynt the Reverend Mr. Chancey* to be the minister for the army, to goe out with Major Rob^t Treat in this present expédition.

This Court appoynted Thomas Watts Captain of the forces of the county of Hartford. This Court allso appoynted John Standly L^{nt}, and Sam^{ll} Marshall Ensigne of the sayd armie.

This Court freed Sarj^t William Cornwell his head from payeing of rates.

This Court ordered a hundred and twenty men to be rayased out of the Colony by proportion, (Stoneington and Norwich onely exempted.) It is allso ordered that this hundred and twenty men in case they be improued, shall be taken out of the sixty in each county ordered to be rayased by this Court.

The Court wrote a letter to Captⁿ Appleton to giue him an account of what inteligence is wth us, and allso to desire him to send down our soldiers or com himselfe to the releife of these plantations, if the enemie appeare to be repelled out of those coasts, as p^r the letter on file will farther appeare.

Forasmuch as this Court, by reason of inteligence (both from or freinds towards the Narrogansetts and allso from Major Andross†) of great combinations and threatenings of the Indians against the English, and peticularly against the greatest part of this Colony, and that speedily to be put in execution, the late experience and motion of the enemie seeming to suite such a designe, haue seen cause to call backe their present forces unto Hartford to be improued as farther occasion may call for; It is therefore hereby ordered, that each county doe speedily rayse out of their severall townes in their respective countyes, sixty souldiers, well fitted with hors armes and ammunition, as dragoones, who shall be imbodied for motion in their severall respectiue countyes for the de-

* Rev. Israel Chauncey, of Stratford.

† The letter of Major Andros, dated Oct. 10th, is printed with the Journal of the Council of War, in a subsequent part of this volume.

fence of the Colony against any sudden assault of the enemy. And because of the difficulty and danger of moueing ouer the riuer at Saybrooke, this Court orders Saybrooke and Kenilworth to fall in with New Haven, as part thereof in this undertakeing. The proportioning of each plantation and all other things necessary for the well ordering of the severall companyes is left to the ciuill authority in each county to order as they shall iudg most conduceable to the end afoarsayd; and that they be ready for the releife of each other upon notice, as any exigence may call for. And because there are the Moheags and Pequots dwelling amongst those sower townes of New London County, it is ordered that Captⁿ James Auery take the command of forty English from the three townes of New London, Stoneington and Lyme, to be raysed together with such of the Pequots as he likes, and, Captⁿ John Mason shall take twenty English from Norwich with the Moheags; each party to quarter and lye where they may be of best vse for the end afoars^d, and to joyne together as there may be any oecasion or exigence, vpon notice from Major John Winthrop; they to appoynt such inferior officers as they shall thinke most meet. This to be dispatched forthwith, without delay, and so to remayne till farther order.

Captain Wm. Rosewell is to command those raysed in New Haven county, and to appoynt inferior officers.

Captⁿ Wm. Curtice is to command those raysed in Fayre-feild county, and to appoynt inferior officers.

This Court desires Major Gold to send up Mr. Josiah Harvy or John Hall to be chirurgions to the army, which of them he iudgeth most suitable.

This Court, from the deep sence of the eminent danger that all or plantations are in by the nakedness of each and euery place, doe order and appoynt every plantation (as a means under God for their safety,) to make such suitable places of defence as they are capeable of, and appoynt such places for their women and children and others that are not able to help themselves, to repayre vnto in case of assault; that all out livers and weak places doe take a speedy and effectuall course to get their women and children, corn, and

the best of their estates to places of the most hopefull security, as is within their compass to doe; and that each plantation doe appoynt suitable persons as a committe to order those affayres respecting places of fortification and defence. And doe farther order that the cheife millitary officer in each town doe appoynt who shall defend in each fortification, and whoe shall be for a feild army; and in case of an assault by an enemie or an allarme, whosoever shall willfully neglect to attend what he is appoynted to doe for the defence of the place as afoars^d, he shall be punished either with death or such other punishment as the Court Marshall shall adjudge him to. For inferior punishments, the commission officers [66] of the place to issue such cases; but || for life and limbe, the Court Marshall is to issue such affayres, which Court is to consist of the Dep^t Gouvernor and the Majors of the severall regiments.

18. Mr. Rob^t Chapman is by this Court appoynted to be Captⁿ of the Traine Band of Saybrooke, durement these present commotions with the Indians.

This Court orders that the people of Simsbury shall have a week's time to secure themselves and their corn there, and the end of the week from this date, the souldiers now in garrison at Simsbury shall be released their attendance there.

This Court grants a Rate of sixpence upon the pownd of all the rateable estate in this Colony, to defray the Country debts, to be payd in wheat, pease, Indian corn, beefe and porck. There shall not be above one halfe payd in flesh, and the other halfe in corne, in equall proportion; the wheat at five shillings p^r bushell, pease fower shillings, Indian three shillings per bushell; beife, forty shillings a barrell, and porck, three pownd a barrill; all to be good and merchantable, and the beife and porck to be well repack by the sworn packer and marked wth his marke. And in case any shall pay more flesh than the proportion above mentioned, he shall pay it ten shillings in the barell cheaper than is before expressed. It is also ordered that any person shall have liberty to pay his rates in money, provided he pay his whole rate in money.

Whereas the Gouvernor and Mr. Richards have engaged in

behalf of the Country for some powder and lead, this Court orders the Treasurer to take care for the discharging of their sayd ingagements. The Treasurer to take care for the receiueing and securing the sayd ammunition.

This Court grants the Dep^t Gouverno^r forty pownds for his salary for this yeare.

This Court appoynted Major Edward Palmes, Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Mr. Sam^l Sherman, Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Captⁿ John Mason, Mr. Mathew Gilbert, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Mr. John Willford, Mr. John Wadsworth and Mr. Tho: Fitch, to stand in nomination for Assist^{ts}, at the Election Court in May next.

In regard of the present emergencies of affayres and difficulties that may fall in by reason of the present hostility the Indians are in against the English, this Court have nominated and appoynted the Dep^t Gouverno^r and Assistants, with Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Mr. Richard Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Mr. Jehu Burr and Mr. John Bankes, to be a standing Councill, to order, dispose and manage such affayres as shall fall in and be necessary to be attended in the intervals of the Gen^l Court, and are hereby fully impowered to act and transact all such occasions as shall fall in, and what shall be concluded and determined by them or any five of them shall stand in full force and vertue as if it had been acted or determined by the General Court themselves.

This Court grants the Secre^{try} for his extraordinary seruice in writing, besides what the law allowes him, the sum of fifteen pownds to be payd out of the publique Treasurie.

19. This Court orders that such Troopers as shall neglect to prouide themselves with long armes, viz. a carbin or muskett, between this and the last of August next, shall be disbanded and attend the foot company as other inhabitants doe.

This Court findeing the present state of affayres to haue a great tendency to the want of prouissions in this Colony, if some prevention be not made, the Court haue therefore ordered that from the publication hereof, no sorte of corn or

graine, meale, flower, or bread, be exported or convayed out of this Colony or be shipped aboard any vessel or vessells, without speciall lycenss from the Councill or from some fower Assist^{ts} of this Colony; and that whosocuer shall exporte or convey or ship any such corn or graine, meale or flower or bread, shall forfeit the same or the value thereof to the Colony. The one fowerth part of such fines to be to the complainer.

This Court findeing a necessity of prohibiting the supplying of the Indians with armes and ammunition, doe order th at whosoeuer after publieation hereof shall directly or indirectly supply any Indian or Indians with any sorte of armes or ammunition within this Colony, without order from the Councill, he shall suffer twelue moneths' imprisonment wthout bayle or maineprize, and be severly whipt at his entrance and once a quarter dureing his continuance in prison.

This Court grants unto Mr. James Bishop the sume of tenn pownds, for his attendance on the 'publique occasions this yeare.

[67] This Court confirms Samuel Munson, Ensigne of Wallingford Traine Band.

20. This Court did order Mr. Buckley* to be improved in this present expedition, to be chyrurgion to our army; and allso the s^d Mr. Buckley and Mr. Chancy were ordered and impowered to be of the Councill of War.

Captⁿ John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. James Bishop and Mr. John Bankes were appoynted to audite the Treasurer's accot^{ts} for the yeare past.

21. In regard of the present commotions amongst us by reason of the Indians who are now in hostility against us, and the hazard of trauell and the great need we haue of help and assistance to mayntaine or affayres, this Court doe desire the Honor^d Mr. James Richards to continue here at Hartford to attend the Councill: and for the next adjournment of the Com^{rs}, in case they meet according to their adjournment in Mr. Richards his absence, this Court doth desire and impower Captaine Wayte Winthrop to attend

* Rev. Gershom Bulkeley, of Wethersfield.

the adjournment of the Commissioners and doe fully empower him to act in behalfe of this Colony in all matters and things according to the Artickles of Confederation.*

The Court being apprehensive of the necessity that som prouission be made so to order the converss that may be between the English and those Indians that are yet freindly to vs, so as neither may rashly, unjustly or imprudently injure the other, and findeing it difficult to make a generall order thereabouts, in regard of the different circumstances that may attend seuerall plantations, doe therefore recommend it to the Assistants or Commissioners to come to some agreement wth all the neighbour Indians, how they may be able to distinguish the friendly Indians from others; and that the sayd Indians doe not approach any of our plantations, watches or wardes but at set times and places as they shall agree, and in such maner as may be with safety to the English and themselues if the enemie should know and counterfeite the same; and that their articles of agreement be carefully kept on both sides, that so the Indians may haue no harme nor the English be disquieted nor betrayed by their unexpected approaches or the enemie's approach in their appoynted order or likeness. But its advised that all due care be taken to treat the Indians amicably in all parts, and not to put them upon any unrighteous or intollerable tearmes to be obserued, least trouble breake out to the country thereby: which agreement to be made by the Magistrates and Commissioners at each County Towne, with the Indians of each respectiue County.

The present distress of this Colony being such as requires the just assistance of all persons in time of war, and equity requiring that all serviceable persons should share as well in warr as in peace, and many persons, being led by inordinate feare to distrust of God's prouidence, may desert the Colony,—It is therefore ordered by this Court that if after the publication hereof, till this order be againe repealed, any male person aboue fowerteen yeares of age or under the age of seventy yeares, shall remoue or be remoued by any meanes

* The Commissioners of the U. Colonies met at Boston, Nov. 2d.

out of this Colony (whereby their persons are not ready for such publique service as were they present they might be enjoined) without lycenss from the Councill or som fower Assistants, enery such person so absenting himselfe, shall forfeite to the publique Treasurie of this Colony the sume of one hundred pownds ; and if estate of his cannot be fownd he shall be lyable to such corporall punishment as the Court shall judge agreeable to his offence, considering the time of his departure and continuance. Such as are settled inhabitants in any other Colony are not here intended to be kept from their homes.

The Court is adjourned vntill the Gouverno^r or Deputy see cause to call them together agayn.

[68] AT A COURT OF ELECTION HELD AT HARTFORD, MAY
11: 1676.

These were nominated for election : Wm. Leete Esq^r, Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Nath: Gold, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Captⁿ John Allyn, Mr. Wm. Joanes, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Alex: Bryant, Mr. James Bishop, Captⁿ John Nash, Major Rob^t Treat, Captⁿ Tho: Topping, Major Edw: Palmes, Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Mr. Sam^l Sherman, Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Captⁿ John Mason, Mr. Math: Gilbert, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Mr. John Willford, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. Tho: Fitch.

These were elected :

Wm. Leete Esq^r, GOVERNO^r.*

Major Rob^t Treat, DEPT GOVERNO^r.

* Gov. John Winthrop died, at Boston, (where he was attending a meeting of the Comm^rs of the U. Colonies,) April 5th, 1676,—in the 71st year of his age. In a letter of that date to Dep. Gov. Leete and the Council, Mr. Danforth and Mr. Stoughton (two of the Commissioners,) write,—“ Gentlemen, we doe heartily condole with your and our great loss in the death of your worthy and right honourable Governour, who departed this life this morning, about five of the clock. * * * Sure, we may truely say to the people of all these Colonies, “ Know ye not that a great man is fallen this day in this our Israel !” a gentleman every way lovely and full of love, and therein eminently conformable to that great pattern-example of Love and Wisdom. The Lord grant that these our sad bereavements, one after another of our principal leaders in

Assistants.

Mr. Sam ^l Willys,	Mr. James Richards,
Major Nathan Gold,	Mr. Alex: Bryant,
Major John Tallcott,	Mr. James Bishop,
Mr. Henry Woolecott,	Capt ⁿ John Nash,
Capt. John Allyn,	Capt ⁿ Tho: Topping,
Mr. Wm. Joanes,	Capt ⁿ John Mason.

Major John Tallcott, *Treasurer.*

Captⁿ John Allyn, *Secret'y.*

The Deputies of the Court are,—

For Hartford; Mr. Josep: Fitch, Mr. Wm. Pitkin.
 For Windsor; Deacon Jn^o Moore, Mr. John Loomys.
 For Wethersfeild; Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, L^{nt} John Chester.
 [37] For New Haven; L^{nt} Tho: Munson, Mr. Wm. Bradly.
 For Fayrefeild; Mr. Jehue Burr, Mr. John Banckes.
 For New London; Mr. Wm. Dowglass.
 For Farmington; Mr. John Wadsworth, L^{nt} Sam^l Steele.
 For Standford; Captⁿ Jona: Silleck, L^{nt} Jona: Bell.
 For Guilford; Mr. Andr: Leet, Wm. Johnson.
 For Haddum; Ens: Jarred Spencer, Georg Gates.
 For Kenilworth; Mr. Edw: Griswold, L^{nt} Hen: Crane.
 For Milford; L^{nt} Wm. Fowler, Deac: George Clark.
 For Stratford; Francis Hall, Jehiel Preston.
 For Saybrook; L^{nt} Wm. Pratt, Sarj: Wm. Parker.
 For Wallingford; Mr. John Moss.
 For Rye; Peter Disbroe.
 For Norwich; L^{nt} Tho: Tracey, Ens: Tho: Leffingwell.
 For Brandford; Mr. John Willford.
 For Middleton; Ens: Nath: White, Sarj: Wm. Cheeny.
 For Norwalke; Sarj^t Waltr Hoyt.
 For Lyme; L^{nt} Rein: Maruin, Mr. Wm. Measure.
 For Stoncington; Mr. Nehe: Palmer.

Commonwealth and Church, may not yet further presage wrath from God to this people!" [War, I. 59.]

Mr. Leete, who was now elected Governor, had formerly been for many years a magistrate and deputy governor in New Haven Colony, and its Governor from 1661 to the union in 1665. He was then chosen a magistrate of Connecticut, and, in 1669, deputy governor; to which office he was annually re-elected until 1676.

This Court haue made choyse of George Graue to be Marshall for the yeare ensueing and untill a new be chosen; and in the matter of execution, he is only required to provide persons to doe it upon the Country's accot, as he shall be appoynted by authoritie.

There being a dissattisfaction with the Councill for not aloweing pay to the sixty men rayseed in each county by order of this Court, October last, and the Court haueing now considered the same, doe judg it requisite and accordingly doe alow that those dragoones shall receiue pay from the pub: Treasurie, for what time was expended in the s^d service when they rallyed, and for their march forth and back, with the necessary charge ariseing thereupon, and no other.

Some of the Gentⁿ of the Councill haueing given to this Court a brieffe accot of their transactions and prosecutions of the war against the Indians, in rayseing and sending forth men against the enemie, and allso in rayseing of money for the defraying of that publique charge, together with some transactions by letters past between them and the Gouvernor of New York, and disspose of some of the captiues brought in from the enemie, and inuiteing and receiuing of some of the enemie to mercy; the Court haueing considered the premises, doe take sattisfaction in what hath been declared to be done by the sayd Councill and approue of the same.

[69] Major John Tallcott and Mr. James Richards are by this Court chosen Commissioners for the Vnited Colonies for the yeare ensueing, and the Secretary is appoynted for a reserve.

The Commissioners for the seuerall plantations were chosen as followeth:—Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, for *Windsor & Simsbury*; Mr. John Wadsworth, for *Farmington*; Mr. Sam^l Tallcott & L^{nt} John Chester, for *Wethersfeild*; Mr. Giles Hamlin & Ens: Nath: White, for *Middleton & Had-dum*; Captⁿ Robt Chapman & L^{nt} Wm. Pratt, for *Saybrook & Lyme*; Major Edward Palmes, Mr. Dan^l Witherly & Captⁿ James Avery, for *New London*; Mr. Tho: Minor, Mr. Thomas Stanton, for *Stoneington*; Mr. Edward Griswold, for *Kellingworth*; Mr. Andrew Leete, for *Guilford*; Mr.

John Wilford, for *Brandford*; Captⁿ Wm. Curtice & Mr. Sam^l Sherman, for *Stratford & Woodbury*; Mr. Jehu Burr & Mr. Wm. Hill, for *Fayrefield*; Mr. Tho: Fitch & L^{nt} Richard Olmstead, for *Norwalke*; Mr. Richard Lawes and Mr. John Holly, for *Standford, Greenwich & Rye*; Mr. John Moss, for *Wallingford*. Mr. Bur is appoynted to administer the oath of Commissioners to the Commissioners of Fayrefield County; L^{nt} Pratt to swear Captⁿ Chapman; Mr. Birchard is appoynted to administer the oath of Assistants to Captⁿ John Mason, and Commissioners of New London and Stoneington.

L^{nt} Joseph Orton is by this Court appoynted and impowered to administer oathes to fence veivers and other town officers required by law to take oath, to grant warrants in ciuill actions and for witnesses, and stopping of runn awayes, &c.

13. In answer to the petition of Edward Stolion, the Generall Court recommend and referr to the County Court of Hartford the consideration and issue of this petition in reference to the abatement of the su^me he is fined in, and that he sattisfying in tolerable pay and in such competent time as the County Court shall set him, his estate engaged shall not become forfeited.

In answer to the complaint or petition of Mrs. Abigail Lay, of Lyme, that her son is detayned at Rhode Island,* this Court haue seen just cause to order that the Treasurer send to Captaine Cranston the thankes of this Court for his care and paynes about or wounded men, and to desire him to release the sayd Lay's sonn that he may com home; and to engage to the sayd Captaine just sattisfaction for his cost and care upon him; and allso to send him a barrell of oatmeale and forty bushells of Indian corn in part of pay, and to desire him to send an acco^t of what is due to him from the Colony for his care and charge about the wounded men.

* The Petition is in War, Vol. I. Doc. 70. Mrs. Lay, (widow of John Lay,) alleges that her son having been impressed in the country service, was wounded at the swamp fight, Dec. 1675. He had been conveyed to R. Island, and remained there, with Major Cranston, until his wounds were cured; and he was now desirous to return home, but was without money to satisfy the charge for his board and expenses. She asks the General Court for relief.

Whereas in the law title Book Debts, fo: 19, it is ordered that all such booke debts as are out should be accot^d for or ballanced with the originall debtor or his attourney, agent, assigne, or other lawfull successor or substitute, and an accot or balance thereof assured by specialty or by the debtor's subscribeing his name to the creditor's booke, within three yeares, commencing from the 1st of June, 1673, or els they should not be pleadable in any Court, as by the s^d law more at large will appeare; now in regard of the distractions and troubles by this present war, which haue hindered the perfecting of accot^s as afores^d, this Court doe see good cause to grant another yeare for men to perfect their accounts in, before the sayd law take place.

This Court being informed that sundry wounded men are come to Mr. Bulekly, this Court desired Mr. Bulekly to take the care and trouble of dressing the s^d wounded souldiers till God bless his endeauoures with a cure; and Mr. Stone is desired and ordered to assist Mr. Bulkley in the worke of the ministry so long as Mr. Bulkly shall be improved as before.

This Court considering the many complaynts and vrgencies from sundry persons, of the want of corn in the neighbour Colonys, and their importuneties for liberty to export corn out of the Colony of Connecticott, as they haue lately permitted the Council to grant lycenses, as appeares by former order, whereupon considerable quantities of corn haue already been exported from the seuerall partes of this Jurisdiction, so still they are willing to their vtmost to p^rvent a dearth of corne and to supply their neighbours and encourage trade, though in time of war, wherein we are barred of or wonted liberty in husbandry, doe therefore order that liberty may be to all persons that shall desire to export out of this Colony to the neighbour Colonys what corn, flower, bread, meale or graine any such person or persons as shall so export, the s^d person or persons shall giue sufficient security to such as are appoynted by this Courte to looke after this matter in behalfe of this Colony, that he or they shall all along and at the end of three moneths after the date of this order, haue the same quantitie of corne, flower, bread, meale or

graine, and of the same kinde, in readiness for the use of the people in necessitie, or for the country, at any time or at the end of the sayd three moneths if it be demanded of them, for just sattisfaction for the same to be giuen by the persons that receiue the corn or from the Country out of the next Country [70] Rates; and that to be deliuered || to the country's use in or at the same town or place from whence any such proportion of corn, flower or graine shall be at first exported, and that it shall be deliuered in good order and well conditioned. The true intent of this order is that liberty shall be to all persons alike, provided that the reseruatiō of corn ought not to include men's necessary family prouisiō or for defraying present debts or occasions; and these things and grants shall be done by the Authority and townesmen in each respectiue town. And whosoever shall ship any corn, bread, flower, meale or graine, and not giue in securety to haue so much in readiness as he ships, according to this order, shall forfeit the double value of all such corn, bread, flower, meale or graine he so ships or transportes, the one halfe to the complainer, the other halfe to the publique Treasurie.

15. This Court haueing considered the present danger of the country by reason of the enemie's force and strength, and the outrages they committ upon the persons and estates of the good people of the Vnited Colonies, judg it necessary that there be forthwith rayased three hundred and fifty men in the Colony to be a standing army; they, with the Indians, to be improved by the Councill in such way and manner as they shall finde most advantageous for the publique good, either in the Narrogancett country or elsewhere; to be rayased in the countyes as followeth; Hartford county, 122; Fayrfeild county, eighty-two; New Haven, 78; New London, sixty-eight. Each souldier to haue a pownde of powder and three pownde of bulletts (of their own or of the towne stocks.) To be at Norwich upon the 27th of this moneth.

For the supply of our army with prouisiō, this Court orders that there shall be rayased in the county of Hartford six hundred bushells wheat, and in Fairfeild county fower hundred bushells of wheat, in New Haven county two hun-

dred bushells of wheat and one hundred and fifty bushells of Indian corn and pease; to be rayseed by the appoyntment of the authority in each county upon the seuerall plantations. And two hundred bushells of wheat is to be sent from Fayrefield to New London, and one hundred bushells of wheat from New Haven, and one hundred and fifty bushells of Indian corne and pease, and two barrills of porek, all to be deliuered to Mr. Daniel Witherly and Mr. Wm. Dowglass, by them to be secured for the use of the army. The wheat to be grownd and baked into bread forthwith, and to be deliuered by order from the Councill.

Major John Tallcott is appoynted comānder in chiefe of this army.

The Reverend Mr. Buckley is appoynted chirurgeon of the army.

The Reverend Mr. James Fitch is chosen minister of the army.

Captⁿ Jonathan Silleck was chosen Captⁿ for Fayrefield county, and Cornelius Hull L^{nt}, John Moorehouse Ensigne. Joseph Judson is appoynted Captⁿ, if Captⁿ Silleck be disabled.

Captⁿ Tho: Munson was chosen Captⁿ for N. Haven County; Moses Mansfield, L^{nt}; Sam^l Burrill, Ensigne.

Captⁿ George Denison is chosen Captⁿ for N. London County, and second to the Major; Tho: Leffingwell, Leivtenant; John Bebee, Ensigne.

Major Tallcott is also allowed liberty to take either Captⁿ Newbery or Captⁿ Clark to be Captaine of his life garde; and to allott him his company.

16. This Court haue seen cause to grant Mr. Andrew Belcher and Mr. John Blaney liberty to lade their vessells with corne before the order granting liberty of transportation be published, provided they giue notice to such as shall lade upon them and see that the sayd former order be fully attended in the perticulers of it, upon the penalty of the forfeiture expressed in the s^d order, a copy whereof is committed to the sayd Mr. Belcher and Mr. Blaney.

Mr. Wm. Pitkin is appoynted and impowered to call to

accot and implead John Wheler of New London, for his unjust disposing of the estate of the Country, and prosecute him for all such irregularities and dishonesties as shall appeare against him in the discharge of the place of a commissary, at the next Court at New London.

The Honord Major Tallcott refusing to accept of the place of a Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Pitkin was by this Court chosen Treasurer for the year ensuing.

[71] This Court order that four coates be payd out of the publique Treasurie for two Indians that were taken by the Indians and put to death by order of the Councill of Warr, at that time when the volunteers took Nanantinoe.

Whereas notwithstanding former prouission made for the due sanctification of the Sabbath, it is observed that by sundry abuses the Sabbath is prophaned, the ordinances rendered unprofitable, which threatens the rooteing out of the power of godlyness and the procureing of the wrath and judgments of God upon vs and or posteritie; for prevention whereof it is ordered by this Court, that if any person or persons henceforth, either on the Saturday night or on the Lord's Day night, though it be after the sun is sett, shall be found sporting in the streets or feilds of any town in this Jurisdiction, or be drinking in houses of pub: enterteinment or elsewhere unless for necessity, euery such person so found, complayned of, and proved transgressing, shall pay ten shillings for euery such transgression, or suffer corporall punishment for default of due payment; nor shall any sell or draw any sort of strong drinke at any time or to be vsed in any such maner, upon the like penalty for euery default.

It is also farther ordered that noe servill worke shall be done on the Sabbath, viz. such as are not workes of piety, charaty or necessity, and no prophane discourse or talke, rude or unreverent behauioure shall be used on that holy day, upon the penalty of ten shillings fine for euery transgression hereof; and in case the offence be circumstanced with high handed presumption as well [as] prophanesse, the penalty to be augmented at the discreession of the Judges.

Widow Coalman is permitted to transport seven pownds worth of corn to Boston on Mr. Belcher's sloop.

Whereas reading the Scripture, cattechizing of children and dayly prayer with giueing of thankes is part of God's worship and the homage due to him, to be atended conscientiously by euery Christian famaly to distinguish them from the heathen whoe call not upon God, and the neglect of it a great sin, provoaking to God to power forth wrath on such famalyes or persons, for redress whereof, where any such neglect may be fownd, this Court doe solemnly recommend it to the ministry in all places, to looke into the state of such famalyes, conuince them of and instruct them in their duty, and by all due meanes incourage them that none may be found among us utterly ignorant and prophane; and the townesmen are to inquire after such famalyes and assist the ministry for the reformation and education of the children in good litterature and the knowledge of the scripture according to good lawes allready provided. But if any heads or governours of such famalys shall be obstinate and refractorie and will not be reformed, that the grand jury present such persons to the county court, to be fined or punished or bownd to good behaiour, according to the demeritts of the case.

Whereas it is obserued that young persons getting from under the gouernment of parents or masters before they are able to gouern themselves, which early liberty hath or may be an occasion of many euills and inconveniences, and hath moved this Court seriously and heartily to recommend it to the select men of the severall plantations to be carefull to prohibit and not to grant liberty to vnmeet persons to entertaine boarders or sojourners; and it is allso ordered by this Court that all such borders or sojourners as doe liue in famalies as such, shall carefully attend the worship of God in those famalys where they so board or sojourn, and be subject to the domesticall gouernment of the s^d famaly, and shall be ready to give an accot of their actions upon all demands, upon the penalty of forfeiting of fīue shillings for euery breach of this order; and that no children shall be at liberty to dispose of themselves upon pretence of lawfull age, with-

out the parents' consent, and approbation of the authority of the place.

In order to the preventing of the Increase of Drunkennesse. Upon complaynt of abuses that are groweing upon us by the retaylor^s of wines and liq^{rs}, this Court doe order that henceforth no person or persons shall retaile any less quantities then an anchor of drink at a time, without special lycenss from an Assistant or Commissioner, the same not to be delinered at seuerall times or in seuerall parcells but at one time, except such as are allowed thereto by the County Courts, upon the penalty of twenty shilling forfeiture for euery time that any person shall be fownd legally convicted thereof, any law, custome or usage to the contrary notwithstanding. And this Court doe order and command all constables, grand jury men, to take speciall care and to make dilligent search for all transgressors of this order, and to make due presentment of those that shall be fownd transgressors, to the next authority.

It is allso ordered by this Court and the authority thereof, that the selectmen with the constables of each town in this Colony shall be and are hereby required to take speciall care and notice of all and euery person and persons frequenting publique houses where wine, liq^{rs}, cyder and strong beere is sold, and spending their precious time there, and thereupon to require him or them to forbear frequenting such places; and if after that any such person shall be fownd in such place and be legally convicted thereof, he shall forfeit five shillings or sit in the stocks one hower for euery such offence; and the selectmen and constables shall giue notice to the keepers of such houses of enterteinment that they suffer no such noted person in any of their houses, upon penalty of twenty shillings for euery such defect, all such fines to be payd to the county treasurie.

[72] Whereas it is observed that the sin of vncleannesse doth increase amongst us, this Court doth recommend it to the ministers of justice in the severall countys of this Colony, to beare such due testimonie against such wickedness

according to law, that (if it be God's holy will) such sin and wickedness may be prevented.

Whereas excess in apparell amongst vs is unbecoming a wilderness condition and the profession of the gospell, whereby the riseing generation is in danger to be corrupted, which practices are testified against in God's holy word, It is therefore ordered by this Courte and authority thereof that what person soever shall wear gold or siluer lace, or gold or siluer buttons, silk ribbons, or other superfluous trimings, or any bone lace above three shillings per yard, or silk scarfes, the list makers of the respectiue townes are hereby required to asseesse such persons so offending (or their husbands, parents or masters, vnder whose gouernment they are,) in the List of Estates, at one hundred and fifty pownd estate, and they to pay their rates according to that proportion, as such men use to pay to whom such apparell is allowed as suitable to their ranke: provided this law shall not extend to any Magistrate or a like pub: officer of this Colony, their wives or children, whoe are left to their discession in wearing of apparell, or any settled millitary commission officer, or such whose quality and estate haue been above the ordinary degree though now decayed.

It is farther ordered that all such persons as shall for the future make or ware or buy any apparell exceding the quality and condition of their persons and estates or that is apparently beyond the necessary end of apparell for covering or comeliness, either of these to be judged by the Grand Jury and County Court where such presentments are made, shall forfeit for euery such offence ten shillings. And if any taylor shall fashion any garment for any child or servant contrary to the minde of the parent or master of such a child or servant, he shall forfeitt for every such offence ten shillings.

This Court grants the Gouvernor liberty to transport ten pounds worth of corn from Kenilworth on Mr. Belcher's sloop for Boston.

This Court impowers Major John Tallcott and the Treasurer to take care to send ammunition necessary for the use of the army to New London, pr Mr. Belcher's vessells, and

to order a hundred bushells of wheat thither with him, to be deliuered to Mr. Witherell and Mr. Dowglass at New London; to be forthwith baked into bread.

This Court orders the Secretary to write to Mr. Fitch, in their name, to desire him to inform Vncass and the Pequots that it is their mind that those captiues that they haue in their hands, which the Councill sold to Major Palmes, be deliuered him, and that he perswade them to attend the order of this Court therein, if they be perswadable to such a thing.

The Treasurer is ordered to agree wth Mr. Beltcher to purchass a hundred and fifty pownds worth of armes and amunition for the use of the Country, to be payd out of the next country rate, not exceeding 2*d*. on the shilling advance for armes and amunition bought for ready money.

This Court being sensible of the emergencies of affayres and difficulties that may fall in, in the intervalls of the Gen^l Court, for the carrying on of the present war, haue thought meet to nominate and appoynt the Gouvernor, Dep^t Gouvernor, Assistants, with Captⁿ Benja: Newbery, in his absence Captⁿ Dan^l Clarke, Mr. Richard Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Mr. Jehu Burr and Mr. John Bankes, to be a standing Councill, to order, manage and dispose of all such affayres as shall be necessary to be attended in the intervalls of the Gen^l Court, who are hereby fully impowered to act, and transact all such occasions as afoarsayd; and whatsoeuer shall be determined by them or any three or four of them, shall stand in full force and vertue, as if it had been determined and acted by the Gen^l Court, the Gouvernor or Dep^t Gouvernor being alwayes one.

18. This Court permits Mr. Gilbert to transport thirty bushells of wheat for Mr. Bloer, to Boston; and to transport one hundred bushells of grain for himselfe, to Boston.

This Court doe order that for such horses as are lost or dead in the country service there shall be payd to the owner three pownds p^r horss, to be payd in the next yeares Rate and not before except in cases of poverty, where, upon acco^t [73] of mercy, the Councill may || order their pay upon the present Rate. Such horses as are lost in the service, the own-

ers shall receive hire for them for no longer time then they were improved in the service.

This Court judging it requisitt that there be a quantity of armes provided for the use of the Country, doe order that all persons who are rated in the comon List of estates at one hundred and fifty pownd, shall mayntayne and haue in readiness by them, one good and seruiceable fire lock gunn, viz. a musket, culliver or curbine, for the use of the country, besides such armes as he is by former order required to mayntayne; and all persons who are listed at two hundred and fifty pownds shall keep two gunns; and so for euery hundred pownds estate more aded to his list, he shall provide a gunn for the country's use.

It is ordered by this Courte that all such persons as haue lost gunns in the country's service and are allowed to receive pay for them, shall haue gunns purchased for them by the Constables of each towne, upon the Country's charge.

Propownded for freemen; John Steele, Tho: Tompson, John Norton, Sam^l Lewes, John Howkins, Phillip Jud, Mr. Beltcher, L^{nt} Jos: Wadsworth, Sam^l Wadsworth, Tho: Wadsworth, Wm. Burnam, John Olcott, John Pantry, Jonathan: Bull and Sam^l Olmsted, Wm. Waller.

It is ordered that the lost saddles and bridles are to be adjudged and the price determined by the Constables and those appoynted by the Councill to accept and signe the accot^s in the severall plantations.

This Court orders that all wounded souldiers who haue been wounded in the country service, shall haue cure and dyet on the country accot, and halfe pay till they are cured.

This Court doe grant that all such Indians as haue been in hostility against the English, as shall at any time within the space of thirty six dayes after the date hereof come and surrender themselues to the English for mercy, such persons as shall so com and surrender their armes and ammunition, viz. all such armes as they haue used in this present war, submit themselves to the gouernment of the English, as the Pequots &c., and shall dwell where they are appoynted by the Councill, till the wars are ended and afterwards, and

shall be subject to such Gouverno^{rs} as shall be appoynted over them, and make no war without our leaue, and assist us in all or warrs, such persons shall haue their liues granted (and not to be transported out of this Country,) with necessary allowance for hunting and fishing, and land to plant on.

This Court alloweth the chirurgeons viz. Mr. Bracket, Mr. John Hull, Sarj^t Warde and Mr. John Olmsted, fowerteen shillings p^r weeke a peice.

A SESSION OF THE GEN^{ll} COURT, OCTOB^r 12: 1676, IN
HARTFORD.

Wm. Leete Esq^r, Gov^r.

Mr. Sam ^{ll} Willys,	Mr. Wm. Joances,
Major John Tallcott,	Mr. James Bishop,
Mr. Henry Woolcott,	Capt ⁿ John Nash.
Capt ⁿ John Allyn,	

Deputyes.

For Hartford; Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. Wm. Pitkin.
 For Windsor; Deaeon John Moore, Mr. John Loomys.
 For Wethersfeild; Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott, Captⁿ John Chester.
 For N. Haven; Captⁿ Tho: Munson, Captⁿ Moses Mansfeild.
 For Saybrooke; Captⁿ Rob^t Chapman, L^{nt} Wm. Pratt.
 For Stonington; Mr. Amos Richeson, Mr. Ephraim Minor,
abs.
 For Norwalke; Mr. John Bowden, Mr. Mark Sension.
 For Farmington; Mr. John Wadsworth, Captⁿ John Standly.
 For Norwich; L^{nt} Tho: Tracy, L^{nt} Tho: Leffingwell.
 For Wallingford; Mr. John Moss.
 For Milford; Deacon Jn^o Clarke, Sarj^t Tho: Camfeild.
 For Brandford; Mr. John Wilford, *abs.*, Mr. Dan^l Swain.
 For Stratford; Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Captⁿ John Minor.
 For Lime; Mr. Jos: Peck, Tho: Lee, *abs.*
 For Kelinworth; Mr. Edward Griswold.
 For Standford; L^{nt} Jonath: Bell, Mr. Jos: Theale.
 For Haddum; Ens: Jared Spencer, Georg Gates.
 For Guilford; Mr. Andr: Leet, Ens: John Graue.

For Midleton; Ens: Nath: White, Serj: John Graue.

For N. London; Captⁿ James Auery, Mr. Dan^{ll} Witherell,
abs.

For Fayrefeild; Mr. John Bankes, L^{nt} Corn: Hull.

For Greenwich; L^{nt} Jonath: Lockwood.

For Rye; Timothy Nap.

This Court mett and adjourned to eight of the clock the next morning.

Die 13. Wm. Biggs by reason of his age is dismissed from paying of rates for his person.

Die 14. This Court doth nominate and appoynt Major Tallcott, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Banckes, Capt^l Auery and Captⁿ Minor, to be a committee to heare what the Indians, Moheags, Pequots, Narrogancetts and others, haue to propownd, and allso to labor to compromise and draw such matters as they haue to propownd as near to an issue as they can; and to make report of their issues or considerations to the Court, for their confirmation of the same.

The Treasurer informing this Court that sundry of the constables in the seuerall plantations haue not made up their accot^s with him, by reason (as they alledg) of the p^rsent troubles and distractions of the times; and desireing that further time may be allotted them before they are culpable, according to the law, to the penalty añexed for not makeing [74] up their accot^s, upon consideration of the premises, || this Court grant the Constables a longer liberty to make up their accot^s for the yeare past, viz. to the 3^d Thursday in November next.

The Court adjourned till Monday morning, eight of the clock.

16. The Court mett this day and adjourned till the morrow, eight of the clock.

17. Vpon the request of Thomas Shaylor, this Court haneing presented to them a deed of sale that Mary Corby gaue him for a parcell of land in Haddum, bearing date the 10th of January, 1674, and being informed that Wm. Corbe had made sale of the sayd land to Shaylor in his

life time, by the information of Ensigne Spencer and George Gates the Deputies of^s Haddum,—this Court upon request saw good reason to confirme the sayd deed and grant of land therein made, unto Thomas Shaylor and his heirs and assigns foreuer.

18. The Court approues of Tho: Bissell and Sam^l Grant's laying out of Nathan Gillett's grant of land to Sam^l Cross.

Whereas there are many souldiers that doe complayn of great damage that they have receiued in the late wars by wounds and disabilitie thereby to attend theire occasions, which will proue too long and too many for the Court to heare and determine, this Court doe therefore appoynt and impower the Councill to hear and determine all such cases as shall be brought before them, and to alow some equitable reparation as they shall judg meet, any order to the contrary notwithstanding.

Hermon Garrad and Cattepezett his son haueing by a deed written Octobr 16, 1676, quitted his claime to the land in Stoneington bownds and agreed to sundry articles as pr the sayd deed appeares, the Court agree that from the eastern bownds of Stoneington as farr eastward as Wequatuxet brooke, neer Ninircraft's old stone forte, be allowed to Harmon Garret and his successors, that bredth six mile from the sea northward, he haueing at present made to us appeare the best claime; and this to stand untill a better right doth appeare.*

Herman Garrad's release or relinquishing of right to the land in Stoneington bownds was exhibited in Court, and ordered to be recorded, and L^{nt} Tracey and L^{nt} Leffingwell

* Sept. 23d, 1676, Hermon Garret renewed his petition to the General Court, for a confirmation of his title to a tract of land, eight miles square, "betwixt a pond called Minnabog, on the west, near the Common Road, and Wequatuxet, a brook, on the east, lying beyond an old fort called Ninigret's." He says that "being now aged, and hath bene sick great part of last winter, and feares he is now in a consumption, he earnestly requests that he maye shew his papers & pleas for his land;" which could not be regarded as conquered land, "seeing his father was the Englishe's friend, and entertained Maj. Mason & his Companie at his wigwam. when going against the Pequots, and made proclamation that noe tidings should be carried to the Pequots upon paine of death; & also he & Harmongarret & his men then faithfully assisted the English and never did the English wrong." He and his son Catapazet had also assisted the English in the war with Philip, &c. [Indians, I. 29.]

were appoynted to run the lines about the land claymed and appoynted to Hermon Garratt and Cattepczed; and they are desired to doe it within the space of one moneth.

This Court upon petition granted the Pequots and o^r Narrogancett Indian freinds liberty to hunt in the conquered lands in the Narrogancett Country, provided they sett not traps to prejudice English cattell, and that they doe their best to attacque and destroy the enemie, and continually upon all such occasions they make reporte thereof to the next Authority of the English in this Colony; and this priuiledg to be continued unto them dureing the Court's pleasure.

The Sunck Squa, Ninicroft's daughter, and her men are by this Court permitted to plant and dwell upon that tract of land comonly called Moshowungganunck, (with the consent of Hermon Garrad allready granted) dureing the Court's pleasure: provided they be faythfull freinds to the English, and prosecute o^r enemies, attacquing, destroying and discovering of them to vs as there is opportunitie, and entertaining no strang Indians without license from this Court.

It is also ordered that all such people of Hermon Garrad's and the Sunck Squa's men as goe to plant in the fore-mentioned place, be inroled, (which are s^d to be about a hundred males,) and returned to the Secretry to be kept upon file.

Nawwahquannoë and one or two more are by this Court granted liberty to live upon the Shannuck lands and to plant there, dureing the Court's pleasure; provided they entertaine no strange Indians without license of the Court, and that they prosecute and destroy o^r enemies as they haue oppertunity.

The Court by their vote declared that they judged the wampum and estate taken about Ninicroft's towne when Major Palmes and his company were out, was not free plunder.

19. The Court by their vote ordered a continuance of the order made by this Court, May last, respecting a Councill, vntill the Generall Court in May next.

The Court granted to Robbin Cassacinamon six of the

Incomers or captiues, to keep them as servants, provided he take such as are not allready engaged or dissposed by the English. Nenaquabin and an old squa wth him and his wife's vnckell Grashacow and his wife and a pawpoose of Grashacow, and an Indian that is sick, Sasabenewott, are those desired by Robin, and allowed to him by the Court.

[75] The List of Persons and Estates are:—

Persons.	Estates.	Persons.	Estates.
241. Hartford,	£14559.	237. New Haven,	£12993.
102. Farmington,	06128.	151. Millford,	08524.
141. Wethersfeild,	10082.	048. Brandford,	02579.
204. Windsor,	13053.	098. Guilford,	06215.
094. Midleton,	04811.	043. Wallingford,	01660.
029. Haddum,	01690.	152. Fayrefeild,	09428.
153. New London,	09061.	078. Stratford,	05522.
071. Norwich,	04598.	065. Norwalke,	04073.
079. Stoneington,	06337.*	081. Standford,	04673.
045. Lyme,	02846.	036. Greenwich,	01719.
085. Saybrooke,	05041.	032. Rye,	01591.
038. Kenilworth,	02342.		

Whereas the law Title MINISTERS' MAYNTENANCE, page 52, orders that where there are more then one assemblies in a towne, all persons shall contribute to one or both of those societies within their townships, it is now aded to the sayd order that in such places as afoarsayd the severall inhabitants shall pay towards the ministers' mayntenance of one or both theire societies as foloweth, viz. if they shall choose to pay to one, they shall pay in full proportion with the rest of that societie; if not, they shall pay to both societies; the one halfe of every such person's estate shall be rated with the people of one society, and the other halfe of their estates with those of the other societie, in full proportion wth their neighbours of each societie.

Whereas there is complaint made of great damage that comes by stopping of water courses, for prevention whereof

* Incorrect; afterwards reduced to £6,016, by order of Court, May, 1677. [See page 308, *post*.]

it is ordered by this Court that all water courses shall be kept clean and open, and the selectmen shall, upon complaint made to them of the breach of this order, repayre to the person or persons complained of, and order them to open their water courses; and if they shall neglect or refuse to do the same the space of fourteen days after such warning, they shall forfeit the sume of forty shillings, the one halfe to the complainer and the other halfe to the County Treasurer. It is also ordered that the surveyors in the severall plantations shall keep the water courses open in the highwayes, and in case of their neglect, being warned by the Selectmen to clear any water course, the space of fourteen days, they shall forfeit the sume of forty shillings, the one halfe to the complainer and the other halfe to the County Treasury.

Vpon the request of L^{nt} David Wilton, in behalfe of Captⁿ Marshall's widdow, this Court doth appoynt Captⁿ Newbery and impower him to make up acco^{ts} with those that are debtors and creditors to the estate of Captⁿ Marshall deceased,* and he is hereby impowered to call the sayd debtors and creditors to appeare before him, for time and place as he shall appoynt by his warrant to attend the same. And in regard the sayd Captaine Marshall was taken forth in the country service wherein he lost his life, the Court are willing to allow the sayd Captain Newbery rationall satisfaction for his paynes therein, whoe is desired to hasten the dispatch thereof, by the County Court in Hartford, December next.

The legatees of Joshua's will are by this Court appoynted to appeare before the Court next May, by themselves or substitutes, to attend the settleing of the affayres of the will.†

* Capt. Samuel Marshall, of Windsor, who commanded one of the Connecticut companies in the expedition under Major Treat, was killed at the "Fort fight," Dec. 19th, 1675. His Will and Inventory are recorded in Hartford Prob. Records, III. 148, 150.

† Joshua, sachem of the western Niantics, the third son of Uncas, lived near Eight Mile Island, within the bounds of Lyme. His will, executed Feb. 29th, 1675-'6, gave to his two sons a tract of land northwest of Saybrook, with remainder to his daughter, and, in case of her death, to his father, Uncas; and his lands at Podunk and in Hartford bounds to his sons, with remainder to his two squaws. The residue of the lands which he professed to own, was given, in shares of from 500 to 5,000 acres each, to various persons residing in Hartford, Norwich, New London, Saybrook, and elsewhere. The division of this property, and the questionable title of the testator to the lands devised, gave rise to numerous law suits; and frequent references will be found in the Records and State Files to the claims of "Joshua's legatees." A copy of

Wm. Fowler was appoynted and approued Captain of Milford traine band, and Samuel Eales Livetenant. Moses Mansfeild is appoynted and approued Livetenant of N. Haven traine band.

This Court appoynts Mr. John Birchwood, Commissioner for this present yeare for Norwich, and L^{nt} Leffingwell is appoynted and impowered to administer the oath of a Commissioner to him.

21st. Vpon the request of Mr. Andrew Belcher, this Court doe remitt the forfeiture of the corne that was seized on board his vessell at Saybrook last spring, the necessary charge attending seizing being defrayd by him.

Henry Crane was by this Court confirmed Liuetenant of Kellingworth Traine band.

This Court haueing considered the petition of Elizabeth Rogers, the wife of John Rogers, for a release from her conjugall bond to her husband, with all the allegations and proofes presented to clear the righteousness of her desires, doe find just cause to grant her desire, and doe free her from her conjugall bond to the sayd John Rogers.*

This Court appoynts Major Palmes, Captⁿ Newbery, Mr. Sam^{ll} Sherman, Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Mr. Math: Gilbert, Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. John Willford, Mr. Tho: Fitch, Mr. Rob^t Chapman, to stand in nomination for election, in May next.

This Court grants a Rate of eighteen pence upon the pownd upon all the rateable estate of the Colony; the Rate to be payd as it was last yeare, both for speeie and price.

23. From Guilford, John Goodrich, Nath: Stone, Sam^{ll} Hale, Sam^{ll} Stone, Thomas Scranton, Thomas Stone, are nominated for freemen.

Joshua's will is preserved in Vol. 1. of Indian papers, Doc. 30; and another in Col. Rec. of Lands, II. 130.

* Elizabeth Rogers petitioned the Court of Assistants, May, 1675, for a divorce. The Court finding "some difficulties as to a present issue finally," yet the case being one which called "for compassion to the woman under so great distress and hazard," referred the conclusion to the General Court in October, giving liberty to Mrs. Rogers to reside meanwhile with her father, (Matthew Griswold, of Lyme.) See Rec. of Co. of Ass'ts, I. 20; Marriage Contract, in Crimes & Misdem'rs, I. 74.

[76] This Court doth impower Major John Tallcott to rayse such volunteer forces as shall be necessary and willing to prosecute, seize and captivate, kill and destroy all such Indians as are in hostility against the English, and all such who haue already surrendered and are runn away from the English; provided they charge not the country with such prosecution as afoarsayd.

This Court grants the Gouvernour's Sallary for this present yeare to be the sume of sixty pownds, and his charge at Hartford.

This Court grants the Dep^t Gouverno^r twenty pownds for his charge and trouble this yeare.

This Court grants the Secretary fifteen pownds besides what is allowed him by former order, for his paynes this yeare.

This Court grants Mr. Willys a release of the corn seized last spring, he defraying the charge.

The Treasurer is allowed twenty pownds for his salary this yeare.

The Marshall is allowed for his sallary twelue pownd for this yeare.

The deputies are allowed fower shillings p^r man for their long attendance this Court, aboue their salary.

Vpon the petition of Sarah Towle whoe hath been deserted by her husband aboue six yeares, without any care or provision made for supply of her or her child's maintenance by her husband, this Court declares that in case the said Towle shall haue oppertunety to joyne herselfe in marriage with another man, she is left at liberty soe to doe without offence to the law or this Court.

Those formerly presented for freemen last Court, viz. Mr. Wadsworth three soñs, Sam^l, Joseph & Tho^s, and John Pantry, are admitted freemen.

Mr. Francis Bell is admitted a freeman of this Colony.

This Court orders that the troope in New Haven county doe forthwith furnish themselues with long and short armes according to law, and be exercised in their armes by their

officers, or that they shall return to the respective traine bands to which they formerly did belong.

Mr. Tho: Minor, Mr. Nehemiah Palmer, Joseph Peck, Mr. Mathew Griswould and Mr. Wetherell and Mr. Hill, Mr. Andrew Leete and John Graue are appoynted to signe bills in theire respective plantations, for what is due from the country.

This Court doe release the garrison souldiers of Saybrook garrison and doe nominate and appoynt Mr. Chapman and L^{nt} Pratt to appoynt some meet person to dwell in the house there and attend the seruice of the country as they shall order, with the promise of allowance of fiue pouds p^r annum.*

This Court doe appoynt the Treasurer to pay to Mr. Wharton what he disbursed for the garrison at Mr. Smith's upon this Colony's accot.†

Mr. Richard Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. Andrew Leete, Captⁿ Moses Mansfeld, Mr. Edward Griswould, L^{nt} Tho: Tracy and Jos: Theale were appoynted by this Court to put a value upon all the lands in the severall plantations, how they shall be valued in the list of estates, and make return of the same to the Court for their approbation and confirmation.

Stoneington, for one fowerth part of their improved land by tillage, moweing and English pasture, to be listed twenty shillings p^r acre; the other three partes at tenn shillings p^r acre; and all other lands perticulerly impropriated by fence at one shilling per acre.

‡ New London, the best of their house lotts at 25s. p^r acre, the worser at 20s. p^r acre; the rest of their lands, as Stoncington.

Norwich, the best of their house lotts at 25s. p^r acre, the

* See Mr. Chapman's letter, July 28th, in Col. Boundaries, II. 39. An abstract is given in a subsequent part of this volume, in a note to the Journal of the Council of War, under date of Aug. 2, 1676.

† Mr. Richard Wharton, of Boston, at the request of the Connecticut Commissioners, had sent provisions for the supply of the garrison at Richard Smith's, in the Narragansett Country. This was in 1675; and in June, 1676, he had written to the General Court, urging payment of the amount due him. [War, Vol. I. Doc. 91.]

‡ Throughout this report, as here published, *numerals*, and the letters *s.* and *d.* have been substituted for the *words* expressing the valuation per acre, of the original record.

worser at 20s. per acre ; the rest of their lands, as Stoneington.

Lyme, one fowerth part of their lands at 25s. p^r aere, the other three parts at 10s. p^r acre ; and impropriated lands, as Stoneington.

Saybrook house lotts at 20s. p^r aere ; the rest as Stoneington.

Kellingworth house lotts at 20s. p^r acre ; the rest, as Stoneington.

Guilford house lotts at 25s. p^r aere ; the rest, as Stoneington.

[77] Brandford house lotts at 25s. p^r acre, the worst at 20s. p^r acre ; the rest of their land, as Stoneington.

New Hauen house lotts at 20s. p^r acre ; the rest of the improved lands, one fowrth part at 16s. p^r acre, the other three parts at 10s. p^r acre ; the rest of the impropriated lands as Stoneington.

Milford house lotts, the best at 25s. per acre, the worst at 20s. p^r acre ; the rest, fourth part of their impropriated [*improved?*] lands at 20s. p^r acre, the other three parts at 12s p^r acre ; other perticular impropriated lands at 12*d.* as Stoneington.

Stratford house lotts at 25s. p^r acre ; the rest of their improved lands, one fowerth part at 20s. p^r acre, the other three parts at 14s. p^r acre ; other impropriated lands at 12*d.* p^r acre.

Fayrefeild house lotts at 25s. p^r acre ; the rest of their improved lands, one fowerth part at 20s. p^r acre, the other three fowrths at 14s. p^r acre ; other impropriated lands, as Stoneington, 12*d.* p^r acre.

Norwalke house lotts, the best at 25s. p^r acre, the worser at 20s. p^r acre ; the rest of their lands, as Stoneington.

Standford house lotts at 20s. p^r acre ; the rest of their lands, as Stoneington.

Greenwich, their lands as Stoneington.

Rye, their lands as Stoneington.

Derby house lotts 20s. p^r acre : the rest as Stoneington.

Woodbury, as Derby.

Wallingford home lotts at 20s. p^r acre ; the rest of their improved lands at 10s. p^r acre ; other impropriated lands, as Stoneington.

Haddum home lotts at 15s. p^r acre ; the rest of their improved meadow lands, one fowerth part at 30s. p^r acre, the other three fowerths at 20s.; other improved uplands for tillage, 8s. p^r acre.

Midleton home lotts at 35s. p^r acre ; improved uplands

20s. p^r acre; one halfe of their meadow at 40s. p^r acre, the other halfe at 20s. p^r acre.

Weathersfeild home lotts at 40s. p^r acre; improved uplands at 25s. p^r acre; meadow, one halfe at 55s. p^r acre, the other halfe at 40s. p^r acre.

Hartford home lotts at 40s. p^r acre; improved uplands 25s. p^r acre on the sowth side, 20s. p^r acre on the north side; the meadow, one halfe at 50s., the other halfe at 40s. p^r acre.

Windsor home lotts, the best at 25s. p^r acre, the worser at 20s. p^r acre; improved upland, one third at 20s. p^r acre, two thirds at 15s. p^r acre; one halfe of their meadow at 48s. p^r acre, the other halfe at 38s. p^r acre.

Farmington home lotts, one halfe at 20s. p^r acre, the other halfe at 15s. p^r acre; improved vpland, ten shillings p^r acre; meadow, one third at 40s. p^r acre, two thirds at 20s. p^r acre.

Simsbury home lotts att 15s. p^r acre; meadow, one third, at 40s. p^r acre, two thirds at 20s. p^r acre.

Subscribed p^r

Edward Griswould,	John Wadsworth,
Richard Lord,	Andrew Leete,
Moses Mansfeild,	Thomas Tracey,
Joseph Theale.	

This Court doe confirme what the Committee hath done in sizeing the lands of the severall plantations, and order that for the future the lands be prized accordingly in the List of Estates.

This Court considering the enlarged goodness of God to his people in this wilderness, in appeareing so gloriously for their help in subdueing of o^r enemies in so good a measure as he hath done, and his mercy in remoueing sickness from the land, in the comfortable and plentifull harvest that wee haue receiued, and the continuance of o^r priuiledges and liberties, ciuill and ecclesiasticall, hath moued this Court to nominate and appoynt the first day of November next, to be solemnly kept a day of Publique Thankesgiueing thorowout this Colony, to bless and prayse the Lord for his great mercy towards vs, with prayer that the Lord would help vs in our liues and wayes to walk answerable to his abundant mercyes. [78] Whereas in these times of God's awfull dispensations towards his wilderness people, this Court haue had solempne considerations what might be provoakeing to God among

vs, and some solemne reflections haue been recommended to the several churches and congregations of this Colony, and lawes made to farther the so much desired and necessary worke of reformation; and the Court obserueing little effect thereof hitherto, but that although through the mercy of God to a poore vnderdeserving people the evils of judgment are in a good measure remoued, yet the euill of abounding sin (the sins lamented) doth yet remayne, which may justly provoake the eyes of the holy and jealous God to greater indignation against vs than euer; who, tho the late judgments of war and sickness be at present taken off and a breathing time, a longer time of patience, afoarded us to consider our wayes and return unto the Lord with our whole heart, yet is he pleased to hold over vs a threatening hand still, by darke cloudes impending farr off and neare; therefore, this Court doe againe recommend it to all and every the elders and ministers of this Colony, to stir up and what they can awaken their severall congregations to the dutys of serious repentance and reformation, of such solemne concernment in such a day as this; and that all and euery of vs, from the highest to the lowest, be provoaked to promove the same in our churches, courts, plantations and famalyes seuerally; to which end this Court haue appoynted the third Wednesday of November next, to be a day of solemne humiliation throw-out this Colony, to seek the presence and blessing of the Lord upon his people in the aforesayd worke, and that he would appeare for the help and salvation of his people in this wilderness and other parts of the world as the matter doth or may require.

Respecting the Indians which have or shall before January next surrender themselves to mercy of this Gouvernment, it is ordered as followeth:

1. That such of them as cannot be proued murtherers shall haue their liues and shall not be sould out of the Country for slaues.

2. They shall be well used in service with the English where the Councill shall dispose of them.

3. After tenn yeares service, all growne persons (viz. when

sixteen yeares old) shall, upon certificate from their masters of their good seruice in their tenn yeares seruice, after seruice haue their liberty to become sojourners or to dwell in our respectiue townes to worke for themselues, they obserueing the English fashion and lawes, which shall be as well observed to them as from them. If the servant cannot obtayn a certificate from his master, he may apply himselfe to the authority, who shall heare his case, and grant liberty as they see cause.

The time prefixed aboue for liberty to com in may be enlarged by the Councill if they see cause, but not shortened.

All that are under sixteen yeares of age are to serue untill they be twenty six yeares of age.

It is farther ordered that the diuission of persons be made proportionably to evry County, the quallity of persons allso to be considered, to be as equall as may be, and then to be diuided by the committee men to the severall towns in like proportion. One man of each County is appoynted to see the distribution made when the Councill shall giue notice, who are, Mr. Bankes for Fayrefeild county, Captⁿ Mansfeild for New Haven, Mr. Lord for Hartford, Mr. Chapman for N. London, to be diuided betwixt the countys; then are they, when they are thus diuided, unto each town in the countyes respectiue according to proportion, and the committee men shall with advice of the Magistrates sell them vnto such as they thinke most meete to eudicate and well nurture them, at such price as they judg equall; each Assistant to haue one for themselues freely, for their paynes, as allso each committee man one.

It is ordered by this Court that those that haue lost their gunns in the country service, such persons shall address themselves to the Commissary, who is ordered to deliuer unto them out of the country gunns in the Treasurer's hand in stead of those that are lost, and are not to be otherwise payd for unless such as haue bought allready for themselues and are or shall be alowed by authority.

All such horses, saddles, bridles, gunns &c. that are any where found and taken up in the Colony and were lost in

the war, are to be carefully kept by the constable and sold by those that signe the bills in each towne respectiue, for the country's vse.

[79] It is ordered by this Court that whosoeuer shall bring in or take up any horss or mare aboue a yeare old, he or they shall first make their claim appeare to the sattisfaction of two of the townesmen of that towne whereinto they are brought, before they be marked or branded, upon the penalty of five pownds for every such defect; but if they make not out an evidence to sattisfaction as aforesayd, then such horse or mare is to be marked for the country or sold by the constable upon that accot; just charges to be payd out of the horss.

The inhabitants of Woodbury haueing been much down at Stratford with their stocks this summer, and some are likely to winter there, all such persons and stocks that shall so winter at Stratford are to pay rates in proportion as the rest there, but the others shall pay but a fowerth part of those extraordinary rates to the country; which easment is as much priuiledg to them as other townes usually had at their beginings.

There is an adition to be made to Stratford list, of those persons and estates that are at Stratford and shall winter there, which are not entered in the sayd list; the list-makers are to take an accot of the same according to Court order, and to send up an accot thereof to the Secretary as soone as may be.

The Court is adjourned till the Gour sees cause to call them againe.

AT A COURT OF ELECTION HELD AT HARTFORD, MAY 10:
1677.

*These were nominated for election:—*Wm. Leete Esq^r, Major Rob^t Treat Esq^r, Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Nath: Gold, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Captⁿ John Allyn, Mr. Wm. Joanes, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Alex: Bryant, Mr. James Bishop, Captⁿ John Nash, Capt: Tho: Topping, Major Edw: Palmes, Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Mr. Sam^l

Sherman, Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Mr. Math: Gilbert, Mr. Sam^l Tallecott, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. John Willford, Mr. Tho: Fitch, Captⁿ Rob^t Chapman.

These were elected:

Wm. Leete Esq^r, GOUVERNO^r.

Major Rob^t Treat, DEPT^r GOU^r.

Assistants.

Mr. Sam ^l Willys,	Mr. James Richards,
Major Nathan Gold,	Mr. Alex: Bryant,
Major John Tallecott, & <i>Treas.</i>	Mr. James Bishop,
Mr. Henry Woolcott,	Capt ⁿ John Nash,
Capt ⁿ John Allyn, & <i>Secretary</i> ,	Capt ⁿ Tho: Topping,
Mr. Wm. Joanes,	Mr. Math: Gilbert.

The Deputies of the Court are:

For Hartford; Mr. Wm. Pitkin, Mr. Jonath: Gilbert.
 For Windsor; Deac: John Moore, Mr. Jn^o Loomys.
 For Wethersfeild; Mr. Sam^l Tallecott, Captⁿ Jn^o Chester.
 For Farmington; Deacon Tho: Judd, Ens: Sam^l Steele.
 For Middleton; Ens: Nath: White, Sarj^t Wm. Cheeny.
 For Haddum; Ens: Jarad Spencer, George Gates.
 For Wallingford; Mr. Jn^o Moss.
 For Greenwich; Mr. John Bankes, Mr. Wm. Pitkin.
 For N. Haven; Captⁿ Tho: Munson, Captⁿ Moses Mansfeild.
 For Millford; Captⁿ Wm. Fowler, L^{nt} Sam^l Eiles.
 For Guilford; Mr. Andr: Leete, Mr. Wm. Leete.
 For Fayrefeild; Mr. John Bankes, Mr. John Wheeler.
 For Kenilworth; Mr. Edw: Griswold, L^{nt} Henry Crane.
 For Standford; L^{nt} Jonath: Bell, Abram Ambler.
 For Saybrooke; Captⁿ Rob: Chapman, L^{nt} Wm. Pratt.
 For Norwalke; John Bowton, Daniel Kellog.
 For New London; Mr. Dan^l Wetherell, Capt. James Avery.
 For Stoneington; Mr. Tho: Minor, Mr. Amos Richeson.
 For Norwich; L^{nt} Tho: Tracey, L^{nt} Tho: Leffingwell.
 For Stratford; Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Mr. Jos: Hawley.
 For Brandford; Mr. John Willford, Mr. Tho: Harrison.
 For Rye; John Brundige.
 For Lyme; Mr. Math: Griswold, Mr. Wm. Measure.

Captⁿ John Allyn and Mr. James Richards were chosen Commissioners for the United Colonys this yeare ensueing and Major Tallcott a reserve.

Vpon the motion of the inhabitants of Derby that they may be permitted to rayse their rates for the maintenance of the ministry and defraying towne charges, vpon land, this Court haueing seriously considered the same and findeing that if this towne be constrained to eomply with the generall provision of the law about rayseing rates, sundry persons whoe haue taken up lands doe onely mayntayn their title to their lands and make little improuement of the same, yet doe shunn the afoardeing that help they ought towards the mayntenance of the ministry and publique charge of the towne, doe see good reason to take due care that the minis-[80] try be comfortably provided for, and in order || therevnto doe order that for the three next yeare the people of Derby shall rays their rates for the ministry and towne vpon land, viz. vpon all such lands as are or shall be layd out within this time ; and for the three next yeares the sayd Derby shall [*rayse*] their rates, the one halfe of it vpon land, and the other halfe vpon persons and estates. This to stand, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.*

Vpon the petition of the people of Derby and for their encouragement, This Court doe see cause to grant to the s^d people the benifitt of the fishing trade to be to all and every of the inhabitants of Derby till the Court shall order otherwise, and doe prohibitt all others without their leaue fishing within the bownds of their township.

The committee appoynted to order the settlement of the lands at Derby exhibited a return under their hands to this Court of what they had done, which by this Court is approved ; onely the time allowed Mr. Hawley and Tomlinson to settle vpon their lands is by this Court judged too short, and in ease of faylure, the towne's disposein of it without sattisfying what hath been disburst vpon it, not regular ; and therefore doe not confirm that part of the order, but desire Mr. Hawley and Mr. Tomlinson to be as speedy as they

* See copy of vote passed in a town meeting, at Derby, Feb. 1674-5, in T. & Lands, I. 168.

may in settleing suitable inhabitants upon their land there settled upon them by the committee, and what lands haue been purchased for the sayd town of Derby of the Indians, the town of Derby is aduised to make the purchassers just satisfaction as speedily as may be.

The return of the committee is as followeth ;—

Derby, the 28th of February, 1676.

At a meeting of the Committee appoynted by the Generall Court May, 1675, to state a place for a ferry and a high way from it to Woodbury, and for the distribution of lands in settlement of the place &c.

And first concerning the ferry, they order and appoynt it to be at the lower end of the old Indian feild, and that litle peice of land between the rocks and the gully or creeke to be for a place to build any house or houses upon, and yardes for securing of goods or cattell that may be brought to the ferry from Woodbury, Mattatuck &c.

Allso for the encouragement of a ferryman, they appoynt eight acres of land out of the sayd old field, next adjoyneing to the afoarsayd little peice of land, begining at the sayd gully or creek to be layd out from the high way by the riuer to the hill, of a like bredth in front and reare, and upon the hill fowerteen acres of land adjoyneing to the afoarsayd rocks and land on the sowth east of it, with an high way to the ferry from the highway that goeth from Joseph Hawkins; and allso six acres of swamp or low land upon that hill against the sayd old feild as neer and as convenient as may be for the making of meadow; and allso a proportion with others of tilable land upon the hills in any common feild that shall be fenced in for the inhabitants that dwell about the ferry upon that Neck; and allso coṃonage with other inhabitants proportionably. Allso they doe appoynt a highway of foure rod wide from the s^d ferry by the riuer side upward towards Woodbury, vnto the upper end of the afoars^d old feild, and then up to the Hallow at the vpper end of the sayd feild unto the highway that is now vsed towards Woodbury, and allso that the highway from Joseph Hawkins' house to Mr. Hawley's lye where or very neere where it now doth.

Livetenant Joseph Judson declared that if the inhabitants of Derby would put in a ferry man in convenient time, they were content, or els upon notice giuen they of Woodbury would put in one whome the town of Derby should approue for an inhabitant, and that without any charge to Derby or the Country.

And for the distribution of lands and settlement for the farthering the plantation at Derby, they haue veiwed the lands and considered the state of things there, and findeing some difficulties and inconveniences, there haueing been severall tracts of land purchased by seuerall persons at seuerall times, both of English and Indians, and after consideration for the [81] best good of the place, with their best judgment, order as followeth; first, for the lands on the Great Neck, Mr. Hawly haueing built a house upon one purchase which himselfe with Jonas Tomlinson had from the Indians,* they doe appoynt unto the sayd Mr. Hawly and Jonas Tomlinson all that land both aboue and below the sayd house wch they haue fenced and improued, and allso all the rest of the improneable lands for tillage or orchyards, below the hills, within that purchass to the riuer; and allso any lowe and swampy land, to make meadow, which is within that sayd purchass; and that the sayd Mr. Hawley and Jonas Tomlinson, the one haueing built a house and the other haueing begun to build, doe finish each of them a dwelling house, and both of them dwell upon it and become inhabitants there, or setle each of them an inhabitant approved by the towne, within one yeare next ensueing, or els the town of Derby or such as the Court shall appoynt shall haue power to disspose of the sayd lands and homesteads to such as will come and setle inhabitants with them, and they diuide their proportions as they† or may agree: secondly, for the rest of the lands below the sayd Hawley's, between the river and the hill (to witt, that playn where the old fort stood, and the adjoyneing land and the old feild, as low as the ferry land,) be diuided vnto at least six or seven inhabitants, and they to haue home lotts at the upper end towards Mr. Hawley's, and each of them fower acres to his homelott, and to be at as little disistance each from other as the place will beare, and the rest of the s^d playne and old feild to be equally deuided among those six or seven, and that the low moyst or swampy grownd upon the hills be layd out to the sayd six or seven in proportion, to make meadow, after

* Aug. 17th, 1668, Joseph Hawley and Henry Tomlinson, both of Stratford, purchased from the Indian proprietors, "all that tract of land lyeing upon the Great Neck neere unto Pawgasset, bounded by the great River on the southwest, north northeast by a small river and the south end of the great Hill, south and south east by marked trees," * * * "the said land reaching above one mile towards Nawcotock River into the midle of the Neck;" for the consideration of £6. 10s. The deed was given by "Puckwomp, by virtue of a full and absolute power and order unto [him] given and entrusted by [his] brother Creahore now living at Hartford," (whose son Nanatouse was sent to join in the conveyance.) It is signed by Nannatouse, Puckwhompe, Ahenosse Sagamore, Poquanott, Chenamash, Chesousumoke Sagamore, & Machetunhege. [Col. Rec. Lands, I. 291.]

† So in the record. A word omitted.

the six acres for the ferry is layd out as afoarsayd; and allso any land that is fitt for tillage upon the hills (within the purchass from Mr. Bryant,) shall be diuided among the seven or more inhabitants, and allso any farther feild or feilds that the afoarsayd seven or more inhabitants together with the ferry man shall haue need of and desire to take in and improue upon the hills aboue Mr. Hawley's house vntill each of them haue his quantyty of fifty acres beside swamp land for meadow, leaueing liberty to the towne to ad to a man of more then ordinary use among them, twenty acres, or within that quantyty as they shall see cause. And then the rest of the lands within that neck to ly in common, vntill the town or such as the Court shall appoynt, see cause farther to dispose for encouragements of inhabitants there.

Thirdly, that Plumme Meadow and the adjacent land, which adjacent land is by estimation about twenty acres, lyeing on the east side the riuier that cometh from Nawgatuck, be diuided to accomadate at least two inhabitants.

John Nash, Will: Curtice,
Tho: Munson.

Daniel Harris is by this Court approued and confirmed to be Captain of Midleton Traine-band, and Nath: White, Leivtenant, and Wm. Cheeny, Ensigne of the sayd company, and Samuel Stockin, Sarj^t.

Robert Foot is by this Court approved and confirmed Leivtenant, and Thomas Harris, Ensigne of Brandford Traine-band.

This Court haue made choyse of those whoe were last yeare Commissioners, to be Com^{rs} again this ensueing yeare, and doe add Mr. John Birchwood, for Norwich.

Mr. Witherell is appoynted to administer the oath to Mr. Birchwood, and Mr. Minor to administer the oath to Mr. Stanton, and Captⁿ Curtice to administer the oath to the Commissioners of Fayrefeild County; Mr. White to administer the oath to Mr. Hamlin.

This Court grants the Widow Coale an abatement of her country rate the yeare past upon accot^t.

This Court upon good reason moueing them thereunto, doe remitt theire part of the Irish charaty to the distressed persons in the Massachusetts Colony and Plimoth Colony.*

* See Journal of Council of War, under date of Jan. 2, 1676-7; Letter from Massachusetts,

Vpon the application of the inhabitants of Wallingford to this Court, by their recorder,* and theire declaration of their first way of granting lands and agreement of rayseing rates for the mayntenance of the ministry and discharging towne rates, viz. upon lands, untill such time as the inhabitants the major part of the towne shall see cause to alter that way of rateing, alledging that if that way of rateing be altered it will be very prejudiciall to them, this Court considering the premises doe see good reason to grant liberty to the sayd towne of Wallingford to rayse their rates for the ministry and defraying towne charges, upon lands, untill the major part of the [82] inhabitants by their vote shall see || cause to alter; and this to stand any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

[May] 12. This Court grants the Widow Marshall or Mr. Cutts his agent liberty to transport twenty pownds worth of leather, for the answering of a debt due from the sayd Widow to Mr. Cutts his estate.

This Court by reason of the late troubles of the warr and the incumbrances thereof, doe see good reason to grant liberty of one yeare more from the first of June next for creditors to make up their accot^s with their debtors, any former law to the contrary notwithstanding.

This Court findeing by experience that it is p^rjudiciall to creditors to be forced to goe sue their debtors to the remote countys, it is now ordered by this Court that every creditor shall haue free liberty to sue his debtor or debtors at the same County Court which shall be in the county in which the creditor lives.

Mr. John Chester is approued and confirmed Captain of Wethersfeild Traine Band. Mr. Sam^l Tallcott is approued and confirmed Leivtenant of Wethersfeild Traine Band, and Hugh Wells is confirmed Ensigne of the sayd Traine Band.

Jan. 4th, [War, I. 117;] Letter from Conn. to Mass., May 10th, 1677, [Ib. 123.] See also, two communications to the N. Eng. Hist. & Gen. Register, Vol. II. pp. 245, 398, by Charles Deane, Esq.—containing the letter from the Irish contributors to the Governor and Magistrates of Massachusetts, with suggestions for the distribution of “this present reliefe sent to the distressed persons in New England;” and the orders of the General Courts of Massachusetts and Plymouth for distributing to the several towns, “the contribution made by divers Christians in Ireland for the relief of such as are impoverished, distressed and in necessitie by the late Indian Warr.”

* This petition is in T. & Lands, Vol. I. Doc. 170; dated 9th, 3rd mo: 1677.

May 14. Freemen propounded; Ebenezer Johnson, of *Derby*; Mr. John Babcock, of *Stonington*; Joseph Hand, of *Guilford*.

John Steele, Tho: Tompson, John Norton, Sam^{ll} Lewes, Phillip Jud, Mr. Belcher, Jonath: Bull, Wm. Burnam, Sam^{ll} Olmsted, Wm. Waller, John Goodrich, Nath: Stone, Sam^{ll} Hall, Tho: Scranton, Thomas Stone, Simon Smith; these haueing stood nominated, are accepted as freemen of the Colony.

This Court orders that what of Wallingford country rates shall by the Treasurer be ordered to be payd at New Haven or on board any vessell there, there shall be allowed twenty pence vpon the pownd for the same.

Captⁿ Denison was allowed fifty shillings for his services as Provost Marshall, by the Gouvernor and Assistants.

Mr. Tho: Gold's forfeiture of his bond for not appeareing at the Court of Assist^{ts} is remitted by this Court.

In answer to Mr. Jos: Fitch his petition,* this Court haue appoynted Deacon Moore, Mr. Steele and Mr. Grant to lay out the line between the sayd Mr. Fitch and Tho: Burnam their vpland at Podunck, and to doe it according to their best judgment is agreeable to the deed of sale made to Mr. Fitch by the Country. If in case Mr. Grant cañot attend it, then his son Samuell is to supply his place.

This Court doe appoynt Major John Tallcott, Captⁿ John Allyn and Captⁿ Tho: Bull to be a Committee to decide and set out what of those planting lands at Podunck shall belong to Aramamet his heires, and what shall belong to the other Indians.

George Phillips for his accusing of the County Court of Hartford for oppression and opposing a poore aged cripple, continueing of their oppression, for unparaelled oppression, chargeing them with unmercifullness, presumeing to declare them guilty before God, &c., vrging the oppression to be so heavy as would sink a Christian State, &c., the Court for his

* T. & Lands, I. 171. Mr. Fitch had purchased from the Colony, Dec. 8th, 1662, certain lands at Podunk, in the bounds of Windsor. He had become involved in law suits with adjoining proprietors, and asks the Court that his lands may be laid out and their bounds established according to his deed from the Colony.

misdeemeanor therein doe sentence him to pay a fine of five pownds to the pub: treasure, and doe disfranchise him.*

This Court approued of the letter drawn up to the Massachusetts and ordered the same to be signed by the Secretary, and to send it accordingly.†

This Court order that the Deputies of Farmington return the thanks of this Court to the Reverend Mr. Hooker for his great paynes in preaching the election sermon before this Court, and to desire him to grant the copy of his sermon that it may be printed. And the Treasurer is appoynted to procure it printed and to defray the charge thereof out of the pub: Treasure; and to distribute the bookes by proportion in the seuerall countyes, by advice of the Gouvernor or Assistants here.

15. Whereas in a former order respecting wounded souldiers, it is sayd that onely dyat and halfe pay shall be allowed unto such untill they be cured, it is now granted that such wounded souldiers shall be allowed the other halfe of their pay out of the next yeare's rates, for all their time from theire being wounded till the first of June, 1676, provided they were not cured before; but if soe, then it is to be onely till they were cured.

As an addition to the law title SCHOOLES, it is ordained that every town by the said law ordered to keep a schoole that shall neglect the same about three months in the yeare, shall forfeit five pownds for every defect, which sayd fine shall

* What grounds of offence the Hartford County Court had given George Phillips, does not appear from their records. A paper in Vol. I. of 'Crimes & Misdemeanors,' (Doc. 72,) exhibits the several charges brought against him, to the General Court, upon which he was sentenced as above. The form of the presentment is somewhat curious:—"George Philipps Answerable; 1st, for accuseing the County Court of Hartford for oppression. 2d, for oppressing a poore and aged crepple, (which persons are espesially forbidden to be oppressed.) 3d, for continuance of that oppression. 4th, for turning a deaf eare to all supplications for releif. 5th, for vnparallelled oppression. 6th, for implicite chargeing them with unmercifullness. 7th, hee proceedeth to assume to declare them guilty before God in heaven, on the premises. 8th, that execution from Heaven must accordingly bee done on our authority, which is to usurp God's prerogative who is the alone supream judge and sentencer. 9th, hee urgeth the oppression to bee so heavy as will sink a whole Christian State, which must import most obstinate oppression. 10th, a kind of blasphemous patroneizing his foresaid impudence on the Holy Spirit of God as if hee were author of it," &c. &c.

† Copy, in War Papers, I. 123. Printed with the Journal of the Council, in a subsequent part of this volume.

[S3] be payd towards the mayntenance of the Lattin schoole in their county. All breaches of this order to be taken notice of and presented by the grand jury at euery County Court.

Whereas it is fownd to be very prejudiciall to the pub: weale to transport out of this Colony the skinns of bucks and dowses, which are so seruiceable and vsefull for cloathing, it is now ordered by this Court that after the publication hereof, whosoever shall ship on board any vessell greater or lesser, for transportation, or otherwise shall transport any such skinns out of this Colony, he shall forfeit the skinns so shipped or the full value of them, the one halfe to the complayner and the other halfe to the county Treasury; except they be shipped to be transported to another place in this Colony, and in such case before they ship them they shall giue sufficient bond to the townsmen where they are shipt to the full value of the skins so to be shipped, that they will deliuer them to such place in the Colony as they pretend too, and will not transport them thence.

In answer to the petition of the Deputies of Stoneington, This Court findeing that the List of Stoneington was in the last year miscast three hundred and twenty one pownd, doe order that by the Treasurer the three hundred twenty one pownd which was miscast be remitted to them, when he makes up their accot with the Constable.*

In answer to the petition of Greenwich, this Court doe order them a hearing, at the Court in October next, of what they complayne of.†

This Court for the prevention of those Indians runing away that are disposed in service by the Authority, that are of the enemie and haue submitted to mérey, such Indians if they be taken it shall be in the power of his master to dispose of him as a captive, by transportation out of the country. And if any Indian shall take up any such servant runn away, he bringing of him to the next authority shall haue

* The petition of the Stonington Deputies is in Finance, Vol. I. Doc. 1.

† The original petition is in T. & Lands, I. 167. The petitioners ask for a reconsideration by the Court, of the order establishing the line between Greenwich and Stamford, and a further hearing of the case, "not doubting to make it evident to the satisfaction of the Court, that we are eminently wronged by the said act," &c.

two yarden of cloath for the same; and if any Indian or Indians shall hide any such run away seruant he or they shall be lyable to pay forty shillings for every such offence or suffer one moneth's imprisonment.

This Court by their vote granted Robin Cassacinamon liberty to receiue a parcell of wampom left in the hands of Mr. Tho: Stanton, which Ninicroft gaue them, they still being of the same minde that Robin should haue it, and Mr. Stanton is to deliuer it to him forthwith.

Whereas there is too frequent a practice amongst vs for men to leaue their cattell and horses on purposs in meadowes and feilds and other inclosures, whereby they doe greate prejudice to their neighbours the owners of the sayd feild, for prevention thereof it is ordered by the Court that whosoeuer shall leaue his cattell in any meadow or feild that is not broken up for free coñonage, the owner of euery such beast shall pay for the powndage of such beast two shillings a head;—and if any horss, cattell or swine be frequently trespassing upon their neighbours after the owners of them haue notice of it and doe not use sufficient means to prevent it, they likewise shall pay twelve pence a head for every beast or swine of theirs [*that*] shall be impownded after such warning.

This Court doe not see cause to grant Sasco James his request for the release of Alinchauks.

This Court grant Marshall Georg Graue fifteen pounds for his seruice as Marshall the ensuing yeare.

This Court upon the motion of the inhabitants of Simsbury, doe grant that the people of Simsbury shall haue liberty to rayse their rates for the ministry and towne charges onely upon lands for the three next yeares ensueing this date, any law to the contrary notwithstanding;* and in regard of the great loss that that town hath received in the late warr, the Court haue seen cause to remitt to the inhabitants of Simsbury that make there constant abode there, their country rates for the three next yeares ensueing, both for persons, land and cattell; but those that doe not so inhabit there,

* The Simsbury petition is in T. & Lands, Vol. I. Doc. 169.

there lands onely are freed from country rates, their cattell to be listed and returned according to order.

The Court hath granted Wegucksesuck, being sencible of the loss of his son, a coate; and doe grant Mamohoe, a squa among the surrenderers at Mohegin, if she be not otherwise dissposed all ready, she being his cousin.

This Court doe remitt to Captⁿ Denison and Mr. John Stanton the fines imposed upon them by this Court formerly.*

This Court doe grant and giue power to Mrs. Susanna Webster, executrix to the last will of Leivtenant Rob^t Webster late of Hartford deceased, to make a disspose of such and so much of the land of the sayd Webster as shall be necessary to be dissposed of for the defraying of his just debts, and to giue deeds for the same, which shall be good in law; and doe aduise her to take the aduice of the overseers appoynted in the sayd Lⁿ^t Webster's will, and of Ens: Nath: Standly and Marshall Graues about the same.

This Court doth impower the relict of Mr. John Rossiter, and allso the relict of John Sheather of Kellingworth, to grant deeds and assureances for such lands as their respect-

* See page 259, ante. At this session of the Court, Capt. Denison presented the following petition: (War, Vol. I. Doc. 125.)

"To the Honored Generall Court now sitting in Hartford, the humble request of George Denison humbly sheweth:—

That whereas about two years since there was a fine imposed upon me by your authority, the which is at your pleasure ether to remit or require, as you see cause: since which time it hath pleased almighty God in his divine providence, by these vnhappy wars, to put an oportunity into my hand, by your authority and commition, to giue testimony of my fidellitye and readyness to serue the Country; wherein I haue readiely ventured both life and estate for the publick interest, (not a litle to the damage of my weake estate,) yet nothing so greivous or difcult but I have bin willing to vndergoe and vndertake, wherby I might serue God and the interest of his people; espetially being countenanced by your authority and incoraged by the preseruing and succeeding presence and good hand of the Lord of hosts with vs in our weake indevores to the terror and scattering of the enemy; to his glory be it ever spoken, and kept in memory to his praise. Now may it please you so far to take notis of me, in my weake but faithfull indevores to serue you, as to remit the aforesaid fine imposed vpon me: and also to giue me those three Indians which Capt. Mason left with me, and haue since bin confirmed vnto me by the Counsell at Hartford, to wit, one anchant squa with her husband and her child of about fve yeareould,—the which is all that I haue of the effects of the war, ether prisoners, plunder or incomers. Wherby you will yet further oblige him vnto your service who is, Gentlemen, Yours to serue in what he may, to his power,

GEORGE DENISON.

Hartford, May the 17th, 1677."

ive husbands haue made sale of in their life time and not granted assurance for the same.*

[84] This Court order that when the return of the committee, viz. Mr. Mathew Griswold and L^{nt} Thomas Minor, be returned to the Secretary, of the laying out of Mr. Simon Lynd's grant, which is now confirmed to him, and may be recorded to him by the Secretary.†

Mr. Pitkin is by this Court chosen Treasurer for the year ensuing (Major Tallcott refusing to accept of the place,) and is allowed thirty pownd sallary for this yeare.

18. The printer being yet unpayd for part of the law bookes, as he alledgeth, this Court being willing to issue with him, doe order the Treasurer to pay vnto the printer for fower hundred bookes which are yet unpayd for, to be payd as soone as he can; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to call the Constables to accot of what they haue payd for bookes, and for the remayndure of it; and allso Mrs. Raymond, Mr. Hudson and John Burr are, by the Treasurer's call, to giue accot of what they haue payd and receiued upon the fore mentioned accot, and the Treasurer to receiue the pay of them for the country accot and to prosecute such as are defectiue, according to former order.

John Bissell is by this Court confirmed Quarter Master of the Country Troope of the county of Hartford.

The Indian surrenderer at p^{rsent} wth John Burrett is by this Court appoynted to be dissposed of for the benifit of the country, by Major Treat and Major Gold, as may be most righteous and just.

Whereas there is a house and home lott belonging to some of the children of Thomas Lord deceased, that is out of repayre, and one of them children being of age to receiue her portion, desireing to receiue the same, it being judged best to

* See petition of Susanna Shether, and testimonies, in Priv. Controv. I. 149-151.

† 500 acres, formerly granted by Massachusetts to Capt. Daniel Gookin or his assigns, laid out to Mr. Lynde, 28th April, 1675, "beginning at Pawcatuck Poynt, the Marsh Hummock & Beach home to the upland, laid out for 37 acres more or less, and running from the south beach next the sea northerly cross the neck to Paquatuck River," bounded west on P. River and cove, 590 rods, and extending one mile and a half, east by north from Watch Hill. Recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 442.

make sale of the same, and most advantageous for the benefit of the s^d children, This Court doe grant liberty to the guardian of the youngest child to joyne wth the other of age, to make sale of the s^d house and land in Hartford, and they are impowered hereunto by this Court.

Whereas in the law title SCHOOLES it is ordered that every County Towne shall keep and mayntaine a Lattin Schoole in the s^d towne, which is not fully attended in some places, to moue, excite and stir up to the attendance of so wholesome an order, it is ordered by this Court that if any County Towne shall neglect to keep a Lattin Schoole according to order, there shall be payd a fine of tenn pownds by the sayd County Towne to the next town in their county that will engage and keep a Lattin Schooll in it, and so tenn pownds annually till thay shall com up to the attendance of this order. The Grand Jury to make p^rsentment of the breach of this order to the County Court, of all such breaches as they shall find after September next.

It is also ordered by this Court where schooles are to be kept in any towne, whither it be County Towne or other, what shall be necessary to the mayntayning the charge of such schooles it shall be rayسد upon the inhabitants by way of rate, except any town shall agree upon som other way to rayse the mayntenance of him they shall imploy in the afore-sayd worke, any order to the contrary notwithstanding.

This Court doe grant Ninicroft's daughter and the Narragansetts vnder her to plant in Shannuck this yeare, provided they doe not prejudice those already granted liberty to plant there.

This Court grants Deacon Tho: Judd liberty to take up his grant of two hundred acres of land in more places than one provided he take it not up in aboue fower places.

Whereas there is corn gathered by the Constables in the severall plantations to discharge their rates, by order of the Treasurer, which is refused to be accepted by those creditors to whome it is assigned, because it is not gathered in specie proportionable according to Court order, this Court appoynts the Treasurer to take care that such as signify their non-

acceptance of the corn gathered as afoarsayd, that it doe not suffer, but be dissposed of to the Country's vse, to pay their other debts.

This Court being informed to their sattisfaction of the necessity of the selling of the land of John Rockwell, late of Rye, to pay his just debts and for the supply of his wife and children, doe impower the relict of sayd Rockwell and Daniel Weed to make sale of the sayd Rockwell's land, and to grant assurance of the same.

19. This Court doe order that the letter drawn up and read in Court be subscribed by the Secretary, and sent to the Gouvernor of Rhod Island and Gen^l Court there.*

Scantemaug of Wyantenuck haueing made complaynt of Henry Tomlins buying of land of theires in a private way, to their prejudice &c. the Court refers the hearing and issue of this case to the County Court of Fayrefield.†

[85] Whereas it is found that the Marshall and Constables in seruing of executions, have many times tendered to them, and sometimes can find no other estate of debtor or delinquents than such as is not deuideable in itself, whereby the overpluss of the apprizment is not returnable to the debtor or delinquent out of the thing apprizd, for releife and direction in such cases, this Court doe order, that in such cases where the estate apprizd doth by apprizement amount to more than the creditor's due, with the charges, and the creditor and debtor doe not agree about the sattisfying the overpluss, that the estate remayn six dayes in the officer's hand at the charge of the debtor or delinquent, and it shall be in the liberty of the debtor or delinquent to sell the same to his best advantage in that time to sattisfy the specie due according to the execution, and therewith to sattisfy the credit-

* A copy is in Col. Boundaries I. 112. It was in reply to a letter from Rhode Island complaining of the seizure and detention, by authority of Connecticut, of Thomas Gould, James Reynolds and Henry Tibbotts, "upon default of intrusion and disobedience to authority" in the Narragansett country.

† Deeds to Henry Tomlinson, of an island in, and of lands on either side of Oantenock River,—extending more than seven miles in length, and six in breadth,—were given in April and July, 1671, by Pocono, Ringgo, Quoconecoe and Whimta,—and by Perainos and Cawkapotous,—the professed Indian proprietors. These deeds are recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 421.

or's and officer's just due; in failure whereof the officer to whome the execution is directed shall at or after that time sell it by out cry for the speciæ due or a speciæ diuideable, which s^d speciæ shall be apprizd and deliuered acording to the execution.

This Court doth let to Nath: Bissell the ferry over the great River at Windsor for seven yeares from this date, he onely haueing liberty to transport travelers in that towne; he allwayes to keep a boat and men ready to attend the service, and to take for his paynes sixpence a horss and man in siluer p^rsently payd, or in other pay eight pence a horss and man.

The return of the Committee appoynted to lay out Hermon Garrad's land, as followeth :—

Wee whose names are underwritten being appoynted by the Generall Court in October, '76, to measure the bounds of Hermon Garrad's land lyeing on the east of Stoneington bounds, first, we begun to run the line at the west side of Wequatucksett brooke, a little eastward from the old forte, and so ran east north east one mile to a pond called Pahcupog, and from thence one mile and a halfe north to a hill called Masshattaneeseek, and from thence two miles and a halfe north northeast to Shannuck Riuer, the place called Paychaiosuck where we marked a tree wth five notches on the sowth of the riuer, and there was yet one mile more to measure, but the River being full that we could not pass over and forced to leave the worke.

November, '76.

Thomas Tracey,
Thomas Leffingwell.

Whereas sundry volunteers haue gon forth without commission and brought in sundry captiues that haue been of the enemie in open hostility against vs, this Court doth declare they are their lawfull prize, and shall remayn servants in the places where they are disposed.

Whereas Vncass and his sonn are ingaged upon six dayes notice to deliuer up all surrenderers that haue been listed by Mr. Fitch, to be settled or dissposed according to former order or promise, Major Talleot or any three of the Committee for Narrogancett country are desired and impowered to

call upon Vincass at their return and to settle and dispose the sayd Indians accordingly.*

This Court considering the good service of such commission officers and sarj^{ts} as haue been in office in the late warrs against the Indians, whoe haue not the same offices in the Trained Bands, doe see cause to honor their deserts by exempting them from training as priuate souldiers, requireing only that all such officers be present at all the traineings of the respectiue bands where they live, with theire swords, and there, as the cheife officers of the trained bands that are present shall desire them, to exercise the company or part thereof in that office that they bore in the warrs, for their owne and the company's better furtherance in the millitary discipline, vnless themselues shall chuse to fall into the same capacitie in the bands they were in before the wars. And if any such officers doe refuse or neglect to be present at the severall traineings and attend the desire of the officers of the trained bands, they shall be lyable to the same penalty that the law apends to the same offence in millitary officers.

Allso all commission officers, viz. such as were made so in the late war shall be freed from halfe their watch and warde, onely in ordinary times of peace.

Vpon the motion of Mr. John Saffin in behalfe of sundry Gentⁿ that doe assert they haue right in the Narragancett country:—

1. This Court declares that they will endeauoure the settlement of the sayd land in the Narrogancett country in such way and manner as may conduce to the honnour of God and the pub: interest of the Colony and those concerned therein.

2. This Court doth nominate and appoynt Major John Tallcott, Captⁿ Robt Chapman, L^{nt} Tho: Tracey, L^{nt} Tho: Minor and Mr. John Bankes, together with any two that shall be appoynted by Mr. John Saffin and company, if they pleas to be present at Mr. Bull's in the Narrowgancett country upon the 11th of June next, to take a view of the s^d country and consider what places may be fitt for plantations, and what inhabitants each plantation may contayne and what

* See Appendix XXII: Letters from Rev. James Fitch.

bownds will be meet to allow each plantation, and allso what other lands may be fit for farmes. and to commit the same to writeing and make return thereof to the Court in October [86] next. But ¶ if the sayd Bay Gent^a come not, or doe not agree with them. they may proceed without them, and the major part are to doe therein and make return to this Court.*

3. All such as desire to plant themselves in such places as shall be judged fit for plantations in the country afoars^d (being persons of good conuersation) they shall readily be entertained and encouraged by this Court to plant there orderly.

4. And for those lands that have been allready regularly possest and layd out to the inhabitants and planters of Wickford or places adjacent, this Court doe grant liberty to such inhabitants and proprietors afoars^d to repoesse themselves of their just propriety, provided they doe submitt themselves to this Government and send up their names to the Secretary, within two moneths after this Court, and do express their willingness to be regulated so as may best advantage the generall safety and comforts of the inhabitants; which is recommended to and expected from all such as clayme great portions of land neer the center of any township, for them to contrinue and see don. which may be by way of sale or exchange of lands wth others for some more remoat, or to settle dwellers of their own suitably for cohabitation as afoarsayd.

5. Another committee is allso appoynted by this Court empowered and ready to treat the Gent^a belonging to the mortgage and to agree wth them for reasonable compensation either in land or otherwise, as may arise from the improvement, and to take in all deeds and evidences which are with them for the sayd lands, so that righteousness, loue and peace may be continued betwixt us and them; which committee is the Gouvernor and Assistants, whoe may prepare matters for an issue. but not fully conclude wthout farther order from the Generall Court.

This Court considering that there may be necessary occasions fall in. in the intervalls of the Generall Court, that will

* - The Report of a Committee about Narragansett, signed by Major John Tallicott and John Banks, June 16th, 1677, will be found in the Appendix, No. XXL

require attendance, this Court refers the consideration and determination of all such affayres to the Gouvernor, Deputy Gouvernor and Assistants present, always provided there be the Gouvernor or Deputy Gouvernor with three Assistants.

This Court vnderstanding that there is some difference in Lyme about the choyse of a Lieutenant, and not seeing that it will be for the advantage or sattisfaction of the people there to confirme either of those chosen, doe see good reason to defer their granting approbation to their choyse; and vntill there be another chose to more general sattisfaction to the people there, Mr. Mathew Griswould is to supply the place of a Leivtenant at Lime, till such choyse and approbation thereof be made by the Court.

This Court considering the dissipation of God's goodness and mercy to us in the vicissitudes of providences that in these late yeares haue passed over us, which haue been very eminent and remarkeable, and allso or vnsuitable deportement vnder the same, not comeing up to what we haue pretended in reforming those evils which we haue taken notice of, together with the simptoms of the displeasure of God still impending over us and or neighbours, not onely by the Heathen but by those tokens that still doe threaten evill approaching,—hath moved this Court to appoynt the last day of this moneth to be kept a day of publique and solemn Humiliation throughout this Colony, to humble or soules before the Lord by fasting and prayer, for all or many provocations, and to implore the gracious presence of the Lord to be with us, as he hath been with our fathers, inclining or hearts to obserue his statutes and commandments, and to make us a reformed people by raighning down righteousness and mercy upon vs, and graciously appeare, to giue a good issue to all affayres depending in England respecting this country and the best welfare of his Matie and of all the people of God both in England and elsewhere.

The Court's adjourned till the Gouvernor or Dep^t Gour see cause to call it againe.

[87] A GENERALL COURT HELD AT HARTFORD, OCTOBER
11th, 1677.

Wm. Leet Esqr, GOU^r.

Major Rob^t Treat, DEPT^t GOU^r.

Major John Tallcott,

Captⁿ John Nash,

Captⁿ John Allyn,

Captⁿ Tho: Topping.

Mr. Wm. Joanes,

Deputies.

For Hartford; Mr. Wm. Pitkin, Mr. Jonath: Gilbert.

For Windsor; Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Mr. John Loomys.

For Wethersfeild; Captⁿ John Chester, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott.

For New Haven; Captⁿ Tho: Munson, Captⁿ Moses Mans-
field.

For Fayrefeild; Mr. John Bankes, Mr. Corn: Hull,

For N. London; Major Edw: Palmes, Captⁿ James Avery.

For Milford; Captⁿ Wm. Fowler, Captⁿ Jn^o Bird.

For Saybrook; Captⁿ Rob^t Chapman, L^{nt} Wm. Pratt.

For Stratford; Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, Mr. Francis Hall.

For Norwich; L^{nt} Tho: Tracey, Mr. Simon Huntington.

For Standford; Mr. Jos: Theale, Mr. Abram Ambler.

For Farmington; Mr. John Wadsworth, Deac: Tho: Judd.

For Guilford; Mr. Andrew Leete, Ens: John Graue.

For Norwalk; Mr. John Gregory, Mr. John Bowton.

For Wallingford; Mr. John Moss.

For Brandford; Mr. Tho: Harrison, Mr. Dan^l Swaine.

For Stoneington; Mr. Amos Richeson, Mr. Ephraim Minor.

For Lyme; Mr. Math: Griswold.

For Greenwich; Mr. John Bankes, Mr. Wm. Pitkin.

For Rye; Mr. John Bankes.

For Midleton; L^{nt} Nath: White, Deacon Sam^l Stocking.

For Kenilworth; Mr. Edw: Griswold.

This Court upon the soliscitation of or neighbours of the
vpper plantations, (som of them haueing had a treaty with
the enemie and promised another on the next Sabboth day,)
that we would grant them assistance and a suitable person
to advise in the present treaty, haue thought meet and doe
hereby order and appoynt Major Rob^t Treat to take unto him
and vnder his command forty men, and haste vp to North-

ampton and Hadly there to lend his advice and grant assistance in the defending the plantations and the persons as shall be appoynted to treat, in the best way and maner as they can, according to commission. A copy of the commission is on file.

Fifteen of those men to be rayed at Windsor, and fifteen at Hartford, and ten at Wethersfield.

Tho: Holister was appoynted Livetenant and commissioned accordingly.

And this Court for the advancement of the Treaty with the enemie haue thought meet to propound their considerations to the Honor^d Major Treat and to the persons that shall be employed in the treaty by our freinds in those plantations.

1. That all due endeauoures be vsed for the redemption of the captiues, by paying a sume of money or other goods; possibly a quanty of liquors may not be amiss to mention in the tender.

2. If they should propownd any thing for a peace that then it be tould them that first you purpose to issue the business about the captiues, and then treat peace.

3. If peace be treated of, the highest of tearmes propownded to them should be life and liberty in this country, they to be under the Goverment and at the disspose of the English in that Colony in which they shall reside.

4. If they treat about peace that then they make as honourable and safe peace as may be, and not to conclude it fully before there be a post sent to Boston, and the confirmation of it com from the Court of the Massachusetts; with a promise if they doe not conclude of a peace to sattisfaction, that then they shall haue free liberty to depart without being molested, and that till then they shall be secured in a house at Hadley and haue provission to sattisfaction, and safely guarded that they shall not be molested by any of the English; or if they like not so to be secured by the English, then all acts of hostility to be forborne, foure of the cheife of them com thither on the day appoynted, with signes agreed on, peaceably and without armes, they shall then have an answer and liberty to com and goe in safety.

12th. This Court doe order the Treasurer to remitt the rates of Sam^{ll} Hide for these two last yeares for his person, he being disinabled by illness.

This Court confirmes vnto John Allyn of New London, a purchass that he hath made of Vncass, of about an acre of meadow, and so it is incerted vnder the deed by the Secretary.

Vpon the petition of John Beeres, this Court considering how he hath been disinabled by his wounds in the swamp fight, as a recompence for the same doe grant him sixteen pownds, to be payd out of the pub: Treasurie, by the Treasurer within two yeares.

The List of Persons & Estates are as followeth :—

Persons.	Estates.	Persons.	Estates.
226 Hartford,	[£]16577	084 Stratford,	[£]6222
219 Windsor,	13522	068 Norwalke,	4505
214 New Haven,	12707	090 Standford,	4694
157 Fayrefeild,	09730	040 Greenwich,	1822
147 New London,	08206	038 Rye,	1789
160 Wethersfeild,	11169	033 Kellingworth,	2487
106 Farmington,	06134	085 Saybrooke,	5720
096 Midleton,	04890	050 Lyme,	3207
029 Haddum,	01599	070 Norwich,	5080
100 Guilford,	06040	087 Stoneington,	5601
045 Brandford,	02499	163 Milford,	8379
048 Wallingford,	02159		
			144738

[88] October 13. Vpon the petition of Mary Marshall wid: the relict and administratrix with the will annexed of Captⁿ Samuel Marshall of Windsor, slaine in the late war deceased, requesting liberty and allowance from this Court to make sale of so much of the land and reall estate of the s^d deceased as shall be found necessary (the personall estate falling short) to pay, sattisfy and discharge the just debts due and owcing by the testator and unpayd at the time of his death, this court haueing considered the case doe grant the liberty desired, and to that end doe impower Captⁿ John Allyn, Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Captⁿ

Daniel Clarke, L^{nt} John Maudsley and L^{nt} David Wilton, the thirds of the sayd land being first sett out by the sayd persons and stated by the County Court according to law upon the widow and relict, and then out of the residue of the land to lay out so much as shall be necessary and may be best spared with least inconveniency to the estate and sell the same to best advantage to the ends afoarsayd according to their best prudence and discession; and the Court doe declare that such sale or sales made as aboue by the sayd persons hereby intrusted, or the major part of them, in concurrence with the sayd relict and administratrix, shall be and reputed good in law to all or any person or persons concerned there; and the Court doe farther order that s^d debts being so payd and discharged, distribution be made of the remayndure to the children of the testator, according to law and justice, as is intimated in his will.

The Court haueing heard and considered the complaint of Richard Williams against Isack Hall for his illegall proceeding against his person by an hue and cry, and obtaining from him, while he was under the sayd Hall's power by that hue & cry, an obligation for payment of an Indian boy and an horss, or three years service of his person,—this Court doth determine that the sayd obligation shall stand voyd, as being gotten by illegal force, as allso that the sayd Hall's seizing the sayd Williams' person is very illegall, the sayd Williams his time of serueing by apprizment according to law being wholly neglected by sayd Hall and the County Marshall; and doe adjudg the sayd Hall shall pay to the sayd Williams the sume of twenty pownds in order to repaying the sayd Richard Williams his damages thereby sustayned; and the Court doe leaue the judgment of the Court at New London in the estate it was before execution was granted, and Williams to haue liberty to appeale if he see cause; and all charges of the courts in agitating this matter and controversy to be born by sayd Isack Hall.

Octobr 15. This Court being informed that Mr. Thomas Denham is likely to settle at Rye as minister there, who is declared to be a suitable person for that worke by the min-

isters of Fayrefeild and Standford, for his incouragement to setle there, and in regard of his late loss by the war, this Court haue granted him the sume of ten pownds to be payd out of that towne's rate this yeare.

Vpon the petition of Mary Murrain, the wife of Patrick Murrain, that she might be released from her conjugal tye to him, the Court considering of the same and findeing by the testimonies of sundry Deputies that he hath absented himselfe from her aboue six yeares, and hath not afoarded any thing towards her mayntenance as ever they heard of, besides other testimonies, and allso that he resolved neuer to see her more but wholly deserted her, the Court haueing considered the case doe find good reason to release her from her conjugall tye to the ^s^d Patrick Murraine, wth liberty to disspose herselfe in marriage, as God shall grant her opportunity.

Octobr 16. This Court doe grant vnto Mr. Andrew Belcher liberty to transport thirty raw hides out of the Colony.

This Court doth grant a rate of eight pence upon the pound upon all the rateable estate of the Colony, to discharge the country debts, to be payd in good and merchantable wheat, pease and Indian corn, porck and beife; winter wheat at fiue shillings p^r bushell, sumer wheat, fower shillings p^r bushell, white pease at three shillings six pence p^r bush., Indian corn at two shillings sixpence p^r bushell, porck at three pownds tenn shillings p^r barrill, good and merchantable, full size, well repact by the packer, and beife so repact as before, forty shillings p^r barrell; allwayes prouided if there be aboue a third payd in Indian corne, it shall be payd not aboue two shillings p^r bushell.

This Court grants the Gouvernor for his salery sixty pownds and the discharge of his expences for this year.

This Court grants the Dep^t Gouvernor for his salary this yeare, thirty pownds.

This Court upon the petition of Mr. Tho: Robinson that he might haue a hearing of a case formerly issued at New Hauen Court, for the farther quiating of the disquiat spirit of the petitioner, and that there may be a finall issue of the

[89] case, and he fully convicted of his irregularities, || (this grant not to be a pleadable presedent for the future,) grant him liberty to reveiw the same at New Haven Court in November next, and doe desire Major Tallcott and Captain Allyn, both or either of them, to grant their assistants and that Court in the hearing and issue of this case. The Deputies of Guilford to giue notice to the town of Guilford to appeare at the sayd Court to defend themselues in this case by their agents.

This Court doth impower the late wife of John Browne to make sale of her part of the house and land of her husband's that was left by him when he deserted her, for the supply and the bringing up of his children; and her deed of sale shall be of full force and vertue for the holding of the same firme to them that shall purchasse the same, to them, their heirs and assignes foreuer.

This Court upon the motion of those betrusted in the management of the estate of Noadiah Russell, that was left him by his grand father and father, they haueing expended considerable of his estate in bringing of him up in learning, and he being now at the Colledg and not in a eapacity to proceed in learning without his houseing and land in New Haven be sold for his mayntenance, which the sayd persons betrusted as before desire the approbation of this Court in makeing sale of the sayd houseing and land for the end afoars^d,—This Court haueing heard and considered the premises, doe judg that it will be more advantagious for the s^d Noadiah that his house and land be so^{ld}, and the pay receiued be improued for the bringing of him up in Colledg learning, than to leaue his learning and injoy his house and land, he being likely to proue a usefull instrument in the work of God; and therefore doe hereby giue the executors, administrators or those betrusted wth the estate of the sayd Noadiah full power to make sale of his house and lands for the ends afoarsayd; and their deeds for the s^d house and land, made, signed, sealed and deliuered according to law, to be of full force and vertue as afoarsayd for the holding of the sayd houseing and

lands firm to those that shall be the purchassers of them, their heires and assignes foreuer.

Octobr 17. This Court haueing heard and considered what hath been presented by Mrs. Joanes to alter what hath been done by the Court of Assistants in refference to the estate claymed by Mrs. Osborn for herselfe and Mr. John Joanes, son of Mr. John Joanes of Nevis, giuen by the last will of the Reverend Mr. John Joanes of Fayrefield, doe declare that they see noe cause to make alteration of the same, but doe hereby sattisfy and confirm the act of the Court of Assistants, as a final issue of that matter.*

This Court grants the constables for the severall plantations liberty till the twentyeth of Nouember next to make up their accot^s wth the Treasurer for this yeare.

This Court haueing heard what hath been presented by the Deputies of Greenwich and Standford concerning their bounds, see no cause to make any alteration of what the Court hath formerly settled in that matter.†

Octobr 18. This Court grants Jonathan Armstrong the sume of one hundred acres of land near the bownds of Norwich, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any plantation or perticuler person. L^{nt} Tho: Tracey and L^{nt} Tho: Leffingwell are appoynted to lay out his grant to him, according to his grant.

Nominated for freemen ;—Jonathan Smith.

Nominated to stand in the nomination for Assistants at the election in May next ;—Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Mr. Sam^{ll} Tallcott, Mr. John Wadsworth, Captⁿ Daniel Clarke, Major Edw: Palmes, Mr. Rob^t Chapman, Mr. Edward Griswould, Mr. Dan^{ll} Witherell, Mr. Andrew Leete, Captⁿ Wm. Fowler, Mr. John Moss, Mr. Tho: Fitch, Mr. Sam^{ll} Shearman, Captⁿ Wm. Curtice, L^{nt} Olmstead.

This Court doe nominate and appoynt Major John Tallcott, Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Mr. Samuel Tallcott, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. Wm. Pitkin, to be a committee to treat wth the most prudent and consciencious of each severall calling,

* Rec. of Court of Assistants, I. 24.

† See note on p. 202, ante.

and to prepare such orders and instructions for the regulating and stateing of trades and workmen, so as that all oppression may be removed from vs and that righteousness may be aduanced, and to present the same to the next Court.

For the regulation of the Tanners :—It is ordered by this Court that noe tanner shall haue any more for taning any hide than two pence upon the pownd for green hides and fower pence upon the pownd for dry hides. It is allso ordered that the price of green hides shall be three pence p^r pound and dry hides six pence p^r pownd, excepting abatement for damnified hides; and the tanner shall set downe the price payd to the butcher or owner, or to be payd, vissibly upon the hide, that the price of the hide being tanned may be truely knowne. It is allso ordered that if any tanner or owner of leather shall sell or cause to be sold any leather before it be duely sealed according to law, or shall sell any leather for more than the price forementioned [*he*] shall forfeit such leather or the value of it, one third to the complayner, the rest to the county treasurie where it shall happen.

[90] For the regulation of shoemakers :—It is ordered that after the first of May next, noe shoemaker shall take aboue fíue pence halfe penny a size for all playne and wooden heeld shoes, for all sizes aboue the men's seuens, three soled shoes well made and wrought, nor aboue seven pence halfe penny a size for well wrought French falls. And euery shoemaker shall haue by him a true and just size or measure, and accordingly marke his shoes in the usuall maner; and if any shoemaker shall marke his shoes or ware with a falls size or measure, to abuse and wrong the buyer, or shall sell aboue the price abouesayd, he shall forfeit such shoes or ware.

This Court grants Mr. Gershom Bulkly liberty to transport two hundred of deere skinns out of this Colony this next yeare, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.*

This Court grants Mr. Andrew Leet liberty to purchass Falcon Island and Goose Island for himselfe and his heires, which sayd Islands lye before or neer Guilford.

* Mr. Bulkeley petitioned the Court for liberty to export deer skins to Boston, to be exchanged for medicines, &c. [Trade & M. Affairs, Vol. I. Doc. 1.]

Vpon the petition of Elizabeth Griswould, the late wife of John Rogers, that she might haue her children continued with her and brought up by her and not with John Rogers, he being so hettridox in his opinion and practice ; the Court haueing considered the petition, and John Rogers haueing in open Court declared that he did vtterly renounce all the vissible worship of New England, and professedly declare against the Christian Sabbath as a meere invention, &c. the Court see cause to order that the two children shall be and remayn with her the s^d Elizabeth and her father Mathew Griswould, to be brought up and nurtured by them (in the admonition and fear of the Lord,) dureing the pleasure of this Court. And this Court doe order John Rogers to pay vnto the sayd Elizabeth towards the mayntenance of his children, the sume of twenty pownds, to be payd fīue pownds a yeare, for fower yeares next followeing ; and in case he fayle of payment, the reversion of the land by sayd John Rogers made ouer to Elizabeth his late wife, at Mamacoek, is to be and stand for security for the payment of the sayd sume of twenty pownds.

Vpon the petition of the select men of Stoneington, This Court doe grant theire petition provided they make full payment according to theire list to the country and make up their acco^{ts} with the Treasurer so that no loss come to the country thereby by November 20th next. The list is £6195. If any loss com to the constable thereby, the town to beare it.

This Court haueing heard Robbin Cassacinamon's petition and Mr. Stanton's petition* with the contents of them, which being considered, doe see no eause to alter what was done in May last, and now agayn order that Robbin Cassacinamon may receiue the wampom that was left at Mr. Stanton's for him, and Mr. Stanton is hereby ordered to deliuer it him, or the value of it to the content of sayd Robbin, in some other current pay ; and if the Narragancetts be in Mr. Stanton's debts, he may in a legall way prosecute and obtayn his right of them.

This Court doe grant Mr. Steven Chester six pownd, for

* Mr. Stanton's petition is in War Papers, Vol. I. Doc. 133. That of Robin Cassacinamon, in Indian Papers, Vol. I. Doc. 31.

recompence for the high price of come and other damages he received for non-payment of what was due to him from the country.

This Court doe grant the widow of Captⁿ Seely about thirty-three shillings due from her for her country rate last yeare, and her rate this yeare.

This Court grants Experience Shepherd, the wife of Wm. Shepherd a release from her conjugall tye to the sayd Wm. Shepherd, he haueing deserted her with a resoluc neuer to return to his wife againe.

This Court haueing heard what hath been aledged by Sarjt Hart against the widdow Orviss her sale of her house and land at Farmington to Sam^l Gridly, doe declare that they see no cause to alter the settlement made by the County Court of those lands to the Widow Orviss.

This Court grants Mercy Niccolson a releass from her conjugall tye to John Niccolson, he haueing deserted his wife for the space of five yeares and upwards.

[91] This Court grants L^{nt} Cornelius Hull one hundred acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any plantation or perticular person.

This Court grants to Leivtenant Samuel Martin fifty acres of land to be to him and his heirs for ever, prohibiting him the sale of the same or any alienation thereof from his heires: he to take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any plantation or perticular person.

This Court grants the Secretary twenty pownds for his seruice this yeare, besides what is allowed by law.

The Councill for manageing of the pub: affayres of the Colony in the absence of the Generall Court; This Court doe continue their order and provission made in May last for that purposse.

Captⁿ John Allyn, Mr. James Bishop and Mr. John Bankes, Mr. John Wadsworth, are appoynted to audite the Treasurer's acco^{ts}.

For the incouragement of the good people in this Colony in cleareing land, it is ordered that whosoever shall hence-

forth inclose land, he shall haue foure years liberty or freedom from rates before it be listed.

It is ordered by this Court that noe bill of divorce shall be granted to any man or woman lawfully married but in case of adultery, fraudulent contract, or willfull desertion for three years with totall neglect of duty, or seven years' providentiall absence being not heard of after due enquiry made and certified, such party shall be counted as legally dead to the other party; in all which cases a bill of divorce may be granted by the Court of Assistants to the agreived party who may then lawfully marry or be married to any other.

Whereas by woefull experiance in the late warr, many of the inhabitants of this country liveing in a single and scattering way, remoate from townships and neighbourhood, haue been destroyed and cutt off by the enemy, and their estates and dwellings made desolate, to the ruine of such families, impouerishment of the countrey and incouragement of the heathen in doing farther mischeife; and that the Providence of God seems to testify against such a way of liveing as contrary to religion, societie in neighbourhood for common safety,* the posterity of such, most of them, are endangered to degenerate to heathenish ignorance and barbarisme,—this Court, for preuention of such inconvenience and evils and for common safety, doe order that for the future all plantations or townships that shall or may settle in plantation-wise shall settle themselves in such neerness together that they may be a help, defence and succour each to other against any surpriz, onset or attempt of any comon enemy; and the Generall Court from time to time shall appoynt some committee to regulate such plantation settlement accordingly.

Forasmuch as none can be ignorant of the late awfull dispensation of God towards his poore wilderness people, evidently declaring his displeasure in generall against the whole land, altho: wth lengthened out and undeserued patience towards us in this Colony; and yet considering (though his hand is stretched out still in some places, and a black dismall cloud hangs over all,) the vnawakenedness and insensible-

* So in the original.

ness of all sortes amonge vs, so much appeareing in many God-provoaking sins, rather abounding more then ever, than repented of and reformed, to the great greif of authority, ministry and many others of God's people; and farther being in some measure sencible of the hower of temptation allready began in other parts of the world, to God's people, and the great hazard of dear native country and his Maties other dominions, especially the churches and people of God in them, are exposed to by the formidable and prevayleing power of the enemy,—this Court thought good to appoynt the 21st of Novembr next to be kept a day of fasting and prayer, on the grownds afoars^d; and doe also recommend it to all the churches and ministers throughout this Colony, as often as they can, to engage themselves and stir up their people to the worke of solem humiliation and prayer, wth turning to the Lord in this or day of Jacob's trouble.

The Court appoynts the last of October present, to be kept a day of pub: Thankesgiueing throughout this Colony.

The Court's adjourned till the Gour or Dep^t Gour see cause to call them.

JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL,* &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNO^r AND ASSISTANTS IN HARTFORD,
JULY 1, 1675.

John Winthrop Esq., Gov ^r .	The people of Stoneington and New
Mr. Sam ^l Willys,	London haueing informed of the out-
Major John Tallcott,	rageousnes of the Indians, of their de-
Mr. Henry Woolcott,	stroying the English by fyre and sword
C. John Allyn,	in Plimoth Pattent, and allso what dan-
Mr. James Richards.	ger they are in by reason of the enemie,
	earnestly beging of ayde;—

It is ordered, that there be thirty dragoones and ten troopers forth-
wth rayseed and sent to Stoneington and New London, to ayd and
secure the good people of those townes against the Indians; to be
rayseed, out of Windsor, ten dragoones and fiue troopers; out of Hart-
ford, ten dragoones and fiue troopers; and out of Wethersfeild, eight
dragoones and two troopers. Corp^l Sam^l Martin to be one of them.

It is allso ordered, that the seuerall plantations be ordered forth-
with to prepare and set themselues in a posture of defence, and to suit
themselues with armes and amunition according to law.

* The manuscript Journal of the Council (originally constituting a separate volume, of about eighty closely written foolscap pages,) has been recently bound up with the first volume of Documents relating to War. Its first pages record the proceedings of the Governor and Assistants, during the interval between the General Courts of May and July, 1675, and prior to the establishment of the standing Council, by the order of July 9th, (page 261, ante.) The first meeting of the Council appears to have been held on the 14th of July; with the record of which their Journal properly commences.

Copies or abstracts of numerous documents referred to in the Journal or which have seemed necessary for its explanation, have been incorporated with it, as here published. These are in all cases printed in a *different type* from that used for the Journal itself; and a reference to the manuscript volume in which the original is to be found, is usually prefixed. *Abstracts and partial copies* are always included between brackets.

A great number of the Documents thus introduced or referred to, are now bound together in the same volume, (WAR, Vol. I.) It has not been thought necessary in every instance, to repeat the *title* of this volume, and the *numler* only, of the Document referred to, is sometimes given.

[The following letter, (of which a copy is preserved in "War," Vol. I. Doc. 4, a.) appears to have been forwarded to the magistrates of New Haven and the south-western towns.]

Hartford, July 1, 1675.

Honrd Sirs: We have rec^d intelligence by letters post, from Stoneington & New London, that the Indians are up in arms in Plimoth & in the Narragansett Country, that they have assaulted the English, slayn about thirty, burnt some houses, & still are engaging the Indians rownd about by sending locks of some English they have slayne from one place to another. The people of Stoneington & New London send for ayd, and accordingly we purpuss to send them forty-two men, to-morrow, & haue given order to y^e several plantations here to put themselves in a posture of defence speedily; & these lines are to moue yourselves forthwith to see that the same care be taken in your parts for your security, and that all the plantations haue notice hereof, both Guilford and so onward to Rye, that they also be compleat in their armes, with ammunition according to law. Here is inclosed coppys of some letters we haue receiued from Stoneington, &c. Please to peruse them, & hasten the posting of the letter to Governour Andross.

Liuutenant Nicholas Olmsted is appoynted the L^{nt} of this company that now is to be sent forth, and was commissioned accordingly.

[A copy of the commission to Lieut. Olmsted, to command a company of dragoons, to go forthwith to Norwich and thence to Stonington, for the defence of those towns,—is in War, Vol. I. Doc. 4, a.]

Vpon the intelligence of Major John Winthrop's being sick, Capt. Wayte Winthrope, in the absence of Major Palmes in this exigency, is appoynted to command the forces of New London County and also to defend the plantations of that County from the assault of the enemie. The Commissioners and comⁿ officers are appoynted his council, or so many as can conveen upon any exigency; and he was accordingly commissioned.

Liuuten^t Tho: Tracey was appoynted the commissary or quarter master to prouide for this company and designe, and was commissioned accordingly.

AT A MEETING OF THE MAGISTRATES, JULY 6th, 1675.

Mr. Sam^l Willys,

Major John Tallcot,

Mr. Henry Woolcott,

C. John Allyn.

John Griffen was confirmed Sarj^t of Simsbury Traine Band, and is impowered to command the Traine Band there upon all occasions, and especially in case of any exigency by the assault of an enemie.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNO & ASSIS^{ts} IN HARTFORD, JULY 7,
1675.

John Winthrop Esq. Gov ^r ;	Whereas there appeares by the intel-
Mr. Sam ^l Willys,	ligence we haue that there is a generall
Major John Tallcott,	conspiracy of the heathen against the
Mr. James Richards,	English, and we haue thereupon sent
Mr. Henry Woolcott,	forces to secure the smale plantations
Capt. John Allyn.	upon the sea-coast and frontiers; and
	the smale plantations of Lyme, Say-

brook and Kellingworth being not farr from some Indians whoe we understand by other Indians were in priuate consultations at Podunk not long since, all night, and suddainly wth drew themselues, to the wonder of the other Indians that took notice of it; and it is not known but that they may be in conspiracy with the other Indians now in war with the English; we haue therefore thought fitt to impower and commissionate you, Capt. Tho: Bull, forthwith to repayre to those plantations, with such others as shall accompany you out of these plantations, for the speciall defence and safety of those places or either of them, to martiall, array and put in warlike posture the inhabitants of those plantations and such other forces as shall com there, and allso if need be for their more convenient quartering and supply of proissions to call back those forces lately sent from the sea-side to New London and Stoneington, to Saybrooke; there to quarter till farther order from the Gen^l Court or other authority of this Colony. And you are to giue an acco^t of your motions, and what occurances shall fall in upon all occasions, as oft as you can wth any conuenience.

This commission is ordered to be signed by the Secret^y p^r order of the Gour and Assistants present.

Instructions for Captain Thomas Bull:—

Capt. Bull; In case when you com to Saybrook or places adjacent, you iudge it necessary to call back those forces from New London or Stoneington, that came from the sea-side, you are to send post presently for them, and you are hereby impowered accordingly. And if so be, there be want of any prouissions for them, you are to require the constable to seiz such prouission as may be necessary for them, whoe is hereby required to attend your order therein.

And you are desired to be very carefull of keeping such watches and wardes as you shall find necessary for the discouerie of an enemie.

And if by the approach of an enemie you should be forced to mayntayn your station there by force of armes, you are to doe it in the best way you can to preserue the liues and limbes of your souldiers and to offend the enemie; and the commission officers both ciuill and millitary of those plantations wth the commanders in cheife of the sea-side forces that shall be present and can be conueened upon any exigencie, you are to take as your councill.

This ordered to be signed by the Secret^y p^r order of the Gouvernor and Assis^{ts} p^rsent.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNO^r AND COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD,
JULY 8th, 1675.

John Winthrop. Esq. Gov ^r ,	In answer to a letter receiued from
Wm. Leete Esq. DEPT. Gov ^r ;	Mr. Rob ^t Chapman, this followeing
Mr. Sam ^l Willys,	answer was returned:
Major John Talcott,	Hartford, July 8, 1675.
Mr. James Richards,	Mr. Rob ^t Chapman,
Mr. James Bishop,	& Capt. Tho: Bull:
Mr. Wm. Joanes,	We have just now from
Capt. John Allyn.	your towne receiued the intelligence

of two sloopes arriued from New Yorke, in which sloopes are som forces com wth Major Andross whoe is come to giue you a vissit and to lend ayd if there be any need against the Indians. You may please to inform Major Andross that the authority here hath taken the best care they can sufficiently to defend the plantations in this Colony from the insolencies of the Indians, and if Major Andross pleas to despatch his forces towards Seacunc for the releife of the good people there whoe are in distresse (as we are credibly informed,) it may be acceptable; for there is the seat of warr. If Major Andross pleas to com on shoare himselfe with any of his Gentⁿ for their refreshment, you are to treat him wth all due respects; and we command that you take speciall care that those soldiers now in Saybrooke under your command carry it warily and prudently and avoyd giueing any just provocation. And if so be those forces on board should endeauour to land at Saybrooke, you are in his Ma^{ties} name to forbid their landing. Yet if they should offer to land, you are to wayt their landing and to command them to leaue their arms on boarde, and then you may giue them leaue to land for necessary refreshing, peaceably, but so as that they return on boarde againe in convenient time. And you are to keep the King's Collours standing there, vnder his Ma^{ties} L^{ty}, the Gouverno^r of Conecticut; and if any other colloures be set up there you are not to suffer them to stand. And in generall, whatsoeuer shall be done or attempted in opposition to the Gouverment here established by his Ma^{tie}, you are to declare against, oppose and undoe the same, viz., if they make any proclamation you are to protest against them; if they command the people to yeild obedience to them, you are to forbid it, and to command them to continue in obedience to his Ma^{tie} and his Gouverment here established; and if they should endeauoure to set up any thing, you may pull it down; and if they dig up any trenches, you are to fill them up; if they say they take possession, you are to say you keep possession for his Ma^{tie}. But you are in his Ma^{ties} name required to avoyd strikeing the first blow; but if they begin, then you are to defend yourselves and doe your best to secure his Ma^{ties} interest and the peace of the whole Colony of Conecticott in o^r possession. And if farther ayd be needed you are to send to the neighbour plantations for the same. And you may represent to Major Andross how

inconvenient it is to make a discomposure amongst his Ma^{ties} subjects at such a time as this is.

It was ordered by the Governo^r and Councill that this letter should be signed by the Secretary, p^r order of the Councill.

Postcrip. You are to keep your instruction to yourselues and giue no coppies of it.

If Major Andross desire a treaty, let him present what he desires in that respect, and send it up post, and it will be attended.

HARTFORD, JULY 14, 1675.*

Wm. Leet Esq. DEPT. GOV^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcot, Mr. James Richards, Mr. John Wadsworth, Capt. John Allyn.

The Councill haueing been informed of Major Andross, his going from Saybrook, ordered the release of some of those forces at Saybrook &c. as appeares by a copy of their letter to Capt. Bull, which they ordered to be signed p^r the Secret^y in the name of the Councill and sent to Capt. Bull, which remaynes on file.†

HARTFORD, JULY 15.

Wm. Leet Esq. DEPT. GOV^r ; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Henry Woolcott.

The Councell being mett, by seuerall letters from the Massachusetts and Mr. Fitch were informed of the feare of the Narrogancetts engaging in the warr wth Phillip against the English, and of the inconueniency that may accrue to the English thereby, with the desire of Mr. Fitch for ayd to be sent, the Councill sent post to Saybrook to desire and order the continuance of those forces at Saybrooke, till further order ; and if upon farther intelligence they should desire

* The General Court convened on the 9th of July ; (see page 360, ante.) A letter was sent to Gov. Leverett and the Council of Massachusetts, acknowledging the receipt of two letters from them, dated July 3d and 5th ; approving the course of Massachusetts in sending aid to their confederates of Plymouth colony, and the proposition for a meeting of the Comm^rs of the U. Colonies ; informing them of what had been done to protect the eastern frontier, "yet not to move further ; hearing of so large supplies from yourselves to engage the enemy competently, and possibly, if the Lord of Hosts goe forth wth youre armes, may both irritate and drive the enemy vpon our quarters, to much hazard, when part of o^r strength is so far off removed, and we see much engaged to mayntayne our station" against Major Andross, &c. [War I. Doc. 4, b.]

This was the first meeting of the Council, after the adjournment of the General Court.

† A copy of this letter to Capt. Bull, is in Appendix XIX,—from Col. Boundaries, II. Doc. 36.

ayd at Norwich, upon theire sending for the same it should be sent them from Saybrook. The coppyes of these letters to Capt. Tho: Bull and to Mr. James Fitch are upon file. It was ordered that those letters should be signed p^r the Secret y in the name of the Councill, and posted away ; which was accordingly attended.

[See two letters from Massachusetts, in War, Docs. 5 & 7. The first (dated July 5th,) enclosed a communication from Plymouth Colony, giving an account of the sufferings of the people of Taunton ; Massachusetts had sent forces for their relief, nearly 400 men, and two vessels, with provisions and ammunition ; a proposition had been made to the Governor of Plymouth for a meeting of the Commissioners ; " a prudent management of the neighboring Indians to the English" in the several Colonies, is commended as " a great point of wisdom," &c. The second letter (July 10th,) gives a further account of the progress of the war ; the Indians had deserted their wigwams on Mount Hope, which the English had subsequently burned down ; at least 30 of the English had been murdered at Taunton and elsewhere, and many houses were daily seen in flames ; Philip and his forces were observed to be in frequent correspondence with other Indians, especially the Narragansetts, who had entertained the squaws and children of the Mount Hope Indians, and had received Englishmen's heads ; Capt. Hutchinson, with about 100 men, had marched to the Narragansett country to demand an account of their actings ; the day before, six men came to Boston from Uncas, sent to give assurance of his friendship and to offer his service against Philip ; &c.]

[Letter from Rev. James Fitch. War, I. 10]

Worshipfull Sr. This daye Vnkus is come to vs ; & after he had made a longe narrative of his acts of freindship in former dayes to the English & professed that he will now in the time of hazarde be the same, & informing vs that Pesigus, the Narragansett Sachem, hath taken Philip's women & children & hath vndertaken to keepe them safe while he goes about destroying the English, & other things to this purpose &c. My answer to Vnkus was, that it had bene apparent in dayes of old that he had bene a freinde ; & though some did doubt at this time what he would doe (as he himself obiected) but it would presently come to the triall who are freinds & who are foes ; & if he would indeed shewe his freindship, I would write to the Governour & Councell, that let them propounde & write what they doe desire of him to doe at this time, & that they will owne as a reall act of his faithfullnes, & he has before Leivtenant & myself engaged it ; & for this purpose have sente two of his principall men to you, I having promised that you will reward them well for theire iournie. Yesterday I was at Kossisinaman's* towne. He & men doe declare the same to me. You may be pleased to consider whether its not best with all speede to send your advise to Vnkus & your order to Kossisinaman, what you do expect they shall p^rsently doe as signall acts of theire fidellicie to the English.

Vnkus saith you haue many Narragansetts living some at Potunk & some at Hokkanun &c. and they will proove false to you &c. Many reports doe daily come of the loss of the lives of English at Swanzye, at Taunton,—but wee knowe you haue more full information of those then we can give ; & I being willing wth all speede to engage a p^rtie of Indeans by some reall act of hostility, have taken this first season to doe it. Indeed when I was lately amonge the Pequotts, I doe not obserue any thing in countenance or behaviour that does give cause of suspicion ; the like I must say concerning these.

* Robin Cassicinamon, the governor of those Pequots living west of Mystic River.

I rather thinke at p'sent that they would take this oportunitie to advance themselves in future w'th the English ; and yet, if they doubted of the victory they would be in hazarde of ioining w'th the strongest. S^r, I shall trouble you no further at p'sent. The Lord of hosts is our protection. When he hath humbled vs, he will appeare as in dayes of old.

The reports coming so frequently of Philip's flying armie & of a probability of some coming into these p'ts, you may be pleased to consider, whether it would not doe well to sende 20 or 30 troopers into these p'ts to conioine with these Indcans, or, if they be prooved false, yet it would be an awe to them.

Your's to serve, in the worke of the Lord,

James Fitch.

To the Worshipfull Mr. Allyne,
at Hartford, These, w'th speede.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JULY 16, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. DEP. GOV^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn.

The Councell drew up a letter to Capt. Bull, aduiseing him to leaue Lnt. Munson to comand at Saybrooke wth some forces for the security of that place, and that he march to New London or Norwich &c., as more at large by the letter (a copy whereof is on file) may appeare ; which the Secret^y was appoynted to signe in the name of the Council.

[The copy is in Col. Boundaries, II. 37. Capt. Bull is ordered to march forthwith, with as many forces as can be spared from Saybrook, towards N. London, Norwich and Stonington, to secure the borders, if any trouble should arise by the Narragansetts ; Lieut. Thomas Munson to be left at Saybrook, with such force as should be judged needful for the security of that place ; Capt. B. is advised to treat with Uncas " respecting how many Indians he can raise, and how ready fitted, and upon what warneing to march," and to ascertain the cost of their equipment and supplies.]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JULY 19, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. DEP. GOV^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Capt. Benj: Newbery.

The Councill haueing rece^d the intelligence of Capt. Winthrop's return from Narrogancett, and the articles concluded wth the Narrogancett sachems, and their desire of orders to return home, the Councill did draw up two letters ; one to Capt. Winthrop, to order Lnt. Nicholas Olmstead wth those forces wth him to return ; the other letter to Capt. Tho: Bull, to disband those forces at Saybrooke, all but 16 or 20 men, &c., as by the coppies of those letters on file may

appeare ;* which the Secret^y was ordered to signe in the name of the Councill.

[Capt. Wait Winthrop, in command of a company of Connecticut troops, had marched into the Narragansett country, and there joined Capt. Hutchinson, with the Massachusetts forces. A treaty was concluded, with the Narragansett sachems, July 15th, at Petaquamscot, (Hubbard's Ind. Wars, 83-86 ; Hutchinson's Hist. I. 289, where the articles are inserted.) A letter from Capt. Winthrop, to his father, the Governor, dated at "Mr. Smith's, Friday at night, July 9th," is in War, Vol. I. Doc. 6,—and gives an account of his movements up to that date. He writes that after crossing Pawcatuck River, he marched on with his company till he met Ninigret, "near his old fort," and held a conference with him. "The burden of his discourse still was about the coate King Charles sent him (which he had then on,) and that had engaged his heart to the English;" he declined however to give a hostage as a pledge of his fidelity, but promised to deliver up any of Philip's men who might come to him. The same night, Capt. W. reached Petaquamscot, where he heard of the arrival of Capt. Hutchinson's forces, and that a conference had that day been held with the Indians; on the morning of the 9th, the troops marched from Petaquamscot to Mr. Smith's house, where they found Capt. Hutchinson, Capt. Moseley and Mr. Smith, with about 120 volunteers from Boston. Capt. W. had about 60 of the Pequots with him, with Robin and Momoho; and a company of 60 soldiers, made up at Stonington and New London; he writes that they "are gone back againe, this afternoone, to quarter at Jer: Bull's, where there is about 16 of the neighbours, it being a convenient large stone house, with a good ston-wall yard before it, which is a kind of small fortyfication to it. Mr. Mynor and myself stay here this night, that we might the more conveniently here what intelligence is coming," &c. The forces were waiting for orders and instructions from the General Courts of Massachusetts and Connecticut, &c.]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JULY 22, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq^r, DEP. GOV^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Benj: Newbery.

The Councill ordered the Secretary to wright out copyes of his Ma^{ties} letters to the Honord Com^{rs} and to this Colony, both just before the Com^{rs} came and that other letter afterwards, wth the Commissioners' Comⁿ from his Ma^{tie}, and copyes of all those letters we haue received from Major Andross and the returns that have been made to them by the Gen^l Court and Magistrates, together with a copy of this following Narative; which Mr. Richards is to enclose to Capt. John Richards of Boston, wth some letters from the Dept. Governor, to be sent to Major Rob^t Tompson, whoe we doe request to assist us, and to moue Major Tompson to assist us in England, according as is desired in those letters sent him from the Dep. Gou^r.

* Neither of these copies has been preserved.

A briefe acco^t or Narative of the rights and settlements of the people of his Ma^{ties} Colony of Connecticutt, whereby his dominions in America haue been enlarged, at their proper charge.

It is well known that the first planters of this remote wilderness, [*differing from their brethren in England not in maters of sayth but onely in some disciplinary poynts of religion,*]* for the honor of God, the enlargement of his Ma^{ties} Dominions, the propagation of the Gospell amongst the Natiues of this country, [*and that they might not give offence to their brethren,*] as loyall subjects, desired and obtayned the good leaue of o^r Soueraigne lord, King Charles the First of blessed memory, to transplant themselues ouer the Atlantick ocean into this wilderness, (upon their owne proper charge, paying all their just dues at their departure,) seeking to obtaine a quiat habitation. In pursuance of y^e ends afoarsayd,—

1. After a sad farewell taken of their deare natiue land, freinds and relations there, and a long, perilous sea voyage, (through the mercies of God) most of the first planters of this Colony arrived at Boston, setleing themselues (under the couert of his Ma^{ties} Charter graciously granted to that his Colony of the Massachusetts,) in the adjacent plantations.

2. They, after a short space, (haueing rec^d good intelligence of the comodiousnes of land for improuement upon and about the riuer of Conecticut, which they also understood to be vnder Charter from his Ma^{tie} granted to severall Lords, Kn^{ts} and Gent^{ns}, who then had as they sayd some thoughts of hither comeing to improue, that charter being of large extent westward, and had erected a forte and fortifications on the west side of Conecticott River at the mouth or entrance thereof, where they placed and mayntayned a garrison,) came and built and planted upon this River and westward farther still, purchasing the right of propriety from the natiues as they went, which they stood possessed of, as to land priuiledges or interests whateuer, for a price which they demanded and rece^d to content, and resigned up to those first planters and their heirs for ever accordingly.

3. After this, they were without cause barbarously assaulted, and some cruelly murdered, whereupon they were inforced (though very weake and strangers in the land,) to vndertake and manage a vindictiue warr against a nation of Indians that were of most potency

* This passage and others, in italics, included between brackets, were erased from the amended draught, by lines drawn across them.

in the country ; which warr, (God crowning wth success,) gaue us their country in possession by conquest, a considerable part of which victory was performed upon land of their claimed dominions, about fifty miles westward from Conecticott Riuer ; and thereupon the English did then build and plant, and doe still possess the same.

4. After this more of o^r countreyemen comeing over into these more western parts of this wilderness (conceiued to be within that Pattent limitts,) did purchase of the natiues seuerall tracts for plantations, possessed and built upon them so farr as they could obtayn towards the Dutch, who then were possessed of the then Manhatans and much land adjacent, (who often interrupted them at Conecticott, endeauoreing to dispossesse them of Conecticott Riuer, and those places they had purchased and possest.) Then, we were not able to remoue them nor hardly defend o^rselues ; and therefore with o^r brethren and neighbours we accorded and agreed for mutuall succour against the numerous heathen that dwelt amongst and about us on every side, and any other enemies.

5. Then we comeing to vnderstand that the forementioned Lords, Kn^{ts} and Gent^{le} desisted from their intendments to com ouer, Georg Fenwick Esq., their agent, sold unto us all the right of that Patent for a considerable sum of money, which we payd for the ends to assure our loyalty and to make o^r foundation or establishment the more legall, and for a couert to withstand the Dutch and to gaine upon them as we might, for enlargement of his Ma^{ties} dominions westward.

6. Haueing thus farr endeauoured to serve o^r God and o^r King, with loss and hazard of life and estate, and thereby reduced to be a poore and an afflicted people, in a remoate wilderness, as sheep without a shepherd ; for then brake out the unhappy ciuill wars in o^r natiue land, whereby we were hindred from applying ourselues to our Prince for counsell or countenance, or better establishment [*and confirmation of o^r morrall rights and just settlements as afoars^d ; and were very voluntary to tender all ciuill subjection to his Ma^{ties} and to supplicate his act of grace in confirming to us our Charter for gouernment,—which may be called an act of grace on his part, and a more reall testimonie of duty and loyalty on o^r part,**] and to others then in present power we did not make application ;—

7. But so soone as we heard of his Ma^{ties} happy restoration, we immediately applyed ourselues to congratulate the same, expressing

* The lines between brackets are crossed out, in the corrected draught.

our loyalty; and y^t we might obtayne y^e fuller establishment or renewall of o^r Charter and just settlements as afoarsayd, wee were voluntary to tender all due subjection to his Ma^{tie}, and to supplicate his act of grace in reneweing to us o^r Charter for gouernment, which was an act of grace on his part and a more reall testimonie of duty and loyalty on our part.

8. This humble application of o^rs the Lord crowned wth such good successe that we found fauoure in his Ma^{ties} eyes and obtayned the desired end, viz. o^r Charter renewed, signed and sealed with the broad seale, wherein his Ma^{tie} is graciously pleased to notify and own his certaine knowledg and satisfaction respecting such morall grownds and reasons, as abouesayd, him thereunto moueing, expressing in o^r Charter that for and in consideration of the same he so grants us a Charter, wth ample priuiledges, immunities, &c. as are therein declared, and of his abundant grace giues us leaue to extend beyond what we did then possesse, that so we might in like maner obtayne, subdue and plant what might farther be gained from the natives or was not within any former charter granted, that so we might go on to enlarge his Ma^{ties} dominions in this part of America called New England, which must needs ad to and illustrate the crown and dignity of so wise and just a prince, that so by his gracious remuneration of o^r adventure, charg and industry, o^r hearts and hands might be strengthened to grapple farther with y^e difficulties of this seure wilderness.

9. Yet notwthstanding some yeares after a charter was brought over by Colonell Rich^d Niccols, when he came to take in the Dutch and the Lord Sterling's interest upon Long Island for his Highness the Duke of Yorke; in which charter, some words and expressions placed the eastern bounds thereof in the very bowells and principall parts of this his Ma^{ties} Colony of Conecticott; which case was fully debated and both charters presented and pleaded upon, and all that could be sayd of both sides was fully considered and determined by his Ma^{ties} Honourable Commissioners (the cheife of which was his Royal Highnesse's Hon^{ble} Liuetenant and Gouern^r, Coll. Rich: Niccols,) to whose determination we did submit, though they determined our west bownds short of its extent in o^r understandings. Yet they disclaymed any intent of his Ma^{tie} or such sence of words bownding the Duke's charter to be put or conceiued so as to take in any part of what had been purchased, possessed or gayned p^r us or o^r associates, saying that that might cast dishono^r upon his Ma^{tie}, &c. Hereupon we sate down under their voluntary determination, though

to o^r disadvantage; which decission they gaue us in writeing under their hands, together with a copy of y^r commission and power to effect and doe in such matters as bownds of charters, vnder the broad seale. Allso, in short space after, Col. Niccols sent o^r Secretary a copy of his Ma^{ties} letter to his sayd Com^{rs}, manifesting his good acceptance of theire doings in gen^l, and so includeing this decision of y^{rs}; and we may here ad his Ma^{ties} gracious letter unto o^r Gouverno^r and Councill, testifying his well pleasedness wth o^r dutyfull reception and compliaynce wth his sayd commissioners; all which are upon record.

Lastly, as if Major Edmund Andross, his Highness the Duke of Yorke his Gouvernour in America, had by his owne hand and at his owne hazard and cost effected o^r establishment forementioned,—as if he had built and planted us,—he now demands the possession and injoyment of all that is considerable in this Colony; or rather, as if he would ouerturne what hath been thus settled, by clayming the gouernment of us, in seuerall letters from York, wherein though he acknowledgeth his acquaintance wth o^r Charter, the validity of it, and that it ought not to be invaded, and his privity to what the commissioners did in settleing the bownds, &c. yet he is pleased to affirm that o^r charter [*hath no west bownds by the sea and thereby giveth lean*] must giue way to the Duke's charter, which is an after grant to ours, and y^t it must take place to the west side of Conecticott Riuer; and thither doth demand a rendition of all those places into his hands, protesting against all in authority here, that if they delay or obstruct therein, they be refractory, disobedient, slighers of his Ma^{ties} Letters Patents, and that we shall bear all costs that may come, &c., and that o^r obstinacie is rebellion and we rebels.

To which high handed dealings answer was made in seuerall letters from o^r Gen^l Court and Magistrates, signifying to him o^r right to y^e place we possess and for his Ma^{tie} do govern, by o^r Charter right, with our resolution to hold what his Ma^{tie} had so graciously graunted to us.

Notwthstanding which the sayd Major Andross in person, wth two vessells, on the 5th day of July instant, with considerable number of men and armes, attempted to land in one of o^r cheife portes, viz. at Saybrooke, (on y^e west side of Conecticut riuer, a place w^{ch} we have possessed and secured at o^r owne great charge, neer fourty yeares;) but by reason we had raysed forces to secure that as well as other places of this Colony for his Ma^{tie} against the Indians, which were then upon the place, he was prevented of possessing himselfe of that place; and his vessells are still hovering thereabout, so that we to

o^r great charge and trouble doe and must mayntaine a garrison there to prevent his invasson. And his sollicitude hath been such by messenger after messenger, that it is to the constant disquiet of his Ma^{ties} good subjects here, and much unlike the neighbourhood we enjoyed from the Hon^{ble} Collonell Niccols and Collonel Louclace, his predecessors, whose regiment of those parts and approbation of our gouernment we neuer heard was displeasing to his Royall Highness the Duke of Yorke, as now it is to Major Andross. By reason whereof we are necessitated to inform these things, and humbly to request an order from y^e King's Majesty to s^d Major Andross, that for future he forbear such demands and attempts; that so his Ma^{ties} subjects here may enjoy as hitherto their charter p^rveledge and bownds so settled by the Commissioners, who had speciall commission from his Ma^{tie} so to doe, and is allready approued by his Ma^{tie}, (his Highness' Charter then, as now, being bownded east in the letter of it, and ours, farther west than New Yorke;) that so all former settlements, in the maintenance of which we conceiue no litle part of his Ma^{ties} justice and honour consisteth, be not frustrated, nor his poore subjects after the expense of many thousands of pownds for their settlements as afoars^d, be put to endless contests wth their neighbours of Yorke, and thereby impoverished, for want of the fruition of o^r settlement,* after so long and peaceable enioym^t. The disturbance whereof, to so great dissatisfaction and greif of his loyall subiects in this Colony, Major Andros can neuer make up the King's damage thereby, by his p^rtended seruice to his Royal Highness,—vnto whose interest adiacent (as we have) so we may be very beneficiall by o^r amicable neighbourhood, in future as in former times.

HARTFORD, JULY 24, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq., DEP^t Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

There appearing no present opportunity to send for England from Boston, and there being one now bownd from N. York, it was ordered by the Councill that the former Narative, with the coppies of Letters that haue past between Major Andross [*and*] this Colony, be sent by the way of New York if it may be; and the letter now pre-

* What follows appears to have been subsequently added, and is in the hand writing of Gov. Leete.

pared for Major Rob^t Thompson that desires his assistance and helpfullness to us, that it be signed by the Secret^y in the name of the Councill and sent unto him. And also James Steel was ordered to goe to Standford to cary the letters and pacquett for Major Thompson unto Capt. Jonath: Silleck, who is appointed by the Councill to convey them unto New York and deliuer them unto the master of the ship, according to the directions giuen him in the letter from the Councill, which the Secret^y was ordered to signe in their name. A copy of which letter, with that to Major Thompson, is on file.

[The copy of the Council's letter "to the Hon. Major Robert Thompson Esq., at Newington Green, near London," is in Col. Boundaries, II. 38. They "request his help in a matter of concernment." After referring him to accompanying papers, for a full understanding of the recent difficulties with Gov. Andros, they write; "What we at present hope at, is a word in due season to prevent inconveniency. We haue reason to beleive (by sd. Major Andros his actions,) that to secure himselfe, hee must be necessitated to misrepresent vs and our actions; and the more speedy he is, he may judge most for his advantage, to prejudicate the case before what we have to say comes to hand. And therefore, tho y^e Honored Jno. Winthrop Esq. intends a voiage for England, by whome, if God give oppertunity, we shall be more large, yet not knowing what delay or disapointm^t may bee, wee are willing to hast this away before hand to yo^rselfe, concerning whome we haue good confidence of both abillity and faithfullnes in manageing what we here comitt to you, w^{ch} is indeed to doe yo^r vtmost for p^rventing soe great hazard as the loosing y^e whole of our rights and priviledges in this wilderness," &c. * * "We need say the less, because by our request the Honrd Dep^{ty} Governour Wm. Leete Esq. hath by this written to yourselfe, more at large." * * * "The Narrative was drawn in hast for your owne private vse and some speciall freinds that will only make vse of what may be for our good, and excuse what may seeme not soe convenient; yet we bind not your hands from improving it for our best advantage, as occasion serves."]

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AUG. 2D, 1675.

John Winthrop Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Ben: Newbery.

The Council ordered that those forces who have been continued at Saybrook which com from the sea side be disbanded, and that Capt. Tho: Bull doe return to Saybrooke, and that he take wth him two men from Hartford, two from Wethersfeild and two from Midleton, and take so many out of some other of the plantations as may make up ten; and the Secret^y is appoynted to grant an order to the sayd Capt. Bull to rayse so many men according to this order, wth sufficient armes and amunition for the security of the plantation of Saybrooke, and to command all constables to assist him in the impressing the sayd men and armes and amunition as afoarsayd, and the sayd Capt. Tho: Bull is, wth those men, according to his former comnd, to secure the

said plantation ; as also to examin all such vessells as shall com in and out of that port, to give you an account of their occasions, and if you find them by their answer to com to y^e prejudice of this colony or that part, you are to doe your utmost endeauour to prevent the same.

The Councill haueing received a letter from Joshua, wherein he desires that his gunns may be deliuered up to him, and findeing him very ready to be ordered by the English, doe judg it convenient that his gunns be deliuered up to him, and doe appoynt the Secretary to write to Mr. Chapman to deliuer the gunns accordingly to him.

Vncass moueing the Councill to haue his grandson remoued from Hartford to Norwich, pretending the young man's loathness to continue so far from his relations, and engageing that he will goe to Norwich and there setle by Mr. Fitch's, or as he and L^{nt} Mason shall appoynt, and not remoue wthout their order, the Secret'y is ordered to certify Mr. Fitch that the Councill haue condesended to Vncass his request, and that himselve wth L^{nt} Mason are desired to take care of the young man, and that Vncass hath engaged his continuance there.

The Councill in answer to a letter of Major Winthrop's, of July 26, past, returned to him that in case the Indians doe bring in heads to him of the enemie, they should be payd for according to the agreem^t made wth them at the Narrogancett ; and also in case any assault should be made upon that county of N. London, he was requested to take the command of the Militia, and martiall and dispose of the same the best way he could for the defence of the same, and was commissionated accordingly, as by the copy of the letter on file will appeare ; which was ordered to be signed by the Secretary, in the name of the Councill, and to be sent to him forthwith.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AUGUST 5th, 1675,—ABOUT 1 IN THE MORNING.

John Winthrop Esq. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Richard Lord.

The Councill haueing rece^d the intelligence of the surprisall of Quabauge by the Indians, by a letter from Major Pynchon, whoe also desires speedy ayd from us for the releife of themselues and Quabaug, they ordered the rayseing of fowreteen men in Hartford and 14 at Windsor and 12 at Wethersfeild ; which were accordingly

rayased and sent, under the conduct of Lⁿ Thomas Watts, to Springfield, wth this followeing commission:—

To Lⁿ Thomas Watts:—These are in his Ma^{ties} name to require you to take under your conduct such forces as shall be rayased at Wethersfeild and Windsor and this towne, and lead them to Major John Pynchon, (who are commanded to obey you as their Lⁿ;) and you are to joyne with such forces as are there for the security of those townes, and to pass to Quabaug if there be occasion; and you are to use your utmost care and skill in defending yourselues and those places from the force of the enemie, and to doe what in you lyeth to offend and destroy the enemie by all fitting wayes and meanes, according to such instructions and directions as you shall receive from the sayd Major Pynchon; and for soe doeing this is your sufficient warrant. This to be signed p^r the Secret^y in the name of the Councill.

The Councill allso drew up a letter to Major Pynchon, giueing him the intelligence we received from Mr. Fitch of the procedure of the army and the acco^t of what men we sent up, with desire they would accomadate them with prouission suitably, &c. as by the copy of the letter on the file will appeare; which the Sec^y was ordered to signe in the name of the Councill.

In answer to letters from Mr. Fitch* of Norwich, the Councill writt to Mr. Fitch, Lⁿ Mason and Lⁿ Auery, to encourage the Moheagans to goe forthwith out after the Indians of Phillip's company; and that Robbin Cassacinamon and Mawmohoe repaire to those English that are in the pursuit of the Indians, and assist them what they can. A copy of which letter is on file; and the Secret^y was ordered to signe it in the name of the Councill.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AUGUST 6, 1675.

John Winthrop Esq. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Capt. Benj. Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Indians still proceeding in their hostill attempts [against] the English, it is ordered by the Councill that in the county of Hartford there shall be rayased one hundred dragoones, to be in readiness upon an hower's warning for a march; whoe are to haue their armes well fixed and fitted for seruice. To be rayased, out of Hartford, twenty five; out of Windsor, twenty fiue; out of Wethersfield, twenty; out of Farmington, fifteen; out of Midleton, fifteen. The

* See page 336, ante. The copy of the Council's letter, in reply, is not preserved.

officers are Capt. Newbery, John Standly Lnt., Nath^l Standly Ens:

It is ordered that there be forthwith rayseed in the county of New Haven, sixty dragoons, to be in readiness for a march, with their armes and ammunition compleat, upon an hower's warning; the Assistants of that county to proportion the numbers to be rayseed in each plantation, and to appoynt the commanders, a Liuetenant, Ensigne and 2 Sarj^{ts}. It is desired the small plantations be considered and favoured, in the press.*

It is also ordered that there be forthwith rayseed in the County of Fayrefield, seenty dragoones, to be in readiness for a march with their armes and ammunition compleat, upon an hower's warning; Major Gold and the Com^{rs} of that county or so many of them as shall meet together, to proportion the numbers to be rayseed in each plantation, and to appoynte a Lnt., Ens: and two Sarj^{ts} for the company.

The Providence of God permitting the heathen to make disturbance amongst the English by hostill attempts upon them, hath occasioned forces allready to be sent forth, and brings a necessity upon us to take speciall order therefore that all persons be duely prepared and provided with armes and ammunition according to law; and therefore upon this urgent and necessitous occasion the Councill hath seen speciall reason to declare and order that all those whoe are to provide armes and ammunition according to law, [*meet*] on Munday morning next by sun an hower high at the meeting house in their respectiue plantations, upon the penalty of the forfeiture of five shillings for non-appearance, there to attend such farther directions as shall be giuen them in charge by their comandrs.

John Winthrop Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Jn^o Tallcott, C. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Richard Lord.

The Councill mett August 8th, and in answer to a letter then rece^d from Major Pynchon, drew up an answer and ordered it to be signed in the name of the Councill, the copy whereof is on file.

* The copy of a letter to the Assistants of New Haven and Fairfield Counties, (dated, Aug. 9th,) is in War Papers, I. Doc. 11. b. It informs them that forty-one men had been sent from Hartford, Windsor and Wethersfield, towards Quabaug, and along with them, thirty Indians; but no tidings had yet been received from them, by the Council. The orders of the Council for raising dragoons (as above,) were inclosed. The letter communicates such intelligence of the movements of the enemy, as had been received; and mentions the good service of the Mohogans and Pequots.

[War, I. Doc. 11, d.]

Honrd Sr.—Yours of the 7th instant we have received, & are doubtfull that the Indians intelligence of Philip's being at Ashquach is not so certain as to be credited, by what intelligence we rec^d from Mr. Smith & Mr. Stanton : an extract of each of their letters you will receive herewith. The Pequot Indians are gon forth & with them some English & Mohegan forces after Phillip's Indians. There came two Mohegans from the camp, wth sundry heads or scalps,—two whereof they bestowed upon the English & two to the Indians; they also give the same accot concerning Phillip's company as we formerly heard, viz : that they were parted, part gon up to Quabaug & part gon towards Narrogancett. We hope that the forces sent to Quabaug will be sufficient to quit the enemie from Quabauge, & to secure or bring off those that are left there, which was the only present end we sent them for. And we understand that Capt. Mosely, on Wednesday last, with 60 men, cam out of Boston & went to Capt. Hincksman, at Wabawquassicke, whoe are in the pursuit of them; besides those English that are gon out of Norwich with L^{nt} Browne & about 80 Pequots & some Moheggins, the post says, about one hundred, we hope will this day be upon the enemie, and be sufficient to doe what is needfull there. We find it difficult to know how to send advise to the armie at a distance; yet shall giue them the best information we can, by sending what we heare from you; & doubt not they will be prudent in their management, and persue the enemie, and doe them the greatest prejudice they can. We are preparing forces to be ready for this designe, according as we shall receive intelligence to be improved. We also heare on Fryday last, Nineraft sent out 200 men against the Phillip^{ns}. We desire to hear what intelligence comes to hand, as speedily as may bee. This is all, at present, from, Honrd Sr, Your affectionate freinds, &c.

As allso a letter to Capt. Daniel Hincksman was drawn up, encouraging him to continue in the persuit of the enemie and to countenance and encourage the Pequotts and Mohegins therein, which was ordered to be signed by the Secretary in the name of the Council; a copy thereof is on file.*

Allso a letter was prepared for Mr. Richard Smith, in answer to one of his to the Governo^r, concerning som prisoners that were in Sucquance his charge, and signed p^r the Secretary p^r order of the Council, a copy whereof is on file.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AUGUST 9, 1675.

John Winthrop Esq., Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Jn^o Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. Jn^o Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

A letter was drawn up to Major Pynchon, signifying to him that we had sent Joshua with about thirty men, to be improved by him according as he should receiue intelligence, as they might be most advantageous for the pub: good, which was signed by the Secret^y in y^e. name of the Council; a copy whereof is on file.

* Copy of letter to Capt. Henchman, in War, I. 11, a.

[War, Vol. I. Doc. 11, c.]

Hartford, Aug. 9, 1675.

Honrd Sr.—Want of intelligence puts us to a loss what to doe. We are in preparation for rayssing forces, and this day are busy in pressing men for to be improved as occasion shall require. Joshua coming to us this day & franekly tendering us his service wth 30 men or upwards, & longing to be improved, we have thought meet to send them to yourselfe and desire according as you receive intelligence, so to improve them to y^e best advantage you may against the comon enemy. It may doe very well if you can send out some few men wth them to conduct them to o^r armie, least the English should unadvisedly fall upon them. We stand a tiptoe for intelligence, & earnestly desire as any comes to your hand it may be posted away to us. The good Lord send us good newes, and direct you & us in wayes well pleasing in his sight! Which is all at present from, Sr, your affectionate freinds, the Councill of Connecticut. Signed &c.

Upon 2d thoughts, we doe not know what to say to sending a few men wth the Indians, without you heare newes that may encourage. If none goe wth them, some signe or some thing to make some markes by which they may be distinguished, may do well. We leaue it wholly with you.

For Major John Pynchon, These, at Springfield.

August 10, at Night.

The Councill ordered the Marshall to goe to Springfield to enquire after the Indians there that went forth with o^r army, and to encourage them in the prosecution of the enemy.

[Copy of Instructions to Marshal Gilbert (dated Aug. 10th, past 9, at night,) is in War, I. 12. He was directed to go to Springfield, with all convenient speed, to meet with the Indians who had been with the army at Quabaug; "to enquire after their welfare and see how it is with hem," and "that they be well provided for, and that they receive no affront from any English;" he was also to inform the Indians that their readiness to go forth with the army, their valor and manhood, and the proofs they had given of fidelity to the English, had been well taken by the Governor and Magistrates; and finally, he was "to encourage them by such good words as [he should] judge most suteable, & if [he could] procure some liquors, to give every one a dram."]

A letter to Major Pynchon was prepared to moue him to encourage and provide well for the Indians &c. a copy whereof is on file, which was signed by the Secretary in the name of the Councill.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AUGUST 11, 1675.

John Winthrop Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Jn^o Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcot, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Upon the receipt of a letter from Mr. James Fitch, the Councill drew up an answer thereto, aduiseing the Pequots to return or to be

wary in going amongst the English, least through inaduertency they should receiue some damage ; as p^r the copy of the letter on file, signed p^r the Secretary, will more fully appeare.

Major John Winthrop, by a letter to the Governo^r, moueing to haue aduice what to doe in case the enemie should be neer them, the Councill drew up an answer to the same, and ordered the Secretary to signe it in their name ; which letter is on file.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, AUGUST 12, 1675.

John Winthrop Esq. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Major John Pynchon acquainting us that he is alone and wants aduice what to doe in this juncture, for his assistance and incouragement in the present occasion we haue thought meet and do accordingly commissionate and send up Major John Tallcott to the s^d Major John Pynchon, to joyne with him and such others as he shall take with him in Councill, to consult what may be most aduantageous for the present designe against the Indians, and to moue and act therein according as may be most aduiseable. And it is o^r desire that the Indians sent from us be incouraged and improued as there shall be good occasion for them.

Instructions for Major John Tallcott.

Major Tallcott ; You receive herewith your com^a to goe up to Springfield to consult wth Major John Pynchon, and to consider and determine what may be most aduiseable for the management of the present designes against the Indians ; and we doe leaue it with you to moue and act therein according as you with Major Pynchon shall judg most aduiseable. And you may goe forth with the army if you see cause, and it will be acceptable to us. Howeu^r, if you should see reason not to goe, we doe desire you would howeu^r visit o^r souldiers sent forth from hence, and encourage them and the Indians to proceede in the designe against the enemie, if it shall be so determined. But if there be no occasion and need for them to go forth and no necessity for their continuance otherwise, hasten them home. We desire you take tenn dragoones with you for your guard, fieu out of Windsor and fieu out of Hartford.

If Major Pynchon and you shall judg it safe to pass to Albany, we looke upon it good to send to the Gentⁿ there for intelligence how the Indians stand effected, and to desire them to attaque such of o^r enemies as shall pass into those parts, and to encourage the Indians to doe the same ; to which purpose you may joyne with him in a letter. The Secret^y to signe these in the name of the Councill, and the Com^a aboue.

AUGUST 17, 1675. A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD.

John Winthrop Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Talcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill haueing rece^d a letter from Mr. Fitch informeing that 120 of the Nipmuck Indians were coming to resigne up themselves to Vincass with their famalys, the Councill ordered that those Nipmuck Indians should be disarmed; that if Uncas entertained any of those Indians that had embrued their hands in the English blood or had been in open hostility against the English and let them escape they would be required at his hands; as more at large by the letter on file will appear;—which the Secret'y was appoynted to sign in the name of the Councill.

AUGUST 18, 1675.

The Councill being mett again upon the 18 of August which were assembled on the 17, and considered the present state of affayres,—

Ordered, that in regard of the present emerging occasions of this Colony by reason of the insolencies of the natiues and their present hostility against the English, it is judged requisit that as many of the Assistants as can with conveniencie doe continue at Hartford, to assist in the management of the occasions of the Colony as occasion shall require. And in regard the Secret'y was by appoyntment of the Gen^l Court to attend as Com^r the next meeting at Boston, it is judged requisit to, and he is hereby discharged from his attendance as Com^r the next meeting of the Com^{rs} at Boston. And the Honrd Gouverno^r John Winthrop Esq. is hereby desired and impowered to attend as Com^r wth Mr. James Richards; and they are fully impowered to act as Com^{rs} in behalfe of this Colony, according to the articles of confederation.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL IN HARTFORD, AUGUST 19, 1675.

John Winthrop Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Talcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. John Wadsworth.

In regard of the present commotions that are amongst the Indians and the hostility they are using against the English, destroyeing of them by fire and sword, that they may not be prouided and supplied

with ammunition, by vertue of power from the Generall Court received, It is ordered by the Councill that what person soever in this Colony, male or female, shall directly or indirectly sell, barter, give or lend any gun, great or small, powder or lead, to any Indian or Indians, he shall be lyable to pay a fine of ten pownds for every gun or pownd of powder or lead so sold, or suffer six moneths imprisonment, as the respective County Courts shall determine, and so proportionably for every greater or lesser quantity. This order to stand till the Generall Court shall order otherwise.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, HARTFORD, AUGUST 20, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dep Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

The Councill ordered the Secretary to send a letter in their name to Major Treat and Capt Nash, to hasten them up to assist in council upon the present emergent occasions of the country; and also to desire that there may be biskit prepared at New Hauen and Milford, a thowsand in each place, if it may be; if not so much, then what can be provided; and that Mr. Bryant be desired to assist and take care about the same.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, HELD AT HARTFORD, AUGUST 24, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Major Rob^t Treat, Capt. Jn^o Nash, Capt. Ben: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Joshua's Commission:—

Joshua;*—The Councill (takeing notice of your readiness to be serviceable to the English in the present warr against Phillip and all others that have done them wrong, and in confidence and expectation of your future readiness and fidelity therein,) doe hereby allow and commissionate you againe to go out upon the same acco^t, to doe your best against all such, and perticularly in persuanee of a party of those Indians formerly with Phillip, now gone downward toward Norwich; and if you can seiz them, they are to remayne under your safe custody till farther order from us. But you must know that if any of them have been in open hostillity against the

* Otherwise, Attawamhood; Sachem of the Western Niantics. He was the third son of Uncas.

English and haue imbrued their hands in English blood or other- wayes damnified them, if you suffer any such to escape, or doe not secure them when they com within your power, they will be required at your hands. And all their gunns, armes and ammunition is to be taken from them and put into some English Com^{rs} handes, not to be deliuered without order from the Councill or Gen^l Court. You are also to confine all the persons not to moue beyound such limitts as may be aduised by some English authority, vpon their perill; that so you may the better haue them at command and giue acco^t of their carriage and motions.

A letter was prepared for Major John Pynchon, to desire his considerations what was further to be done in the persuaunce of the enemy, &c. as will appeare by the copy of the letter on file. The s^d letter was signed by the Sec^y p^r order of the Councill.

[The copy of the Council's letter has not been preserved. The following letter from Major Pynchon, "rec^d Aug. 24th," is in War, I. 14.]

Spr[ingfield] Aug. 22: 75.

Capt. John Allyn. Sr, In y^e night a Post was sent me from Hadley, that o^r forces are returned; Capt. Wats thither, & the Bay forces to Qvabaug. Nothing done but about 50 wigwams they found empty w^{ch} they haue burnt. They write from Hadly they expect nothing but y^e enmy to insult & fall upon y^e remote Townes; that they are in great feares; a guard of 20 left at Sqvakeak* is too weak; some of yo^r soldiers left at Pacomsuck, Capt. Wats speaks of calling off, w^{ch} troubles y^m g^{tly}; suspect o^r Indians y^t went out to be fearefull or false or both; say y^t y^e sheepe at Sqvakeake are driven away sence y^e soldiers were there; suspect y^e enmy to be betweene Hadly & Sqvakeak, at Paqvayag, about 10 mile from y^e Grt River. I am sending to Capt. Wats to stay wth his forces there: I would gladly you would allow it & give further order about it; as y^t they may make discovery for y^e enmy at y^e place forenamed. The Indians you formerly writt off coming in to Vncas, it must be seriously considered whether none that are murderers of y^e English be among them, & such must be deliv^d vp. I pray God direct you & vs, & be o^r salvation. Communcate advice & counsell as you may judge needfull. They much desire y^e p^rsence of some principall man at Hadly to direct, as need req^s, & to expedite affairs. Yo^{rs} in y^e L^d Jesus,

John Pynchon.

Momonto thinks y^e Indian enmy may be in a swamp called Momattanick, about 3 mile off Paqvayag, between Hadly & Sqvakeak; it is pitty but they should be disrested; & yo^r Indians will be y^e most likely to doe something. I pray give further orders about Capt. Wats, & if Major Taleot might be wth y^m, I hope it w^d turne to good.

[Directed,] These, For Mr. John Allyn, at Hartford. Hast, Post Hast.

The Councill order that the Treasurer take care that 3000 of bread be forthwith prouided, for the present designe against the Indians.

AUGUST 25, 1675.

The Councill being informed of the English of Hadley and Northampton's purpose to disarm their Indians forcibly, fearing least it

* Squakeag; Northfield, Mass.

might proue to be provoakeing or discouraging to o^r Indian neigbours, haue seen cause, by a letter to Major Pynchon, to aduice him that the disarming of the Indians in a forcible manner be forborne, at least for the present ; which letter was signed p^r the Secret^y in the name of the Councill.

A letter to Mr. James Fitch was drawn up, to desire him to giue us the inteligence how Vncass hath disposed of the Nipmug Indians that were sayd to be com in to him, and allso to desire what farther inteligence is wth him, &c. as p^r the copy of the letter on file will be seen ; which was signed by the Secret^y in the name of the Councill.

Upon the sad news of the Indians of Norwottogs falling out and assaulting the English of those plantations, the Councill ordered that there should be sent up twenty dragoones under the command of Georg Graue, to assist those plantations in the defence of them against the enemie.

They allso writ letters to Mr. Joanes and Mr Bishop and to Major Gold, to send up those dragoones that are prest formerly in those countyes, to be at Hartford upon Saturday next ; as by the letters on file, signed by the Secret^y in the name of the Councill, will appeare.

Allso, the Councill made choys of Major Rob^t Treate to goe out Commander in Cheife of those forces that are to goe out in the next expedition agaynst the enemie.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL HELD AT HARTFORD, AUGUST 26,
1675.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r ; Major John Tallcott, Capt. Jn^o Allyn, Capt. John Nash, Capt. Ben: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

A letter to Major John Pynchon was prepared and sent to him to giue him notice that we had sent twenty dragoones to assist the plantations of Norwottog in the defending of them against the enemie ; and to desire them to procure what bread they may for the designe against the Indians ; as the letter on file, signed by the Secret^y, will farther make appeare.

The Councill ordered that the dragoones in the county of Hartford, formerly impressed to be ready at an hower's warning for a march, that they be ready fixed to march upon Saturday next, if order be to march then ; if noe farther order come that then they be ready to march and be at Hartford on Munday next by nine of the clock at the farthest.

Capt. Newbery being of the Councill and his attendance being necessary is released from his attendance as Capt. of the dragoones that are to goe out of the county of Hartford, and L^{nt} Nicholas Olmsted is appoynted their Captaine.

The sorrowfull apprehension of the tremendous dispensation of the Most High against His wilderness people, in sending forth his sword into the land, by lengthening the sword's commission and bloweing upon the designes of the English soe many wayes and in such diuers maners, by most awfull circumstances and amazing passages of awakening providences, discovering the sad frownes of God against the land and that surely God is greatly provoaked vnto anger by o^r great neglects of y^e Gospel of Ch^t, decay of love to God and one another, grievous sensuality and great unrighteousnes, and too much unaffectednes under y^e heavy hand of God,—the which calls alowd at this day to weeping and mourning and sackcloth and ashes, that we giue o^rselues unto prayer, and indeed rend o^r hearts and turn to the Lord, that he might turn from the feirceness of his anger that we perish not,—the exceeding great weight of the matter hath moued the Councill, in conscience of duty to God, to recommend that a course of seekeing the Lord by Humiliation, Prayer and soule affliction might be obserued thorowout this Colony in each county in all their townes, the same 4th day of the weeke monthly, till farther order ; that we might pour out o^r soules like water before the Lord, earnestly intreating that God would at last discover the Achan that troubles Israell, and effectually purg it out ; that he might yet go forth wth our armies and his own right hand may make peace in the land, guideing, blessing and saueing his poore people, euen as the very matter may require. To begin in New Haven County, Sept^r the first, next ; in Fayrefeild County, Sept^r 8th ; in New London County, Sept^r 15 ; and in Hartford County, Sept^r 22^d, &c.

AUGUST 27, 1675.

The Councill being againe mett, proceeded.

The Reuerend Mr. John Whitting is nominated and desired to goe forth wth o^r army, to be minister unto them, to assist them in preaching, prayer, councill and exortation, &c.

The Councill receiueing a letter from Mr. James Fitch of Norwich, certifying that about 111 of Phillip's men, women and children were taken by the Wabawquassock Indians, and that L^{nt} Mason, wth strength both of English and Indians, were gon forth to fetch them in ; and desireing that he may be advised how they should be

disposed of, if God succeed ; the Council did return that they judged it most adviseable to send them to Boston, if they be brought, to be disposed (as the justice of the case shall require,) by the Commission^r; as more at large will appeare by the copy of the letters on file, signed p^r the Sec^y in the name of the Council.

Sam^l Marshall is appoynted Ensigne of y^e Dragoones of Hartford County.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AUGUST 28, 1675.

Wm. Lect Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. John Nash, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Council wrot a letter to the Gentⁿ of Northampton, desireing them to gayne what inteligence they could of the haunts and lurking places of the enemie ; as allso to provide what bread and provissions they could, for the supply of the army, if the prouidence of God should direct our march that way ; as p^r the letter on file may more at large appeare, which is signed p^r the Secret^y by order of the Council.

A letter to Major Pynchon was prepared to advise against the disarming of the Indians at Springfield, but rather to moue them to take hostages for the security of the fidelity of their Indians ; as by the letter on file, which was signed p^r y^e Secret^y will appeare.

AUGUST 30, 1675. A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL.

Wm. Leet, Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcot, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. John Nash, Capt. Tho: Topping, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Council prepared com^{ns} for Major Treat and the comⁿ officers, which were as followeth, wth those instructions :—

To Major Rob^t Treat.

You being nominated and appoynted by the Council of Conecticut, August 25, 1675, Comander in Cheife of such forces as are sent forth from this Colony to assist and defend o^r confederates of the Massachusetts in the persuit or prosecution of those Indian enemies that are in open hostility against the English, These are in his Ma^{ty} Name to will and require you, and you are hereby commissioned to take under your conduct, charge, command and gouernment, all the sayd military forces, with all such armes, ammunition, provissions and other appurtenances, with all officers and soldiers, to be ordered,

martialled, managed and dissposed of upon all occasions by yourselfe and the councill of warr, according to the course of military discipline, and according to such instructions as you shall herewith receiue and from time to time receiue from them, till you shall return agayne. You are also hereby impowered, wth the councill of war, to use and execute martiall discipline upon all offenders and delinquents, as occasion shall be, by fines or other military punishments if need shall require. We doe appoynt your commission officers to be of your councill, whereof yourselfe to be president and to haue a casting voyce. And you or your councill, or the greater number of them, shall haue power from time to time, as a councill of war, to manage all affayres concerning this present expedition; and you may joyne in councill with such other of the Gent^l of the Massachusetts as shall be impowered to joyn in councill with you, and to take their assistance with you in persuit of the enemy; and you are according to your best skill to take all fitting wayes and meanes and opportunities to destroy the enemy: and in want of any officers in your army, you, with your councill, are hereby impowered to make up such defects or vacancies. You are also impowered to use any stratagems of war for aduantage against the enemy, and to induce or draw off parties or persons from them upon just and hon^{ble} termes of concessions or quarter, as you may: provided that grand contriuers and murtherers be exempted from pardon, and due satisfaction made for other wrongs when proued against them.

This was signed by the Secret^y by order of the Councill, and deliuered Major Rob^t Treaté.

Instructions for Major Rob^t Treaté.

Forasmuch as the most holy and just God for our many and great sins hath seen cause to exercise New England, by letting loose the barbarous heathen to committ outrage, murther and spoyle, first in Plimouth, since in the Massachusetts Colony, vp this River of Conecticott, whereof the Hono^l Major Pynchon and others of o^r considerable and worthy neighbours haue informed and sought o^r help in their danger, the sayd Indian enemies (being many in number and their aduantages great in the woods,) doe mischeifes by killing their men and burning their houses, robbing and spoyleing their goods &c.; You are therefore forthwith to march with your forces into the Massachusetts Colony, first to Westfeild, and then Northampton, declaring unto the authority that you are commissioned and sent for the succour and assistance of o^r neighbours in danger within that Colony, against all or any such Indians as haue as afoarsayd done; to defend the sayd English and persue the enemy, as God shall direct and help; and with their aduice and allowance to pass on farther (as there be need,) unto such townes or places where you may be directed to quarter suitably; and meeting with the Bay forces, consult them for light and information what is best to be done, where or how best to com at or deale with the enemy, and manage the affayre according to your commission, which you may show as there is occasion for the same.

In all places of your travailes, march or aboade, you are to see well to the carriage and behauour of all under your command, that it be sober, Christian and comely, both in words and in deeds, according to Gospell profession, before the heathen and in the sight of all men ; that so the name of our God be not dishonoured by o'selues while we are endeauouring to vindicate the same against the heathen's wickedness and blasphemies.

If you hear of any like outrages or mischeifes upon any of o' owne plantations while you are searching after the enemye, you are to post away a competent party for their releife.

Although you may do well to aduise wth the Bay commanders, yet are you not bound allways by their counsell to act, unless you accord wth the same and be satisfied in the determination.

You are to improve the best of your skill to preserve the liues and limbes of your soldiers in all your assaults and stratagems of war you shall use ; and you are to take special care that the Reuerend Mr. Whitting, whoe is appoynted your minister this expedition, be provided for and accomadated with the best supplies and in the greatest security you may, dureing his whole continuance with you.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AUGUST 31, 1675.

A letter to Major John Pynchon, to giue an acco^t of o^r forces that were to be sent up the country to desire joynt counsell, intelligences and informations, and to give an acco^t of Major Tallcott's being sent up and commissioned to consult wth him ; as by the letter on file, signed p^r the Secret^y will appeare.

Major Rob^t Treat this day advanced with his army towards Northampton.

Christover Crow, being upon occasion traueilling between Hartford and Simsbury, was assaulted and shott at, by 4 Indians, 8 being in company, which occasioned the s^d Major Treatt to stop his forces at Windsor and to certify the Councill w^t their pleasure was to haue done. The Councill did return an order to haue 30, of the county of Hartford, to stop ; the rest to advance ; as by the letter on file appeares.

Mr. James Steele is appoynted Commissary for this present expedition.

A letter from Major Gold, dated August 29, was receiued and an answer this day returned : a copy whereof is on file.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL HELD AT HARTFORD, SEPT^r 1, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Henry Woolcot, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Tho: Topping, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Honord Mr. Joanes and Mr. Bishop, acquainting us with the report of the Indians being in a hostill maner prepared wth their armes neer Pawgussuck, and that Mr. Bryant had posted to them for help; and John Coalt declareing how he was shot at, yesterday, by an Indian; and another party of Indians discouered to be neer the North meadow in Hartford, the last night; the Councill ordered the return of Major Treat and his troopes forthwth to Hartford; and the Councill appoynted this Order to be deliuered:

To Major Robert Treat;—

Seeing you are recalled upon emergent occasion to attend such seruice as you shall be appoynted to, it is now judged requisit and you are hereby commissioned to appoynt about 30 of your Troop of Dragoones to march on the east side of the river and to make what discoueries of the enemie you can in those parts, and to seiz all such skulking armed Indians as you shall meet with in your way; and to make search from Hoccanum Riuer to Scantick, where they are to quarter this night, and to morrow make farther discouerie. You are allso to appoynt 30 of your troop of Dragoones to march to make discouerie on the west side of Conecticut Riuer, from Hartford down towards Wethersfeild, where they are to quarter this night, and to-morrow to make further discouery: and 30 more to make farther discouerie on the west side of Conecticott Riuer, between Hartford and Windsor, where they are to quarter this night and to-morrow to make farther discouery. And you are to order that all your troopes doe meet at Hartford to-morrow night for farther orders.

This was signed p^r the Secretary by order of the Councill, and deliuered unto Major Treat.

Forasmuch as it is wth the English now a time of war with sundry companyes of Indians that are skulking in persuance of hostility against the English who may be traueling up and down upon their necessary occasions, where they may meet with armed Indians whome they cannot know by face and so may be of the enemies that haue done hurt by suddain shooting at such traillours unawares,—The Councill sees cause to order that whatsoever Indian or Indians with armes shall be espyed traueilling in any of the precincts of or townships without an Englishman be with them, if they doe not call to such English traueilling as they may see, and allso lay down their armes, wth professing themselues freinds, it shall be lawfull for the sayd English to shoot at them and destroy them for their owne safety,

which is o^r duty to p^{ro}vide for thus, in time of war ; seeing that o^r Indian freinds may so prevent the danger as before, without prejudice to themselues. And the constables in the respectiue plantations are to see this order be forthwith published in the seuerall plantations, and to the Indians within their respectiue limits.

The Councill ordered that those forces that return from vp the River, doe return to their respectiue plantations and habitations, and remayn under press to be ready upon an hower's warning, as formerly. *This was ordered Sept^r 3, 75,—and miss-entered here.*

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, SEPT^r 2^d, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r ; Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Captⁿ Tho: Topping, Captⁿ Benj: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Vpon some complaynt of Milford Indians of some hard dealeings they rece^d at Milford, the Councill writ to Mr. Bryant and L^{nt} Fowler about the same, to desire that all fayre dealeings might be between them, and to aduise them not to giue them any just ground of prouocations &c ; as by the letter on file, signed by the Secret^y, may appeare.

A letter to Lnt. David Wilton and Lnt. Wm. Clark of Northampton in answer to one from them, was sent up to give them an acco^t of the reason our forces did not advance to them, and to inform them of their readiness now to march, as p^r the letter on file signed p^r the Secret^y will appeare.

This commission was drawn up for Major Treat, and d^d :—

Major Rob^t Treat ; You are to proceed in your march according to your former commission and instructions, and to take under your conduct those forces of Fayrefeild and New Haven County, and of Hartford County. You are to take out of Midleton company, eight ; out of Farmington, seuen ; out of Hartford company two, and you will find with George Graue, at Northampton, seven, and Pacomptock, fowre, which make thirteen ; and out of Windsor two, and you will find at Northampton seuen, of Windsor, and at Pacomptock three, which makes twelve ; out of Wethersfeild company you must take two, at Northampton is fise, and Pacomptock three ; so that you will haue of the County of Hartford, fifty. The rest you (as you com up with them) are to order them to march to this place for further orders, under the conduct of som suitable person to be their leader. George Graue by promise is to be released when the army arrives at Northampton.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AT HARTFORD, SEPT^r 3^d, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Tho: Topping, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

It is ordered by the Councill, that in the seuerall plantations of this Colony there be kept a sufficient watch in the night, which watch is to be continued from the shutting in of the evening till the sun rise; and that one fourth part of each towne be in armes every day by turnes, to be a guard in their respectiue plantations; to be ordered and dissposed as the cheife millitary officers shall appoynt; and all souldiers from sixteen to seuentie yeares of age (magistrates, com^{rs}, ministers, commission officers, schoole masters, phescitians, and millers excepted,) are to attend their course of watch and ward as they shall be appoynted. It is also ordered that, durence these p^rsent comotions with the Indians, such persons as haue occasion to worke in the feilds shall worke in companies; if they be halfe a mile from the towne, not lesse than six in a company; with their armes and ammunition well fixed and fitted for seruice. And whosoever shall not attend these foregoing orders shall forfeit for every defect, five shillings, prouided it be complayned of within fowerteen dayes; any one Assistant or Com^r to heare and determine every such defect.

The Councill findeing a necessity of sufficient ammunition to be in all readiness for warlike action, which suddainly may be called for, as also that we may be in an instant alarmed, in the day as well as night,—It is ordered that whosoever shall shoot off a gunn without command from some Magistrate or millitary commander, vntill farther order be giuen by authority, he shall forfeit for every such transgression the sume of five shillings, except it appeare upon the heareing of the case, he so shott for the necessary defence of himselfe or for the destroying of some wolfe or such ravenous beast.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AT HARTFORD, SEPT^r 4th, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Henry Woolcot, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Tho: Topping, Capt. Ben: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

For the prevention of danger to travelours upon the road betweene towne and towne in this County,—It is ordered that Windsor, each

other day, shall send fowre men to clear the roads to Simsbury, and two, each other day, to cleare the roads between Hartford and Windsor; Windsor to begin Munday next, to Hartford, and Tewsdays to Simsbury. Hartford shall send two men to clear the roads between Windsor and Hartford, each other day, and to begin on Tewsdays next; and three men to cleare the roads between Farmington and Hartford, and to begin Munday next; and one, each other day, to cleare the road between Hartford and Wethersfeild, and to begin on Munday next. Wethersfeild shall send one man, each other day, to cleare the roade between Wethersfeild and Hartford, and to begin Tewsdays next; and two, each other day, between Wethersfeild and Midleton, to begin Munday next. Farmington shall send three, each other day, to cleare the roads between Hartford and Farmington, and to begin Tewsdays next. And Midleton to send two each other day to cleare the roade thence to Wethersfeild, to begin Tewsdays next. And this course to be taken till farther order. The Millitary officers in each place or plantation to appoynt the persons to attend this service. These men to be taken out of the guard of each towne, and to be upon their worke by sun an hower high in each day.

[The following letter, to the Governor and Council, from the Council of Massachusetts, (War, I. 16,) was probably received about this time.]

Much Honrd Gentⁿ. By severall letters from Major John Pyncheon & Mr. John Russell, dated 26 instant, we haue binn informed of the state of our forces in yo^r partes, that haue binn vnder some humbling frownes of God, p^rmitting the Indians there to waxe proude & more insolent; on which suspitions arising occasioned some strictnes in the motions of our Captaines there towards them, which they refusing to yeild to, som English are slayne, and our forces returned from their pursuite, being too weake, to Hadley; vnderstanding also that they may haue made their applications to you for some recruite of forces to prosecute so enraged an enemy; which wee hope & doubt not but before this can come to your hands you will haue accommodated, the whole public interest of the English lying at stake. How necessary in such a day, the common safety & interest of the people of God were by joynt and vnited councils considered of & carried an end, is not difficult in such a juncture to be vnderstood, & hath been much desired before now. The Govⁿ of Plimouth & Mr. Hineckley, their Comission^{rs}, haue been heere before the time appointed, hopefully wayting for yours; and yesterday went homewards, and will, on the least notice of yours coming, be heere againe. If our forces shall stand in neede of ought wth you, if you please to accommodate them therewith, wee shall thankfully acknowledge your loue therein, & be readily responsible for the same. Comending you & your councils, & desiring alike to be comended by you, wth this affaire, to God's speciall blessing & protection, Remayne, Gentⁿ,

Your assured freinds & confederates,

Boston, 28 August, 1675.

Edward Rawson, Secretary,
p^r order of the Gov^r & Council.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, HELD AT HARTFORD, SEPT^r 5TH, 1675.

Vpon the news of the great disasters that befell Capt. Beers in his going to fetch off the Garrison from Squakeheag,* the Councill sent post to Major Winthrop and Lnt. John Mason, to bring up about a hundred Pequots and Moheags, to goe forth after the army up the country. A letter was allso sent to Major Pynchon: coppyes of both which are on file.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, HELD AT HARTFORD, SEPT^r 6th, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Tho: Topping, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill ordered that Sarj^t Joseph Wadsworth should take under his conduct twenty men, and pass up to Westfield, to assist them against the common enemy, wth this following comⁿ:—

To Joseph Wadsworth, Sarj^t.

In his Ma^{ties} Name you are required to take under your conduct those dragoones now present, and lead them forth up to Westfeild, there to assist in the defending of the sayd Westfeild against the common enemy, and there to continue till you receive further order from the Councill here, or are called forth to the army by Major Treat or some of the cheife commanders of o^r army. Allso, in case you hear that any of o^r plantationx are assaulted by the enemy, you are forthwith to post away to releiue the place or plantations assaulted; and in case you should be assaulted in the way, you are to use your utmost endeaour to defend yourselues and to destroy the enemy.

This signed p^r the Secret^y.

A like commission was granted to John Grant of Windsor.

To John Grant.

In his Ma^{ties} Name you are required to take under your conduct those dragoones now present, and lead them forth up to Springfeild, there to assist against the common enemy, and there to continue till you receive farther order from the Councill here, or are called forth to the army by Major Treat or some of the cheife commanders of o^r army. Allso, in case you heare that any of o^r plantations are assaulted by the enemy, you are forthwith to post away to releiue the place or plantations assaulted; and in case you should be as-

* Northfield (Squakeag) having been assaulted by the Indians, and several of the inhabitants slain, Capt. Beers with 36 men was sent to afford relief to the garrison there. On his march from Hadley, he was waylaid by the enemy, and killed, with a great part of his men. Only 16 succeeded in making their escape to Hadley, leaving the dead and wounded in the hands of the enemy. See Hubbard's Ind. Wars, p. 110; Trumbull's H. of Conn. I. 334.

saulted in the way, you are to use your utmost endeavour to defend yourselves and to destroy the enemy.

This signed p^r the Secret^y.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AT HARTFORD, SEPT^r 9, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Major Rob^t Treat, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Major Rob^t Treat being returned from the army, and informing us that the Gentⁿ from the Bay have ordered that all their forces shall be called out of the feild, up the Riuer, and their townes gar-risoned as they may; and also, that of those forces that went hence there is left about forty at Hatfeild, and some at Northampton, and some at Westfeild, are desired to be continued; the Councill doth grant that if it be desired, there be twenty-six left at Westfeild, under conduct of Ens: John Miles, and sixteen left at Springfeild, under conduct of L^{nt} John Standly; and the rest both those that went wth Sarj^t Joseph Wadsworth and wth John Grant to return forthwth; and accordingly order was sent to L^{nt} John Standly and to Ens: John Miles.

A letter to Major Pynchon was prepared, to certify to him what was done and what intelligence was with us, and to desire his advice, &c. as by the letter on file, signed p^r the Secret^y p^r order of the Councill, will appeare.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AT HARTFORD, SEPT^r 10, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r; Major John Tallcot, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Major Rob: Treat, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Upon a letter from the Niantick Indians, from Mr. Griswold, certifying their fidelity and good affection to the English, and some service done by them, the Councill sent a letter to them to assure them of o^r freindship, and that we should show them all suitable respect when there is occasion: as p^r the letter on file, signed p^r the Secret^y will appeare.

A letter from the Councill was sent to the Massachusetts, to the Com^{rs}, to giue them an acco^t of our affayres and to desire their resolves; a copy whereof is on file; which letter was signed p^r the Secret^y in the name of the Councill.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AT HARTFORD, SEPT^r 11, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Major Rob^t Treat, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Vpon the motion and earnest desires of the Councill of Massachusetts & Major Pynchon, that we would send forth some forces to assist them against the Indians, the Councill ordered that Major Rob^t Treat, in persuance of his former commission, shall march with those Gentⁿ dragoones that formerly were placed under his command, and march up to Hadly or Northampton, there to consult with Major Pynchon and the commanders there, for the frameing of a designe against the Indians, and to prosecute the same according to his best skill: and he is hereby impowered to command all those forces that are all ready in garrison at Springfeild, Westfeild, Northampton and Hatfeild, wth those that goe vp now with him or follow after, both English and Indians. And if the sayd Major Treat judg the strength he hath with him and calls in from these towns, to be sufficient for the carrying on the designe, with the assistance of the Massachusets, he may proceed therein, wth as much speed as conveniently he can; if not, he is to send post to us, to acquaint us wth his occasions and farther desires.

The Councill allso ordered that the Secret^y write to the Gentⁿ of New Hauen and Fayrefeild County, to send up those dragoones formerly prest for the publique seruice, to be forthwith sent vp to Hartford to march after the Army, if there should be occasion for them.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AT HARTFORD, SEPT^r 14, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Major Rob^t Treate, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The inhabitants of Haddam haueing presented Jarrad Spencer for an Ensigne for their Trayn Band, affirming him to be legally chosen, the Councill doe accordingly commissionate him to be their Ensigne and to command them according to lawe; and Wm. Ventrus is confirmed to be their Sarj^t. This to stand till the Genⁿ Court order otherwise.

A letter to Mr. James Fitch was drawn up and prepared by the Councill, and p^r order signed p^r the Secret^y.

In regard of the present warrs and troubles that are fallen between

the English and the Indians, whereby it is dangerous to pass upon the roades, and the present occasions are such that we cannot spare any of o^r Assistants to goe and keep court at New London at the usuall time, Tewsday next, upon these considerations the Councill doe order that the stated Court at New London shall be deferred at present, and holden at New London the last Tewsday in October next. And all actions depending to be tryed the next Court, whether they are entered by attachments or summons, are to remayne in full force, and shall then be tryable on the s^t last Tewsday in October next; and all bonds for appearance are to stand and be in force at the sayd Court. This the Clarke of New London Court is to signify to the seuerall townes in that county, forthwith.

THE COUNCILL METT SEPT^r 15, 1675, AND GRANTED CAPT. MASON'S COMⁿ.

Mr. John Mason's Commission.

To John Mason, Capt:—In his Ma^{ties} Name you are required to take unto yourselfe a competent guard of English for the security of your person, and you are to take vnder your conduct those Mohegens, Pequotts and other Indians that shall be listed to go along with you, and lead them forth up to Norwotock and those plantations up the Riuer, to prosecute, persue and destroy all such Indians as haue risen up and are in hostility against the English; and you are to continue and command all the sayd Indians, to attend all such orders and directions as from time to time you shall receiue from your Major Rob^t Treat, or from the Councill or other Authority of this Colony. And this your command you are to hold ouer the Indians till your return; and they are hereby required to obey your commands dureing this expedition.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AT HARTFORD, SEPT^r 18, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Bishop, Capt. Benj: Newbery.

It was resolued by the Councill that if the forces expected from Fayrefeild County doe come up to Hartford this day or to-morrow, they shall be sent up the Riuer after our army, Munday next.

SEPT^r 19, 1675.

The dragoones from Fayrefeild County being com up, and Major Rob^t Treat sending to us to hasten them up to their head quarters at

or neer Suckquackheeg, it was ordered that accordingly the dragoones of Fayrefeild County should forthwith march away up to Norwottog, and so to o^r army, under the conduct of Ensign Steven Burritt. And those of New Haven County, in like manner to march away, vnder conduct of L^{nt} Tho: Munson: who were accordingly commissioned, as followeth:—

To Thomas Munson, L^{nt}.

These are in his Ma^{ties} Name to will and require you to take under your conduct the forces that now com from the County of New Haven; and them you are forthwith to lead up to Norwotock, and from thence up the River to our army, wth whom you are to joine in the defence of those plantations up the River; and you are to kill and destroy all such Indian enemies as shall assault you or the sayd plantations, (as will not submit to the mercy of the English, and continue in hostility against them.) And you are to command all your inferior officers and souldiers to obey you as their L^{nt} for his Ma^{ties} service: and you are to obey and obserue all such comands and directions as you shall receive from Major Rob^t Treat or your other superiour officers, or from the Councill or other Authority of this Colony. And this you are to obserue dureing this expedition. Hereof fayle not.

A like commission was deliuered to Steuen Burrett, Ensigne, to take under his conduct the dragoones of Fayrefeild County, and dispose of them as aboue: both which commissions were signed p^r the Sec^{ry}, in the name of y^e Councill.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AT HARTFORD, SEPT^r 21, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, C. John Allyn, Mr. James Bishop, Capt. Ben: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill prepared a letter for Major Pynchon, to be a covert to a letter from the Bay Councill to him, and to giue him information of what we had receiued from the Honord Com^{rs}, wth o^r sence about the quitting of Pacomptock garison; and to desire o^r men may be carefully and comfortably provided for, &c. as p^r y^e copy of the letter on file signed p^r the Sec^{ry} may appeare.

[A letter from the Commissioners of the U. Colonies, to the Conn. Council, (dated Sept. 16th,) is in War, I. 19.]

Hon^d Gent^{rs}: Your letters dated the 10th of this instant, wee received, & having perused the contents thereof, do fully coneur with yo^r apprehensions as to the necessity of feild forces, to be improveing for disresting & pursute of the enemy, and therefore have agreed that 1000 men be forthwith listed, and every way fitted wth armes & ammunition to be in readines to march at an

houres warneing, whereof 500 to be dragoones or troopers, with long armes. Our meaning is, that those that are already out upon service in garrisons or eleewhere, shall be accounted as a part of this number, to be raised in proportion according to the Articles of Confederation, which is as followeth, i. e. Massachusetts, 527; Plimouth, 158; Connecticut, 315.

In case the providence of God do so order, that the opportunity of pursuing the enemy should be in those Westerly plantations up the River, wee then judge it best, and do accordingly order, that such force as shall be needfull be taken out of Massachusetts & Connecticut soldiers, it being too farr distant to fetch any from Plimouth Colony; and it appearing at present to be the best expedient that the Commander in Cheife be from time to time appoynted, as may most accomodate the place where the pursute must be made, wee concurr with the Councill of y^e Mattachusetts in designeing & appoynting Major Pinchon to be the Commander over all the forces that shall be employed in those p^{ts}; and do desire your assistance and counsell to him from time to time; and in case you judge it meet, that you doe appoynt & send some fit commander of your owne Colony to be joyned with Major Pinchon, as his second in counsell & command, over o^r joynt forces there; and wee shall accordingly owne & approve him in that capacity. And considering the great trust and dependance that is vpon Major Pinchon for the coustant mannagem^t of the publicke affaires in those p^{ts}, wee do not expect that he should be personally present in every expedition ag^t the enemy, further then himselfe & his councill of officers shall see a necessity of; but they may appoynt & send forth such persons on particular services as to them shall seeme best.

As for the n^o of soldiers to be employed at p^{re}sent, wee, not well knowing how many are already on the place, and also ignorant of the enemye's strength, must leave yt wholly to those y^e are betrusted there, to take such n^o of soldiers as shall be thought necessary; and such of your Indians as shall be judged vsefull may be added unto them. Committing yourselves, the interest of God's people & the care for their provision & salvation, to him who is their great Shepheard, Wee take leave, and remayne,

Gent^l, your loving friends & confederates,

Thomas Danforth, Presid^t,
in the name & with the consent of the
Commissioners of the Vnited Colonies.

Gent^l, Wee intreat your favour to dispatch with all speed the inclosed, to Major Pinchon, as also to acquaint him with the contents of this to yo^rselves.

Allso a letter to the Commissioners was prepared to informe them of o^r proceeds in the war, and to desire their sending ayd from the Bay forthwth, a copy of which is on the file, signed by y^e Sec^y.

Allso, upon the receipt of a letter from Mr. Fitch, desireing the minde of the Councill about the gathering of the Wabaquassuck Indians' corn &c., an answer was returned, and a copy thereof is on file.

A letter to Ninicraft allso was prepared and sent to him, wherein we take knowledg of his friendship, and tender him o^r, &c; a copy whereof is on file.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, SEPT^r 23^d, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Bishop, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill came to an agreement wth the Wyantineck Indians, whoe engaged to continue in freindship wth us and to be enemies to o^r enemies and to discover them timely or destroy them; that they would doe no prejudice to the English &c.; as by the agreement on file more fully will appeare.

The like agreement was made wth New Haven and the Milford Indians; a copy whereof is on file.

The Councill, for their service and attendance gaue them each a payre of breeches.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, SEPT^r 24, 1675.

The Pequots and Mohegens being returned and desireous to goe home, wth their promise to attend when there should be farther occasion, they were dismiss, and each of them a coat bestowed upon them, and the Wabequassuck Indians had each a payre of breeches.

A letter from Major Pinchon rec^d; another from N. Haven, signed p^r Mr. Wm. Jones, Mr. Alex^r Bryan, Capt. Jn^o Nash, Capt. Tho: Topping and Wm. Fowler.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL AT HARTFORD, SEPT^r 26, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. James Bishop, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

The Councill by letters from Major Gold, Mr. Bryant, and Capt. Nash receiued a report of Major Andross his preparations for Saybrooke, which being considered, the Councill ordered as followeth,—these Commissions and Warrants:—

To Capt. Tho: Bull.

These are in his Ma^{ties} Name to require you forthwith to repayre to yo^r charge at Saybrook, and to take under yo^r conduct y^e forces y^t are now at Saybrook, wth y^r traine-band, and to manage and dispose of y^m in y^e best way and manner you can for the defence of y^t place for y^e service of his Ma^{tie}. And you are hereby required if you see occasion for it, to command all those of y^e neighbouring plantations y^t y^e Councill formerly appointed to be in readines to defend y^t place, y^t they forthwith repaire unto you, according as you shall see cause to appoint y^m, to assist you in defending that place

and in keeping it in obedience to his Maj^{ties} and this Governm^t for his Maj^{ties} service. And all those souldiers in the neighboring plantations are hereby in his Maj^{ties} name required to attend the orders and commands as afores^d, without delay. The Townes intended are Huddam, Saybrooke, Lyme, Kenillworth and Guilford. P^r order of the Councill, signed.

Hartford, Sept^r 26, 1675.

To y^e Constable of Lyme.

These are in his Maj^{ties} Name to require you upon sight hereof to imp^sse and send forth soe many men well p^rpared with armes and ammunition, to Saybrooke, to Capt. Tho: Bull, as you shall have notice from him to send to him, to assist in y^e defence of y^t place. Hereof fayle not.

Dated in Hartford, Sept^r 26 (75.)

To y^e Constable of Kellingworth.

These are in his Maj^{ties} Name to require you upon sight hereof to imp^ss and send forth soe many men well p^rpared wth armes and ammunition, to Saybrooke, to Capt. Tho: Bull, as you shall haue notice from him to send to him to assist in y^e defence of y^t place. Hereof fayle not.

Dated in Hartford, Sept^r 26, 1675.

To y^e Constable of Guilford.

These are in his Maj^{ties} Name to require you upon sight hereof to imp^ss and send forth soe many men well p^rpared wth armes and ammunition, to Saybrooke, to Capt. Tho: Bull, as you shall haue notice from him, to assist in the defence of that place. Hereof fayle not.

Dated in Hartford, Sept^r 26th (75.)

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, SEPT^r 27, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq^r, Dep Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Bishop, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. Richard Lord.

The Councill came to an agreement with the Indians of Farmington, Hartford, Wethersfeild and Middleton, wherein the Indians ingaged to continue in freindship with the English and to be enemies to their enemies, and to discour or destroy them &c. And the Councill ingaged to pay unto them the sayd Indians, 2 yards of cloth for euery head of o^r enemies they shall take, and 4 yards of cloath for euery person they shall deliver aliuie; as p^r the agreement on file, will appeare more at large.

Allso, the Councill sent a letter to Major Pynchon for a copy of y^e grownds of the war; which is on file, a copy of it.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, SEPT^r 28, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Major John Tallcot, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Bishop, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. Richard Lord.

The Councill, seeing a necessity of som provissions, especially bread, being got ready forthwith for the supply of o^r army, ordered that the Treasurer by his warrant should order 200 bushels of wheat to be provided, grownd and baked into biskit forthwith, out of these following plantations; of Windsor, fifty bushels; of Hartford, sixty bushels; of Wethersfeild, sixty bushels; of Farmington, thirty.

The Councill allso sent a letter to Capt Mason and Mr. Fitch, to procure the Pequot and Moheag Indians to com up, to go forth with our army; and allso to acquaint them that there were about 100 Indians sent into the Nipmug country to gather corne and secure the swine; as p^r the copy on file will appeare.⁷

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, SEPT^r 29, 1675, IN HARTFORD.

Dep. Gov^r Wm. Leete Esq.; Major John Tallcott, Mr. James Bishop, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill, haueing receiued inteligence from Mr. Joanes and Capt. Nash of a report of the Gov^r of York's sending a ketch of Soldiers to Saybrooke &c., sent a letter to them, to giue them thanks for their great care and to acquaint them what we had done: as p^r the copy on file will appeare.

Another letter was sent to Capt. Bull, at Saybrooke, to inform of what news we had receiued from Yorke; with some instructions how they should act in the defence of that porte: as p^r the copy of the letter on file will appeare.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, SEPT^r 30, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Capt. Jn^o Allyn, Mr. Rich: Lord, Mr. Jn^r Wadsworth.

The Councill haueing receiued a letter from Mr. Stanton, in Nini-craft's behalfe, to desire the return of their hostages, one of them haueing fled from hence before, the other was granted liberty to return, and he was informed if he pleased we would send him safe home by water, but he refused, and sayd he had company enough to goe by land and would go along with them.

The Council allso writ a letter to Mr. Jireh Bull,* in answer to one receiued from him in behalf of Canonicus, concerning the Wabawquassuck Indians gathering their corn in the Nipmuck Country ; the copy whereof is on file.

AT ANOTHER MEETING, OCTOB^r 1st 1675.

We hauing receiued a letter from Mr. Fitch wherein he speakes of the Mohegans' dissatisfaction wth the Indians of the Riuer, and of their unwillingness to joyne wth them in this war, there was answer at large returned to the same ; as p^r the copy on file will appeare.

Another letter was allso sent to Major Pyncheon and Major Treate, wherein we inform them of the Indians' intendments to march with them, w some considerations about the managing of their next march against the enemie ; as p^r the copy on file will appeare.

Some acts of Octob^r 5, are recorded ouer the leafe.†

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, OCTOB^r 5, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r ; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Richard Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Vpon occasion of the dangerous and destructiue assault of the enemie so neere as Springfield,‡ which may increase their insolency to attempt upon o^r townes suddainly, the Council saw cause to order that the Magistrates and commission millitary officers doe appoynt and prepare so many and such places as they shall thinke meete, for all the women and children to repayre unto, upon any alarum, for refuge ; so many and such places of garrison for the men to repayre vnto for the defence and security of Hartford and Windsor

* Mr. Jireh Bull, of Pettiquamscott, whose "convenient large stone house" had not long before afforded quarters to the Connecticut troops under Capt. Winthrop. (See page 338, ante.) A few weeks later, Mr. Bull's house was attacked and burned by the Indians, and all its inmates except two, were killed. [Potter's Hist. of Narragansett, 290. Hubb. I. Wars, 134.]

† They are here transposed to their proper place.

‡ The Springfield Indians, who until about this time had been very friendly to the English, now proved treacherous, and received some 300 of Philip's Indians into their fort, with the design of burning the town. The plot was fortunately disclosed, by a friendly Indian at Windsor, on the evening before the intended assault ; and despatches were immediately sent to Major Treat, and the Connecticut troops at Westfield, who marched immediately for Springfield. He arrived there in time to save the lives of the inhabitants, and a part of the town from the flames ; but 32 houses and a large amount of valuable property were already consumed, and some lives lost in the first encounter with the enemy. See Hubb. Ind. Wars, 118 ; Trumbull's H. of Conn. I. 335.

and Wethersfeild, as they may haue best light from the townesmen in each respectiue place ; together with so many men as the commission officers in the respectiue townes shall appoynt to repayre where the women and children are to be, for their guards.

Vpon occasion of the dangerous and destructive assault of the enemie so neer as Springfeild, It is ordered that the inhabitants of Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfeild doe forthwith set themselves in their seuerall quarters to joyne together to gather their Indian corn, and to bring it and their English corn on the east side of the great Riuer, into places of best security in the respectiue townes ; for the furtherance whereof, all persons are ordered to lend what assistance may be for the end afoarsayd, and such persons as shall be so improued are to haue their armes with them for their security ; this being a time for all priuat interest to be layd aside to preserue the pub: good. And the select men in each town are to order the same to be attended in an orderly manner ; and if need require, the Magistrates in the sayd townes are to grant warrants for the impressing men and teames for the suitable carrying on the sayd work with speed.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, OCTOB^r 6, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r ; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill writt a letter to Major Treat and Major Pynchon, to certify them that we had sent out about 43 of o^r Indians to be imployed by them as they should see cause, and that we expected more, speedily, which should be sent after them : as appears by the letter on file.

Another letter was sent to Capt. Bull to informe him of what intelligence we had, and to order the return of those souldiers cald in from neighbouring townes, unless something appeared to the contrary to him upon the place ; as appears by the letter on file.

Another letter was sent to Major Andross to giue him an acco^t of the news concerning the Indians, and to desire his aduice &c. as appears by the copy of the letter on file.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, OCTOB^r 7, 1675.

The Councill wrott a letter to the Com^{rs}, to acquaint them wth the state of affayres in these parts, and to moue them to send 500 men to persue the enemie aboue &c. as p^r the letter on file appeares.

A letter to Major Treat allso was sent, to order his return to Hartford wth sixty men, to post down to Hartford forthwith ; as p^r the letter on file.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, OCTOB^r 9th, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r ; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolecott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Major Rob^t Treat, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

Joseph Harris, Rich^d Hubberd, John Kirbey, John Higbey, Israel Willcox, Nath: White ;—These are to appoynt you forthwth to repayre to Midleton, and if Mr. Goodall's vessell be there, you are to goe on board her and guard her up to Hartford, unless the guard all-ready in her from that towne be still on board her, and in such case you are to remayne in your towne vntill Munday next, and then you are to repayre to Hartford for farther orders.

The Councill doe appoynt that the Assis^t and Com^r of Windsor take care to provide some corn for the supply of Ebenezer Dible's famaly, who hath been employed in the seruice of the country.

The Councill appoynted James Ree and Andrew Pyncion to take a hatt each, upon the country acco^t, of Mr. Gardner ; and Richard Saxton to take up cloath upon the country acco^t.

Vpon a report of some strang Indians on the east side the Great River, the Councill sent out upon the scout six English and Joshua, Tomsquash and the rest of the Indians, wth this comⁿ.

To Joshua, Tomsquash, and the rest of the Captaines :—These are to desire and impower you to take the Indians, your own men, Pequots and others, with you, and to goe ouer on the east side the River beyond the mountaines, and to make what discouery you can of the enemie, and to assault and destroy them. And for euery man's head or live man they bring we will pay them foure coates of tradeing cloath, a head or man, forthwith. We order your goeing forth early in the morning, and that you return to Hartford agayne on Munday morning about ten of the clock, to com to such place as you shall be appoynted to by Major Tallcott, where some English shall meet you to conduct you to towne.

Whereas Indians belonging unto Wethersfeild and Wingham haue shewed their willingness to dwell peaceably in o^r townes and there to bring their corn for security, the Councill doe recommend it to the people at Wethersfeild and Midleton upon whose lands the Indians haue planted, that the corn be equally diuided upon the land where the corn grew, after they haue husked it, and the English to take care of their part and the Indians of what belonges to them, to get it conveyed into the towne for security.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, OCTOB^r 11, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Capt. Jn^o Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Major Rob^t Treaté.

The Councill writ a noate to Mr. Tallcot to desire him to take care to bring their Indians and Wongun Indians into the towne, and to help their corn into the town, according to a writeing deliuered to the Indians by the councill, or to Mr. Holister. Allso, Sarj^t Kilborn moueing for a release, Mr. Tallcot procureing one of the Serj^s in their [*his* ?] roome, or some other suitable person, when that is attended Sarj^t Kilborn is to be released.

Upon the motion of Mr. John Holister, the Court did permitt him to hire two or three men to fortify his house and secure his corn on the east side of the Great River.

Mr. Barth: Barnard, for neglect of his standing upon the guard, is fined 2s. 6d.

Thom: Trill, for vnseasonably shooteing of his gun, owned by him before the Councill, is fined five shillings.

Sam^l Tallcott and Jos: Hadsdell, for wanting and not being on his guard two dayes a peice, are fined five shillings a peice for each day.

Barth: Barnard, for his son's shooteing of his gun, is fyned fiue shillings.

The Councill doe recommend it to the Marshall to remoue what estate he can out of the warehouse, to some place in the towne, where it may be better secured.

The Councill findeing a necessity to be more vigorous in suitable preparations for the secureing of o^r townes, and in speciall for o^r head quarters in Hartford when the Councill sits, doe order that there be Flankers placed in or neer the outside houses of the towne, so as that they may be able to command from Flanker to Flanker round the towne; and that it be prosecuted and followed till it is accomplished; and that a comittee be appoynted to order and disspose of the same and of what men shall carry on the worke and attend each Flanker in case of allarum. The Committee are Major Tallcott, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Gilberd, Ens: Standly, Mr. Blackleach, Tho: Bunce, James Steele, L^{nt} Webster, C. John Gilburt, Georg Graue; they, or the major part of them, are fully impowered to appoynt and require all the inhabitants and teames dilligently and seasonably to attend the worke in each respective place, without delay, till it be finished.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, OCTOB^r 12th, 1675, AT HARTFORD.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Mr. James Richards, C. John Allyn, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill sent a congratulatorie letter to the Gentⁿ of East and South Hampton, with return of thanks for the cheese they sent, and an acco^t of the news of the progress of the enemie; a copy whereof is on file.

The Councill orders that the Constable of Hartford be appoynted to take acco^t of the Indian men, women and children, belonging to Hartford, com in, and giue order that part of the watch keep constantly their eye upon them, and not to be released till the ward take their place, that they see none do them wroung in word or action. And after a list is taken, the list shall be returned to him that takes the next charge successively, and so call them over at every return, and giue them strict order that none be abroad after sun sett, and none be absent but by leave and with a tickett (which shall be readily granted upon any occasion, by Authority) or some English with them to preserue them from any prejudice from English as well as Indians.

Whereas the Farmington Indians haue engaged fidelity to the English, as these at Hartford, Wethersfeild and Midleton haue done, for better obseruance whereof, these haue thankfully attended to set their wigwams where the authority apoynts, and there to be kept under the English watch and ward, for the prevention of being seduced or surprized by the Enemie, as some other Indians haue been, and not to goe forth without lycense from Authority, which shall be readily granted to them (upon all just and necessary occasions,)—thus the Councill do expect from Farmington Indians to obserue, and they shall find no wroung from the English by so doing.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, OCTOB^r 13th, 1675, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Mr. James Richards, Major Rob^t Treat, Capt. John Allyn.

For the more ready accomodateing (as well with cloatheing as other prouission or armes necessary for any of o^r prest souldiers,) Mr. James Steele being appoynted Commissary for all o^r forces, is by the Councill impowered to take up what he judgeth needfull for any perticular souldier, and place to the country acco^t for each souldier respectiue, and his order shall be a sufficient warrant for the same.

[The General Court convened on the 14th of October, and continued in session until the 21st. During this time, a letter was received from Gov. Andross, of New York, (referred to on page 267, ante) which, with the reply of the Gen. Court, and a second letter from Gov. A. (in reply to one from the Council, of Oct. 6th,) are here given, from War, I. Docs. 20-22.]

S^r: An Indyan under a pretence of friendship, telling and affirming very confidently to one of this place, that there is an extraordinary Confederacy betweene all yo^r neighbouring Indyans & eastward, (in which yo^r pretended friends to bee included) & designed this light moone to attack Hartford itself, & some other places this way as farre as Greenwich, of which being informed this morning, I have immediatly dispatched this to give you acco^t thereof, least there should bee something in it, though not so much as they report, being five or six thousand Indyans engaged together.

I am, S^r, Your humble servant,

E. ANDROSS.

New Yorke, Oct. 10th, 1675.

[Addressed to Dep. Gov. Leete, &c. "to be forthwith posted vp to the Court,—post, hast, post,—night & daye."]

Hartford, Oct. 19th, 1675.

Hon^{ble} Sir: Although we have all this summer beene alarmed & greatly distressed & charged by hostile appearances from almost every of y^e ports & p^rts of this Colony, wherein o^r God hath made vs to be as a bush burning yet not consumed in the midst of these flames; notwthstanding w^{ch}, we most thankfully accept yo^r freindly lines of intelligence posted to vs so seasonably. Such Christian & neighbourly correspondence (we hope) may be remembered & retaliated, yea (possibly) to further helpfullnes vnto yo^r Honour's concerns in these p^rts according to capacity, as formerly hath beene, if any like day of danger should cloud yo^r horison, as now doth o^rs. Wee had before this came to vs from yo^rselfe, given an acco^t of o^r state & exercise by these savage wars from insolent heathen; that we might not be wanting in warning to provide ag^t their pride, who may, if not curbed, disturb the whole wildernesses ag^t o^r nation & his Ma^{ties} interest & dominion therein; against whome (we conceive & desire) that yo^r honour may take an effectuall course to p^rvent their pride & prevalency, by prohibiting y^r being furnished wth powder & lead or assisted by Indians from yo^r parts, but rather, to doe against them in their mischievous designes; but we find no hint of yo^r receipt thereof, in yo^rs; w^{ch} holds forth that o^rs hath met with such delay in the conveyance as yet we vnderstand not. For wee take o^rselves nationally obliged, in loyalty to o^r King, to be as neighbourly serviceable vpon these accounts, ag^t barbarous natives as any of his Ma^{ties} subiects, however distinct vpon o^r iust Patent right, &c. Wherein yo^r honour may reciprocally finde vs to be,

Honrd Sir, Y^r affectionate freinds & servants,

WILLM. LEETE,

with consent of the Gen^{ll} Court.

For the Hon^{ble} Major Edmun Andross, &c. in New Yorke. Present.

Gentlemen: Last night I received yo^rs of the 6th instant, and am (as from the beginning) very sensible of & much troubled at the Indyans continued depredations & successes, & misery of our Countrey men in those parts, and have endeavoured not to bee wanting in my duty, though at the very first slighted & rejected. When I was at Albany, I tooke the occasion on a Letter from Major Pincheon to the Commander & Commissaryes there, to returne him an answer myselfe, & of my endeavours, in which I have beene as carefull since as possible; but no answ^r.

The 10th instant I gave you by Expresse an account of some Indyan

Newes, of their designe on Hartford itself, &c. and immediately dispatched Capt. Brockholes (my first Lieut.) to Albany, with reiterated orders to those parts for your advantage, as farre as I might, not having heard from you. But if you desire any thing further & please to send a fitt person, I shall bee ready to doe what is fitt for mee & serve you to my power; being Yo^r affectionate freind & humble Serv^t,
 E. ANDROSS.
 New Yorke, Oct. 17th, 1675.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, OCTOB^r 26th, 1675.

Mr. Sam^l Willys, Mr. Henry Woolcott, C. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, C. Benj: Newbery, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. John Bankes.

For Cornelius Hull:—These are in his Ma^{ties} Name to will and require you to take under your conduct two souldiers out of this towne and those that came from Westfeild with you, being three, with those that belong to Westfeild, and with them three you are to march to Westfeild or at least so far as you can, and to make such discouery of the enemie as you may, and to post to us what intelligence you can of the enemie's motion, with all speed, as allso what you can gayn of the motion of o^r army.

The Councill allso came to agreement wth the Indians of these plantations in the county of Hartford, that they should be friendly to us and giue us hostages to assure us of their freindship to us and that no damage be done to us by them, which should be continued wth us till the war is over. The couenant under their hands is on file and bears date October 26, as will more fully appeare thereby.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, OCTOB^r 28th, 1675.

Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Talcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. John Bankes.

The Councill writt a letter to Major Treat to inquire of him what forces were expected from the Bay, their time when they might be expected, and allso, aduised him not to pass into the feild wthout sufficiency of strength to engage the enemy, in an ordinary course of providence, wth God's blessing; and allso, to order him, if the enemie should make this way, that he wth his army should follow him with suitable force to repell him if he should endeauour to assault these plantations, notwthstanding any order from the Com^{ra}, &c; as by the copy of the letter on file will more fully appeare.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, OCTOB^r 29th, 1675, AT HARTFORD.

Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, C. John Allyn, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. Jn^o Bankes.

One of the hostages, viz. Sebawcatt, haveing made an escape from his guard this night, the Councill sent Owanecoe and some other Indians to persue him and bring him back.

John Prentice Jun^r, upon his petition, had the grant of a permitt to sayle from New London to the Island of Barbadoes, in the barke Adventure, with five men, provided he carry no prohibited goods.

Mr. Andrew Bellcher had a permit to sayle out of the Colony in his sloop, and to carry one hundred bush: of grayne with him.

Upon the receipt of a letter from Major John Winthrop that informed of Ninicraft's purposs to deliuer to him those Phillipians that were wth him, the Councill sent a letter to the s^d Major Winthrop ordering him to receiue them and to deliuer the coats due for them, according to the agreement, and to giue him the two children he desires &c. as more perticularly will appeare by the copy of the letter, on file.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, NOV^r 1st, 1675.

Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Owaneco and the Wonggum and Nayag* Indians haueing agreed to liue together for the present, and the sayd Indians haueing put themselues voluntarily under the sayd Owanecoe's government, he is hereby permitted to liue wth those sayd people and to make a fort at Wonggum or Nayag, as they shall agree, and to govern them accordingly, till farther order.

The Councill haueing receiued a letter from Mr. Joanes of New Haven, signifying Mr. Rosewell's refusall of a Captaine's place, and desireing that L^{nt} Merriman may be appoynted Capt. of the Troop of Dragoones to be rayed in New Haven County, the Councill did accordingly confirm him, and impower them to appoynt inferiour officers for the s^d Troope.

The Councill sent a letter to Major Treat wherein they gaue him directions how to demean themselues in their march into the feild

* The Wongum Indians were on the east bank of Connecticut River, on lands included within the present townships of Portland and Chatham. Naog (*al.* Naiaug) was the southern part of (what is now) Glastenbury.

against the enemie, wth impowering them to make such orders as they should judg necessary for the well governing the army ; as more fully will appeare by the copy of y^e letter, on file.

The Councill being agayn mett, November 2^d, 1675, writt a letter to o^r Gov^r, desireing the Governo^r to appoynt men to hear and determine Mr. Harriss his business,* according to his Ma^{ties} appoyntment ; to labour to keep off a war with the Narragancetts, if it may be ; as p^r the copy of the letter on file will appeare.

A copy of his Ma^{ties} letter is allso on file.

They allso writt a letter to the Gouverno^r and Councill of Massachusetts, to giue a right understanding of Major Treat's actings, and to show the inconsistency of Capt. Appleton's actions with the acts of the Com^{rs} ; a copy whereof is on file.

Agayn, At a meeting of the Councill, Nou^r 4th, 1675 :

It was ordered, that those that neglect the watch in Hartford shall pay a fine of five shillings or ride the wooden horss a quarter of an hower.

It was allso ordered, that dureing these times our fortifications are errecting, there shall of the guard, six of a side, by the corporall of the guard, be appoynted to stand sentinell, and the rest attend the fortification ; and upon euery allarme, by the beat of the drum or otherwise, all to attend the places appoynted for them to repayre vnto.

It is allso ordered, that the Marshall shall be desired and appoynted to see that the Indian hostages now at Goodman Garratt's, be prouided with wood and other conveniences suitable, according as shall be directed by the Treasurer or other Authority.

The Councill considering that at Windsor, the towne being so scattered as it is, it is difficult to keep and mayntayn a millitary watch, doe recommend it to the Millitary officers of that towne to continue a double walkeing watch, as hath been formerly attended there since these present troubles have broke forth.

The Councill granted Mr. Stevens of Salem and his company leaue to transport one hundred bushels of Indian corn for their families' supply ; and twenty bushells for Mr. Pyam Blores.†

* See the King's letter, and other documents relating to Mr. Harriss' case, in the Appendix, No. XX.

† See page 284, ante ; where the name is spelled Bloer. "Mr. Pyam Blower" was admitted a freeman of Massachusetts Colony, Mar. 22, 1689-90. [Mass. Archives, *Intercharter*, Vol. I. p. 60.]

Nov^r 5. The Council in answer to a letter from Major Winthrop, Capt. Mason and Capt. Avery, acquainted them that those souldiers rayed for the defence of that county were not to be vnder pay; and that they might accommodate the Pequots and Moheags wth a small quantity of powder for their defence: as p^r the letter on file will appeare.

Nov. 9. The Council by letter aduised Major Treat to continue his forces at Northampton till they should receiue farther order, and not to march to Mendam without C. Apleton marched wth him wth his full three hundred men; and that if the enemie should assault these plantations he should post to their releife with his whole strength; as p^r the letter on file will appeare.

Nov^r 10. The Council signified by letter to Mr. Fitch their allowance of enterteining som praying Indians, and upon what tearms; as allso a grant to Mr. James Fitch Jun^r to supply the Moheags and Pequots by smale quantities with powder to hunt wth, desiring Mr. Fitch Sen^r to see that he attend the Council's order therein: as p^r the letter on file will appeare.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, Nov^r 15, 1675.

Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, C. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Jn^o Wadsworth.

The Council writt a letter to Capt. Apleton, shewing their dislike of his motions, and aduiseing him to a more amicable complyance and consult with his officers, &c: as p^r the letter on file, more at large will appeare.

The Council allso by letter certified Major Treat that they had taken course to gayn intelligence of the enemies motions, and aduised him till farther order to continue wth the army at Northampton; as p^r the letters on file may appear.

Novemb^r 18. The Council by a letter to Major Winthrop, aduised that the people of those plantations would kill and salt up what of their cattell were fit to kill, and secure it in the best places they can from the enemie; as allso to thrash and bake up their wheat into bread, for prouission for souldiers whoe should be sent into those places for their defence; as p^r the letter on file may appeare.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, NOV^r 22, 1675, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leet, Esq. Dep. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Major Rob^t Treat, C. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Wm. Joanes, Capt. John Nash, Capt. Ben: Newbery, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill did order and impower Major Gold to take speciall order that the souldiers returned to that county under conduct of Capt. Seely, be forthwith prepared wth accomadations of cloatheing, armes, and horss, sufficient for their march, when they shall be called forth, upon an hower's warning; and if any of the souldiers be disinabled for seruice, that other sufficient able men be prest to supply their places; and that ten hatchets be provided for ten of the souldiers of that county, to be worn by their sides instead of swords.

Whereas it was by the authority of this Colony solemnly recommended vnto the respective towns, for a speedy and effectuall care for fortifying and defence of the same and for expediteing thereof there should be meet persons chosen as a committee in each towne to see the same effected; yet notwthstanding, sundry persons, through refractorinesse or negligence, giue not attendance to sayd orders and agreements in their respectiue plantations, to the hazard of the safety of the whole, those that attend the seruice discouraged, and others neglect by their example,—It is therefore ordered that the respectiue committees in each town shall with all speed take a veiw of all such fortifications, and upon any defect in refuseing or neglecting to doe their proportions orderly layd out to them according to the true intent to answer the end aymed at for matter or manner, the sayd committees shall giue imediate notice to them that are defectiue, that they without farther delay set about it and giue not over till finished; and if they neglect after such warning, the sayd committee shall forthwith hire men effectually to finish the same, and upon the committee's presentation thereof to any Assistant or Commissioner, there shall be destraint issued out on the delinquents' estate, to be imediately dissposed of, into such speciæ as may fully sattisfy all the charge for the finishing the sayd worke; and farther, if the committees cannot hire men and teames other wayes, they shall haue power and order for the impressing men and teames for the speedy effecting the same.

• Major Rob^t Treat this day informed the Councill that findeing no footsteps of the enemie, by all their search made by scouts for many dayes past, up this River of Conecticott, and so judging the enemie were remoued, wth the consent of Capt. Sam^l Appleton, commander

in cheife, he hath remoued his army hither; as by his certificate, dated Nov^r 17, '75, may appeare, which is on file.

The Councill, according to the recommendation of the Honord Com^{rs}, doe order and appoynt that the second day of December next be obserued and kept as a solem day of publique prayer and humiliation, in all the congregations and plantations in this Colony, to supplicate the Lord's pardoning mercy and compassion towards his poore people, and for successe in o^r endeauoures for the repelling of the rage and insolencie of the enimie.*

The Councill, haueing veiued the acts of the Commissioners and considered the same, doe see good reason to comply with them so far as to agree that we will send o^r proportion of 1000 men upon the designe according to the articles of confederation. And we allow of the Honord Major Josiah Winslow to be Commander in Cheife of the vnited army, and doe nominate and impower Major Rob^t Treat to be the second in command, who in case of exchange or failure, to succeed as cheife, whilst in our Colony.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, NOV^r 23, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Major Nath: Gold, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, C. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Wm. Joanes, Major Rob^t Treat, Capt. John Nash, Capt. Benj: Nubery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill order that the Treasurer send three barrells of powder to New London for the present expedition, and seven hundred waight of lead, and a stock of flints.

The Councill ordered that the three hundred bushell of wheat, three barrells of powder, nine hundred waight of bulletts and stock of flints, and the chees now at New London, with what els shall be

* The Commissioners of the U. Colonies met (by adjournment,) at Boston, on the 2d of November. They made a formal declaration of war against the Narragansett Indians; ordered 1000 men to be raised, from the several colonies; appointed Gov. Winslow, of Plymouth, Commander-in-chief, agreeing that the second in command should be appointed by the General Court or Council of Connecticut, when the forces should be in that Colony; ordered the Connecticut soldiers to rendezvous at Norwich, Stonington and New London, and those of Massachusetts and Plymouth, at Rehoboth, Providence and Warwick, by the 10th of December; and recommended to the several Colonies to appoint a day of humiliation and prayer for the success of the enterprise in which they were about to engage, on the 2d of December. See a copy of the doings of the Comm^{rs}, and Gov. Winslow's commission (signed by all the Comm^{rs}.) in War, I. 24-26; and a letter from the Comm^{rs} to the Connecticut Council, dated Nov. 12th, [1b. 27.] See also, Haz. St. Papers, II. 531, 532.

sent for the army, be deliuered to Mr. Josh: Raymond of New London, whoe is ordered forthwith to take care that the corne be baked into bread and secured in his hands, with what els may be deliuered to him, to deliuer it out of his hands agayn by order from the Major of the army or the Commissary, he keeping an acco^t of what he deliuers and to whome, and what he receiues and by whome.

Steven Barrett is appoynted Commissary of the army, and is empowered to grant tickets for the quartering of men and horss, and also by his warrants to impress such other conveniences as shall be necessary for the souldierie, by the appoyntment of the Major or other Commanders.

The Councill orders that there be three hundred bushells of wheat rayسد for the supply of the army, to be forthwith prepared; one hundred and fifty bushells out of the county of Hartford, and one hundred bushells out of the county of Fayrefeild, and fifty out of New Hauen county; to be forthwith conuayed to New London, then to be grownd and baked into biskitt. The Treasurer to take order for that to be rayسد in Hartford county; Mr. Bryant and Lth Fowler to provide for that of New Haven county, in Milford; Major Gold, Mr. John Burr and Mr. Joseph Hawley to rayse that for Fayrefeild, in those towns where it may be best and most speedily be had and conuayed as afoarsayd. This to be accomplished at or before the first of the next moneth; and the afoarsayd committee are empowered to impress men and corne or vessels, according as there shall be occasion, to accomplish as afoarsayd.

The Councill haueing ordered to send their proportion of a thousand men to garde our frontiers, according to the order of the Commissioners, doe order that the men be rayسد as followeth:—out of Hartford County, those that haue already been on the service and are present fitt for seruice, and soe many added as may make it one hundred and tenn; and out of New Haven County, sixty-three; and out of Fayrfeild County, seventy-two; and out of New London County, seventy: all to be rayسد in like manner as those of Hartford County. The souldiers of Fayrefeild to be proportioned and rayسد by the Assistants and Commissioners of Fayrefeild County: those of New Haven to be rayسد and proportioned by the Assistants of that County: those of Hartford to be rayسد and proportioned by those of the Councill of Hartford County: those of New London to be rayسد, eighteen at Norwich, forty at New London, Stoneington and Lyme, at Saybrooke eight, and Kellingworth fower. All souldiers to be fitted with armes and ammunition suitable; to be trans-

ported soe as they may be at New London before the tenth of December next, there to attend their Major's order. The Assistants and Commissioners of New Haven and Fayrefield are to see to the dispatch and transport of all persons and things, in due order and season as afoarsayd, from their respective countyes.

It is ordered that ten good serviceable hatchets be provided in each county for the use of the army, and ten soldiers to carry them instead of swordes.

The Councill orders and prohibits the transportation of all sort of provission out of the county of New London for the space of two moneths from the date hereof, without speciall license from the Councill, upon the penalty of forfeiting all such prouissions as shall be shipped for transportation, or the value thereof; and all constables are required to take speciall care that this order be attended. And one-third of all forfeitures that shall arise by vertue of any discouerie of the breach of this order shall be and belong to the discouerer.

A letter to Major Winthrop was sent, a copy whereof is on file.

Nov^r 24. Major Treat's comⁿ was granted, and is on file.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, Nou^r 25, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Samⁿ Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Wm. Joanes, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Mr. James Richards, C. John Allyn, C. John Nash, Mr. Samⁿ Tallcott, Capt. Ben: Nubery, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Whereas Owanecoe hath taken seuerall captiues of the Phillipeans, these are to certify that the Councill doe leaue it with him to dispose of them by sale or otherwayes as he shall find most advantageous to himselfe.

The Councill ordered Mr. Rob^t Chapman to examin such vessells as pass out of their port, to see that they doe not transgress the order of the Court about transporting of graine.

The Councill doth grant Mr. Wm. Jones liberty to transport ten pownds worth of hides and tallowe, and ten pownds in pease, Indian and ry, for the supply of his famaly in necessaries.

The Councill doe grant Mr. James Bishop liberty to transport foure or fiue hides, the tanner being not able to tann them, for the supply of his famaly.

The Councill ordered that the hundred and ten men that were to be raysted in the county of Hartford shall be raysted as followeth:—

out of Hartford, thirty ; out of Windsor, twenty-eight ; out of Wethersfeild, twenty-three ; out of Farmington, fifteen ; out of Midleton, foureteene :—and the commanders are to haue each of them a horss, and euery three souldiers a horss between them.

It is ordered that the wages that shall be allowed for each officer, souldier and horss, be as followeth :—the Major shall haue thirty shillings p^r week ; a captaine, twenty shillings ; a liuetenant, sixteen shillings ; an ensigne, foureteene shillings, a seargeant, twelue shillings ; and a priuate souldier, eight shillings p^r week. And for each horss, three shillings p^r weeke. All this to be payd out of the publique treasury : and two men in each and euery towne are to pass and signe euery one's payment that is due from the Treasurie. And for quarterage, for a man, fiue shillings p^r weeke, and for horss pasturage, four pence a day.

Those appoynted to signe bills are,—for N. Haven, Mr. Bishop and Capt. Nash ; for Millford, Mr. Alex: Bryant and Capt. Tho: Topping ; Brandford, Mr. John Wilford, Mr. Barker ; for Guilford, John Graue, Wm. Johnson ; for Wallingford, Mr. Jn^o Moss, Ens: Samⁿ Munson ; for Stratford, Capt. Curtice, Mr. David Mitchell ; for Fayrefeild, Major Gold, Mr. John Burr ; for Norwalke, Lⁿ Olmsted, Mr. Fitch ; for Standford, Greenwich and Rye, Mr. Lawes and Mr. Holly ; for Kenilworth, Mr. Griswould, Benj: Crane ; for Saybrooke, Capt. Chapman and Lⁿ Pratt ; for Lyme, Mr. Griswould, Lⁿ Marvin ; for New London, Mr. Witherell, Mr. Josh: Raymond ; Stonington, Mr. Tho: Minor, Nehemy Palmer ; for Norwich, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Bradford ; Windsor, Mr. Woolcott and Capt. Clarke ; for Hartford, Mr. Lord and Lⁿ Gardner ; Wethersfeild, Mr. Tallcott, Mr. James Treat ; Farmington, Mr. Wadsworth, Lⁿ Steele ; Midleton, Mr. White and Mr. Cheeny ; for Haddum, Ensigne Spencer, Georg Gates.

Major Rob^t Treat is appoynted commander in cheife till he com to the place of rendesvouze of the united army ; and second, when he comes up with the vnited army. Capt. Benj: Newbery is appoynted eldest captayn of the company, and in case of faylure of the Major, he is to succeed him in his place. Captain Mason is to be the 3d in command ; Capt. Watts, the fourth ; Captayn Auery, the fift ; Lⁿ Nath: Seely, six ; Lⁿ John Miles, 7th.

Nou^r 26. The Councill haueing rece^d letters from Mr. Ely, in behalfe of Joshua, and from Mr. Griswould in behalfe of the Nianticutt Indians, made return to them, appoyuting them to be prepared to assist against the encmie ; as p^r the coppies on file may appeare.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL IN HARTFORD, NOV^r 27, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Jn^o Tallcott, C. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Richd. Lord.

The Councill upon intelligence from New London, ordered that the forces rayseed to defend the country against the enemy, doe forthwith march into New London County, to defend New London, Stonington and Norwich; and the Councill by an express to Major Rob^t Treat, gaue him order to rally those forces rayseed in New Hauen County and Fayrefield County, and to make y^e best of his way by water or land to N London, for the end afoarsayd; if by land, then euery commission officer to haue a horss to himselfe, and euery three soldiers to haue a horss between them; as by the copy of the letter to the Major, on file, more at large it will appeare.

Nov^r 28, 1675. The Councill by a letter aduised Major Winthrop and Mr. Witherly of the appoyntment they had made of Major Treat's marching forthwith to their releife, and desireing of them to engage the Pequotts and Moheags to destroy the enemy, what they could; and also, to desire them to certify Mr. James Noyse that we had appoynted him to be minister to o^r army, and therefore we desire him to prepare himselfe to go forth w^h them; as p^r the copy of the letter on file will appeare.

A like letter was sent to Mr. Fitch, desireing him to encourage the Indians, Moheags and Pequots against the enemy, and actually to engage them as much as may be, and to be carefull what ammunition was put into their hands, &c. as p^r the letter on file.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, NOV^r 29, 1675, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcot, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Richd. Lord.

The Councill gaue Owaneco by letter an acco^t of what intelligence was com to hand, and also commissioned him to doe his best to assault the enemy, &c. as p^r the originall on file will appeare. Mr. Richd. Lord was appoynted to goe to Owaneco and giue him an understanding of o^r commission sent him.

Nou^r 30. Capt. Newbery being disinabled to goe forth in this expedition, Sam^l Marshall was appoynted Captaine, and commissioned accordingly with the rest of the officers.

December 1st. The Councill did farther commissionat Major Treat to take the conduct of o^r army, and to take speciall care of the Reverend Mr. Bulkly and Mr. Noyse; and they allso commanded all the captaines and l^{ts} of the army to be tender and carefull of Major Treat that he be not exposed to too much hazard, and that they alott him a sufficient guard to attend his person at all times; with an aduice that they avoyd whateuer may be provokeing to God; and that they behaue themselues valiantly and courageously, &c. as p^r the copy on file will appeare.

The Councill gaue instructions to Capt. Wells and Capt. Marshall, for their march to New London, and how to dispose of the ammuni- tion: as p^r the copy on file will appear.

Decemb^r 10, 1675. Vpon the receipt of a letter from the Commis- sioners, the Councill returned that according to their order they had sent their forces to New London, and they were there ready expect- ing their farther orders; as p^r the copy on file may appeare.

The Councill allso, by a letter to Major Treat, manifested their approbation of what he had done in endeavouring to procure wheat at Norwich and New London; and advised him to animate and en- courage the Indians what he could against the common enemy, wth promise of rewards for their well doing, &c: as p^r the letter on file will appeare.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, DECEMB^r 11, 1675, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tall- cott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

Major Treat informing that Mr. James Noyse could not attend to goe out with o^r army, the Councill appoynted Mr. Nicholas Noyse to goe forth with o^r army, and writt to him to that purpose; a copy whereof is on file.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL IN HARTFORD, DECEMB^r 12, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tall- cott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Richard Lord.

The Councill being desired by Norwich inhabitants to affoord them some guard whilst the army are in the feild, they bordering upon the enemy and haucing so many in the feild, the Councill or-

dered that there should be sent ten from Hartford County, and eight from New Haven County, and eight from Fayrefeild County, to lye in garrison at Norwich; and accordingly sent a letter to the Assisⁿ of New Haven and Fayrefeild County, to post away theirs to Saybrook, to meet with those from these parts, and so to march on to Norwich: as p^r the letter on file will appeare.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL IN HARTFORD, DECEMB^r 17, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. Richd. Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill by a letter to Major Gold and the Assisⁿ of N. Haven, ordered them to appoynt a convention of the ministers of those two countyes, wth Mr. Woodbridge and Mr. Buckingham, to meet them at New Haven some day next week, in the fear of God to make dilligent search for those euills amongst us which have stirred up the Lord's anger against us, that they being discovered may, by repentance and reformation, be thrown out of o^r camp and hearts; and they were allso desired to send up there conclusions to the Councill, the following weeke, by Mr. Wakeman and Mr. Eliott: and allso, an order to send one hundred and fifty bush: of wheat to N. London; as p^r the letter on file.

The Elders and Ministers of this County were appoynted to meete wth the Assistants at Hartford for the same end upon the next Tewsday, which will be the 21th of this month.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, DECEMB^r 28, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Richd. Lord.

The Councill considering the present state of affayres and that it may be expected that the enemie may make some assault upon the plantations to ravage for provisions, haue thought meet to order and command that those that continue on the east side the River in the plantations of Hartford, Windsor and Wethersfeild, doe forthwith repayre into good and sufficient garrisons, in such manner for numbers as that in an ordinary course of God's Providence they may be able to defend themselves; and that their graine of all sorts be

brought into the townes or secured in som garrison on that side ; and that they kill and secure all their swine that are fitt to be killed ; and that they keep no armes nor ammunition but in garrison houses, except what they carry about wth them ; and that they keep and mayntayne good and sufficient watches by night and wardes by day, for their owne defence and security, or elce send scouts to range the woods by day, to discouer the approach of an enemie. The Constables in each plantation we're forthwith to declare this order to the inhabitants within their respectiue limits and to require their attendance accordingly.

Mr. Joseph Fitch is appoynted comander of these sixty dragoones rayased in Hartford County (by order of the Gen^l Court,) in the stead of Lnt. John Stedman deceased.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JANUARY THE 4th & 5th, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dep. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Capt. Benj. Newbery, Mr. Richd. Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill wrote a letter to Major Palmes, to desire him to accomodate Major Treat with a quantity of powder and lead for the army, to be payd for it out of the country rate.

The Councill allso wrot a letter to Mr. Witherel and Mr. Raymond, to procure for o^r army whateuer is needfull, and in speciall with a peice or two of duffells ; and that they should encourage the Pequots and Moheags to fall upon the enemie and to supply them with ammunition, in such a prudent maner as they shall well improve it.

A letter allso was wrote to Major Treat, to informe him of our order concerning the supply of the army, and the comandars &c. a copy whereof is on file.

A letter allso was sent to the Com^{rs} to inform them of the receipt of their order, and our opinion thereabouts ; a copy whereof is on file.

[This copy has not been preserved. Two letters from the Commissioners, received about this time, and one of which accompanied the order (for raising additional forces) here referred to, are inserted, from War, I. 28, 29.]

Hon^l Gentlemen. By the inclosed you will see what we have been necessitated to conclude upon, in prosecution of what by Divine Providence we are so deeply ingaged in. No doubt but it will be difficult for you, all things considered, to rayse so many new forces, but how it will be avoyded, we see not, for we cannot but thinke, should there be too long a cessation after

we have made such a beginning, or should we proceed with too weake a hand, the enemy being now conjoyned & so numerous, there will be more advantage & tyme lost than will easily be ever recovered again. We doe therefore earnestly, on behalf of the publick, & that precious interest that we are contending for, entreat you not to hesitate or too long delay; lest thereby there be a discouragem^t put upon the worthy Generall & such others as the Lord hath inclined to venture themselves in this service. The particular account of what hath passed in the Narrowganset Country,* we know you will receive from yo^r own commanders, so that we shall only desire a speedy answer to this of ours; commending you earnestly & all your counsels & resolves to the mercifull conduct and blessing of Allmighty God, remayn, Gent^l, Your loueing freinds & servants,

Boston, 25: 10: 75.

THOMAS DANFORTH, in y^e name
& with the consent of the Commis-
sioners of the United Colonies.

Boston, 28^o 10: 1675.

Hon^d Gent^l: We had a deep sense of the necessity that the present opportunity for the subduing of the enemy be vigorously prosecuted, they being now united into one body; for that, if through any neglect or slackness on o^r part, they have again the benefit of the warme spring to scatter, wee may feare that the event thereof wilbee that the lives & habitations of multitudes of the English must go for theire lives. We are not ignorant of the great difficulty and hardship of the undertaking; but yet, if God calls vs therein to waite on him, it wilbee o^r wisdom as well as duty, with cheerefulness & humility to submit to his good pleasure.

Gent^l, we do not thus argue as apprehending yo^rselves had not the like sence of o^r present state, but rather that wee may have yo^r charity that o^r conclusions are on o^r part judged to bee of absolute necessity, and are with diligence to bee prosecuted by all that desire the peace of these plantations. We have not yet had a return from Plimouth Council, but question not theire readiness to prosecute to their utmost ability.

The Council of the Mattachusetts are this day assembled to rayse theire soldiers, appoint officers, and take care for provisions.

Wee have no more to add, onely do desire that in all the Colonys, all possible care may bee taken for the provision of the soldiers with food and suitable clothing, that the cold season may not bee too extreem pinching upon them. Wee apprehend 'tis a far less taske for the whole Country now, as one man, to go through what is of necessity to bee attended for the furnishing of such a company as are agreed upon, then to suffer the sad & deplorable consequences of a neglect.

Wee are informed of yo^r care for provisions, and the sealing up thereof by the hand of God, but yet that must not obstruct yo^r further endeavo^rs. You have the sea side that is open, and the inhabitants there we hope, through the Lord's goodness, are full handed. So that if you did take order for the provisious of the whole army from thence, and the other colonys take care to

* The great Narragansett "fort fight," had taken place, Dec. 19th, a few days before the date of this letter. In that action, nearly a thousand Indians, and more than 200 of the English, were killed and wounded. Connecticut suffered more severely than either of her sister colonies. Of her 300 men, 80 were killed and wounded; (about 40 were killed or died of their wounds;) three of her five captains, Seely, Marshall and Gallop, were killed in the attack, and a fourth, Capt. Mason, was mortally wounded. So great had been the loss of officers and men, that Major Treat judged it necessary to return to Connecticut to recruit his forces and secure medical attendance and a chance of recovery to the wounded men. See Hubbard's Ind. Wars, 135-144; Hutchinson's Hist. I. 297-300; Trumbull's H. of Conn. I. 338-341.

pay their parts in cloathing and ammunion, it's apprehended that it might bee done on far easier terms than from Boston, and less disappointment to the soldiers. If you want vessells to accomodate such an undertaking, we shall take care to provide them. Our solicitude that there may be no disappointment on any hand doth cause us to reiterate o^r lines; and we do intreate that by the first, we may have intimation of yo^r receipt hereof, & of yo^r resolves thereon; that so wee may order the conjunction of the forces so as may be most advantagious to the publique interest and least inconveniency to any concerned. Praying that the tender mercies of the Lord may be towards this part of his Israel in o^r low estate, wee take leave, and are, Gent^l, yo^r friends and serv^{ts}, the Commission^{rs} of the Colonys.

J. WINTHROP,

WAIT WINTHROP,

THOMAS DANFORTH, *Presidt*,

WILIAM STOUGHTON,

JOSIAH WINSLOW.

[*In the margin:*] The Council of the Mattachusetts have sent 2 Natick Indians as spies to y^e Narragansetts. Their signes for their security is the laying downe their armes (if they have any) spreading their hands, and opening their breasts; & so much wee are desired to intimate to you.

Household bread, w^{ch} any may bake, cheese &c. will be very good provision, and may be accomplished wthout any difficulty.

A letter allso was wrote to the Assistants of Fayrefeild and New Haven, wherein there was ordered that there should be rayseed out of N. Haven County, 33 men, and Fayrefeild County, 37 men, for the next expedition; and out of Fayrefeild County, a commander to be rayseed &c.; and 80 bushels of wheat out of New Haven County, and 120 bushels, of Fayrefeild County, to be sent to New London to be baked there into bread. Out of New London County, 24 men to be rayseed, viz: out of Kenilworth, two; of Saybrook, 4; out of Lime, 2; out of New London, 9; out of Stoneington, 4; and out of Norwich, 3; all with armes and ammunion compleat to be ready to march upon call &c. as p^r the letters on file.

Out of Hartford County, 56 is to be rayseed as followeth, viz: out of Windsor, 15; Hartford, 16; Wethersfeild, 10; Farmington, 7; Midleton, 6; Haddam, 2.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, JANUARY 10, 1675.

Win. Leete Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Robert Treat, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Richard Lord, Capt. John Allyn.

For the better regulateing their forces and keeping their souldiers to their duty, and to prevent profanesse it is ordered p^r the Councill, as followeth:—

1. That whosoeuer shall presume to blaspheme the holy and blessed Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, or God the Holy

Ghost, shall suffer the paynes of haueing his tongue bored throw with a red hot iron.

2. Unlawfull oathes or execrations, and scandalous acts in derogation of God's honour, shall be punished with loss of pay, and other punishments at discretion.

3. All those whoe often and wilfully absent themselves from the pub: worship of God, and prayer, shall be proceeded against at discretion.

4. Whosoever shall be convicted to omit or doe his duty negligently and carelessly, shall be punished at discretion.

5. No man shall presume to quarrell with his superiour officer, vpon payne of punishment as the Councill of War shall determine; nor to strike any such, upon payne of the loss of his ears.

6. No commander or souldier shall depart from his charge or captaine wthout license, vpon payn of death or such other severe punishment as the nature of the offence shall require.

7. Every priuate souldier, upon payne of imprisonment, shall keep silence when the army is to take lodging or imbattalioe, [*in battalio?*] so as their officers may be heard and their commands executed.

8. No man shall resist, draw, lift, or offer to draw or lift his weapon against his officer correcting him orderly for his offence, upon payne of death or other severe punishment.

9. No man shall vtter any words of sedition or mutiny, upon payne of death or other severe punishment.

10. No man shall resist the Provost Marshall or any other officer in executing of his office, upon payne of severe punishment according as the nature of the offence shall require.

11. They that shall heare mutinous speeches and not acquaint their commanders with them, shall be punished with some severe punishment.

12. Drunckennesse in an officer shall be punished with loss of place; and in a priuate souldier, with such punishment as a court marshall shall thinke fitt.

13. Rapes, rauishments and sodomy shall be punished wth death.

14. Fornication and other dissolute laciuiusnesse shall be punished wth discretion, according to the quality of the offence.

15. Theft and robbery shall be punished with restitution and otherwise at discretion.

16. Murther shall be expiated with the death of the murtherer.

17. All souldiers comeing to their colours to watch, or to be ex-

exercised, or to seruice, shall com compleatly armed, and armes well fixt, upon payne of punishment.

18. If any shall negligently loose or sinfully play away their armes at cardes or dice, or otherwayes, they shall be kept as pioneers or scavengers till they furnish themselues with good armes.

19. None shall presume to spoyle, sell or carry away any ammunition committed to him, upon payne of death, or such other severe punishment as the nature of the offence shall require.

20. No souldier shall outstay his pass, without a certificate of the occasion vnder the hand of a magistrate, upon payn of looseing his pay.

By arbitrary punishment, or discession is meant not to extend to hazard of life or limbe.

This to be published to the army whoe are vnder the conduct of Major Rob^t Treat.

A letter was sent to Major Palmes and Mr. Witherly to desire their assistance and care in preparing for the sould^r; as p^r the letter on file will appeare.

[War, I. 34, c]

Hartford, January 10th, 1675.

Hon^l Gent: The Honrd Maior Treat comeing vp to Hartford vnexpectedly to give an acco^t of the expedition & to advise with vs about quartering or further motion, it is also told vs of somew^t that looks like disorder in some of o^r souldyers by comeing back from the confederate army wthout passe or leave from y^r Cheife Comanders. We wish such caryages may [be] reflected vpon & reconciliation & p^rdon sought with best argum^t that can be given from the necessity of selfe-p^rservation in such an extreame season, in places of disadvantage. But to avoid & p^rvent such disorder for the future, Wee desire yourselves, each & either of you (as Magestraticall Com^{rs}) & all y^r others in such capacity within that County of New London, to assist the military officers for keeping all the p^rst souldyers in their respective places of quarters where they are or may be apointed together, w^h all their armes & ammunition ready fitted & fixed for seruice, w^h they shall haue order to march or be improved: And that they duely behaue y^r selves both at home & abroad, according to the orders inclosed, in expectation of like penalties for misdemeanours respectiue.

Also you are desired to see a dispatch made in p^rserueing & p^rpareing the biskett & all other p^rvisions & ammunition in the Magazine, by the Comissary. The Maior is gone downe to the other Countyes at seaside, to hasten our further recruits both of men & provisions, etc. & he intends to returne to his souldyers with you within a few days, and there to receive further orders from the Counsell here. We hope & doe desire that Mr. Palmes will not delay to take his Oath, for the end aforesaid; & that Capt. Avery attend his Commission sent him formerly. And whereas we sent a letter or packet of letters to Major Treat, in w^{ch} there was inclosed a letter to the Honrd Com^{rs} which he was desired to peruse & seale it up, and give conveyance of it according as directed, please in the absence of the Major to take the care of those letters directed to the Com^{rs}, and post them on, with what is now sent to be so conveyed to Boston. Gent^l, Your affectionate freinds,

These for Major Edward Palmes The Councill of Connecticott, &c.
& Mr. Dan^l Witherly, at N. London.

THE COUNCILL METT AGAINE, JANUARY 11, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Mr. James Richards, Major Rob^t Treat, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Ben: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Major Rob^t Treat being to goe to Milford to vissit his family, the Councill desired and impowered the said Major, Major Gold and such Assistants and Com^{rs} as are present there, to supply such officers as are wanting in that part of o^r army that belongs to Fayrefeild County, and to return their names that they shall appoynt, that they may be commissioned accordingly; (the Councill are informed that Leift^{nt} Judson may be a suitable p^{erson};) as allso, to forward the rayseing and fitting men for this expedition, according to the order of the Councill; as allso, to assist in rayseing the wheat ordered for the soldiers, to be sent to New London, in wheat, meale or bread, with its transport, in the safest and most expeditious way they may; and allso, to take up such cloathing and shoes from those parts as you judg convenient; and to farther the adding of another 6*d.* rate to the former and to make it a 12*d.* rate; and if there be any chirurgions, medicines or gunsmiths, y^e can be procured, to provide what is needfull; (and to returne to his charge, by Hartford way, within 8 days, to New London.*)

There was allso a letter drawn and sent to the Com^{rs} of the United Colonies, wherein proposition is made in reference to o^r army, that they, wth two hundred of the Bay joyned with them, might march out against the enemy, from Stonington or Norwich, and the rest of the forces march from Narrogancett, and so come upon the enemy both wayes; as p^r the letter on file will appeare.

[Draft, by Dep. Gov. Leete, in War, I. 34, a.]

Hartford, January 11th, 1675.

Much honrd Gent:

Since the return of Maior Treat to quarter about N. London, according to yo^r former advice & permission of the Gen^l, & p^{tly} a necessity to haue reduced some of his souldyers that were gone off so as might be apprehended disorderly; yet all things considered on their behalfe, they haueing lost y^r head officers & haueing suffered so much in that extreame season, in the place of their abode, being in a house without walls (w^{ch} did threaten ruine or vtter disable^{ment} for future service) it may plead for some pacificat^{ion} towards raw souldyers, vnacquainted wth marshall discipline. And we the rather thus apologize for them, for that if severity should be vsed in blameing them so to seeke refuge in a case so circumstanced, it might make o^r worke too difficult for further recruits needfull in such a season; & surely discouragem^{ent} would [should?] be removed out of o^r way in this matter. Another thing we would also p^{ro}pound, that seeing the enemy is said to be so near vs, & our men must

* The words in parenthesis are interlined, in the hand of Gov. Leete.

march so far beyond them to quarter, where no shelter is like to bee to containe them, & so hard for vs to conuay accomodation suitable to them; and when they doe come together there (possibly) the want of a compleat accord in y^e managem^t may happen and dishearten; to prevent all w^{ch}, may it not doe well in the next expedition, that vpon communicate counsells respecting time & manner of doing, &c. our Company directly moueing from their owne quarters, freshly recruited, (& with our Indians also) may march & doe their best endeavour & be like to p^rforme it wth greater resolution, than when tyred wth long travell & hard vsage in such severe winter weather can be done. This suggestion is not in the least founded vpon any backwardnes to doe our p^rt vnto y^e vtmost capacity, against the comon enemy, but rather for advantage of the designe, to be managed wth more strength & courage of men so refreshed & bett^r accomodated; though our numbers being much the lesse are like to be the more inhazard in the atcheiement. But if 200 of the other Confederates souldyers were sent to ours, they would be animated to adventure far, & wth God's blessing might doe good service & [] be able to fight the enemy & more to dishearten them. But unto this we much desire a speedy resolute. The truth is, our souldyers haue beene so much drawne off from our borders already w^{as} the enemy was aboue, notwithstanding our owne dangers threatened then, & againe for this engagem^t very near to vs, that now also againe so to be, when he seemes to be seated euen at o^r doores, within 15 miles of o^r townes & in o^r Colony, now for vs to march 40 or 50 miles, with all o^r accomodations, in a desolate country, to engage him in conjunction wth the other forces, doth seeme intollerable & too disgusting to all o^r souldyery to be droue vpon them. And o^rselves doe thinke that equall respects is due to all the Confederates in their warlike assistance & all the officers so to obserue indifferently, esp^{ly} toward those that haue had no hand in the grounds & rise of the war. The Massachusets ought as well to come & accomodate Conneectacut herein, in o^r confines, as Conneectacut to be bound so to serue their conuenyency, in theirs, if the Confederation be held impartially. But if those propositions be not acceptable to you, we must endeavour to comply wth what you shall order, so far as it will consist wth our capacities. We haue not to add but our prayers to the Lord to direct, protect & bless you & us in all your counsells & determinations, and that we are, Your affectionate friends & servants, The Councill of Conneecticut, &c.

These for the Honrd Com^{rs} of the
Vnited Colonys, at Boston, this dl'd.

John London, for coming from the army wthout lycenss, and fallsly callumniating the officers of o^r army, and reporting many falls and notorious lyes, to the great prejudice of the Colony, is committed to prison, there to continue till the Court or Councill have time of farther consideration.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JANUARY 13, 1675.

Wm. Lect Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

Vpon receipt of letters from the Com^{rs}* and Gen^l Winslow, the

* " At a meeting of the Comissioners of the United Colonies in Boston, Jan. 6th, 1675. The Comission^{rs} do agree & conclude that the thousand soldiers ordered to be raised for the re-

Councill, p^r letter, ordered Major Treat to giue order forthwith to the forces of Fayrefeild and New Haven to march to New London, and to hasten the sending of the wheat, when grownd into meale, to N. London, wth 20 barills of beife and porek for the supply of the army, &c. ; as more at large p^r the copy of the letter on file will appeare.*

The Councill wrote a letter to the Com^{rs}, signifying to them that it was difficult to prouide prouissions for the army by reason of the mills being frozen vp here, and doe desire they would not depend upon vs, but suit themselues other where ; as p^r the letter on file more at large will appeare.†

Upon the receipt of a letter from Major Andross, the Councill returned an answer wth intimation that they hoped his Honour would restrayne the furnishing the Indians with ammunition, at Forte Albany, and take the opportunity of seizing those vpland Indians now fled into those partes ; as p^r the letter on file more at large will appeare.

[Letter from Gov. Andross. War, I. 33.]

N. Yorek, y^e 6th of Jan^y, 1675.

Hon^d Sr: Thow I have nott yett had sutable returnes, if any at all, I can nott however obmit my part. This is to acquaint you that late last night I had intelligence that Philip & 4 or 500 North Indians, fighting men, were come within 40 or 50 miles of Albany northerly, where they talke of continuing this winter ; that Phi: is sick, and one Sahamoschuha, the Comander in Chief. Whereupon I have despatched orders theither.

This account to y^rselfe, or if yⁿ think fitt, to your Assistances ; but I thinck is needles to be published to the whole comonalty, from

Your Humble Servant, E. ANDROSS.

[Reply.]

Hartford, January 13, 1675.

Hon^d Sr: O^r Dep^t Gov^r received your Hon^{rs} Letter of the 6th instant yesterday, w^{ch} he hath communicated to us this day ; who desire vpon all aeco^{ts} to make such sutable returnes as may give reall demonstrations of our resolution to maintaine a right vnderstanding and neighbourly correspondency, as well becomes the subjects of the same Prince. We render you many thanks for

cruite of o^r forces, now under the comand of Gen^lall Winslow, do all meet at the head quarters of ye army at or before the 20th of this Instant." [Signed by] Thomas Danforth, Pres^t. William Stoughton, Jos: Winslow, Tho: Hinckley, J. Winthrop. [War, I. 32.]

* The letter to Major Treat, mentions the receipt (Jan. 13th) of the order of the Comm^{rs} ; directs him forthwith to despatch orders to the forces which had been raised, to meet him at N. London ; that the soldiers of Saybrook, Kenilworth & Lyme were to join the expedition ; and advises Major Treat to procure, if possible, some shoes, shirting and other goods necessary for the soldiery, and whatever medicines, &c. he should think proper. [War, I. 34, b.]

† The Commissioners (in a letter dated Jan. 6th, 1675,) signified to the Council, that "Supplies of provision we perceive will be exceeding difficult to be procured seasonably from Boston ; w^{ch} occasioned our intimation to you in o^r last, that from the sea side they might be procured, and each one pay his proportion, which both the other Colonies do tender themselves ready to doe & performe on all demands." [War, I. 31.] No copy of the Council's reply has been preserved.

your speedy intelligence of remouall of Phillip and his bloody crew from Connecticut to Hudson's River. And such hath bin the rage & fury of these blood-thirsty barbarians in destroying his Majesty's good subjects vp this River, by fire and sword, not sparing man, woman or child, (as we doubt not but y^t your Hon^r hath been fully informed;) and therefore doe well approve of your soe speedy dispatch of orders to Albany, about an affaire of such greate importance, and looke vpon it as a signall fauoure that they are now seated in such a place y^t your Hon^r may have an opportunity in your hands at once to destroy these bloody ypland Indians without adventuring any of his Majesty's subjects in the designe; you hauinge settled soe firme a peace with the Mohawks, who, vpon your Hon^{rs} order, may with much facility vterly extirpate this bloody generation, in the winter season, who have imbrued their hands in the blood of soe many of his Majesty's subjects; and soe the Mohawkes will have an opportunity to gratify the English of New England, who haue always bin freindly to them, and y^t when they and these Indians were at warr: yea, our English garded the Mohawkes from Boston to Springfield, when they were in danger of the Plimouth Indians; and now they haue a season to destroy all their old enymys together, being soe neere them and lockt vp wth the snow.

But we are confident y^t your Loyalty to his Majesty and affection to his subjects is such y^t you need not any argm^{ts} from vs to induce you to attend this present juncture for the cutting off these inveterate & perfidious enymys of the English; wherein the honour of our Lord the King and intrest of his American subjects is soe deeply concerned. But we conclude your orders to Albany will be soe effectuell as not to passe this happy juncture, before the weather permitts the Indians to disperse y^mselves, and fall to burninge & killinge vpon Hudson's River also.

We are confident you have already taken the most effectuell course imaginable to restraine the supplying the comon enemy with either armes or amunition, especially the Dutch people, who you know are soe much bent vpon their profit.

We suppose y^t you have heard of the sharp engagm^t betwene the English & Indians at Narraganset a month since wherein about 70 of the English, besides the wounded, and about 600 of the Indians, men, women & children, as is said, are slaine.

Which wth o^r reall respects to your Hon^r is all at present from, Honrd Sir,
Your affectionate & respectfull neighbours & humble servants,

The Councill of Connecticut.

These for Major Edmond Androsse, &c.

The Councill sent a letter to Gov^r Winslow, to certify of o^r dislike of some of o^r men goeing from the army wthout permission; and to acquaint him with o^r preparations of sending forth new rayseed forces to assist against the enemy; and o^r desires of the good issue of the treaty, that peace might be attained; as p^r the letter on file more at large will appeare.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JANUARY 14, 1675.

Wm. Lect Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys, Major Jn^o Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

The Councill in a letter to the Honord Gov^r and Councill of the

Massachusetts, certified them of the receipt of their letter, and in answer thereto, that Major Palmes is permitted to accomodate, as need is, their army with such provision as he is capable to supply wth, &c: as p^r the letter on file may more at large appeare.

[The letter from Massachusetts, (War, I. 30, a,) asks that Capt. Andrew Belcher, and others, might have liberty to export from Connecticut such provisions as should be found necessary for the supply of the army and of Massachusetts Colony; the letter then refers to "the successe of our united forces in the Narraganset Country; in which enterprise, though it hath pleased God to humble vs, by translating to rest out of the bed of honour in the service of Christ, severall worthy & valiant comanders & souldiers both of ours and yours, yet doubtlesse wee have cause (according to our best intelligence) to acknowledge to God's prayse that he hath made vse of our army as executioners of his justice upon many of our barbarous & cruel enemies;" * * "Wee judge it absolutely necessary to prosecute this affaire, & to comply with the desire of the Generall & his Council, and send them recruits of men, provisions and other necessaryes to prosecute this victory," &c.

The reply of the Connecticut Council, (War, I. 30, b,) gives assurance "that what is within o^r compass we shall most readily comply with your desires in, in furnishing you with what provisions you have necessity of, for the supply of the army," &c.; and that they had given instructions to Major Palmes accordingly. "But as to the opening the doore wider, at present, we dare not adventure; corne being very scarse with vs, and the seate of the War being in o^r borders, and danger of being thereby prevented of sowing and planting, vnless God please to put an end to the war,—which God grant, if it be his will! We shalbe capable of a further answer in the Springe. You cannot judge it our intrest to withhold what we can spare; having noe other market." The Council express their readiness to do all in their power for a vigorous prosecution of the war,—“hoping that as God hath multiplyed you much beyond vs, according to the proportion stated, soe you will not strictly stand on punctilioes of numbers, whilst every one doeth his utmost endeavour,” &c. A postscript adds: "It's possible flesh, and som pease, may be had, but little wheat, or at least, little bread; mills generally failing this winter season."]

There was a letter allso wrote to Major Winslow, wherein we certified him of o^r preparations to send o^r recruits to the army, &c.; and signified to him o^r loss of armes & cloathing in the last engagement, &c: as p^r the letter on file may appeare.

Vpon John London's acknowledgment of his offence, and promise of returning to the army and doeing good seruice there, the Councill saw cause to release him from his imprisonment.

The Councill appointed Mr. John Brackett of Wallingford, to goe forthwth to New London, there to take care of and assist in the dressing of the wounded men, in the absence of Mr. Bulkley whilst he goeth out wth the army; and a letter was sent to him for that purpose.

The Councill also appoynted Mr. Wise of Brandford, to goe forth minister to o^r army, and accordingly wrote a letter to him to prepare

and goe forth wth the sea side forces to New London, there to meet wth Major Treatate &c.

The Councill allso appoynted Sarj^t Wm. Warde to goe forth to New London to assist in the tending and dressing the wounded men there, whilst Mr. Buckley goeth forth wth the army.

The Councill appoynted John Standly Captaine of part of the forces belonging to Hartford County ; and Joseph Wadsworth to be his Liuetenant.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JANUARY 17, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Capt. Ben: Newbery.

The Councill appoynted Mr. Jonathan Sillick Capt. of Fayrefeild Company, and Steven Burrett his Liuetenant.

John Beard was appoynted Captaine and Moses Mansfeild Liuetenant of the Company that belongs to New Haven Company. [*County ?*]

Capt. Watts allso was to goe forth Captaine of part of those forces that belong to Hartford County, and Sam^l Martin Sen^r was appoynted his Liuetenant. Zachary Sandford was made Serj^t.

Jan'y 19, '75.

[*To Major Treat.*] Honrd Major ; If the Moheags and Pequots doe still proffer their service, you are to inform the Gen^l thereof, and to desire they may be duely encouraged, treated and improved to best advantage, it being according to the Commissioners' order, and may be to publique p^rjudice to haue them disgusted, especially after they haue bene so far engaged : and care must be taken for a signal marke to distinguish from other Indians. In case you want of your number of men and are necessitated to make them up of those at Norwich, that then you make up your number of those men that belong to the townes which are defectiue of their proportion of men.

The Councill allso wrote a letter to Mr. Fitch to desire him to go down to N. London to encourage the souldiers in the present expedition, and to go forth with them if it may be ; as more at large by the letter on file will appeare.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JANUARY 24, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq^r, Dep. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Jn^o Tall-

cott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. Richard Lord.

The Councill considering the great charge the country is at in manageing the present warr against the Indians, and that the rate granted by the Generall Court in October last, is not sufficient to defray the charge thereof, by a great matter, the Councill, by the advice and wth the consent of the Assistants of the sea-side and the Deputies of the County of Hartford, wth Mr. Burr, Capt. Curtice and Mr. Bankes, haue seen it of necessity and accordingly haue granted that there shall be six pence upon the pownd added to the Country Rate, and that it shall now be made uptwelve pence upon the pownd, of all the rateable estate in this Colony.

[The following letter from Major Treat, to the Council, was probably received on the 24th or 25th inst. War, I. 37.]

N. London, 23^d instant, at night, 1675.

Honord Gentlemen: Through much trouble & difficulty, I am so far got ready as that I intend, God willing, to begin my march to morrow. The trouble & difficultys, wth such comandrs, to prepare for my service is almost too hard & heavey for me; and if you had appointed me a victualler of your army, I hope I might have done something at it. Our part of y^e westernre forces are arrived the last night, and y^e vessell prepared to saile, and I heare wth about 5000 of bread & 20 barrells of beefe & porke, a hogshead of rum, but no wine, and some small necessaries; whereof is steward one Benjamin Curtis of Stratford. We are fully purposed, if weather prevent not, to be setting forth this day from N. London. We have had two posts from y^e Generall, and I have returned two answers. The first letter I cannot readily find; but of noe other moment but hastening and grateing on his say of or disorderly retreat; and y^e second, I have herein enclosed to you. There is only y^e piece of good news superadded, that y^e English man called Jo: Tift, that was with the Indians & said to wound Capt. Sealy is [taken] wth one Indian wth him, and is executed;* & upon his death hath fr[eely] pealed and peached Ninecraft, for sending mats to reliefe y^e Suckquence Indeans wth mats, after y^e wigwams were burnt; and that 40 of his men fought us in y^e re-

* "Joshua Teffe [or Tift.] who married an Indian woman, a Wampanoag. He shot 20 times at us in the swamp: was taken at Providence, Jan. 14th, brought to us the 16th, executed the 18th. A sad wretch, he never heard a sermon but once these fourteen years; he never heard of the name of Jesus Christ. His father going to recall him, lost his head, and lies unburied." (Letter from Capt. James Oliver, of Plymouth, dated Jan. 26th, 1675-6; in Drake's Book of the Indians, iii. 35)

"The Naragansets said that an Englishman, one Joshua Tift, was among them when they had the fight with the English, & that he did them good service & kild & wounded 5 or 6 English, in that fight; and that before they would trust him, hee had kild a miller, an Englishman, at Narraganset & brought his scalpe to them." (Relation of the Indian Spies, sent out by Massachusetts, Jan. 1675-6; in War, Vol. I. Dec. 35, b) See also, Hubb. Ind. Wars, p. 148.

"The Englishman that was taken had his doom yesterday, to be hanged and quartered; which was done effectually." (Major Bradford's Letter, of Jan. 20th; in Notes to Davis's Morton, p. 434.)

serve. I am, for want of clark, comissary & others so little forwarding me, as that I cannot enlarge; but beg yo^r prayers to y^e God of wisdom, courage & strength, to be wth me and all that turne the battell to y^e gate, when the Lord shall call thereto. W^{ch} is the prayer, and that y^e Lord would also giue a spirit of counsell to them y^t sit in counsell,—from your servaunt,

ROBERT TREATE.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JANUARY 27, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth.

For the prevention of wrong that may be done vnto the Country or the Souldiers or other persons that haue been employed in the country seruice this present yeare (by reason that they haue receiued goods &c. in sundry places of this Colony,) it is ordered by the Councill that all the acco^{ts} of the charges and disbursements and seruice that haue been expended or done for the countrye's use this present yeare shall be forthwith sent up to Hartford to the Commisary, Mr. James Steele, and the committee appoynted to audit such accompts there; and all such acco^{ts} to be distinct and playne, what particulars are upon the acco^t of the war with the Indians and what upon other publique charge; which acco^{ts} are to be signed by those persons formerly appoynted in each towne by the Councill, and by the sayd Commissary and committee, to be transmitted to the Treasurer, before order be giuen by the Treasurer for the payment of such acco^{ts} or debts. And it is ordered that the names of the seuerall souldiers whoe are to receive from the Country, be incerted in their accompts, and their quality and time they have been in service.

[Letters from Maj. Palmes, of New London, to the Governor and Council, dated Jan. 26th and 29th. War, I. 38, 39.]

New Londⁿ, y^e 26th of Janua: 1675-6.

Honrd Sr. I haueing this oportunity p^r Mr. Plom, could not omitt acquainting you of Maj. Treate's departure this day, with all his forces; who is accompanied with Mr. Fitch, Mr. Buckley & Mr. Wise. They expected to reach Badcock's this night, & soe gett [to] Mr. Smith's to morrow; for Maj. Treate hath had two late ord^{rs} from the Generall, one rece^d on Lord's Day, the other this morning, to hasten his coming; the Indyans beeing seated 8 or 10 miles northwest of Providence, about 25 miles from Mr. Smith's. The intelligence was gayned by two Indyans taken by a party of Capt. Prentis troope, which killed nyne more; one escaped, there being 12 in that party. The Barke with the provisions went out last night, and hath had a fayre wind to cary her in to day. They have added tenne barrells of meate, to the twenty you ordered from Milford; which doth affliet our people more then the trouble of quartering both well and wounded men, which haue so impou-

erished them that sundry will much suffer, without y^r speedy supply of corne for their reliefe.

S, by Maj^r Treate's computation, those 30 barells of meat will last little more then a fortnight; that if you expect their stay longer there, or returne to this place, you must order a supply of bread & meate, and alsoe of rum; this place being drained, & Mr. Parker arrived without any for himselfe or others.

It is here reported that the townes westward haue liberty of shiping any prouition to y^e Indyes; & that sundry vessells are there from Boston to load corne. The like priuilledge being denied this County, is not very accepta-ble to som p^{rs}ons heere. I haue not yet had returne from Boston of y^e liberty y^e Counsell was pleased to grant mee in supplying their forces; but shall provide what may be procured, in hopes to obtain an ord^r to send it abroad, if they imbrace not y^e tend^r; which I am apt to judge they will not, by reason their expectation was not wholly complied with; for my tenders were very rationall. My humble service to the Deputy Govern^r & all the Gentlemen; service to Mr. Lord his lady, & all other freinds. I am, S^r,

Y^r affect^d freind & Serv^t,

EDW^d. PALMES.

[*In the margin,*] Vnkas is gon forth in person.

New London, y^e 29th of Janua. 1675-6.

Honrd Gentlemen: Yeasterday Daniel the Pequitt Sachem brought in two Naragansett Indyan men which ware in the fight against y^e English, one of them being shott through the hand. They say the Indyan are scattered; the two sachems Suikquens, Nononanto, & y^e Queene beeing neere y^e Nipmug Country; y^e Indyan lying from thence downwards, in small parcells, to receive y^e army, & soe to allarum y^e Sachems that they may escape higher. Please to returne order what course shall be taken with them, whether to bee sent vp or disposed of heere; and what the Indyan shall be paid for taking them.

This morning early come post from Norwich with the sad intelligence of two men & a boy being taken & killed, who went over Showtucket Riu^r to spread flax, viz^t. Jos: Rockwell & his boy of 15 or 16 years ould & John Renolls, Jun. of Norwich. The said Jos: Rockwell & Renolls ware found dead & thrown downe y^e Riu^r banke, their scalps cutt off; the boy is not yett found, supposed to bee caryed away alieue. The two Indyan came in to y^e Pequitts saying they ware almost starved; they formerly did belong to them.

Y^r hon^{rs} most humble serv^t,

EDW^d PALMES.

Our people desyre ord^r may com for the rate they are to pay, seuerall beeing in want that must bee releived from y^e rest (yf any thing due) or else some other way.

Since the aboue was written, the two Indyan are shott dead in the prison, by two wounded soldyers its said. The two persons that watched will not discouer them, tho it's easye to make it out who they ware, by a thorow examining the wardsmen or punishing them, yf the Authoritye heere were willing to exercise their power; for it's pitty soe rude and barbarous act should bee passed by without due witness against it.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JANUARY 31, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn.

The Council, in answer to a letter from Major Andross, drew up an answer thereto; which letter was dated January the 31, 1675, and was in answer to a letter dated January 20, last, as p^r the copy on file may more at large appeare.

[Letter from Gov. Andross, War, I. 36.]

Gentlemen. I received late last night yo^rs of the 13th instant, wherein you thanke mee for my intelligence, & looke upon it as a signall favour that Philip &c. is removed from yo^r parts to these (though not as Hudson's River as you suggest,) and suppose & conclude many things thereupon, without any grounds, which must have come from yo^r parts; so have nothing to adde to my former to which I referre you, particularly of the 17th Octob^r; onely that I had now no new orders to send up, and that I doe not thinke it strange you doe not understand or know the Maquaes better then yo^r owne Indians, but doe that (you should seeme to fancy,) having refused and slighted the assistance of this Government, that I should, unaskt, bee at an extraordinary great charge, (if in my power since others great successe) for bringing heathens assistance in any part of yo^r Colony; and doe now plainly see that as you looke upon it as a signall favour that that bloody crew is removed towards us, so if my loyalty & affection (which you mention) have prompted me too farre, so as to bee involved in yo^r warre, I may expect you will leave mee both to the charge & hazard. However, doe not doubt yo^r being perfectly satisfied nothing lyes at my doore. I cannot omitt yo^r great reflection on the Dutch, in which you seeme to make mee a complice; for which I pray your explanacon, and to name the guilty, there being none in this Gouvernment but his Mat^{ies} subjects, which obey all his lawes, the penalty of which shall certainly bee inflicted on any transgressors. Expecting yo^r speedy answer, I am,

Yo^r humble servant,

New York, Jan. 20th, 1675.

E. ANDROSS.

[Reply.* War. I. 40.]

Hartford, January 31, 1675.

Hon^{ble} St. Your lines dated January 20th past were rece^d the 29 instant, wherein are contained some things ironieall and something satiricall; concerning which (we suppose) a little reflection on your part may saue us the laboure of returning o^r animadversions, & a small degree of neighbourly love might have covered o^r candorous solicitude of your freindly helpfulness against common barbarous enemies, upon the arguments of nationall affection and loyalty, rather than to have retorted o^r leauing you to be involved in the consequentiall hazard & charge; we haueing formerly expressed o^r selues to be reciprocall, in o^r vicinity, to befreind his Royall Highness' affayres; wherein yet we are not behind hand. Neither hath this Gouvernment refused or slighted the assistance of that Gouvernment in what was proper & expedient, that is by us reminded. For the Dutch, (if reports may be credited,) theire exact obedience to his Mat^{ies} Lawes may be somewhat questioned; and we haue more than probability that the enemy do boast of great supply from those parts about Albany; whether it be directly, or indirectly by Indians there inhabiting, is not yet so known to us. But at whose doore to leaue either this or that, must be left to him that stands at y^e doore of all hearts. We haue onely to minde o^r own duty, respectuely; and to crave

* In hand-writing of Sec. Allyn; but, from the style, it appears to have been composed by Mr. Leete.

pardon for o^r defects; which is all y^e speedy answer to your Hon^{rs} expectations,
 from, Honrd Sir, Your Humble servants,

the Councill of Conecticot, &c.

These for y^e Honrd Major Andross Esq.

Governor of his royall highness' Territories, &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AT HARTFORD, FEB: 3^d, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Wm. Joanes, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. James Bishop, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill ordered that there should be rayسد at the County of New Haven and Fayrefeild, the sum of two hundred bushells of wheat and twenty barells of flesh, viz: out of Fayrefeild County, one hundred and twenty bushells of wheat and eight barrells of porcke and four of beife; and out of N. H. County, eighty bushells of wheat and foure barells of porck and foure barells of beife. The Assistants of N. H. and Fayrefeild are desired and ordered forthwth to take care that the same be shipped on board some good vessell and sent for N. London, to be deliuered to Mr. Joshua Raymond for the use of o^r army. Som stockings, shoes, shirts and drawers is desired to be prouided and sent as afoarsayd. A letter to this purpuss was in the name of the Councill.

The Councill ordered that the Treasurer shall take order that there be three thowsand of bread prouided at Hartford, to be in readiness for the use of the army as there shall be occasion.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, FEB: 7th, 1675, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Mr. James Richards, Major Rob^t Treat, Capt. John Allyn.

Vpon the return of Major Treat wth his army from persueing the enemie, on Saturday last, the Councill mett this day to consider what was next to be done: Ordered, that the provision ordered to be sent from N. Hauen and Fayrefeild County to N. London, be reserued in Mr. Bryant's hand, the flesh in kind, and the wheat baked into bread; all to be preserued in Mr. Bryant's hands, for the Country's further and other disspose.

The Councell allso wrote a letter to Mr. Bulkly to desire him to attend Major Treat's order in sending for the vessell from Narro-

gancett; and putting the provisions into the hands of Mr. Joshua Raymond for to be preserued for the Country's use; as allso, to return thanks to Vncas, Owanecoe, Mawmawho and Robbin for y^r good seruice in the last expedition; and allso, to desire them to scoutt abroad and pick up such of the enemie as they shall find, with the promise of reward for such service; as p^r the letter on file more at large will appeare.

Allso, a letter was writt to Major Gold to release Capt. Selleck, and put any^r Capt. in his roome; as more at large will appeare by the letter on file.

The Councill grant Mr. Willys a permit to transport 300 bush: of corn in the Pascataque vessell.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL IN HARTFORD, FEB. 10, 1675.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Richd. Lord, Mr. Jn^o Wadsworth.

Upon the receipt of a letter from Major Andross, dated Feb: 4th instant, p^r Mr. Georg Cooke, the Councill drew up an answer thereto, and ordered it to be signed p^r the Secretary, in the name of the Councill; a copy whereof is on the file.

[Letter from Gov. Andross. War, I. 41.]

N. Yorek, y^e 4th of Febr^y, 1675-6.

Gentlemen. The 20th past, I gave you a plaine answer to yo^r of the 13th, received the night before, by Mr. Burr, (though it did not require any,) and desired to heare from you, in the same manner, which I thought (& doe,) imported very much his Ma^{ties} service, & yo^r good, in which I cannot be wanting on my part, though you have neither ritt plaine nor sent a fitt person, as I have long since and often desired, to acquaint me wherein I might be servisable at this so extraordinary juncture. And if my loyalty to His Ma^{tie} & affection to his subjects (as you mentioned) have or should (out of compassion to my poor Neighbors) prompt me so farr, so as to be (vnasked) engaged in yo^r Indyan Warr vpon Philip & North Indyans, goeing vpwards, This is by Mr. Geo: Cooke sent express, to desire to know of you, weather you would desire & admitt our forces, Xtians or Indians, perticularly Maquase & Seneques, to pursue such ennemies, vnto any part of yo^r Colony, and doe yo^r parts, for our refreshm^t or other wayes, as there may be occaⁿ: to which againe, desire yo^r plaine answer, without delay, by the bearer. But whatever answer you return me, you'l doe well if you have any forces vpwards, to give them present fitting orders, in case they should meet any Maquase or Sineques, (which I am shure will not injure any English, nor concerns, vnless provoked; w^{ch} might prove of ill consequence; the Sinesques & associates being 3000 or more good fitting men, and to farr to be easily forced.) Expecting your answer, I remaine,

Yo^r affectionate neighbour,

E. ANDROSS.

[Directed,] To the Governo^r, Deputy Governo^r & Councill,—&c.

[Reply. Doc. 43, a.]

Hartford, Feb. 10: 1675.

Hon^{ble} Sr. Yours by Mr. Georg Cooke, Feb. 4, was rece^d the instant p^r vs; and in answer thereto, we render you o^r thanks for your care in sending that expresse unto vs, & are very soliscitous to make such a suitable return as may be to your satisfaction. But before we come to the playne answer, we cannot forbear to informe w^t is told vs (since o^r former letter,) by some neighbouring Indians, y^t Philip hath saluted the Mohawks wth a great present of 300^l, to engage y^m against y^e English or to sit still at New York; which puts us upon consideration to move your Honour to engage y^e Mowhaws to some acts of hostility against y^e enemie at their rendezvous, whilst y^e are in those parts, wth the promise of recompense answerable to y^e effects they shall attaine, before they be confided in to pursue y^e enemie nigh o^r townes; and in expectation of w^t is propounded & when there is sufficient testimonie of y^r so effectual doeings against y^e enemie, comeing wth some English before them, neare o^r plantations or villages, may send for reliefe; which shall readily be afforded. But before such testimonie signified, it may be hazardous eith^r to venture English wth y^m, or for them to approach o^r borders; we haueing had so large experience of sundry other Indians that haue long p^rtended freindship to vs & other English, who haue in this day of conspiracy proved false & haue greivously disappointed the expectations of those y^t did best understand them formerly. In this suggestion we would not be taken either to question yo^r hono^rs sagacity or prudence nor to slight yo^r neighborly tender & endeavour, but to p^rsent you with our sad bought experience in this iuncture, for improuen^t by your wisdom, in so important an affaire. And haueing imparted also to Mr. Cooke, our best & last intelligence of the affaires of the war, to acquaint you therewith; concerning what Indians haue beene slaine and what fled, and whither they are said to intend, viz. to Phillip near Albany, who hath sent y^m a convoy as is reported: so hoping yo^r good construction & acceptance hereof, with desire to be informed by the first of what motions may concerne vs in those affaires with Mohocks or Sinneques &c; w^{ch} wilbe acceptable vnto your affectionate freinds & servants,

The Councill of Connecticot.

Allso, a letter was directed to Mr. Fitch and Mr. Buckley, wherein there was order to Capt. Avery, Capt. Denison, and Lnt. Minor to rayse some forces to surpriz or destroy the enemie; as more at large by the letter on file may appeare.

[Doc. 42. The Rev. Mr. Fitch & Mr. Bulkeley had written to the Council, respecting some gathering of the Indians in the Wabequasset Country, and the probability of their remaining there some days. The Council, considering the difficulty of collecting any considerable body of the enlisted soldiers from the several townes, for an immediate march against the enemy, order that Captains Avery and Denison, and Lieut. Minor, should forthwith gather as many men as possible, from the three nearest townes, (New London, Norwich and Stonington,) and, taking with them the Mohegan and Pequot Indians, march against the enemy. The Comm^rs of the County are empowered to press men, to the number of 60 or 80, or more, for the expedition, with all possible despatch; and to order the Commissary to supply necessary arms and provisions. Major Winthrop and Mr. Stanton are desired to "improve their utmost" to regaine the English boy* out of the enemy's hands, by exchange of captives or by ransom.]

* The son of Jos. Rockwell, of Norwich. See Major Palmes' letter, of Jan. 29th. (Page 403, ante.)

The Councill ordered John Stedman and Edward Culver, wth som of the Indians to goe forth upon the scout, betwixt this and Springfeild, to make what discouery they could upon the enemie to the eastward of the river.

The Councill also granted Mr. Woodbridg a permitt to transport 40 or 50 bushells of grayn to the Bay, he being to goe to the Bay, himselfe and wife, &c.

The Councill being agayn mett, Feb: 12th, 1685:—

Ordered, as followeth; The consideration of the goodness and mercy of God to us (in this day of trouble,) in continueing o^r liberties and precious injoyments and so great a measure of health in o^r plantations, together with preservation of o^r provissions and habitations in time of such devastation; and for the speciall mercy of God to us, in answering the prayers of his people (though by terrible things in righteousness,) in giueing such an overthrow to the enemie at the Forte, in the first Narrogancett fight; and also for the mercy of God to vs in the last expedition, in causing the enemy some to fall and the rest to flee before us; and returning o^r souldiers with so little losse;—these things haue moved us to appoynt the Twenty Third day of this instant Month, to be solemnly kept a day of publique Thankesgiueing throughout this Colony, and to bless God for those his mercyes, and to pray for his farther goodness and protection to be manifested to us, as the very matter may require.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, FEB: 16, 1675.

Wm. Leete Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolecott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

Whereas there be sundry of the enemie now in the hands of the Pequots, Moheags and wth Ninicraft, the Councill haue dissposed to Major Jn^o Winthrop and Major Edward Palmes those sayd Indians, and order them to be deliuered to them, they paying for euery man, woman and child they receiue, two coates apeice, except for sucking children, and for them, they to pay one coat a peice, upon the deliuey of the Indians to the sayd Gentlemen; they to deliuer the coates to the Indians that bring them in, and to deliver a barell of powder for the Country's use, upon demand, for euery forty they shall receive, and so proportionably, to pay for what they shall receiue as

aforesayd; and the sayd Indians to be at their order and dispose, they spareing their liues.

The Councill wrot a letter to the Hono^d Commissioners, and one to Mr. Buckley, the coppies of both being on file.

The Councill grants Mr. Belcher a permitt to transport foure hundred bushell of Indian corn and pease to Boston, for the releife of the praying Indians, and twenty bushells of wheat for his the sayd Mr. Belcher's owne famaly's vse, and foureteen pownds worth of leather.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, FEB: 18, 1675.

Wm. Leet, Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Samⁿ Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

The Councill haueing rece^d order for another expedition against the Indians, from the Commissioners,* returned answer thereunto by a letter to Govern^r Winthrop a copy whereof is on the file, which letter was signed by the Secret^y.

A letter was also sent to Major Gold to send up Mr. Tho: Fitch, Captaine for their County forces, or som other suitable person; and also to send up horses, and such necessary recruits as they could procure for their souldiers; and that they be here by Thursday night next, at the farthest; as p^r the letter on file more at large will appeare.

A letter also was sent to Major Treate, to order his coming up wth the souldiers in those parts, so as they may be here by Thursday next; as the letter on file will more at large declare.

A letter also was sent to Major Palmes and Mr. Buckley at New London, to order Mr. Buckley and John Hull to hasten up to goe forth with the army; and also, that they should bring vp so many Indians, Pequotts and Moheags as can be procured to com up to goe forth with o^r army; Mr. John Stanton to com along with them and ten Englishmen of that County, &c. as more at large will appeare by the letter on file.

* The Commissioners, at a meeting in Boston, Feb. 8th, "commended to the respective Councils, in each Colony, a speedy prosecution of the enemy, by the joint forces of the United Colonies;" and ordered 600 men to be forthwith made ready, in the several Colonies according to their stated proportions, to meet at the place of rendezvous, at Quabaug, on the 20th instant. Connecticut was requested to engage the Pequots and Mohegans in the service. Gen. Winslow, being prevented by indisposition, from going out with the army, the Commander-in-chief was to be appointed by the Colony within which the seat of war should happen to be. [Rec. of Comm^rs, in Haz. II. 538, 539.]

The enimie haueing come to Hoccanum and shott at Wm. Hill and sorely wounded him, the Councill sent forth a party of souldiers to make search for the enimie.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, FEB: 21, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

Vpon the receipt of Major Palmes' letter, the Councill returned answer wherein they desired Mr. Buckley and those with him to be hastened up with all speed; and also to desire him to treat with Ninecroft about redemption of the captives that were taken at Nash-away, &c: as p^r the letter on file more at large will appeare.

The enimie some of them drawing down into these parts to doe mischeife (as is eident,) the Councill haue thought meet to order that what corn and proviissions are on the east side of the river, in the seuerall farmes there and not in garrisons, be forthwith transported to the plantations to be secured from the enimie; and the constables in the seuerall plantations are hereby ordered to assist the good people there, by impressing men, boates and teames for the transportation of their corn and proviissions as afoarsayd. And the people are also ordered to draw themselues into garrisons for their safety; and to bring their cattell and hay to be under the command of their garrisons, that they may be preserued,—except they bring them over to the townes; and not to goe forth upon their occasions without their armes and in companyes so as they may defend themselves: and that there be garrisons kept at Nath: Bissell's, Tho: Burnham's, Mr. John Crowe's, and at Nabuck, and Mr. Willys his farme; provided, in every garrison there be six men at least, and that the garrisons be well fortified, and that noe place but such doe remayn inhabited on the east side the sayd River. And the Constables are forthwith to giue notice hereof to the people in their respectiue limitts, and to require their attendance herevnto.

The Councill ordered that for the next expedition, there shall go out of Hartford, 23; Windsor, 22; Wethersfeild, 16; Farmington, 10; Midleton, 8; Haddum, 1; each man to haue a horsse and a bushell of oates a peice; and the Secretary is to give order for the accomplishment thereof.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, FEB: 24, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Sam^l Willys.

The Councill sent an aduice to the Wonggum Indians to accept of Mr. John Holister's tender, and to com and build a fort at Nayage, which should not prejudice their interest; as p^r the copy on file will appeare.

Vpon som intelligence giuen to Major Treat at the seaside, of skulking Indians on the east side of Connecticott Riuer, the Councill ordered him to take a hundred English souldiers, with such Indians as he sees meet, forthwth, to pass over this river, and to march and scout the woods as far as Wongunck, so far distant as to return hither vpon Saturday, to finde out what enemies they may discover, and to surprize and destroy them, so as to cleare the coast before the army moue hence upward.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, FEB: 25, 1675.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill, in answer to a letter from Major Palmes, advised to a speedy secureing of the Indians' corn lately found in the Narragancett country; as p^r the copy on file at large will appeare.

Tho: Watts was, by a lott cast between him and John Standley, allotted to go forth with the army, Captain of the County of Hartford souldiers; Jos: Wadsworth is appoynted L^t, and John Wyatt, Ensigne.

Cornelius Hull was appoynted L^t of the Honoured Major Treat's Life Guard; Thomas Munson appoynted Captain of N. Haven County souldiers; and were comissioned accordingly.

Major Treat his commission was drawn up by the Councill; a copy whereof is on file.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MARCH 1st, 1675-6.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. Jn^o Allyn, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Ashpocit wth sundry Moheag Indians, wth Webux and a Natick Indian, being com up to goe forth with o^r army, and the army haueing

advanced a day's march before them, they were not willing to march after them, but desired to return and do service nearer home; whereupon the Council wrot a letter to Mr. Fitch wherein they appointed the Moheags and Pequots to be sent forth wth some English to distress the enemie in the Narragancet country, to seiz them and what provissions they could find, &c: as by the letter on file may appeare.

A letter was also sent to Major Treat, to giue him an acco' of what news we rec^d of the enemies' return to Narrogancett, &c; as p^r the letter on file will appeare.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AT HARTFORD, MARCH 3^d, 1675-6.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Council ordered that there should be raysted two hundred bushells of wheat to be baked up into biskit wth all the speed that may be, and two hundred bushell of oates for the use of the army; and the Treasurer is desired to grant order to the Constables for the gathering of the same, and for the procureing it to be baked as he shall order, wth all speed. The proportions to be put on the severall townes are, Hartford, 59 bushells; Windsor, 56; Wethersfeild, 42; Farmington, 27; Middleton, 16 bushells, of wheat; and, so, the like proportion of oates.

Upon the receipt of a letter from L^{nt} Merriman and Ens: Munson of Wallingford, concerning their garrison houses and watches and wardes, [*the Council*] did recommend it to the people there to watch and guard their garrisons, &c: and also to desire two of the Assis^{ts} of New Haven to com upon the place and to assist them in the setleing of their affayres for the best good; as will appeare more at large by the copy of the letter on file.

The insolencies of the heathen and their rage encreasing against the English, and the spoyle that they haue made in sundry places, hath moved us to order that forthwith the people of Simsbury doe remoue themselues and what estate they can remoue, to some of the neighbouring plantations for their safety and security.

It is also ordered that the former orders of the Council in refferance to people's workeing in companyes, be duely attended; and that watches and wardes be kept and observed, and shooting off gunns forborne, vpon the former penalty.

It is also ordered that all the inhabitants of the severall plantations shall carry their armes and ammunition with them to all publ: meetings, both at times of worship and at all other times.

The Counsell hearing of the boasts and threats of the enemie, and perticularly against Hartford; also, considering som principall townes may as well be advantage to o'selves to repayre vnto for security of persons and estates, to fly vnto or be layd in, as to the enemie, being surprized; doe see cause to aduise and order that fortifications both at Hartford and New Haven, with what other townes are capeable of so doeing, to compleat and lyne their stockadoes and flankers with a ditch and breast worke, that persons may securely haue recourse to them to annoy and wthstand enemies, and all men's courage more animated and emboldened to doe their dutys; this therefore to be forthwith attended and dispatched, by all handes that can worke, laying aside all ordinary occassions, except workes of necessity and mercy, till this be finished: each town to chuse and appoynt an able committee to regulate how, and to see all done as afoarsayd; and all persons to obserue and doe accordingly without delay, upon such penalty as is meet for high contempt of Authority in matters of great importance.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL HELD AT HARTFORD, MARCH 6,
1675-6.

Wm. Leet, Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Mr. James Richards, Major Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn.

A letter to Major Edmond Andross was prepared, a copy whereof is on file.

A letter was drawn and sent to Major Palmes, respecting the setting out of the Pequots and Moheags against the enemie; as also to take out of Ninicraft's hand the captiues, wth liberty to grattify Ninicraft wth som present; and a commission was also incerted to empower the Councill of Warr to condemn such Indian murtherers as shall be brought in; and as more at large by the sayd copy of the letter will appeare.

MARCH 7, 1675, THE COUNCILL BEING METT AT HARTFORD.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill being mett did order that the collections drawn up by the ministers, wth the Councill's orders annexed, be forthwith sent forth and attended, according to the s^d order, a copy whereof is on file.

A letter to Major Andross was drawn and sent, to moue him to send vs such intelligence as he hath receiued concerning the Indians; and allso to desire an answer to some former propositions made to him in a former letter &c. as p^r the copy of the letter on file will more at large appeare.

[Doc. 43, b.]

Hartford, Mar. 7th, 1675-6.

Hon^{ble} Sr. Since you have been so far pleased to appeare to concerne yourselfe in the affayre against the barborous enimie that are risen up against his Ma^{ties} good subjects & interest in these parts, as to send hither your messenger Mr. Cooke, and by him, a letter of inquiry about o^r admittance and entertainment of an army of Christians and Indians, the Maquas & Sineques, into our townes for refreshment in their persuit of those common enemies so risen up; vnto which letter we gaue answer of a readiness so to doe, wth provisoes of some previous considerations which we judged expedient and necessary upon experience to ensure their fidelity; which is still sought and desired by vs so to be done: we can now doe no lesse (in retaliation of the expression of such neighbourly kindnesse) then to inquire after your acceptance of what was vnto yours returned & to understand the consequent effects of what is done or intended by your Hon^r, vpon that acco^t; and also how the state of that matter now stands, and what may be expected from your endeavours propownded. (And likewise that if nothing be yet done, whether your Hono^r will admitt & comissionate some agents of o^r owne to pass up to Albany & make tryall of what may be done by themselves, in proueing the businesse (with the Indians mentioned) respecting their assistance against those common enemies risen vp as aforesayd. Unto this request, we doe intreat your playne and possitive answer.) For it seemes a criticall time & needfull for vs to know how to shape all o^r affayres according as we may discern matters to be circumstanced in all the respects pertaineing thereto, of which the inclosed paper (sent for your honour's information) may give acco^t, and plead for like intelligence from yourselfe in the businesse forementioned; which is desired and waited for by, Honrd Sr, Your affectionate freinds & seruants,

The Councill of Conecticott &c.

These for the Hon^{ble} Edmond Andross Esq.
Gov^r of his Highness Territories &c.

The Councill granted Mr. Tho: Terry and Mr. Wm. Edwards liberty to transport three hundred bushells of graine for the present supply of the people of Rohd Island and Plimouth, the people of Rohd Island haueing exhausted part of their provisions for the supply of o^r wounded men, after the first engagement, in y^e Narragansett. And John Sweet and Sam^l Eldred haue liberty to transport tenn bushells of Indian corn apeice, for their distressed families.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MARCH 9th, 1675-6, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Talleott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

A letter from Major Gold was receiued and answer returned, viz: that the Councill did desire them to appoynt some meet persons to examine such vessells as transport corn out of the Colony, and to seiz whateuer is shipped without license, for the Country, &c. as pr the letter on file may appeare.

The Councill granted Mr. Wolcott liberty to transport thirty bushells of grayne, upon John Stevens' ketch, to Salem, for the supply of some of his family that purposs to pass thither shortly.

An Indian named George (as himselfe sayeth) being sent vp hither by Mr. Prat, Com^r of Saybrooke, and haueing confessed many thefts and deceipts committed by him, and that he hath been a runagaddo and vagrant among all sorts of o^r Indian enemies and others, was committed to prison to be kept there till he may be sold for sattisfaction and prevention of further mischiefe to the Country.*

A letter was allso sent to Major Andross to be helpfull to redeem G. Smeed's son, a captiue with Philip, wth promise of sattisfaction for disbursments. The letter is on file.

Mr. Way hath liberty to transport 60 bush: of corn for Boston, upon Mr. Steuens' ketch, and a barell of flower to Boston, and himselfe wth it.

The Councill appoynted the Secretary to write to Mr. Hooker to prepare himselfe to march forth wth the army, and to goe up to Hadly or Northampton wth Major Treat; and the constable to impress men and horss and such accomadations as were necessary for Mr. Hooker.

The Councill allso ordered the Secretary to write to Mr. Israell Chauncey to hasten up to Hartford to attend the Councill's orders, wth an order to impress men, horss, and accomadations for his coming vp.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, MARCH 10, 1675-6.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Willys, Major Talleott, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. Jn^o Wadsworth, C. John Allyn.

* *In margin*; "The confession of George is on file wth July files, 14, '76."

The Councill grants Edward Woodman liberty to transport in John Steuens' ketch, fifty bushells of Indian corn, prouided he take a certificate that he procures his corn by the sale of armes.

Dan^l Clarke Jun^r being convicted before the Councill for notorious reproachfull, contemptuous speeches and threatening of Major Treat, is adjudged by the Councill to pay a fine of twenty pownd and to be committed to prison, there to continue dureing the Councill's pleasure, and was accordingly committed.

Daniel Clarke haueing confessed his fault and manifested some signes of his repentance, and the Honord Major Treat haueing very earnestly solisited the Councill that they would upon his request release him from imprisonment, it was accordingly granted.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, MARCH 11, 1675-6.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Major Tallcott, Mr. Richards, Mr. Allyn, Mr. Willys.

The Councill appoynted Capt. Tho: Bull and Capt. John Standly to goe down wth Mr. Joanes and Mr. Bishop to Milford, to labour to setle the difference between the good people there in refference to their fortifications, and what difference hath arisen thereupon, &c. as p^r the letter on file may more at large appeare.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, MARCH 11, 1675-6.

Wm. Leete, Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Jn^o Wadsworth.

The Councill appoynted Mr. Chancey to be one of the Councill of the army in roome of Mr. Hooker, and allso that he should now goe forth wth y^e army as their chirurgion.

The Councill granted the Widow Pritchatt liberty to transport forty bushells of corn to Boston, for the supply of her distressed family.

Mrs. Stedman had liberty to transport fifty bush: of graine upon Mr. Stevens' ketch.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, MARCH 16, 1675-6.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Jn^o Tallcott, Capt. Jn^o Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. John Wadsworth.

In regard of the present troubles that are vpon vs, and the heathen

still continuing their hostility against the English and assaulting the plantations, to prevent their designs against vs, it is by the Councill ordered, that the watch in the severall plantations, about an hower at least before day, in each day, doe call up the severall inhabitants in each plantation within their respectiue wards, whoe are forthwith upon their call by the watch, to rise and arm themselves, and forthwith to march to their severall quarters they are appoynted to in their* and elsewhere, there to stand upon their guard to defend the town against any assault of the enemy, vntill sunn be halfe an hower high in the morning, and then the warders are to take their places ; and two scouts in each end of every town are to be sent forth on horseback, to scout the woods to discouer the approach of the enemy, and to continue on the scout, goeing so far into the woods as they may return the same day to giue an acco^t of what they shall discouer ; and the scouts are to take direction from the chiefe military officer resideing in their respective townes, how and which way they shall pass, to make their discovery. And whosoever shall neglect to giue attendance to this order in all and euery of the particulars thereof, shall forfeit fiue shillings for euery defect. This to be attended till farther order.

An answer to a letter from Mr. Fitch was returned wth an advice to him to encourage the volunteers, and to improve Vncass and Ninicroft to draw off as many of the enemy as may be, they deliuering up their armes and ammunition &c ; as allso, an advice to send home o^r garrison souldiers at Norwich ; that Edward Culver, wth about 20 Moheags and Pequots, com up to Hartford forthwith, &c : as p^r the letter on file will more at large appeare.

[No copy of the Council's letter has been preserved. The letter from Rev. James Fitch, to which reply was made, is dated, at Norwich, Mar. 13th. He acknowledges the receipt of a letter from the Council, with their order for a Fast Day,—and “blessed be the Lord who hath moved your hearts in so necessarie & seasonable worke. We intend, God willing, to take that very daye, solemnly to renew our covenant in our church state, according to the example in Ezra's time, & as was sometimes practised in Hartford congregation by Mr. Stone, not long after Mr. Hooker's death. If other churches doe not see cause to doe the same, yet wee hope it will not bee offensive ; but doe verily conclude if y^r be rule for y^t practise, this is a time wherein the Providence of God does in a knocking & terrible maner call for it.” The volunteers, English and Indian, had been out on an expedition, for a week ; but nothing had yet been heard from them. Two widows, (the one, of Thomas Howarde, slain at Narragansett, and the other, of Josias Rockwell, who was slain at Norwich,) desire Mr. F. “to inquire whether the Country will not extend mercie towards them this yeare,” in releasing them from pay-

* So in the record. Perhaps the word “wards” should be supplied.

ment of rates &c. "Daniel the Pequot, who is a chiefe man & hath as I am credibly informed expended many pounds, not so little as 20^{lbs}, in giving to the Pequotts to encourage them in service against our enemy, and hath, with others, been charged with captives, he doeth desire that he might have libertie to keep one woman & child who are now with him, to be helpfull to him & his wife in their old age." Mr. F's "Brother Daniell Mason, in respect of his wife, her condition, who being wth childe, & being desirous for her safetie to goe to Roxbury to her relations, he doth desire libertie of the Court that she may for this year dwell there." "So havinge nothing else at present," &c. Doc. 46.]

Mr. John Fennor had liberty to transport 20 bush: of corn to Rohd Island, for the supply of his brother, Capt. Fennor.

For the encouragement of such as shall goe forth volunteers against o^r Indian enemies in the Narrogancett Countrey and to prevent their gathering and settleing there, we have thought meet to declare, that whosoever shall imploy themselves in this service, whether Indians or English, and goe forth under the command of Capt. George Denison or Capt. James Avery or Lnt. Thomas Minor or Ens: Tho: Leffingwell, shall have all such plunder as they shall seize, both of persons and corn or other estate, to be dissposed by them in way of sale, so as they may best advantage themselves, provided Authority have had the first tender of their dispose of captives, alloweing them the market price; to be diuided amongst them, to the priuate souldiers, each man alike, and to the commanders so much a better part according as there is difference in their wages; and all wounded men to be healed at the Country's charge.

L^{nt} Prat haueing informed the Councill that himselfe and neighbours haue a desire to fortify his and Mr. Lay's house at Potabauge,* and that they haue about 18 or 20 men to defend the same, and that one of these garrison's will be helpfull to assist and defend the other, and y^r occasions of planting and soweing being neer about and very accomodateing for their security,—the Councill haue seen cause to grant them their desire of maintayning a garrison there as before expressed, provided they mayntayne watch and wardes there for their defence and safety. The town of Saybrooke are desired and advised to be as sparing as they can in impressing and improueing any man or men out of this garrison.

* Potabauge,—since Pettapaug; now Essex Society, in the north part of Saybrook.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MARCH 17, 1675-6.

Wm. Leet Esq. ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. John Wadsworth.

A letter was received from Mr. Bishop and Mr. Newton, and an answer returnd thereto ; the copy of which is on the file.

A letter allso was receiued from Mr. Bryant, concerning the Indians at Milford, and answer returned thereto ; a copy whereof is on file.

[Docs., 48, a. & b.]

Hon^rl Gentlemen. We haveing some trouble wth our neighbour Indians, they desiringe libertye to sitt neare vs, w^{ch} was graunted y^m vpon condition that they should heedelessly obserue the bounds & limitts propounded & inioyned y^m by vs, & they seemed to accept of & be well contented with ; notwithstanding, they voyalate them daylie. Of which our neighbours are impatient, soe that their minde & motion is, that they keepe the aforesaid bounds prescribed, or that we may deale wth them as enemies, in case of voyalation. Now we doubting the issue, haueing noe state provision to direct & shelter vs, in soe doubtfull a case, we humbly craue your advise & assistanee herein, and to send it by the post ; w^{ch} is all at present, from your freinds.

16th March, '75-6.

Alex: Bryan.

[Reply.]

S^r. Yours of 16th instant we have rece^d ; but doe not vnderstand the limits and bounds you have set y^r Indians, nor in what way & maner they have outgon those bounds, and y^rfore cannot so well give answer : therefore if you desire o^r advice in the case further, we must request further information ; and in the meane time, we must desire that you would cause all your people to carry so tenderly towards the Indians that they may not receiue any just provocation to stir them up against vs. We have enemies eno, and let us not by any harsh dealing stir up more yet. Let us walke wisely & warily that God may be wth us. To His blessing we comend you, & are your affectionate brethren,

The Councell of Conecticott, &c.

Hartford, March 16, 1675-6.

For Wor^{pd} Mr. Alex: Bryan, At Milford, This.

Mr. John Wadsworth is permitted to transport sixty bushells of corn to Boston, in Mr. Goodall's ketch.

[Letter to Gov. Andross, Doc. 49.]

Hartford, Mar. 19th.

Hon^rl S^r. The occasion of these lines is to reminde you that we formerly desired that such of o^r enemies as had made their escape into your parts might be surrendered, wth the promise of bearing the charge thereof ; as allso of the sundry applications that have been made to yourselfe that we might haue your consent by o^r agents to treat the Maquas (& to that end, to pass up your river,) and to inquire of them what service they have done in the last war against o^r enemies, that we might requite it ; allso that (if they saw cause) we might renew that ancient league of freindship that liath been between the English of New England & them. But as you well know, these reasonable motions of o^rs were (to say the least) refused by your Hon^r ; and instead thereof, (as we haue heard,) a dispose was made, either by counsell or com-

plyance or both, so that o^r enemies are resigned up to the Maquas ouer whom you haue seemed to haue comand, and we know y^r supplys must depend vpon your people. The consequence of which (as we are informed by o^r freind Indians) is, that some hundreds of o^r enemies, amongst the Mowhawks, or in company wth them, are gon forth well armed upon a designe to doe mischeif against some of o^r freind Indians or the English or both. If this be true, and a relation thereof (only by o^r historians) were sent into England, we conceiue the management of the premises would look dark, and be displeasing both to his Ma^{tie} and all true Englishmen; yea, his Highness would take no pleasure in the consequences of such services by his ministers, to the prejudice (if new troubles should so arise) of such as haue been neighbourly freinds to his Highness interest and amicable correspondents wth all his former substitutes at Yorke, and such who ever desired to be alike affected and so to find from yourselfe, (however we have not been so well understood.) But, S^r, (notwithstanding what hath past) we doe now againe desire your Hon^r to giue us what intelligence is wth you concerning the motions of the Maquas and those of our enemies that are wth them; whether they are gon forth as before, or whether there be any preparation that way. We suppose from Albany there may be certain intelligence com to your Hon^r before this time. And we also doe againe desire that you would be pleased to grant us liberty to pass up your River, to treat the Mowhawkes, according as we shall find them to stand affected towards the people of N. E. herein. We request your playn & possitive answer by this bearer, which wth o^r respects to your selfe and the Gent^l of your Councill is all at present from, Hon^{ble} S^r, Your affectionate freinds & neighbours, &c.

These for the Hon^{ble} Major Edmon Andross, Esq.
Gov^r of his Royall Highness his Territories in
America, Fort James in N. York, dl'd.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MARCH 20, 1675-6.

Wm. Leet, Esq.; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Mr. James Richards, Mr. John Allyn.

The Councill receiueing an acco^t of the late expedition by the volunteer English and Indians, doe signify it is well taken by us, so far as hath been orderly carryed in obedienee to Major Palmes and the other English commanders that were out; but what hath been otherwise done, we must see rectified when we haue opportunity to eall to acco^t, vnless such things be before taken vp and done to the sattisfaction of the sayd Major, Mr. Fitch and Capt. Auery, as respecting wampum and other goods that was taken as plunder, yet is said to belong to inocent persons not enemies: if so it shall appeare to the sayd three Gentlemen or to ourselues, it ought to be restored; for we may not allowe wrong doing nor disorder, in the persuit of our just revenge. And for the corne at Shannuek, it being in the enemies' country, we cannot but judge it to be lawfull plunder for those English that shall seiz it; yet we leaue it with Major Palmes and Mr. Stanton, to gratify Ninecraft with such a proportion as they shall think meet to bestow upon him out of the same.

We vnderstanding of much corne discovered and left in hazard to releive ennimies, or be stolen or lost, &c. we doe order Major Palmes and Capt. Mason to take some effectuall course, either by prest men of English or Indians or both, or by volunteers, for the fetching it in, or of what more may be found to belong to enemies; and whateuer is hid, and is not, before the goeing out, declared and proved to the commanders to belong to innocent persons, shalbe reckoned free plunder.

If any shall orderly list themselues either und^r the said Major or Captaines mentioned in o^r former ord^r, as volunteers, [*they*] shall haue biskit, powder and lead sufficient for the expedition, at the Country charge, ouer and aboue the encouragment formerly ordered. And in all these motions, it is our express charge and command that o^r commanders and souldiers be carefull that they doe not wrong nor abuse Ninecraft in word or deeds, but carry it civilly and peaceably towards him, with whome we resolute to maintaine freindship and amity soe long as he shall carry it freindly and amicably towards us and keep his covenant and promises in any tollerable manner.

Mr. James Fitch hath liberty to transport 40 bushells corn for Capt. Bradford, and sixty bushells for himselfe, to Swanzy or Boston.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MARCH 24, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

A letter was rec^d from Major Palmes and answer returned to it, both which are on file.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL HELD AT HARTFORD, MARCH 25, 1676.

An order was sent to Mr. Fitch to prepare himselfe to goe forth with the army against the Narrogancetts.

An order was also sent to the Commissary of New London to send vp 1600 of Bread, a quantity of rum, wth som meat, to be at Norwich by Monday next.

Vpon the notice of the enemies being in the Narrogancett country,* the Councill did order as followeth :—

* On the 17th of March, the enemy burned the town of Warwick, with the exception of a few houses.

To Major Rob^t Treat.

These are to order you to take about one hundred of your men, wth such comandars as you shall judg suitable, and make the best of your way to Norwich, and there to take vnder your command such commanders and souldiers as shall be appoynted to goe forth with you in the county of New London with the Moheags and Pequots, and to march forth in the Narrogancett countrey or Nipmug, according as you shall receiue intelgence when you com there to attaque and destroy the enemie, and such provision and estate as you can come at. And you are impowered with the advice of Mr. Fitch and the rest of your commanders to doe what in you lyeth for the pub: good, either by destroying or treating the enemie as to you shall seem best. And when you haue accomplished this expedition you are to make the best dispatch you can to return to Hartford to the Councill for farther orders.

Capt. Newbery was appoynted to improve their souldiers, of Windsor, in scouting the woods, and was permitted to appoynt som of them to assist Capt. Clarke in the remove of the desolate widow* to Windsor, provided they doe not stay out above one night.

 AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MARCH 26, 1676.

A letter being receiued from Mr. Chapman, to desire that an abatement of their proportion of men may be made, answer was returned thereto, that no abatement could be made; as p^r the letter on file more at large will appeare.

[Capt. Robert Chapman writes from Saybrook, Mar. 25th, 1676, that orders had been received from Major Palmes, to raise 20 men from that town and Lyme, for the proposed expedition; that 10 men had already been impressed, and would be ready to march as soon as the authorities could properly equip them,—there then being a scarcity of arms, in the plantation; that in consequence of “the scatteredness and incompactness” of the town, and its small population, there was great reason that it should be spared as much as possible, in the levies of men and arms; that having hitherto been annexed to New Haven County, in the raising of troops for the war, they had contributed their full quota with the other sea-side western towns, and now were called on for 10 men more, which was imposing a heavier burden on them than had been laid on any other town in the Colony, making 20 men taken from Saybrook in this war “which is very neare, and not quite, one-third part of our men;” that even in those parts of the town which were best able, it had become difficult to maintain watch and ward; that “though we must be contented to suffer *with* the rest, yet not *above* them, as we cannot see but we do,” the westward towns being only required to send men for the northern expedition, and the eastward towns being spared for the eastward, and Saybrook alone “taken in both.” He asks equal privileges for the town, with others; and the advice of the Council as to what should be done for “the

* See note on the next page.

preservation of the whole amongst vs," in case of attack by the enemy, &c. (Doc. 50.)

The reply of the Council, (a copy of which, in Mr. Leete's hand writing, is subjoined to the letter of Mr. C.) declares "that times of exigents in hostility, on a sudden arising, doe & may admit neither of the reason nor liberty to obserue y^e rule of proportion exactly, as in case of a house on fire, &c. Now this seemes to be such, in a degree; by the insurrection or incursion of y^e common enemy, whome all ought with readynes to repell, with all possible speed;" they therefore advise compliance with Major Palmes' order; yet as they are disposed as far as may be, to lighten the burden of the town, they "allow y^e 2 men now come to be fitted, to be 2 of y^e ten; with another y^t was in garrison at Wickford; so then you will be but 7 new; and (we suppose) you might be less than proportion, before;" that the situation of the town, places it "in as good capacity for safety from the enemyes, as any place in this Colony; and [it has] as little reason to be froward as any other of our townes;" and that the men must not fail of being at Norwich, by Monday night.]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MARCH 27, 1676.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

There being complaynt made that Sam^l Bissell, after his horss was prest by the Constable of Windsor, did deceiue him of him, and let him be turned out of his yarde before his face, and did not take care to haue him returned againe, which was owned by the said Bissell, for his offence therein is adjudged to pay a fine of forty shillings to the pub: Treasurie of the County of Hartford.

The Dept. Gov^r haueing rec^d a letter from Governor Winthrop, wherein he propounds a proposition of improueing Vncass, Ninicraft, &c., to use endeavoures to draw off soe many of the enemy as they can, by order of the Councill it is incerted in the sayd letter that they approve of the substance of the letter, and desire the Honord Major Treat, Major Palmes, Mr. Fitch and Mr. Stanton to make improvement of the same as they have opportunity and time to doe it, &c.

The Councill haueing appoynted Major Treat to pass over Conecticut River, and so to goe to Norwich according to former order, and they having rec^d intelligence of a party of Indians that, the last Sabbath day, did doe dispoyle there, and on Sabbath night burned great part of Simsbury,—the Councill ordered the calling back of that party that were going to Norwich;* and allso, sent a post to Norwich and

* The following order of the Council, without date, is written on a detached slip of paper, in the hand of Mr. Leete; (Doc. 44, a.)

"Major Treat being called back, with his Company, vpon the intelligence of Simsbury being burnt, & a man caryed away from Windsor by sculking partyes of Indians that seeme to lye near these plantations to doe mischief, The Counsell orders the said Maior, or some officer

New London with a letter to Major Palmes, to signify to him that the army was stayd, and that therefor we must leaue it with him, Mr. Fitch and the rest there, to act and move as they should see cause, but not to runne themselves into two great hazard if the enemies be multitudenoss in those parts; and that they should endeaueour to send out the Mowheags and Pequots in a sculking manner to suppress the enemye.

Mr. Chauncey haueing received intelligence of the death of his child and the dangerous sickness of his wife, was permitted to pass home to vissit his famaly.

[Doc. 51.]

Much honoured. I am truly sorry that I am necessitated thus to trouble you. I have lately received a letter from some freinds, who doe acquaint me with the afflicted state of my family; my wife being very lately delivered, the child dead, and my wife in danger of death, by reason of weaknesse prevailing upon her. I doe therefore humbly entreat your Worships to grant me a release to visit my afflicted family, and dear wife, if living. Excuse my boldness and troublesomenesse, and consider my condition. I hope my brother Bulkly, provided he have an easy and able horse,* will attend the army, upon their present motion; only, if it be expected, he doth desire care may be taken for an easy horse, and that it may be sent him this night. I have not further to adde but my hearty prayers for the presence of the great and wonderful Counsellor with you, in your solemne consultations, and to subscribe myselfe, Your Worships reall servant,

Is: Chauncey.

Stratford, Mar. 27th, '76.

My brother desires that care may be taken of Arthur Reed, if he goeth with the army, that he may not suffer.

The Councill ordered, that there should be a post sent to Farmington to give them notice of the burning of Simsbury, and to advice them to stand vpon their guard for their own defence.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MARCH 28th, 1676, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. John Wadsworth.

under him, to goe or send forth a party of his soldyers daily, to scout about the woodes adjacent to these townes; one day, one way & another day, another, as their comandars shall direct or conduct them from time to time, according to intelligence gained, or as they may haue speciall order from the Counsell; not aboue a fourth part of the band, ordinarily; and they may return to some of our townes each night, to quarter. The rest are to attend in their armes daily, some to warde, some to guard the people about plowing & sowing or other necessary occasions, for saueing liues, and goodes, or preventing famine, if God will."

* Mr. Bulkley, who had accompanied Major Treat's forces in the expedition northward, early in March, was wounded by a shot from the enemy, in a sudden assault made by a small party of Indians upon the English. Hubb. Ind. Wars, p. 186.

The Councill grants liberty to Mr. John Blackleach to transport twenty-foure bushells of Indian corn and two bushells of wheat and eight bushells of mault, upon Mr. Goodall's ketch to Boston.

These following lines were by order of the Councill sent to the Indians (in hostility against the English) by Towcanchason.

These are to signify unto all or any of those Indians whoe are now at war with the English, that the Councill of Conecticott haueing not wrounged the Indians nor injured them in the least so as to cause them to take up armes against us, but being called according to covenant to assist our confederates of Massachusetts and Plimouth, haue taken sundry Indian captiues and some are deliuered to vs; therefore we haue thought meet to declare to the s^d Indians that we are willing to tender them an exchang of captives, for such English as they haue in their hands; and that upon the return of o^{rs} to Hadley, where we will meet them, theirs shall be set at liberty to come to them. We also tender that if the s^d Indians doe desire any treaty with vs, and can make appeare that they haue been wrounged by any of the English, we shall endeavour to haue that wrong rectified, and heare any propositions that they haue to make vnto us; and if any of the Sachems desire to treat with vs, they shall have liberty to com to vs and goe away without any molestation, sending word when and where before hand. And they may know that we are men of peace and willing to farther peace with all o^r neighbours.

Dated in Hartford, March 28, 1676. p^r order of the Councill,
J. A. Sec'y.

These to be conuayed by Towcanchasson.

MARCH 31, '76. A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AT HARTFORD.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Capt. John Allyn^r Mr. James Richards, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

Vpon intelligence and occasion of some parties of sculking enniemies that are come downe to lye about and amongst these plantations to annoy and destroy as they can catch, the Councill doe advise and order that the people of Haddum doe forthwith agree and come together into the two uppermost best garrisoned places in their towne, to assist and defend each other, or agree to remove to some other plantations upon the River, as they may best provide for themselves and families.

The Councill findeing that the Indians are scattered about the country and ly sculking about the plantations to doe mischief, especially in the seuerall plantations vpon the River, and that sundry of the army haue great need to goe to their habitations for recruit, doe order that one-halfe of the souldiers that belong to the county of N.

'Haven and Fayrefeild shall march forth upon the scoutt to prosecute and attacque the enimie in the best way they can, and in case they meet with no part of the enimie they are to repayre to their respective habitations ; and the Assis^{ts} of N. Haven, for New Haven County, and Major Gold with the three next Commissioners, for Fayrefeild County, are forthwth to take order that there be so many new prest souldiers imprest to attend the country service as now shall return, vnless the present souldiers som of them may be perswaded to continue in the service ; and the souldiers so imprest are to be upon their march agayn towards Hartford, by Thursday next, at farthest, with their armes and ammunition compleat, well fixed and fitted for service ; to be vnder command of Major Treat ; and such as shall be disbanded, we desire notice may be taken of the time when they are disbanded, and their armes and ammunition to be secured for the country or other owners to whome they doe belong.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, APRIL 1st, 1676, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r ; Major John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

The Councill appointed Mr. Sam^l Willys and Mr. Wm. Pitkin to go to New Yorke and to p^rsent the Gouern^r with o^r respects, and a letter from the Councill, a copy whereof is on file ; and also, sundry instructions were giuen them to desire Gou^r Andross to engage the Mowhawkes against o^r Indian enemies, and to grant them leaue to goe up to Albany to speake wth the Mowhawkes, &c ; as p^r the instructions on file will appeare. Also, Mr. Alex: Bryant and Mr. Tho: Trowbridg were desired to giue o^r agents credit to y^e value of £100, if they haue occasion for it to enable them to attend the country's occasions &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, APRILL 3^d, 1676, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Mr. James Richards, Mr. John Allyn, Mr. Ben: Nubery, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

Mr. John Blackleach is permitted to transport thirty bushells of corn to Boston for the reliefe of som that are in need of corn, vpon Mr. Goodall's ketch.

Major Sauage haueing propounded to vs to send up Major Treat

to goe forth against the enemie, an answer thereto was returned and the copy thereof is on file.

Mr. Sam^l Rogers of New London bindes himsele in a bond of twelve pownd to the Colony of Connecticutt, that Nath: Baker shall well and truely pay the balance of his acco^t to the Country, when it shall be demanded of him the sayd Baker or of the sayd Rogers, and that he will discharge the Country of all charge and expence for fetching and bringing him to Hartford.

John Mawdsley is granted liberty to transport 5 barells of flower and 12 bush: of Indian to Boston, upon Mr. Goodall's ketch; the flower belonging to some of N. Hampton.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, APRILL 4, 1676.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

The Councill ordered a return of a letter to Mr. Fitch, wherein they signify to him their minds with refference to the Indians &c: as by the copy of the letter on file will more at large appeare.

Allso, a like letter was drawn up and sent to Major Palmes; a copy whereof is on file.

[Two letters from Major Palmes, dated Mar. 30th, were received by the Council, before their meeting of April 4th. The first, (Doc. 53,) written from Norwich, acknowledges the receipt of a letter from the Councill, of Mar. 27th,* with their reasons for detaining Major Treat and his forces, "so much to the dissatisfaction & expectation of our soldiery, who were ready heere to observe your orders & his comands;" Major P. could not possibly go forth in the proposed expedition, but had listed all the volunteers under Capt. Denison & Lieut. Leffingwell, and the pressed soldiers under Capt. Avery and Lieut. Minor, with orders to march "towards Egunk and so to Coessett;" there were 37 pressed men and 42 volunteers, with about 100 Indians, Pequots and Mohegans, with some of Ninigret's daughter's men; he is doubtful of the "well accord" of the English, in their march and fight, observing "many inconveniences by this mixture of pressed men and volunteers;" and desires "that for future the manadgm^t may bee left to whome you shall see cause to intrust, and not every man to be his own carver, at your charge, to engratiate himself thereby into favour with English & Indyans;" but 15 men went with the party from Norwich, all volunteers, "which may well be furnished out, when twenty men are maintained in their places at the country's charge, &c. The letter was sent by "Isaac Hazleburrough, baker, being at New London."

The second letter, written from N. London, the same day, (Mar. 30th,) informs the Council that the messenger entrusted with the former letter had been detained, Major P. expecting to send up with him, 20 Pequots and Mohegans, as the Council had desired, under the care of Lieut. Samuel Martin.

* See page 423, ante.

Major Palmes complains of "one Dible of Haddam," for going away contrary to order; and also, of Saybrook and Lyme for deferring to send their proportion of troops until they had received orders from the Council themselves. The Volunteers too, disown his authority over them, and refuse to obey any but their own officers, "and some doe not stick to say that your Hon^{rs} haue no power to put them vnder any other comand^s or upon any other servis." He asks the Council, either "to impower som more meete person to attend the servis, or else lett mee know how far my power extends, that I may keepe within bounds, and not omit what is my duty, to the prejudice of the people;" * * "for I ayme at nothing but order, and that authority may be vp-held in those that God and the People have ordered to rule; without which there can bee noe safty of our persons or estates" &c. He "humbly desires to bee freed from any publick employment, rather than want power to discharge the duty of my place, whereby the people vnder my care and charge, or the publick, may receive prejudice." He alludes to "falsehoods vented to [his] disrepute," although he cannot charge himself "with any evil or irregular action to any particular person or the public." A contention was like to arise between the Volunteers and pressed soldiers, as to the distribution of plunder and captives; upon which, the decision of the Council is asked.]

[Reply, Doc. 57.]

[The Council are sorry to learn "there is so little attendance of order, in this time of difficulty;" will call Dibble, to an account, for his irregular departure, and hope his ill example may not be followed by others; regret that Maj. Palmes's occasions would not allow him to go forth with the soldiers,—of whose safe return and peaceable deportment each to other, they long to hear; as to the disputes concerning the Major's power over the county, in his military capacity or as Commissioner, "they are altogether unprofitable, and the rayzers of them might be better employed;" Mr. Chapman had been informed of the Council's dislike of his not sending the men ordered from Saybrook; "order must be upheld and a due submission to authority mayntained, or ruin will com in; and generally those that doe most stand to mayntayne order, are by the rude multitude abused therefor;" the prudent management of Maj. P. had been well approved by the Council,—"which may yeild more satisfaction than the impertinent censures of a giddy multitude should discourage." As to the arms and plunder which should be taken from the enemy, the Council order that such arms as are brought in by the Indians should be surrendered by (or, if necessary,) purchased from them; the plunder was to be shared by the volunteers with the pressed soldiers, &c. Reference is made to the Council's letter to Mr. Fitch, which Major Palmes is requested to see, as there was no opportunity to again write the same things, &c.]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL IN HARTFORD, APRILL 7, 1676.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Major John Tallecott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

Mr. Daniel Witherly, Mr. Joshua Raymond, are permitted to send forth the Good Ketch, the New London, out of their Harbour of N. London, for the Barbadoes, and seuen men are permitted to sayle in her, and noe more; with liberty to transport bread for their necessary prouission and noe more; and the sayd Mr. Witherly and Mr.

Raymond to transport 20 bushells of pease, each of them, upon their acco^t.

Deacon Butler is permitted to ship six bushells of Indian corn on board Mr. Goodall, for his son Green.

Vpon a petition from sundry persons in Windsor that they might have liberty to cutt some wood neer their towne, dureing this present war, the Councill having considered the same, doe look upon it necessary for the present safety of o^r people that there should be some mercy shown in this case and season, and therefore doe order that the Authority in Windsor with the Townesmen, doe, on each side of the river, veiw the most convenient places and proportionable as neer as may be that no person be overburthened, and appoynt where men shall fetch wood for this present time of stress, and order allso what satisfaction shall be returned for such wood by those that shall so fetch wood.

Vpon acco^t of Capt. Denison and Lnt. Minor of their expedition against the Indian enemies neer those parts,* which acco^t was to good satisfaction, but they findeing the encouragement allowed not sufficient, The Councill see meet to declare and order that the sayd Capt. Denison and Capt. Auery, wth their Liutenants and officers, may proceed on in the like service, with such companies of Volunteers as they can prevayle withall to be listed under them, and shall for their encouragement be alowed just pay for their necessary provision and wages for their time while they are out upon service as others of o^r prest souldiers haue, and hire for the officers' horses (wth allowance for a chirurgion, if he goeth forth with them,) on the country's acco^t, and their wounded men, to be taken care of, as other prest men; they to be suited wth ammunition on the country's acco^t. They are to see that notice be giuen to the Authority of the town whence they goe forth upon the service, and so when they com in; and there to lay in the guns taken from the enemy; in leiw of which gunns they shall be allowed credit, ten shillings p^r gun for eury gunn belonging to the Indians' part, upon the country acco^t. The sayd Captaines are to order the distribution of what shall be taken, proportionably amongst the English, and according to the agreement, amongst the Indians; and all are to carry themselves orderly and in the fear of God. And we doe allso order that all people of those plantations that are gathered together into garrisons, doe continue in them to defend themselves against the assaults of the enemy, till farther order.

* See note on page 430, post.

Isack Johnson was permitted by the Councill to goe to Roxbury to vissit his afflicted freinds there, to return again the very next opportunity.

A letter to Major Palmes was sent, and the copy of it is on the file; and another to Westfield.

[Letter from Maj. Palmes, to the Council. Doc. 58, a.]

New Londⁿ, y^e 5th of Aprill, 1676.

Honrd S^{rs}. I rece^d yesterday an acco^t by Indyan intelligence of y^e good successe God had given our forces in this last expedition;* but durst not venture to give y^e country y^e charge and yo^r Hon^{rs} the trouble, till it was confirmed by English alsoe; who in som things doe vary; but the mayne, about Nanonanto is true; & might my opinion passe when there is noe helpe, I apprehend it might haue proved more for the public benifitt yf his execution had bin deferred till y^r Hon^{rs} had the intelligence first of his being seized. But for the order of it, and relation of the whole, I shall refer to the barer's† information, who I haue desyred to com vp on purpose that y^r hon^{rs} may take it from himsele, & his judgm^t what is meete farther to be don. Whereby you will vnderstand how much y^r power putt in my hands is slyted, and that you giue to others, vplanded, yf not exceeded, for the attayneing such ends as the barer can informe. Which I shall very freely comply with, yf y^r Hon^{rs} thinke it most for publick convenyence & safety; but cannot take it kindly from som persons to prosseecute there dessigns by such indyreet meanes as y^e entertayneing, if not contriucing, see many falsehoods to bee published to my disrepute.

Since the above, Capt. Denison is com hither to com vp to y^r Hon^{rs}, who is alsoe able to giue a full relation of y^e affayre & what is further to bee don; whose abillity & prudence I highly comend, soe far as it agrees with y^r Hon^{rs} orders; and doe desyre that hee may bee encouraged & invested with such power as may inable him to bare comand, to y^e subdueing such turbulent speritts as will owne noe authority but their owne will; which y^r Hon^{rs} will have opertunity to informe him of what y^r pleasure is in that respect. Inclosed is a relation of Mr. John Stanton's, which Capt. Denison can explayne; beeing what time will afford at p^rsent from,

Yo^r Hon^{rs} humble servant,

EDW^d PALMES.

* This expedition of Capt. Denison and Capt. Avery, with the eastern volunteers, had been eminently successful. They marched from Norwich on the 30th of March; and before their return, on the 4th or 5th of April, had killed or taken prisoners 44 of the enemy. Among their captives was the chief surviving sachem of the Narragansetts, Canonchet or Nanuntenoo, the son of Miantonimo. The particulars of his capture and execution may be found in Hubbard's Ind. Wars. (pp. 165-169;) Trumbull's Hist. of Conn. I. 343-345. Hutchinson, referring to this and the subsequent expeditions of Capt. Denison and his associates, says (Hist. of Mass. I. 306; note.) "The brave actions of the Connecticut volunteers have not been enough applauded. Denison's name ought to be perpetuated. The Narragansett Fight had enraged the Indians and made them desperate, and the English plantations, after that, were in greater danger than before; but this successful hunting them and ferretting them out of their burrows, sunk and broke their spirits, and seems to have determined the fate of English and Indians, which till then was doubtful and uncertain."

† The bearer, as appears from the superscription, was Lieut. Thomas Minor, of Stonington; one of the officers of the regular or pressed soldiers who accompanied the volunteers.

[The Council's Reply. Doc. 58, b.]

Hartford, April 7th, 1676.

Sr. We haue seen cause to encourage Capt. Denison & Capt. Avery to rays volunteers & to prosecute the enemie wth all vigor. We desire that they may be incouraged and wth all possible speed hasted forth against the enemie; and we doe desire that Owanecoe, Robbin and Mamahoe, may each of them haue a coate bestowed upon them; and that what provisions we haue at Norwich or New London, in the commissary's hand, that it be proportioned among the souldiers, what of it they need, for this next expedition; and that ammunition be also provided & moderately dispenced to them. We doe request your care and assistance of them, what you may, vpon all occasions, both in procureing ammunition and those coates mentioned, and what els you judg may be requisit for the encourageing & helping forward y^e designe; and some skins for Indians shoes that are in want. Sr, the Gentlemen y^r neighb^{rs} are impatient of staying any longer; (we shall enlarge to you by the next oportunitie, in answer to y^r letters;) & therefore cannot enlarge; but committ you to the guidance & blessing of God & are y^r loving freinds,

Y^e Council of Connecticut, &c.

We have spoken wth Mr. Witherell & Mr. Raymond to assist in the premises.

For the Honrd Major Edw: Palmes,
at N. London, this d^ld.

[Letter from Westfield. Doc. 62, a.]

[A letter signed by Rev. Edward Taylor and Isaac Phelps, Thomas and Josiah Dewey, and David Ashley, in behalf of the town of Westfield, Mass., dated April 5th, 1676, acknowledges the receipt of a letter of "sympathising respect," from the Connecticut Council; they had come to a conclusion to draw in the out garrisons of the town, according to the order of the Mass'ts Council, and to contract their fortifications so as to be but about 70 rods in length and 20 broad, which were to be strongly and closely fortified; and to remain there, provided they could obtain a garrison of 30 or 40 men; but, having applied to the General, he had informed them that he had no power to order soldiers to that place; and so the town was again put upon new straits and difficulties. The Bay Council had advised that Westfield should be abandoned, and its inhabitants remove to Springfield. This they were unwilling to do,—especially as many of their people were dangerously ill, with the prevailing sickness, and it would be their death, to remove. They ask advice from the Council, whether to attempt the planting of their fields; and also desire to know, if they may hope for aid from Connecticut in removing themselves and their estates, down the River, to that Colony, in case the recovery of the sick should render removal possible, &c.]

The Council write, in reply, that they sympathize with the people of Westfield in their sufferings; but are unwilling to offer any inducement to draw them off from obedience to the authority of Massachusetts, to the discouragement of other towns there; yet, they "cannot but say, when God shall open the door with safety, both for shelter to you and security to vs in reference to the disease, we shall acco^t it our duty, and accordingly be ready, to lend our assistance in your transport and give such entertainm^t as we are capable;" advising them, in the mean time, to have patience a little longer; if they should "adventure to sow some wheat, possibly [they] may find opportunity of reaping. *It's good doing what we can, and leaving the rest to God.*"

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL IN HARTFORD, APRILL 8th, 1676.

Wm. Leete Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill wrot a letter to Mr. Fitch to acquaint him that they had receiued Nanantonoe's head, and giuen the Indians each a coat, &c. ; and to order him and Major Palmes to order what they judg meet sattisfaction to the Indians for their good service, &c. : as p^r the letter on file will more at large appeare.

Major Tallcott haueing moved the Councill for a permitt to transport some corn to Boston, for the obtayning of some necessaries for his famaly and plissicall drugs, the Councill permitts him to transport fifty bushells of corn, on Mr. Goodall's Ketch.

The Councill grants Mr. Joseph Persons liberty to transport to Boston, upon Mr. Goodall's Ketch, the sume of fifty bush: of corn, the produce of his lead being part of it ; his former losses and present occasions calling for such releife. And G. Coy is permitted to transport what corn he brought from Springfield.

[Before another meeting of the Council, letters from Boston brought intelligence of the death of Gov. Winthrop.

A letter from the Comm^rs of the U. Colonies, (Doc. 59,) dated April 5th, was forwarded by Capt. Andrew Belcher. After alluding to the Governor's death and condoling with the Council in the great loss the colony and the whole land had thereby sustained,* the Comm^rs express their dissatisfaction at the course taken by Connecticut in prohibiting the exportation of corn to Massachusetts, and in refusing licenses to merchants and others, belonging to that Colony, to bring away what corn they had already purchased and stored in warehouses in Connecticut. The Comm^rs also refer to the seizure of corn on board Mr. Belcher's vessel, at Saybrook, as he was about sailing for Boston, thereby retarding him eighteen days before he secured another fair wind,—as “unusual rigorous dealing.”

A letter from the Council of Massachusetts (Doc. 61,) dated at Boston, April 7th,—thus refers to Gov. Winthrop's death:—

“It having pleased Almighty God to put a period to the life of that worthy Gentleman, your Hono^r^d Governour, who hath for so long a time been eminently a publique ornament, honour & blessing, not only to your Colony in particular, but this whole Country, wee could not but by the first dispatch these lines to you, that wee might accompany the tidings thereof with our deepe sense of so awfull & solemne a stroke ; and to lett you know that wee heartily condole wth you in this sad bereavement. Wee must needs looke vpon it as a further proceeding of that displeasure of Almighty God against his poore people in these Colonies, when such pledges of his presence & eminent instruments of good are wthdrawne. And our hearty prayer is, that both you and wee may bee humbled vnder & suiteably make improvement of all such Prouidences ; and that a proportionable measure of that spirit of wis-

* See an extract from this letter, in a note to page 273, ante.

dome, reall moderation & charity, which was powred forth on the deceased may still be inherited by all that doe survive and may stand in publicke place amongst us."

The Council then allude to the difficulties about the shipment of corn, and the detention of citizens of Massachusetts "that are following their occasions" in Connecticut; and suggest "whether the stop w^{ch} you continue upon the corne which our inhabitants have bought and paid for, and which lies vpon their account wth you, might not be speedily be taken off, least publick inconvenience ensue thereon," &c.

A Postscript gives an account of the defeat and slaughter of Capt. Pearce and his company (of Scituate) by the Indians, on the 26th of March. The enemy were 1500 strong. Capt. Pearce, his lieutenant and 63 men were slain. On the same day and about the same hour, the enemy appeared at Marlborough, burnt 13 houses, killed one man and wounded another; but were finally repulsed. On the 28th, Rehoboth was attacked, about 66 houses and barns burned, and a straggler from the garrison killed. On the 29th, about 30 houses were burned at Providence, and "one Wright" was killed, "that was neither Quaker nor Anabaptist, well versed in the Scriptures, but opinionated; would not retire to any garrison, listlesse to medle, nay, refused to haue to doe wth any civil buisnes." Mr. (Roger) Williams had had a long discourse with the Indians. Since then, April 5th, the enemy had burned one house and killed a man at Andover, and fired a house at Chelmsford.]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, APR: 10, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq', Dep. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott.

The Councill ordered the Treasurer to improve the corn that was seized at Saybrooke and taken out of Mr. Belcher's vessell, and to ship it off for Boston on Mr. Goodall's Ketch.

Mr. Goodall is granted liberty to transport 20 bushells corn to Boston.

Mr. Bulkly is granted liberty to transport 60 bush: corn to Boston on Mr. Goodall's Ketch, to purchass som necessaries and phissicall druggs.

Mr. Gidion Allyn hath liberty to transport 30 bush: corn to Boston, for the supply of his famaly. Mr. Benj: Montfort is granted liberty to transport 20 bush: corn to Boston on Mr. Goodall's Ketch. Mr. Wm. Gibbons hath liberty to transport 4 or 5^{lbs} worth of corn to Boston, on Mr. Goodall's Ketch.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, APRILL 12, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. John Wadsworth.

An Answer to a letter of Mr. Fitch's of Aprill 10, was prepared and sent to him, to order Vncass liberty to grant those Indians com in to him ground to plant in ; as appeares by s^d letter on file.

Mr. Jera: Child had liberty to transport 20 bush: corn to Boston, on Mr. Goodall's Ketch.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, APRILL 15, 1676, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r ; Mr. Samⁿ Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Samⁿ Tallcott, Capt. Ben: Nubery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Forasmuch as we haue wayted (some space since Mr. Nowell's return) to vnderstand the Generall of the Bay forces, his considerations or motions, and heareing now of his departure home towards Boston, without signifying anything to vs of his advice or expectation from vs,—the Magistrates allso from the sea-side signifying their desire to have o^r forces to remayne in their respective Countyes to which they belong ; allso, no exigent occasion appeareing for any instant motion within the compass of o^r single capacity,—the Councill doe see cause and order, that the Honord Major Treat and all his prest souldiers be dismissed, to remayn in their respectiue Counties and townes, out of pay, they and their horses ; yet the same to be in a ready fitted posture, with armes and ammunition, to be againe rallyed for a march upon call from the Councill, at a daye's warning, to be at Hartford or elsewhere as they shall be appoynted or as occasion may be for their improvement,—either the same persons or such others in their roome and stead as the Authority in each county shall impress and list presently, vpon exchang for waighty reasons, alike fitted to march for service, in each county, by the Authorities' order there or by order from the Councill. And they are to performe equall duty in their respective townes as the other inhabitants doe, while they so abide at home ; where they may attend their necessary business as others, for wellfare and subsistance, till occasion and call for the safety of the country doe take them off as afoarsayd. And if they be called off to goe out vpon an expedition, haueing planted corn, due and equall care shall be taken to carry on the dressing of it as others that stay at home.

It is allso ordered, vpon the discovery of any of the enemies being neer any plantation, it shall be in the power of the millitary officers to lead or send forth such suitable force as can be (in his judgment)

spared, and are capeable to attaque, destroy or repell such enemies ; and all the officers and souldiers of each plantation are, in every such case, to obey the comands of their cheife commanders, upon their utmost perill.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, APRILL 17, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

Whereas Major Palmes hath had sundry captiues deliuered to him, and Major Winthrop, by Ninicroft, and those he bought of Capt. Pembleton and Ens: Leffingwell, which are now in the hands of the Pequots and Moheags, besides some others that the Pequots formerly tooke captive before Capt. Denison went out, which are not otherwise dissposed by the Councill, The Councill orders that they be forthwith delivered to Major Palmes and Major Winthrop upon their demands, they allowing just satisfaction for their keeping of them the time they haue kept them ; and all persons besides are hereby prohibited the receiueing or buying them of the Indians, without licenss first obtayned from the Gen^l Court or Councill.

Major Palmes is permitted to transport fifty bushells of graine to Boston the next fitting opportunity for the supply of his there ; he himselfe is also permitted to pass to Boston to vissit his famaly and attend some necessary occasions there.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, APRILL 18, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dep. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcot, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Honord Mr. Sam^l Willys manifesting his inclinations to endeavour the effecting of a peace between the English and Indians, wth the assistance of Major Winthrop and Mr. Stanton, the Councill for the encouragem^t of the sayd Mr. Willys in so good a worke, declare, that if he please to make a tryall what may be done for the accomplishment of an honourable and safe peace between the English and Indians, with the assistance of Major John Winthrop and Mr. Tho: Stanton, it will be acceptable and acknowledged a worthy undertaking of all who shall labour in the same, which the s^d Gentⁿ are desired and impowered to attend.

A letter also was sent to Major Andross, to desire him to vnder-take according to his letter by Mr. Willys &c. as p^r the cobby on file will appeare.

[Mr. Samuel Willys and Mr. William Pitkin, who had been sent to New York, as bearers of a letter to Gov. Andros, and commissioned to submit to him the propositions and requests of the Council, had now returned to Connecticut. Copies of their communication to Gov. A., and of his reply, certified by Mathias Nicolls, Secretary, accompany a letter from him to the Council. (Doc. 63, a. & b.)]

To the Hon^{ble} Major Edmund Andros, Governour of his Highness' Territories in America.

Sr. Having presented to your Honour the Letter which we received from the Secretary of the Councell of Connecticott Colony, according to our instructions and the import of that Letter, as Agents sent from the said Councell, We doe in their behalfe desire,—

First, That your Hon^r will please to informe us of what intelligence you have as to the State & Place of the Indyan enemyes of y^e Colony of Conecticott, and what correspondency the enemy holds with the Maques & Sinnekes; and how the said Maques & Sinnekes stand affected towards the said Colony of Connecticut, according as your Hon^r is advertized or knoweth?

Secondly, That yo^r Hono^r will advise us what is best to be done in exciting the Maques & Sinnekes to prosecute their and our enemyes, according as is propounded in the said Lett^r; and what present (if any) yo^r Hon^r will advise us to give them to that end?

Thirdly, If your Hon^r advize us thereto, that you will please to afford yo^r aid and conduct to us therein, and an Interpreter, with what else may in yo^r Hon^{rs} prudence best effectuate the same.

Fourthly, What liberty yo^r Hon^r will grant us to passe to Albany, or any other convenient place in yo^r Governm^t, to excite the said Indians according to our instructions, to proceed against our enemyes?

Yo^r Hon^{rs} Humble Serv^{ts},

New Yorke, Apr. 10, 1676.

SAMUEL WILLIS,
WILLIAM PITKIN.

An Answer to the Proposals of Mr. Samuel Willis & Mr. William Pitkin, in the name of the Councell of Connecticott, from whom they brought a Letter dated April the 1st, most mistaken & ineffectuall.

You are sent Agents to Salute, but not authorized or empowered to Treat or Conclude, by said Councell's Letter or otherwise that appears.

1st. I know of noe commerce or correspondence with such Indians; but upon the Rumor of your Warre, (having made fitting preparations,) when said Indians did approach our confines were repulsed by our Indians (the Maques and Sinnekes) & as wee are informed are retreated beyond Connecticut River; but am ignorant if our Indians have any particular knowledge of you, which should bee best known to yourselves.

2^d & 3^d. Having already taken fitting orders, hope the Maques &c. will doe their duties as they ought to this Government, on all occasions, & cannot bee subject to two.

4th. Think it strange that you should ask to treat with any branch of this Government apart & upon your own account. And that notwithstanding the neighbourhood, and all my endeavours (unask'd,) that you have hitherto & still keep mee a stranger to all the concerns of your said Indian Warre.

New Yorke, Aprill
the 10th, 1676.

These are true Copies, examined by mee,

By order of the Governour in Councell,

Matthias Nicolls, Sec^r.

An Answer to the Councell's Letter.

Gentlemen: This being the first seeming application and notice considering the publick calamities in yo^r parts, therefore, (not to loose time,) if you desire and will take fitting & present Resolves accordingly, I am ready to use my endeavours to procure an hon^{ble} & safe peace betweene you & the Indians; which if I cannot obtaine by faire meanes, then to use such other as may bee proper for mee; and wholly to remove all manner of jealousyes, shall suspend all further demands of that part of yo^r Colony claymed by his Royall Highnesse, (to remaine as it is,) till a determination from England. Desiring your speedy answer,

Your friend,

E. ANDROSS.

To the Councell or
Authority of Conecticut Colony.

[The copy of the Council's letter, of April 18th, in reply, has not been found. Its receipt by Gov. Andros and his Council, was acknowledged in the following Resolve,* "brought by Mr. Burr from N. Yorke and delivered to the Dep. Gov^r & Assis^{ts}, April 27, 1676, [as] attests, John Allyn, Sec^y."]]

April 23th, 1676.

Resolved That,—The Letter from the Councell of Conecticut of the 18th instant, being onely generall and, as formerly, no suiteable returne, requires no answer; but shall continue our duty without entrenching on our neighbours.

Aprill 21, 1676. John Bate being convicted by a writing under his hand, owned by him, of mutinous endeavours tending to the disturbance of the pub: peace and incensing the natives, was by the Dep. Gov^r Major Tallcott and Capt. Allyn committed to prison, to continue there dureing pleasure.

Aprill 24, 1676. John Harrison and John Bate bound themselves in a recognizance of thirty pownds to the Colony of Conecticott, the condition of which is that the s^d James Bates shall carry good behaviour towards all persons and things in this Colony till the County Court in Hartford in Sept^r next and then appeare and take up his bond;—acknowledged before John Allyn, Sec^y.

AT A MEETING OF THE DEP. GOUVERNOUR AND SUNDRY OF THE COUNCILL, APRILL 27, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Benj: Newbery.

A letter was writt to Major Gold to desire him to send such of their Indians (and som English wth them) as are willing to goe to

* The copy of this Resolve which was received by the Council has no signature or other authentication, but is in the hand-writing of Matthias Nicolls, Secretary of the New York Council.

joyne with the volunteers in New London County as p^r the letter on file will appeare.

A letter to Capt. Denison was allso writt, to encourage him to a vigorous pursuit of the enemie, a copy whereof is on file.

A letter allso was sent to Major Palmes, and another to Capt. Mason, to assist in fitting out the volunteers.

A letter allso to Mr. Russell of Hadly was sent, to advise y^m to continue in their habitations, and to defend themselves, and not draw all into one town &c: as p^r the copy on file.*

A letter allso was sent to y^e Gouverneur and Councill of Massachusetts, to encourage them to improve the Indians against Indians &c. as p^r y^e copy on file.

[This letter to Gov. Leverett and the Massachusetts Council, (Doc. 66,) was enclosed with the one sent to Mr. Russell at Hadley, to be thence forwarded to Boston. It urges the recall of the advice which had been given to the people of Hadley, to desert their town and repair to some one of the more strongly fortified towns for defence and protection; and remonstrates against the abandonment to the enemy of so rich and valuable a portion of the Connecticut valley; recommending, instead, that encouragement should be offered, by allotments of land, to new settlers, who might be gathered in sufficient numbers to provide effectually for the defence of the town against the enemy.

It refers to the expeditions of the eastern volunteers, "part English and part Indian, who doe attaine good successe, hitherto without losse of a man. The other day they kild & took 76 prisoners; many before; and are preparing to goe out againe. Why may not yourselves set out such volunteers of both sorts, and encourage, as wee doe, who doe grant them all plunder, & giue them victualls, wth amunition, & souldyers pay during the time they are out," &c.]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, MAY 1st, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq^r. Dept. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Mr. Georg Gardner is permitted to pass to Boston and Salem vpon his necessary occasions, and to return wth all conveniencie they can.

Mr. Wm. Gibbons is permitted to pass to Boston & Salem vpon his necessary occasions, upon his promise of his speedy return hither.

The Indians formerly sent up the country being returned wth a writeing from some of the Sachems and a messenger from Suc-

* Doc. 65. The letter is long, but the record above sufficiently expresses its contents.

quance, the sayd Sucquance his messenger was returned, wth this following writing ;*

To Pessicus, Wequaquat, Wanchequit, Sunggumachoe and the rest of the Indian Sachems up the River about Suckquackheage, these ;—

You may hereby be informed that we have received your writing brought by o^r two messengers and by Pessicus his messenger, and in it we find no answer to what we propounded, and therefore once again we haue sent these lines to you, to informe you that, as we sayd before, we are men of peace, and if they will deliver unto us the English captives that are with them, either for money or for captiues of yours in o^r hands, to be returned to them, wee shall accept of it so farr ; and if they will attend a meeting at Hadly within these eight days, if the Sachems will com thither bringing the captives with them as a signe of theire reall desire of peace, we shall appoynt some to meet them there, and to treat them upon tearmes of peace ; and they shall haue safe conduct both in comeing and while they stay ; and they shall have free liberty to depart, if we doe not agree of tearmes of peace. But to this we doe desire their speedy answer, to be brought to Hadly, within five dayes ; and if one or two men come with the Sachems' answer to this and come without armes, with a white cloath vpon a pole, they will receiue no damage, and their answer will be speedily handed down to vs. They know we never use to breake o^r promise to Indians, and doe keep peace with all o^r own Indians, though some fewe are kept in a comfortable house, put there by theire own free will as pawnes for the rest, till the wars be ended, and are well used, as freinds not as prisoners.

Dated in Hartford,

May 1st, 1676.

Pr order of the Councill of Conecticott,

signed, John Allyn, Secret'y.

Whereas the Councill haue condescended to a treaty with the Indians, at a meeting of o^r agents with theirs at Hadley eight dayes hence, it is desired and we thinke meet to send a sufficient guard thither to attend that action and its consequence, by doing what may be expedient for the peace and wellfare of the country. It is therefore ordered that Captaine Newbery at Windsor, Lnt. Wadsworth at Hartford, Lnt. Holister at Wethersfeild, and Sarj^t Howkins at Farmington, doe their best endeauour to rayse as many volunteers within their respectiue townes as they may, to be ready fitted wth horses, proission and ammunitiion, to march thitherward from Hartford upon the next second day, vnder the conduct of the sayd Captaine and Officers and such other under-officers as they shall appoynt. The Magistrates and Commissioners in each towne are to doe their most to help forward this designe, by promising them the

* [In margin,] "The Indian Messenger, Tiawakesson."

same encouragement as is granted to those in New London County ; and what shall be wanting in volunteers to make up a hundred souldiers are to be taken out of the listed men in each town, provided there be thirty-two at Hartford, thirty-two at Windsor, twenty-one at Wethersfeild, and fifteen at Farmington, rayseed and sent forth on this expedition.

Termes propownded to all Indians that surrender themselves to the English.

1. That we expect of all such as come in shall euery man, bring in all the armes which they have used in the war, with their ammunition.

2. They shall submit ever to live under the English Government as the Pequots and o^r other Indians at Hartford &c. doe.

3. That they shall dwell where we appoynt untill the war be ended, and afterwards where we will appoynt them land to plant on.

4. That they shall be subject to all such officers as we shall sett over them from time to time, both English and Indians, according to o^r orders made known to them.

5. They shall not war nor joyne in war with others, but by consent of this Government.

6. They shall allwayes assist the English against their enemies, when called, as o^r owne people doe.

All such as so submit and observe shall have their lives and meet liberty of hunting and fishing, they doing no prejudice to the English or their cattell.

A letter to the Gentⁿ of Hadly was sent to desire them to receiue y^e answer of y^e Indians and to post it down to us ; as p^r the letter on file at large will appeare.

[A letter from Mr. John Russell and others, of Hadley, dated April 29th (Doc. 67, a.) acknowledges the receipt of the Council's letter, of the 27th ; the people of Hadley were encouraged to the prosecution of the war, and their "spirits more than ever heightened wth desire & earnestness to be going forth against the enemy ;" the Indian messengers [sent by the Council to treat with the Indians gathered about Connecticut River, near Deerfield,] were returning, and the Council are cautioned against giving too implicit credence to their reports, for "they doe, (especially he that belonged to these parts) labour to represent the enemies state as much to their advantage as may be, whether agreeing with the truth or not."

The Council, in reply, caution the people of Hadley against engaging in hostilities with the Indians about the River, whilst the treaty with them is in hand ; five days had been allowed the enemy to bring an answer to Hadley, to the terms offered them, (which are recapitulated, from the orders before given) if they are willing to treat, two of their number coming to Hadley without arms, with a white cloth upon a pole, are to be received without harm, and the message they bring, to be posted down to Hartford. If this proposed treaty should not be successful, the Council will be ready to take what resolves shall be found most advantageous for the public ; but are doubtfull whether it will be prudent to attack the enemy whilst so many captives remain in their hands, whom they will, in such case, be likely to destroy, &c.]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MAY 18,* 1676.

Major Rob: Treate Esq. Dep. Gour; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott.

The Councill haueing heard Robin Cassacinamun's demands of Ninicraft, viz: a debt of forty pownd that he paid Mr. Stanton and Mr. Minor for Ninicroft, about 100 fathom of peag, giuen to Robin, the Pequots and Moheags by Ninicroft, and a parcell of peag that they tooke of the s^d Ninicroft; as allso, Corman made a demand of wampom that the Moheags haue taken from Ninicroft's sqa and bro[ther,]—the Councill advised them to lay aside all controversies for the present, and to follow and prosecute the war as vigorously as may be.

The Councill upon the request of Mr. Steven Richeson, John Frinck and Nath: Beeby, haue granted that they shall take to themselves those gunns now in their hands, (to be prized to them by Mr. Richeson and Lnt. Sam^l Mason,) in part of wages due to them from the country.

The Councill ordered the Treasurer to procure twenty yardes of trading cloath, to be dissposed amongst the Pequot Indians, which was accordingly done; and an order was sent to Mr. Christophers or Mr. Latham to giue Robin a shirt, on the country acco^t.

A letter was allso by the Councill sent to Mr. Stanton, wherein was granted to him twenty pownd for his good service and expenses, to be payd out of that estate was left at his house, to be prized by Mr. Richeson and Lnt. Sam^l Mason; as more at large by the letter.

[A letter from Thos. Stanton, Sen., to Secretary Allyn, dated at Stonington, May 10th, 1676, informs him that Ninigret is very thankful for a present of powder and lead from the Council, and has a further request to make of them,—that they would compel Uncas and his men to restore the wampum belonging to his (Ninigret's) wife and brother-in-law;—for this purpose he had sent Corman, his chief counsellor, and his brother-in-law, to lay his complaint against Uncas before the Council. Mr. S. advises that Ninigret, who had been faithful to the English, should receive speedy justice at their hands; wonders at "Uncas his pride and arrogancie, and covetousness; it will bee well if hee proove not as bad as Phillip to the English, and that it bee not proved against him that hee had a great hand with Phillip in hanging the bell about the cat's necke, in convenient time." Mr. S. had been at great expense and trouble in securing the fidelity of Ninigret to the English, and in other services, during the war; and had suffered greatly in his estate. He asks that £25 may be allowed him, in partial compensation. [Doc. 69.]

Robin and Cormon's demaunds of each other are upon the file, wth the Councill's answer thereto.

* The General Court met on the 11th of May, and continued in session until the 18th.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MAY 19TH, 1676.

Present, Major Rob^t Treat, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn.

The Councill doe appoynt and fully impower Mr. Daniel Withereell and Mr. William Douglas, of New London, to be Commissarys to the army, at that place or elcewhere, as they shall be appointed, to see to the provissions, arms, amunition or other such things as shall be needfull for the warr, and to provide what shall be wanting and dispose of such things as are committed to them or either of them, according to such orders as shall be giuen them, and the duty of that place in all respects: and what either of them shall doe in attendance of that duty shall be held as good, whether it be for impressing or quartering or any other thing within the compass of that office; and they are to keep true accompts of all their transactions, and to render their accompts, or any estate of the countrey's in their custody, to such as shall be empowered to require and receive the same.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, MAY 20, 1676.

Major Rob^t Treat Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Capt. John Allyn.

Upon the intelligence of the last engagement up the River,* the good people desireing assistance from vs, we haue thought meet and accordingly doe order that eighty men, vnder conduct of Capt. Benj: Newbery, be forthwith rayased to march to North Hampton, upon Munday next, there to continue for the defence of those plantations, for the present. Those that are to goe are, from Windsor, 32; Wethersfeild, 20; Hartford, 12; Midleton, 11; Farmington, 5.

A letter from Hadly and North Hampton was rec^d, wherein they declared their present state, and were desirous of o^r assistance; which is on file, wth the answer to it, dated May 20. And a letter to the Gouvernour and Councill, moueing them to send ayd to assist against the enemie in those parts up the River.

Capt. Newbery's commission is on file.

* The great "Falls Fight," on the morning of May 19th. The Indians, assembled in the vicinity of Deerfield, were attacked by a party of about 160 soldiers gathered from Hadley, Hatfield and Northampton, and more than two hundred of them slain; only one man of the English being killed in the engagement. As the soldiers were returning to Hadley, the Indians having recovered from their surprise, fell upon their rear, and killed Capt. Turner, the commander, with 37 of his men. (Hubb. Ind. Wars, 201-206; Letter of Rev. Mr. Russell, May 32d, in War, I. Doc. 74.)

[No copy of the commission is preserved. A letter from Capt. Newbury, to the Council, dated at Northampton, May 24th, (Doc. 76.) gives an account of his movements to that date. According to orders, he had hastened northward to the relief of the upper plantations. At the earnest solicitation of the people of Westfield, (who had seven slain and wounded in the last expedition, and their garrison thereby weakened,) he left three men there, who were willing to remain. He then went onwards to Northampton; finds the people desirous for motion against the enemy, and himself thinks it will be "for great advantage to be so doing as soon as may be." The enemy appear to feel secure, though of no great number; but about 300 were said to be at Quabang. If Major Talcott would come with his forces, or if the Council would send only 50 or 60 men, he would willingly attack the Indians; and the men would rather be in action than remain in garrison; "little is likely to be *got* by garrisoning, whatever may be *saved*." If the Council do not see best to send more forces, Capt. N. asks their advice, whether it be not best to go forth with the men he has and those who could be procured thereabouts; for the enterprise ought not to be long deferred. He "further propounds whether it may not doe well y^t Samuel Cross and those *dogs* he hath may not be advantageous to y^e present motion, to be sent up."]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MAY 24th, 1676.

Major Rob^t Treaté Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Dan^l Clarke, Mr. John Wadsworth. Mr. Sam^l Talcott.

Vpon the acco^t from New Haven of the difficulty of improving those officers that the Gen^l Court pitcht upon in that County, the Councill did order and appoynt that Lnt. Moses Mansfelld shall be Captain of those new-rayseed forces in that County, for the present service, and Mr. Sam^l Eiles of Milford, Leivtenant, and Daniel Sherman, Ensigne,—all which will be expected to giue due attendance according to order in their respectiue places, and commissions will be prepared accordingly; and signified the same to Mr. Joanes and Mr. Bishop in a letter.

The Councill appoynted and ordered that Major Talcott, Capt. Mason, should advise wth Uncass concerning the sending of a present vp to the Mowhawkes, and what may be a suitable present, and the way of convayeing it to them; and if it be attaynable in those parts, to endeavour to procure it.

The Councill ordered Major Talcott when he should come down to Norwich and those plantations, that if he can perswade the Indians to be willing to com up forthwith, that then he return to Hartford to march up the country; but if the Indians be vnwilling to com up at present, that then he should goe forth unto the Narrogan-cett country or into those parts, one turn, wth all the speed that may be, &c.

It is also ordered, that Major Talcott when he is downe at Stone-ington, he should examin the matter about the present of wampum by Ninicroft given for the Pequots and Moheags; and if he sees noe reason against it, then to divide it amongst them in the best way he may for the attainment of generall satisfaction.

Major Talcott's comⁿ and instruction, copyes of them are on file.

[Doc. 77.]

Instructions for Major John Talcott.

1. According to the commission you have received, you are to march to Norwich, the place where your army is appoynted to meet you, and if you can by any meanes perswade the English commanders and Indians to be willing to com vp with you hither, to^e goe forth against the Indians at Pa-comptock and those parts, that then you lead your army up to Windsor, avoyding Hartford and Wethersfield, taking a pilot at Norwich to shew you that way; and to send a post before you to give notice of the same; that so suitable prouision may be made for you.

2. But if you find the Indians unwilling to come this way, then you are to march forth into those parts, one turn against the enemy, wth all dispatch; and upon your return to march vp, according as is exprest in the first artic-kell, if you hear nothing from us.

3. You are carefully to see to the preservation of your army, both man & horse; and to that end to see that their armes & ammunition be sufficient, their victuals wholsom & competent; you are also to see that they peaceably demean themselves among themselves.

4. You are also to see that there be such inferior officers appoynted as there be good regiment in your army; with a commissary for each company.

5. Also that in your march you have your Forelorne, front guard & rereward, carefully sending out your scouts for espiall and discoverie of the enemy.

6. Also, if it please God to giue you opportunity to engage the enemy, you are to use your utmost courage & endeavoure valiantly to set upon them, and to kill & destroy them, according to the utmost power God shall giue you.

7. Also, that you endeavoure to bury your slaine, if any be, and see your wounded well dressed by the chirurgions.

8. In case any of your Comⁿ officers nominated in the commission assigned for him, fayle of coming, you may cross out the name incerted & place the right name in roome thereof.

9. And you are to order Mr. Dan^l Withrell & Mr. Dowglas to deliuer what provision & ammunition you stand in need of for the use of the armie.

If you heare any of our plantations are assaulted, you are to hasten to their reliefe.

10. Also, that you give us often intelligence of your affayres, successes, losses, intents &c. Finally, in all your matters you are so to act as, in your judgment, may best conduce to the mayne end of your sending forth, namely the suppressing the enemy and preseruing the English. So we commit you to the mercy of our God whose battles you are to fight.

[The Commission bears date, May 26th. The commission officers, with the Rev. Mr. Bulkley and the minister of the army, are constituted Major Talcott's Council. Capt. George Denison is appointed second in command. The forces to meet at Norwich, on the 27th of May. (Doc. 79.)]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, HARTFORD, MAY 26, 1676.

Maj^r Rob: Treate Esq. Dep. Gov^r; Capt. John Allyn, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Whereas the Gen^l Court ordered that there should be 600 bushells of wheat rayseed upon the county of Hartford, to be proportioned by the Authority of this county, upon the severall plantations, to be improved and baked into bread for the country's use, which is thus proportioned;—upon Hartford, 174 bush.; Windsor, 152; Wethersfeild, 134; Farmington, 74; Middleton, 46; Hadum, 20;—which is to be rayseed forthwth and brought to Hartford, to be ground into flour and baked p^r the baker, all except Windsor proportion, which is to be baked there. The Secret^y to send out warrants to the respective townes, accordingly.

May 30, 1676. To all Christian freinds, the good people unto whome these p^sent writeings shall come greeting; Whereas we haue receiued a letter bearing date May 5, '76, from one John Kingsley, of Seaconck or Rehoboth, whereby we are credibly informed of the great straights, difficulties and wants, not onely of o^r Christian freinds there, but of very many of o^r dear freinds the Lord's people in that Colony of New Plimouth and elsewhere, by reason of the prevaileing of the cruell enemie, by burning, killing and destroyeing people and places not a few; and being called upon for releife, we haue thought fit to recommend it to your pious consideration to remember the poore and them that are in bonds, as bownd with them; it being a worke that even nature, God, and man calls for of us, to extend o^r compassion and charity for the supply of o^r distressed freinds' necessities, whose lowd cryes of their misery doth answerably call for o^r liberallity and mercy, least the Lord should justly turn his hand from them to vs. We desire that you would appoynt one in each congregation, to receiue your liberality and to take care for the speedy and effectuell sending the same to Boston and Seaconck, to be distributed to those in necessities. Deacon Walker of Seaconck is recommended to vs as a suitable person to receiue and distribute what shall be sent to Seaconck, and the rest may be sent to Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Mather of Boston, to be by them put into some faythfull hands, to be distributed amongst the people in necessity in the Massachusetts and Plimouth Colony. (Mr. Shepherd, added.)

[John Kingsley's letter. Doc. 68]

Ser, I sallve you with al^l that cal on the Lord Jesus, thayer Lord & oweres. I did despach a few lines to New Noriage & so to you & the rest on your river, but fearing it should not com to your hand & those which it concerns, I nowe, in my sicknes that the Lord hath laid on vs as hee did on Iob—I am now in an fever or ague, yet I doe ivdg I folow Pale,* I can say truly that since ovr wares begun my flesh is so gon with feare, care & grife

* I do judge I follow Paul?

& now this sickenes, my skin is redey to cleave to my bones. Now being vnkowne to you beloe on the river, I say I am the 1 man & onely left of those that gathered the Chvreh that is now in Dorchester, yet of lat have lived at Rehoboth or Seconke & hath sufered deepe, with my neigbhovres. Now to tel you what wee have & how wee are like to sufer, my hart wil not hould to write & sheetes would [not] contayne. I am not able to beare the sad stories of ovr woeful day,* when the Lord made ovr wolfish heathen to be our lordes, to fier our towne, shout & holow, to eal to us to com out of our garisones. Som did goe out alife, with suesese; but had not ovr God restrayned them, thay were enow to have swalowed vs all vp. Thay burnt our milles, brake the stones, ye, our grinding stones; & what was hid in the erth they found, corne & fowles, kild catel & tooke the hind quarters & left the rest, yea, all that day that the Lord gave lisoness [license,] they burnt cartes wheles, drive away our catel, shipe, horses, in a word had not the Lord restrayned thay had not left won to have tould of our woful day. Wee lost but on siley man that day.† Wee are shut vp in our garisones & dare not goe abroad far to our outlandes, without som strength. Som of our souldiers are removed. Nobodey comes to say, how doe ye. Counsel from Bost. & Plimoth was to stay, oneles all had gon that could & left the rest to perish, yet now every rod of ground neare garison is broaken vp & where house & barne stood now put in beanes & sqvashes; but alase, what wil doe against famin!

Now to leave all ovr danger, fear of sword, famen stares vs in the face. Now to my comfort I heare you have store of corn, ye, tho you doe not sow in som yeares. Now misery cales for mersey but I consave† is distres. The truth is my hart wil not beare to write. Ah, the burden that I beare night & day, to see the blesed & loving God thus angrey, & wee have not a Profet to tel how longe, & to say this or these are New Englandes sinn. For general sin cales vseley [usually] for generall plague; which is now. Deare bretheren, if there be power in your handes, doe not say, goe away & com agayne. It is betur to die by sord then famen. Therefore I beg in my Lordes name, to send vs som meal; for if wee send it [to] Road Island there is won wolf in the way, & hee wil have money, which won of 40 hath not it to pay, tho thay starve; yea, 1th for 1 bushel, caring & bringing. There is another, that is the miller, & hee takes an 8 part. O New Ingh., when wilt thou leave opresing. It may be in som of your mindes to say, why doe not the hed men write, but onely this ould pore man. I say onely, I wil lay a mantel on my shoulder & goe pakewardes. There is but too [two] that knowes of my writing, & the won descoriged me; but I know how earnest Pal beged prayeres that which hee cales grase might be expectet.

I pray if this com in to the hand of aney that fere God, doe not stifel it, but impart it to others, that those who have a wiling mind may hav a hand to save vs from famen. I doe not beg for money to bild houses, Ah noe, noe. If any wil send meale, pray let deacon Walker distribit it. I knowe no man like minded.

It would be a dishoner to such a people as you, to vse argements to stir you

* The Indians assaulted Rehoboth, on the 28th of March. "They burnt thirty barns and near upon forty dwelling houses, thereby as it were threatening the utter desolation of that poor town." [Hubb. I. Wars, p. 162.]

† "Robert Beers, slain ye 28 March, 1676," [Rehoboth T. Records.] "It is said that he was a religious, but eccentric and superstitious man; and that on the approach of the Indians, he refused to go into the garrison house, but sat down in his own house, with the bible in his hand, believing that while he continued reading it, nothing could harm him. He was shot through the window, and fell with his bible in his hand." [Bliss' Hist. of Rehoboth, p. 96.]

‡ This is believed to be the reading of the original; but the meaning is obscure. Probably one or more words necessary to complete the sentence, were omitted by the writer.

vp to such a worke. I leave this & you all to the good hand of God, throw Jesus Christ, who is the define head of that blessed Covenant of Grace & fovntayn of all good. Bere with my writing, who came of my sicke bed to make an end of these lines.

John Kingsley.

4 or 5 of 3 Mon. 1676.

If aney that here or reede wil trvst mee won barel of indien meal & won of wheat, I do promies to pay, I or mine, when the Lord shall tvrn to his people with peace.

If aney know or here that Enoes Kingsley be alive, at Northampton, lett know that I his father am a live tho no shelter for my gray head, onely with won swine God left when hee sent our enemyes to be ovr lordes, & blessed be his holy name; hee gave & hee tooke. I prayed sevn yeares to be fited to sufer comon calamity; so the thing I peared [*feared*?] is eom on mee; but alas I am redey to fant in the day of adversetey & shew my strenght is smal.

[Directed.] For his much honered frend the preacher of the gospel at Harford, Connecot, these, with speed, as consernes maney.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, MAY 30, 1676.

Major Rob^t Treat, Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. Allyn, Capt. Danⁿ Clarke.

The Councill in answer to a letter rec^d from Mr. Fitch, returned the continuance of their desires of his goeing forth wth the army according to the order of the Genⁿ Court, except he should by weakness be disinabled, and in such case, that then Major Tallcott was impowered to supply his army some other way.

[Letter from Rev. James Fitch. Doc. 80.]

Worshipfull St. Major Tallcott hath desired mee to informe you concerning the enemye what intelligence wee have. The sune of which is, that by Indeans from Wabaquassog & others of Pequott, its the generall reporte of all that the cheife place of theire wimen & children is at Watchoosuck, not farr of from Quabaug; that they have planted at Quabaug & at Nipsachook, nigh Coweesit; that Philip's men & the Narragansetts are generally come into those abovementioned places, onelye Pesieus, one of the cheife of the Narragansett sachems, did abide up at Pocomptuek wth some few of his men. Its harde to determine the matter vpon Indean reports; but if the Major should march towards Watchoosuck, it seemeth most probable y^r may be an oportunitie of service; & if the oportunitie faile, yet he will be in a capacitie to moove either vp into the countrie towards Pocomptuek,—from w^{ch} its not very farr,—or of moving downwarde towards the sea, according as he shall gaine intelligence. I can onely informe; I dare not in such weightie & doubtfull matters perswade.

The Major hath beene speaking to mee concerninge my goeing with the armie. I am willing to serve God & his people, but consideringe my infirmitie in all respects for such a servise, & at this time not being in such health as vsually, & that the armie may be supplied wth some more able; besides the constant occasions wth the Indeans, especially if they come in according to your instructions given vs; I doe therefore desire you would order Mr. Noys of Stonington, or some other, to goe forth wth the armie. And if it should, vpon some small attempt in these parts, appeare to be most for pub-

licke good for the army to moove vpward towards Pocomptuck, I hope you will not press our men & Stonington to goe thither; our frontier townes will be left very naked; & by late expeditions the enemy are more provoaked against these townes then ever. But the good will of him who dwelt in the burninge bush dwell in the midst of his people, and the Angell of his presence be our Leader; who is wonderfull in counsell & excellent in workinge; & supporte, comforte & cheare your hearte in your solitarie state, and make vp a supplye to you & yours with his owne spirit; & then no other good needfull can be withelde: So I remaine, Sr, Yours to serve to my poore power,
James Fitch.

29th May, (76.)

[*Superscribed,*] These for the Worshipfull Capt. John Allyne, at Hartford, Pr.

[No copy of the Council's reply is preserved.]

A letter was allso sent to Major Tallcott, to advise against a march to Watchossuck, and to encourage a ranging about Nipchossuck and those parts, and then to march up the country on this river, except som thing prejudiciall to the designe appeare to them; and allso, that if they should march up the river, they might leaue N. London county of the east side Conecticut River at home, &c: as more at large by the letter on file will appeare.

[A letter from Major Talcott, Norwich, May 29th, (Doc. 81,) repeats in substance the intelligence of the enemy's movements, &c., contained in Mr. Fitch's letter of the same date. He, with his company, arrived at Norwich on Saturday night, "an hour by sun;" Mr. Wetherell promised a supply of 4000 of bread, by Tuesday; and the miller and baker, at N. London, were kept awork night and day; it was desired of all hands that those 80 soldiers up the River might accompany the expedition, as "the Indians belonging to Vncass and Joshua, being much sadened at the death of Joshua (who was buried on Saterdag past,) will not goe with us with such a numb^r as otherwise might have been expected;" New Haven company made Norwich on Saturday night; Fairfield company not yet come in; Mr. Fitch saying he had not yet received the order or request of the Council to go forth with the expedition, it is desired that one may be sent to him.

The Council, in reply, (Doc. 82,) "do not see reason to order a march up to Wachossuck (if it be that place neere Nashaway, as we suppose it is,) for it is neerer to march from hence thither; and the Bay will look after y^m; yet possibly it may not be amiss to range about Nipsochooke & those parts," according to such intelligence as should be received; the soldiers up the River could not be brought down in time to accompany the forces under Major Tallcott; news from the Bay was hourly expected, and "possibly some action may be that way speedily;" the soldiers from New London county, east of Connecticut River, were to be allowed to remain at home, if the forces marched northward; but it was desired that Capt. Denison should accompany the army, and that such Indians as can be procured should march with them. The Council ask Major T. to take all opportunities to send intelligence of his movements &c.; and, in conclusion, "pray that the God of armies, the Lord of Hosts, may goe before you, encourage your hearts, strengthen your hands, fight your battails for you, dash the devices of the enemy, dismay, destroy and deliver them up into your hands, & return you with good success, in his owne best time."]

The constable of Midleton complayneing that he could not rayse their proportion of wheat ordered on their town, it not being to be had there, was by the Councill ordered to rayse what he could upon the inhabitants of Midleton that had wheat, and to grind it and bake into bread and send it vp to Hartford wth all speed.

The Councill ordered that the Secretary should send forth warrants to the Commissary, to take care that there be a parcell of shoes prepared for o^r souldiers, as many as he can procure to be made by the shoe-makers in those parts, and that they follow it wthout interruption: and allso, to procure some lead, to make bullets for the armie.

Another letter was sent to Major Tallcott, to inform him of o^r receipt of letters from the Massachusetts,* and to order him to meet them at Hadly: and to leaue Capt. Denison and 70 men to hunt the Narrogancett country; as p^r the letter on file appears.

[The letter to Major Talcott, (Doc. 83.) communicates the news received in the letters from Massachusetts; and the purpose of the Massachusetts General Court to despatch "500 men, horse & foot, with some Indians, to visit the enemies head quarters at Watchosuck or Watchussets, takeing it in their march to Hadley to join with our forces and Indians, which they hope and desire may be proportionable, to pursue and distress the enemy, if God please," &c. The Council propose two things for Major Talcott's consideration:—"first, that you march wth your forces intire thorow the country to Hadly, taking Nipschosuck in your way, or to com from Nipschosuck through the Wabaquassuck country hither & so up the country;" or else, that Major T., with about 200 English and 100 Indians, should march to Hartford, and leave Capt. Denison with the rest of the English and Indians to do what they were able, in those parts. * * "If you return, & leaue Capt. Denison there, then he must act & is hereby impowered & ordered to act by & according to his former commission, or wth such further cautions as you shall see cause to further instruct him in. If your body march up intire, then you had need leave the souldiers of those townes or a considerable number to guard those plantations." &c.]

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, MAY 31, 1676.

Major Rob: Treat Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Dan^l Clarke.

* Two letters from the General Court of Massachusetts, (bearing date, 23d and 26th of May,) were received by the Council on the 30th. These letters announce the determination of the Court, to send out forces, from Boston, to fall upon the Indians at and about Wachuset and Quabaug; and ask that 100 Pequot & Mohegan Indians might be despatched from Connecticut, with some English soldiers, to unite with the garrison soldiers of Hadley, and the other river towns in an expedition against the enemy at Squakeag, Deerfield or elsewhere in that region. The letter of May 26th gives an account of the progress of the war in Massachusetts and Plymouth Colonies; and of the operations of the forces commanded by Captains Henchman and Brattle. [Docs. 75, 78.]

Vpon the receipt of a letter from Capt. Newbery, informing of the assault the enemie made upon Hatfield, and that two of o^r men were slayn and two wounded, the Councill wrote a letter to Capt. Newbery to advise him not to send o^r men scouts, because they knew not those woods; to secure his horses, and to keep his men together in one towne; as p^r the letter on file more at large will appeare.

[Capt. Newbery's Letter. Doc. 84, a.]

Right Worshipth:

Sir, by post from Hatfield we received intelligence even now that y^e Indians have donne much spoile; many howses burnt, without the fortification: several men from Hadly went over for y^r releif, of which y^r is five kild and three wounded; two of our men kild, Jobama Smith & Richard Hall; John Stoe wounded in the foott, and Rodger Alvis is also wounded in y^e foot; John Smith of Hadly kild, and two of y^r garrison souldiers; y^r was about a hundred & fifty Indians y^t fought; y^r vp the meadow all like to be kild & taken, but y^r men issued out from towne for y^r releif; none slayne till almost come vp to y^e towne; many more Indians y^r were at y^e towne doing spoyle, at y^e same time y^t o^r men were fought wth, they drew off and ambusht y^e way twixt Hampton and Hatfield, to lay waitt for o^r forces; but fearing it before hand, went not that way, but drew over to Hadley; could not gett to Hatfeild by reason they lay so thiek about y^e landing place; many cattle and horses slayne and taken away: y^t is y^e substance of w^t intelligence we have to impart. The Lord sanctify his hand to vs for our good and be p^rsent wth you in all yo^r waighty concerns vnder hand. Intelligence from Boston you haue already. Not else but cordiall respects to yo^rselfe and all relations wth you; take leave remaining, Yo^r humble serv^t,

Northampton, May
y^e 30th, 1676.

Benjamin Newbery.

[A copy of the Council's reply, (Doc. 84, b.) is written upon the baek of Capt. Newbery's letter. The record gives a sufficient abstract of its contents.]

[Letter from Major Talcott. Doc. 85.]

[Major Talcott writes from Norwich, May 31st, that his army had been detained at that place much longer than was anticipated, waiting for a supply of bread from N. London; they had now procured 4000 weight of bread, and impressed 6 bbls. of pork and 26 gallons of liquors, with other necessaries; that the Mohegans and Pequots were indisposed to accompany the army, complaining that their former services had not been sufficiently rewarded; but that, after long debate, they had been induced to join the expedition. The day before, (May 30th,) 18 Wabaquasset Indians, with 70 women and children, came in to Norwich,—bringing with them two young English captives, of 12 and 10 years of age, belonging one to Sudbury and the other to Nashaway; the lads' names were "Joseph Joslyn and John Jacus." Major T. had decided on marching "from Norwich to Egunek, in hopes to salute the enemye there, and from thence to Wabaquasut, and from thence to Watchuset, and call at their door, that if possible we may face the enemye, (although it may proue very difficult in reason to psue those foxes upon their flight, because every swamp is become a secure hiding place, the leanes being grown to such a perfection;)" and from Watchuset to go to Quabaug and Hadley. The Norwich men were to be left at home, except some few "to wayt upon the reuerend Mr. Fitch, who purposes to engage with us on this

expedition, to the good satisfaction of all." The forces numbered about 240 English and about 200 Indians.

Major T. had "giuen an order to ship the two lads and the mayd* (returned from their captivity) on Seipp^r Prentice (now at Norwich with his vessell)" to be conveyed to Boston and delivered to Gov. Leverett.]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JUNE 6, 1676.

Major Rob: Treat Esq. Dep. Gou^r ; Mr. Samⁿ Willys, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Danⁿ Clarke.

Vpon Mr. Stone's motion to the Councill that there may be some stated allowance for his labours at Wethersfeild in Mr. Bulkeley's absence, considering the present troubles and the difficulties and charge that is upon the country, the Councill doe not see themselves in a capacity to give such incouragement as they would, and therefore desire the sayd Mr. Stone to accept of twenty shillings p^r weeke, which they shall order out of the next country rate, for the time he hath or shall improve his labours amongst the people there, p^r order of the Councill or Genⁿ Court.

The Councill considering the oppressing damage that may befall some people if the severity of the law be exacted where men cannot discharge the country levy in the specia ordered by the Genⁿ Court, for p^rvention hereof and that an equitable value may be put upon such estate as by the Constables shall be seized of any person for discharge of his rate, doe recommend it as an expedient to the attaynement of right between the payer and receiuer, that meet and indifferent persons be appoynted to value such estate as shall be leuyed for the discharge of the s^d rates ; for Windsor, we propownd Deacon Moore and Jacob Drake.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JUNE 7TH, 1676.

Major Rob^t Treat Esq. Dep. Gov^r ; Mr. Samⁿ Willys, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Danⁿ Clark, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill doe judg it very necessary and may prove very advantageous for offence to and defence against the comon enimie, that some discreet person be improved in each town, either of millitary officers or, by their desire and appoyntment, some other, that may, at suitable times appoynted that may be least prejudiciall to general

* Not elsewhere mentioned in the letter.

occasions, call forth not only the traine souldiers but allso youths under sixteen yeares of age, such as may be judged capeable, and instruct them in handleing their gunns, charging and discharging at markes, directing those that need, in such necessary motions, postures and actions as may be requisite to fit them for such service as the condition of the country and the proceedings of the enemy may call for. And it is desired by this Councill that the parents and masters of such youths would promote the effecting of the premises, for the publike and their own benifit.

[Letter from the Council, to Gov. Leverett. Doc. 86.]

Hartford, June 7, 1676.

Honrd Sr. By sundry letters from you & your Honrd Councill and others of those parts, we have been informed of that solemne & awfull stroke of God's hand in the remoue of o^r late Honord Governour, and of your sympathizeing with vs in that sorrow. We request the continuance of your prayers to the Lord for vs, that this solemne dispensation may be so sanctified to vs that we may thereby be awakened to a due consideration of God's dealings wth us, so as that we may thereby be brought to a deep humiliation for that which provoakes the Lord against vs, & to a true, unfeigned heart returning to the Lord from whome we haue departed; and that the Lord would pour out a double portion of his Spirit vpon those of vs that doe survive, that (if it be his holy pleasure,) his people may have some to goe in and out before them.*

And now, Honrd Sr, we cannot but with great thankfullness acknowledg your abundant & enlarged respect to o^r Governour, not onely in the time of his life but allso at his death, & after, in that great respect you manifested, in yo^r noble eurtsey in profferinge your house for the receeption of his corpse & those Honourable persons that attended the interring thereof. Although we know you had a great respect for o^r Govern^r & his famaly, which might arise from your acquaintance wth him and his worth and abilities, yet we allso do see good reason to acknowledg that that relation he stood in to o^r Colony was highly honoured by the respect & honour you were pleased so frankely to put vpon him in those last ceremonies & offices of love that were capeable to be manifested towards him; and we shall vpon all occasions be ready to manifest o^r deep sense of & thankfullness for the same as if it had been done to o^rselves & Colony. We are truly sorry, and desire to sympathize wth you in your sorrowes by reason of the solemne removes of men of honour & worth, that haue lately been made amongst you, by God's holy hand; and especially for the shakings of his rod over yourselfe, by those paynes & sorrowes that [are] often vpon you. The Good Lord for his mercy sake rebuke these infirmities & distempers, grant you ease & refreshment, manifest himselfe vnto you, fill you wth the cof[un]sell[s] of his Spirit, & continue you long to liue & be a blessing to His wilderness people, and hand you well through your difficulties.

* Across the foot of the page which contains the copy of this letter to Gov. Leverett, are written the lines, (Ovid; Epist. ex Pont. IV. 3.)

"Omnia sunt hominum tenui pendentia filo;

Etsubito casu, quæ valuere ruunt."

and on the other side of the leaf, in the same hand writing (that of Mr. Samuel Willis,) the Latin is quantly paraphrased,

"All that man holds, hangs but by slender twine;

By sudaine change, great things doe soone decline."

S^r, We haue yet noe tidings from your or o^r armie. Our army were to march through the woods from Norwich to Quabaug & so to Hadly, (they being appoynted & upon their march thither before we heard from your Court.) They began their march June 1st, or 2nd at farthest; 440 we suppose English & Indians; & we haue about 80 at N. Hampton to joyne wth them. The good Lord grant them good success, & send vs good news! We haue not to add, but the tender of o^r respects & the assurance that we are, S^r,

Your Hono^rs affectionate freinds & humble
servants, the Councill of Connecticut,
p^r y^r order.

For the Hon^{ble} John Leverett Esq.

Gov^r of the Massachusets, at Boston, y^s d^d.

[A letter from Major Talcott, written from "Northhampton, June 8th, 1676, at 10 of y^e clock at night," was received by the Council, the following day: (Doc. 88.) It gives an account of his march, "from Norwich to Wabaquasut, at which place suppose was about 40 acres of corne, and a fort, but none of the enemy to be found;" thence to Chanagongum in the Ninap [Nipmuck?] Country, where on the 5th of June they killed and captured 52 of the enemy; the next day marched towards Quabaug, where they arrived on the 7th, about noon; had sent 27 women and children, prisoners, to Norwich;—reached Hadley, on the 8th; but the Bay forces were not yet arrived; had quartered out the soldiers, and now awaited further orders from the Council.* If the Council "cause any bread to be made for this wilderness worke, it had need be well dried; great part of o^r bread is full of blue mould, and yet kept dry from wet;" a barrrell of powder and 300 weight of bullets were needed by the army, and the Council are asked to "send up those sent down (for bullets and powd^r) with all possible speede."]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JUNE 9th, 1676.

Major Rob^t Treat Esq. Dept. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill ordered the Treasurer should send his order to Major Gold and the Gentⁿ of that County, that forthwith they should send two hundred bushells of wheat and two or three barrells of porek, to New London. The wheat to be baked into bread forthwith, for the service of the country; the former provision being allready expended.

The Councill also ordered that the Commissary should provide three hundred waight of bullets and a barell of powder, and a small cask of wine and another of liq^{rs}, to be sent up to o^r Honrd Major Talcott; and accordingly to provide caske, and horssees and panells,

* "This was a long march in which the troops suffered greatly for want of provisions. It has ever since, in Connecticut, been known by the name of the long and hungry march." [Trumbull's H. of Conn. I. 347.]

and what els may be necessary for the conuaying of them to Northampton, wth a parcell of flints.

The Councill allso ordered, that there should be six horssees and fower men prest at Windsor, to be ready at L^{nt} Fyler's to-morrow morning, by sun an hower high, to conuay some ammunitioun to Northampton, wth two panells for two of the horses.

It was also ordered, that the Constables of Hartford should impress six horses and fower men to goe up to Northampton wth some ammunitioun to the army there, and two horssees more to conuay som ammunitioun to Windsor.

[Major Talcott, in a letter dated at Northampton, June 11th, (Doc. 90,) acknowledges the receipt of the Council's letter of the 9th inst., "by Capt. Denison, who with his company came up in safety to Northampton about midnight, with what [was] sent by him" for the supply of the army. A letter had been received from Major Henchman, dated at Marlboro on the 9th; and an answer was immediately despatched by Major Talcott, to be posted with all possible speed to the Massachusetts forces, urging Major Henchman to hasten his march to Hadley.]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JUNE 19, 1676.

Major Rob^t Treat Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Capt. John Allyn.

Mr. Benj: Mountford fayleing of some pay the Treasurer allotted him, the Councill allowes him to transport 20 bushells of Indian corn to Boston on Mr. John Ward's vessell, in lieu thereof.

The Councill doe recommend it to Mr. James Steele and Sarj^t Standly to lade what contribution corn they haue gathered for the releife of those that are burnt and droue out of their habitations by the Indians, on Mr. Richard Lord's vessell,* who engageth to run the venture of it, and to dispose thereof as the Councill shall order, and bring back receipts of the disspose thereof.

The like is recommended to Mr. Demon for Wethersfeild, and to Farmington men, and in the rest of the townes in this County, onely what is in Windsor is to be reserued for farther disspose.

We doe recommend it to Mr. Blackleach and Mr. Warde to disspose to Rohd Island people and Seaconck, Taunton and Swansy, if they be in distrese and want, one hundred bushells of Indian corn and more if they stand in need; but in case they be supplied there,

* [In margin;] July the 22^d; Mr. Lord is released the carrying of the corn, and Mr. Ward is to cary it.

the whole of what is with him is to be carryed to Boston or Plymouth, according as there shall intelligence appeare there is most need ; to be disposed, if at Boston, by Mr. Richards, Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Mather and Mr. Shepard, to such as are distressed by the greivousness of this war, especially in Plymouth Colony, we being moved by some of them to this contribution.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JUNE 21ST, 1676.

Major Rob^t Treat Dep. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Daniel Clarke, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

The Councill ordered that Mr. John Hull be called to Hartford, to looke after the wounded men at Hartford or Wethersfeild, forthwith.

June 22, 1675. Major Tallcott wth the army being returned from Norwottucke, and giueing an acco^t that they had been up at the Falls above Pacomptock, and scouts being sent up the River on both sides and on the east side as high as Sucquackheag ; and not discovering the enemie to be in those parts, but that rather they were retired back towards Watchosuck or into the Nipmug country ; and that they were vnder no engagement of farther conjunction wth the Massachusetts forces, and the Indians being unwilling to goe forth agayne, before they haue visited their habitations ; The premises considered, the Councill doe see cause to order that Major Tallcott with his forces, in pursuance of his commission, as soone as they can be recruited, doe forthwith march out against the enemie, so as that they may reach Wabawquassuck upon Wednesday next, (the Indians not being able to be ready sooner ;) and from thence that they proceed to attack and destroy the enemie as God shall deliuer them into their hands. And we doe wholly leaue it wth the sayd Major Tallcott and his Councill of warr to moue and act in the pursuit and prosecution of the enemie, as God shall direct them, here, or there, according as they shall find advantage to doe most spoyle upon them, expecting they will doe what in them lyeth for the attaynement of the end afoarsayd, in the best way and maner they can as afoars^d ; ordering them to attend what farther orders they shall receiue from the Generall Court and Councill of this Colony, from time to time.

The Councill ordered that Mr. Witherly and Mr. Dowglass send to Norwich to be deliuered to Commissary Tracey seven hundred of

bread, a barell of porck, ten bushells of pease and fifty bush: of Indian corn, and the powder and bullits in their hands and fifty pownds of tabaccoe ; and in case Capt. Denison send for any Indian corn, what he sends for is to be abatted out of the fifty bushells of corn they are to send to Norwich, all which is to be at Norwich, Munday night next.

Mr. John Wadsworth was impowered to release such of the souldiers that belong to Farmington, as are disinabled for attending the country's service, either by sickness or otherwise and cause others to be impressed in their stead, well fitted to attend the country's service at the time appoynted.

The Councill ordered that there should be a coat giuen to euery Indian that hath been out in the service this long march, in regard the service was tedious and little or no plunder gayned, and accordingly coats were deliuered to all but seventeen of the sea-side Indians, which the Dep. Gov^r was requested to take order were provided for them and bestowed upon them there, and nine of the Farmington Indians, which Mr. Wadsworth was desired to accommodate them wth coates, all upon the Country acco^t.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, 23^d JUNE, 1676.

Major Rob^t Treat Esq. Dep. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

The Councill doe appoynt the Commissary to endeauour to procure so much flesh, or good cheese, for the souldiers that are to goe forth in the next expedition as may make 4 lbs. of fat porck or bacon a man.

Vpon the earnest solicitation of the Indians, the Councill see cause to release Seacutt, Turramuggus and Wunnameise from being hostages, the Indians haueing carryed neighbourly to the English, and they promiseing to carry well for the future.

A letter was allso sent to Major Hincksmen not to stay for o^r army's comeing up to them, but to engage the enemie at Watchosuck &c ; as more at large by the copy of the letter on file will appeare.

A letter was allso sent to the Gouvernor and Councill of Massachusetts, giucing them an acco^t of o^r affayres, and to desire them to send us some ammunitiion, and duffells &c. as p^r the copy of the letter on file will appeare.

A letter was allso sent to Mr. Richards, Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Mather

and Mr. Shepherd, to be helpfull in disposing what is gathered by the contribution, to the people in distress, especiall those of Plimouth Colony that are outed of their habitations by the fury and rage of the enemie, as p^r the letter on file doth appeare.

[Doc. 92.*]

Hartford, June 24, 1676.

Honrd, Reverend & beloved in our Lord Jesus.

The deep sense we would beare vpon our hearts of the greate duty of fellow feelinge in the wants and distresses that at this day of Jacob's trouble is come vpon our deare friends & brethren in some parts of the Massachusetts and Plimoth Colony by reason of the rage and fury of the enymy who have laide divers of their habitations and some places wast by fire, it hath moved the spirits of our people in this Colony (tho' their estates are alredy exceedingly exhausted in aidinge and assistinge their neighbours in the warrs with the Indians,) accordinge to their present meane capacity, very willingly, through the mercy of God vpon vs, freely to contribute their benevolence for the succor and reliefe of the poore; such, we meane, (especially of Plimoth Colony, yourselves no doubt hauing refreshed the bowells of those of your owne Colony who haue been distressed,) as haue bin bereaved of their comforts by the fire and rage of the enemy. And therefore haue thought fitt to comitt it into your hands, in full assurance of your care and prudence, to communicate it in such a method and by such proportions as in your wisdome you shall judge most needfull, and to answer what is desired in this free will offeringe, wh. we hope may be acceptable to the Ld. and gratefull to the poore saints in their afflictive bereauem^{ts}. And we shall accordingly appoint the Collectors in the severall churches, to transmitt it to yourselues, by the first opportunity, in full confidence of your answeringe the end proposed, in sutable distribution of what is collected in this Colony for our distressed bretheren.

Part of what is gathered in this county is committed to Mr. Ward's care for transportation & for distribution, if he and Mr. Blackleach see need, at Rohd Island & Swanzey &c., about one hundred & ten bush: they may distribute; the remainder will be delivered as you shall order, in Boston. And our other towns have formerly been advised to send what is wth them, by the first opportunity to Boston; where you will have notice of it; and we hope you will not let the vessells be stayed for want of appoynting a place to receive it of them. We shall not enlarge, but wth our respects to you & desires of the benefit of your prayers in this darke day of Jacob's troubles, we commend you and all your concernments to the guidance & blessing of the Lord; and are your affectionate friends & servants,

The Councill of Conecticott,

For the Worp^l Mr. James
Richards, & the Rev^rnd

p^r y^r order, John Allyn, Secry.

Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Mather & Mr. Tho. Shepherd.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JUNE 26, 1676.

Major Treat, Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott,
Capt. Allyn, Capt. Dan^l Clarke, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

* The copy on file, (which appears to be the original draft,) is in the hand writing of Mr Samuel Willis.

The Councill, for the better management of the company belonging to the county of Hartford, so as that they may best be advantaged to promote the publique good and attayne the end for which they are raysted, haue thought meet againe to divide the company, and doe appoynt Capt. Newbery to command one company and Capt. Standly the other parte, Lnt. Holister to be Capt. Standly's Lnt. and Jn^o Wyat to be his Ensigne: John Maudsley to be Ens: of that Company Capt. Nubery is Capt.

Mr. Richard Lord is permitted wth his vessell and company to sayle to Boston, and to return with what speed he may.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JULY 1, 1676.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^{ll} Willys, Capt. Jn^o Allyn, Capt. Clarke.

The Councill ordered that eight pownd of the money gathered in the late contribution for the poor distressed people in o^r neighbour colonys be delivered the widdow Cole, in leiw of forty bush: of wheat of hers, at Hatfeild, which is to be dissposed to the poore there that haue suffered loss by the Indians' rage, to be dissposed by Mr. Russell, Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Mather to them as they see most need, according to their best discretion. And accordingly a letter to that purposs was sent to Mr. Russell, Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Mather, signed by the Secret^y.

[Letter from Major Talcott. Doc. 97.]

July 4, 1676, at Mr. Stanton's Farm house at Monacontauge.*

Honrd Gent:

These may acquaint you that we made Nipsachooke on y^e first of July and seized 4 of y^e enemye, and on the 2d instant, being the Sabbath, in y^e morning about sun an houre high made y^e enemys place of residence and assaulted them, who presently inswamped themselves in a great spruse swamp; we girt the s^t swamp and wth English & Indian sould^{rs} drest it, and within 3 hours slew and tooke prisoners 171, of which 45 prison^{rs} being women and children that y^e Indians saved aliuie, and the others slayne; in which engagement were slayne 34 men, tooke 15 armes; among which slaughter, thatould peice of venum, Sunck squaw Magnust was slaine, and o^r old friend Wata-

* Mr. Thomas Stanton owned a farm at *Quanacontaug*, a neck of land about five miles east of Pawcatuck River.

† Magnus, (elsewhere, Matantuck, and Quaiapen,) the sister of Ninigret and wife of Meika or Mexam, a son of Canonieus; after the death of Meika (about 1667,) Magnus was known as the "Old Queen" or Sunk squaw of Narragansett. [Potter's H. of Narragansett, p. 172: Trumbull's H. of Conn. I. 347.]

waikeson,* Pesseccus his agent, was slayne, and in his pocket Capt. Allyn's Ticket for his free passage up to his head Quart^r.† On July 3^l, we turned down to Providence and received enformation that y^e enemye was there to make peace with some of Road Island, upon which enformation, being willing to set o^r seal to it, posted away, and drest Providence neck; and after that y^e same daye drest Warwick neck and slew and tooke captiues 67, of which were 18 men slayne, tooke 11 armes, three lost in y^e riuers and swamps, that y^e enemy threw out of their hands on purpose to defeat us; and of this number is 27 captiues, and the whole number taken & slayne in these 2 engagements is 238. Not unto us but unto y^e Lord be the prayes; we lost but one of our Indians in both our engagements, and none of o^r English, for which we haue cause to bless the name of o^r great God that hath so gratusly pleased to defend and preserue us in y^e midst of all o^r difficulties. And on y^e same 3^l instant haucing advice that Philip was beat down towards mount Hope, were desirous to haue wayted upon him, but could not preuaile wth o^r Indians, altho' all possible argum^{ts} used by Mr. Fitch and all others y^r had any intress in them (but we must trade in anothe^r way when we use Indian sould^{rs} againe, for p^rventing of their turning their backs upon us;) upon which consideration my Councill resolved it was not safe for us and the health of y^e Colonyes intress in o^r Indians to break wth them, and o^r army to be devided, p^rceiueing it would haue been very much disgusting to them if we should haue parted; and therefore turned down to Mr. Smith's on y^e 4th instant; and on y^e fift instant (upon former enformation of great stoor of Indians in those parts,) drest Boston Neck, and the neck at point Juda, but found but one old woman who was left asleep; and made Mr. Stanton's farne house (at Monacon-tauge) with all o^r forces at night; and are now passing towards you. My Councill and sould^{rs} alsoe being impatient without liberty might be granted for their lookeing homewards becaus of their pressing occasions, was constrained to grant that o^r County should looke homewards, and that New haven & Fairfeild sould^{rs} should pass homewards to be ready when called againe; or if yo^r pleasure should be for a p^rsuit after the enemye, that they may be turned back at New Haven, where (I doubt not) yo^r order may meet them. We thought if we should stay in these parts we must suck o^r fing^{rs}, or eat up the people's promise to satisfie hunger; for o^r Indians (we conceive) would not be ready under a week's time at soonest; and understand there is noe meat layed in for o^r sould^{rs}, if we should turn out againe; and therefore must haue stayed here a longe time before we could set out againe; and not knowing what occasion might be towards yo^r north bounds, thought it as cheap for the Country that we should be turning homewards as lying still here; hoping we shall be ready to receiue and obserue yo^r further orders when declared. Mr. Fitch can giue you a more perticuler acct of matters, whom I have desired to wayt upon you with these few lynes; and at p^rsent shall giue you noe further trouble, but wth subscription of my selfe, honrd s^{rs}, yo^r unworthy serv^t

JOHN TALLCOTT.

Posteript: Mr. Fitch, Capt. Denison, Capt. Nub^y, Capt. Standly, Capt. Mansfeild & Capt. Selleck, wth Mr. Bulkly & y^r rest of o^r officers desire to p^rsent y^r service to you.

* "Sucquance his messenger," who "was returned with a writing to Pessicus" and the other sachems, from the Council, May 1st. See page 439, ante. The name of the messenger is there written *Tiawakesson*.

† [In the margin] "And the old sunck squa's great councillor was slayne."

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JULY 8, 1676.

Wm. Leet, Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Jn^o Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcot, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott.

The Councill haueing taken acco^t of this last expedition from the Honord Major Tallcott, and noteing a smile of Divine Providence in their good success against the enemie, doe see cause to order a p^sent dispatch of them out againe to persue and prosecute the war to the utmost of their ability, (as well to dispoyle the estate as to destroy the persons of all Indians in hostility against the English,) together with all such Indians as are willing to goe out under the Major's command, as the English doe; whoe for their encouragement shall have all the plunder they can get of goods, with ammunition suitable for the expedition, provided they doe orderly behaue themselves till the service be over; allso, they shall haue Indian corn for their provision, dureing the term. All are to march so as to be at New London on Tewsday, the 18th instant, and there the sea-side men are to take bread more than what is to be had at their respectiue townes, whence they are to bring what meat or cheese is necessary, about 5 lb. a man, and fifteen pownd of bread p^r man.

The Magistrates of each county to see the impowering and imployeing the constables to fitt out both men and things as there may be occasion by any want or faylure of commanders or souldiers now to be sent out, to impress others in their room. Each man to have a horse, and a quart of liq^r; and the souldiers to have as many cutleaxes as they can. Letters to this effect are by the Secretary to be sent to the authority in each county, signed in the name of the Councill; a copy of which is on file.*

The Councill haueing receiued a letter from Major Andross dated July the 5th, 1676, in Albany, which was receiued July 8, made answer thereto and deliuered the same to Lnt. Jarrad Tuneson. The sayd letter and answer to it is on file.

* Doc. 101. a. The letter contains nothing of interest, beyond what the record itself supplies. It is addressed to the "Dept. Governour and Assistants in New Haven County &c: so to Major Gold & Capt. []"

The reply to this letter, by Dep. Gov. Treat, dated, New Haven, July 14th, (Doc. 103,) informs the Council that he had "promoved what [he] could at such a busie season, the incumbants in" their letter received: "Tod's vessell" had been sent to Fairfield, to take in 60 bush: of wheat and 50 of Indian; a barrell of pork, 30 bsh. of wheat and 30 of Indian, at Milford; 10 of wheat and 50 of Indian, at N. Haven; to be carried to Mr. Wetherell, at N. London, for the use of the army.

[Letter from Gov. Andross. Doc. 98.]

N. Albany y^e 5th of July, 1676.

Gentlemen : Our Indians, the Maquas &c. as far as Sineques, having done very great execution on yo^r Indian enemys,* of w^{ch} I doubt not yⁿ receive y^e fruits & are very sensible of itt. This is by Lif^t Gerett Tunesen & Cornelisen Steuensen sent Expresse, on occasion of a party of neare 300 Maquase &c. now going out, who complain that severall other partys have lately found none of said enemys & thinck you have made peace & shelter them. I therefore desire that you'l without delay lett me know if itt be so, in y^e whole or part, & what else of said enemys, where they are (& againe) whether you'l admitt our Indians, Maques &c., to come into y^r townes, & by what signe; that I may take such order as may preuent any inconuenience w^{ch} might happen by there intruding to far, & proue of too badd a consequence, they being so strong & farr off.

Cospechy & 15 more, & some woemen & children have delivered themselves vp to me, whom I have sufficiently secured. I pray y^r speedy answer, and that you'l send a fitt person, of yo^r owne, by whom I may be y^e better informed to doe what is further fitt for me; w^{ch} expecting in this place, I am,

Y^r affectionate neighbour to serve you,

E. ANDROSS.

[The Council's Reply. Doc. 100.]

Hartford, July 8th, 1676.

Hon^rl Sr. Yours by L^t Jarrad Tuneson we have this day rece^d, & are thankfull that you are pleased to take such notice of your neighbours in this time of warr, & hope now your Hon^r is in those parts you will fully fasten the Maquase (who (if reports be true) are naturally inclined to persue the enemie,) to take all oportunities to make what dispoyle may be upon those Indians who haue most perfidiously & treacherously risen up against the English & done great dispoyle upon o^r neighbours in sundry of the Massachuset & Plimouth plantations; & you may hereby be fully assured that we haue made no peace wth the Indians, neither is there at p^sent any thing amongst us looking that way; but the contrary; for we sent forth from hence, June 27, about 300 English vnder comand of Major Talleot, wth a party of Indians, whoe upon the 2^d day of this instant, at a place called Nipsachog, kild & tooke 171 of the enemie; and upon y^e day following met wth another party of the enemie & kild & tooke 67 of them. And our army are but this day returned to recruit themselves; and we are now mett upon consideration to frame another expedition against them; and shall be glad if the Maquases would also speedily prosecute them in those northern parts, above Suckquackheag & farther up this river; & eastward from the river, about Watchuset, where we are informed are a party of those Indian enemies that haue dissypoyle much of y^e comforts of many people of y^e Massachusets & Plimouth Colonys.

* Increase Mailer mentions the report at Boston, about this time, that the "Indians who are known by the name of Mauquawogs (or Mowhawks, i. e. man-eaters,) had lately fallen upon Philip, and killed 40 of his men." [Brief History, p. 38.]

"King Philip and some of these northern Indians, being wandered up towards Albany, the Mohucks marched out very strong, in a warlike posture, upon them, putting them to flight, and pursuing them as far as Hassicke River, which is about two days' march from the east side of Hudson's River to the north-east, killing divers, and bringing away some prisoners with great pride and triumph; which ill success on that side, where they did not expect any enemy, having lately endeavoured to make up the ancient animosities, did very much daunt and discourage the said northern Indians," &c. ["Letters to London;" re-printed by Mr. Drake in the Old Indian Chronicle, p. 99.]

As to what you write concerning or admittance of the Maquaes into or Townes, the enemy being so far off of us, there will be no occasion for it; & we cannot engage for those upper townes of Springfield, Westfield, Northampton, Hadly & Hatfield, they belonging to another Colony. Yet we thinke at first it may be best, if the Mowhakes haue any occasion to com neer those Townes & are in want of prouission, that they send some small party to fetch such necessaryes as they want; & that a signe by your Hon^r be given & signified to the people there, by which they may be knowne; (some yallowe cloath may be best;) and that those that come may haue your Hon^{rs} certificatt with them; and we shall aduise them to comply with the same; for we would not in y^e least giue any just occasion of prouocation to the Maquaes, whoe haue, euer since or first coming into these parts, carryed peaceably towards vs.

As for those Ind: your Honour mentions, which you haue sufficiently secured, as Caspechy &c., they, viz. Caspechy & som others are persons, as we are informed, whoe haue most perfidiously broken there written covenant wth y^e English, made since the warr begun, and don great spoyle upon them by fire & sword; & doubt not but your Hon^r will doe what is requisit therein.

The hazard of travelling by land thorow the woods, in this time of war, when we cannot pass in any safty without a sufficient guard of men, [tho' the Dutch may,]* and the time being so short you allowed your messengers to stay, doth forbid us the sending of any fit person to wayt upon your Hon^r at this time; and hope that these or lines are so inteligable that you will fully understand or mindes, wthout any other messenger. We haue not to ad but y^e tender of or respects & the assurance that we are, Honrd S^r, Your affectionate neighbours & servants,

The Councill of Conecticott, &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JULY 10, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Willys, Major Tallcott, Capt. Allyn, Capt. Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

A letter was sent to the Com^{rs} and millitary Com^{rs} officers in Northampton, Hadly and Hatfield to inform them that we had received a letter from Major Andross, wherein he signified that there were about 300 Maquaes ready to goe out against the enemy, and desired to know where we would giue them entertainment &c: and allso to aduise them if they did come to their townes with signes &c. they should entertein them &c: as p^r the letter on file will appeare.†

* The words in brackets are *crossed out*, by strokes of the pen.

† Doc. 101. c. This letter (to Northampton, Hadley and Hatfield,) rehearses, in substance, the contents of Gov. Andross' letter and of the Council's reply; and advises the people of those towns, "if the Mowhawkes com that way, to carry it so curteously towards them that they may not have any just occasion to be disgusted with you," &c. * * * "The Govern^r sayth they have already don great execution upon the enemy; the bearer of his letter sayth they haue kild & taken a 140: in his letter he sayth Caspechy & 15 more & some women & children haue deliuered themselves vp to him whome he hath sufficiently secured; what way of security he hath taken we know not. The bearer sayth this Caspechy is on of Springfield sachems, named Cogepeison." &c.

A letter allso to Mr. Fitch was sent to moue him to goe out wth o^r army next March: a copy whereof is on file. And another letter to Mr. Buckingham, to desire him to goe forth wth the army, in case Mr. Fitch should fayle.

[Doc. 101, &.]

Reverend Sr. We are very thankfull unto you for your great & good service you haue don in marching along wth o^r army these two last expeditions, & we find your seruice so acceptable not onely to vs but to o^r souldiers that we should much rejoyce to find you willing to goe forth againe wth them next weeke, they being then to march agayne. But we doe almost despayre of your grant; & we are not willing to command that service of you, least we should to much impose, not knowing how your occasions may be, and how prejudiciall it may be to you. Yet your assistance is so accommadating to the design & to all o^r officers & souldiers, that we doe propound it to you, that if you can ouerlooke the difficulties & march out agayne wth o^r army, as is propownded, it shall be very acceptable & contentfull to vs, & desired of vs. Please to consider of it, and if you can comply wth o^r desires herein, signify the same to vs by an expresse on Thursday next at farthest. We also request your assistance in encourageing Moheags & Pequots to march out agayn, according to o^r desires in o^r letter to Capt. Mason. Not haueing els, we rest your affectionate freinds.

p^r order,

John Allyn, Sec^y.

July 10, 1676.

For the reverend Mr. Fitch,
at Norwich.

The Councill, being informed that through the good hand of God upon vs, o^r people of this Colony, haue bountifully according to their abillity, affoorded som supply for o^r brethren in distress in o^r neighbor Colonyes, haue thought meet to desire that o^r bretheren of Windsor would improue what they haue gathered of the good people there, to supply those in want that are removed by reason of the rage [*of the*] enemie into their towne; and y^t the remaynder of it be distributed amongst the people of Springfield in distress, and those upper townes, according to the good discession of Deacon Jn^o Moore, John Loomys, Jonath: Gillet Sen^r and Jacob Drake.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JULY 13th, 1676: IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Benj^m Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill ordered that Mr. Beltcher should have liberty to purchase and transport a parcell of corn that Mr. Willson hath in his hands, which he hath giuen in for security for some the s^d Willson hath allready transported to Boston.

The Councill ordered that Micah Mudg should haue tenn shillings out of the contribution allowed them, and Simon Lobdell should haue twelve shillings of the same ; and the widdow Dicheson twenty shillings, and Burbanck tenn shillings, out of the s^d contribution.

Mr. Phineas Willson is permitted to goe to Boston upon his necessary occasions and his promise to return speedily.

The Treasurer is hereby allowed or appoynted to send two barrells of powder, and 5 or 600 lbs. of bulletts, to be deliuered to Mr. Witherly for the use of the army.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JULY 14 & 15, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Tallcot, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Upon the receipt of a letter from Mr. Russell,* answer was returned that we could not send them up any strength to assist them in the gathering in of their harvest, because o^r army was then ready to march forth upon another designe ; as p^r the copy of the letter on file.

[Doc. 102, a.]

Hartford, July 14, 1676.

Reverend St. Yours of the 11th instant hath been communicated to vs by o^r Secrety, & are glad to heare of your health & welfare, that yet the protecting mercies of the most high are continued vnto you. As to the motion of your people to vs for the sending of thirty men to be a Guard while you gather in your harvest from your out-fields, we haue considered it, with what Mr. Porter was pleased to ad to second your motion, & upon the whole, as matters are now circumstanced we find that we are not in a capacity to suite you according to o^r own willingnes & yo^r desire. For o^r army is to march forth on Monday next, & o^r harvest is just come, so thatt all the help we can rayse will be litle enough to accomplish o^r own occasions in any comfortable maner. Were it in o^r capacitie to assist you we would not be wanting, for we looke upon it as a very necessary thing to saue what corn may be ; & to that end we do aduise that whilst you are inning your corn, in your out-fields, that your neighbours of the other townes would lend you some assistance, by way of exchang or oth^rwise, that soe you may with speed & safety inf it ; and for what is about your town, we hope you may without hazard gather it in ; for we hope the enemy is brought lowe, and if God bless endeavours will be lower & lower every day. We hope the Mohawkes will giue the enemy (if any of them be in those parts,) a disrest, speedily ; and desire if they come neer your Townes, or to them for reliefe, that they may haue incouragement & be supplied. We hope the Lord will in his Providence finde out ways & means for your safety, protection & supply, & you may assure yourselves we shall be ready upon all occasions to approue o^r selues,

Your affectionate Neighbours & Friends

For the Reverend Mr. John
Russell, Pastor of the Church
of X^t at Hadley, p^rsent.

The Councill of Conecticott &c.

* This letter is missing from the files.

† To inn ; to house or put under cover. Now obsolete.

A letter was also sent to Major Treat, to desire him and the Assistants there to hasten some corn to New London; and to send 50 bushels of the Gouvern^rs Ind: corn for the use of the army; and wthall to hasten the souldiers to march out from those two Countyes, as p^r the copy of the letter on file.*

The Councill hauing examined Tosocom and heard what hath been objected against him, as p^r the examination on file will appeare, doe order his continuance in prison till the Generall Court, except Major Tallcott see cause to take him out with the army, and in such case he may take him forth with him.

The instructions for Major Tallcott for his next expedition are, the copy of them, on file.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JULY 18, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Capt. John Allyn.

The Councill hauing received a letter from the Gouvernor and Councill of the Massachusetts, an answer was returned thereto, a copy whereof is on file.

[The copy of the Council's reply is missing from the files. The letter from Massachusetts, (Doc. 99,) was as follows:—]

Gentlemen: By yours of June the 23¹ you lett us know your readiness to comply with our motion of May 30, for a conjunction of our forces westward and the diligence of your men to effect the same, which wee willingly owne at this time, & would haue been as acceptable to us formerly.

The surprizall of about thirty sixe Indians neere Lancaster† & the disposing of them was that which retarded our men in their march to Hadley. Wee doe heartily rejoyce in the successfull atchievements of your forces & desire to blesse God for his goodnes to us therein; & shall not be vnmindefull or vnthankfull to you therefore, although it be also your owne concerne; Yet to deale plainely, wee are not satisfied (if we do not misvnderstand you) wth the emprovement you make thereof, viz^t, sending to us for trucking-cloth, powder &c. What store of those comodities are in our merchants hand, wee doe not understand; (our publick stock being exhausted,) wee are forced for our money (which yet we are necessitated to borrow) to furnish & supply our occasions; and our marketts being open & some of your chiefe dealers being heere, might very readily haue accomodated you. For wee doe suppose you cannot expect wee should acknowledge ourselues in your debt till the accounts of the expenses of this warr be audited & settled by the Comis-

* Doc. 102, b.

† "About May 30th, 1676, the forces under Capt. Henchman were called together again, and sent to Brookfield, to meet with those expected from Hartford Colony; in the way, ours, by the direction of Tom Doublet, (a Natic Indian, who was a little before employed in the redemption of captives,) following tracks of Indians, came upon a party of the enemy fishing in Weshacom ponds, toward Lancaster, of whom they killed seven, and took twenty-nine, mostly women and children." Hubb. I. Wars, p. 209.

sioners (or some other way that may be agreed on.) when wee hope (though our losses & damages susteyned in this warr by the desolations & depredations made haue vastly exceeded the rest of the Colonies) we shall acquit ourselves as become honest men & faithfull confederates.

Wee cannot suppose your necessities have drawne this motion from you, hauing all this warr binn hitherto preserved from considerable spoyle; also the advantage of the captines & spoyle of the ennemy haue been considerable to yourselves and the Indians that you imployed; whereas in all parts of our Colony, exceeding great desolations haue beene made by the ennemy and thereby a great part of our people reduced to extremities which call for all the reliefe that possibly wee can afford.

You are pleased in a postscript to take notice of an Indian taken by your forces w^h the ennemy, treating with them, & pretending a commission from us; which wee suppose you intimate as an irregularity in us, & is to us a matter of admiration, considering your declaration to the Indians of March 28 (76) vnder the hand of your Secretary. The busines of the Indian you mention being only to receiue from some Narrigansett sachems (for which he had only our passe) some proposalls for peace, which they had offered to us heere at Boston by a messenger of theire owne; which perhaps had beene effected, had it not binn interrupted by the accidentall falling in of your forces, for which wee neither blame you nor them, neither see wee reason they should be discouraged thereby or the ennemy hardened.

Wee desire to submitt to his wise Providence which ouer rules all our counsell & concernes and wee hope will glorify his mercy & goodnes to vs in putting an end to our troubles in his owne way, as he hath his justice, in bringing them vpon vs for our prevarications; to him only wee desire to submitt & comitt all our concernments; desiring you to avoyd all occasions of misunderstanding,

Your faithfull friends and confederates

Boston, 7th July, 1676.

Edward Rawson, Secret^y.

By order of the Council of the Massachusetts.

[Addressed to Gov. Leete, "to be communicated to the Honoured Council."]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JULY 20, 1676.

Wm. Lect Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys.

The Councill being informed that a party of the North Indians were removed from Powchassuck, and being persued by some of the garrison souldiers of Westfield, seemed to fly towards Housetunack and towards the Sopus, they gaue notice thereof to Gouverno^r Androsse by a letter of this date; a copy whereof is on file.

[This letter (Doc. 105) communicates to Gov. Andross "this intelligence just now come to hand from o^r friends at Westfield, viz. of a great party of those North Indians discovered near that towne, haueing onely seized some horses & cattell & pluckt up stalkes of corn to suck for theire refreshment in traueill. It is guessed by the course they steare by the tracks discerned, that they may be upon flight some hundreds to goe ouer Hudson's river towards Virginia or those parts, to seek for complices of their straine, such as may at p^rsent releine them in their now low & ill condition, as we haue good reason to beleue from the appearance of those that are now kild & taken by o^r forces, and are even ready to starve. If soe, seing o^r small army are marched off

eastward, before we heard this, we conceiue it behoofull to give you the vnderstanding thereof, least when they come into those parts at unawares, they should driue the same trade there as they have done here. They seem to goe southward of the roade to Albany to auoyd the Mohawkes; who, if they cam now to persue (as we doe to the utmost in this there weake state) they may quickly be confounded. The Narrogancets & Phillip (as we trust) may this turn be crusht, & these are going to seeke another country, as knowing that we purpose to frustrate their crop this year by cutting down their corn & perpetually to disrest them. Our Indians think they may goe ouer about or near Sopus. If they escape away, it may be a great occasion to animate the Virginia Indians to anoy those English & despoyle that trade. We have not further to enlarge," &c.]*

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JULY 21, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill, so many as could at this instant be conuened, receiuing intelligence of som late successes of the Bay and Plimouth forces against the Indians, wth hopes of falling upon Phillip suddenly the next day, this additionall to o^r our own late prevayleing against others of them, together with many other smiles of God's Providence upon his poore wilderness people in the peaceable attending the harvest, wherein it hath so pleased the Lord to crowne the yeare wth his goodness in a plentifull cropp both of fruits and corn, the abateing of sicknesse, the yet preventing forraighne designs against us, and continuance of o^r precious gospell liberties, doe see cause to invert the next course of fasting dayes throughout this Colony into like solemn dayes of Thankesgiueing, to adore and prayse the Lord for these his gracious smiles of fauoure vnto such unworthy ones, that haue as yet been so litle reformed by those sad stroakes and frownes God hath been pleased to lay upon vs; notwthstanding which o^r mercifull God hath been pleased to breake thorow the cloud that o^r sins had raysed, so as to shine out in such beames of his loueing kinnesse for his owne name sake. Wth this Thankesgiueing it is therefore desired prayers may be joyned for the melting of o^r hearts into more genuine humiliation and perfecting reformation, that the Lord

* The reply of Gov. Andross to the above, is dated at New York, July 26th. He returns thanks to the Council for the intelligence given him of the movements of the Northern Indians towards Hudson's River. A former letter from the Council (of July 8th,) "signifying that there will be no occasion for the Maques coming into yo^r parts, and that you cannot engage for the upper townes, they belonging to another Colony, I durst not presume farther, then as formerly, by encouragements and gifts, to assure their constant fidelity, of which I doubt not you have and will daily reape the fruits," &c. (Doc. 106.)

may proceed on in his saving mercies, to heale the land both of its breaches and declensions.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JULY 24, 1676.

[Same members present.]

Sundry complayning that their corn suffered much damage by the weavills and other ways, and desireing liberty to transport the sayd corn, there being an opportunity by Mr. Goodall, in regard there is a considerable part of the harvest gathered in, the Councill granted liberty to Mr. Mumford, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Heart &c. soe to doe.

[A letter from Capt. Robert Chapman of Saybrook, to the Council, dated July 28th, 1676, is in Col. Boundaries, Vol. II. (Doc. 39.) He writes "that the fort house, together with the fortification, is near finisht," and asks the Council "to signify theire mind as to the keeping of the same, whether by the maintaining of a garison or els by placing only a family to live there;" if the former, then whether there can be less than six men? who, if they should attend their service of watch and ward, every third day and night, might receive five shillings a week. If the Councill determine to place a *family* only, to live in the house, Mr. C. writes that "there is on in our towne that I have spoken withall, if your honners have no other in your ey." His name is James Redfeild, a weaver by trade, and hath a servant man with wife and children. "His propositions are that he may haue the full liberty of the house to set up his loomes in ; and that what garison souldiers are appointed, they be such as ar reliable persons, that he may confide in their faithfullnes," &c.]

August 2. The Councill signified by a letter to Mr. Richards, that they did not desire him to stay at Boston, in refference to the Commission business, except all the Com^{rs} were to meete and there were more occasions than the Corporation business; and allso desired him to take care to moue that o^r Colony might be minded wth somewhat of the Corporation stock, for well-deserveing Indians, and Mr. Fitch allso.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AUGUST 18, 1676.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Capt. John Allyn.

Capt. Denison, Capt. Mansfield and Capt. Minor are appoynted to march wth their respectiue companies to their counties to which they doe belong, there to disband them, and to return both their horses, armes and amunition to the places to which they doe belong, &c; and so the rest of the forces of this County.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL AT HARTFORD, AUGUST 19, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Ben: Newbery, Capt. Dan^l Clarke, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill doe see cause to order that the monethly stated fast in the severall countys be for the present and till farther order forborne, and considering the goodness of God to vs in the great preservation he hath mercifully granted o^r men in their last long and tedious march throw the wildernesse, with the gracious success granted to our army in the killing, takeing and destroying of so many of them, and so terrifying many others of them, that they have surrendered themselves to mercy, the Councill haue seen cause to ap-
poynt the thirtieth day of this moneth to be solemnly kept throughout this Colony, a day of publique Thankesgiving, to bless and prayse the Lord for his abundant and enlarged mercy to us therein.

The Councill did approue of the letter drawn up to the Gov^r of Yorke, Major Edmon Androsse, Esq. and ordered the Secretary to signe it in the name of the Councill, and send it to Major Gold, wth a desire to him to send it to the Gov^r, by a post.

[Letter to Gov. Andross. Doc. 109.]

Hartford, August 19, 1676.

Hon^{ble} Sir. Your formerly neighbourly professions to secure such of the common barbarous enemies as haue or may fly or retire themselves into your parts, concerning whome o^r neighboures of Boston doe say that they haue wrote to your Hon^r desireing that they may be sent thither at their charge; this gives vs encouragement to giue you farther acco^t & intelligence even now come to hand, viz. that upon the persuit of a considerable number of the enemy, about 150, whoe were now makeing that way but were overtaken & fought by a party of o^r neare vnto Ousatunick; whereof ours slue 40 & took 15 captiues; some others also were taken neare the same road, who informe that the enemies designe was to goe over Hudson's River to a place called Paquage,* where its sayd there is a forte, & complices ready to receiue and shelter them, and there they intend refreshment & recruits; and when they find themselves in ease, & are fitted (by gathering to them their now broken & scattered reliets or parties,) then to attempt another incursion into o^r quarters, to see what farther mischeifes & depra-dations they can doe against vs, or o^r Indian freinds. These their wicked contriueances will doubtless incite & animate all true Englishmen to endeauoure the confusion of such blood-suckers, as are now, thorow God's mercy to vs, totally routed in these parts & gathered into a nett there wth you, and that into a forlorne state; & so might more easily be extirpate, by your wisdom & care; they being but the gleanings of sundry nations that were great numbers ere while, but they have been of late either destroyed or haue surrendered themselves to meer mercy. Surely now, S^r, suitable orders & effectuall resolues and doings thereupon, will haue their criticall season of advantage to be manifested for the interest of God & the King and the good people of these parts. We canot but hope

* See Menowniott's examination;—page 471.

& expect you will with all readiness, comply with our reasonable request for the furtherance of o^r resolves to persue to effect the utter extirpation of such as haue imbrned their hands in the blood of many of his Mat^{ies} good subjects in the seuerall plantations of these Vnited Colonyes; and either grant vs liberty to pass up your river wth some vessells from hence & the Bay, with men and prouision, to persue and destroy those of the enemies that are in those parts; or doe something effectuall yourselve, for the utter suppression of the enemy in those parts.

We request your speedy and possative answer, by this post, if it may be, who will wayte upon your Honour for the same. We haue not to ad but o^r respects & that we are Hon^{ble} S^r, Your affectionate neighbours & humble servants,
y^e Councill of Connecticott, &c.

Nessehegen, Pashona and Segushshuck are freed from continuing in durance at G: Garrad's; and Nessehegen is confined to Hartford, and not to goe out of towne without speciall lycense.

The Councill orders that the souldiers be disbanded in the County of Hartford, their horses, armés, and ammunition to be returned to the places to which they doe belong.

[Letter from Mr. Jones, at New Haven, to Governor Leete. Doc. 110.]

Honord Sir. Yo^{rs} of y^e 15th inst. rece^d,* w^{ch} according to the direçon I haue communicated to y^e oth^r magis^{tr}s heere, who say they cannot possibly goe vp att this tyme being full of busines, especially about there hay. I am not wthout the like occasion needing my oversight & being att home; but indeed am soe often ill & crazy this hot season, y^e I haue not bin a gr^t while fitt to trauaile; yet if any other had gon vp, I should p^rbably haue ventured, though I might contribute but little in y^e affaire vnd^r consideraçon, being of soe much difficulty what may be best. Howeuer, (though of little vse) I shall make bold to suggest y^e Magistrats' p^rsent thoughts heare, & my owne,—wheth^r some course might not be taken for y^e p^rsent securing of y^e Surrendered Indians, especially if you should incline to disperse them into y^e several countyes, &c. vnill y^e Gen^l Court meet, or called on purpose if y^e case require hast, or at least, all y^e members of y^e Councill called togethr, to haue as much of y^e Court as may be, for deliberaçon & concurrence in a busines of soe gr^t import & gen^l concernm^t. On w^h tearmes y^e Indeans are surrendered, & w^h claimes Vncus, Oneko or y^e Pequotts may make vpon y^m or any of them, we know not. And whether it might not be of vse to know what the Bay doe in like case, wth there Indians. Also, How to eary to Mohegins, Pequats & other frend Indians soe as to keep them within bounds, that they prove not dangerous to the English, and yet soe as neither to provoke nor discourage them. Alsoe, what further to be don about the reliques of the enemy, fled as I heare to Sepers Indians, and by them entertained, and into Albany or other parts vnd^r York; least a new gust fall on o^r Colony unexpectedly from those quarters. These and such like matters incident to the present state of things, may deserve yo^r most serious & seasonable consideration; and y^e good Lord who hath soe gratiouly wrought o^r deliverance & p^rservation, for his owne name's sake, guide you by his Counsell.

I know not whether you yet heare of y^e surprisall & killing of Philip, w^{ch} is credibly informed & affirmed by one James Shore, come in this week to

* No copy found.

Fairfield, in a vessell from Rhod I-eland; w^{ch} was don on this day sennight, 12th instant. One of Phillip's Indians a little before, on discontent, came from him to Rhode Island and told y^r authority, y^t now or never was there season to meet wth him, and offered his service for guide to y^r swamp where he lay. Whereupon Capt. Saunfort wth a pickt company of stout and able men, Engl: and Indians, hastened away and being com to y^e place w^{ch} y^e Indian had described to y^m, by his direccon laid som Engl: and Ind: in ambush at y^e passage out, and y^e rest brake in vpon y^m on y^e other side. Philip in labouring to escape was shot at 1st by y^e English, but missed, and then shot downe by an Indian. All y^e rest but one more kild and one or two wounded escaping. They cut off Philip's head and hands and brought y^m away:* the said Shore saith y^t he might have seene the head could he have staid one hour longer there, but was forced to com away. There are sundry circumstances of y^e story which I have not tyme to mencon. I am glad to heare of y^e success of o^r forces in this last expedition, and of there safe returne. W^{ch} wth service to yo^rselfe p^rsented and due resp^{is} to y^e Honord Ass^{ts}, rests, S^r, Your serv^t to his pow^r, WM. JONES.

19: 5: 1676.

I suppose you wilt soone heere of y^e sad burning about 8 or 9 weeks agoe in Southerick, about 1000 houses burnt downe and 3 or 4 score blowne vp to save y^e rest; one of y^e instrum^{ts} found wth fireworks about him; this hell work goes on still.

S^r, I pray he pleased w^t you can to favour and further y^e bearer Wid: Dible, y^t her husband's estate may be settled. He was killed at y^e swamp fight; died in debt more than his estate. 'Twere a work of mersy to consider y^e poore wid: and fatherles children.

S^r, if it would suite to com up towards the middle of next week, occasions wilbe well over. Please to send yo^r mind by the post.

[Superscribed,] To y^e Honord Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r, att Hartford, These Present.

[“Menowniett's examination, August, 1676.” Doc. 108.†]

Where haue you been these 12 moneths? He answered he was halfe a Moheag and halfe a Naragoneett; he came last yeare to Norwottog and hath spent most of his time in hunting.

Being askt wheth^r he had been in any engagement against the English? he said Yes, he was in that fight that was aboue Northampton where he saw 7 English slayn in one place; and others were slayn, but how many he knows not.

How many Indians were kild in this fight? He answered, Not one.

Where went you next? He s they went to Pacomptock and assaulted y^t, about 60 of them, and slue one Englishman. Where had you the next engagem^t wth the English? He sayth he was at N. Hampton when it was assaulted last spring wh^r they lost on Indian and 4 wounded; one was mortally wounded.—In y^e Fall fight were slayn 40 Norwottog, Quapaug 10 Naragancets and [] He was at Hadly fight, and shot in y^e leg.

* “Philip having one very remarkable hand, being much scarred, occasioned by the splitting of a pistol in it formerly, Capt. Church gave the head and that hand to Alderman, the Indian who shot him, to show to such gentlemen as would bestow gratuities upon him; and accordingly he got many a penny by it.” [Church's History of Ind. War.]

† These rough notes taken at the time of the examination, are in Secretary Allyn's hand writing.

Whoe were those that kild the man between Midleton and Wethersfeild? Munch, Cohas, Tosocum, Cawcohoage, Wewawoas.

Who kild G: Elmore at Podunk? He was one of them himselfe; there was 9 in company; 3 did the businesse, which were Weawwoss, Johnnot and Mashinott.

He also sayth Cohas and another Naraganeet shot Wm. Hill.

Who kild Henry Denslow? Wequash *Se*; Weawwosse, *Moheg*; Whowasamoh, *Wer*; Pawwawwoise, *Spr*; and Mawcahwat, *Spr*; Sanchamoise, *Que*; and Wesonketiachen, *Nor*; and these were those that burnt Simsbury.

Cohas burnt G: Coals house.—Sepawentt was wth the Indians o^r enemies at Watchosutt and said he had kild 7 English of y^e seaside.—

He sayth that the Norwottock Springfield Indians and others are gon to a place about Hudson's River called Paquayag, and were encouraged to come there by a great man of those parts, whoe hath also encouraged them to engage against the English and that they should not be weary of it. He did not see the man nor doth not know who it was.

He was askt where they had y^e ammunition to carry on the warr: he s^d the Powquiang Indians bought it of y^e Dutch and sold it y^m.

He was askt how many of the North Indians are gon that way. He sayth about 90 men of them and Suequancee is wth them; he was very sick and as like to die as liue.

Cohas, Wewossamock, *Spr*; Mawmaumpaquaek, *Spr*; were in company wth him in the woods neere Tunxes and 3 squas and 4 children; they had 2 horses and pease and corn; they took it [from] G: Coales' farme.

He sayth y^e Indians hid a great many gunns about Pacomptuck; y^e place he described to Tota: (?) He sayth he took an Englishman at the long meadow about Springfield, captiue, and carryd him away, but he got away afterwards he thinks.

W^c Indians be at Housetanuck? None. They are all gon to Paquiang y^e West side of Hudson's River.

Taken before,

JOHN ALLYN, Assis.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL IN HARTFORD, AUGUST 22^d, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. John Mason, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Capt. Dan^l Clarke, Mr. John Wadsworth.

The Councill ordered that Mathew Joanes should be imprest to transport Robin Cassinamon and the wounded Indians and their attendants to N. London.

Many or most of the remayneing captiues and the other Indians that have surrendered themselues to the English vpon this war, being wth Uncass, he was sent for, and (being discoursed wthall,) he was tould that the warr was the Englishe's, and the successe belongs to them; the Councill were therefor now mett to dispose of all the persons abouesayd, as may be best for the good of the country; and did therefore send for him, to hear what he had to say. His answer (for the substance,) was, that he did freely owne the war to be the Englishe's, and the disspose of all the s^d persons to belong to them,

and did chearfully leaue the same to the Councill so to be done ; and should rest well satisfied with their determination, whither they be captiues, to whome they of right doe belong, and the other surrenderers also, as they shall see cause to disspose them.

The Councill agreed and ordered that the right and division of the captiues be left to the decision and determination of Capt. John Mason, Capt. James Avery and Mr. Daniel Witherell, whoe are desired and impowered to disspose the s^d captiues, whither in hands of the Pequots, Moheags or Naragancetts, to such persons to whome of right they doe belong, according to the seuerall agreements as the claymers shall make their demands by.

AUG. 23.

To Thomas Holister, L^t.

Whereas Menowniet, one of o^r Indian enemies taken neer Farmington about the 12th of this moneth, giues an acco^t of a parcell of armes that were by the enemie hid neer Pacomptock, which he conceiues are there still, the Councill have seen cause to nominate and appoynt L^t Tho: Holister to take under his conduct about ten men, with the sayd prisoner, and to march forthwth to the sayd place where the armes are s^d to be hid ; and if yet they remayn, he is hereby ordered to seiz the s^d armes and conuay them in safe custody to Hartford ; and in case the s^d Indian Menownieth doe not carry it well or doe not make discovery, then the s^t L^t Holister is left at liberty to kill the s^d Menownieth or to return him to prison agayn. And the sayd L^t Holister is to command those that are committed to his care to obey him as their L^t, for the seruice of the country in this expedition ; and is hereby fully commissioned to kill and destroy all such of the enemie as shall come within his power, dureing his attendance of this service : and he is alls^o hereby ordered to hasten the disspatch of this expedition with all convenient speed, and to return agayn to vs and disband his company. Hereof fayle not.

Forasmuch as all those lands in the Narrogancett country doe lye and are circumscribed wthin the known limitts of o^r Charter, viz. from Narrogancett Bay on the east &c. as is therein graciously expressed by his Ma^{tie} to be granted the Colony of Conecticut, which have been and now are recouered out of the hands of the Indian enemies that had victorized over or caused the people totally to desert all those landz which they had possessed themselues of, formerly ; and for that sundry of the sayd people there inhabiting liued dishonourably both to God, o^r King and nation, and more unsafe for themselves, rather mindeing gayne than Godlynesse, whereby both his Ma^{tie}, o^rselues and the people haue been abused, and the tract or ter-

ritorie more exposed to devastation, and so is now become a *vacuum domicilium* ; but this late mercifull recovery being obtayned by conquest and successe of warr unto o'selues of this Colony and o' confederates,—The Councill sees cause to declare unto all such person or persons, both English and Indians that haue or shall pretend to any right or possession there, vpon the sayd deserted or vanquished lands in that country, that all such shall make their application to the gouernment of this Colony, for such grants, leaue and liberty to take up and possesse such and so much as they shall see cause to grant and allowe them ; it being both duty to God and o' King, and allso is o' intent and purpose, to have it all so layd and dissposed as may best advantage religion and the safety of the inhabitants. And whosoever shall presume otherwise to possesse themselves there, may expect to be dealt wthall as intruders and contemners of his Ma^{tie's} authority in o' hands.

This to be published in Hartford, p^r the Marshall, and in New London and in Narrogancett country by the Marshall of New London County.

Whereas there are or may be some scattering parties of the enemy's yet sculking in the woods, that may be dangerous at times of advantage against the English, Captaine George Denison and Lnt. Tho: Leffingwell are therefore hereby commissioned and allowed to gather such volunteers as they shall prevayle withall to attend under his command, to range the woods as they shall see cause and to kill and destroy, seiz and surprize all such Indian enemies ; as allso to prohibit and restraine all Indians from settleing any where in the Narrogancett Country, so far as the line or limits of o' Charter doe extend. And for encouragement of the sayd Captaine and his company, there shall be allowed him and them all necessary provision (except liq^{rs}.) and ammunition sufficient for the time of each expedition, together with the benefitt of all lawfull plunder or captiues which they shall take.

Aug 24. The Councill haueing heard that about sixty five of the enemy, fighting men, besides their retennue of old men, women and children, are come into Moheagen,* upon the declaration that hath

* A letter from Rev. James Fitch to Gov. Leete, Aug. 8th, asks instructions from the Council, about "The Indians come in, and now with Vncus;" "how many or whether any shall be vnder his government, and what his satisfaction shall be for his inspection over them, and providing for them, &c." He adds that "indeed the matter calls for all possible speede, for the longer delaye the more hard to turne the streame out of that channell which it runs," [i. e. to withdraw the surrenderers from Uncas;] "and I suppose there are at least 70 fighting men

been made known to them from the Generall Court and Councill; and forty of those being Wabaquasset Indians;—the Councill being now mett to consider of the disspose of them, have and doe see cause to order that those Indians shall be continued wth Vncass, untill the Generall Court shall otherwise disspose of them, we purposeing to grattify Vncas wth some of them to be continued under his government, provided he shall not suffer any of them for future to beare armes nor to travill from Moheag w^{thout} speciall lycenss from one or more of the Assistants; and that they shall readily and carefully attend Mr. Fitch his good counsell and exhortation according as he shall direct them. And for those forty eight Indians, wth their retinue of old men, women and children which are come in and rendered themselves to mercy since the time prefixed by the Gen^l Court, in May last, for their coming in; the Councill doe desire Capt. Mason to disspose of them to Saybrooke, Lime, Kenilworth and Guilford, there to continue, in such proportions unto each towne as he shall judge meet or they shall be willing to accept of, till the Generall Court in October next shall take farther order for the settlement of them in service or otherwise. And the people of those townes are desired to giue entertainment to y^m for the time afoarsayd, because of the advantage of gayning reliefe from the sea, by fish, oysters, clams &c. And so are all such to be dissposed of that are wth Pequots and Narrogancetts, forthwith.

But for those Indians now with the Pequots and Narrogancetts, that are of the other sorte, they are hereby ordered to continue with them till the Court in October next, or some other Court or Councill shall otherwise disspose of them; and if any shall remove themselves from their respective places, without speciall lycenss from the authority of the place where they are settled, they shall be punished with death or transportation out of the country, Norwich Gentⁿ are desired to consider of a place for such as are not otherwise dissposed of, to plant on, as near as may be for Mr. Fitch to have often recourse to them, till the Gen^l Court or some other Court or Councill doe order or appoynt them elsewhere. If suitable land be found sett apart and signified, allowance is to be made to just satisfaction unto such as provide the ground for them; and if corn be lent for their

come in; but many aged men & wimen & children; and they are daily coming; and I hear of many more coming. * * * A considerable many of them are Wabaquassogs, & they having beene tributaries to Vncus, it will be harde to him to loose them." (Doc. 107.)

present supply; they are to repay it when they are able, with due consideration for forbearance.

Whereas many gunns have been brought in by surrendering Indians, and are in Capt. Mason's hands, or elsewhere in New London County, two of the sayd gunns are giuen unto the Reverend Mr. Fitch, who hath oft been put to trouble and charge about the sayd Indians. The rest may be sold for just price to any such as desire to buy them, and to make due payment to the Colony Treasurie for the same, accordingly; halfe in New London County, the other halfe sent up to Hartford to be there so sold. Lnt. Tracey and Lnt. Lefingwell are betrusted to sell those, halfe there, and to send the rest to Hartford, equally divided for number and goodnesse.

Ephraim Minor is appoynted to apprise the estate, wth Liuetenant Mason, that is to be payd Mr. Stanton; in roome of Mr. Amos Richeson.

[Letter from the Massachusetts Council. Doc. 111, a.]

Much Honoured Sr. Your last letter to our Honoured Gouvernour was recieved, wherein you are pleased to give intimation of your desire of a meeting of the Comissioners of the Vnited Colonies, for the settling & issuing of all matters relating to the Indian warr;* the like intimation wee had from Gouvernour Winslow; of which our Council ordered me to signify to you their concurrence with you therein; and for that end haue sent vnto Gou'no^r Winslow to desire him to acquaint the Generall Court or Council there, as hereby, by their order and in their names I doe desire yourself to acquaint your Generall Court or Council, that it is the desire of our Govern^r & Council that your Comissioners chosen for the Vnited Colonies be pleased to repaire to & be at Boston on the 22th of September next, there to joyne & meete wth Plymouth Comissioners & our owne, for the duely considering & determining of what may be just & necessary in & about the p'mises; vnless yourselves or Plymouth shall judge either of yo^r townes more fitt, all things considered, for that end; which if you or either of you shall so judge, on notice given vs, there will be a compliance. Not further to give you trouble, Remyne Sr,

Your humble servant,

Edward Rawson, Secretry,

Boston, 23^d of August,
1676.

By the order & in the name of the
Council of the Massachusetts.

* At the foot of the page upon which this letter is written, is the following note from Mr. Willis, to the Council:

"Much Hon^d Gentlemen of the Councill of Connecticut. This letter cominge open to Major Pinchon, he was pleased to giue me the perusal of it; w^{ch} I apprehend is grounded upon a mistake, as if wee desired a meetinge of the comissioners this yeare; w^{ch} I know nothinge of, but yt the contrary was concluded as most advisable. I am still of that minde, and doe apprehend that it may be disadvantageous to vs to send any comissioners this yeare, in divers respects. I am just vpon my journey and cannot enlarge, but you know my reasons against the meetinge. I am your humble servant,

Sam: Willis.

I apprehend it may doe well to remoue the mistake in this letter by writing to the Bay Gentleman by the first opportunitie. Major Pinchon goes next weeke."

Sr, Our Gouⁿo^r presents his respects to you, and desires yo^r exeuse for not answering yo^r two letters, he hauing binn euer since vnder great indisposition of body & followed wth payne. Our Council p^rsent their respects to you & yo^r Council; and so doth Yo^r very humble servant,

Edward Rawson, Seceretary.

[*Superscribed,*] These for the Hon^{ble} Wm. Leete Esq. Gouⁿo^r of His Maj^{ty}s Colonie at Connecticott, Present.

[Reply to the foregoing * Doc. 111. b.]

Hartford, Aug. 28, 1676.

Honrd S^{rs}. By a L^re from your Seceretary Mr. Rawson, signed in yo^r names, he desires me to acquaint o^r Gen^l Co^rt or Councill wth the desire of yo^rselves to haue o^r Com^{rs} to repair to Boston by Sept^r 22, next, there to joyne wth yo^{rs} & Plymouth, for settling & issuing all matt^{rs} relating to the war; and to induce it, he is pleased to alledge a mistaken intimation from a L^re of mine to yo^r honrd Gov^r Leveret, viz. that I desired such meeting. If my copy here of that L^re doe not much deceiue me, I onely wrote for advice from him or yo^rselves about the surrendering Indians, that we might be informed in that matter, as a thing of much importance in the Cuntry, both as to God's hono^r & the safty of the Cuntry for y^r future. But as to a meeting of the Com^{rs} for that or any other knowne end, in refference to the war &c., our Councell had sent their minds to Mr. Richards before,† as not judging a meeting necessary now; it not being y^r trienniall year; and so they rather advised and desired his return home. I am therefore assured of y^r minde aforehand, not to iudge it expedient, the war being not yet issued, nor things relating thereto ripe for determination. Notwithstanding, if you of yo^rselves are moued and doe see cause to call an extraordinary meeting, & doe speedily signify yo^r grounds & considerations to vs, we shall endeavour to order an attendance at the time p^rfixed. Without giueing you further trouble but with p^rsenting cheifest respects, take leave and subscribe,

Yo^r affectionate friend & serv^t,

[Wm. Leete.]

The sudenesse of the messenger's returning prevents my calling either Court or Council; but those at Hartford are of the same mind with me herein.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, AUGUST 31, 1676.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn.

Vpon the receipt of a letter from Major Andross, dated August 25th, answer was returned, a copy whereof is on file.

[Letter from Gov. Andross. Doc. 112.]

Hono^{ble} Sr. I haue this morning receiued yo^{rs} of y^e 19th instant and am glad by it to vnderstand that the barbarous Indians are totally routed in yo^r parts; and being you doe hint, (though not offer,) I am plaine that I shall always be thankfull for any of your forces, if occasion; But if such barbarous enemies are to be credited they would be the most innocent; And though I haue not been wanting & giuen sufficient ord^r, I shall however without delay (on yo^r intimation) dispatch a Sloop vpwards as farr as Albany with the

* In the hand-writing of Gov. Leete. His *signature* has been added by a modern hand, and in ink of a different color from that of the letter itself.

† Page 468, ante.

same. But I am much surprized att the sequele & greatest p^rte of yo^r Letter; (being a strange returne and tacite reflexion, or needlesse,) haueing acted for you beyond yo^r owne desires and not only cleared o^r owne bounds, & our Indians debarred yo^r enemyes from being supply'd as they might, too farr to haue been easely if att all reached by you, but alsoe destroyed & p^rsued them yo^r way (and doe still) as farr as you would admitt, w^{ch} I doubt not you will iudge effectuall, consider, and not be long unmindefull at least of our sd Indians for such services, and be assured I shall not be wanting in my continued indeavours, as I aught, in every respect; & to remaine,
Your affectionate neighbour & servant

New Yorke, 25th

E. Andross.

August, 1676.

[*Superscribed,*] For the Hon^{ble} the Govern^r or Deputy Govern^r & Councell of Connecticutt Collony, att Hartford.

[Reply.* Doc. 113.]

Hartford, Aug 31, 1676.

Hon^{ble} Sr. Yo^rs of Aug. 25, '76, by Mr. Banks, was by us rec^d Aug. 30, in w^{ch} you p^rfesse plainesse, but seing sundry hints therein doe to vs look darkly which occasions vs to aske a meaneing of some passages in yo^rs, viz: That you shall allways be thankfull for any of o^r forces if there be occasion; our words & scope were to enquire whith^r you would deal yo^rselfe agst the comon enemy there, or giue vs liberty to passe vp Hudson's River wth our owne vessells to p^rsuee them; and as for that of yo^r sending a sloop to Albany with sufficient orders, we are much in the darke as to w^h may be expected from thence. Neith^r is it clear to vs why you should call the greatest p^rt of o^r L^re, a strange returne, a tacite reflexion, or needlesse; nor how far you have acted vpon o^r acco^t beyond o^r desires. As for clearing yo^r owne bounds (possibly) it might be thought but duty, being so reminded by vs of a comon enemy there then resideing, as it is now; but for our enemyes' being debarred of supplies, we have felt & found the contrary effects, & that they are supplied, & captiues say from thence. Indeed wee could not or should not haue so easily reached them there; but as to the destroying & p^rsueing them o^r way, yo^r honor hath held vs in the darke, as to instances, how far your Indians haue come or what they haue done against those who are their enemyes as well as ours. Neith^r did we p^rhibit, but onely caution their approach hithward. It is true we said, that we knew no need of y^r comeing hither, & that the enemye was at y^e upper Townes, w^{ch} were not in o^r Colony; yet should we advise to a civill reception of the Moquas if they came near them with signes &c. What to iudge effectuall, in that we know not, is a mistery to vs; or how to consid^r or be mindfull of yo^r Indians, for y^r services,—it not being made knowne who, or what, nor vpon w^h acco^t,—must require time for a right understanding. For w^h is said of yo^r continued endeavours, as you ought, Charity should beleeeve to be reall; and we are still waiting to heare of the destruction of those enemyes that are now in those parts, if not vnder your power. Possibly if but y^e cheife men were cut off by those Indians, as it was with the Pequots, it may do; wee doe not so concerne o^rselves for others or women or children, they deliuering vp themselves to merey vnto yo^r honor there.

We shall not give you farth^r trouble at this time, but wth y^e presentation of o^r respects to your Hon^r, desiring your candid construction of o^r lines, & a speedy answer to o^r proposalls y^rin, we take leave & are, Honrd Sr,

Your affectionat Neighbours & Humble Seruants,

[The Council of Connecticutt &c.]

These for the Hon^{ble} Major Edmun Andross, &c.

* Drawn by Gov. Leete; with occasional interlineations and erasures by Secretary Allyn.

It is desired that the several persons in the plantations of this Colony to whome the country is indebted, doe send up to Commissary Steele, of Hartford, wth all convenient speed, a true acco^t of their debts and creditts, to and from the country, and that souldiers' time be duely set down, when they began the service, and when they left it ; and those who haue dyated any, are to set their dyat at five shillings p^r week, and three pence a meale for od meales ; and for horsse pasture, fower pence p^r night ; ferridg at halfe ordinary price ; lost horses at 3 £ p^r horsse ; lost armes, wth saddles &c. to be prized by indifferent persons that know their value : that so the acco^{ts} may the more easily and speedily be finished. It is also ordered that such persons who haue credited souldiers, shall giue a perticular acco^t what they have payd and to whome.

Vpon the desire of Mainawhow, the Councill doe grant him one of those gunns that were deliuered to him by one of o^r Indian enemies last winter, which Mr. Stanton tooke from him into his own possession ; and sayd Mr. Tho: Stanton hereby is ordered to deliver the sayd gun to him, which of them he the s^d Mawmahoe will chose.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gour ; Capt. Jn^o Allyn.

If Major Winthrop and Capt. Winthrop see cause to take over three or fower famalyes, or halfe a score of those Indians that have surrendered themselves to the mercy of the English and are now wth the Pequots or Narrogancetts, and place them upon Fisher's Island, they are hereby permitted so to doe, returning an acco^t to the Court in Octob^r next of what he hath so taken, that they may giue their farther order about them.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL OF WARR, SEPT. 8, 1676.

Major Rob^t Treat Esq., Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Cohause being taken by the Indians, between Milford and New Haven, was brought before the Councill, and acknowledged that he had been in severall engagements against the English ; and was accused by Menowniet that he had wth another Indian shott Wm. Hill ; that he wth 4 more kild Kirby of Midleton, between s^d Midleton and Wethersfeild, upon the rohde ; and that he burnd Goodman Coale's

house ; besides other robberies that they have comitted.* The Councill having heard and examined the s^d Cohash, find that he is an open and desperate enemie of the English, and that he was taken in open hostility against vs, and so is a child of death ; and doe sentence him to suffer the paynes and terrors of death : and that if the Indians see cause to put him to death, they shall doe it forthwith ; if not, he shall be shot to death, by som English.

The Marshall is appoynted to see execution done :—

Which was performed by an Indian.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, OCTOB^r 6, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r ; Rob^t Treat Esq. Dep. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Wm. Joanes.

The Councill at Hartford being made acquainted wtha late conference and freindly proffer of Gouverno^r Andross to o^r Dep^t Gou^r, to prevayle wth some of the cheife of the Mowhaukes to come hither and treat with this Goverment respecting some service done for us against the comon enemie, and about Vncass &c., it is by vs desired that o^r sayd Dep. Gouvernor Major Treat forthwth apply himselfe unto the sayd Gou^r Andross, to expedit and accomplish the sayd treaty, and gain an assurance of what will be done : which will be acceptably taken by this Colony, both from him and them. Allso, upon some Indian intelligence that some surprize hath been lately made of a party of the enentie, vp Hudson's river, he is to inquire after the same ; and if true, to desire a surrender of them in behalfe of these Colonies, that order may be taken for their conuayance unto such place as the Councill shall appoynt or as the sayd Gouvernor shall direct and order, whoe is hereby fully impowred to transact in the premises respectuely. This signed p^r Wm. Joanes, p^r order of the Councill.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, NOU^r 24, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq^r, Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Tallcott, Mr. Richards, Capt. Allyn, Mr. Hen: Woolcott, Mr. John Wadsworth.

* See Menownieth's examination ; page 472, ante.

A letter was sent to Mr. Fitch, as an answer to his former letter rec^d, a copy whereof is on file.

The Councill apprehending it needfull and yet difficult to persue after sculking parties of the enemie, by reason of such Indians being scattered about in the woods, who pretend to be surrenderers when surprized, doe see cause to appoynt a meeting at Norwich, of persons impowered to receiue, disspose and settle all surrenderers, according to order, upon the second Wendsday in December next, when and where all such are to appeare as doe expect to haue the benefit of o^r declaration and concession in that behalfe; after which time all others that have been in hostility against the English are excluded from any such priuiledg, and may be dealt wth all as enemies, and likewise those that hide and harbour them. The contents aboue are to be published amongst the Moheags and Pequotts and the Indians belonging to Herman Garet and Ninicroft's daughter, by Lnt. Mason or John Stanton.

The Councill grants liberty that ten of those Indians which Lnt. Holister did bring in from y^e swamp where they were hid, and were not condemned by Major Tallcott to be sold, viz: Janimose, with his squa and foure children, and Wequanacat's squa with three children, and allso Wechapium, may return to Moheag, there to remayn in their former capacity of surrenderers, untill farther order; and what ever goods shall be proved to belong properly to the Moheags, shall be returned, if it be found after a sattisfying issue at the appoynted meeting at Norwich, the 2^d Wednesday in December next.

The Councill desired and appoynted Mr. Sam^l Willys, Mr. James Richards and Capt. John Allyn to atend the sayd meeting at Norwich. These Instructions were giuen them:—

1. You are to demand of the Moheags, Pequotts and Narrogancets, an acco^t of all captives and the surrendering Indians, wth the time of their comeing in; allso, whither they had not heard of the fixed time before they cam in to surrender.

2. Then to call for their personal appearance, and to list them by theire names, their relations and progenies, respectiuey.

3. You are to acquaint them wth the Gen^l Court order for their disspose, acquainting them with the scope and reasons of it, as not intending their hurt but for our own necessary safety from all such as had been o^r enemies.

4. Then may be reasoned or inquired of them what other way can be propownded that may sufficiently secure against their future troubleing the country, telling them that we must haue more than words to binde them to fidellity, they haueing forfeited their lives by warring against us.

5. You are to consider and appoynt the most fitt place for the temporary residence of all such as fall under that capacity by o^r order, to plant upon, with declareing to them the English rulers and teachers set over them, and requireing their submission and attendance to their counsellis and directions, according to such lawes and orders as shall be giuen them from time to time, by Court or Councill.

6. You are to appoynt some Indian constables amongst them to see to their behavior accordingly; and to serve warrants, publish orders, and to gather the tribute shall be apoynted &c.

7. You are then to apoynt a yearly tribut of 5 *sh.* p^r head of euery man growne, as an acknowledgment of their subjection to this gouernment of Conecticott.

8. Then you are to take off all young and single persons of all sorts to be put into English famalys (as pledges for their fydelity) and to be apprentices for ten yeares; after which terme they may be returned to their parents, upon the prooffe of the fidelity of both children and parents; otherwise, to be forfeited to slavery.

9. Then all such are to be deliuered to those whoe are appoynted by the Generall Court to receiue and disspose them in each County proportionably, to be sold and settled in good famalyes vpon the country's acco^t, to be responsible. These to be so sent away with a competent guard respectiuely. Herein it may be expedient to consider a deduction from such countyes as haue had some shares allready of surrenderers or captiues, or are too numerously replenished wth other Indians.

10. In all the premises, the members of the meeting abouesayd, wth Mr. Fitch as one of them, are left to there good discession to doe and deal to the best advantage of the countrye's welfare, as the matter may require; and so may they determine of Wambye's case.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, DECEMBER 5, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq. Govr; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Capt. Benj. Newbery, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Vpon receipt of a letter from the Generall Court of Rhoad Island, the Councill considered the letter and returned answer thereto in a letter signed p^r the Secretary in the name of the Councill.

The Councill granted John Brunson of Farmington, the sume of fve pownds, as reparation for his wounds and damage rece^d thereby, and quarteridg and halfe pay to the first of this present moneth.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JANUARY 2^d, 1676, [7.]

Wm. Leet Esq. Govr; Major Rob^t Treat, Dep. Govr; Mr. Sam^l

Willys, Major John Tallecott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Vpon the request of Capt. Dan^l Clark that his son's fine may be remitted to him, alledging that it would be a great incouragement to his settleing here in the improuement of his trade and art for the benefit of the Country, Major Treat also interceding for him and alledging his the s^d Daniell Clarke's confession and reformation as an incouragement to the grant, the Councill did see cause to remitt^r his fine, expecting the s^d Dan^l Clarke's return and settlem^t amongst us, in the attendance of his art and trade.

A letter also was prepared to be sent to the Gouverno^r and Dep. Gov^r and Assis^{ts} of Massachusetts, to signify to them o^r receipt of a letter from Mr. Nathaniel Mather of Dublin, in Ireland, signifying that a contribution of a 1000 £. was sent for Boston, to be divided amongst the Colonys, for the reliefe of distressed persons, to desire them to deliuer o^r proportion of the afoars^d charity to Capt. John Richards and Capt. Wayt Winthrop, to receiue the same for o^r vse &c: as p^r the letter on file will appeare.*

The Councill did grant that a minister's pay shall be twenty five shillings p^r weeke; a chirurgion's pay shall be sixteen shillings p^r weeke.

The Councill doe hereby return their hearty thanks to the Reverend Mr. Bulkely for his good service to the country this present war, and doe order the Treasurer to pay unto him the sume of thirty pownds as an acknowledgment for his good seruice to the country, besides the sattisfying of those that haue supplied his place in the ministry.

Commissary Steele is allowed after the rate of fifty pownds a yeare, for his service in that place.

The Councill haue granted to Mr. John Olmsted for his service

* The copy of this letter is not preserved. The letter from the Council of Massachusetts, is dated Jan. 4th, 1676-7, and relates, mainly, to a proposed treaty with the Mohawks, for the prosecution of the war with the Eastern Indians. Respecting the Irish Charity, the Council write: "Wee suppose you haue long since receiued account of the Irish Charity. Wee thought meet to giue you account of our method of obteyning knowledge of such as are in distress, as you may see, by this order sent to our seuerall townes; by which wee finde six hundred & sixty families, consisting of twenty two hundred sixty five persons in distresse; and yet want returnes from thirteen Townes, which will augment the number of our distressed inhabitants. Wee want such account from yourselues & the other Colony: by which wee may proportion what is divisible amongst vs." [War, Vol. I. Doc. 117.] See note on page 304, ante.

for the country, haueing veiued his bill, the sune of forty two pownds.

The Councill (being informed that much charge hath been expended upon volunteers by vertue of former commission to Capt. George Denison,) as formerly, so they doe now again see cause to wthdraw all charge to the country in that service, and doe only alow purchass for pay ; but whateuer captiues or plunder shall be taken is to be tryed and condemned by a Court Marshall, that so no wrong may be done. The Court Marshall for New London County are appoynted to be Major Ed: Palmes, Capt. James Auery, Lnt. Sam^l Mason and Lnt. Tho: Minor, or any three of them.

To prevent inconveniences, the Councill have seen cause to order that no Indians shall goe forth against the enemie wthout some English goe along wth them and they be vnder the English conduct, or by speciall lycense from the Councill or other Authority.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JANUARY 22, 1676.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Rich^d Lord.

A letter to Major Andross was directed from the Councill to signify to him that there was a vessell from Holland that came to Yorke and from thence into these parts, and was returnd to Yorke againe, which had not desired or obtaind liberty to land any of their goods in any of their portes, and therefore if his Honor saw cause he might see that his Majestie or Royall Highness or his substitutes be not deceiued of their just dues ; as p^r the copy on file may appeare.

A letter also was sent to Major Treat a copy whereof is on file.

Commissary James Chadduck is allowed for his paynes as commissary, besides his souldier's pay, fve pownds.

Obadiah Wood is granted fower pownds and his cure, (and Good-wife Sandford twenty shillings for what he did for her,) of his wound he rece^d.

Mrs. Allyn is allowed twenty pownds for what cures she hath don and paynes taken for the wounded souldiers and those sick.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, JANUARY 26, 1676.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r ; Major John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn.

The Councill granted Sam^l Luther a gunn, to be deliuered him by Lⁿ Leffingwell and Lⁿ Tracey, out of their proportion of gunns they are impowered to disspose in New London County, and also he hath liberty to take a surrendering Indian to liue with him (prouided he be not one of those allready dissposed, nor one of those whoe are freed from servitude,) for the term appoynted by the Court for them to serue.

Mr. Stoe is allowed twenty shillings a Sabboth for what time he hath been employed in the supplying the places of those ministers that haue been employed in the country service, which is twenty-foure Sabboths ; what is allready payd is to be allowed in the acco^t.

Jonathan Stevens is now freed from pay but to haue his dyat a full moneth longer upon the country acco^t, in regard of his wounds.

Roger Orvis is now freed from pay and is to return to his place and attend his own occasions, under the gouernment of his mother.

Dan^l Alexander is now freed from pay, but to haue forty shillings allowed him.

John Stoe is now freed from pay, but to haue his dyat allowed him a full month from this date.

If any of these fower doe need any more improuement of a chirur-gion for the cure of his wounds, they are to haue it upon the country acco^t.

Ens: Standly and Mr. Niccols are impowered to administer upon the estate of James Osborn in Hartford, and to disspose of the same according to will, there being no executor appoynted by the will.

Joseph Hadsdell is appoynted to serue 8 moneths, for the payment of fower pownds to Seacutt, for wampom he stole from him.

FEB. 3. A letter was sent to Mr. Fitch to desire him to treat wth Vncass and to move him to send a messenger to the Mowhawkes, and to feale how he stands affected to that designe, and to return to the Gouvernor or Councill how he shall find him dissposed therein.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, FEB. 7 & 8, 1676, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. Richard Lord.

The Councill according to their former promise doe grant and order that Scinnæ his wife and two children be returned to him ; the

other of his children being by his wife and Owanecoe placed wth Nath: Butlar for yeares, is there to continue.

The Councill grants vnto Ninicraft's daughter, her cooke mayd and another old woman, that were promised to her by the committee at Norwich, December last, that came in from the enemie.

Whereas Capt. Stanton hath made an exchange wth Abachickwood and some other of the principle Narrogancetts, for some Indians that the Councill had formerly dissposed to Major Palmes, as he alledgeth, for others of the enemy as they had captivated, the former being their kindred, as Mr. Stanton alledgeth; and Major Palmes haueing purchased those captiuated persons of the s^d Mr. Stanton, the Councill do not find Capt. Stanton's commission impowering him to make such exchange, yet being willing to grattify the sayd Indians whoe haue don good seruice in the late troubles, doe see good reason to recommend it to Major Palmes to gratify o^r s^d Indian freinds with those so exchanged as before; and doe order that such Indians as are in hands of the Narrogancetts, Nahantick or Pequots, as haue been formerly dissposed by the Councill to Major Palmes, be forthwith by them deliuered to Major Palmes or to his order, except such ancient persons as mercy forbids their remoue, which the Major is desired to grattify the Indians with, or near relations to principall persons amongst them.

Whereas the Councill haue been informed of some disorder in a late expedition by a party of those volunteers that went out with and vnder Capt. Denison and Capt. John Stanton, which must needs be a practice both uncomely and unsafe and so not to be tolerated, yet the sayd Captaines being loath to haue such souldiers discouraged by farther prosecution against delinquents, the Councill doe now aduise to an orderly and equall distribution of the captiues and successe, or to appeare at the next Court of Assistants to receiue their issue and determination of the whole matter if any persons be unsatisfyed.

The Councill seeing cause no longer to hold the commissary vnder pay, for that the Treasurer and he haue issued the acco^t and sent out warrants for the rates and payments according to what hath been presented orderly, the residue of what may be justly due to any person or persons must be respited till another yeare to be allowed and payd, ero^t excepted, about what hath been given to the commissary, which he ought to certify, as mistakes shall be manifested to him.

The Councill doe desire Major Palmes to accomadate Daniel the Pequot wth a squa of the enemie.

These Indians be wth Vncass, as is reported ;—Mattasquac, Phillip's Captaine ; Pawbewonkenuck, alias Harry, and Phillip's sister.

The Councill doe order the Treasurer forthwith to send orders to the severall constables in the plantations, to consigne the Gouvern^r two penny rate to Capt. John Richards and to Capt. Wayt Winthrop, and that he order the freight to be p^d in the specia^e that is sent where it is shipped.

The Councill order the Secret^y in their name to write to Mr. Wm. Harris and to certify him that the Gouvernour and Councill, in obedience to his Ma^{ties} command, are ready to attend the service his Ma^{ty} appoynted them to attend in refference to the settlement of his affayres, and shall appoynt some suitable Gentⁿ to attend the service wth those that shall be appoynted by the other Colonyes, they haueing notice of the time and place of meeting.*

The Councill doe grant that those three Indians now wth Capt. Denison, be continued wth him ; he allowing for them as others doe that receiue them.

The Councill doe nominate, appoynt and impower Capt. Georg Denison to seiz such intruders as, contrary to the Councill's proclamation,† shall be setleing themselues in the Naragancett country, and to bring them in safe custody to Hartford to be proceeded against for their contempt of the Authority here established by his Ma^{ty} ; and the s^d Capt. is to take such suitable ayd wth him as shall be requisite for the accomplishment of the afoarsayd service. And the Secret^y is to grant a warrant to the s^d Captaine to impower him as afoars^d, and to signe it in the name and by order of the Councill.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, FEB. 12, 1676.

Wm. Leet, Esq. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Capt. Benj: Newbery, Mr. Rich^d Lord, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott.

The Councill doe order that the Constable of Windsor doe pay to Capt. Benj: Newbery and L^{nt} Maudsley for the wheat was taken out of the warehouse for the country's use, what he pease in Indian corn,‡ two bushells of Indian for a bush: wheat, and pease at 3 sh. p^r bush.

* See Appendix, No. XX.

† See page 473, ante.

‡ So in the original. The correct reading may have been "what he *please* in Indian corn;" or possibly, one or more words were omitted by the recorder,—“what he please in pease or Indian corn,” &c.

The Councill doe appoynt Capt. George Denison to be Provost Marshall of the Narragancet country, pro tempore.

The Councill doe order the Treasurer to order Capt. Denison twenty bushells of corn for his famaly's use, out of some of the neerest townes to him wher it is to be had, upon acco'.

The Councill doe order Major Palmes to send up what is the country's due from him in trucking cloath and powder, to Hartford, by the first opportunitie, to be deliuered to the Treasurer or his order.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, FEB. 16, 1676.

Wm. Leete Esq. Govr; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

Vncas haueing by a writeing vnder his hand, engaged to secure the surrenderers that at present haue listed themselves with Mr. Fitch, that they shall be secured so as that they shall be ready for the dispossesse of the Generall Court or Councill upon demand, after six dayes notice; in consideration of the premises, the Councill doe permit the sayd surrenderers lately listed by Mr. Fitch, to continue with Vncass, and doe forbid and prohibit all persons whatsoever from seizing, interrupting or molesting the^d surrenderers so listed as before, they demeaning themselves inoffensively and carrying orderly towards the English, and pass not from Vncass his town without Mr. Fitch his pass, and with that not to goe over on the east side of the Pequot River any further then to fish, and not to goe to the westward of the Pequot River about four miles westward, and to the Northward to go no farther then Norwich.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL IN HARTFORD, FEB. 28, 1676.

Wm. Leete Esq. Govr; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

The Councill prepared a letter to the Govr and Councill of the Massachusetts to signify to them how farr they had proceeded wth Vncass in referencee to sending to the Maquas; and also to certify them of y^e distressed by the war, the number of them; and also to desire them to send up o^r proportion of the Irish charity.

[The Council of Massachusetts, in their letter of Jan. 4th, 1676, (Doc. 117,) had written, respecting the war with the Eastern Indians:—"After severall expeditions wee haue made against them and treaties with them, wee

conclude no assurance of peace or hope of quiet from them without some more considerable advantage against them than hitherto; which wee find very difficult by reason of vnknown and almost vnpassable woods, ryvers and other hinderances greatly obstructing our English souldiers. Being also fully assured that the Mackquaes are, and long haue been, a great terror vnto them, wee haue at length concluded, wth your joint concurrence which we desire, to send vnto the sayd Mackquaes to invite their coming downe vpon them thro the country, which may drive them downe vnto the sea coast and places fit for our forces to fall upon them; and to bestow some suitable present upon them, by the hands of such persons as yourselues and Major Pynchon shall judge meete to betrust therewith. Wee vnderstand not the nature or value of what may be meet to send as an assurance of our freindship; and therefore haue left it wholly vnto yourselues wth Major Pinchon, to judge thereof and order the same, and which wee shall reimburse. Wee entreat you in all things to advise and hasten the journey and dispatch.”]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MARCH THE 2^d, 1676-7.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

His Ma^{ties} Letter of November 3, 1676,* was rece^d and read in the Councill, and according to his Ma^{ties} pleasure and command therein, this following Declaration was sent forth :—

By the Gov^r and Councill of the Colony of Conecticott, assembled in Hartford, March the 2^d, 1676-7: Whereas, by express from his Ma^{tie}, Nath: Bacon the younger is declared to haue made himselfe the head and leader of a rebellion in Virginia, to the great detriment of that his Ma^{ties} Colony and to the danger of others near adjoyneing therevnto, These are in Ma^{ties} Name to command and require all the inhabitants, people and traders of this Jurisdiction or that shall goe forth from this his Ma^{ties} Colony, that if the sayd Nathaniel Bacon or any of his accomplices in that rebellion shall for their safety or otherwise retreate or resort within the limits of this Jurisdiction, that you cause him, them and euery of them to be forthwith seized and secured; hereby strictly forbidding all and euery person or persons to joyne with the sayd rebells, or to affoord them any armes, ammunition, provision or assistance of any kind whatsoeuer, but contrarily oppose the sayd rebells in all things as there shall be occasion, as they will answer their acting contrary herevnto, at their vtmost perill. God Save the King.

This proclamation is to be forthwith published by sound of trumpet in Hartford, by the Marshall Generall, and in N. London, Saybrooke, New Haven, Milford, by the Marshalls of the Countyes and Constables, by sound of trumpet or beat of drumme.

* The King's Letter is in Foreign Correspondence, Vol. I. (Doc. 11.) It relates wholly to Bacon's rebellion; and its contents are incorporated, in substance, in the Proclamation of the Council, given above.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MARCH 10th, 1676-7, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. John Wadsworth.

Forasmuch as from all parts of this Colony great dissatisfactions are taken in refference to the Treasurer's warrants for the payment of the present rate, in that many persons were not allowed so much creditts as their rates come to, though the country were more in their debts, and they thereby will be put to great and too intolerable straits to make other payments anew, and the rates not being sufficient to answer all the country's debts, the Councill (for peace and righteousness sake) doe see it necessary to allowe the constables in each and every town to forbear straineing so much of their rates from such creditors, provided that their acco^{ts} be cleare and justified upon the Commissary's or Treasurer's book. This to be vntill the next Generall Court doe giue further order, which may be by alloweing just forbearance to the greater creditors for what is thereby rebated of the summes that were appoynted to them to be now payd. And this shall be their warrant for the same. This to be sent by the Sec^y to the Constables in the plantations in this county, and to the clarkes of the countyes in the other three countyes ; they to send coppies to the plantations in their respective countyes.

A letter also was sent to Capt. Denison to appoynt the Capt. to attend his former orders he receiued from the Councill, &c.

Also, Jos: Delevare was granted liberty to set down in the Narragancet country ; but for the confirmation of his right, it is left to the Gen^l Court's consideration.

The Councill doe see cause to grattify Daniel wth those 3 Indians that are in his hands, left by Mr. Fitch's order.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, MARCH 13, 1676-7.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r ; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

The Councill haueing heard what hath been objected against Airunax and Naneposh, doe find that they were enemies to the English and held correspondence wth the enemy in the year '75, and in '76 that they surrendered to the English in the Massachusetts, and were accepted to mercy about June or July last ; and that afterwards in or about Michaelmas they fled from the English agayn, and thereby they forfeited their former grant of mercy, and so are in the state of

enemies, and are now adjudged to be dissposed of and transported out of the country by sale.

Major Tallcott is appoynted to make sale of them for the benifit of the country.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MARCH 19, 1676-7, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott *abs.*, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

The Councill sent a letter to Major Andross, to remind him of what we formerly sent to him, viz: o^r demands of o^r enemies to be deliuered to vs upon o^r charge, and allso o^r desires to goe up their riuer to treat y^e Maquaes, &c. and to giue him an acco^t of the inteligence we had of the Indians, o^r enemies, wth the Maquaes goeing forth some hundreds of them armed, to doe mischeife against o^r freind Indians or the English or both, &c. wth o^r desire of what inteligence is wth them from Albany concerning the motions of the Maquaes and those of o^r enemies with them, &c.; 'as allso o^r desire that he would grant vs liberty to pass up theire riuer to treat the Mohaukes, &c; wth a desire of an answer by the bearer.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, MARCH 21, 1676-7, IN HARTFORD.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

Forasmuch as by order or aduice of the Councill, dated March the 3^d, 1675-6, the inhabitants of Simsbury might remoue from that plantation for theire better safety in that time of war, but now the appearance of that danger being much over, and sundry of the s^d inhabitants are in necessity to make improvement of their accomadations for livelyhood, which lyes in common feilds with others so as that unless the comon fence be proportionably made and mayntained by all and each proprietor the present improuers will be too intolerably burthened,—for prevention whereof, the Councill sees cause to order (for the publique advantage,) that all the sayd proprietors doe either repayre thither and doe their parts of such comon fence and carry on plantation duty with the rest, or that those who doe or shall goe may haue liberty to take and use the lands of the deserters so much and so long as to defray the necessary charge of fences and rate due from, in or vnto the sayd plantation belonging.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, IN HARTFORD, APRILL 9, AND
APRILL 10, 1677.

Major Rob: Treat, Dep. Gov^r ; Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. Sam^l Tallcott.

Vpon the receipt of a letter from Major Andross, dated Aprill 3^d, 1677, the Councill resolved to send persons commissioned to Fort Albany, and prepared a letter to the s^d Governor, Major Andross, which the Secy was ordered to sign in the name of the Governo^r and Councill.*

The persons appoynted to goe to Albany were Major John Pinchon and Mr. James Richards. The commission was as followeth :

Major John Pinchon and Mr. James Richards, or either of them are hereby desired, appoynted, commissioned and impowered in the behalfe of this Colony, with the aduice and consent of the Governor and Councill of the Massachusetts, to pass to Forte Albany in order to a treaty with the Mowhawkes, there to meet the Hon^{ble} Governor of New Yorke, who hath by his letters of the 3^d of this instant giuen us notice of his purpose to be there. And you are hereby fully commissioned and impowered to request the s^d Governour's assistance therein, to treat with so many of the cheife sachems of the Maquaes in settleing and concludeing a league of freindship and amity between the English of New England and the s^d Maquaes, &c ; inquireing of them and gayning of them by all fitting wayes you may, perfect inteligence of all the good services they haue done for the English in these late warrs that haue unhappily broken forth between the English and Indians, returning them a suitable acknowledgment for the same, incourageing them still to continue theire assistance in the prosecution of the enemy especially at the eastward. You are also, according as you find the matter may be prosecuted, to treat the Maquaes, &c. about surrendering to the English gouernment, or otherwise, as you shall judg meet, disspose of the enemie as haue most treacherously and wickedly broken their league of freindship with the English, and allso fallen upon them in a most perfidious maner and destroyed sundry of them by fire and sword, promising them to beare the charge thereof, and giueing them a reward for the same. And in case any of the Moheags goe along wth you, you are to take the best notice you can of theire motions, and by your advice direct them in the best way you can to be joyned with vs and o^r freind Indians in the league with the Mohawkes, if

* "An attempt was made against our Indian enemies by way of a diversion, in the spring of the last year, 1677, by treating with the Mohawks or Mawques Indians. * * * Something was done that way by the help and advice of Major Andros, the governour of New York. * * * A long, troublesome and hazardous journey was undertaken by the Hon. Maj. Pinchon, of Springfield, and Mr. Richards, of Hartford, in behalf of those two colonies: they were followed with as much success as they could expect." &c. [Hubbard's Hist. of N. Eng. chap. lxxiv.]

you judg best when you com upon the place, and to endeauour their safe return agayn. Finally, we being fully satisfied concerning your prudence and good conduct, doe fully impower you, when you com upon the place, to doe, act and performe whatever may by you be judged requisitt and needfull in the premises, for the promotion of the publie good peace and safety of his Ma^{ties} subjects in these parts.

Instructions for Major John Pynchon and Mr. James Richards.

Whereas the Councill haue diuers wayes been informed that the Maquaes doe yet continue in their freindship towards the English in New England, and that they haue done good services against the Indian enemies whoe haue been in hostility against vs, the Councill doe judg it necessary to nominate and appoynt the Honord Major John Pynchon and Mr. James Richards to take with them a sufficient guard both of English and Indians, and to make the best of their way to Forte Albany; who upon their arriuell there are to address themselves to the Hon^{ble} Major Andross, Gouern^r, and to p^rsent him with the letter directed to him from the Councill, and to desire his advice, assistance and counsell in the best way for treating the Maquaes, according to your commission, that soe a setled league of amity and freindship may be established between the English of these Colonyes and the s^d Maquaes. And you may take the advice of Major Andross what present may be suitable to present to the Maquaes, as a grattification for the good service they haue done. But in case Major Andross should not be present at Albany, or obstruct your treating wth them, you are in such case to take what opportunity you can to treat the s^d Mowhakes, &c. or cheife sachems of them, and to present them wth a suitable present from the Colonys, which you may take up there (if what you carry with you be not suitable) vpon the credit of the Colonyes, and endeauoure to establish a league of amity wth them, engaging them to prosecute those Indians that are yet in hostility against the English, and to moue them so far as you shall judg convenient, to deliver up to the English such of the enemie as are with them, as haue been most perfidious and bloody in their designs against the English. The state of affayres there being not so fully known to us as we desire, we cannot giue you such perticular instructions as otherwise we might, but leaue it with you to act as you see cause. Trusting in your wisdom and prudence, we committ the whole affayre, and yourselves, to the protection, guidance and blessing of allmighty God.

[Letter from Gov. Andross. Doc. 118.]

S^r: Having allwayes endeavoured not to bee wanting in my duty, (with due regard to you my neighbours,) This is to acquaint you of my Resolves, and readinesse (God willing) to take the first good oppertunity, in few days, for Albany, where I hope to find all things very well, according to the frequent and late intelligence I have had all this Spring from thence. And if you please to depute and send a fitt person, hee may bee present and say any thing may bee proper from yourselfe or Colony to our Indyans, Maquaes &c. I thinke your nearest way (if you send) is by land; By which way I

(however) pray your Answer; intending my stay there as short as may bee and remaine,

New Yorke, Apr. 3^d, 1677.

Your affectionate neighbour & servant, [E. ANDROSS.]*

[Superscribed;] For the Hon.^{ble} William Leete
Esq^r. Govern^r of his Ma^{ties} Colony of Con-
necticut, These, at Hartford.

[The Council's Reply. Doc. 120, a.]

Hartford, April 10th, 1677.

S^r. Omitting at present the giueing any return to those lines your Secretary in your Honrd Council's name sent vs,† we take good notice of your resolution manifested in your letter of the third instant, not to be wanting in duty, with due respect to your neighboures, and of your purposs to take the first oppertunity in a few days for Albany, where, if we please to depute and send a fitt person, he may be present and say any thing may be proper from or Governor or Colony to the Maquaes &c. S^r, these lines may acquaint that in expectation of meeting with your hono^r there, we have desired the Honrd Major John Pynchon and Mr. James Richards to vndertake a journey to Albany, and they or either of them are fully authorized and impowered to treate yourselfe, aduise and conclude with you whatever may be necessary to be attended for the publique good peace & welfare of his Ma^{ties} subjects in these parts, in refference to the settleing of a firme league of amity between the English here and the Indians of those parts; as also to gratify them for what services they haue done for the English. And the sayd Gentⁿ or either of them are also fully impowered to treat and conclude whatsoever they shall judg requisite for the common good, with the sayd Indians Maquaes &c. according to his or their good and sound discession.

S^r, we doe request your Hon^r to esteem the forementioned Gentⁿ or either of them fully impowered as before, and doe desire you to giue credence to what you shall receiue from them or either of them and to grant them all necessary assistance and dispatch as their occasions shall require; which will much obhdge, Hon^{ble} S^r, Your most affectionate neighbours and servants,
The Council of his Ma^{ties} Colony of Connecticott, &c.

[Major Pynchon & Mr. Richards to Gov. Andross.‡ Doc. 120, d.]

Albany, April, 1677.

Hon^{ble} S^r. There being some principle Indians more deeply ingaged in the late mischeifs done upon vs, whoe we vnderstand are vpon your River, we judged it necessary to demand them to be deliuered to justice; yet weighing what your Hon^r hath presented, together with our owne observations, doe not apprehend it convenient at this time to insist farther vpon it, but shall represent the same with our sence thereof, to the respectiue Councils of our Colonies; and in case they still persist therein, that then your Hon^r would be pleased fully to answer their desire. In the mean time let all be in silence. Their names are Wequegan, Awassamange, Punmanequin, Negonump, Ap-
equanas alias John Sagamore and Cochapesen.

To the Hon^{ble} Edmon Andross

J. P.
J. R.

Esq^r. Gou^r.

April 17, 1677. Nuekquatahescke being apprehended by Far-

* The signature has been stolen by (or for) some autograph hunter.

† This letter is not among the files.

‡ From a copy certified by Mr. Allyn. The Commissioners reached Albany on the 17th of April,—as appears from Gov. Andross' Letter of the 25th.

mington Indians, was examined and committed to prison. His examination is on file. He was afterwards delivered to John Fish to be returned to his master.

[Letters from Gov. Andross. Docs. 121, 122.]

Albany, y^e 16th of April, 1677.

Sr. The fourth instant I lett you know by a Dispatch from Yorke, my coming to this place on the publique account, (perticularly as to the Indians) where I desired to haue seen some from you who might haue been present or spoke to our Indians Maquaes &c. as I then writt; and that I thought the best way was by land, by w^{ch} I however prayed I might heare from you, designing my stay shorte. The 6th, towards night, I sett out & arrived the 11th, and found all well; but heard of 4 pretended Moricanders* y^e had been lately here; w^{ch} came and went away strangely, so caused suspicion & trouble, neither Xtians nor Indians understanding their drift. And not heareing from you, the 14th, I spoake to and dispatched some Maquas Sachems as I writt to you, and alsoe satisfied them of y^e Moricanders as haueing been alwayes friends to y^e Xtians, (therefore they should take the Band† left;) and that I would att my returne to Yorke send to enquire of s^d message and hasten their coming: And that they must forbear hostility that way; which they promised. But heareing some North Indians are not only fled to Canada, but furthest Senekes & most other Nations have gott some, and alsoe some fled from you and Vnkes; and that your friend Indians are much startled, afraid & wavering, w^{ch} though but a reporte, I thought necessary to offer to your serious consideration the consequences & remedies; thinking it of importe. And therefore dispatch Expresse Mr. Timothy Cooper & Mr. Gerritte Tuneson (who know and cann informe you of these parts;) praying you will well weigh the same and returne me an answer by some fitt person of your owne. And hope alsoe, some will come from Vnkes or Moricanders, as soone as may bee, haueing vrgent occasions att Yorke & my stay here only on your account. I am y^r affectionate Neighbour and Serv^t

E. ANDROSS.

[Superscribed,] To the Hon^{ble} y^e Governour & Councill
of his Ma^{ties} Collony of Conecticut, Att Hartford.

Albany, y^e 25th of April, 1677.

Sr. The 17 Instant I rece^d yours of the 10th by Major Pinchon & Mr. Richards, fully authorized by you in refference to Indians, whoe haue had all freedome, seen & spoake to what Indians they pleased. And being denied nothing here to their content, doubt not their giueing you an impartiall particular account of all things; And being the bearers, shall only add my remaining
Your affectionate Neighbour and Servant,

[E. ANDROSS.]+

[Superscribed, as the preceding.]

* These were probably Mohegans sent by Uncas to treat with the Mohawks, in accordance with a suggestion made by the Council. See page 435. ante, under date of Feb. 3d.

† A band or belt of wampum is probably meant. The Council's letter to Massachusetts, of May 10th, (p. 456) mentions "a good belt of sewant" put into the hands of the Mohegans, "to give the Maquaes."

‡ The signature to this letter has been torn off.

The Gouvern^r and Councill from New Haven, June 14, 1677,* gave answer to a letter from the Gen^l Court of Massachusetts, dated June 1, 1677, whoe desired souldiers to be sent to the eastward; both which are on file.

[Correspondence with Massachusetts; May & June, 1677.†]

Hartford, May 10, 1677.

Hono^rd Gentⁿ. We haue ever since we received yours of the 2^d of January last been studiously carefull to accomodate your desires therein; & first, improued Vneass to send some of his people to the Maquaes, and were, besides a good belt of Sewant put into y^r hands to giue the Maquaes, forced to cloath them wth coats & shoes etc. which cost us about 7 pownds; & afterwards wth advice of Major Pynchon & with his consent, we did againe imploy Major Pynchon and Mr. Richards to goe up to Albany to treat the Maquaes: What success and how the affayre was managed we leaue it wth Major Pynchon to giue you an acco^t of the same. In this second undertaking we have expended, as by the acco^t will appeare, 11 pounds 10^sh. besides the charge of o^r guard & horses that went up wth them. Now Gentⁿ we vnderstand that Major Pynchon hath past in his own name a bill to pay some money to Mr. Vsher, which was taken up at Albany, to defray some charge & for a suitable present for the Maquaes. We hope you will be pleased to make payment thereof to good satisfaction, for so is your promise & engagement to vs, in your letter; speakeing of the Eastward Indians of the mischeife they still doe upon the English, you doe desire us to invite the Maquaes to com down upon them & to giue them some present; your own words follow, "we understand not the nature or value of what may be meet to send as an assurance of o^r friendship, & therefore haue left it wholly unto yourselves wth Major Pynchon to judge thereof & order the same, and which we shall reimburse. We intreat you in all things to advice & hasten the journey & disspatch." We hope we need not say any thing farther but may be confident of your readiness to comply with Major John Pynchon, that he may not be put to difficulty about the money he hath engaged to Mr. Vsher.

Gentⁿ, we formerly desired that you would send us our parte of the Irish charity, and to that end sent you an acco^t of the sufferers amongst vs who were driuen out of their habitations, sundry of them having their houses burnt, and lost most if not all of their erop upon their own lands; and many were faine to be sustayned by the charaty of the good people of the Colony and by their improving of them in labour, sundry of which number are people come out of some places at present in your Colony. But that acco^t is not satisfysing to you, we vnderstand by a letter from your Hono^rble Gov^r to our Secret^y. Gent: we have great cause to bless God for his goodness to vs, in makeing such supplies for vs and our people as he hath done, and opening the hearts of his people here to be ready to contribute to those who were in distress in all the Colonyes; and considering the many more people you and o^r other neighbour Colonys haue that are in such distresse, we are willing and doe

* "The Letter from your Gen. Court dated June 1st. last past, was about the 9th of June before it came to our Gov^r, who was then between N. London & Saybrooke. He used all possible speed to call the Councill to meet him at N. Haven upon the 14th of that moneth; which was as soon as could be. Your letter was presented to the Council there met." (The Council's Letter to Massachusetts, Sept. 3d, 1677; Doc. 130)

† The first of the letters which follow (in the text.) was despatched by order of the General Court,—which assembled on the 10th of May, and continued in session until the 19th. The others were written to or from the Governor and Council.

hereby declare, that we doe remitt all o^r right, title & interest in the Charity afores'd, to the distressed people of your Colony & those of Plimouth.

With desire y^t you will not faile of y^e promised re-imbursement abovesaid, doe take leave & subscribe ourselues, Honrd Gentⁿ, Your most affectionate freinds and neighbours,

The Generall Court of the Colony
of Conecticut; by their order signed,
John Allyn, Sec.

These for the Honrd Governour
of the Massachusetts, &c.

[From the Gen. Court of Massachusetts. Doc. 126.]

Gentⁿ. These are to signify vnto you the good pleasure of God, yet to sufer the ennemy to prevayle against our Easterne plantations where they haue lately killed sundry persons and burnt downe some houses and a considerable parte wholly depopulated; and wee are lately informed that they growinge numerous and haue had recruits of amunition from the French, are growne to a great heighth of insolency, and doe threaten to spend the summer quarter in ranging vpon our western quarters, hoping to lay wast many Plantations.

The consideration whereof, hath put this Court vpon a resolution of raying forces for giving them a repulse; doe judge that less then a hundred English accompanied wth two hundred Indians will be sufficient for the giving them a repulse; in the prosecution whereof, considering the relation wherein wee stand one to another by the articles of confederation,—

We judge it our duty to acquaint you herewith, in confidence that you will not faile to send your proportion of men furnished wth prouissions and amunition, especially considering that the place of randevous will be at Blackpoint,* to which you may wth like facility as ourselues transport by sea, from New London, where wee haue ordered our forces to meete the 26th of this instant; expecting your compliance herein and speedy answer by the bearer Mr. Jonathan Bull, whom wee haue sent as our messenger to hasten the more speedy dispatch, that so wee may haue no fayleur in a matter of so great concernment to the publick peace, Wee shall take leaue committing you to the guidance and blessing of God Allmighty &c.

We are Gentⁿ, Your freinds & Confederates,

Edw^d Rawson Secret: in the name
by order of the Generall Court.

Boston, 1st June, 1677.

[Superscribed:] These for the Honnrd Wm. Leete Esqr
Gou^{rn}r of His Majesties Colony, at Hartford, at Con-
necticot. To be communicated to Generall Court
there,—or Council.

[Reply of the Governor & Council,† to the foregoing. Doc. 127.]

N. haven, June 14th, 1677.

Honord Gentⁿ. Yo^{rs} of June 1st (77) could not be consulted by us untill the 14th of this moneth, which makes it impossible that we should presse, rally, furnish and send souldiers by sea unto Blackpoint before the 26th instant; neither doth the necessitie of our help appeare, when as less then a hundred English with 200 Indiyans are judged sufficient by yo^rselves to repell the enemy; if soe, there seemes noe call for o^r extraordinary endeavouring at p^rsent, neither is there want of provision or amunition there to fitt out soe many wth are neare at hand. Wherefore (although we condole those instaut troubles, as we doe all others of o^r Christian freinds and English nation) yet doe not apprhend orselues needed or called to minister such helpe of souldiers

* Black Point; now in the township of Scarborough, (Cumberland Co.) Maine.

† In the hand writing of Mr. James Bishop.

in this p^rsent juncture, much lesse to be obliged thereunto by the articles of confederation; doubtlesse these parts doe seeme extravagant and supernumerary unto the proportions agreed to confederate vpon, viz. 100 you & 60 wee, whether the tract of land or number of p^rsons in each Colony were to be considered, or cast upon equitably; from y^e premisses;* wee are apt to conceiue the trouble of y^r application hither might have been spared; especially not to bee waited on soe as to retard a vigorous prosecution of y^e warre in those parts, by such whoe may thinke themselves both obliged and in capacitie competently to carry it on. Some doings of the Mohaukes may rationally be expected there for helpe, as hath been here of late found against the comon enemy: Wee therefore pray you to abate those expectations from us now, nor to repute us under failure for not sending or not complying in that expedition. We can onely beseech the God of armyes to owne and crowne all yo^r lawfull enterprizes with happy success, and subscribe ourselves, Gentⁿ, Yo^r reall friends and confederates,†

The Govern^r & Council of Conecticott &c.

Postscript. Wee have noe Gen^l Co^rt at p^rsent sitting, and soe may doubt o^r capacite or power in this hostile conjoyneing to warre there; if ourselves were more willing.

For the Hon^{ble} John Leveret Esq^r, Govern^r, &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOUERNO^r AND COUNCILL, JUNE 27, 1677.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

There was answer given to Mr. Fitch's letter of June 25th, 1677, and the Councill ordered the Treasurer to send Vncass the forty bushells of corn was promised to be sent him for his supplying the surrenderers last winter, when they were removed, which was signified in the s^d letter; which letter was ordered to be signed by the Secret^y, in the Councill's name; and a copy of it is on file.

Allso, the Secret^y was appoynted to write a warrant to the county marshall of N. London, to seiz Pawbequanacke,‡ and wth sufficient ayd to bring him to Hartford to be examined about his leading away the surrenderers &c.

Allso a letter was sent to the Gouverno^r and Councill of Rhode Island, to informe them of o^r viewing of the Country and of o^r resolues to plant the same orderly;§ which s^d letter was ordered to be signed

* The punctuation of the original has been here retained.

† Following this, in the original draft, were these words, which were afterwards struck out, by drawing a pen through them; "upon a right understanding of the articles equitably."

‡ Concerning Pawbequanacke, and his "leading away the surrenderers" and Indian servants, to the Mohawks see the further proceedings of the Council, July 3d, and Aug. 16th; and a letter from the Rev. Mr. Fitch, (implicating Uncas as the author or adviser of the affair,) in the Appendix, No. XXII.

§ See Records of the Gen. Court, page 316, ante; and Appendix, No. XXI.

by the Secrety in the name of the Gou^r and Councill, and a copy of it is on file.

Allso, a letter was sent to the Gentⁿ who call themselues the proprietors of the Narrogancett Country,* to desire them playnly to declare what they purpose concerning the settlement of that Country and in what way &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERN^r AND COUNCILL, JULY 3^d, 1677.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r ; Major John Tallcott, Mr. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

Major John Pynchon and Mr. James Richards haueing wrott a letter to Gouverno^r Andross to acquaint him wth the motion of the Mohawkes and their seizing of Vncass his sonn &c.,† which lay for conuayance, the Councill ordered that a post be sent away with the letter to the Gouverno^r, and the Councill allso wrott a short letter to him, a copy whereof is on file.

Pawbequenuck was by the Marshall of New London brought up and examined by the Councill, and being found tardy‡ of inticeing the surrenderers to depart from the English and goe to the Mohawks, was sent to prison.

A MEETING OF THE GOVERNO^r AND ASSIS^{ts}, JULY 13, 1677.

Wm. Leet Esq. Gov^r ; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn.

Vpon the motion of o^r Indian neighbours, the Gouverno^r and Assis^{ts} did write a letter to Capt. Salisbury§ to request him to labour

* See Appendix, No. VII.

† Although the Mohawks had made a treaty with the New England Colonies, and subsequently rendered good service in the war with the Eastern Indians, they could not be induced to extend their friendship to the Indian allies of the English. They suspected Uncas and the Mohegans of intended treachery to their nation. The Mohegans sent, at the request of the Council, to the Mohawk country, were received with no favor: (see Letter of Gov. Andross, page 495, ante :) and some time afterwards, Owenoco was captured and detained a prisoner by the Mohawks, and only released at the earnest intercession of the Governor and Council,—a favor which his captors estimated very highly, "thinking," (as Gov. Andross writes to Connecticut, Aug. 28th,) "they have done much upon our accompts in freeing Uncas sonne."

Uncas, in a petition to the General Court in May, 1678, (Indian Papers, I. 37.) refers to the treatment of his son by the Mohawks "when he was in durance among them, *when surprised and taken from the English at Wegwanak* and carried away captive ; others put to death, &c."

‡ Tardy ; criminal,—in which sense the word was formerly often used. *Collier, Webster.*

§ Capt. Salisbury was the commander of the Fort at Albany.

to procure the release of Muntow, a Tunxes Indian, detain'd by the Mohawkes &c. ; as p^r the letter on file signed p^r the Sec^y p^r order of the Council, more at large will appeare.

A MEETING OF THE GOVERNO' AND COUNCILL, JULY 30, 1677.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r ; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

Robbin Cassaciniman and Daniel appeared before the Council and informed that two Indians of their kindred, viz : Wawwossunt and Tawmesunt haue surrendered themselues to them about a week since, and desire that their liues may be spared and they giuen to him ; the Council haueing considered their request and doe grant there desires (provided if it doth appeare that they are notorious murtherers, that then justice shall pass upon them ;) one of them to be to Robbin and the other to Daniel, who are to take care of them and keep them under their watch and command.

Tamuskhug and Obed appeareing in behalfe of the Nahanticks and desireing that they may be vnder the imediate government of the English as the Pequots are, the Council did declare that they are willing to grant their desires for the present, and if any other doe object against it when such objection appeares it shall be heard.

Robbin and Daniel desireing the Council that they may be permitted to strengthen themselues by engaging the freind Indians of the English, one with another to defend themselues against a common enemie, the Council declared to them that they haue a good respect for all their freind Indians, and are willing that they should be vnanimous in aposeing any comon enemie ; yet they doe aduise and command all such Indians that they should stand upon their guard and defend themselues, and not begin to manage any offensiue war, before the matter be heard and considered by the Council.

The Council doe grant ten pownd of powder and bulletts or lead proportionable be lent to Robbin, to be kept in his forte as a magazine for their necessary defence, not to be improved by them without they be assaulted by an enemie ; and Mr. Witherly is desired to procure it for him on country acco^t.

A MEETING OF THE GOVERNO^r AND COUNCILL, AUGUST 16, 1677.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

Vpon complaint made now by Richard Williams against Isack Hall to the Councill, August 16, '77, as had formerly been made to the Gen^l Court for illegal prosecution of the s^d W^{ms} by hue and cry, and then holding him under hard or cruell usage, and with threats wresting an agreement from him while he was under durance, and that after Hall had knowledge of the Generall Court's order for a hearing at New London; and accordingly a warrant was serued, (as Williams alledged,) but was not attended by Hall, though Williams did there appeare, yet is he now againe arrested to appeare at a speciall Court at Fayrefield, for non-performance of that agreement, which looks hard against an inhabitant; the consideration of the p^rmisses, together with the poverty of the person complaining, being unable to pass from court to court to seeke redresse, the Councill sees cause to advise that the case be suspended from that Speciall Court at Fayrefield, and that both parties doe appeare at the next Court of Assistants, where the whole matter in difference may be heard and issued; and if it be not to sattisfaction, the Gen^l Court will be at hand to put a finall issue thereto, vnless the case be wth-drawn or issued by both parties to mutual sattisfaction as signified hither before the Court.*

A letter was also writte to Mr. Fitch, signifying the release of Pawpequennocke, vpon his subscription of the engagement to pay 5£ towards the charge, and his attendance to Mr. Fitch his good councill &c; as more at large by the copy of s^d letter and agreement on file may appeare.

August the 4th, the same Councill sent a letter to Major Andoss, a copy whereof is on file,† and it was signed by the Secret^y in the name of the Councill by their order. It was sent by a Dutchman, who was to have 45*sh.* for carrying of it, and his horss hyer.

* See (in Priv. Controversies, Vol. I. Doc. 144.) a copy of a warrant issued by Mr. Nathan Gold, Assistant, of Fairfield, Feb. 10th, 1676-7, directed to the Marshall of New London County, "to make search within the County of New London, for the person of Richard Williams, and keep him in safe custody vntil you deliver him" to Isaac Hall or his order,—the said Williams "whose abode hath of late years bene within the County of New London," having "made an escape from the saide Hall his creditor," who had formerly "comenced an action & obtained a judgment & had execution" against Williams.

† The copy is not preserved.

[Reply of Gov. Andross to the Council's letter. Doc. 129.]

Albany, the 28th of August, 1677.

Hono^d Sr. Two dayes after my arrivall here, I received yours of y^e 4th instant, in effect answered by my former of y^e 7th past. I am still verry sorry and troubled for such actings of y^e Indians, and shall not be wanting in my continued indeavoures for our public quiett and security as farr as I may and cann; and will not doubt your haveing due regard to your late treaty wth s^t Indians, credit being of great import, particularly wth them; and therefore offer it to your consideration if your speaking to them upon this occasion be not materiall or necessary,—they thinking they have done much upon our accompts in freeing Uncas sonne, and are informed (as y^ey say) y^e Moreikanders beare them no good will, but intend warr; of w^{ch} being ignorant and not believing it, I shall satisfye them accordingly and referr them to you.

Five weeks since y^e Oneydes came in a warlike posture, but were diverted from y^e Southward, and promised to goe northwards towards Kenebock; so remained some dayes together and then broake up and dispersed; some stragalers doeing mischief att Claverak, Major Abraham's house, for which we have not yet satisfaction; nor never such actings afore.

I am, Your affectionate Friend and Servant,

E. ANDROSS.

“For The Hon^{ble} y^e Governour & Councill” &c.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL IN HARTFORD, SEPT^r 3, 1677.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

The Councill haueing rece^d a letter from the Gou^r and Councill of the Massachusetts, dated August 16, returned a full answer thereunto, Sept^r 3; a copy whereof is on the file, signed by the Secret^y.

[The letter from Massachusetts, of the 16th of August, (Doc. 128,) was received, by Major Tallcott, “on the 27th of August, about 12 of the clock in the day,” as an endorsement shows. The writers complain of the neglect and refusal of the Connecticut Council to send forces to aid in the prosecution of the war with the Eastern Indians. The sad consequence of this neglect is apparent; “being no less than the loss of 100 men slayne and taken captive by the enemy, besides the losse of great estates by sea as well as by land,”* which “in an ordinary way,” might have been prevented had Connecticut furnished the desired aid. The articles of confederation are referred to, to show that the application to Connecticut was an authorized one, and should have been complied with, without delay; as, in like circumstances,

* In the month of July, 200 Natick Indians with 40 English soldiers, under the command of Capt. Benj. Swett, of Hampton, were sent by the government of Massachusetts to the relief of the eastern settlements. They landed at Black Point, and, being joined by some of the inhabitants, marched in pursuit of the enemy. The Indians deceived them by a feigned retreat, and then turning suddenly upon their pursuers, when some two miles distant from the fort, threw them into confusion, Capt. Swett was killed, and 60 of his men left dead or wounded. The Indians afterwards surprised and captured about 20 fishing vessels which put into the eastern harbors; and killed and wounded several of their men. (Belknap's N. Hampshire, i, 157, 158; 1 Mass. Hist. Coll. vi. 263.)

Massachusetts had not hesitated to do, when called upon by Plymouth, at the commencement of the war with Philip. It is denied that Black Point, the proposed place of rendezvous, was, as had been intimated, without the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, although "our adversaries in England doe challenge those parts from us, & not only that but much more westwardly." * * The Colonies have reason to be humbled under the rebukes and anger of the Lord. "Many eyes are looking upon us in this day of our adversity. Those that are wise hearted among ourselves doe, with Eli, sit trembling to think of the Ark of our God; and we fear there are too many that would rejoice to see it delivered into the hands of the vncircumcised."

It is heartily desired that "the account of charge and disbursements made by each Colony for the management of the war," may be speedily attended, in the manner provided by the Articles of confederation; and for this end, a meeting of the Commissioners at Boston, in September, is proposed, &c.

The Council's reply, (Doc. 130,) after rehearsing, in substance, the contents of a former letter from Massachusetts, of June 1st, and of the reply thereto, of June 14th, proceeds:—

"Since this, on the 27th day of August, we rec'd a letter from your Hon'd selves, dated the 16th of that month; in the prologue of which letter you seeme to take notice with regrett at o' answer or saying that we did not apprehend o'selves needed, called or obliged by Articles, to send souldiers to Black poynt on such a suddain, upon that occasion. You also enumerate the disasters in your Eastern frontier townes; together with setting forth the approach of the warr so neare as Merimack; intimating all those as sad consequences of our neglect. But to the argument of our apology, little is said, viz: the want of time, the unnecessary charge, & the inequality of proportion to reckon those parts upon the confederation acco't of 60 to 100. Of the righteousnes and reason of these o' grownds why we forbore, no heed is taken; but instead thereof, a setting forth of your owne ingenuity & goodnes, as a pattern to guide vs." * * "It often happeneth that little conviction will be fastened by our own selfe comendation; especially upon such who have sought such goodnes formerly from you towards ourselves and have not attayned,—as in the Dutch war; yea, and in Indian war, there hath been slowness enough to com to our succour when we needed your help more than you do ours now." * * Although Massachusetts may have had quiet possession, of late, of those eastern parts, "yet we have heard that you took it by power and not without gainsay or opposition of some inhabiting & pretenders;" and, as themselves admit, the title is yet in controversy. "This matter (all circumstances considered) ought first to have been judged before we had been so condemned by you:" for Connecticut had not hitherto been wanting in affording aid to their confederates. "We are not of those who doe looke upon this day of adversity with Aha; but are of that number who tremble & pray for the deliverance & welfare of the ark of God, and are far from rejoyceing to see it cast into the hands of the uncircumcised. Neither are we envious at your enlargement of territories or increase of numbers. We hope we can say with Joab, the Lord add unto them an hundred fold. Yet may we say with him (in another case,) Why doe you delight to p'judicate & reflect so hardly upon your brethren for a differing apprehension," &c. * * "Surely, Gent", biteing reflections (though covered wth Scripture expresions) become not the day nor spirit of humiliation, when the hand of the Lord is so stretched out still against us; for greivous words stir up strife & are apt to make it hard to forbear retortings."

As to the making up of the War accounts, the Treasurer cannot be prepared by the time proposed by Massachusetts; and no reason appears for anticipating the regular triennial session of the Commiss'rs of the Colonies; "we apprehending ourselves to have done our part and paid our own men,

according to that proportion sent ; yea, supernumeraries we had, both Indians and English volunteers, who cost us much charge and did good service : which gives us to expect to be creditors, & so not to need to be hasted to acco^t for our forbearance."

"Gent", as we know not what trouble may be to yourselves, so neither can we foresee the danger of our western clouds. We doe therefore desire we may all be sympathetically humble & amiable each towards other ; for there's enough of enemies, ill-willers & fals freinds on every side ; and to be sure, many & great corruptions in our own hearts to give them advantage against us.

"Gent", If we have been driven to use more plaine language (as you call it) than becomes our just & necessary vindication, we beg your pardon and better pattern, for the expunging all obstructing remorals out of all hearts and minds of good people both in that & this Government, and that love and unity may increase betwixt us" &c. * * "For we are & ever desire to be, Honrd Gent, Your reall friends & confederates,

The Gov^r & Councill of Conecticott &c.]

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL IN HARTFORD, SEPT^r 15, 1677.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r ; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards.

Whereas Mr James Richards is bownd for England upon his own occasions, the Councill haue thought it requisit and doe accordingly nominate, appoynt and impower the sayd Mr. James Richards, Assis^t, when he comes to England, if he find an opportunity in behalfe of this Colony, to procure of his Ma^{tie}, in the best way and maner he can, a letter to the Government of this Colony signifying that whereas the Narrogancett country hath bin lately conquered by the valor and good conduct (principally of his Ma^{ties} subjects of this Colony of Connecticut, at great charge and with the expence of much blood,) and inasmuch as it lyeth within the limits of his Ma^{ties} gracious charter granted to Conecticott, that his Ma^{ty} is graciously pleased to order that the Government of Conecticott doe take the Government of the sayd Narrogancett country to them, notwithstanding all other pretences of claim by any persons whatever, formerly, which are now made voyd by the late warr and that they doe take care to setle that part of the country in such a way as may be for the best safety of his Ma^{ties} subjects that shall see reason to plant there, and for the best upholding of religious and ciuill societies. And what charge the s^d Mr. Richards shall be at, in procuring such an order, or what els he shall (by the best aduice he can take upon the place,) judge suitable to doe or procure for the aduantage of the Colony concerning the p^mises, it shall be repayd to him out of the publique Treasury.

Instructions for Mr. James Richards on behalfe of this Colony of Conecticott, respecting the Narrogancett lands.

S^r, you may remember,—

1. That the Narrogancett lands doe ly circumscribed wthin the bownds of o^r Charter.

2. That allthough Rhode Island agent obtayned afterwards an agreement with Mr. Winthrop, yet, 1st, his agency for this Colony was expired then and himselfe had soe declared; 2d, that the agreement was made null by their violation of the tenour and tearmes of it, by their own opposing the proprietours or inhabitants liberty to choose and subject themselves to that Gouverment which they had elected and submitted vnto.

3. By that meanes, the country was planted in such a dissolute, forelorne and heathenish manner as was both to the dishonour of God, o^r king and nation, and so forlornly scituate as exposed it to ruine by the heathen.

4. By them, that is, the heathen, it was devastated, and so totally depopulated and burnt up as it is.

5. Rhode Island refused or neglected to assist in the war to recover it.

6. That by the successe in the war, it was reduced and vanquished upon the acco^t of this Colony's charge, in great part, and loss of many liues.

From hence it may appeare that Rhode Island's after charter, with *non obstante*, was illegall, surreptitious, and by it both his Ma^{tie}, o^rselues and the people inhabiting are abused. As to their plea of the Com^{rs} concessions, it is made invalid, for that Colonell Niccols, being the onely Quorum, was not present when it was done nor was it approved by him.

Whereas Jamus, an Indian (haueing put himselfe seruant to Joseph Bull formerly, as by a writeing under his hand appeares, and since hath run away from his seruice and was flying (with others) out of the country, and hath been many moneths absent, as by his own acknowledgm^t is granted; but is now (at Joseph Bull's great charge) recouered and brought hither to be dealt wthall, according to desert and justice,—The Councill (considering the forfeiture he hath made of his liberty, according to proclamation,) doe see cause to order that the sayd Indian shall continue in service with his sayd master, for term of his whole life; unto which himselfe doth declare his consent, (except his master, upon his good carriage, grant abatement,) and promiseth to doe faythfull seruice and well behaue himselfe: but if he shall agayn so run away or misbehaue himselfe, then he may expect to be sold out of the country; otherwise, this order shall be his security from being sent away.

HARTFORD, SEPT^r 20, 1677.

The Governo^r and Assist^t at Hartford, being by a letter from Major Pynchon and otherwise informed that the Indians the day past had made an assault upon Hatfield and Pacomptocke or Dearfeild, and kild and taken sundry of the good people and burned seven houses,* they forthwth by post sent the tideings thereof throughout the Colony, with their orders that the plantations forthwth see themselves provided wth ammunition and that their armes be well fixed, and that they sett themselves in the posture they may to defend themselves.

And they also gave order for the rayseing of fifty men forthwith, seventeen out of Windsor, and nineteen out of Hartford, and foure-teen out of Wethersfeild, to be provided wth horss, long armes and amunition, to march forthwth vnder the conduct of Capt. Thomas Watts, L^{ut} John Mawdsly and Ens: John Wyott, to Northampton and Hatfeild to defend those plantations, and to persue the enemie, if when they cam upon the place they judged it feaseable to overtake the enemie and their numbers sufficient to engage them, and in such case they were to kill and destroy them by all fitting wayes and meanes they could, &c: as p^r the cobby of their commission on file may appeare.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL IN HARTFORD, SEPT^r 24, 1677.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r; Major Rob: Treat, Dep. Gov^r; Major John Talleott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Bishop, Capt. John Nash.

The Councill considering the necessity of the country to be in a prepared way for the sending out such force against the enemie as occasions may call for, which cannot be done without some bread be prepared for that end, haue seen it necessary that there be at least fve hundred of bread provided to lye in readyness for the country's vse, in each of the countys of N. Haven, Fayrefeild and New London and a thowsand in Hartford County; and therefore doe order the Treasurer to take care that so much be prepared in Hartford County forthwth; and they doe recommend it to the Deputy Governo^r, Major Gold and Mr. James Fitch Jun^r, to see that this order be forthwth attended in their respectiue countyes. What is baked for N. London is to be kept at Norwieh for the country's use.

* On the 19th of September, a party of River Indians, (Wabingas or Morhicanders,) fell upon Hatfield and Deerfield, shot several of the inhabitants of the former town, and carried away some four and twenty prisoners. [Hubbard's Hist. N. Eng. chap. lxxiv.]

A letter was sent by the Council to advise Major Pynchon to send to Capt. Salsbury to endeavour the release of the captives, &c ; as per the copy on file ;

A letter was sent by the Council to Major Andross, to give him an account of the late assault, &c. both which letters were, by order of the Council signed by the Secretary in their names, and sent away, copies being kept on file.

[Reply of Gov. Andross. Doc. 132.*]

New Yorke, the 28th of Septemb^r, 1677.

Hon^{ble}: I have received yo^{rs} of y^e 24th instant, upon occasion of a late wofull disaster & murders at Hatfield by Indjans, the parties or from whence unknown &c: of w^{ch} I am more sensibly troubled then I can expresse, and have communicated it to & advised with my Councell, all in amazement that thereupon you, as rashly as falsely & unchristianly, censure & detract our past transactions to slander us (or authority I represent) here, who have acted for yo^r good & service in all yo^r late warr & trouble (though unasked) beyond expectation, & by God's blessing successfully ; and what you quote, done & solemnly approved of by yourselves: w^{ch} if consider'd, you would not have writt as if no regard of the powers here or hereafter. However we are his Ma^{ties} Subjects, Christians, & yo^r Neighbours ; and resolve not to be wanting in our continued endeavours accordingly ; and as upon your urgent desire I contributed to yo^r free treating wth y^e Maques, w^{thout} any limitation, (acted by your own agents) to yo^r full satisfaction, it hath allways been mine and Councell's opinion thatt said Maques or any other guilty in any respect, ought to be called to accompt & prosecuted for the same ; so now upon this late barbarous fact, that you ought not to delay itt ; and (giving fitting notice) you shall never find obstruction (but y^e contrary) from this government, upon all occasions. And if any Indjans being or living amongst or neare us can be known to bee guilty of the above horrid fact, am ready immediately (with you) to endeavour bringing such to condigne punishment. If you have nott afore y^e receipt of this, I pray your present notice what Indjans have done y^e mischief at Hatfield exprest in your above letter ; it importing all his Ma^{ties} subjects in these parts ; and praying God to direct and assist us all, Remain Your affectionate friend and Christian neighbour,

E. ANDROSS.

[Superscribed,] For the Hon^{ble} the
Governour and Councell of his Ma^{ties}
Colony of Conecticut, at Hartford.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL IN HARTFORD, OCTOBER 9, 1677.

Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r ; Major Rob^t Treat, Dep. Gov^r ; Major John Tallcott, Capt. John Allyn.

Vpon occasion of the late disaster at Hatfeild, which might arise from a confluence of hidden and fugitive Indians watching their oppertunetys for mischeife, the Council is made sencible of such like

* The copy of the Council's letter is not preserved.

danger from other of the enemie and runigadoes that lye sculking in the woodes, some of which haue runn from their English masters and forfeited the mercy promised them, [and] doe therefore see cause to order theire surprize forthwith, and to be brought hither to be dissposed of for the security of the country. But if (by theire endeavouring to fly or resist,) they be slayn, theire blood is just to lye upon their own heads. Major John Tallcott is hereby impowered to commission and send forth some English and Indians compitent for this service, and to promise them suitable reward accordingly, which is to be made good out of the publike treasure.

[From Gov. Andross to Gov. Leete. Doc. 134, a.]

New Yorke, the 6th of October, 1677.

Hon^{ble} Sr. I hope you are satisfied by my last of the 22th* past of my endeavours for our continued quiet and good state, peticularly eastward.

This is to acquaint you thatt I have received leave from his Royall Highnesse to goe home with the latest ships, for my own occasions or concerns, this winter, so as to returne in the Spring: whereupon, by advice with our late Generall Court of y^e quiet good condicon of all parts of the Government, I designe (God willing) taking y^e Oppertunity of goeing wth a Ship here bound for London, leaving all things as now settled, with due regard to a good correspondence as hitherto with yourselfe & Colony; which I pray & will nott doubt from you upon all occasions; and Remaine, Hon^{ble} S^r, Your affectionate friend and servant,

E. ANDROSS.†

[Superscribed,] "For the Hon^{ble} Wm. Leete Esq. Gov^r," &c.

[Gov. Leete's Reply. Doc. 134, b.]

A copy.‡

Nov. 13th, 1677.

Hon^{ble} Sir. As to our satisfaction you mention to be hoped from your eastward endeavour for quiet of the country, that must farther receive its approbation by the sequell thereof; but as to the wording of your letter of 22¹ past, little satisfaction [can] be gained in construction of those charges of us, to speake rash, fallse & unchristian; which wthout conviction we are left in the darke how to vindicate o^r inocency or acknowledg mistake; nor doe you give us ground to hope by your westward endeavoures to reconer our captives, that are still in the hands of barbarians, as was desired & hoped from your great influence vpon the Maquacs, &c. O^r loyalty to his sacred Ma^{tie} wth our dutyfull respects to his royall Highness may be well evinced by our endeavours & expence to saue a maine part of Long Island from the Dutch conquest; also by gratulatory salutes to yourselfe at yo^r first landing in that capacity of his Highness service; likewise by our frequent sollissitation of usefullness against his Ma^{ties} barbarian enemies, though we sought you not to joyne in the war, yet to prevent their hideing, shelter or supply from those parts. What repayment we have had to reciprocate these correspond-

* The letter referred to is dated Sept. 28th,—not 22^d.

† A memorandum in the hand of Gov. Leete, that "This Pre was rec'd in the latter end of Octob^r, '77."

‡ By Secretary Allyn.

encys on our part showed, is wth yourself to consider, we being vnwilling to repeat any matter of regret: but notwthstanding the difficulties which may ly in spirits of some of our people, we desire & purpose to mayntayne a due regard to your person, wth a suitable correspondence to your Gouvernement in your absence; nor shall we be behind hand in all neighbourly civilitys becoming Christians; & would hope & expect the same from yourselfe as oportunities present, either here or in England; which will be obliging vnto, Hon^{ble} S^r, Your affectionate friend & servant,

WM. LEETE.

These for the Hon^{ble} Edmund Andross Esq.
Govern^r for his Highness, of his Ma^{ties}
Collony of New Yorke.

State of Connecticut, ss.

Office of Secretary of State.

I hereby certify, That I have caused the printed matter contained in the foregoing pages of this volume, to be carefully compared with the original Records and Files, in this Office; and that I find the same to be, (except where otherwise indicated and expressed,) a true, full and literal copy of the said Records, of the Journal of the Council, and of such other documents as are incorporated therewith.

L. S. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said State, at Hartford, this 31st day of March, A. D. 1852.

JOHN P. C. MATHER,

Secretary of State.

APPENDIX.

No. I. (p. 26.)

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO HEAR UNCAS'S COMPLAINT.

(1.)

New London, Nov. 13th, 1665.

1. The Committe for heareing Vncus his Complaints, hauinge considered what Vncus hath to say respectinge his squaw's rights to Homonosset, we doe finde that all Vncus his claimes, whether reall or pretended, vnto all the lands betwene Connecticut River & Gilford vp Connecticut River [twelve ?] miles and half way from Gilford vnto Mattabeset, are alienated by Vncas vnto Mr. Fenwicke and the inhabitants of Seabrooke & Gilford, except onely six acres of land at Homonosset, and his Ryaltys [royalties ?] vpon this land. This Vncus owned before the Committe, w^{ch} fully cleares vp the English title frō Vncus.

2^{dy}. Complainge beinge made that some English haue made sellars within a few miles of Norwich both wthin the bounds of y^e s^d towne stated by the Court and sould by Vncus to the inhabitants of y^e towne, this Committe doth judge it vnequall y^e any English should endeavour to possesse y^mselues of that w^{ch} Vncus claimes to be wthin his bounds bought of Vncas by Norwich Towne and stated vpon the s^d towne by the Gen^l Assembly of this jurisdiction. And these English thus buildinge vpon Vncus his bounds, sould and confermed to Norwich, wthout any application to the Gen^l Court, w^{ch} we judge irregular.

3^{dy}. Complaint beinge made to the Committe that diuers Indians doe hunt vpon Vncus his limitts, we doe desire the Magestrats of Hartford & Winsore to prohibitt the Connecticut Indians frō huntinge vpon Vncus his bounds or any way molestinge him in his Indian Royaltys. And this Committe doe declare y^mselves willinge y^t some meet season be taken to heare the difference betweene Vncus and the Indians of Quinabauge, w^{ch} cannot be done at this time, none of Quinabauge Indians beinge now present. And Thomas Trasy and Francis Griswold are desired to warne the Indians of Quinabaug not to hunt wthin Vncus his limitts.

Willm. Leete
Samuel Willis
Robert Chapman.

I doe finde y^t the lands betweene Connecticut River and Gilford were alienated either vnto Mr. Fenwicke or Seabrooke and Gilford by Vncas, but vnto w^{ch} I doe not determine.

Samuel Willis.

(2.)

Hartford, Octob^r 20th, 1666.

The Committee appoynted to hear Vncos his complaints, mett, before whome Vncos came and complained that New London men [*blank*] him land they had of him upon y^e west side of the riuer up northward unto a bound marked tree that was agreed betwixt them and him, by a brook called Cankitthewonk. This was owned by James Morgan and witnessed by Major Mason.

That the land down the river southward from that marked tree to Mamacuck was Vncas his father's land and so his, we finde witnessed by Mathew Griswold and William Waller under their hands, who were appoynted by the General Assembly to inquire into the matter; and upon the east side, his land to Acomokes; beyond which New London have about three miles which they have not satisfied for; for issue of which matter we haueing treated with Vncas concerning the price for rites and titles in all the s^d lands to be made good and ferm to New London men, do approue of his demand of twenty pounds in currant pay, and do advise the town to pay him the s^d sum for the establishment of a clearer title, preservation of peace and preventing further trouble and charge to themselves or the Country. Butt for the rest of Vncas his lands up the River unto Norwich bounds, we do order with his own free consent that he nor his heirs shall not sell any part of it to any person or persons whatsoever but unto New London town, and not to them neither without the consent of his people, reserving a competent proportion to plant vpon, so to remain for him, his heirs, his people and their successors for ever, for their subsistence.

William Leet
Sam^{ll} Willis
Rob^t Chapman
William Wadsworth.

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of N Vncass

Transcribed out of the Original,
May 30th, 1666,
by Daniell Clark, Secretary.

The aboue instrument is a true copie of a copie under y^e hand of Daniell Clark Secretary, bearing date May y^e 30th, '66.

Test, Thomas Williams,
Justice of the Peace.

[1713.]

No. II. (p. 31.)

TAWTANIMO'S GRANTS TO RICHARD BALDWIN.

"At a meeting with Towtanimoe Sagamore of Pawgasutt, together wth some other Pagasett Indians his subjects, at the house of Richard Baldwin at Milford, March 2^d, 1659-60 :

The sayd sagamore did grant * * the meadow known and denominatad by the name of Hogg Meadow * * unto Richard Baldwin, * * * and doth further promise and engage that when the proprietors of Pawgasutt shall there come to possesse and improue there propriety there, he will then sell and make over to them what other vpland or meadow shall be for their convenience. And likewise doth ingage in the mean time not to make over, sell or dispose of any land * * between the west branch of Milford Mill River and Potatuck River east and west, and from the little river on the north side of Grassy Hill and so northward unto the hither end of the place commonly called Deares Delight, vnto any other * * persons whatever," &c. This grant is signed by the marks of Tawtanimoe, James, Chub, Succuscoge, Secochanneege, Sassaughough & Wauwumpecun, Indians then present.

By a subsequent grant, Sept. 6th, 1661, Tawtanimo gave to Richard Baldwin "all the upland adjacent to Hoggs Meadow" within the following bounds ; "to begin at Milford line on the south side, and the north side goeth up to the path which goeth from Pagasett to New Haven ; and the west side from Milford line where the cartway now is that goeth over the Brooke which is on the north side of Grassy Hill,* and so broad as it is there, to Milford Mill River, the same bredth it is to runn from the sayd Mill River at Pagasett path on the north side towards Pagasett : also all the great swampe that lyeth on the east side of the sayd Mill Riuer from Milford lyne northward and eastward, unto the outmost bownds of it." Subscribed by the marks of Towtanimoe, Younkitihue, & Towhege, Indians present at the giving of the land, and witnessed by Michael Tompkine, John Baldwin Jun^r.

These deeds are recorded, at length, in the first volume of Colony Records of Lands, page 292.

September 15th, 1665, "Ockenung, the sole and onely Sagamore of Pagassett," with the assent of his subjects, confirmed to Richard Baldwin and his fellow proprietors at Pawgasset, the grants formerly made, and gave them a deed of the whole tract of land included within the bounds following ;—"on the north with present path that lyes between New Haven and Pagassett, and on the south wth the bounds of Milford Town, and on the east with the Mill River of Milford, and on the west with the great River at Pagassett." Subscribed by Ockenungs, Chaps and Nebawkumme, and witnessed by John Minor, Michael Tompkins and Thomas Oviat. (Recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 388.)

No. III. (p. 45.)

LETTERS FROM KING CHARLES II.

[For. Correspondence, Vol. 1, Doc. 4.]

CHARLES R.

Trusty and well beloved, Wee greet you well. In former letters* Wee haue directed you to put yourselves in the best way of defence you could against the assaults of the French & Dutch in those parts, & for the securing of all shippes hither, towards which you may assure yourselfe that Wee will cooperate from hence with Our accustomed care for the good of Our Subjects. And because the time offers it selfe more favourably now then ever, of delivering yo'selves from those unquiet neighbours, Wee have thought fitt to write this unto you, to authorize you to apply yo'selves with all your force and skill to the reducing to Our obedience all Islands & Plantacons in those parts belonging to the French or Dutch nation, & especially that of Canada, the effecting of which Wee must leave to your prudence and good conduct, since it is impossible att this distance to instruct you therein. And that Our trusty and well beloved S^r Thomas Temple Our Governo^r of Nova Scotia may the better correspond with you & bee assistant therein, Wee have by Our Letters required him thereunto. Herewith sending you Our Declaracon of the Warre against France, which you are to publish in the manner you shall thinke fitt, takeing the substance thereof, and varying the forme of it according to what hath been used in such cases. And soe Wee bid you farewell. Given att Our Court att Whitehall, the 22th day of February, in the 18th yeare of Our Reigne, 1665-6.

By his Ma^{ties} Comand, ARLINGTON.

[Directed] To Our Trusty and Wellbeloved the Governour & Councell of Our Colony of Connecticott in New England.

[For. Cor. I. Doc. 5.]

CHARLES R.

Trusty and Well beloved, Wee Greet you well. Having received so full and satisfactory an account from Our Comissioners, both of the good reception you haue giuen them and also of your dutifulnesse and obedience to Us, Wee cannot but let you know how much Wee are pleased therewith, judging that respect of yours towards Our Officers to be the true and naturall fruit which demonstrates what fidelity and affection towards Us is rooted in your hearts. And although your carriage doth of itself most iustly deserue Our praise and approbation, yet it seems to be set off with the more lustre by the contrary deportment of the Colony of the Massachusets, as if by their refractorinesse they had designed to recomend and heighten

* A copy of this letter, made in 1666, (in a volume of "Copies & Letters," page 5,) has this note in the margin, in the hand writing of Sec. Allyn: "Those former letters never came to hand."

the merit of your compliance with Our directions for the peaceable and good Gouvernement of Our subjects in those parts. You may therefore assure yourselues, that Wee shall neuer be vnmindfull of this your loyall and dutifull behaiour, but shall vpon all occasions take notice of it to your aduantage, promising you Our constant protection and Royall favour in all things that may concerne your safety, peace and wellfare. And so Wee bid you farewell. Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the 10th day of Aprill, 1666, in the Eighteenth yeare of Our Reigne.

By his Maties comand, WILL. MORICE.*
 [Directed,] To Our Trusty and Welbeloued
 The Gouvernor & Councell of Our
 Colony of Connecticut in New England.

[Book of Letters, Orders, &c. p. 7.†]

CHARLES R.

Trusty and well beloved, Wee greet you well. By Our letter of the 22d of February last, Wee gave you notice how that the French King haueing declared warre against Us and Our Subjects, Wee have been obliged in Our just defence to issue out Our declaration likewise, a copy of which was therewith sent you, whereby Wee did resolute to the utmost of Our power to oppose him the sayd French King, in this warre so unjustly begunn upon Us; thereby willing and requireing you, as Wee had likewise done the rest of O^r Islands, Colonyes, and Plantations in the West Indies, after a fitt publicaçon of Our sayd declaration, forthwith to apply yourselves by all ways & means to annoy, infest, dammage & destroye the French as well as Dutch in those partes, and such of their Colonyes & plantations as lye neare you to reduce by the most speedy & effectuell wayes you could, to Our obedience, and more especially, that of the French in Canada. In all which We enjoyed Our Colony of the Mattachusetts to joyne and correspond with you; which Wee doubt not but you have accordingly taken care for; and that in due time Wee shall receive a good accompt of your diligence & circumspection therein. However Wee haue thought not amisse, out of the perticuler care Wee haue for the security and preservation of those Our Colonies & dlantacons, hereby to quicken you in the sudden execution of what you shall finde fitt to resolve in that matter, that soe the enemy, takeing aduantage of your remisseness & delayes, may not prevent you in the oppertuneties you may have upon them, as Wee haue reason to beleive by all meanes they will endeavoure to doe. And considering the more imediate dangers to which the Barbadoes & other the Caribee Islands are exposed from the French, and that Wee cannot as yet finde fitt to spare them those supplies from hence

* Sir William Morice, appointed a Secretary of State, on the King's restoration, in 1660. He resigned the office, Sept., 1668.

† The original letter has not been preserved. The copy here followed is one attested by Secretary Allyn, in 1667.

that are necessary, the maine issue of the warre being in the first place to be provided for by a vigorous pursuit of those advantages it hath pleased God to giue Us against the body of Our enemies' strength neare home, Wee cannot but in tendernesse to the safety of those Our islands & plantations, very effectually recommend it to you forthwith upon receipt hereof to consider with your neighbour Colony of the Mattachusetts, to whome Wee haue likewise written on this occasion, of some fitt number of forces such as you can best spare to bee speedily sent to the releife & defence of the sayd Caribee Islands, vnder such able & discreet commanders as you shall finde fitt to choose; which, as it will bee a seasonable argument of your care & concernment for your fellow subjects in those Islands, soe shall Wee consider it as a singular expression of your good affection and loyalty to Us, and shall not forget to owne it to you for such hereafter, as there shall be occasion. And soe Wee bid you Farewell

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the 28th day of August, 1666.

By his Ma^{ties} Command, ARLINGTON.

[Superscribed,]

To Our trusty & welbeloved Our Governour
& Councill of Our Colony of Connecticutt in
New England.

No. IV. (p. 70.)

CORRESPONDENCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS, RESPECTING A SYNOD.

[Ecclesiastical, Vol. I. Doc. 12.]

Hartford, Octob^r 16, 1667.

Honrd Gent: We have herewthall sent vnto you the enclosed viz: our Order or agreem^t to concurre with yo^selves & our other confederates about a Gen^{ll} Convention or Synod for clearing vp the truth in some matters controversall that are stirring not onely amongst vs but elsewhere in y^e Country, at least some of them; w^{ch} being of common concernm^t, we take notice of w^t is recommended by the Comm^{rs} at y^e late Session here, vpon that acco^t. Wherein, the place of meeting for such a convention is propounded to be at or near Boston, w^{ch} giues us occasion onely to p^rsent w^t is with vs as a ground for such a meeting to be indifferently called or invited out of all y^e three Colonies, and so leaue it with yourselues to apoint time and place convenient. That being done and signified vnto our Gov^r, wilbe imparted vnto the Churches & plantations in this Colony for their attendance accordingly, whose readines to serve their generations in such a worke as this (we hope) shall not be wanting. If you please to take in with our motion & desire herein, and do settle y^e affaire, it would be acceptable that what is with you of such nature meet to be then debated, &c. may (in some copy thereof) be sent hither also, and ours returned to you, sometime before y^e session, to ripen thoughts vpon p^rparatorily. And the Good Lord direct and incline all our hearts into y^e knowledge and love of his Truth, and grant the

vnity of the spirit and the bond of peace vnto all the Churches in New England. So prays, Gentlemen,

Yo^r reall friends & confederates,
y^e Gen^l Assembly of the Colony of
Connecticut. Signed p^r order, p^r me,
John Allyn, Secretary.*

To the Honrd Rich: Bellingham Esq^r,
Gov^r of his Ma^{ties} Colony of Massachusetts,
and the Gen^l Court, &c. This in Boston.

[Reply. Ecclesiastical, I. Doc. 14.]

Gentⁿ, And our loving freinds. Wee haue receaued yours of the 16th of this Instant, by Mr. Whiting, signifying thereby your desire of a Synod, for the clearing vp the truth of God, in some particulars vnder debate among yourselues; and wee finde by the returne of the Comissioners for the Colonys that your motion herein is consonant to the proposall made by them at their last meeting in your Colony. Wee also finde in the abouesayd returne seuerall considerations propounded whereof in yours no notice is taken, some whereof are more especially left with yourselues, and on your answer thereto the establishment of the articles for our mutuall Confederation doth seeme greatly to depend; and others, more generally referring to all the Colonies for their acceptation, as to them shall seeme ineete; whose resolute will be obstructed vntill your concession to those proposalls that referr to yourselues be declared and sent to them respectiue.

In the meane time, that wee may be no obstruction to your pious motion for a mutuall accord in searching out the mind of God in any matters of publique concernment to the churches of Christ, wee shall and heereby declare ourselues to be alwayes ready to yeald such help as the Lord shall afford us; but the Quæstions among you not being sent vnto vs, wee cannot satisfy our vnderstandings to the accomodating of your desires vntill you shall give vs oppertunity to consider of them, by your sending them to vs; which being done, wee shall endeauour to doe what wee shall vnderstand to be the mind of the Lord for your help and assistance in the maintenance of peace and truth; which blessing of the Gospell of our Lord Jesus Christ, that it may be continued to you and us, and all the Churches, and to the rising generation, is the vnfeigned prayer of

Gentlemen, Your loving Brethren & Freinds,
Edward Rawson, Secret^y.

In the name & by order of the Generall Court
for the Colony of the Massachusetts.

Boston, in New England,
31st of October, 1667.

[Superscribed.] These, For the much Honoured Jno. Winthrop Esq. Gov^r of his Maj^{ties} Colony of Conecticott. To be communicated to the Honrd Gen^l Court of that Colony,—be d'd, at Hartford.

* The original draft of this letter (from which the above copy is made,) is in the hand writing of William Leete.

No. V. (p. 112.)

LISTS OF FREEMEN IN THE SEVERAL TOWNS, OCTOBER, 1669.

The original returns, made by the select men and constables of the several towns in the Colony, in compliance with the order of May, 1669, are preserved in "Civil Officers" Vol. I. Docs. 1-19. They comprise lists of Freemen in all the towns then incorporated except Middletown, Lyme and Rye.

[HARTFORD]

A list of the freemen of Hartford on the North the River, Taken Octobr 13th, 1669.

Capt. Jno. Taleott	Dan: Pratt	Elexander Dugless
Left. Jno. Allyn	Will: Gooding	Mr. Barthol: Barnerd
Mr. Joseph Haynes	Sam: Olcott	Tho: Hucksley
Mr. Sam: Stone	Tho: Butler	Jno: Pratt
Nath: Reseve Senr	Nieh: Disbrow Senr	Tho: Olcott
Nath: Reseve Jvnr	Nath: Butler	Zach: Sanford
Serj ^t Caleb Stanly	Obadia Spencer	Will: Edwards
Tho: Cadwell	Benjamin Burr	Dan: Garrett Senr
Insine Olmstead	Robert Sanford	Mr. Johnathan Gilbertt
Jer: Adams	Mr. Will: Pitkin	Walter Gray
Left: Rich: Lord	Jno. Church	John Michell
Corporall Jno: Gilbertt	Serg ^t Tho: Speneer	Robert Revess
Sam: Spencer	Jno: Hollaway	Will: Warring
Osiass Gooding	Nieh: Clark	Jno: Mekins
Nath: Berdin	Tho: Clark	Jno: Bidwell Senr
Sam. Andrewes	Nath: Gooding	[Christopher Crow]*
Mr. Will: Wadsworth	Jno: Plumbe	Nath: Stanly

Taken pr Rob^t Sandford,

And according to our best calculation is a true list of
theyre names: pr. nos,

Richard Lord
Nathaneill Rusco Senr
Tho: Olcott.

A list of freemen on y^e South side Hartford, 1669, Octo.

Mr. Sam ^{ll} Willys	John Skiner	Daniell Arnall
Mr. James Richards	John Cole	Thomas Catling
Mr. John Whiting	Steven Hosmor	John Catling
Mr. Rob: Webster	Beuell Waters	Tho: Bunce Jnr.
Mr. Siborne Nickols	Henry Grime	John Richards
Mr. John Blachlich	John Butler	George Graues Senr.
Left. Tho Bull	George Hall <i>F. Sworne</i>	George Graues Junr.
Gregory Willterton	John Semur	George Stoeking
Nath: Willet	Andrew Benton	James Steele
Joseph Smyth	Phillip Daus	Richerd Risle
Jacob White	Richard Morton	Serg: Tho: Wats
Nick: Wordinton	Thomas Bunce Sur.	Benj: Harbor

* Lines drawn across this name. Mr. Crow was of Windsor, 1669.

Pall Pecke Senr.
 Pall Pecke Junr.
 John Backer
 James Ensine
 David Ensine
 Richard Butler
 Jose Butler
 Joseph Mygatt
 Josias Arnall
 Joseph Arnall

Daniell Huberd
 Hugh Roe
 Edward Graues
 Tho: Spenser
 Sam^l Burr
 Joseph Eston Senr.
 Jos: Eston Junr.
 John Baysy
 Serg: Joseph Nash
 Ste: Hopkins

Tho: Waples
 John Meralls
 John Campe
 Tho: Andrewes
 Willm. Hills Senr:
 William Hills Junr.
 Edward Andrews
 John Adams
 John Hills
 Steuen Hopkins
 Joseph Butler.

Constables

Tho: Catlin, John Baisie.

Tacken by mee, Phillip Daus.

[WINDSOR.]

Octob^r 11th 1669.

A list taken of all the freemen that liue
 within the limits of Windsor, in reference
 to the order of the Generall Court, May
 13: '69, requiring y^e same.

vpon A.
 Mr. Allyn, Mathew
 Thomas Allyn
 Benedic^r Aluard
 vpon B.
 John Bissell Sen^r
 John Bissell Jun^r
 Thomas Bissell
 Samuel Bissell
 Nathanel Bissell
 John Barber,
 Samuel Baker
 John Bartlet
 William Buell
 Timothy Buckland
 Nicolas Buckland
 Thomas Burnam
 Peter Brown
 vpon C.
 Mr. D[aniel] Clark
 Edward Chapman
 Nathanell Cooke
 John Coult
 Christop: Crow
 vpon D.
 Thomas Deble
 Henery Denslo
 John Denslo
 John Drak
 Job Drak
 Jacob Drak
 vpon E.
 James Eanno
 Begat Eggelston

James Eggelston
 Tho: Eggelston
 Josias Eleswort
 Edward Elmor
 vpon F.
 Mr. Josep Fitch
 Thomas Ford
 Walter Fylar
 William Filly
 William Fish
 vpon G.
 Decon [Wm.] Gaylar
 Walter Gaylar
 Samuel Gaylar
 John Gaylar
 Jonath: Gillet Senr.
 Nathan Gillet
 Jonathan Gillet Jr.
 Cornelus Gillet
 Josep Gillet
 Jacob Gibbes
 Samuel Gibbes
 Mathew Grant
 Samuel Grant
 Tahan Grant
 John Grant
 George Griswold
 vpon H.
 Danell Haydon
 John Hosford
 Timothy Hall
 Anthony Hoskins
 Robart Hayward

Benaia Holcom
 vpon L.
 Joseph Loomys
 John Loomys
 Thomas Loomys
 Samuell Loomys
 Nathanel Loomys.
 vpon M.
 Samuell Marshall
 John Madesly
 Decon John Moore Sen.
 John Moore Jun.
 Simon Milles
 John Mosses
 William Morton
 vpon N.
 Mr. Benj: Newbery
 vpon O.
 John Owen
 John Osbon Senr.
 vpon P.
 Mr. Will: Phelps Sen.
 William Phelps Jun.
 Timothy Phelps
 Georg Phelps
 Isack Phelps
 Abra: Phelps
 Houmfry Pinne
 Nathanell Pinne
 Georg Phillups
 Eltwed Pomery
 Nicolas Palmer
 Timothy Palmer

vpon R.	John Strong	vpon W.
Abraham Randall	Return Strong	Mr. John Warham
John Rockwell	vpon T.	Mr. H. Wolcott Senr.
Samuel Rockwell	Stephen Taylar	Henery Wolcott Junr.
Thomas Rowly	John Tery	Simon Wolcott
vpon S.	William Trall	Mr. John Witchfeld
Nicolas Senchon	Timothy Trall	Robert Watson
Henery Stilles	Owen Tudor	John Williams
John Stilles	vpon V.	Nathan Winchell
Thomas Stouton	Richard Vore	Jonathan Winchell.

These are stated inhabitants of Masaco,* and
haue ben free men for Windsor.

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Thomas Barber	Joshua Holcom	John Pettebon
John Cass	Thomas Maskell	Joseph Skinner
Samuell Filly	Luk Hill	Peter Buell.
John Griffen	Samuel Pinne	
Micall Houmfery	Joseph Phelps	

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This is a true list as nere as we could com at and be informed :

John Moore Samuel Marshall
Mathew Grant Return Strong.

[WETHERSFIELD.]

A List of Wethersfeld Freemen.

Alx. Keny	John Haill	Eliaser Kimberly
William Moris (?)	Mr. Samuell Wells	Nath: Graues
Tho: Horlbut	Josia Chirchill	John Wadoms.
Mikel Grisell	Tho: Wickam	John Belding
William Tailor	Tho: Cirkom	Josia Wilard
Tho: Wright Jun.	John Curtis	John Kilborn
Isak Borman	Sam: Butler	Sam ⁿ Borman senr.
Sam: Wright	Henri Book†	John Rily senr.
Richard Smith sen,	Tho: Curtis	Mr. Richard Tret sen.
Jonathan Smith	John Deming sen.	James Trett
En: Willim: Goodrig†	Danil Roas	Tho: Edwards
John Nott	Mr. Samuell Talcot	Richard Smith iunr.
Emanuell Book‡	John Deming iunr.	James Wright
Robert Frances	Josia Gilbord	Richard Tret iunr.
John Goodrig†	Joseph Wright	Joseph Smith
Tho: Standig§	Mr. Sam ⁿ Marten	Philip Gofe
Tho: Wright sen.	John Coltman	Benia Crane
John Sadler	Richard Bekly	Hugh Wells
Sam: Haill senr.	Mr. Chester	Jonathan Deming.
Sam: Haill iunr.		

Tho: Wright
Emanuell Bock,
Constables.

with John Nott
John Belding,
Townesmen.

* Afterwards, *Simsbury*. † Goodridge, or Goodrich. ‡ Buck. § Standish. || Kirkham.

[FARMINGTON.]

October 12th, '69. Thes are the names of the Freemen in Farm-
intowne, as follows.

Mr. [Anthony] Howkin	Matthew Webster	John Brounson senr.
Mr. [Samuel] Hooker	John Andrews senr.	Samuell Cole
Steven Hart senr.	Robert Porter	Steven Hart junr.
Thomas Judd sener.	John Lee	Richard Seamer
Leiftenant Wm. Lewes	Thomas Hart	Isaac More
Ensign Samuell Steel	Thomas Porter senr.	Matthew Woodroff
Seargant John Standly	Moses Ventroos	John Woodroff
Searg't John Wadsworth	Thomas Barnes	John North senr.
Thomas Orton	John Lanckton	William Smith
John Norton	John Warner senr.	James Bird
Joseph Woodford	John Warner junr.	Benjamin Judd
Thomas Newell Senr.	Thomas Hosmer	John Clark
William Judd	Edmon Scott	Joseph Bird
Thomas Judd	John Root senr.	Zacree Seamer.
John Judd		

This is a true list taken by vs whose nams are here
vnder written, according to order.

Thomas Orton
Thomas Barnes
Stephen Hart senr.

[FAIRFIELD.]

A List of y^e names of y^e freemen of towne of Fairefield.

Jno: Odell	Nath ^l Burr	Jn ^o Cable junr
James Bennet	John Buckley	Mr. Dan ^l Burr
Math: Sherwood	Mr. Jehu Burr	Rich ^d Ogden
Rich ^d Hubball	John Banks	Dan ^l Frost
Jn ^o Wheeler	John Palmer	Joseph Lockwood
Ezekiell Sanford	Cornelius Hull	John Green senr.
Tho: Morehouse	Jn ^o Burr	Simon Crouch
Sam ^l Morehouse	Joshua Knowle	Sam ^l Ward
Nath ^l Seely	John Cable Senr.	John Barlow
Rob ^t Turney	Humphry Hilde	Robert Beachen
Tho: Bennet	Jn ^o Hilde	Mr. Wakeman
Tho: Jones	Peter Coley	Henery Jackson
Mr. Nathan Gold	Jn ^o Knowles	Henery Rowlland
Mr. Willm. Hill	Jn ^o Sturge	Thomas Staples.
Will ^m Ward	Dan ^l Lockwood	Oct. 10, '69.

John Sturgis, select man
Peter Slapum (?) select man
John Knowls, select man.
William Ward, Nathaniell Bur, Constables.

[STRATFORD.]

A list of the Freemen of Stratford as they are reputed amongst vs,
8 mth., 7 d., '69.

Mr. Thomas Farechild	Mr. Israell Chancky	William Curtis
Mr. [Samuel] Sherman	Mr. Philip Groue	Joseph Judson

Robert Clarke
Robert Rose
Robert Laine
John Hull
Jabez Harger
John Wilcokson
Francis Hall
Joseph Hawley
Henry Tomlinson
John Hurd Junior
Isaac Nicoles
Richard Boothe
Thomas Kimberley
Jeremy Judson
Samuell Bersley
John Pickett, senior
Thomas Vfoth
James Clarke
John Peacoe
John Hurd senior

David Michell
Steaven Buritt
John Birdseie senr.
John Minor
Nathaniell Porter
Jehiell Preston
Henery Waklee
Mr. Walker
Nicholas Knell
John Brinsmead, elder
Richard Butler
John Curtis
John Peake senr.
John Peake junr.
Timothy Wilcokson
Joseph Berdsley
John Beach
Caleb Nicoles
Israell Curtis
James Blakman

Moses Wheller
Samuel Sherman
John Wheller
Samuell Stilles
Eprim Stilles
Hope Wasborne
Arthur Bostick
John Bostick
Benamin Peak
Adam Hurd
Eliasaph Preston
Jonas Tomlinson
Danyell Titerton
John Birdseie Junr.
Isban Wakman
Richard Harvey
Hugh Griflin
John Tomson

Richard Booth	} Townsmen
William Curtis	
John Pickett Senr.	
John Birdseie Senr.	
Jehiell Preston	
Francis Hall, Constable.	

[NORWALK.]

A true and perfect List of all the Freemen appertaininge vnto the plantation of Norwake. Taken this 11th of October, 1669, and to be presented unto the Honnored Court assembled.

Imprimis,

Mstr. Handforde
Leiftennant Olmestede
John Griggorie senr.
John Griggorie junr.
Nath^l Haies
Rich^l Homes
John Ruscoe
Tho: Benedict senr.
John Bowten
Mstr. Joseph Fenn
Daniell Kellogge

Math^w Marvin senr.
Math^w Marvin Junr.
Tho: Fitch senr.
Nath^l Richards
Marke Sention
George Abbott
Walter Haite
Math: Sention junr.
Ralph Keeiler
Sam^l Haies
Henry Whitney

John Haite
Tho: Betts
Ephraim Lockewoode
John Platt
Sam^l Sention
Robert Stewart
Tho: Fitch junr.
Math: Sention senr.
Christ^l Comestocke
Tho: Seamer
Tho: Benidict jun.

Transmitted by vs selectemen of the sayd Plantation,

Tho: Fitch senr.

Richard Olmested

John Griggorie senr.

Marke Sention, Constable.

[SAYBROOK.]

A List of the Names of the Freemen already made in the Towne of SayBrooke, y^e 4th, 8th, '69.

Mr. Robart Chapman
Mr. Wm. Pratte

Mr. Thomas Buckingham
Mr. John Wasstoll

Frances Bushnell
Wm. Parker Senior

Thomas Dunke	Wm. Lord Senior	Edward Shipman
Robert Lay	John Clarke	Joseph Ingam
Wm. Beamont	Abraham Poste	John Chapman
Richard Joseland	Samuell Joans	Robert Chapman Jr.
Wm. Bushnell	John Parker	Thomas Norton.
Alexander Chalker	John Bushnell	

Richard Raimond Senr. is approbated by the Corte, but not yet sworne.

This is a true List of those who are already sworne in y^s Towne of Say Brooke, as witnesse o^r hands, 4th; 8th; '69.

Say Brooke

Wm. Parker } Townes men
Joseph Pecke }
Samuell Jons, Constable.

[NEW LONDON.]

A List of the names of the Freemen of New London :

Impr^s.

James Auerye	John Leweis	Isaack Willye
Daniell Wetherell	William Meades	Samuell Rogers
William Hough	Carye Lathame	Nehemiah Royce
William Keeney	John Steebens sen ^r .	Robert Royce
James Morgan	William Nicholls	Andrew Lester
William Dowglass	Clement Minor	George Chappell
James Rogers	Ralph Parker	William Chapman

This aecompt was taken according to order of Court

by James Auerye

Sept^r. 28th, 1669.

& Daniell Wetherell, Townsmen.
Alexander Piggon, Constable.

[STONINGTON.]

The names of the Freemen of Stoneingtone, taken the 5th of October, 1669.

Mr. Thomas Stanton sen.	Nathaniell Cheesbrough	Thomas Sha senior
Capt. George Denison	Elisha Cheesbrough	Ephraim Minor
Thomas Minor	Moses Palmer	John Stanton
Mr. Samuell Cheesbrough	Beniamin Palmer	Joseph Minor
Mr. James Noyes	Gershum Palmer	Thomas Stanton jun.
Nehemiah Palmer	James Yorke senior	

[NORWICH.]

A list of the freemen belonging to Norwich.

Imprimis :

Benjamin Bruister	William Hide	Hugh Calkins
John Elderkin	John Post	John Calkins
John Renolds	John Birchard	Francis Griswell
Thomas Leflingwell	Robert Wade	Jonathan Roice
John Holmsted	Morgan Bowers	John Baulden
Thomas Adgate	Nehemiah Smyth	
Christopher Huntington	Thomas Post	Major John Mason
Thomas Tracy	Richard Edgerton	Mr. James Fitch.
Simon Huntington	William Backus	

Taken by us whose names are underwritten, this 9th of October, '69 :

John Baulden

John Renold, Townsmen. Jonathan Roice, Constable.

[NEW HAVEN.]

N: Haven freemen.

Mr. Wm. Jones	John Alling	Dan ^l Shearman
Mr. James Bishop	Wm. Payne	Jn ^o Cooper junr.
Mr. Mathew Gilbert	John Jackson	Sam ^l Munson
Capt. Jn ^o Nash	Nath ^l Merriman	Joseph Moss
Mr. Sam ^l Street	Ralph Lines	Windle Johnson
Wm. Andrewes	Ephraim How	John Hall junior
Mr. Thomas Yale senr.	Abra: Dickerman	Jn ^o Thomas senr.
Wm. Peeke	Jere: Osborne	Jn ^o Miles
Roger Alling	John Gilbert	Edward Perkins
John Gibbs	Mr. Wm. Tuttell	Sam ^l Miles
L ^t Thomas Munson	Mr. Beniamin Ling	Isaack Turner
Jn ^o Mosse	Tho: Meekes	James Clarke
John Cooper senr.	John Hall senr.	Mathew Moulthrop
Nicholas Elsey	Wm. Holt	Ellis Mew
Wm. Tharpe	James Heaton	John Potter
Sam ^l Whitehead	Isaack Beacher	James Dennison
John Bocket	Wm. Wooden	John Osbill
James Russell	John Johnson	Sam ^l Hemingway
Henry Glover	John Clark	Mr. John Hodshon
Jere: Whitwell	Wm. Wilmot	Mr. Tho: Trowbridge
Wm. Bradley	Joseph Mansfield	Thomas Barnes
Philip Leek	Rich: Sperry	George Ross
John Herriman senr.	Alling Ball	Timothy Ford
David Atwater	Tho: Kemberly	John Peeke
Thomas Morris	Moses Mansfield	Joseph Peck
Wm. Basset	Jonathan Tuttell	Sam ^l Alling
John Winston	Eliezer Browne	Thomas Yale junr.
Henry Bristow	Joseph Benhum	Thomas Sanford
Joseph Alsop	John Benhum	Joseph Bradley
Abra: Dowlittell	Thomas Tuttell	
John Chidsey	Jere: How	

This from the constobels, according to warrant,

Tho^s Mexx
 Tho^s Morris
 October, '69.

[MILFORD.]

A List of the Freemen of Millford.

Mr. Benjamin Fenn	Thomas Wheeler	John Bard
Mr. Alexander Bryant	Thomas Tibbals	Eleazer Rogers
Mr. Roger Newton	Jasper Gun	Jobama Gun
Mr. John Clerke	John Baldwin	Daniel Baldwin
Mr. Thomas Tappin	Thomas Samford	Thomas Hine
Mr. William East	John Smith senr.	Samuell Eells
Mr. Richard Bryant	Samuell Coly	Jonathan Lawe
Lieut. William Fowler	Henry Bochford	Benjamin Smith
Ensigne John Streame	Joseph Peck	Richard Holbrooke
Georg Clerke senr.	Thomas Camppeild	Miles Mervin
Georg Clerke junr.	Nicolas Camp	Henry Allyne
Richard Platt	Roger Turrall	John Smith junr.
Thomas Welsh	William Brookes	Andrew Samford sen.

Andrew Samford jun.	Elnathan Boehford	Daniel Buckinghame
Thomas Clerke	Samuell Buckinghame	
William Robets	Edward Woster	

That thease are the freemen of the towne & all of them, witeseth my hand, in the name & with the concent of the townsmen,
Daniel Buckinghame, Con:

[BRANFORD.]

Brainford, y^e 11th of October, 1669. A List of the names of the Freemen liuing in y^e Towne of Brainford.

Mr. John Wilford	Michaell Taintor	Samuill Ward
Thomas Blachley	Daniell Swayen	John Rogers
John Linsley	Michael Pamer [<i>Palmer</i>]	
		Thomas Blachly }
		Mich: Taintor }

[GUILFORD.]

Septembar 24, '69. A List of the freemen of Gillford, drane up by the Constable and Townsmen according to the ordar of the Cort.

Mr. Leet	William Ston	Abraham Cruttenden jun.
Georg Huburd	John Ston	Daniell Benton
Mr. Rositar	William Seword	Thomas Cruttenden
John Fowlar	Richard Gutrich	Daniell Euats
William Johnson	John Johnson	John Chittenden
John Seranton	John Shedar	Nathaniell Chittenden
Thomas Cooke senior.	Georg Hibard	Richard Bristo
John Steuens	Daniell Huburd	Joseph Dudley
Edward Benton	John Bishop	Thomas Cooke junr.
Abraham Crutenden sen.	Thomas Chitendon	Henery Crean
John Graue	Thomas Meeoke	John Hill
John Hobson	John Parmarly	John Nortun
		John Hobson }
		John Graue }
		Thomas Cooke }
		John Stone Constable

[KILLINGWORTH.]

The names of the freemen of the Towne of Kennelworth.

Mr. John Woodbridge	Eliazer Isabel	William Welmon
Mr. Edward Griswold	William Steeuens	George Chatfeild
Josiah Hull	Nathanel Parmerley	Thomas Steeuens
John Rosseter	William Barber	John Keilsey
John Wileockson	John Meigs senr.	John Meiggs junr.
Sam: Buel	Andrew Warde	
Jonas Westouer	William Keilsey	
		Josiah Hull }
		John Rossetter }
		George Chatfeild Cunstable

[STAMFORD.]

A true number of ovr Freemen in Stanford.

Mr. Law	John Green	Richard Hardy
Francis Brown	Peter Feirrie [<i>Ferris</i>]	Jonathan Sellek
Richard Web	Josep Theall	
	Witnes my hand,	John Green, Constable of Stanford.

[HADDAM.]

The names of the freemen of the towne of Hadam are these ;

George Gates	William Venteras	Richard Wakley
Peeter Blachford	Necalas Acly	William Corby
John Bayly		
	Witnes our handes,	George Gates, Townesman Richard Piper Constabell Daniell Cone, Townesman.

No. VI.

THE RHODE ISLAND BOUNDARY.

(1665—1677.)

There are, in the colonial archives, a great number of documents which relate to the long controversy between Connecticut and Rhode Island, respecting bounds. Of these, about two hundred and fifty have been collected and bound together in the first volume of the series entitled "Colonial Boundaries." Others, relating to the same subject or to questions connected with it, are scattered through other volumes of the Archives.

The following notes supply references to or abstracts, more or less full, of such documents only as relate to the period comprised in the present volume,—from 1665 to 1678 ; with full copies of such as have been deemed the most important.

Copies and abstracts of various papers relating to the history of the Narragansett Mortgages, and the claims of Major Atherton and his partners,—the validity of whose title constituted one of the questions at issue between the two colonies,—will be found in another part of this Appendix, (No. VII.)

The ease between Connecticut and Rhode Island, so far as relates to right of jurisdiction in the Narragansett Country, may be briefly stated, as follows :—

The Connecticut Charter, (granted, April 23d, 1662,) confirmed to the colony the boundary named in the Patent of 1632,—“on the east, by Norrogancett River, commonly called Norrogancett Bay, “where the said River falleth into the sea.”

The Charter of Rhode Island, granted a little more than a year

subsequent, (July 8th, 1663,) includes within the limits of that colony, "the Nahantick and Nanhyganset, alias Narragansett Bay, and "countries and parts adjacent," * * "to the middle or channel of a "river there commonly called and known by the name of Pawcatuck, "alias Pawcawtuck river, and so along the said river;" * * * "the "aforesaid Pawcatuck River having been yielded, after much debate, for the fixed and certain bounds, between these our said Colonies, by the agents thereof; who have also agreed that the said "Pawcatuck River shall be also called Norrogancett or Narrogancett River," &c.; to be holden by Rhode Island, "any grant, or "clause in a late grant, to the Governor and Company of Connecticut Colony, in America, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding."

The Agreement between the agents of the two colonies (Gov. Winthrop and Mr. John Clarke,) was signed on the 7th day of April, 1663. A copy of it (from the original indenture, on file in the Secretary's Office,) is given below.

July 3d, 1663, "the inhabitants and the proprietors of the land lying in Narragancett," (including Richard Smith and those interested with him, and the Atherton mortgagees, of whom Gov. Winthrop was one,) at a meeting called for the purpose, unanimously expressed their "desire (according to his Majesty's Grant,) to be under the government of Connecticut Colony, and request[ed] their protection." [Col. Boundaries, I. 7.]

Rhode Island, under their charter and the agreement with Gov. Winthrop, now claimed exclusive jurisdiction of the Narragansett Country, and of so much of the Pequot territory as lay east of Pawcatuck River.

This claim was resisted by Connecticut,—on the grounds,

(1st.) That a prior grant, the Charter of 1662, confirmed to Connecticut the jurisdiction of the territory in question (already exercised by them under the old Patent,) as far east as the Narragansett River, or Bay.

(2d) That the agreement made by Gov. Winthrop with Mr. John Clarke was void, and could not bind the Colony, inasmuch as it was entered into without authority from the General Court, and after the agency of Gov. W. had terminated; and because it contemplated the surrendry of a title which was no longer doubtful, having already become clearly vested in the Colony of Connecticut by the royal grant previously made and issued.

(3d.) That even if the validity of the agreement were admitted, "the proprietors and inhabitants of that land about Mr. Smith's trading house," &c., having already made choice of the government of Connecticut, that Colony had thereby acquired, by the express terms of the agreement itself, right of jurisdiction in so much of the Narragansett Country as had been purchased by Smith, Atherton and others, or was covered by the mortgages; and the lands thus held included all or nearly all of the tract in controversy.

The territory lying between Pawcatuck River and Wecapaug

(about four miles east of the River,) including Misquamicut, was claimed by Connecticut to be theirs by right of prior occupation, and by conquest, as a part of the Pequot country. It had been included within the limits of the township of Southerton (Stonington,) granted by Massachusetts in 1658; and, after the surrendry of that township by Massachusetts, the grant was confirmed by the General Court of Connecticut. (See Col. Rec. I. p. 570; and p. 143, ante.)

(1.) THE "AGREEMENT WITH MR. CLARKE ABOUT THE COLONYES LIMITTS."

Whereas, Some differences hath of late fallen out betweene Mr. John Winthrop, Agent for the takeing out of a patent for the Colonie of CONNECTICOTT, and Mr. John Clarke, Agent for the takeing out a patent for the Collonie of PROVIDENCE & RHODE ISLAND, concerneing the right meaneing of certaine bounds sett downe in a patent lately graunted to y^e s'd Collony of Connecticott, **And Whereas**, by reason of the doubtfullnes of some names and expressions menconed in the said patent, and for the better preventing of all disputes that might arise betweene the said Collonies hereafter, by reason of such vncertainties or dubiousnes: They the said John Winthrop and John Clarke haue jointly and mutually nominated, chosen and appointed, William Breereton Esquire, Major Robert Thomson, Captaine Richard Deane, Captaine John Brookehaven, and Docter Beniamine Worsley, or anie three or more of them, to heare and to consider the State of the said difference and to determine what they iudge might be most commodious in order to the settling the said bounds, cleareing of all vncertaineties, and giueing a mutuall satisfaction to both the said Colonies, **Wee** whose names are underwritten, haveing in pursuance of their request, mett together, and haueing at large heard what hath beene alleadged on each side, on behalfe of themselves and the respective Collonies, to whome they doe respectively belong, vpon seriouse debate and consideraçon had of the whole matter, **Wee** have iointly and vnanimously agreed to offer this advice as followeth, **First**, That a River there commonly called and knowne by the name of PAWCATUCK RIVER shalbe the certaine bounds betweene those two Collonies, which said River shall for the future be alsoe called alias NORROGANCET or NARROGANCET River. **Secondly**, if anie parte of that purchase at QUINEBAGE dôth lie along vpon the East side of the Riuer that goeth downe by New London within sixe miles of the said River, that then it shall wholly belong to CONNECTICOTT Collonie, as well as the rest which lieth on the Western side of the aforesaid River. **Thirdly**, That the proprietors and inhabitants of that land about Mr. Smith's Trading house claimed or purchased by Major Atherton, Captaine Hutchinson, Leutenant Hudson and others, or given vnto them by Indians, shall have free libertie to choose to which of those Colonies they will

belong. **Fourthly**, That PROPRIETIE shall not be altered nor destroyed, but carefully maintained through the said Collonies. Dated this seaventh of Aprill, 1663.

William Brereton, Rob. Thomson, B: Worsley,
Jo: Brookhouen.

To the foure proposalls above menconed, **Wee** the said John Winthrop and John Clarke doe consent and submitt as a full and finall issue of all the controversies betwixt vs. **In witness whereof** wee have interchangably sett our hands and seales, this [*blank*] daie of Aprill, Anno Domini, 1663, and in the fifteenth yeare of y^e reigne of our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES y^e SECONd, by y^e grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of y^e faith, &c.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in John Clarke. [*Seal.*]
y^e presence of
Rob. Thomson, B. Worsley.

(2.) May 4th, 1666. Deposition of Thomas Shaw, (aged about 42 years,)—that John Crandall, James Babcock, and others, had not long before run the Rhode Island line on the west side of Pawcatuck River, and not far from his (Shaw's) house; they had also taken possession of the weirs in Pawcatuck River and prohibited Stonington men from fishing; and had stopped up the road way at the River; and that Crandall had declared that they intended to make a further addition to Rhode Island west line.

Same date. Deposition of Thomas Stanton, Jun., (aged about 26 years;)—that John Lewis of R. Island said that the R. Island line "ran three quarters of a mile westward from the river, at the weirs." (Col. Boundaries, Vol. I. Docs. 26, 27.)

(3.) 1667. May 6th. Petition of "Harmon Garret, alias Wequascooke, Governor of the Pequots" by the Court's order,—to the General Court at Hartford. The land occupied by himself and people, in the Pequot country, east of Pawcatuck River,—where they "had broken up above a hundred lots, and lived quietly and comfortably,"—had been claimed by R. Island men, who forbade them to plant there, and threatened to plunder them if they would not pay rent. This was done by Jas. Babcock, Sen., John Randall and others. Four or five years before, the R. Island men, in defiance of the orders of the Connecticut Gen. Court, had driven the Indians from their planting ground, "fourscore Indian men besides women and children," just at planting time; so that they must have perished had not the Englishmen west of the River given them what land they could spare, to plant on. They were still kept from their lands. They petition for redress, and ask "that such men that weare hats & cloaths like Englishmen, but have dealt with us like wolves and beares," may at last be called to account. [This petition is signed with Harmon Garret's mark, and attested as "his own words, taken from his mouth," by Thos. Stanton. Ib. Doc. 29.]

(4.) Oct. 17th. 1667. Letter from the Gen. Assembly of Connecticut to Gov. Brenton and the Council of Rhode Island.

The Assembly had been informed that John Crandall, of R. I., had laid out a tract of land about a mile square, in Stonington, west of Pawcatuck River, to his son; in which tract were several lots which had for some years been peaceably possessed and enjoyed by Connecticut proprietors. The Council of R. I. is informed of this encroachment, in the hope that they will not allow of or countenance it, but will command those concerned to forbear all such unjust proceedings for the future. But if, after having been made acquainted with the premises, the R. I. government does not prevent encroachments for the future, "we must not suffer it, but use all just means within o^r power to mayntayne o^r rights & bring such intruders to condigne punishment." Signed per order of the General Assembly, by John Allyn, Secretary. [Ibid. Doc. 30.]

(5.) May 4th, 1668. Petition of the town of Stonington,* to the General Court at Hartford; As they had been included, by Royal Charter, in the bounds of Connecticut, they look to the General Court for protection against the encroachments of those of R. Island. "A Companie of personnes from Road Island whoe threatned the east side of Paquatack River (w^h seemed at first to vs but as ridiculous,) yet have built, fenced, improved & forsbly settled & ar growing numerovs; & doe noe les threaten the west side of Paquatack River; and wee know not but they may as well take all as a part, nay, our houses over our heades, by as much right as w^t thay at present injoye, for any thing the Pattent priveledges more to one side of the River then the other. * * * Least multitude of busines might overwhelme you, & our beeing remoat & as ovt of sight might too much burie us in oblivion, or want of information might render you the les sensible of our condition, wee make bold to remind you, & if it maye bee to add a litell breath to the saylls and fethers to the winges of your solicitous indeavours in our behalfe." * * They complain of the conduct of their neighbours, the intruders east of the River; "neither can any true harted & fellow-feeling Christians choose but movrne to see & heare of ovr neighbouring disorders, & acknoledg ovr condition is trulie deplorable to have personnes of such corrupt prinsipalls & praktises to live so neer vs, and on our owne. 'Tis not of small concernment, the bad exampell y^t is given to the Indians. 'Tis to the grieve of parents & others, observed how these firebrands too much inflame youth. * * * May not parents hartes bleed when abovt to leave the world to thinke how thay leave their deer children in the movth of the Lion & paw of the Beare, and worse, as beeing daylie tempted by exampells to folow after & imbrace lies, to live as riotous, wanton, luxurious, and even no better

* This petition is in the hand writing of Mr. Thomas Stanton. At a Town meeting, in Stonington, Jan. 9th, 1667-8, Capt. Geo. Denison, Mr. Amos Richardson and Thomas Stanton were appointed "to draw up a petition to the General Court * * sitting to make them sensible of our sufferings, in our town right, or a considerable part of it, being kept from us by Rhode Island people," &c. [Ston. Town Records, Vol. 1.]

than to bee said vnto, Serve other Gods, or no God? * * Surelie if this case be made as your owne, you will not spare for cost or paynes, or bee vnwilling to run som hassard in the indeavour of our speedie redres." They recapitulate the grounds on which the Connecticut right of jurisdiction is based,—the priority of Charter, the decision of the Royall Commissioners, first possession, &c. In conclusion they refer to several recent acts of the Rhode Islanders;—Mr. Thomas Stanton had been prohibited from mowing land granted to Mr. Willis, and threatened with the cost of a thousand pounds if he persisted: "they take in new comers contrarie to order, viz. Goodwife Seager, James Waklie, and the tinker;" "they sell y^e which is called Province land," notwithstanding the order of the Commissioners to the contrary,—and "why may we not settle on our own by the same rule?" Signed, by order of the Town, by John Stanton, Town Recorder. [Ibid. Doc. 32.]

(6.) May, 1668. Commission & Instructions for Mr. John Allyn and Mr. Thomas Stanton, agents of the General Assembly, to treat with the Governor and Council of Rhode Island, about the right to the Narragansett country and Squamicut. [Ibid. Docs. 33, 34.]

(7.) June 3d, 1668. Communication from Mr. Allyn and Mr. Stanton to Gov. Brenton and his Council; with the reply thereto. [Ibid. Docs. 35, 36.]

See the substance of these papers, in a note on page 95, ante.

(8.) Aug. 20th, 1668. Letter from the Governor and Council of Rhode Island in reply to the propositions submitted to them from the agents of Connecticut.

"Honrd Gentlemen,

Wee being convened together by our Honrd Governour to give an answer to certaine proposalls of desires and claime made to part of the Jurisdiction, Wee are (nott only by his Ma^{tie}) butt also by his Ma^{ties} Hon^{ble} Comission^{rs} invested with; According to o^r Honrd Gov^{rs} promise, Wee haue thought meet, for the keeping of a good correspondencie betwixt us, beeing soe near neighbo^{rs}, to returne this ensuing answeere to yo^r propositions; conceaving that it is rather want of information of what o^r Comission is, than presumption in you, soe to doe; and question not butt you will receiue full satisfaction vpon perusall hereoff.

To the first p^ticular wee Ans: That the lands of Misquamacuck are named in o^r Patent granted by his Ma^{tie}, w^{ch} is a Grand Comission, as also his Ma^{ties} most Hon^{ble} Comissioners haue by comission vnder their hands and seales, settled the purchassers off Misquamacuck in their just rights; and an Acc^t thereof haueing been giuen to the King & Councill, His Ma^{tie} hath declared by writing that he is satisfied with the account off his Comissioners actings here. Butt notwithstanding, if any persons think themselves wronged in their just rights as touching title, in case itt bee not a matter already decided by his Ma^{ties} Hon^{ble} Comissioners, the Law is open and wee shall (as in dutie bound) giue a hearing.

To the rest of the p'ticulers wee Ans: in the first place, That y^e bounds off the Pattents haueing been in dispute in England before the King and Councill, His Ma^{ties} was pleased in o^r Patent to take a more than ordinarie care to stopp the difference by a *Non obstante* incerted therein concerning Pawcatuck River called Norroganset al's Narrogansett River; The sight whereoff, together with a Copie of that clause, yo^r Comission^{rs} had when they were here. And furthermore, for his Ma^{ties} better satisfacon of the boundaries of the severall Patents, he was pleased to send ouer his most Hon^{ble} Comissioners, that by them hee might throughlie see into such differences. And they haueing thorowly heard what each Collony could say concerning the Boundaries, therevpon did determine Pawcatuck River to bee yo^r Easterne bounds, and from Shawe's house by a North line vntill it meet wth the Massachusetts Line; and gaue farther comission to vs to gouerne the said tract; and therfore wee dare not neglect itt; and doe hope that you will not presume to affront his Ma^{ties} orders herein, But rather bee ready (as formerly) to yeild obedience thervnto. And in so doing, Wee shall remaine yo^r fellow subjects and serv^{ts} in loue,

By order and appointm^t off the Gov^r and Councill,
this 20th of August, 1668.
Will^m Dyre, Secret^r.

Nuport in the Colonie of
Rhode Island & Providence Plantagons." [Ibid. Doc. 37.]

(9.) Letter from Connecticut, to the Governor and Council of Rhode Island, October, 1668. [Ibid. Doc. 39.] The original draft, (except the concluding sentence and the postscript,) is in the hand writing of Dep. Gov. Leete.

"Hon^d Gent: This Co^{rt} haueing seriously considered y^e result of the retorne w^{ch} you were pleased to send back hither vpon the treaty wth o^r Com^{rs}, viz: Mr. John Allin & Mr. Thomas Stanton, and findeing no valid argum^t therein w^{ch} (according to law or vpon p^tence of agreem^t made wth o^r Gov^r in England & duely observed by you) can be supposed to nullify o^r Charter Title & other interest to those landes in y^e Narroganset Cuntry & the Government there; But that o^r claimes thereto doe still remaine iust & ought to be p^sued; Yet as neighbors & fellow countrymen, desirous to follow peace wth all men so much as in vs lyes, wee thought meet once more to put o^rselues vnto such further trouble & charge as to offer vnto you another season for o^r mutuall endeavouring an amicable compliyanee in an issue respecting that matter, by way of treaty betwixt some p^{rs}ons on each p^t sufficiently impowered for y^t end, who may meet at New London, sometime in Novemb^r or March next, as yo^rselves shall chuse, & signify to vs thereof seasonably. The reality of our intentions herein you may conclude & that we resolve, if o^r amicable tenders be by you rejected, to use all just endeavoures to mayntayne o^r just rightes & proprieties. And thus hoping our labour of loue & study of peace in the p^mises shall not by disregard on yo^r part bee ren-

dered fruitless or ineffectuall, wee shall not giue you further trouble but remaine, Gent: Your expectant loueing freinds,
the Gen^l Assembly of the Colony of Conecticut.

Postscript. Pleas to returne an answer by the first oppertunity, that soe we may know your mindes."

(10.) 1669. May 14th. Reply of the Gen^l Assembly of Rhode Island, to the foregoing. The letter of Connecticut had not been received by the late Governor (Brenton,) until Nov. 15th, after the adjournment of the R. I. General Assembly; and was not communicated to the Council, until May 11th. It had immediately thereafter been considered by the Council, ("laying aside at present all other matters, though of weighty concernments;") who now return answer:—that they very much wonder at the demands of Connecticut and claims of propriety in lands and to the government of what had been granted to R. I. by the King's Letters Patent. "Nor are we insensible of some hints by way of threats, in case your expectations bee not answered; but take noe more notice of that, than of a thing to which this Colony haue been often vsed by their neighbours. And therefore, passing over that part of your addresses, Wee embrace your freindly motions for a treaty by Commissioners at New London," &c. They refer it to Connecticut to appoint the time of meeting, and to give them notice by the bearer (Mr. John Crandall,) of the day fixed, provided it be within three weeks after the date of the reply of Connecticut; and engage to appoint and sufficiently empower two persons to treat in their behalf. [Ibid. Doc. 41.]

(11.) Mar. 9th. 1669–70. Letter from the Governor and Assistants to the people of Stonington, in answer to a petition received from them. [The petition itself has not been preserved.] It was not within the extent of the commission of the Governor and Assistants to grant the prayer of the petitioners, but they promise to endeavor to promote such action of the next General Court as shall lead to a speedy redress of the wrongs complained of, &c. "And we would let you know that we have something to present to the Court for the facilitating the good issue of y^t businesse, w^{ch} must necessarily preclude any further progresse therein," &c. [Ibid. Doc. 43.]

(12.) 1670. May 13th. Petition from Stonington.* Upon the former application of the petitioners, for redress, a Committee had been appointed by the General Court, to hear their complaints, &c. They had applied themselves to this Committee, who had given them encouragement to hope that at the next session of the General Assembly, effectual care would be taken for their relief. In this hope, the Petitioners ask the Gen. Assembly to consider their case, as presented in their application to the Committee, and also, if it should be thought necessary, to give them an opportunity to speak for themselves. [Ibid. Doc. 48.]

* Signed by George Denison, Amos Richardson, Thomas Stanton and Samuel Chesebrough, in behalf and by order of the inhabitants.

(13.) May 12th. 1670. Letter from the Gen. Assembly of Connecticut to the Governor and Council of R. Island. Informing them of the complaints made by the Massachusetts proprietors and by the people of Stonington, &c.; recapitulating the several attempts of the Gen. Court, to bring these difficulties to an amicable adjustment; and again proposing the appointment, by the two Governments, of Committees, fully empowered to hear and determine all differences between the Colonies, to meet at New London, the 2d Tuesday in June. If this proposition be not favorably received, "wee shall conclude it in vayne farther to move towards you in such a way; and shall address ourselves to put in practice what duty requires of us, in order to the relief of o^r oppressed neighbours," &c. [Ibid. Doc. 49.]

(14.) May 17. 1670. Gov. Winthrop's dissent to the exercise of jurisdiction east of Pawcatuck River. [Ibid. Doc. 52.]
 "To the Honored Generall Assembly now att Hartford, in Conecticut Colony.

Whereas there was a writing drawne of the advise of some gentlemen in England for agreement betweene Mr. John Clarke of Road Iland & my selfe, about some limitts betweene the Colony of Conecticut & Road Iland, w^{ch} said writing was likewise signed & sealed by Mr. Clarke & myselfe interchangeably; and whereas there hath beene motions formerly from our Court to the Court of Road Iland for a treaty betweene some from them and some from our Court impowred, w^{ch} by some accidents could not yet be accomplished; and whereas in respect of that foresaid writing, the Court was pleased to give me liberty from acting in any matters w^{ch} concerne those parts in difference betweene this Colony & Road Iland vntill those differences in the said writing mentioned should be issued according to the intent of the said writing: In consideration of the premises, I am necessitated hereby to make knowne to this honorable Court, my dissent from exerting power of Jurisdiction over the people on the east side of Pacatuck River, & Narogansett Country, vntill his Ma^{ties} pleasure be further knowne or the matter issued by a treaty betweene some impowred from this Colony & Road Iland.

May 17: 1670. [John Winthrop.*]"

(15.) June 7th, 1670. Copy of commission from the General Assembly of R. I., to Capt. John Greene, Assistant, Lieut. Joseph Torrey, General Recorder, and Mr. Richard Bailly, Secretary to the Council, to treat with such gentlemen as should be appointed by Connecticut, "to make a full and finall accord of all matters relating to bounds," &c. The meeting to take place at New London, on the 14th of June. [Ibid. Doc. 53.]

(16.) June, 1670. Record of the doings of the Connecticut Commissioners, Secretary Allyn, Mr. James Richards and John Win-

* Gov. Winthrop's signature has been stolen by, or suffered to fall into the hands of, some autograph collector; the same, probably, to whom the State is indebted for the mutilation of many of the most interesting and valuable papers in its archives.

throp ; with the correspondence with the R. Island Commissioners. Abstracts of these papers, (from Col. Boundaries, I. Docs. 54 to 69,) will be found in Appendix X.

(17.) July 11th, 1670. Letter from Gov. Arnold of R. I. to Gov. Winthrop. [The commissioners of the two Colonies having failed to effect any agreement respecting the bounds, those of Connecticut, acting under the instructions of the General Court, proceeded to establish jurisdiction in the Narragansett Country and at Misquamicut ; appointing and commissioning officers, &c., and arresting John Crandall and others, for resistance to Connecticut authority.] Gov. Arnold writes that “such unexpected violences * * hath occasioned much consideration and some trouble vnto us, how to prevent the evill consequences that are likely to attend the same ;” their Gen. Assembly, convened at Warwick, June 29th, had resolved on an appeal to the King, for his royal determination in the premises ; and that the Assembly had desired him to give Gov. Winthrop notice of their intention, to be communicated to the General Court, that Connecticut might forbear the further exercise of jurisdiction east of Pawcatuck River, and prepare to meet the Agents of R. I. in England at the latter end of the ensuing autumn, for a hearing and issue of the matter by the King. “Many are very apt to lieve that these forementioned invasions on our precincts are scarcely if at all countenanced by yourself, nor by the more vninterested and vnbyassed party in that Jurisdiction ; but by some especially of that and other Colonies that are pressing on to serue their private intrests : which surely, if reason or religion were attended to, a more louely, easy way might be studyed, and by study, and laying aside high conceits of selfe potency, might be found, to satisfy and gratify all reasonable expectations without hazarding the Colonies,” &c. He asks of Gov. W., as “a thing worthy and welbeseeing [his] moderate and gentle spirit,” to forbid Stonington men to mow the meadows on the east side of the River, until the matter be determined ; so that no occasion may be given for forcible resistance, or any interference of the government of R. I. for the protection of its citizens ; and also asks that a warrant may be issued by Gov. W. for the apprehension of John Carr, a fugitive from R. I. who had twice broken jail there, and was now harboured at Stonington. [Col. Boundaries, I. Doc. 70.]

(18.) July, 1670. Walter House was murdered at Wickford, by Thomas Flounders. Two inquests were held upon the body,—by juries summoned by the officers of Connecticut and Rhode Island. The murderer was apprehended by the authority of R. I. and carried to Newport for trial ; and Samuel Eldredge, who, as Constable of Wickford, had endeavored to arrest Flounders, under Connecticut authority, was seized and committed to jail. The verdict of the jury of inquest ; a letter from Mr. Eldredge, giving an account of the interference of the R. I. authorities ; one from Thomas Stanton ; the instructions given by the Connecticut Assistants to

the Commissioners and Constables at Wickford ; and some other papers relating to this affair, are in Col. Boundaries, I. Docs. 71 to 74.

(19.) Aug. 3d, 1670. Letter from Major John Mason to the Commissioners for Connecticut, enclosing some writings he had lately received from Mr. [Roger] Williams ;* and offering some suggestions respecting the matters in controversy between the Colonies. He professes to be not very well acquainted with the merits of the case, but intimates that however well founded may be the claims of Connecticut, " 'tis possible the *toll* may prove to be more than the *grist*." * * "I speake not this that I would that wee should be dastardly cheated and befooled out of our right, but that there be a due and provident care soe to demeane ourselves that we may prevent after inconveniences." He counsels prudence and moderation in the assertion of our rights, and an amicable adjustment of the controversy, if possible, without an appeal to the Throne. For in that case, it must be considered "whether, at long run, (as they say,) we may not call aloud to his Ma^{tie} to place some others amongst us, that may issue our differences." [Ibid. Doc. 75.]

(20.) Oct. 15th, 1670. Letter from the R. I. General Assembly, at Newport, to the Gen. Assembly of Connecticut. [Ibid. Doc. 76.]

They refer to the great travel and charge consequent upon an appeal to England, and profess to be desirous to compose the differences between themselves and Connecticut, in "some more easy and less travelsome way." They had seen a letter written by Gov. Winthrop to Gov. Arnold, and find that the former inclines to "such a peaceable composure, and that he judgeth it may be done by persons mutually fully impowered by each Collony for that purpose." They therefore propose that commissioners should be again appointed ; and that Connecticut should meanwhile forbear the exercise of jurisdiction within the disputed territory.

(21.) Oct. 18th, 1670. Reply of the Gen. Assembly of Connecticut, to the foregoing ; 1st. Approving of the acts of Capt. Allyn and the other Connecticut commissioners, in June preceeding, and of their settlement of government in the Narragansett Country : 2d. Animadverting upon the letter from Gov. Arnold to Gov. Winthrop, as containing many "disuniting expressions," &c. Connecticut had "used no such violent force nor invasion" into the Colony of R. I., as had been intimated. As to wrong done by Stonington people, in mowing on the east side of the River, "the law is open, and you know to what Court they belong." As for John Carr, "he is under delinquency to our Colony, and we judge it meet he first

* This probably refers to a letter from Mr. Williams to Major Mason, dated June 22d, 1670, printed in the Mass. Hist. Coll., 1st Ser. I. 275-281, and (in part) in Potter's Hist. of Narragansett, 159-163. The writer, after reciting the services he had rendered to the people and Colony of Connecticut, reproaches them for "an unneighbourly and unchristian intrusion" upon R. Island, being led hereto by their "depraved appetite after the great vanities, dreams and shadows of this vanishing life, great portions of land in this wilderness," &c.

satisfy the law here." 3d. Referring to the proposition for a treaty, by commissioners, "we most freely accept of it as tending most to peace and love, provided that you do indeed empower them to issue, without those restrictions as formerly," &c. ; and they propose the first week of the following April, as the time, and New London, as the place, for the meeting. [Ibid. Doc. 77.]

(22.) May 6th, 1671. Letter from Gen. Assembly of R. Island ; with complaints of intrusions of Stonington men, upon the people of Westerly, &c. ; and a recapitulation of claims to jurisdiction, &c.* [Ibid. Doc. 78.]

(23.) May 11th, 1671. Reply of Connecticut. [There are two drafts of the reply, both in the hand writing of Sec. Allyn. The second appears to have been adopted by the Gen. Assembly. Ibid. Docs. 80, 81.]

(24.) May 17th. A letter from Tho. Minor, George Denison and others, of Stonington, informing the Gen. Court of recent proceedings there. A court had been held, by R. Island authority, on the east side of Pawcatuck River ; Capt. Morris had threatened to come over the river and run the line, "a north line from the Wares ;" they had also threatened to "deal severely with the Badcocks, that compounded with us," and John Badcock had appealed to Stonington for protection ; in this juncture, no time being allowed them for seeking counsel for Hartford, it was determined to resist all infringements upon their rights ; 30 or 40 horsemen volunteered, at the call of the commissioners ; and, under their escort, Serj. Minor, with four others, went to Mr. Saunders's house, where the court was sitting, to inquire by whose authority and for what purpose they were convened. On receiving the reply that "they came to assert government & keep court, &c.," one of the constables of Stonington asserted the authority of Connecticut over that territory, and required the Court "to desist to sit or act, and forthwith to begone," &c. "They were apparently afraid, and acted nothing more, and are going away betimes in the morning, as we are credibly informed." * * "There was not a blow struck, nor hot words ; but resolute returns on our part. Our people are very cheerfull and much incouraged ; perceiving that what was done by the Island was but a flourish, notwithstanding the sessions consisted of the Dep. Governor (Clarke,) and seven Magistrates," &c. [Ibid. Doc. 82.]

(25.) May 19th. A letter from the Gen. Court, to the Constables of Stonington, returning thanks for their great service, and "approving their motions." [Ibid. Doc. 86.]

* This letter is printed in Potter's Hist of Narragansett, pp. 188-190. In April, 1671, Thomas Stanton and Thomas Minor, while laying out lands east of Pawcatuck River, were met and opposed by Tobias Saunders, John Crandall, and a company of R. I. men, armed with clubs. John Crandall was subsequently apprehended, tried by the N. London County Court, for contempt of authority, sedition and rebellion, and committed to prison, June, 1671. [Crimes and Misd., I. 40-59.]

(26.) June 14th. A long letter from the R. I. Gen. Assembly,—re-asserting their authority, until a final decision should be had from the King; and proposing, once more, a mutual reference to the King, or a treaty by commissioners from the two Colonies, to meet in Rehoboth or New York, “as places of more indifferency to meete and treat” than New London or Hartford; at which meeting they ask that Governor Winthrop and Dep. Gov. Clarke, (the agents of their respective colonies for procuring their charters,) may be present.* [Ibid. Doc. 87.]

(27.) July 29th. Reply of the Conn. Council to the foregoing. With reference to the places named for the proposed meeting of commissioners, the Council are not at liberty to depart from the order of the Gen. Court, “that New London or some other place nearer should be the place of meeting;” but will propose a reconsideration to the Court, at its next session, provided R. Island will fully empower a committee “to treat about and conclude a full & finall agreement and accord of all matters” in controversy between the Colonies. As to the presence of the Governor, at such a meeting, “we must leave it to his own convenience, for a journey upon such acco^t.” [Doc. 88.]

(28.) October 12th. Letter from the Gen. Court, (see page 167, ante,) to R. Island, in reply to theirs of June 14th. The Court “sees no cause to desist from exercising government within those limits expressed within our charter,” &c. The old arguments are rehearsed. The proposition for a treaty at Rehoboth is accepted, or at Boston, if R. I. consents,—provided it may be attended the 2d week in November, or in the following April, and that the R. I. commissioners shall be fully empowered to treat and conclude, &c. If this be not assented to, the Court proposes a mutual reference to so many gentlemen of Massachusetts and Plymouth Colonies as shall be agreed upon and chosen by the committees of the two Colonies. [Doc. 89.]

(29.) Oct. 25th. Proceedings of the R. I. Gen. Assembly, at Newport. A committee appointed to meet with those from Connecticut, in April, 1672, at Rehoboth; with full powers to treat and conclude. [Doc. 90.]

(30.) Nov. 4th. Letter from the R. I. Gen. Assembly, to Connecticut. The letter of Oct. 12th was received, Oct. 26th; but the Council’s letter, of July 29th had not yet been received by the R. I. Ass^{mbly}. A committee had been appointed, as was agreed. As to “a plenipotentiary commission to the persons commissioned,” a full explanation had been previously given;—“we ingaged to invest them with as full power in that respect, as his Ma^{tie} hath invested us withall, and further you may not expect. And theretofore to be plain and cleere, in few words, we must tell you that we have noe power to alter, change or give away any part of the bound prescri-

* Printed in Potter’s History of Narragansett, pp. 190–2.

bed and settled by his Ma^{tie} in his gracious Letters Patents for us to exercise jurisdiction in." It is in vain therefore to treat respecting rights of *jurisdiction*; but the R. I. committee will be fully empowered to decide differences between individuals, about rights of *property* or interest in lands, &c. And they will be ready to meet the Conn. committee at Rehoboth, in April, as proposed. [Doc. 91.]

(31.) Jan. 29th, 167 $\frac{1}{2}$. The Governor and Council, in reply to the foregoing, profess their earnest desire and faithful endeavors for an amicable settlement of difficulties. "But in this last return of yours (wherein you say you deale plainly,) we must needs say, if in your former you had dealt *as* plainly, we should never have given ovselves the labor and trouble we have had, on that acco^t; and now indeed we cannot but see you never intended any compo^sure or compliance in the thinge in controversy; for *particular proprieties* was never the thing controverted about, but *jurisdiction right*." The Council therefore "judge it fruitless, on the terms you mention, for ours to give any attendance at Rehoboth." [Doc. 93.]

(32.) May 1st, 1672. Letter from R. I. complaining of "the sufferings of his Ma^{ties} subjects at Westerly;" and renewing the request that Connecticut would "forbear to molest the men of Westerly," until "some fair way of composure" could be devised. [Doc. 94.]

(33.) May 9th. Reply of the Conn. Gen. Court, that a committee shall be authorized to consult with one appointed by R. Island, about "the best way to establish a good agreement, and to issue all our differences;" and "if any obstacle come in the way to hinder this good work, it will be from yourselves not from us." [Doc. 95.]

[No copies of letters to or from the Government of R. Island, between May, 1672, and Oct., 1676, have been preserved.]

(34.) Oct. 25th, 1676. Letter from Gen. Assembly of R. Island to the Conn. Council; manifesting their "absolute dislike of the late proceeds,"—"that you have by order of your Court determined to deprive us of our just rights and privileges in the Narragansett Country."* [Doc. 104.]

(35.) Oct. 27th. "Road Island Proclamation set up in Quidnset, alias Wickford:" forbidding all persons from exercising jurisdiction in the Narragansett country, or to buy or sell lands there, but by order from authority of R. Island. (An order of the Gen. Assembly.) [Doc. 105.]

(36.) April 21st, 1677. Letter from Gen. Assembly of R. Island, to Connecticut. "Divers of our inhabitants of the Narragansett Country are taken by Captaine George Denison, and carried away as prisoners from their lawfull imployments, and also from their pos-

* See the order of the Council, respecting the Narragansett lands, Aug. 23d, 1676; page 473, ante. This letter is printed in Mass. Hist. Coll. (2d Ser.) vii. 110, and in Potter's H. of Narragansett, pp. 195-197.

sessions in this Collony, and within the bounds thereof are arrested and conveyed to yourselves for tryall, upon default of intrusion and disobedience to your authoritie," &c. * * "We hope and expect upon the receipt hereof you will returne the persons without any further abuse of them, or else you may assure yourselves we shall with all conueniencie make our humble addresses by way of complaint to his Maiestie for reliefe in the premises." Then follows a rehearsal of arguments in support of R. Island's claim to jurisdiction; closing with a threat that "if you persist in these proceedings of annoyance, before his Maiesties determination can be procured (although as yet you have vpon all ocations received nothing from vs but civillity and courtesie,) we shall be constrained to seize and surprise any of yours henceforward, that shall presume to molest any of his Maiesties subjects within the confines granted vnto vs," &c. [Doc. 109.]

(37.) May 2d. Another Letter from R. Island; complaining that Thomas Gould, James Renolds and Henry Tibbotts,* freemen of R. I. jurisdiction, had been forcibly taken from their habitations, by authority of Connecticut, and bonds exacted from them, for their appearance before the Hartford Court, on the 10th inst., &c. [Doc. 111.]

(38.) May 10th. Reply of Gen. Court of Conn. to the foregoing. Insisting upon their claim to jurisdiction;—acquiescing in the proposition of R. I. for a reference to the King; but expressing a determination, meanwhile, "not to recede from due & loyall prosecution against all intruders upon the Narragansett Country that lieth within our limits." * * "Post scrip. Gent: although o^r just right both by patten^t & conquest may extend much farther, yet o^r readines to amicable & neighbourly compli^ance is such (that for peace sake) we may content ourselves to take wth Cowessett to be the boundary betwixt your Colony & ours, if his Maj^{tie} please to indulge us therein & yourselves shall speedily express to vs your desire and agreement to have it so." [Doc. 112.]

(39.) May 24th. Letter from R. Island. The Gen. Assembly have determined to "attend with all possible diligence, the peopling and improving of the Narragansett Country and King's Province, and the due administration of justice there." "In order to prevent the evill consequences that otherwise may insue by a forcible managing of that contest," they tender to Connecticut "one halfe of all the land in the tract aforesaid, yett unpurchased, * * provided it may bee inhabited by such persons as shall faithfully submit to this his Majesty's authority in this jurisdiction." The lands unpurchased, they "conclude are a very considerable part of the coun-

* See votes of the R. I. Gen. Assembly, and their letter (of April 21st.) to Gould, Reynolds, "and the rest that were carried away prisoners to Hartford;" in Potter's H. of Narr. 197, 198. Mr. Gould subsequently compounded with Connecticut. May 14th, he petitioned the Gen. Court, "in behalfe of himself & severall others of Narragansett," for "liberty to replant and settle their former habitations, always acknowledging ourselves to be obedient to this Authority." [Col. Boundaries, I. 113.]

try,—for as for that chimæra of a *Mortgage* it hath been long since disallowed ” &c. [Doc. 115.]

(39) June 27th. Reply of the Conn. Council. Rejecting “ the slight proffer of an vnconsiderable part of land, to be vnder [R. Island] government ; ” but adhering to the proposition formerly made, to accept Cowasset as the boundary between the Charters.

No. VII. (p. 95.)

THE MORTGAGED LANDS ; MAJOR ATHERTON AND HIS PARTNERS.

June 11th, 1659, Coginaquand,* Sachem of Narragansett, sold a large tract of land, “ called by the names of Wyapumscutt, Masca-cowage, Cocomscosuck and such like,”† to Gov. John Winthrop of Connecticut, Major Humphrey Atherton, of Massachusetts, Richard Smith, Sen., and Rich. Smith, Jun., of Cocomscosuck, Lieut. Wm. Hudson, and Amos Richardson, of Boston, and John Tinker of Nash-away ; only excepting certain lands previously granted to Richard Smith, and “ a neck of land called Patowomuck,” which the Sachem reserved for planting ground. [Deed recorded, in Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 321.]

July 4th, 1659, Coginaquand sold, to the same company, another tract, called “ Namocke Neck‡ Cocomscosutt, Wannuchecomecuk otherwise called Anocketuckett, Pawsackacow, and Wanachecomecuk,” excepting former grants to Rich. Smith, Sen., and Jun., and to Capt. Randal Holden. [Ibid, pp. 321, 322.]

These grants were confirmed to Major Atherton and his partners, (to whose number Capt. Edward Hutchinson had been meantime added,) by Cosuequansh,|| Scuttup and Wequakamat, Narragansett Sachems, June 14th, 1660. [Ib. 322.]

Sept. 29th, 1660, Cosuequansh, Ninigret and Scuttup, to secure the payment of a fine of 595 fathoms of wampum, (which had been imposed upon the Narragansetts for injuries done to the English at Mohegan,§) mortgaged the whole Narragansett country to the Commissioners of the United Colonies. [Ib. 323.]

Oct. 13th, 1660, Major Atherton and his associates, in consideration of the payment by them, to the Commissioners, of the fine imposed on the Narragansetts, received from Suckquanch (or Cosuequansh,) Ninigret, Scuttup and Wequakanuit, chief sachems, a

* Otherwise written, Cojonoquant, or Cachanaquant : he was also called Tassarono, Tasconchut and Tesiquant. A son or nephew of Canonicus, the great sachem of Narragansett. [Potter's Hist. of Narragansett, p. 172.]

† Afterwards known as the “ Northward tract,” and the “ Quidneset ” or “ Aquidneset purchase.” [Ib. pp. 58, 234.]

‡ Afterwards called “ Boston neck.” This second grant was known as the “ Southern tract,” or “ Namecock purchase.” [Report of Comm'rs, in Potter's Narrag. 234.]

|| Better known as Pessacus ; a brother of Miantonimo.

§ Rec. of Comm'rs of U. C. in 1742, II. 433 ; Col. Rec. I. (Appendix VIII.) p. 577.

mortgage of all the Narragansett, Niantic and Cowesset country, excepting lands formerly granted. [Ib. 323, 324.]

This mortgage not having been satisfied by the repayment of the wampum to Major Atherton, within the time specified, Scuttub, in behalf of himself, his brother Wequakamat (or Quequaquenuit,) and the other sachems, delivered possession of the country, by turf and twig, to Capt. Edward Hutchinson, Capt. Wm. Hudson and others of the mortgagees, at Pettaquamscott, in the spring of 1662. [Testimony of Jno. Button and other witnesses, in C. Rec. of Lands, I. 324.]

The Atherton partners had previously satisfied the first mortgage, (to the Commissioners of the U. Colonies,) by the payment of 735 fathom of wampum to Gov. Winthrop for the Comm'rs, in November, 1660.

A valid title, as was then supposed, having been secured, to the whole of the Narragansett Country, the proprietors, (of whom Gov. Winthrop was one,) were desirous to procure its annexation to Connecticut and a participation in the privileges guarantied to the Colony by the Charter of 1662. Gov. W. as their agent, petitioned the king in their behalf, and secured the royal approval and encouragement of the Narragansett purchase.* In "A list of several principal writings pertaining to the proprietors of the mortgaged lands," (apparently drawn up to accompany evidences of title presented to the Connecticut General Court,†) the following documents are named :—

"11. A copie of A Petition to the King drawn by Gov. Winthrop's owne hand, to be signed by the proprietors, the purport whereof is to request his Majesty that the Narrogansett Country & parts adjacent may be under the Governm^t by Pattent.

12. A letter from Gov. Winthrop to Mr. Amos Richardson & y^e Comp^y, signifieng that their assistance (in the manner he adviseth,) would much availle & conduce to the procureing Connecticutt Patent; desireing the Proprietors to persist in their endeavors, by sending something more under their hands to y^e purpose, which is the cause of his stay &c. Dated London, 2 July, 1662.

13. A letter from Gov. Winthrop to Capt. Hutchinson & Comp^y, dated Sept. 2. 1662, wherein he saith that according to the desires of themselves, the purchasers and proprietors of the Narragansett Country &c. he had procured it to be put into their pattent &c. So gives them a brief account of his whole proceeding, and of Rhode Island opposition.

14. A letter from the Proprietors of the Narrogansett Country to the Honrd Court at Connecticott, upon the receipt of y^e abovesaid letter, wherein they incite and request the said Court to make claime

* See the King's letter to the Governors of the several N. E. colonies, commending the Narragansett proprietors to their neighborly kindness and protection. Rec. of Comm'rs U. Col. in Haz. II. 498.

† This document is in the hand-writing of Hon. John Saffin, who was the accredited agent of the proprietors, in 1677.

of the government of the Narragansett and Niantick Countreys by virtue of the said Pattent, procured &c. Dated, November 18th, 1662.

15. A letter from the Court at Connecticott, wherein they impower severall persons of the proprietors to beare office. Dated July 10th, 1663.*

16. A copie of a letter from Capt. Hutchinson & Comp^y to y^e Court at Connecticott, wherein they desire them to exert their power of Government of the Narragansett Country; dated July 17th, 1663.†

17. A copie of a letter from the Commissioners sitting at Connecticott, to Rhode Island, wherein they exhort them to bee peaceable, and no longer to disturbe the proprietors of the Narragansett Countrey &c. declareing that it is his Majesty's pleasure and speciall order to them, the said Commissioners, to take care thereof. Dated, Hartford, 9th Sept. 1664.‡ Recorded by Edw. Rawson, Sec^y.

18. A copie of a letter from Major Denison & Mr. Thomas Danforth to Rhode Island, who were commissioned by the Court of the Massachusetts to decide the controversy &c. Dated from Rehoboth, 2^d June, 1664. Recorded by Edw. Rawson, Sec^y.

[Col. Boundaries, I. 44.]

May 4th, 1668, Capt. Hutchinson and his partners, together with the inhabitants of the town of Wickford, petition the Generall Court; they had been formerly taken under the Government and protection of Connecticut, a township constituted and officers appointed; "which since hath been interrupted by the proceedings of his Majesty's Hon^{ble} Comitioners;"§ they now, "finding a necessity of looking for protection & defence by a government," again apply themselves to Connecticut; but if the Court should "not see cause to re-assume the Governm^t of the place," they desire an answer, "so we may look for governm^t & protection elsewhere." [Col. Boundaries, I. 31.]

Oct. 1678, Another petition was presented to the Court from Capt. Hutchinson and others, praying them "to claime Jurisdiction in Narraganset countrey & soe establish it under a civill government." [Ibid. I. 40.]

Dec. 1675. A letter from Gov. Winthrop, about Capt. Atherton's|| business, "For Captaine John Allyn to be comunicated to the Hono^d Councill or Court at Hartford." [Ibid. I. 102.]

* Col. Boundaries, I. 8.

† Ibid. I. 9.

‡ Rec. of Comm^rs U. Col. in Ha^z. II. 499.

§ The Royal Commissioners, Carr, Cartwright and Maverick, in 1664, declared Atherton's purchases void; and the mortgage likewise void, whenever the 735 fathoms of wampum should be repaid by the Sachems.

|| This was Capt. Jonathan Atherton, son and administrator of Major Humphrey Atherton the original proprietor. Major A. died in Sept. 1661.

[This letter, dated in Boston, Dec. 18th, was written at the request of Capt. A. for the purpose of obtaining a release of security given by him upon lands in Narragansett. These lands appear to have been surrendered to or sequestered by the General Court, as security for the settlement of his administration account, and to meet the demands of the other partners, on Major Atherton's estate.]

A letter from the proprietors of the mortgaged lands, to the General Court, dated at Boston, Mar. 16th, 1676-7. [Ibid. I. 107.] The settlement of the country had been interrupted by the ravages of Indian warfare; "But since it hath pleased the Almighty in his great goodness soe farr to subdue those Heathen, that we have now good grounds of hope againe to enjoy a quiett habitation in those parts, wee deeme it now convenient to make this application to your Honours and the Honourable Generall Court, by o, trusty & loveing freind Mr. John Saffin* as o' Agent in o' name & behalfe humbly to request yo' sage advice, propitious aspect, and due incouragem^t to us in the settlement & further improuement of those o' lands," &c. "Not doubting but the Hon^{ble} Court will vouchsafe to excite & put forth their authority & power of government for o' protection against all intruders, either of Rhode Island men or any other person or persons whatsoever."

Mr. Saffin and the other proprietors, advertised certain lands in Narragansett for sale, in July, 1678. The General Assembly of Rhode Island voted that all who purchased of them should be considered as intruders; and ordered a new survey of the Narragansett Lands. [R. I. Records, in Potter's H. of Narr. 101.]

Mr. Saffin, as agent for the proprietors, May 18th, 1677, enters their "lawfull clayme to all and singular the lands and proprietyes aforesaid," in the presence of the General Court of Connecticut; craving the benefit of the law for the protection of their rights; and asking that this declaration and petition may remain on file with the records of the Court; "hereby declareing that we, the said proprietors, shall and will be ready to make good our just right, title and interest in and to the premises, at any convenient time when lawfully called thereunto." [Col. Boundaries, I. 114.]

In 1679, Mr. Saffin was tried, by the authority of Rhode Island, for adhering to another jurisdiction, and sentenced to pay a fine and forfeit all his lands and estate in that Colony. [See his letter, in Col. Boundaries, I. 130: Potter's H. of Narr. 103.] Similar proceedings were instituted against Richard Smith, but the indictment was quashed for want of form. [Ibid.]

In 1683, the King issued a commission to Edward Cranfield, and others, to inquire into the claims and titles to Narragansett lands, and make report. These Commissioners met at Boston, in October

* Hon. John Saffin, of Boston, (afterwards of Bristol,) was a large proprietor of the Narragansett lands, by purchase of the rights of Major Atherton's heirs; and also in right of his wife, who was a daughter of Capt. Thos. Willett. [Potter's H. of Narr. p. 270.]

of the same year. Their report confirms the title of the mortgage proprietors and the assignees of the Atherton purchases of 1659; and assigns the jurisdiction of the Narragansett Country to Connecticut. [Potter's H. of Narr. 229-237; a copy, in Col. Boundaries, I. 158.]

No. VIII. (pp. 135, 228.)

LANDS GRANTED BY MASSACHUSETTS, IN THE PEQUOT COUNTRY.

(1.) A petition was presented to the General Court, May, 1670, by Capt. George Denison and Amos Richardson, from Daniel Gookin and other gentlemen of Massachusetts, the proprietors, under grants from the General Court of Massachusetts, of lands on the east side of Pawcatuck River, asking for protection against the encroachment and forcible intrusions of Rhode Island people.

The petitioners allege that they "have a just title, both by cleare grants from the English and due purchase & concent of the Indians," of "divers parcels of lands lieing and being in the Pequott & Narraganset countries vpon the east side of Pawcutucke River;" that these lands were included within the limits of the Charter granted to Connecticut, to which Colony the jurisdiction of right belonged, &c.; that notwithstanding this, they had suffered "vndue encroachment" and "many acts of outrage & violence" from people of the Colony of Rhode Island, "possessing our land, dispossessing our tenants, as wel Indians as English, pulling down some of our houses, burning up our fences, takeing away our grass & hay, and therby occasioning the loss of our cattle, with diuers other iniuries & wrongs." They ask the Court "not to suffer so great a part of your jurisdiction (which God & his Ma^{tie} hath betrusted you with,) thus to bee rent from you, and so much impiety, profaneness, sabath breaking &c. (which these intruders are said to act) without check or control, to be committed within yo^r gates;" but "to hear the cries of the oppressed, and put forth your power and authority." &c.

This petition was signed by Daniel Gookin, John Richards, (Treasurer of Harvard College,) Wm. Hudson, Thomas Prentice, John Payne, Roger Plaisted, Timothy Mather, Increase Atherton, and John Viall. [Col. Boundaries, I. 47.]

(2.) Letter from the General Court in answer to the foregoing petition, May 12th, 1670. [Ibid. I. 50.]

"Honrd Gent^{rs}:"

Yours we have rec^d, dated April 25th, '70, & considered the severall perticulers y^{of}, and are decply engaged to yourselves for y^e severall perticulers alledged by you for the cleareing up of o^r right to those lands circumscribed wthin the bounds of o^r Charter; and are sorry you have rec^d such wrongs & have so much cause to complayne as we feare you have. These are allso to assure you that we have appoynted to treat wth y^e Gouverm^t of Rhod Island at N.

London, the 2^d Tuesday in June next, where some Gentⁿ from us will be ready (if God will) to meet & conclude all matters of differences between us and them. Your presence and help wth those papers mentioned, subscribed by his Maties Com^{rs}, may very much help forward a good issue. But if the Govern^t of Rhod Island neglect or refuse to treat, the time prefixed, to an issue, then we have purposed anoth^r course which we hope may be effectual for the attaynm^t of the end aymed at. This we thought good to signify to you; which wth o^r respects to you respectively is all at present, from your assured friends.

These for y^e Worpⁿ Danⁿ Gookin Esq^r,
Mr. John Richards, Capt. Wm. Hudson,
in y^e Massachusetts, these deliver.

(3.) "The Declaration of Daniel Gookin Esq. against Squamack men: humbly presented vnto y^e Comissioners of the General Court of Conecticut, met at Capt. Hudson's house in Wickford, June 21: 1670."

This "Declaration of Daniel Gookin, of Cambridge in New England, Esq. plaintiff, against John Randall, James Badcocke senior & their partakers & pteners, inhabitants of Squamackock (so called) invaders of and vpon the iust right & possession of a farm belonging to the said Gookin, lieing next adioyneing vnto the mouth of Pawcatucke River vpon the east side thereof; within the limmets of the Pequott Country; now in occupation of Richard Williams; which farme not long since was infenced from the river of Pawcutucke to the Sound, by Wecascooke alias Herman Garett & his Indians (tenants vnto the said Gookin;) and for vniust molestation, trespass & wrong" &c., to himself and tenants, to the damage of £1000.

Mr. Gookin rests his title to the land in question,—1st. On the grant from the Gen. Court of Massachusetts, "who were the ioynt conquerors of the Indians called Pequots, the true and proper inhabitants of this land." 2d. "The consent, & deed of sale of the land by the sachem Weekascooke alias Cashawasit alias Harman Garett & his Pequot Indians," who infenced the land in 1661; which sale was approved by the Commissioners of the U. Colonies, in 1661.* 3d. Priority of possession. Mr. Stanton, in the plaintiff's right, build yards & kept cattle &c. there, 1658-'60 &c. and May, 1662, Mr. Gookin built a dwelling house there for his tenant, Thait Strickland. 4th. The order of the Royal Commissioners, in 1665, that those then in possession of lands there, should be suffered to remain in quiet possession till his Majesty's pleasure were further known.

The plaintiff recites the wrongs & injuries sustained by him from Babcock and others; and asks for "justice & damage, with confirmation of title." [Col. Boundaries, I. 46.]

The commissioners, to whose court at Wickford this Declaration was presented, declared, June, 1670, "that the people of Squamack, being part of the township of Stonington, are of right under

* Rec. of Comm^{rs}, in Ilaz. II. 447.

the Government of this his Ma^{ties} Colony of Connecticut," &c., and caused their declaration "to be read on Capt. Gookin's land, in the audience of divers witnesses." [Rec. of Comm'rs, in Col. Boundaries, I. 66.]

(4.) At the same court of Commissioners, Mr. Gookin, as Attorney for the Treasurer of Harvard College, in behalf of the College, complains "against Stephen Wilcocks and his partakers, that unjstly possess five hundred acres of land lieing in the Pequot Country on the east side Pawcutneke River within the bounds of Stonington." This land was granted to Harvard College by the General Court of Massachusetts, May 19th, 1658. [Col. Bds. I. 68.]

(5.) Letter from Massachusetts to Connecticut, Oct. 15th, 1672; [T. & Lands, I. 49;] respecting lands granted by the former, in the Pequot country, to the College and to particular persons. The Gen. Court had been "informed by the proprietors that they are & have been injured in their possessions & rights; and also requested by them to intercede with yourselves, who now have the Jurisdiction and government, that their grants may remaine firme & themselves be defended in their rights."

The reply of the Gen. Court of Connecticut to this letter has not been preserved. It is referred to in another letter from Massachusetts, dated Oct. 24th; (copied in Appendix XI.)

(6.) Petition of Amos Richardson, to the General Court, Oct. 11th, 1673, asking "their determination whether those grantes of land which was granted by the Generall Court in the Massetusets Colony, in the Pequot country while it was und^r theyr government, shall stand good to the grantecs." [T. & Lands, I. 136: see note on page 212, ante.]

May, 1674, the General Court confirmed the grants of Massachusetts, east of Pawcatuck River, to Capt. Gookin, Harvard College, Capt. Prentice, Mr. Rawson, Mr. Mellowes, Mr. Deane Winthrop, and Mr. Symonds or their assigns; [p. 227, ante;] and ordered the lands to be laid out to the several proprietors.

Mr. Gookin had previously sold his grant of 500 acres, to Mr. Simon Lynde, of Boston. [Deed, executed Feb. 1671-2; recorded in Col. Rec. of Lands, I. 419.]

The grants to Mr. Deane Winthrop and Samuel Symonds, 1000 acres, were laid out to Mr. John Payne, April 28th, 1675. [Col. Rec. of Lands, II. 39.]

The grant to John Mellowes, was laid out to Mr. Amos Richardson, May 3d, 1675. [Ibid.]

The grant to Mr. Edward Rawson, assigned to Mr. Roger Plaisted, was laid out May 23d, 1675. [Ibid.]

Five hundred acres were laid out to Harvard College, April 30th, 1675. [Ibid.]

No. IX.

THE RUMORED INDIAN PLOT, OF 1669.

June 29th, 1669, Mr. Thomas James, of Easthampton, with some of the principal inhabitants of Southold, (L. Island,) addressed a letter to Major Mason, communicating intelligence they had received from friendly Indians, of an extensive Indian conspiracy for the destruction of the English. Of this conspiracy, Ninigret, sachem of the Eastern Niantics, was supposed to be the head, and to have secured the confederacy of the Narragansetts, the Pequots under Robin Cassasinamon, and (as was feared) of the Montacutt (Montauk) Indians. These last had not long before sent a present of two or three hundred fathoms of wampum, to Ninigret. [Indians, Vol. I. Docs. 18, 19.]

The next day, Mr. Mulford, Mr. James, and Mr. Thomas Baker wrote from Easthampton, to Maj. Mason, of "intelligence from several Indians accounted most trusty, concerning the designs of Nene-craft the Narhiggansit sachem, against the English, and of his transactions with the Indians upon [Long] Island." [Ib. Doc. 11.]

Both of these letters were immediately transmitted by Major Mason to the Governor and Magistrates at Hartford; accompanied by a long letter from himself, in which he expresses his belief in the reality of the rumored plot, and thinks, "consideratis considerandis, it is high time to lay to heart what we should be and doe in such a season. 'Tis too apparent that there is plott on foote between the French and almost all the Indians in the country." He refers to the "well known" fact, that the Northern Indians, with some French Indians, most of them Sachems, have been in these parts several times; and that "incredible sums" of wampum have been given to Ninigret and other Indians. He suggests, (1st,) the sending messengers forthwith to Massachusetts and Plymouth, to acquaint them with the danger, "without minceing; they are matters not to be dallyed with;" and (2d,) "whether it be not our best, to *begin first* with them," that is, with those who have been trading in wampum, of whom Momonto is thought to be one. They should be strictly examined, and, if found guilty, suitably dealt with, "not as if we were afraid of them or the French. 'Tis good to kill such birds in the egg." Ninigret should be speedily apprehended and examined. The friendly Indians ought to be enjoined against engaging in a war with the Mohawks, "who may prove your best friends, at a dead lift;" and a message should be sent to the Mohawks to forbear any hostile attempts against the other Indians for the present. [Ibid. Doc. 12.]

In a postscript, Major M. writes, "I had newes from the Mow-hawks last night, who are very sorry that I came not to Fort Albany. Your Indians have killed twoe of their men in an English house; haueing killed twoe formerly. They are in good plight; the Hockoags being now joyned wth them. They haue as they say forborne to meddle with these for feare of displeasing the English, but now necessitated to put it to a venture. They say they will prove our reall frends. They value not the Indians, but are affrayd

of the French ; but are resolved to yeild to neyther ; and what the Eng: will haue them to doe, they will attend. And this doe verily believe, at this time, they are the best Indian frends we haue. I question as matters now stand whether you had not better deferre your speakeing to cyther of them about their war, at present. I wish that we might some way signifie our favourable respect towards them. I verily believe the plott is deferred only till they haue overtopt the Mohawks. Vale."

A week later, (July 8th,) Major M. forwards from Norwich, a letter, of the same date, received by him from Mr. Tho. Stanton, of Stonington,—communicating "divers and strang informations concerning the Indians in these parts. Ninigret's daughter had sent a message to Hermon Garrett to invite him to come and join in a great dance which Ninigret was preparing to make, and for which he had sent messengers to invite the Nipmucks, the L. Island Indians, the Pequots, Uncas and his men, and other Indians ; and there was like to be a great concourse there. A son of Goodman Osborn's, who lived at Cowsattack, and who understood the Indian tongue, had been told by a squaw, the last spring, to inform his mother, "in pity to her," that the Indians did intend speedily to cut off the English ; and that the plot had been arranged at the dance "at Robin's town, when Mr. Stanton arrested Ninigret,"—Uncas being then present. Goodwife Osborn had been dissuaded by her husband from communicating this intelligence, lest "she should be counted a twattler." A Pequot named Mosomp, a man of note, had likewise told Osborn's son, that the Indians would have Cowsattack again,* or it should cost the English their blood. "The truth is," writes Mr. Stanton, "thaye ar verie hie of late and slite all athorietie of the English but such as sutes with ther own vmores." He had wondered to see Uncas and Ninigret together, at Robin's dance,—“they whoe durst not looke each vpon other this 20 yeares, but at the mossell of a gun or at the pillet† of an arrow.” Tho. Edwards (who lived on Mr. Stanton's farm,) had learned from the Narragansetts, that Ninigret had recently sent for all the Block Island Indians, and entertained all of them who were able and willing to fight ; but sent the others home again : and also, that several of the Long Island Indians had brought him large presents of wampum. The Narragansetts were all well furnished with ammunition. An Indian reported that Daniel "Robin Same-mane's partner" had been up to the Mohawks, the previous spring, with a large sum in wampum ; and, since his return, had threatened that he would not live longer under the English, but would go and live with the Mohawks.

Mr. Thomas Minor adds a note to the letter of Mr. S., urging Major Mason to send speedy advice what should be done ; &c.

In transmitting this letter, Major Mason writes to the Governor and Magistrates, that "it's not a time to be secure : if I am not stark blind in Indian matters, it's not farre from as great a hazard as ever

* See page 34. note.

† *Pile* ; the head of an arrow or spear.

N. England yett saw, whatever some of you may think ; and lett me tell [you] though you send never soe many messages, not one in twenty that be soe perswaded." He repeats the advice he had formerly given, that Ninigret should be forthwith seized, and examined ; that his Indians should be compelled to surrender their arms to the English ; and that a like course should be pursued with respect to the Pequots. He believes the Mohawks and the Mohegans to be yett friendly to the English ; but he will keep a 'strict eye' upon the latter. Owenecco had already delivered up what guns he had in his possession, and promised to bring half the arms of the tribe, next day : "he never stuck at it, but freely consented, the first motion." [lb. 13, 14.]

There is no record of the action of the Governor and Assistants, upon the information which had been received by them ; but, from the subsequent proceedings, it appears that Capt. Wait Winthrop, Lieut. James Avery and others were commissioned to inquire into the reality of the suspected plot and to summon Ninigret before them for examination. The messengers sent by them to Ninigret, returned with an answer, "inviting [them] to come to him." The commissioners accordingly "made ready to goe to him," on the east side of Pawcatuck River ; but as they were about setting out, (July 19th,) received a notice from Mr. John Crandall and Tobias Sanders, of Squamicut, that the goverment of Rhode Island "protested against any such eleagall or vnlawfull proseedings," and if there was aught alleged against Ninigret, "he shall be forth coming to answer before the goverment vnder whom his Majesty haue put him." Capt. Winthrop and his party, (thirteen in number,) disregarding this protest, crossed the river, and though "a company of fellows stood in the common roade, of which Wm. More was one & the Tinker another, with a club in his hand," &c., they were not forcibly opposed, but rode on their way, and obtained a conference with Ninigret. (Indians, Vol. I. 16, 20.) Their report of his examination is missing from the files. It appears, however, to have been so far satisfactory to the Magistrates, that no further action was had respecting the alleged plot, until the next session of the General Court.

The files contain several depositions, (taken in July,) with reference to this affair. Two of these, which throw some light upon the probable origin of the rumors, and the grounds of the apparent disaffection of Robin and his Pequots, are subjoined : (from Indians, I. 15.)

"The Deposition of [John Gallop]* Senior testifieth and [sayth that he] heard severall tmes both Robin Sin[amon and] Daniell, for discontent, express themselves that they must goe to the Mowhaks' country to live, for they had soe much trouble here that they was wearied out with it. Daniell, some time last week, sayd that this last business about the Indians was [one] of Unkas his tricks to bring the Pequits into trouble ; therefore they must goe to another country.

John Gallop.

* The words in brackets have been supplied as the *probable* reading ; the original being somewhat defaced.

John Stanton sayth that hee has oftentimes heard of such like expressions as above writen, that has been frequently spoken amongst them. Nesomet some time last summer did say to mee, that they were now desperate, they did not now care wher they now went to live or where they died,—speaking about their being removed from Cowissattuck. John Stanton.”

No. X. (pp. 137, 138.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH THE RHODE ISLAND BOUNDARY ; JUNE, 1670.

The Commissioners appointed by the Gen. Court of Connecticut, May, 1670, were Dep. Gov. Leete, Secretary Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Capt. John Winthrop and Capt. Benj. Newbery ; any three of whom were empowered to act, in the absence of the others. (Their instructions and powers may be seen at p. 135, ante.) The Rhode Island Commissioners were Capt. John Greene, Lieut. Joseph Torrey and Mr. Richard Bailly.

The Commissioners met, by appointment, at New London, June 14th, 1670 ; and, at the request of those of R. Island, it was agreed that all communications between them should be made in writing. Accordingly, Messrs. Allyn, Richards and Winthrop* opened the business of the commission, by presenting the claims of Connecticut, in the following letter : [Col. Boundaries, I. 62.]

New London, June 14th, 1670.

Gent : Seeing you desire to have us make our demands of you in writing, to accommodate you therein and that you may know our demands,—That which we shall begin wth is, to demand of your Colony that we may quietly and peaceably govern & improve all that part of his Ma^{ties} Dominions granted to us by charter, dated April 23d, 1662, in the 14th year of his Reighn, which are thus abutted ; on the east by Narrogancett River, commonly called Narrogancett Bay, where the sayd River falleth into the sea, & on the North by the lyne of y^e Massachusetts plantation, & on the south by the sea, & in longitude as the lyne of the Massachusetts Colony running from east to west, that is to say from the s^d Narrogancett Bay on the east to the Sowth sea on the west part, wth the Islands adjoyneing thereunto ; part of which, some, under pretence of authority from your Colony, have disturbed some of ours in the possession & improvement thereof.

J. A. J. R. J. W.

The R. Island Commissioners, (same date ; Ibid. Doc. 54,) reply, “That if by the Narragansett River or Bay you intend that River which hath been owned by the agents of both Colonies to bee the Narragansett River mentioned in your grant, and w^{ch} by his ma^{ties}

* Mr. Leete and Capt. Newbery took no part in the proceedings ; and do not appear to have accompanied the other commissioners to New London.

gracious charter granted to vs is beyond all exeception determined to bee the Narragansett River nominated as the eastern bownds of yo^r Colony and the western bounds of ours, and expressly defined to bee the Narragansett River mentioned in your charter; then wee agree it shall forever soe bee and remaine. But if you meane any other, then wee desire you would plainly and clearly declare vnto us what River you intend, and wee shall returne you a positive answer."

The Conn. Comm^rs reply, that "by Narrogancett River, we mean that which was Narrogancett River when o^r Charter was granted, & knowne by that name then & more than thirty yeares before; and not any River new named since our Charter was granted." [Ibid. Doc. 62.]

Two more letters bring the R. Island Comm^rs to the declaration, in plain terms, that, in accordance with his Majesty's decision, they hold "Pacatuck alias Paweatuck River" to be the Narragansett River mentioned in the Connecticut charter: [Ibid. Doc. 57.] And after the interchange of two more, the Conn. Comm^rs explain (what those of R. Island professed not before to have understood,) that by Narragansett River they mean "the River that runs down by Mr. Blackstone's and meets the salt water within three miles below the sayd Blackstone's house."

Several other letters passed between the Commissioners on the 15th, and two more, (after a personal interview and discussion,) on the morning of the 16th; without leading to any results or making any approach to an amicable adjustment of the controversy. The final communication of the R. Island Comm^rs closed with "an appeale unto his Ma^{tie} for redress within his realme of England; and in the meane time and vntil his royall pleasure bee declared, wee shall in a faithfull discharge of the trust imposed in vs by his Sacred Ma^{tie}, governe and rule the people inhabiting within our Colony, according to justice and equity, as for severall years we have done." [Ibid. Doc. 65.]

"The evening after the Treaty was issued, this we read at George Tong's house, in N. London:—

Whereas we have been authorized by his Ma^{ties} Colony of Conecticut to treat wth the Gentⁿ commissioned by the Gen. Court of Rohd Island &c, to make a full and finall accord of all matters relating to bownds &c. between them & us, we thought good publicly to declare that we have attended the same according to our best skill, & yet findeing our indeavours ineffectuall for the attayneing of such an accommodation as we hoped for, we purpose, as God shall enable us, to proceed in the establishing of Government at Squamaeuck & Narrogancett, constituting and appointing such necessary officers amongst them as may be requisitt for the peaccable and religious goverment of those sayd people, according to the commission we have received from his Ma^{ties} General Court of Conecticut.

J. A. J. R. J. W.

N. London, June 16, 1670." [Rec. of Comm^rs; Ib. Doc. 62.]

The following day, the Commissioners published their Declaration, "that the people of Squamacuck being part of y^e Township of Stonington, are of right under the Government of this his Ma^{ties} Colony of Conecticut," and required their submission and obedience. The inhabitants of Stonington on the east side of Pawcatuck River were summoned to meet at Capt. Gookin's house ; but "they not appearing the Declaration was publicly and audibly read (by Sam^l Cheesbrook, Marshall pro tempore,) on Capt. Gookin's land, in the audience of divers witnesses."

The night following, the Comm'rs were informed that John Frink, Benjamin Palmer and Thomas Bell, had been arrested by James Babcock, (by virtue of a warrant granted by Tobias Sanders, and under the authority of Rhode Island,) "for presuming to exercise authority in that jurisdiction ; and that Frink had been sent to R. Island jail. Upon this, the Comm'rs caused Crandall and Babcock to be arrested by the Marshall ;—and, after examination, took bonds for their appearance for trial, on the following Wednesday, at Stonington.

June 20th, the Comm'rs went to Wickford ; where they published a Declaration of the right of Connecticut to the government of the Narragansett Country, by charter, and by the agreement of the inhabitants of Wickford, &c., in July, 1663 ; and caused the Charter to be publicly read.

Benjamin Palmer was sent (June 21,) to warn the people of Wickford next Pettaquamscot, to meet the Comm'rs at Capt. Hudson's house. On his way, Thomas Mumford and other R. Island people, met him, and took prisoners two men who accompanied him. These men were subsequently released, upon the demand of the Connecticut Comm'rs.

The same day, Mr. Torrey, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Barker and Mr. Caleb Carre came from R. I. with a letter from the Governor and Council. John Frink came with them. The letter [Doc. 67,] requires the Comm'rs to withdraw their force and to leave to R. I. the peaceable government of the people within her jurisdiction, &c., and, in the event of their refusal, again threatens an appeal to the King "for redress from unlawful attempts," &c. To this the Connecticut Comm'rs reply, disowning any "illegal attempt and forcible intrusion" by themselves on the territory of R. Island. "We have been settling government within our owne limitts & in our owne plantations, which we trust we shall make good. * * As for your resolution still to persist in the exercise of government wthin our bounds, we desire it may be forborne, for doubtless the consequence thereof will prove very inconvenient." &c.

The Comm'rs then proceeded to warn all persons to forbear the exercise of any powers by virtue of commission or authority derived from the government of R. Island ; and appointed Capt. Edward Hutchinson, Capt. Wm. Hudson, Mr. Tho. Gold, and Mr. John Cole, Commissioners ; and Samuel Eldred, Sen., and Henry Tippitt, Con-

stables; authorizing Capt. Hudson to administer the oath to the other officers named.

The next day, (June 22d,) returning, by way of Pettaquamscott, the Commissioners declared the people of that plantation "to be circumscribed within the limits of our charter," and required their obedience to Connecticut; and, "This being done, returned to Mr. Stanton's."

June 23d, a similar proclamation to that made at Wickford was published at Stonington, and the commissioners and constables of that town were authorized to exercise their official powers on the east side Pawcatuck River.

Tobias Sanders and James Babcock, surrendering themselves, according to their bonds, the Commissioners took their recognizances, at £40 each, for their appearance at the N. London County Court, to answer for the offences wherewith they were severally charged.

No. XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS RESPECTING THE BOUNDARY LINE; 1671-1673.

(1.) Letter from Massachusetts in reply to one from the General Court of Connecticut;* June 6th, 1671. [Col. Boundaries, III. 2.]

[The first part of the letter relates to proposed alterations of the articles of confederation of the United Colonies; (see p. 155; note,) then follows:—]

"And in reference to your intimation given concerning our south line & your grant made to Windsor Towne, wee are not sattisfied wth the legality of yo^r proceeds in case the lands you mention be wthin our line, which hath (as you well know) been stated and actually set out many yeares since, and your Patent bounded vpon it; and where we have granted propriety, wee may not with good conscience be yea & nay; the proprietors hauing (as wee understand) laid out some allotments, and have their dependances therevpon: and that the line may be more clearely knowne, wee have appointed a Committee to beginn where the artists formerly left off & markt for twenty miles or more westward. Wee shall order our Committee for that affaيرة to give you notice of the time, that you may have an oppertunity if you please to send some of yours to accompany in that worke. Wth our best respects to you, remayne, Gent', Yo^r very affectionate freinds & confederates,

EDWARD RAWSON, Secret'y,
in the name & by the order of the Generall Court
for the Massachusetts."

[Endorsed, "Received, June 12."]

* No copy of this letter from Connecticut is preserved.

(2.) Order of the General Court of Massachusetts, May 15th, 1672. [Col. Bds. III. 3.]

Upon the motion of the Gentⁿ Mr. John Allyn & Mr. Waite Winthrop, commissioned from the General Court of Connecticut to treat about the line between vs & them, & settling their bounds; Although our south line hath bin stated & settled many yeares since, yet to shew our readines to an amicable & loving compliance with them touching that affaire, & in order to the accomodating their auncient towne of Windsor, whose bounds as they say are too much streightned & some men's propertyes prejudiced by our south line bordering so neare vpon the said townes of Windsor & Symsbury; This Court do therefore grant to Conecticott that the bounds of Windsor may come Northward into our line to the foote of the Falls in Conecticot River aboue Windsor, & so much vp the ryver into the falls there as to state & settle the bounds between vs forty rodds below the foote of the great Island against the falls in Conecticot ryver; And that from thence a line be runn from the great Ryver Conecticott, fower miles east and then to runn south to our line already runn & settled many yeares since; And for the west side of Conecticott ryver, also, that at forty rods below the foote of the Island aforesaid the line runn & continue from the great River aforesaid ten miles west, & then to runn south to our line where it was run last year by Major Pynchon at the appointment of this Court. And in this concession of ours, we declare that no former grants by this Court to particular persons shall be prejudiced, and that there shall be free liberty of tymber for the vse of the saw mill on Stony Ryver neere these bounds or line. And in case of the Generall Court of Conecticott's non-acceptance of this our neighbourly & amicable condiscention, this concession and condiscention shall by no person or persons, way or meanes whatsoever be any wayes construed to the least question or prejudice of our indubitable right in our line for aboue thirty yeares since runn & settled. And on their acceptance heereof, that the said grant & concession be runn by Major Pynchon or his order, giving notice to the Gentⁿ of Conecticott to order some of theires to joyne him therein; and that this be donn before winter; and that there be once in three yeares a runing the same & keeping vp the markes & bounds thereof by some of the next townes adjoyning or bordering on the same.

That this is a true Copie, taken out of the Court's booke of Records,
Attests, Edward Rawson, Secret^y.

(3.) Letter from Massachusetts, October 24th, 1673. [Col. Bds. III. 4.]

Honoured Gentⁿ. Your letters, one of them dated May 8th, and the other, 17th inst.,* haue bin read and considered by us. In answer to the former, consisting of two branches; the 1st conteyning an answer

* Of the letter of May 8th, no copy is preserved; that of Oct. 17th, may be found in Col. Bds., II. 17, and an abstract of its contents, in Appendix No. XIV. 4.

to ours directed to yourselves, dat. Oct. 15th, 1672,* referring to the vnjust intrusion made by some of yours on that part of the conquered land neere Pawcatogue. Be pleased, Gentlemen, to reminde that propriety in those lands was orderly settled & after sundry debates from time to time had about the same, was finally determined for this Colony, as the records of the Commissioners' acts will fully shew you. And why, after all this, those that by grant from this Court haue a legall propriety therein should suffer so great an interruption as their petiçon exhibbited to this Court and heerewith sent vnto you doth declare (reflexion thereby being made vpon the Commissioners' acts in settling thereof & vpon this Court also,) wee must assure you wee see not the ground thereof; and if the proprietors thus damnified should now be put vpon it to sue for their owne right, be not offended Gentⁿ if in your owne words wee speake plainly, that this neither is, nor, in our apprehensions, ought to be sattisfactory to vs. For whereas the fynall determination made by the Commissioners limitted and bounded such a part to this Colony, we judge that the said lands were & are by that act, at our dispose; and if, by priority of grant, any part thereof doth belong to any of yours, it ought orderly to haue been pleaded & made to appeare; & those that had an orderly & peaceable possession thereof given them by this Court ought not to have been in so violent a manner dispossessed. For the issue heereof, wee shall only propound two things, whereunto wee craue your answer: 1st. Whither the settlement made by the Commissioners be owned by yourselves, & so declared to be pleadable & binding in your Courts. 2dly, In case that dissatisfaction in this case should still continue, whether you will submitt the determination thereof as is provided in the articles of confœderation.

The second branch, referring to the Pattent line, the settlement whereof, so farr as it hath been run, you well know was long since issued: & wee apprehend that we dealt very freindly and neighbourly with you, in granting for the accomodation of Windsor & the new village so many thousand acres as the order of this Court doth expresse. And therefore we hope that vpon further consideration, yourselves will judge that your proposall of a further extent to be made vpon us, & prohibbition of our improouement of those lands adjacent by those that haue had an orderly grant thereof and not wthout some expense begun to improve the same, is not reasonable on your part to desire, nor wthin our power to grant, wthout doing injustice to the proprietors thereof.

[The remainder of this letter, (in reply to the General Court's letter of October 17th, respecting the protection of the English towns on Long Island, against the Dutch,) will be found in Appendix No. XIV. 5.]

* In Towns & Lands, I. 49.

No. XII. (pp. 164, 229.)

NEW LONDON AND LYME RIOT; 1670.

In Vol. I. of Towns & Lands, are a great number of papers relating to the controversy between the towns of New London and Lyme, about the ownership of a strip of land some two miles wide, lying between Bride Brook and Niantic River, and including Black Point. (The tract in question is now in the township of East Lyme.) The origin of the controversy was, briefly, as follows:—

In June, 1649, the General Court, on the report of a committee appointed under the agreement with Mr. Fenwick, fixed the bounds of Saybrook, “from the river eastward, five miles;” and at the same session, granted to the town of Pequot, four miles west of Pequot River. [Col. Rec. I. 185, 187.]

In March, 1651, the plantation of Pequot desired “a further addition of meadow,” at Niantic; and the Gen. Court, in May following, granted “that their bounds shall come to Bride Brook, (the former graunt excepted,) provided that it doe not come within the bounds of Saybrooke.” [Col. Rec. I. 221.]

Upon measuring, from the River, the five miles east, originally granted to Saybrook, their bounds were found to extend about a mile or, (according to another measurement,) a mile and a quarter, beyond Bride Brook, and within the territory conditionally granted to New London (Pequot,) in 1651.

After the incorporation of a new town (Lyme,) from that part of Saybrook lying east of Connecticut River, the General Court, May, 1668, suggested to the Deputies of the two towns, New London and Lyme, that they should come to some agreement for the establishment of their bounds and a final adjustment of conflicting claims to the lands east of Bride Brook. Such an agreement was accordingly drawn up, and subscribed, May 21st, 1668, by Mathew Griswold and Wm. Waller for Lyme, and James Avery and Cary Latham, for New London; and was submitted to, and approved by the Court. (p. 91, ante.) It did not however end the controversy; the town of New London protesting against it, as a surrender of their rights, and declaring that their Deputies, in assenting to it, exceeded the powers delegated to them by the town.

By this agreement of 1668, a portion of meadow at Black Point was reserved by Lyme, for the use of the ministry in that town. A similar reservation had been made by New London at the same place and for a like purpose. It was upon this tract of “ministry land,” that the affray between inhabitants of the two towns took place, in August, 1671. About thirty New London men (with whom were Major Palmes and Ens. Clement Minor,) going to Black Point meadow to mow grass for their minister, were met and resisted by a party who had come from Lyme on a similar errand. A good many hard words and some blows were exchanged between the parties. The Lyme constable, provided with a warrant from Mr. Mathew Griswold, carried Ens. Minor away prisoner; and, in return, Major Palmes gave to the constable of New London a warrant for the arrest

of Mr. Griswold. But, after a conference between the leaders of the two parties, Major Palmes (as he testifies,) "making it his business to pacify the people on both sides, that they might part friends, and let the law decide the controversy," the Lyme men agreed to release Ens. Minor, and hostilities were, for the present, suspended. "Soe, drinking a dram together, with som seeming friendship, every man departed to his home." The particulars of this affray are given in several depositions, preserved in Vol. I. of Towns & Lands, Docs. 114-126.

At the County Court in Hartford, Mar. 12th, 1671-2, Mr. Mathew Griswold and Lieut. Wm. Waller, presented complaints against "sundry of New London," for attempts "by violence to drive them off their lands," resistance to authority, and assault. The persons charged were John Baldwin, Clement Minor, Manasseh Minor, Peter Stickland, John Beebe, Samuel Tubbs, Christo. Christophers, Tho. Stafford, Geo. Chappell, John Keeny, Wm. Peake, Isaac Willy, Goodman Hough, George Tounge, Old Keeny, John Stebbing, Mr. Dowglass, Hugh Mould, Sam. Chester, Thomas Bowles and Charles Haynes.

John Prentice complained, at the same Court, of Mr. Mathew Griswold, Lieut. Waller, Math. Griswold Jr., Woolston Brockway, John Lay Jun., Reynold Marvin, Rich. Smith, Wm. Measure, Joshua Baker, John Tilliston, Edward Woolfe, Henry Champion, Rich. Smith Jun., Tho. Lee, John Huntly,—for "riotous practices" and assaults on New London people, &c.

The Court imposed a fine on the town of New London, of £9; and on Lyme, of £5. [Rec. of Co. Court, III. 122.] These fines were subsequently remitted by the General Court: (see page 229, ante.)

Among the depositions exhibited in Court, on the trial of these cases, is one made by Gov. Winthrop, which records the origin of the name of *Bride Brook*.

[T. & Lands, I. Doc. 99]

"When we began the plantation in the Pequot country, now called New London, I had commission from the Massachusetts Government, and the ordering of matters concerning that plantation was left to my selfe. Vpon the veiw of the accommodations of those parts, there could not be found meadow in the least measure suitable for a small plantation, except such meadowes & marshes to the westward of Niantick River were adioyned, and therefore I determined y^t the bounds of that Plantation should be to y^t brooke w^{ch} is now called Bride Brook, w^{ch} was looked at to be certainly wthout Saybrooke bounds; w^{ch} was an encouragem^t to proceede in carrying on that plantation to those who were willing to ioine in y^t worke; otherwise there could not have appeared reason to goe on, there being no suitable accomodation neere the place. It fell out, the first winter of our settling there, that Jonathan Rudd being to be married at Saybrooke, there falling out at y^t time a great snow, the magistrate intended to goe downe thither was hindred by the depth of y^t snow; whereupon they desired me to assist them there in y^t businesse. But I saw it necessary to denye them in y^t way, but told them y^t for an expedient for their accomodation, if they come to y^e plantation it might be done: but that being too difficult for them, it was agreed they should come to y^t place w^{ch} is now called Bride brooke; and accordingly I mett them

there, at the tyme appointed (others of our plantation being wth me, knowing the place) and there those persons were then married, as being a place wthin the bounds of y^e authority wherby I then acted; otherwise I had exceded y^e limits of my commission. And at that tyme, that place had the denomination of Bride Brooke. And the gentlemen were well satisfied with what was done there in the premises (as far as I could ever vnderstand,) as wth a legall act. And afterward, that plantation being (vpon treaty, or advise of the Commissioners, or otherwise,) disposed to be ioyned wth the Colony of Connecticutt, their matters have bene as firme to them as before; and so y^e bounds before mentioned to Bride Brooke was affirmed by grant from the General Court, as appeares upon record.*

* * * * *
The neck of land called Black Point lieth a good distance to the eastward of that w^{ch} is called the Giants Cove.

Exhibited in Court, Mar. 12th, 1671-2, by the Governour;
as attests, John Allyn, Secrety.^r

No. XIII. (p. 180.)

LETTER FROM THE KING, ANNOUNCING THE DECLARATION OF WAR WITH THE STATES GENERAL, &C.

CHARLES R.

Trusty and Well beloved, We greet you well. Hauing found Our selfe oblided for the just vindication of the antient and vndoubted Rights of Our Crowne, and for reparation as well of the many affronts and indignities done to Our Royall Person & Dignity, as of the frequent wrongs and injuries done to Our subjects by the States Generall of the Vnited Provinces, to declare warr against them, Wee haue thought good hereby to giue you knowledge thereof, willing you forthwith upon receipt hereof, in the vsuall manner to cause the said warr to bee proclaimed within that Our Colony according to Our Declaration, (copies of which Wee haue directed to bee herewith sent you,) and that at the same time you cause seizure to bee made of all shippes, goods and marchandises belonging to the said States Generall or their subjects. And because Wee haue reason to beleue from the constant euell mind they haue been always known to bear to Our Forreigne Colonies and plantations, and haueing likewise [vnder]stood that a considerable number of priuate men of warr are now prepareing in Holland & Zealand to bee forthwith sent into the West Indges to infest and annoy Our plantations there, Wee haue thought fitt, out of Our Princely care and regard to the safety of those remote parts of our Dominions and for the securing Our good subjects inhabiting there or tradeing thither, to recommend it to you, as Wee doe by these, very particularly, forthwith to apply yourselues jointly to consider of the condition thereof,

* Some remarks respecting the authority given to the New London Deputies or Agents, to act for the town in matters of consequence, (such as the agreement with Lyme,) are here omitted.

and by all the speediest and most effectuall means you can, early to provide for its safety and defence, and for the protection and security of such shippes and vessells as shall bee from time to time rideing in the Roads and Harbours there, from the assaults and attempts of the Dutche. And particularly Wee thinke fitt for to repeat Our former orders to you, That all such shippes which shall come thence bee enjoined to saile in considerable numbers, for their common security, and that then and euer dureing their stay there, it will be fitt some of the most experienced officers haue Authority giuen them to command the rest. Wee haue thought fitt hereby to authorize and impower you to doe therein what, according to this or any other emergencies shall appear to you to bee most for the safety of Our Colony and nauigation of Our marchants; and further, that in all other matters relateing to the Jurisdiction of Our most Dear Brother, the Duke of York, Our High Admirall &c., you obserue such orders and directions as you shall from time to time receiue from him, whom Wee haue commissioned to grant Letters of Marque and generall Reprisalls against the shippes, goods and subjects of the States of the United Provinces: conformable to which Our will and pleasure is, that you take and seize the shippes, vessells and goods belonging to the said States or any of their subjects or inhabitants within any their Territories, and to bring the same to judgment and condemnation according to the course of admiralty and laws of nations; And these Our Letters that you communicate to the rest of Our Colonies your Neighbours; Our pleasure being that with all care and applycation possible, they arme themselues against the dangers which threaten them in this conjuncture from such an enemy, and proceed according to these Our directions, and such as they shall receiue from Our said Dear Brother, assuring them and all loueing subjects in [those] parts that Wee shall not bee wanting on Our part on all occasions to helpe and succour them to the utmost of Our powers and to contribute all possible meanes for the security and improuement of the trade and commerce. And so Wee bid you farewell. Given att Our Court at Whitehall, the 3d day of Aprill, in the 24th year of Our Reigne.

By his Maj^{ties} Command,

ARLINGTON.

These, For Our trusty & wellbeloved the Govern^r
& Council for Our Colony of the Massachusetts,
To be communicated to the other Colonies.

[Letter from Massachusetts, accompanying the foregoing.]

Sir :

Another ship coming in from London since Mr. Clarke, bringing in another letter from his Maj^{ty} to our Honoured Gouⁿr & Council heere, to be communicated to the rest of the Colonies, I am required to transmit a true Copie thereof to yourself & Council for his Maj^{ty} Colony of Connecticot, wch I haue done vnder this eouer, wch I send by worthy Mr. John Allin who brought yo^r letter & hath wth Capt.

Winthrop had an opportunity to treat and so farr conclude wth some of ours, wch our Court hath allowed, as by the inclosed also you may perceiue & of wch he will give you a more ample account. Not willing to giue you further trouble, remayne S^r,

Your Humble Servant,

Edw: Rawson, Secret^y.

Boston, 1st June, 1672.

By order of the Gouvern^r & Council of y^e
Massachusetts.

These

For the Word^a & much Honoured
John Winthrop Esq^r. Gouvⁿ^r for
his Maj^{ty}^s Colony at Connecticott.

No. XIV. (pp. 206, 213, &c.)

HOSTILITIES WITH THE DUTCH, 1673-4.*

(1.) The General Court's letter to the Commander of the Dutch Fleet.

Hartford, August 7th, 1673.

Sir: Although we have heard of yo^r actions at Yorke, yet because the cheife trust of those parts did reside in other hands, from whom you have too sodainly surprized it, we made it o^r businesse to attend what was devolved upon ourselves that way nextly: yet we understanding you content not yo^rselves with what you have already taken, but demaund submission of the people, his Majestyes subjects, seated on Long Island eastward beyond Oister Bay; and have seised a vessell of Mr. Sillick's, one of o^r people, neare one of o^r harbours; we have therefore sent Mr. James Richards and Mr. William Rosewell to know your further intentions; and we must let you know y^e we and o^r confederates, the United Colonies of New England, are by o^r Royall Sovereign Charles the second made keepers of his subjects' libertyes in these parts, and doe hope to acquit o^rselves in that trust, through the assistance of Almighty God, for the preservation of his Majestyes Colonies in New England. Which is all at the present rep^rsented to you, from the Governour & Gen^l Assembly of the Colony of Conecticut.

Signed pr their order, pr me,

John Allyn, Secret^y.

For the Commander in Cheife of the
Dutch fleet rideing in Hudson's
River at New Yorke, Present.

(2.) Reply to the foregoing.

In Fort Will^m Hendricke, this 24th Aug^t, an^o 1673.

Sr: To answer yo^r letter of the 7th Aug^t, which was delivered

* From Col. Boundaries, II. 14-21.

vnto us, we say, that we are sent forth by the high and mighty lords, the States Gen^l of the Vnited Netherlands, and his serene highness the lord Prince of Orange, to doe all manner of dammage vnto the enemyes of the said high and mighty lords, both by water and by land ; from which cause we being come heere into Hudson's River, have brought the land and forts w^hin the same vnd^r o^r obedience ; and in regard the villages lying to the eastward of Oyster Bay did belonge to this Governm^t, soe it is that to prevent all inconveniencies we haue cited the same to giue the oath of fidelity ; in which if they remaine defectiue, we are resolved to force them with the armes likewise ; allsoe we shall not be afraid to goe against those that shall seeke to maintaine the said villages in their injustis. Concerning the vessell that is taken by vs close by yo^r havens, their is noe other consideration but that it was taken from o^r enemyes, wherefore it appeares very strange before vs that we should bee objected against concerning it. Wee doe well beleive that those that are set for keepers of his Majesty of England's subjects will quitt themselves as they ought to doe, for y^e preservation of the colonyes in New England ; however, we shall not for that depart from o^r firme resolutions. We conceive we have heerwith answered yo^r letter. Thus don, in the place as above,

By order of the Comand^{rs} & Counsell of Warr,
N. Bayard, Secretary.

(3.) Extracts from the Records of the Commissioners of the United Colonies.*

" At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Vnited Colonves in New England, (extraordinarily summoned by the Governour & Magistrates of Conecticut) held at Hartford August 27, 1673 :

* * * Wm. Leet Esq^r was chosen president for this meeting.

The Governour & Councill of Conecticut being mett, declared that the cause of their summoning this present meeting of the Commissioners, was the late enterprize & success of the Dutch Fleet in the surprizall of New York, and bringing it & the places adjacent vnder their obedience, in a hostil manner, as allso theire threats referring to o^rselves ; that in such a juncture the common safety of these Colonys might be provided for ; whereupon the Commissioners agreed vpon this following remonstrance.

Hartford, August 27th, 1673.

The Commissioners of the vnited colonys in New England, having had comunicated vnto them a letter sent from the Governour & Generall Assembly of Conecticut Jurisdiction, vnto the Commanders in Cheife of the Dutch fleet rideing in Hudson's River, as allso their answer therevnto, wherein they declare themselves sent forth from the States Generall of the Vnited Netherlands to doe all maner of damage vnto the enemies of the said States, both by water & land &c., upon serious consideration of the whole matter, doe judg meet to de-

* These extracts are from the MSS. records, in the State Department. The special session of 1673, is not included in Hazard's publication.

clare their approbation of the sayd letter from o^r Allies vnto the sayd Dutch. And doe hereby also farther declare, that according to the articles of confederation, they shall at all times acco^d the damage or spoyle that shall be done to any one member of the confederate Jurisdictions as done to the whole ; and are therefore firmly resolved, in confidence of Divine Assistance, accordingly to demean themselves ; and doe also commend to the Gen^l Courts of the several Jurisdiections, that sufficient orders be given, and all due and effectuell care be forthwith taken for provision of all manner of ammunition, men & meanes of defence, that there may be no disappointment of ayd to any one of the Colonyes which may be first invaded. And that this o^r remonstrance be forthwith published in the severall Colonys by sound of the trumpett or beat of the drumme.”

(4.) Letter from the General Court of Connecticut to the General Court of the Massachusetts, October 17th, 1673. This letter refers to the meeting of the Comm^rs in August, and to the appointment by the Gen. Court, of a committee to do what the Comm^rs should advise, and their order for raising a regiment of dragoons, &c.; approves of the remonstrance or Declaration ; refers to a letter from Massachusetts to our Gov. and Council, in September, signifying an appointment for a special session of the Mass. Court, “upon some writings from the towne of South Hampton, and to consider what was meet to be done therein &c., which was a very weighty and necessary matter and worthy all considerations ;” mentions the application of delegates from the English towns on L. Island,* to Connecticut, for “protection and government ;” and professes willingness “to answer their desires (so as we may be assured that we shall have the advice, full concurrence and assistance of yourselves and o^r other confederates therein) as occasion may require ;” and asks for an early reply from Massachusetts, as to the purposes and resolves of their Gen. Court. A suggestion is made, that it would be “convenient” that the Massachusetts should send into these parts some quantity of powder and lead, upon common account, to be improved for the public safety, if any exigency require.

[Col. B^ds. II. 17.]

(5.) Extract from a letter from the General Court of Massachusetts, in reply to the foregoing, October 24th, 1673.† [Col. Boundaries, III. 4.]

“Your letter of Octob^r 17th, 1673, referrs to the present distressed condition of our neighbours & countrymen on Long Island. Wee doe not so fully comp^hend the reason of yo^r apologie therein, nor know wee wherein we have bin backward to assist you in yo^r releife of them. Our Commissioners attended your summons, & we did not vnderstand that in yo^r proposalls to them when mett, any mention was made of yo^r inclination to the opposition of the Dutch further then is conteyned in their declaration, which hither hath needed

* See note on page 212, ante.

† The first part of this letter is printed in Appendix XI. 3 ; (p. 555.)

neither Committee nor Dragoons to put in execution. And as to the present exigent, we are ignorant of the extent of your Patent right, & therefore not capable of giving advice as it may refferr therevnto. But considering that they be our countrymen & neighbours that are in distresse by the violence threatned them from the enemy of our nation, we judge the bond of religion and humanity doth oblige to the affording them releife, & was as wee intimated to yo'selves the sole occasion of the convening our Generall Court in that extraordinary manner in September last. Yet receiving from your Secretary a letter dated September 11th, wherein did not appeare that readiness in yourselves which was expected, to sympathize with the distressed condition of your soneere neighbours, & to reconsider that matter, especially considering our compliance wth your interest in our procedure therein & your former claime of Jurisdiction over them, your failure herein did occasion a stopp to our further motion at that time.

Our more direct answer, shewing our readinesse to approve of, & if need be to assist you in your reliefe of them, we hope you have received by ours dated the 23^d instant,* sent post.

The Governour of Plimouth being in Boston when we received yours, we communicated it to him, wth our answer sent to yourselves; who manifested a full compliance therewith and doubted not of the readiness of their Colony to consent thereto. Wth our kind respects to you, remayne, Hon^{ble} Gentⁿ,

Your affectionate freinds & confæderates, the
Generall Court of the Massachusetts,
Signed by their Order, Edward Rawson, Secret^y.

(6.) Letter to the Commander of the Dutch Forces at New York.†
Hartford, Oct. 21st, 1673.

Sr: It being not the manner of Christian or civill nations to disturbe the poore people in country cottages or open villages in the tymes of warr; much less to impose oathes upon them, but to suffer them to goe on with their husbandry and other country affayres, wee cannot but wonder to heare that some of yours (notwithstanding a caution formerly to the sea commanders,) haveing beene lately downe towards the eastern end of Long Island, have vrged his Ma^{ties} subjects there to take an oath contrary to their due allegiance to their Sovereigne, to use many threatening expressions towards them in case of the refuseall of such an oath. We thought fitt therefore heereby to let you know that we can scarce believe that such commission could proceed from yourselfe, whome we haue heard to be a soldier, and well acquainted with martiall affayres, and may suppose you understand better the law of nations and the customs and vsages of persons of honour, in their pretences of warr. And we cannot guesse at the reasons should move to such molestations towards poor planters, except it be to attaine some plausible pretence for plundering and pillaging; which if it should be done, we know very well where there may be easy reparation among your boores

* Not preserved.

† Gov. Anthony Colve.

and open dorpes; but the English will scorne such vnchristian designses, except barbarous depredations from yourselves should necessitate retribution to the injured. You may be assured, if you proceed in provocations to constrain the rising of the English colonies, they will not make it their worke to tamper with your peasants about swearing, but deale wth your head-quarters; which yet, if reduced to obedience to his Ma^{tie}, may certainly expect thereby much more happinesse and larger immunities, without such imposure, then can be injoyed by them in the station wherein they now are. Mr. John Bankes is our messenger by whome we send these, whoe can further informe you how tender we are of effusion of Christian blood, yet cannot but resent with great indignation, if any malicious oppression shall be forced upon o^r dear neighbours, his Ma^{ties} good subjects.

These animadversions are represented to your serious consideration, from

John Allyn, Secret^y, in the name
and by the order of the Governour &
General Court of Connecticutt.

These, For the Commander in cheife of
the Dutch Forces in the Manadus,—
p^r Mr. John Bankes.

(7.) Letter to Gov. Leverett and the Council of Massachusetts;
Nov. 21st, 1673.

The Council write, that John Bankes had returned from New York, (where he "was by Mons. Colve detained under restraint about 15 dayes;") he informs the Council "that the sayd Mr. Colve is a man of resolute spirit, and passionate, that manageth the affayres now under his power so as is not satisfactory to the people nor soldiers; and that he is in expectation of strength from forraign partes, upon whose arrivall he seems to be resolved to subdue vnder his obedience what he can, not onely on the Island, but he sayth he knowes not but he may have Hartford ere long; & that on the arrivall of Mr. Vauruin at New Yorke, the small Dutch ship called the Snow was immediately sent to Nantuckett, to bring home the ship Mr. Vanruvine came thither in;" that Major Gold arrived at Hartford, the day before (Nov. 20th,) and informed the Council that news had been received at Fairfield, by a post from Rye, that five vessels, supposed to be the Snow and four ketches in company with her, passed by Rye, on Saturday, on their way westward; two men sent from Rye, to Frogmorton's Point, "to gayne a more certain knowledge," "well perceived that one of the vessells was a vessell of about 8 gunns, which they concluded to be the ship Snow, which had fower ketches under her command, to which, at that poynt, she made signe to com up to her, and they came under her lee, and suddenly sailed away towards N. Yorke:" that "one Loveall, a Frenchman, who came from Yorke (as he relates,) Monday last," affirmed that the Snow had arrived at N. York, "and that she had brought in fower ketches, prizes, but what they were and where taken, he knows not." The serious consideration of the Council of Massachu-

setts is asked, for what is propounded; "and if any preventive expedition can be contrived by yourselves, who are of greatest aptitude and poteny, you may presume to find us ready for a proportionable conjunction and compliance," &c. [Col. B'ds. II. 19.]

(8.) Reply of the General Court of Massachusetts, to letters from Connecticut, of the 26th and 29th of November; * dated Dec. 22d.

The substance of this letter is given in a note, on page 216, ante.

(9.) Part of a letter from Major John Winthrop, in command of Connecticut forces, at Southold.† [Col. Boundaries, II. 21.]

————— "They imediately shipped, but before they could despatch y^e tyde being spent, they anchored there that night; and in y^e morning set sayle; having an easy gale, and the advantage of the tyde, were soone vp against the towne; where he placed his squadron in an handsom order. And whilst he was preparing to land his men, and bringing all his great guns to beare upon us, Capt. Sylvester being then on board, indeavouring to divert his hostility and prevent y^e shedding of blood, was desired by y^e Comander to deliuer their demand to myself; w^{ch} he was willing to doe; and it was in these words as neere as I can remember,—that he was come there to demand subjection to y^e high and mighty States Generall and his Serene Highnes the Prince of Orange; and that vpon their surrender, they should enjoy the same privileges that were confirmed to y^e rest of y^e townes; but vpon refusall, he would d[] with fyre and sword. As soon as [I received the] message, I informed the officer[s and soldie]rs thereof, who unanimously resolved to oppose them to y^e outm[ost] hazard of their lives; whereupon I returned this answer to y^e Comander in Cheife: "Yo^{rs} by Capt. Sylvester I have received; and in returne thereunto, I give you this answer; that I am here appoynted by the Authority of his Ma^{ties} Colony of Conecticut, to secure these people in their obedience to his Ma^{tie}; and by God's assistance, I hope to [give a good account] hereof; [and] you may assure yourself that I will receive you in y^e same condition as a person that disturbs his Ma^{ties} subjects." After they had received this answer, and Capt. Sylvester being returned to his Island, they fild their sloopes with men, and made all preparations to land; w^{ch} wee easily perceived, and were ready to entertayne them with 50 men, w^{ch} I placed a forlorne hope. His sloopes being ready to put off, and all things fit, he fyred one of his great guns vpon vs; but the shot grazeing, by the disadvantage of the ground, did noe hurt to our men. Having received his kindnes, I gave order to returne him thanks by fying a peice of ordnanee vpon him; but y^e shot falling at his fore foot did him noe hurt:

* No copies of these letters, nor of the reply of Massachusetts to the foregoing letter of Nov 21st, have been preserved.

† A part, only, of this letter has been preserved, commencing (as above,) with the third page of the sheet on which it was written. The paper is mutilated in several places, and the words in brackets are given only as the *conjectural* reading.

whereupon he fyred two more great guns and his small shot, which fell thick but did vs noe hurt. Wee then presently answered him with our forlorne, and another shot from our ordnance, many of our shot hitting the ship, as wee could perceiue, but know not of any hurt done him. Whereupon he presently weighed, and set sayle; and being litle winde, wee had opportunity to observe his motion soe far as Plum Gut; since when our scouts have not discovered any of them [in] y^e Sound. But I suppose he will [take up his po]sition neere, their [purpose being to] returne to doe us what mischeife [he may,] as he told Capt. Sylvester. I hope your goodness will excuse this rude relation, being hurried in contriving for our security; and I am doubtfull unles y^e Councell will yet favour these townes with their continued assistance, that they may be unhapily surprised. I have now humbly to intreat some orders and directions for [myself] and hope y^e Councell will please to consider of some fitter person to manage this great affayre, w^{ch} I finde too heavy for me. This is all I have tyme to present at present, but my humble intreatyes to y^e Councill for their speedy direction; to whom be pleased to p^rsent my duty; and hope you will please to beleieve that I am,

Honord Sir, Yo^r faythfull, humble serv^t,

J. WINTHROP."

Southould, Feb. 25th, 1673[4.]

No. XV. (pp. 190, 214.)

THE PUBLISHED LAWS OF 1672-'3.

"The General Laws and Liberties of Conecticut Colonie, revised and published by order of the General Court held at Hartford, in October, 1672," were printed at Cambridge, by Samuel Green, early the following year; making a thin folio volume of 71 pages, exclusive of the preface and a table of contents, which are not paged. The laws are collected under one hundred and forty-seven titles, alphabetically arranged; and are furnished with full and accurate marginal notes. The title page and Preface to this volume, (copies of which are now very rare,) are as follows:—

"THE BOOK OF THE GENERAL LAWS, *for the People within the JURISDICTION of CONECTICUT: Collected out of the RECORDS of the GENERAL COURT, Lately Revised, and with some Emendations and Additions Established and Published by the Authority of the GENERAL COURT of Conecticut, holden at Hartford in October, 1672.*—

ROM. 13, 1, 2. *Let every Soul be subject unto the Higher Powers; for there is no Power but of God, the Powers that be are Ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the Power resisteth the Ordinance of God: and they that resist, shall receive to themselves Damnation.*—

Cambridge: Printed by Samuel Green, 1673."

[Preface.]

To our Beloved Brethren and Neighbours, the Inhabitants of the COLONY of Conecticut, The GENERAL COVRT of that Colony wish Grace and Peace in our Lord JESUS.

THE Serious Consideration of the Necessity of the Establishment of wholesome LAWES, for the Regulating of each Body Politick; Hath enclined us mainly in Obedience unto JEHOVAH the Great Law-giver: Who hath been pleased to set down a *Divine Platforme*, not onely of the *Morall* but also of *Judicial Lawes*, suitable for the people of Israel; As also in Conformity to the manifest Pleasure of our *Sovereign Lord the King*, in his Majesties Gracious *Charter*, requiring and Granting Liberty thereby of makeing of *Laws* and *Constitutions* suiting our State & Condition, for the Safety & Welfare of the people of the Colony of *Conecticut*. We say the sense of these Weighty Inducements hath moved us, notwithstanding the exceeding great difficulties of the Work, Looking up to God for wisdom and strength to engage in this solemn Service, To Exhibit and take care concerning the sufficient Promulgation of such needfull *Lawes*, that a more full and plain way may be set for execution of, and judgement thereby.

Wherefore although in our former Initial times (while this Colony was deemed distinct in Jurisdiction from that of *New-haven*;) We contented ourselves with keeping our Lawes in *Manuscripts*, and in the Promulgation of them by written Copies sent unto those Townes who then acknowledg themselves to be settled within our Limits, But since by Divine Providence We and *New-haven* have agreed, according to his Majesties Pleasure manifested in our *Patent*, to vnite as one Body Politick: From whence and from other increasings of Plantations and Persons, together with the addition of more Lawes and Orders, an occasion is given to think it convenient if not necessary for further or fuller Publication, that so as well Forreigners occasionally comming hither, as the more settled Inhabitants, may have ready meanes informing how to demean themselves and observe.

From hence and such like Considerations urging, *This Court* have seen cause to put these our *Lawes* in *Print*, so far as they are at present prepared; Being willing that all concerned by this Impression may know what they may expect at our hands as Justice, in the Administration of our Government here. We have endeavoured not onely to Ground our *Capital Lawes* upon the *Word of God*, but also all our other *Lawes* upon the Justice and Equity held forth in that *Word*, which is a most perfect Rule.

Now in these our *LAWES*, although we may seem to vary or differ, yet it is not our purpose to Repugn the Statute Laws of *England*, so far as we understand them; professing ourselves alwayes ready and willing to receive Light for Emendation or Alteration as we may have opportunity: Our whole aim in all being to Please and Glorifie God, to approve ourselves Loyal Subjects to our *Sovereign*, and to promote the Welfare of this People in all *Godliness* and *Honesty*, in Peace, which will be the more establishing to his *Majesties Crown and Dignity*, and best Answer his Religious Directions to us in our *Charter*: And that pure Religion and undefiled before God, according to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus, may be maintained amongst us, which was the end of the first Planters, who settled these Foundations; and ought to be the endeavours of those that shall succeed to Vphold and Encourage unto all Generations.

We need no other Inducements to lay before you, to bespeak your Obedience to what follows but that of the Apostle, 1 Pet. 2. 13, 17. *Submit yourselves to every Ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, &c. Love the Brotherhood, Fear God, Honour the King.*

By order of the General Court,
John Allin, *Secrt.*

No. XVI. (p. 252.)

CLAIMS OF GOV. ANDROSS, 1674-'5.

By the provisions of the treaty of peace between England and the States General, (signed at Westminster, Feb. 9th, 1674,) New York and its dependencies were restored to the English. June 29th, 1674, the Duke of York, to remove all grounds of controversy respecting the title to his American property, obtained a new patent from the King, reciting and confirming his former grant, of 1664; and on the 1st of July, he commissioned Major (afterwards Sir) Edmond Andross, as his Lieutenant and Governor in America, over all the territories embraced in his Patent,—including “all the land *from the west side of the Connecticut River* to the east side of Delaware Bay.” Major Andross arrived at New York in October, and on the 10th of November received a formal surrender of the province of New Netherlands from Gov. Colve. [Copy of Duke of York's Patent, and Andross' commission, in Col Boundaries, II. 23, 24; Doc. Hist. of New York, III. 78.]

Soon after Gov. Andross obtained possession of New York, he addressed a letter to Connecticut; and in May, 1675, again wrote to the Governor and General Court, transmitting copies of the Duke's Patent, and of his own commission, and demanding a surrender of all the territory of Connecticut, west of the river.

1. [Letter from Gov. Andross to Connecticut, May 1st. 1675. Col Boundaries, II. 25.]

Hon^{ble} & worthy Gentⁿ.

As soone as I was possessed of this place, I gave you an account of it, and my being to continue in the command thereof, under his Royall Highnesse, desiring to keep that good correspondence I ought, particularly with such worthy neighbours: His Ma^{ties} & Royall Highnesse having not onely taken effectuall care for the future defence & protection, but also for the benefitt & prosperity of the inhabitants and traders of this Colony in every other respect: Pursuant to whose commands, I haue, as the hard weather would permitt, done my duty in settleing this part of the Government; and finding that a great part of His Royall Highnesse Territories is now under yo^r Colony, I haue herewth sent you attested coppies of his Ma^{ties} Letters Patents to his Royall Highnesse, and his Royal Highnesse Commission to mee, by which you'll see the bounds; and eastward, to bee Connecticut River, as by the said Patent & Commission at large appeares.

I doe therefore by vertue of my aforesaid Authority desire (and will not doubt, from so worthy an assembly,) that pursuant to his Ma^{ties} pleasure and commands, signified in his Letters Patents, you will give present and effectuall orders for my receiving, in his Royall Highnesse behalfe, that part of his Territories as yet under yo^r Jurisdiction: assuring you that I doe not onely (as I haue by proclamacon here,) confirme all the inhabitants in their just rights & possessions, and all legall & judiciall proceedings to this time, and assure them of all other priuiledges & advantages of the Government, but shall bee ready and glad of all further oppertunities for their good, as also improvinge the good neighbourhood with your Colony.

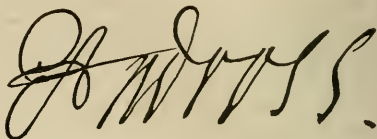
I pray yo^r speedy & effectuall answer by this gentleman, Mr. Samuel Leet, whom I have sent expresse at this time of yo^r first Generall Court since my

arrivall, that his Ma^{ties} pleasure and comands might bee the easier-complied with, without trouble, and his Royall Highnesse interest not suffer by any delay. I am, Hon^{ble} & worthy Gentⁿ,

Yo^r most humble servant,*

New Yorke, May the 1st, 1675.

To the hon^{ble} and worthy the
Govern^r and General Court
of Conecticut, These,
At Hartford.



2. [From the General Court, in reply to the foregoing. Col. B'daries, II. 26.]

Hartford, May 17, 1675.

Hon^{ble} Sr: Our Gov^r hath acquainted vs wth your respects to this his Ma^{ties} Colony in severall letters expressed, and your desires of good and neighbourly correspondency which is againe reiterated in your letter which we have received by the worthy Gentⁿ, Mr. Sam^l Leet, which, as we did well accept, so we would assure your Honour of o^r reall desires to endeavour allwayes to mayntayne a reciprocall good correspondence. And whereas in the sequele of that letter we find a demand of the greatest part of this his Ma^{ties} colony, which giues us just grownd to suppose that your Hon^r hath wanted the full information of those transactions which haue been formerly, therefore you may please to understand that the authority and vndoubted right by which this his Ma^{ties} Colony of Conecticut is possessed by the present inhabitants and governed, is a Charter from his Ma^{tye}, under his great seal, dated in the 14th year of his Ma^{ties} reign; and by virtue thereof there hath been long quiet possession and a settled way of government, and, by God's blessing, his Ma^{ties} interest and his plantations and subjects have been preserved from those who have threatened their ruin, both Indians and others. And vpon the arrivall of his Ma^{ties} Honourable Commissioners & Col. Richard Nicolls, the Honourable Gouvernour of his Royall Highnesse the Duke of Yorke his territories, his Ma^{ties} sayd Commissioners wth the sayd Honourable Governour did declare vnder their hands and seales, wth an vnanimous consent, wher the bounds should be stated between the territories of his Royall Highnesse and this his Ma^{ties} Colony of Conecticut; as may appeare not onely by the assertion of those commissioned from his Ma^{ties} Court of this Colony, but also by that forementioned writing vnder the hands and seales of those his Ma^{ties} Commissioners and his Royall Highness his Honourable Lieutenant, the sayd Gouvernour of all his Royall Highnesses territories. And within those limitts we have continued peaceably ever since, nor haue we exceeded in the least the sayd bounds, nor have any one plantation, towne, village, house or place in our possession which is not within those limitts so granted by his Ma^{tye} and approved by his Royall Letters, wherein is declared he will not suffer o^r privilegedges to be violated in the least degree, and againe by his Honourable Commissioners with the full and voluntary consent of his Royall Highnesses Luetenant. And as his Ma^{ties} grace and goodness hath been very great towards his poore subjects of this his Colony in the concessions and privileges granted in that gracious Charter to his sayd subjects of this Colony & to their heirs & successors, which they doe with all humble loyalty and dutifullness allwayes acknowledg and doe esteeme it as a choice and

* While Governor of New York, Gov. A. wrote his name, as above, Andross. At his second coming to New England, in 1686, he had adopted the more common orthography, with a single final s.

precious jewel, and doe keep it, together with his most gracious letters since, as a perpetuall memoriall and testimonie to them and their posterity of his Ma^{ties} transcendent goodness, favours and bounty to his poore people in this wilderness; when your Honour hath perused & considered these representations, we cannot doubt but that it will appear that we are deeply in o^r allegiance & duty to his Ma^{tie} obliged to observe his royall commands and orders in his sayd gracious Charter, and may not doe any act contrary therevnto, and have no power to dispose of any of his Ma^{ties} plantations or subjects, in any other way then is appoynted by his sacred Ma^{tie} in that his gracious Charter afoars^t. And therefore according to o^r *obliged* duty, we are firmly resolved (as hitherto) by the gracious assistance of Almighty God, to continue (in obedience to his Ma^{tie}) in the management of what we are betrusted with; being fully assured of his Ma^{ties} gracious protection and faviour therein.

We are, Hon^d Sr, Your affectionate freinds, & neighbours,

The Gen^l Assembly of his Ma^{ties} Colony of
Conecticott; signed, by their order,

JOHN ALLYN, Secretry.

[*Superscribed,*]

For the Hon^{ble} Major Ed: Andross Esq^r,
Governour of all his Royall Highnesse the
Duke of Yorke his territories in America,
at Forte James, in New Yorke,—These.

3. [Letter from Gov. Andross; without date.]

Hon^{ble} & worthy Gentlemen,

I have by Mr. Leet, at his returne, received yo^{rs} of the 17th May, in answer to mine of the 1st. But whereas I did demand & desire yo^r present order for that part of his Royall Highnesse Territories as yet under yo^r Jurisdiction, I also at the same time sent you attested copies of his Ma^{ties} Letters Patents to his Royall Highnesse for the same, & his Royall Highnesse Commission to mee; and did confirme all the inhabitants' just rights & properties, & all legall & judicciall proceedings to that time; and chose the time of yo^r Generall Co^{rt} sitting, that his Ma^{ties} pleasure & commands might bee complyd with & obeyd without trouble, and his Highnesse interest not suffer by any delay; not doubting, from such an Assembly, a suitable returne & obedience to his Ma^{ties} pleasure & commands so plainly signifyde by his Lett^{rs} Patents. But finding neither, nor a direct answer, & in yo^r letter telling mee, you suppose my wanting a full information of former transactions, and that the authority & right by which his Ma^{ties} Colony of Conecticut is possessed and governed by the inhabitants, is a Charter from his Ma^{tie} under the great Seale, the 14th yeare of his Ma^{ties} Raigne, and yo^r quiet possession; and that upon the arrivall of his Ma^{ties} Hon^{ble} Comission^{rs} & Coll. Richard Nicolls, Governour of his Royall Highnesse territories, the said Comissioners & Governour did determine the bounds granted by his Ma^{tie} & approved by his Royall Letter, that hee will not suffer your priviledges to bee violated; and that you are resolved to continue in obedience to his Ma^{tie} in the management of what you are betrusted with; but send mee no copie, nor exact date of Patent, nor any of any other thing relating to it, or Commissioners, nor alledge any thing against the validity of his Ma^{ties} Letters Patents to his Royall Highnesse. So that I may conclude yo^r being sensible of yo^r Patent not comprehending any part or parts, & his Royall Highnesse Patent effectual for every part, of the territories demanded. But in answer to the particulars of yo^r letter, I doe not demand one foot of Conecticut Colony, & think that his Ma^{ties} Patent to his Colony of Conecticut, with all concessions, priviledges & advantages therein exprest, ought to bee in full force and inviolably observed, and in no sorte invaded. But I have by the best means I could, endeavoured to bee informed of all concerne of these his Royall Highnesse territories,

and often consulted yo^r Patent out of your owne records, bearing date the 23d of Aprill, in the 14th yeare of his Ma^{ties} Raigne, and cannot find one word in't comprehending any part of his Royall Highnesse territories. And it's having no bounds westward to the South Sea, is a sufficient argument against you. Else not only what is now under yo^r Jurisdiction, but this partt, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Carolina, & the Spanish West Indyes would also be yo^{rs}, which I never heard you ever pretended to; and therefore wonder you should thinke to impose on his Royall Highnesse. I find that upon yo^r, bringing over yo^r said Patent, New Haven your neighbour Colony on this side (before as free as yo^rselves) were surprized & induced to joyne & incorporate with you, though, (as I am credibly informed) did after see their errour and would gladly have remedied it. As to yo^r quiet possession, it was not two yeares before his Ma^{ties} Patent to his Royall Highnesse, bearing date the 12th of March in the 16th yeare of his Ma^{ties} Raigne, which plainly doth determine your bounds westerly to bee Conecticut River, so nothing on this side. I have also very deliberately consulted all orders of S^r Robert Carre, Coll. Cartwright & Mr. Maverick, who came over Commission^{rs} with Govern^r Nicolls; and particularly, concerning y^e bounds. But doe not find that they had any power to alter any bounds already determined by his Ma^{tie}, or give away his Royall Highnesse territories. And as to their determinacon for this Colony, made the 1st of Decemb^r, 1664, was an evident surprize and directly contrary to his Ma^{ties} Patent and their owne intents, & never confirmed; else by it, not onely what you now haue, but also Albany, Esopus, & in effect all Hudson's River would be yo^{rs}, as being eastward of a line drawne north north-west from the east side of Momoronocke Creeke or River, though peaceably enjoyed by the Dutch, and not any part of that River ever claymed at any time by you.

As to your alleadging yo^r not having exceeded yo^r bounds so graunted by his Ma^{tie} & approved by his Royall Letters, you seem to imply yo^r having other graunts than the former, which I never heard of, & if any, ought not to have beene concealed. And as you resolve well, and ought to continue in obedience to his Ma^{tie} in the management of what you are entrusted with, which, I presume, in within yo^r owne bounds, and not to invade or obstruct his Ma^{ties} just grants to others; and whatever pretence you may have had to that part of his Royall Highnesse territories under yo^r jurisdiction, is sufficiently cleared by his Ma^{ties} reiterated Letters Patents for the same to his Royall Highnesse, bearing date the 29th of June in the 26th yeare of his Ma^{ties} raigne; And therefore, by the advice of my Councell, by vertue of his Ma^{ties} Letters Patents, & his Royall Highnesse Commission to mee, of both of which I haue sent you attested copies, I doe againe, in his Royall Highnesse behalfe, demand his territories expressed in the said Patent & Commission; and that you give present & effectuall order for my being quietly possessed thereof. And in performance thereof, I doe, as by my former, confirme to all the inhabitants their just rights & properties, & all legall & judiciall proceedings, and assure them for the future of equall priviledges with other parts of the Government; but pray & (as above) demand yo^r speedy and positive answer to this my reiterated demand, whether you will or will not deliver mee his Royall Highnesse said territories. But in case of any obstruction or further delay on yo^r parts, in not giving due obedience to his Ma^{ties} pleasure & commands signified in his Lett^{rs} Patents, I doe hereby protest against you & every of you, being Magistrates or in place or authority there, for such yo^r disobedience & refractionnesse, as obstructors thereof; and of all damages, cost, charges or inconveniences that may happen by such yo^r actings. The consequence whereof I pray you well to consider and take suitable resolves, desiring to continue that good neighbourly & friendly cor-

respondence I have endeavoured with [my] neighbours, and particularly with yo^r Colony, & remaine

Hon^{ble} & worthy Gentⁿ,
Yo^r affectionate neighbour & servant,
E. ANDROSS.

This is by Mr. John Collier & Mr. Thomas Ashton, whom I have ordered to bring back yo^r present answer, if you please.

[Superscribed,]

To the hoble the Governour or Deputy Governour & Assist^r
or Magistrates of his Ma^{ties} Colony of Conecticut, to be delivered
to the Governour, Dep: Governour or Cheife Magistrate,
At Hartford.

4. [Reply of the Governor and Council; * June 16th. Col. Bds. II. 28.]

Hon^{ble} S^r: We have reced. your letter by Mr. John Collier & Mr. Thomas Ashton, whereby we are informed that the letter from o^r Generall Court was received at the returne of Mr. Leete, which was in answer to your former by him, and could not but be confident that the representation of the sure foundations of the settlement of this his Ma^{ties} Colony of Conecticut by his Ma^{ties} gracious Letters Pattents would have been fully satisfactory; and whereas it is in those last letters intimated that there was no copy of that Pattent sent, we had beene informed that Coll. Niccols, the former Govern^r, had a copy thereof, and doubted not but that your Hon^{rl} Secretary had that copy, as also that other determination of his Ma^{ties} Hon^{ble} Commissioners; and you are pleased to signify now that you had consulted that Pattent. And whereas it is intimated that it hath no bownds westward, please to consider that the same bownds which is to the neighbour Colony to whose south lyne the north lyne of this Colony is contiguous, runing to the South Sea on the west part, which is a known & certain bownds and yet no way entrenching upon those remoot places, we being limited within the bownds of New England. And what is objected concerning those parts about New Haven, it is sufficiently knowne that their conjunction with this Colony was desired by the cheife amongst them,† which being moved at the very first happy restauration of his Ma^{tie}, it was so comprehended: and at the arrivall of his Ma^{ties} Honourable Commissioners, all that could be sayd in that and any other cause concerning the bownds of this his Ma^{ties} Colony was fully considered by his Ma^{ties} said Hon^{ble} Commissioners & the Honourable Governour of his Royall Highness' Territories; and they were fully satisfied concerning their being justly comprehended within the same Patent; neither haue we heard since from them any such dissatisfaction as it seemes hath been informed. And as to the determination of the Commissioners in 1664, they knew their owne power by his Ma^{ties} commission in his Letters Patents to them; and there could not possibly be any undue surprize; for they acted voluntarily & propownded the rise and line and we assented thereunto: nor did we know how that line would run, nor doe yet vnderstand any certainty there-

* On the margin of the copy of this letter (by Sec. Allyn.) is the following minute: "A Council, June 16th, 1675. John Winthrop Esq Gov^r; Wm. Leete Esq Dep. Gov^r; Mr. Sam^l Willys, Major Nathan Gold, Major John Tallcott, Mr. Henry Woolcott, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. James Richards, Mr. James Bishop, Capt. John Nash, Major Rob. Treat, Capt. Tho. Topping. The Secretary was appointed to signe this letter in the name of the Governour & Assistants: & to send the same to Govern^r Andross of New York. Jonath. Bull to be the messenger."

† This declaration, it will be remembered, was made with the assent of Dep. Gov Leete; who, as the Governor of New Haven Colony prior to and until the Union, must have been well advised as to what was "desired by the chief amongst them."

in, untill it be run by mutuall consent when there shall be occasion for it. And whereas it is alledged that any former grants ought not to have been concealed, there was certainly no defect in that kind at the due season, when his Ma^{tie} was graciously pleased to grant the Charter for this Colony. And whereas there is desired a positive answer, we doe apprehend that in that letter from the Generall Court of this his Ma^{ties} Colony, there was a full and positive answer, wherein they express that they have no power to dispose of any of his Ma^{ties} plantations & subjects in any other way then is appoynted by his sacred Ma^{tie} in that gracious Charter, and that they have not any one plantation, towne, village, house or place in their possession which is not within those limitts; and so, as in the sequell of that letter, from which we cannot vary, knoweing that we assuredly keep within the limitts of o^r Charter, & possesse no more now since the Hon^{ble} Commissioners' decision than what his Ma^{ty} takes notice of as grownds upon which he granted that o^r Charter, viz. that which by us and o^r associates had been purchased, obtayned, gayned by conquest, subdued and improved. And whereas your Hono^{rs} Letter imports a declaration of a protest, we doe solemnly protest that we cannot see any grownds or cause for it; but had there beene any, we could not but have expected an appoyntment of neighbourly conferreence before such an exersion; and if there should yet remayne any dissatisfaction, we shall be ready to attend any such motion in convenient time and place; and we desire a freindly and neighbourly correspondence, as hath been and shall be still endeavoured by those who remaine, Hono^{rs} S^r;

Your affectionate neighbours & servants.

By order of the Govern^r, Dep^t. Gov^r, & Assistants,
signed, JOHN ALLYN, Secret^y.

[*Superscribed,*]

For the Honourable Major Ed: Andross Esq^r, Governor &c.

A letter from Gov. Andross, probably in reply to the foregoing, dated June 28th, is referred to, in his subsequent letter of June 8th; but it is not now to be found among the files.

No. XVII. (p. 257.)

LAWS FOR THE PEQUOTS. 1675.

Whereas in answer to Robbin Causacinnamon's petition presented to the Generall Court of Conecticott, May 13 last, an order & appoyntment was by the sayd Court made & recorded to desire and authorize the Dept. Gouvern^r, Major John Talcott, with such other of the Assistants as could attend, to draw up some lawes & orders for the present well governing of the Pequitt Indians that were captives to the English Colonyes in generall & were by their Commissioners put under the gouernment of this Colony, to be both ruled and accomadated by them suitably, these ensueing orders & lawes were (by those appoynted) made & sent vnto them, viz:—

1st. That forasmuch as the sayd Robbin Causacinnamun hath appeared to be faythfull in his trust vnder the Com^r, and liitherto vnder this Gouverment, It is agayne ordered & appoynted that he be still continued in the place of their deputy or principle officer

amongst & over all those Indians who had beene put under him formerly, and that Daniel shall be his second or cheife counsellor, to assist him in well gouerning of them.

In like manner shall Herman Garrett be principall officer over those so put under him, and Momohow shall be his second or cheife counsellor. And their lawfull commands are duely to be obeyed and observed by all the Indians respectively. And for their encouragement & support in their faythfull discharge of their duty and trust, each Indian man aboue sixteen yeares of age shall yearly pay vnto the principall officer to which he belongs, the sume of five shillings in currant Indian pay. But Daniel shall have a third part of Robin's rate, and Momohow such part of Harmon Garret's rate.

2. That their shall be two constables in each respectiue place or township of Indians where the principle officer dwells, and there to be the place of all the Indians settled residence and habitation, vnless for some time about their necessary occasions for fishing, planting, or hunting, they may be absent and remove their wigwams in the proper season for those occasions; and then return againe to dwell in the Town to which they doe belong. Such constables are to be chosen by the principall officer and his Councill (consisting of three or foure of the most sober & discreet men of the Towne, chosen with the approbation of those appoynted by the Court to counsell them;) and being so chosen a stafe shall be deliuered to him as the signe of his office & power, and to giue notice to the people to obey & assist him in the execution of his office; whose office is to attend all the lawfull commands of their respectiue principalls in prosecution of justice against d[e]bto[r]s or delinquents by disorder or miscarriage; so also he is to attend the commands or warrants from any of our English Magistrates. He is likewise required & impowered of himselfe to keep the peace & good order and prevent the contrary in all cases and vpon all occasions so farr as it comes to his knowledg or can find out.

LAWS FOR THE SAYD INDIANS TO OBSERVE.

1. That whosoever shall oppose or speake against the onely liuing & true God, the creator & ruler of all things, shall be brought to some English court to be punished as the nature of the offence may require.

2. That whosoever shall *powau* or vse witchcraft or any worship to the diuill or any fals god shall be conuicted & punished.

3. That whosoever shall prophane the holy Saboth day by seruill worke or play, such as chopping or fetcheng home of wood, fishing, fowleing, hunting &c. shall pay as a fine tenn shillings, halfe to the cheife officers & the other halfe to the constable & informer, or be sharply whipt for euery such offence.

4. Whosoever shall committ murder or manslaughter shall be brought to Hartford goale & be tryed by this Government, according to the English law, which punisheth by death.

5. Whosoever shall committ Adultery by lying with another man's wife, or to haue or keep her from her husband, shall be im-

prisoned & tryed & punished with a fine of forty shillings for every offence. So in the case of the Adulteresse. The sayd fine to be distributed, as before.

6. Whosoever shall steale shall restore double to his neighbour for what he hath taken, when convict before their officer & council, and pay the constable two shillings sixpence for his paynes about executing the law.

7. Whosoever shall appeare and be proved to be drunck amongst them, shall pay tenn shillings or be whipt, as the officers shall see meete; and the fine divided as before, in the law about Sabbath breakeing. In like manner shall it be done to such Indians as doe bring the liquors or strong drinke amongst them.

8. It is ordered that a ready & comely attendance be given to heare the word of God preached by Mr. Fitch, or any other minister sent amongst them. The cheife officers & constables are to gather the people as they may. And if any be refractory & refuse, or doe misbehave themselves vndecently, such shall be punished with a fine of five shillings, or be corporally punished, as the officers shall see most meet.

9. If the officers shall neglect in any of the premises, to doe their duty, they shall receive double punishment when convict thereof in any of our English Courts.

10. But whosoever shall either affront the principall officer, or refuse to assist the constable in the due execution of his office, shall pay for each affront so given ten shillings, and for such refuseall to assist the constable five shillings.

Mr. Thomas Stanton Sen^r & Lieutenant James Avery were appointed and desired to giue their advice and help in all cases of difficulty for the well management of their trust and affayres; to whome they are in all such cases to repayre.

Dated in Hartford,
May 31, 1675.

Wm. Leete, *Dept. Govern^r.*
Samuell Willys, *Assist.*
John Tallcott, *Assist.*
John Allyn, *Assist.*
James Richards, *Assist.*

The above written is a true copy of the originall, being examined & compared therewith this 11 : June : 1675 ; p^r

John Allyn, *Secret^y.*

To Hermon Garrett to cause to be published to the people of his plantation, and the rest under his Government.

The tenn Articles were faythfully published to Robin, Harmon's son, to Momohoe, the Naragansett sunk squaw and her councill being present, at a great concourse amongst the Pequitts. The forepart, which respects Robin's own intrest, was earnestly desired by Robin not to bee published as yett. Published the 24th of Januarie, 1678, p^r John Stanton.

Capt. Avery and Lieutenant Minor being p^rsent, as witness their hands,
James Avery, Tho: Minor.

No. XVIII. (p. 258.)

STONINGTON PETITION; 1675.

"This declaration and application of the Inhabitants of Stonington," sets forth, in decided but respectful language, the grievances suffered by the petitioners, and strongly protests against certain "acts, orders, or laws, passed by Authoritie in the Collony, the which wee, in our weake apprehensions, humbly conceive to be prejudiciall vnto our peace and privileges, and expose our Liberties vnto greater hazard;" praying the Court to grant relief, "either by a disannulling such orders as may be found prejuditiall to our Common Liberties," or "a clear discovery of the rule and reason upon which such acts are grounded," &c.; "for a forced Christian, and blindfold obedience, is seldom good."

The orders or acts complained of, are, (1st.) "the constraining us to pay to the Charter, when severall plantations as much involved as ourselves, (and who have received much more benefitt thereby) were excused;" (2d,) "denying us the benefitt of the choyce of our own officers, to witt, Comitioners for our town, which is a privilege in the Bay and was ingaged wee should enjoy the same vnder this government;" (3d,) "in denying us the common liberties of towns granted them by law; (to witt) the disposal of our own lands, and the admition of persons into our town;" (4th,) "the pressing of our trained men for souldiers, and transporting them out of the Colony," (together with "our best armes and choycest, with amunition,") "in a time of eminent danger;"* and further, the laying out of the Massachusetts grants, by surveyors under authority of the General Court, in such a manner as seriously to interfere with the rights of the Stonington proprietors. "These things wee thought meet to mention and putt you in minde of, leaving them unto your wise and prudent consideration and determination, for our comfort and benefitt;" * * "for wee have noe disposition to contend with any, (however wee may bee rendered by some,) much less with your Honoured selves, whome we desire to honour in the Lord, who are by Divine Providence of God constituted the Defenders of our liberties under God and our gracious Sovereign, (the which is indeed our all,) and all we humbly crave at your hands: and vnto which end we are redily prest to contribute, according to our mites, tribute unto whome tribute is due, honour to whome honour, fear to whome feare, according as God hath required of us in his word, to render vnto every one theire due; and that not for feare or wrath, but for conscience sake; the which hath been, is, and wee hope shall continue to bee our standing rule vnto our dyeing day." * * *

* The nature of the service for which these men and arms were pressed does not appear from the petition; but it is probable that they were employed in the expedition to Long Island, under Major Winthrop, for the protection of the English inhabitants there against the Dutch, 1673-4. See Appendix XIV.

* * "Wee come to such orders, as wee rather feare the consequence of, [than] for any effect thereof that wee have felt:" 1st. The order of October, 1674, for an additional tax of one penny on the pound, to satisfy Country Debts. As a tax of one penny would have sufficed to pay all actual debts, "wee cannot yet understand what the other penny should be for, vnless it bee a gratuity to the Honoured Governor, for wee understand it is intended or pretended for him; which if it bee a gift or gratuitie, wee cannot see reason it should bee levied by force, but rather by a voluntary contribution; if it bee a debt, and soe made appeare, we must bee content." * * "If it be sayd, it is not properly a debt, but consequentially," [growing out of losses incurred by Gov. Winthrop, on former payments for his expenses in procuring the Charter,] "to that we answer, y^t if wee are bound to bee responsall for all the consequences, wee know nott when wee shall have done; for the consequences, for ought wee know, are and may bee successive, and may come every year or three-quarters; which wee shall not bee willing to contribute unto, but desier every man may bee left vnto his libertie." * * "Upon these and such like considerations, wee have at present suspended our observance of that order, untill wee inquier, and bee in reason satisfied from yourselves, of the Law, Reason or Equitie of the same; wee being (as wee trust you are,) very tender of our lawfull liberties."

"As to the second order (to witt) the seazing of our estates and selling them at an out crie, for the paying of this with other Rates, the which is soe strange and unheard of in any of our Christian Governments, that it brings us to an amazement, to consider what the intent and consequence thereof will bee; for if this Law stand (with the former) wee plainly discern that by law our all is come to nothing; and wee, our estates, liberties and persons subject unto servitude, although never soe ready to pay, if divine providence deny us the specie which you require; the which wee neither now have nor these many yeares could rayse; which caused us to request that such estate as is rateable might alsoe bee payable to those rates, which request wee deemed but rationall: and that this act should bee our best answer, is to us matter of wonderment. Yet are wee willing to bee confident that you will not assume unto your selves more power than Law, Reason and Religion will give, neither, wee hope, any thing which may curtelize or infringe our just liberties," &c.

Mr. John Stanton was constituted the Agent of the town, to present and manage this petition,—which was signed, in the name and by order of the town, by the selectmen, (namely,) Thomas Stanton, George Denison, Nath. Chesebrough, Samuel Mason and John Denison.

No. XIX. (p. 260, 335.)

GOV. ANDROSS AT SAYBROOK.

Upon receiving intelligence of the breaking out of the Indian war

in Plymouth Colony, and of anticipated hostilities with the Narragansetts, on the eastern frontier of Connecticut, the Governor and Council (July 1st, 1675,) sent an express, with the news, to Gov. Andross at New York, transmitting copies of letters they had that day received from New London and Stonington. By the return express, Gov. A. despatched the following reply:—

[Col. Boundaries, II. 29.]

Sr;

This morning about three a Clock I received yo^{rs} of the first instant,* together with severall Copies of Letters of the Indyans being in Armes in Plimouth Colony, and their having destroyed severall Christians to the Eastward of you as neare as Narragansett, & apprehension of their tending further to you wards. I am very much troubled at the Christyans' misfortunes & hard disasters in those parts, being so over-powered by such Heathen. Hereupon I have hastened my coming to yo^r parts, and added a force to bee ready to take such Resolutions as may bee fitt for mee upon this extraordinary occasion, with which I intend, God willing, to sett out this evening, and to make the best of my way to Conecticut River, his Royall Highnesse bounds there, where at my Arrivall you shall heare further from,

Sr,

Yo^r most humble serv^t,

New Yorke, July y^e 4th, 1675.

E. ANDROSS.

[*Superscribed,*] For the Hon^{ble} John Winthrop Esqr, Governour of his Ma^{ties} Colony of Conecticut, These, At Hartford; With care & speed, to bee sent forward.

The above letter was received (as appears from its endorsement,) on the 7th of July. The same day, the Council despatched Capt. Bull to Saybrook. His instructions were so framed that while they had ostensible reference only to the protection of the sea-board against the Indians, they authorized him to repel aggression from any quarter and to maintain possession of the fort, if necessary, by force of arms. (See Jour. of Council, p. 333, ante.)

On the morning of the 8th, Gov. Andross arrived off Saybrook; and during the day addressed the following letter to the Governor and Magistrates at Hartford:—

[Col. Boundaries, II. Doc. 30.]

Saybrooke, July y^e 8th, 1675.

Hon^{ble} Gentlemen;

I writte to you at large the 28th past, by Mr. John Collyer; and also by another, the 4th instant, in the morning, by returne of yo^r Expresse, upon yo^r notice of the Indyans' rebellion & barbarisme, did give you account of my intent this way and to this place, where I am now arrived. But finding no occasion here upon the Indyan account, I am sending a small vessel further eastward for intelligence, and doe send this by Expresse to you, in his Ma^{ties} & Royall Highnesse behalfe, to desire your direct and effectual answer to my fores^t letter, which I here attend in discharge of my duty accordingly; In the mean time remaine, Hon^{ble} Gentⁿ,

Yo^r affectionate friend & humble Servant,
E. ANDROSS.

* Of this letter no copy has been preserved.

[*Superscribed,*] To the Hon^{ble} the Governour, or Deputy Governour & Assistants or chiefe Magistrates of the Colony of Conecticut, to bee deliuered to the Cheife of them, at Hartford, These, At Hartford.

The same day, Mr. Robert Chapman, one of the townsmen of Saybrook, and captain of the train band, writes to Gov. Winthrop:

[*Ibid.* Doc. 31.]

Honrd Sir;

Wee can doe noe lesse then informe you that this morning here is arived two sloopes from N. Yorke, in one of which is Governor Androes whoe hathe sent Captⁿ Nickols on shoare with two or three Gentlemen & a flagg in the head of the boate, whoe onely have given us this account of their businesse on shoare, That Governor Androes is come to give us a visit, and is purposeing to come on shoare, and if there bee any neede of aide against the Indians, hee hathe forces with him.

Wee are here in armes, with o^r traine band and the forces from the westward whoe were here delayed upon the intelligence of forces from N. Yorke, and wee are intending here to defend o^rselsvs and maintaine his Majesty's Royall grant by Charter, except countermanded from yourselves. Wee can most easily perceiue that what they have said is but a compliment; what their realities are, wee have not understood from them, but it is not difficult for us to imagine. Wee humbly beseeche your Honours, that you will please to dispatch away yo^r order or aduice, or what you please; which is all from yo^rs to command,

ROB^t CHAPMAN.

Dated Say-Brooke,
8th July, 1675.

[*Superscribed,*]

These for the Honord Jno. Winthroppe Esq.
Gov^rn^r, at Hartford.

Haste, haste, post haste; upon his Majestyes speciall service.

The reply to the foregoing letter will be found in the Journal of the Council, July 8th, (p. 334, ante.) It did not reach Saybrook until Monday following, the 12th inst. On Friday (July 9th,) a special session of the General Court convened at Hartford. The acts of the Governor and Council were approved and confirmed; and a letter was ordered to be sent to Gov. Andross.

[*Ibid.* Doc. 33.]

Hartford, July 10th, 1675.

Hon^{ble} Sir;

In o^r form^r of the 17th of May we gave your Honour an answer to your letter of the 1st of May, w^{ch} we could not doubt but would have been sattisfactory; but since we vnderstand o^r Governour & Magistrates rec^d another directed to y^{ms};^{*} whose answer returned, we have viewed and doe approve thereof. And since, they have rec^d another letter from you, to w^{ch} there was an answer prepared to be sent, but a resolution being intimated of your motions from N. Yorke before Capt. Coliort returned, that letter was not sent. And this Gen^l Court of his Ma^{ties} Colony of Conecticut being now assembled, this morning your letter of y^r 8th of this inst. upon your arrivall at Saybrook, directed to o^r Gov^r & Magistrates, is rec^d by them and presented to us. And we having read and considered both, doe return this answer;—that there

* Themselves.

† Capt. John Collier, the bearer of Andross' letter, from N. York.

hath been in o^r former and those other letters from o^r Gov^r & Magistrates, full and satisfactory representations of the firme and sure foundations upon wth y^e present possessions, government and injoyments of this his Ma^{ties} Colony is by the authority of his Ma^{ties} gracious Letters Pattents settled; than which we know nothing can be a more firm and certain establishm^t to us; and have in their possession no other plantation or place but y^t which they and their associates haue at their own great cost and charge purchased and conquered from the heathen, cultured and obteyned, quietly possessed and enjoyed many yeares, wth his Ma^{ties} approbation, since by his gracious Letters and his Hono^{ur} Comm^{rs} and his Royall Highnes' former Gov^r, y^e Hon^{ble} Col. Niccols. And as we have endeavoured the observance of his Ma^{ties} orders and comands within those places so comited to o^r care (so through God's blessing thereby they were preserved in their obedience to his Ma^{ty} when other places were overrun and subjugated under forraign powers,) so we are firmly resolved through the help of God, under the court allowance, lawfull warrant, authority and favour of his Ma^{ties} Charter granted to this Colony, to mayntayn and defend the same against all that shall unjustly, or wth violence and contrary to law, invade or impose upon us. And S^r, we doe hereby profess that we see no reason for those hypotheticall expressions and injurious imputations of yours to o^r Gov^r & Magistrates, in that letter to them from N. Yorke, June 28th, which are too intolerable to be borne by such as have allwayes and shall ever approve o^rselves to be faythfull and loyall subjects to o^r sovraine Lord, King Charles the 2^d (whom God bless,) and dutifull observants to his Royall Highnes in all neighbourly correspondency and complyanee wth his Lnt. Governours and other officers of his Province of N. Yorke, your predecessors in that governm^t; the which we have also in most loving and friendly maner tendred to y^rselfe since your arrivall. But we find all such tenders of ours slighted and rejected by your refusing any freindly treaty with us and your last motions towards us, especially in your arrivall wth men and armes and provisions for warr into one of o^r ports, thereby (wth other threats) putting his Ma^{ties} good subjects into a discomposure at such a time as this is so circumstanced;* and what inconveniencies may follow thereupon to the animating of the heathen against the English and discouraging his Ma^{ties} good subjects, we pray you well to consider, and forbear further to molest us. But if our former and present answer satisfy you not so to surcease, we purpose to informe and acquaint his Ma^{ty} wth your proceedings against his Governour and his Ma^{ties} good subjects of this Colony to their greivance and offence, not doubting of his Ma^{ties} favour and protection. And in y^e meane time, (God assisting,) as aboue, shall defend ourselves ag^t such intrusions as well as we can; and yet approve o^rselves,

Honrd Sir, your neighbours & friends,
the Generall Court of Conecticott, signed
p^r their order,

p^r JOHN ALLYN, Sec^y.

These for the Hon^{ble} Major Edmon Andross, Gou^r of New Yorke, to be deliuered at Saybrooke, in the Colony of Conecticott, if he be there resident,—or at N. Yorke.

* In a letter to Massachusetts, July 9th, the Gen. Court excuse themselves for not having already despatched forces against the Indians, because, "part of our strength is so far off removed, and we so much engaged to mayntayn our station, Major Androsse having made demands upon us, whoe is at Saybrook wth three sloops & forces in them. What his purposes are we know not, but we are forced to wayt his motions wth about one hundred men under command of Capt. Bull, and stand upon our guard in our other ports. It is a time of difficulty with us!" [War, I. 4, b.]

The General Court adjourned on Monday, July 12th. On the 13th or 14th, the following letter, addressed to "the Honrd Gen^l Assembly sitting at Hartford," was received by the Council. The Rev. Mr. Haynes and Mr. Bulkeley may have accompanied the forces under Capt. Bull, as chaplain and surgeon; or perhaps, had been sent to Saybrook by the Gen. Court, as special agents, to take counsel with the military and civil authorities there.

[Col. Boundaries, II. 34.]

Honrd Gentlemen;*

There having been a post sent up to you on Friday last, whereby wee doubt not but you were stirred up to the most expeditious resolves that may bee, wee something wonder that there hath been no returne all this while. Delays are tedious and wearisome to both parties, for the Major Androsse is still here, wonders that these forces lye still here upon his account, at such a time as this; and wee also having had some itl^gencee from Narragansett (the same w^{ch} is come to yo^rselves) could be glad some of these forces might move toward Narragansett as soone as may be, there being so much need that way. The Gov^r Androsse still speaks of his purposes of defence and protection of us here against the Indians, and wonders much at our jealousy of him,† and seems ready to be in action upon that account, & begins to thinke himselfe particularly concerned in some measure, there being (as is reported) about an hundred of Philip's men fled over to Martins Vineyard, and therefore will (no doubt) looke upon Remora's‡ here to be injurious to him, yet (for aught wee see) resolved to abide by this business till there is some returne from you. Wherefore wee earnestly desire that some returne bee speedily made, and (if it please the Courte) some meete agents deputed and sent that may vindicate the rights of our Charter, and be thorowly furnished, to that purpose, with a copy of the Charter, the Kings Commss^s Act or Acts, His Ma^{ties} ap^{pr}bation of the same, and what else, together with such instructions as may

* This letter is in the hand writing of Mr. Bulkeley.

† Letters had been sent from the Massachusetts, and by Rev. Mr. Fitch and others, expressing fears of hostile movements among the Narragansetts. See War, Vol. I. 7, 8, 10.

‡ How sincere Gov. Andross was in his professions of good will and offers of "defence and protection," and how well founded was "our jealousy of him," may be learned from his own subsequent admissions. Gov. Dongan, his successor at New York, in his replies to the Queries of the Board of Trade, in 1687, writes:—"On perusal of some papers in the Secretary's Office, I found some Memorandums of Sir Edmond Andros, whereby I understand that in the year 1675-6, hee sent home Capt. Salisbury for England, to let his Royal Highness, now His Ma^{ty}, know how impossible it was for this Government to subsist without the addition of Connecticut. And hee himself went with some soldiers to surprise them, intending when he had done it, to keep possession by a Fort he designed to make at a place called Seabrook, but was prevented by the opposition of two companies of men then lodged there ready to goe out agst the Indians, with whom they were in Warr." [Doc. Hist. of N. York, I. 117.] In another part of the same document, Gov. D. states that "Connecticut, as it now is, takes away from us almost all the land of value that lies adjoining to Hudson's River & the best part of the river itself; besides, as wee found by experience, if that place bee not annexed to that [this ?] Government, it will bee impossible to make anything considerable of his Ma^{ty}'s customs & revenues in Long Island," &c. [Ibid. 97.]

§ *Remora*;—(from the Latin,) delay, obstacle, hindrance. As in Donne,

"Life is a voyage, and in our life's ways,

Countries, courts, towns, are rocks and *remoras*."

The word has long been obsolete.

sufficiently enable them to give a right understanding of things, and debate matters to an effectuall and good issue if possible.

Wee are constrained also to informe that provisions grow short, and if there must be a further stay here, there must also be a further supply of p^rvisions, especially porke & bread. Here are at this time neere foreshore men upon the Countrey's charge, and the Towne begins to feele it. A caske of rumme also is very requisite, for what is needfull of y^e nature comes upon hard terms here.

Wee request yo^r advice also, in case the Major Androsse should move away either east or west, what number of men should there be reserved upon the place; and yo^r orders & instructions both for them and the rest.

Mr. Wastoll is now sending up a boate to Middleton, for some supplies for himselfe; it may bee good to take the oppertunity of that boate to send w^t is ready to us, if it be eapeable.

Wee have not more to adde but o^r service; and that God would governe, expedite & p^rsper yo^r counsell, is the hearty desire & prayer of

Yo^r humble servants,
 GERSHOM BULKELEY,
 JOS: HAYNES,
 ROB: CHAPMAN,
 THOMAS BULL.

Say-brooke: on Monday morning,
 July 12th, 1675.

Postscript. The small sloop w^{ch} on Friday last went to N. London, came in againe on Saturday night, & went out againe yesterday morning betimes, as is said, to N. London, carrying two barrls. of powder & 20 match-locke musketts, to contribute toward y^e service against the Indians.

Capt. Bull desires that for the use of the ordnance if need should be, (of which the Towne hath already mounted two,) there may be about forty fathome of his match sent downe.

This was followed, on the next day, (July 13th,) by another letter from Mr. Chapman and Capt. Bull. This, like the former, is in the hand writing of the Rev. Mr. Bulkeley, who was yet at Saybrook.

[Col. Boundaries, II. Doc. 35.]

Honrd Gentlemen;

Yesterday the 12th of this instant, wee received yo^r letters & instructions by the post (Jno. Rily :) and forthwith caused yo^{rs} to the Major Andross to be delivered on board his sloop.

This morning about 7 or 8 of the clocke, the Major Andross, with his Gentlemen attending him, came on shore, and desired to speake with the ministers & chiefe officers here. In the very instant, while the officers were comeing together, came in the post (Will. Clarke,) by whom wee received the p^rtest against Major Andross,* with yo^r instructions, whereupon wee did immediately goe out to him & declare, that we had at this instant received instructions, whereby we were appointed to tender him a treaty by meete p^rsons deputed to that purpose, in any place of this Colony where he should chuse. The Major Andross did not accept, but forthwith did in his Majestyes name command his Majestyes Charter† to be read, and after that, his Highnesses commission; which notwithstanding that they were required in his Majestyes name to forbear, was done. Wee withdrew a little, declaring wee had nothing to do to attend it. Which being done, the Major Andross manifested, that he had now done, and should saile immediately, unlesse we desired him to stay. Wee told him that wee had no order to desire him to stay, but must now read something else; and forthwith the protest was

* See page 261, ante.

† The Duke of York's Patent.

read, in Major Andross & his Gentlemen's presence. He was pleased to speake of it as a slander,* and so an ill requital for his kindnesse; and by and by desired a copy, which wee declared that wee had no order to give; but yet parted peaceably. His Honour was guarded with the Towne-souldiers to the water-side, went on board and p'sently fell downe below the Fort, with salutes on both sides. He told us his purpose was to goe over to Long Island, and thence to send a sloop with some force to Martins Vineyard, but himselfe to make the best of his way home to N. Yorke. But when they were gone a little below the Fort, the wind came about, so that both wind and tide being against them they were forced to come to an anchor. There they are at present. Wee conclude they will do nothing more here at present, (though there is another small boate come to them, since their coming to anchor :) yet wee are watchfull to observe their motions: As soone as they move, wee shall give information to the plantations westward, according to yo^r order yesterday. All that wee have to adde is o^r desire that you will please, with all convenient speed, to send yo^r orders concerning the forces here; and that whether they stay here or move eastward, sufficient care may be taken for their supply of p'visions. This with o^r humble service and desires of y^e presence of the greate Counsellor with you in all yo^r consultations, is all at present, from

Yo^r humble servants,

ROB^t CHAPMAN,
THOMAS BULL.

From Saybrooke,
this 13: 5: '75. Tuesday noone.

[*Superscribed.*] These for the Honoured Gen^l Assembly or Councill in Hartford, in his Mat^{ies} Colony of Connecticut. Haste, Haste.

[Reply. Col. Boundaries, II. 36.]

July 14, 1675.

Capt. Bull;

By yo^{rs} of 16: 5: '75, we are certified of Maior Andros his attempting to vse his Mat^{ies} name to command his Charter and commission to be read there at Saybrook shore, and to proceed in so reading notwithstanding yo^r countermand in like manner. *Though we wish he had been interrupted in doing y^e least thing vnder pretence of his haueing any thing to doe to vse his Mat^{ies} name in commanding there so vsurpingly, w^{ch} might have been done by shouts, or sound of drum &c., wthout violence; but yet, seeing it was so p^rformed in the opposition,† it was next best, to slight y^e attendance to his command, by withdrawing refusingly; and to command and read the Gen^l Co^rts declaration, as from his Mat^{ies} authority in their hands, to contradict him: After w^{ch}, his p^rtence of imediate sailing to Long Island & thence to send a sloop with force towards Martins Vineyard and himselfe returne to Yorke, (a specious way,) to get men there to use where he please. But to apprehend all his sayings to be so reall as to disband yo^r Company totall, or the greater p^rt of y^m, may be overmuch credulity, till better assurance be had of his desisting his manifest intent in coming to Seabrooke so appointed and furnished wth his Charter & Commission that were of little use against the Indians. Yet if yourselfe and the Gentlemen with you doe thinke the groundes to conclude y^t he will doe nothing more at p^rsent here, be sufficient, we shall referre it to*

* Dr. Trumbull, in his account of the affair at Saybrook, (Hist. of Conn, I., 330,) says Gov. Andross "represented the protest as a slender affair, and an ill requital of his kindness." The writer was led into error by Mr. Bulkeley's peculiar chirography;—and, by interpolating a word, has made a "*slender affair*" of the Protest which Gov. Andross denounced as a *slander*. The error has found its way into almost all published accounts of the transaction.

† The lines in italics are under-scored in the original draft, which (except the last paragraph of the letter,) is in Dep. Gov. Leele's hand writing.

yo^r Councill to abate more of yo^r men p^rportionably, to the number of 20 to be left, and the rest to returne to y^r respectiue townes, to attend yr occasions in this very needfull time of harvest &c. When you come to further vnderstanding or intelligence respecting this affaire or the Indian war, you shall doe well to giue vs notice thereof by y^e first.

Those 20 or 30 men, together wth the traineband of the Towne, in a readynes at an houres warneing vpon a signe, may be competent vnder yo^r command to defend the place; and if there be occasion for farther help, you must call in help from the next plantations, who must attend your call. The Treasurer sends the corn to-morrow by John Plumbe, if he sayles, for the supply of the gentⁿ soldiers. We have not to ad but o^r respects & thanks for your good service hitherto, and o^r prayers to the Lord to continue his protecting blessing presence to you and us and all his people, as the matter may require, and are your affectionate friends,

the Dep^t Gov^r & Councill;
signed pr their order,

JOHN ALLYN, Sec^y.

O^r respects to all y^e officers and soldiers. As for Mr. Haines & Mr. Buckley, we expect them home before this comes to you.

Mr Bulkeley and Mr. Haynes returned to Hartford on the 16th, and the same day the Council wrote to Capt. Bull to march forthwith from Saybrook, with as many men as could be spared, towards Stonington, New London and Norwich, to guard the frontiers of the Colony against danger from the Narragansetts. (Col. Boundaries, II. 37.)

The following extract from a letter written by Rev. Thomas Buckingham, to the Council, some weeks after the repulse of Andross, supplies some additional particulars respecting the proceedings at Saybrook, before Capt. Bull's arrival there. The letter is in Col. Boundaries, II. 40.

"It was not a small matter to us, (if o^r weaknesse make little things great, pardon us,) that when yo^rselves had such full and seasonable notice of Major Androes his intentions, that wee should bee so farre from haueing commission to defend his Majesties, yo^rs and o^r interest, that wee could not haue soe much as any intelligence of o^r danger untill in or about the houre in which wee saw it; and the information that wee then had was meerly by the providence of God. Some of o^rs, and not a few, began to doubt what to doe, because noe order from yo^rselves; some others of us, (it may bee too presumptuous) endeavored to wave that obiection and to quicken unto all meet endeavors for the defence; and had it not been meerly by the providence of God, I have reason to believe here might not have been five men within call of the Towne platte when the sloopes came in, and soe o^r persons, o^r estates and o^r consciences might have been made a prey unto men; wee are bold to say, ours, for however small we are yet wee humbly crave a share in yo^r protection.

It was by some (I dare not say altogether without ground) accounted noe small hazard for us to appear to make opposition, without any commission. I say without any commission, for Major Androes had time enough, and had not meer providence presented him with discourageing strength in the towne, noe doubt hee would have done his errand before Captⁿ Bull came to us.

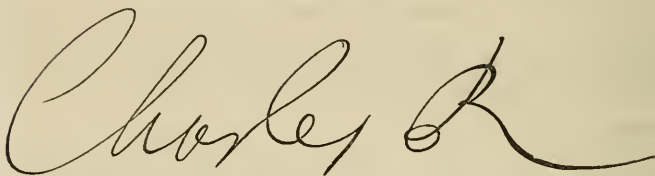
But some of us prevailed to lay aside those obiections and perswaded to a universal appearance of o^r Towne, to stand in defence of yo^r honours and our libertyes, It was noe small charge and disadvantage to o^r people to bee

in armes day after day and night after night, at such a season of ye year. Or people noe doubt will feelee the smart of it, ye year about. Not yt wee would crave commendation for what wee have done. Wee hope for the generality wee did it as duty to God, ye King, and yor selves: yet alwayes promising to o'selves (gentlemen from yor selves alsoe concurring with us) that if wee could but stand out that shoocke, care would bee taken that wee should bee under better advantage to defend o'selves."

No. XX. (p. 380, 487.)

THE KING'S LETTER RESPECTING WILLIAM HARRIS;* &c.

[For. Corresp. I. 8.]



Trusty and Well beloved, We greet you well. Whereas Our subject, William Harris, planter, in the Colony of Rhode Island, did by his humble petition presented to us in Councill set forth, that he and twelve others his partners neare forty years since purchased from certain Indians a parcell of land called Patuxet, & peaceably enjoyed the same for severall yeares, till they were disturbed by some of Our English subjects of the towne of Providence, but that the difference between them being put to an award, the determination was giuen in favor of the Pet^{rs}, and they accordingly remained in quiet possession and held the same for severall yeares, untill it hapned that three of the said partners having a mind to breed disturbance, and pretending title to the said land in vertue of another purchase w^{ch} they made from Indians who had more right, as they alleadged, then the former; these men impleaded the Pet^r in Our Colony of the Massachusets; but upon a faire tryall by jury, he had a verdict given in his fauour, and did accordingly for some yeares

* Mr. William Harris was one of the first settlers and original proprietors of Providence. About 1657, he incurred the displeasure of Roger Williams, and was presented by the latter to the General Court, on a charge of high treason.—having (as the Court declared,) "much bowed the scriptures, to maintaine" his doctrine that "he that can say, it is his conscience, ought not to yield subjection to any human order amongst men." This charge, although it was never prosecuted to effect, seems to have laid the foundation of the long and bitter controversy between Mr. Williams and himself, which lasted many years, and divided the inhabitants of the Colony into parties. Mr. H., as the agent for the proprietors of Pawtuxet, made a voyage to England, in 1674 or '5, to petition the King for the appointment of commissioners to hear and determine the differences between himself and partners, and the town of Providence, respecting the Pawtuxet lands. Respecting the origin and history of this controversy, and the points at issue between the parties, see Staples's *Annals of Providence*, (R. I. Hist. Coll. Vol. 3,) pp. 576–589.

after remaine in quiet possession : That after this, the said three persons, being restlesse and of unquiet spirits, did bring on fresh troubles to the Pet^r on the same accompt, so that the matter being put to an award, & arbitrators being equally chosen out of the Colony of the Massachusetts & y^t of Rhode Island, for the greater solemnity of the determination, the Pet^r and his partners did againe receive a solemne award in their favour ; & they did accordingly remaine in quiet possession of the premises for above twenty yeares after ; but about the yeare 1663, one John Harrud & two others who had fled from the province of Conecticut, coming with pretence that they had made a purchase of the Pet^{rs} land from some Indians who had right to sell, they entred on a great part of the Pet^{rs} lands by force, and the Pet^r impleading them at law, and hauing obtained against them a verdict and judgm^t, it yet soe hapned, by meanes of seuerall factions & parties w^{ch} they have made to withstand justice, that they resisted the execution of that judgement ; and for pretence onely, alleadged that Our Com^{rs} being then there did promise them to reheare all the matter in difference, when they returned into the said Colony ; w^{ch} our Com^{rs} never did. The Pet^r hath also further set forth, that besides all the said molestations, he had been frequently disquieted, sometime by the pretensions of the Towne of Warwick, sometime by the Towne of Providence, in the Colony of Rhode Island ; sometimes by two parties of men belonging to the Colony of the Massachusetts ; and lastly, by a party of men belonging to the Colony of New Plymouth ; all of them in severall times pretending purchases made from different Indians who had right to sell ; Whereas the Pet^r sets forth that he and his partners were the first purchasers and took care to derive their title from the Chief Indians who were then in actuall possession of the premises, soe he remained quiet in his purchase for about seven yeares after, till the improvements made by him and his partners on the premises, more then any foundation of right, tempted others to desire & invade their possessions. Vpon all which representation of troubles, the Pet^r haueing implored Our Royall Protection, and that Wee would order the Governors of each of those Colonies w^{ch} are bounding wth Rhode Island and whose inhabitants contribute to this disturbance, to give their aide and assistance towards the quieting of this matter ; and that the Governors might in pursuance of Our Royall orders, agree among themselves to depute some able, honest and indifferent persons to heare all differences, and to appoint a Jury equally chosen out of the respective Colonies, in order to quiet them in the possession of their said lands of Patuxet, if in justice they appeare to have right thereunto. And We hauing referred the examination of this matter to Our Committee of Trade and Plantations ; and they, after examination of the matter, haueing reported to Vs that the Pet^r and his partners are very fit objects of Our Royall care and protection, We are therefore, in compassion to their long and many sufferings, graciously inclined to order them redresse in the most speedy & effectuall way that can be proposed. And Our will and pleasure is, and We doe hereby command You, the Governor of Our Colony of

Conecticut, to appoint some able, honest and indifferent persons to joyne with such others as shall be appointed by the other respective Governors of Our said Colonies, to whom We shall also send Our commands in this behalfe; and that you give them full and sufficient authority to cause the differences and troubles arising to the Pet^r and his partners concerning the lands of Patuxet, to be brought to a faire tryall; and that by a just, indifferent and upright jury, to be in like manner appointed, all may be finally determind according to justice, and without delay: And of your proceedings herein, to send Vs an account, with all convenient speede. And so We bid you Farewell.

Given at Our Court at Hampton Court, the 4th day of August, 1675, in the seven & twentieth yeare of Our Reigne.

By his Maj^{ties} comand,

J. WILLIAMSON.

[*Superscribed,*]

To Our Trusty and Welbeloved John Winthrop Esq^r, Governour of Our Colony of Conecticut, and to Our Governour or Governours there for the time being.

Feb. 24th, 1675-6, Gov. Winthrop writes from Boston, to Mr. Leete and the Council, that he had not yet heard any thing from the Governors of Massachusetts or Plymouth respecting Mr. Harris's business; that they perhaps awaited "Mr. Harris his further motion, who was willing to defer untill those troubles wth the Indians were somewhat over, especially in those parts; where I suppose there will not be so much striving for land for a while." Gov. W. advises the appointment, by the Council, of commissioners to meet with those from the other colonies, so as to be ready when desired. [Col. Boundaries, I. 106.]

"A copy of the Governors' letters, of the four colonyes, concerning Mr. Harris his business," [Ibid. Doc. 119,] includes one from Gov. Leete, of July 6th, "testifying his ready compliance," &c, and naming Hon. James Richards and Major Edw. Palmes as the commissioners on the part of Conecticut. Mr. John Allyn was afterwards substituted in the place of Mr. Richards. Their commission is dated Aug. 16th, 1677.

A meeting of the commissioners was held at Pautuxet, Aug. 22d, 1677. Credentials were presented and read, and jurors designated, from Massachusetts, Plymouth, and Conecticut. But no commissioners being present from Rhode Island, it was decided that no further proceedings could be had; and the meeting was dissolved. [Ibid. Doc. 123.]

At a second meeting, convened at Providence, on the third of October following, (Mr. Daniel Wetherell and Capt. Geo. Denison appearing from Conecticut,) the commissioners "instated themselves into court order," inpannelled a jury, and proceeded to hear and determine the several matters in controversy between Mr. Harris and the occupants or claimants of lands at and near Pawtuxet. The

record of their proceedings, with the verdicts of the jury in the several cases presented, the demurrer of the Rhode Island Commissioners, and the decision of the court,—in Col. Boundaries, Vol. I. Doc. 125.*

No. XXI. (p. 316.)

“REPORT OF A COMMITTEE ABOUT NARRAGANSETT, JUNE, 1677.”

[Col. Boundaries, I. 117.]

June 16, 1677. According to ord^r of the Gen^l Court, we the subscribers made o^r way into the Narraganset Country, on the eleventh of the same instant, 1677 ; and have taken a view of that part of the Country as time would permit, and shall present this as o^r return for a more perticuller satisfaction of this Honoured Gen^l Assembly.

Imp^s. From Qantacuntauge alias Mr. Thomas Stanton senior his farme, west to Poynt Judah and to the River called by the Indians Massagagtuckuck in the common road, as the passage runs towerds Mr. Jeremiah Bull's east, and down to the sea south, and into the woods north, to the north end of the great pond called Quebaqauge, wee esteeme the land to be very good and suiteing for husbandry, both for corn and grass, and a suffitiency for entertayning two plantations, one hundred families at lest for a plantation.

2. From Masagatuckuck at the sayd common road west, and to the mill pond at Petaquamscutt east, and all Poynt Judah, upon the sea south, and into the woods northerly or northwest ; from the east or south east side of Petaquamscutt Hill three miles, upon o^r best estimation we judg there is a suffitiencye of good land to accommodate one hundred families ; and for those three forementioned tracts of land are harbours for smal craft to enter upon the mayne.

3. From the foresayd mills pond at Petaquamscutt westerly, taking in all Boston Neck, and to the brook by Capt. William Hudson's house east, and all the land belonging to his house lott, we conclude is fully suited with good land both for corn and grass, to accommodate one hundred families at least, to run northerly to Suger Loaf Hill.

4. From Boston Neck and the brook by Capt. Hudson's house on the west, to Acqeednesit Mil brooke, to the place where the Mil doeth stand that belongeth to one Swet, north-east, or east of the north, and on the sea south-east, and from thence into the woods north-west, or bearing to the north, up to the great playn, all which we haue viewed, and conceive there is good land enough to give enterteynment to four score families, this place being suited with sundry places for harbours.

5. From the former place and tract of land up to the old Sunk Squa's land, with a playn adjacent taken in with it, we apprehend

* An abstract of these proceedings, and of the subsequent doings of the commissioners, is given in Staples's Ann. of Prov. pp. 583-5. The verdict of the jury, and its acceptance by the Court, did not finally determine the controversy.

will suite one hundred families at lest, with good land, being scituate within three miles of a harbour.

6. Alsoe we have taken a survaigh of a place called (by the Indians) Chippachooag, in which tract of land, are meadows lying in two places, one being a boggy mead, by which are several playnes of very good land for corn, which place will give enterteynm^t sufficient to six score families at lest, the sayd tract of land lying southwest from the Sunk Squa's plantation, being about eight miles from the harbour at Capt. Hudson's house, that land being bounded by a great pond called Acqueebapaguck on the west, and on the northernmost branch of a River called (by the Indians) Shannuck and by the English Paugatuck.

7. Alsoe we apprehend that on the west side of Shannuck alias Paugatuck River, being scituate on the west of the foresayd Chippachooag, there is sufficient land both meadow and upland to accommodate fourescore famlyies at least.

We have received information from credible p^{rs}ons whom (we presume) are well acquainted with the state of y^e Narraganset affayres, who say that there are sundry purchasers, viz. Capt. Samuel Wilbor, Mr. John Porter, Mr. Sam^l Wilson, Mr. John Hull, Mr. Thomas Mumford, Mr. William Brenton, Mr. Benidick Arnald Sen^r, that haue purchased about fourteen miles from Poynt Judah northward and fifteen miles from thence west.

In the foresayd tracts of land we finde noe place for settling of farmes but will proue very prejudiciall to the plantations that may be layd out.

Wee are allsoe enformed by Petaquamscutt men, that Boston Neck is allready taken up by sundry persons, namely,

By Major Atherton,	660.
By Mr. Smith Sen ^r ,	660.
By Mr. Smith Jun ^r ,	660.
By Major Winthrop,	660.
By Capt. Willyt,	660.
By Mr. Boston & Payn,	660.
By Capt. Hutchinson,	760.
By Capt. Hudson,	660.

5380.

Seaven of those eight purchasers have five hundred acres for each person, running on a northwest lyne from the head of the mill pond at Georg Palmer's, and soe runs vntill it meets with a south west lyne from a maple tree at Mr. Smith's and to the great playne west.

We received a letter from Major Cranston at Adqueednesit that himselfe with six other of the Assistants belonging to Road Island, as wee were informed by his messengers, and that with them were come forty men, to be settled in plantation wise at Elizabeth's Springs, north of Mr. Gould's about three miles towards Warwick in the way to Boston; and answer was returned to the sayd letter.

pr Yo^r humble serv^{ts}, JOHN TALCOTT,
JOHN BANKES.

No. XXII. (p. 315.)

LETTERS FROM REV. JAMES FITCH, RESPECTING UNCAS AND THE
SURRENDERERS.

[To the General Court. Indians, Vol. I. Doc. 32.]

To the Right Worshipfull Governour and Assistants, wth the Deputies assembled at Hartford :—

Whereas the Lord in his iust iudgment hath vexed vs by a foolish people & those who are no people, and hath scourged vs by the heathen, the rod of his anger, vntill his bowells were troubled for vs, and then he destroyed [multitu*]des and forced some to submit for feare, and thus hath given a p[]at rod into your hands ; & many consultations have beene how to [do fai]thfully according to the promise made in the day of distress and h[ow to ove]rcome evill with goodness, that coales of fire might be heap'd vpon [the] heads of your enemies by your mercie towards them, either for the [heate] to melt them or to consume them ; and what orders and in[structions] I have received concerning the remnant of surrenderers is well knowne ; and what hath beene done of late for their settlement is no less than duetie for me to give in the account.

The names of the men who wth their wives & children are settled at Shawtukket, wth the consent of the inhabitants of Norwich, vpon a triall for this yeare, are these following : Kockanampauit with his familie, Wintakamon etc., Vxell etc, Mashantup etc, Patakeet etc, Naushanshak etc, Oushpenou etc, Noquittemou, Kottini etc, Mattawaushk, Nuntewawus. Pamberook, Wamtanemaug etc, Ousenoo etc, Sunkelaupun etc, Webekunck, Webequiun, Kitchemoo, Waessit, Manaatch etc, Washashup, Auwussemauge, Mattakumpauitt, Queecumin, Paapeeunguenunt etc, Akompanit etc, Yauwantuck etc, Waaguinegut, Massalunit ; in all 29 ; the generalitie being heads of families. I am sufficiently inform'd there are a considerable number more abiding wth Vncus, who doubtless are willing to come and settle wth the others, but are meerly hinder'd by Vncus ; and therefore I doe humbly beseech you to consider whether if punishment be inflicted, it ought not to be [not] vpon the sufferers of the wronge but vpon the doers of the wronge. And Vncus & the Moheegs doe comonly say that there are many surrenderers amongst the Pequotts, and the Narragansetts : but I must leave these and all such considerations wth you.

And now Honrd & Beloved, whether I have in these or any thing els done you service, or not, yet I beseech you charitably to accept of my good will ; and for the future let me be freed from these concerns. I doe the rather desire it, because at p^rsent it's onely the civill management of a matter respecting publique safetie, better becoming some other : and although I doe not discern but that the surrenderers are abundantly contented wth their settlement, and are glad they are from vnder the yoake of Vncus his monarchy, but the feare I have least the Lord of Hosts hath not done scourging vs, and least I should miss it in my transactions wth the heathen to the hazard

* A portion of the letter is defaced.

of publique safetie, this very supposition is sometimes too heaue for me to beare, that I cannot but desire you would comitt these occasions into the hands of some better able to manage them. And so I shall add no more at p'sent, but my earnest desires that the good will of Him who dwelt in our burning bush would be wth you to direct & bless these & all your publique concerns, for his glory, & for publique safetie; w^{ch} is the prayer of youre humble servant,

4th May (78)
Norwich.

JAMES FITCH.

["To the Worshipfull Captain John Allyn." Ibid. Doc. 33.]

Worshipfull S^r,

The enclosed, containing an account of affaires respecting the Surrenderers settled at Shawtuckket, I have desired it may be communicated to the Court. The reasons are because I perceive that some of the Court have beene vnsatisfied with my meddling in such affaires; and if they can see their way otherwise to dispose of those occasions, I shall be glad: but if at present I must endure the trouble, if they have a hande to putt it vpon me, it may be for the future they will be more sparing to speake harsh things. However, I doe apprehend it will be more safe for the Governour and yourself, that whatever be done of this kinde may be an act of the Court. It's good to prepare for the worst, whatever the event may be at length, concerning matters needfull to be inquired after in the p'sent iuncture of affaires.

I gave you a writing when the Govern^r & yourself were at my house, concerning the frame of Vncus his actings from the beginning of the warres to that time; & what hath been since I shall sumariely mention.

You are acquainted wth Paapeguenoo's confession, when he was in prison;—that his leading away surrenderers & servants was by Vncus his order; and the circumstances to evince the truth of it are,

1. Papegueno was so longe and so open in his preparations for that motion, that it could not be hid from Vncus, but he knewe of it and vsed no meanes to prevente it. It may be Vncus will say he was not at home at that time, but at Saibrooke; but the answer is full,—that usually when the time is come to doe mischeife or act some straunge thinge, he at that time slippeth away to Saibrooke; thus it hath been when any of the surrenderers were to run away; thus when our cattle have been kill'd; thus when this man was lately kill'd at Shawtukket: that hence, both from our English & Indeans, there is an expectation of something horrible. So that this covert is worne so thredbare & thin, that every one amongst vs doe see through it.

2^d. W Paapegueno went Anacobin, a Moheag, a man of greate account wth Vncus, neerly related to him; but none can beleive that he would goe away from Vncus, vnles it were to be agent for Vncus.

3^d. It's not onely Paapeguenoo's confession, but comonly graunted & owned by the Moheegs, that this was wth Vncus his consent; onely they were affraid so to speake that Vncus shall knowe of it.

Concerning the surrenderers since that time:—1. When last summer he had timely warning of Major Talcoat's coming by order of Court to his towne, to act concerning the surrenderers, but not one surrenderer then to be seene, vnles it were a very aged man, in token of derision, &c.—2^d. Vncus at that time did againe promise that the surrenderers should be settled the next September at Shawtucket; and after much meanes & longe waiting, many are detained by him; if he denies it he may be inquired of whether he hath not with him, Kewéebhunt, Koawalk, Maukechakeman, Kohsequinnont, who are heades of families, and many more whose names in time may be knowne.

I shall send up Kockanampuit and two more of the surrenderers; and you may by meanes of them knowe Vncus his fallacy; onely let their names be kept private; they are afraid to be seene before Vncus. And that which you say to them for their encouragement to settle where they are, will be an encouragement to the others. And indeed Kockanampuit, a man well knowne to Major Tallcott to be the guide of the army, he hath bene principally instrumentall to draw off those surrenderers from Vncus, and to settle them at Shawtucket. But it's manifest that Vncus his favour is not towards him as formerly; and it's his brother was killed at Shawtucket.

Concerning the death of that man:—1. Vncus sends a message the night before to the Shawtucket Indians, to warne them (as he pretended) that Mohawks were in the woods; but none scene by the Indians, who were scouting out every way. 2. Many men & wimen & children were that day passing every waye, & yet no harme nor shewe of danger to any, but onely that which was done to this one man nigh the forte. 3. Since the warres hath been ended, no such mischeife in other parts of the countrie, but all in a quiet posture. But we are allarum'd with one straunge accident after another. Not so at Connecticott, not so at seaside, nor Pequotts. What is the reason of this? seeing it's well knowne that his owne men dare not act contrarye to his pleasure, and his enemies are more affraid to come neere to him then to all other Indians in these parts of the country, because of his strength.

Concerning Indian servants hidden & sheltered by Vncus: if inquirye be made, it may be Mr. Plumb of New London will speake to that case; and Owaneko will not denye but he received 20s. in monyes, upon the account of delivering his servant to him, when he had hid the servant severall dayes: and Ensigne Post I suppose is readye to make manifest Vncus his fallacies, in alluring away his servant and then hiding of her, &c. His falsness of this kinde is so notorious that if he be not restrain'd it will not be possible for the English to keepe any Indian servant.

I shall add no more but onely that w^{ch} is so comonly knowne not onely to myself but any who have oportunitie wth him in the companie of Indians wth him,—so reproachfully to vilifye our rulers, our lawes & religion, and is the greate opponent of any meanes of souls' good & concernment to his people, and abounding more & more in

dancings & all manner of heathenish impieties since the warrs ; and vilifying what hath been done by the English, and attributing the victory to their Indian helps, &c.

S^r, I am wearie wth writing, and it may be you will be so wth reading these wearisome matters. I pray conceale my name ; and if there be any argument from the frame of these particulars, let it be improov'd. Onely I know not when to have done ; for even now Kockanampauit (whom I mentioned before,) wth some other surrenderers will come vp to see wth what countenance the Court will looke vpon them & to heare whether you will confirme them in their liberties in the place where they are ; and in p^ticular whether you will express any sympathy for the loss of one of their principall men ; and they say, they have not right done to them, in restoring those surrenderers who were taken away by Leivtenant Holinstor [?] &c. I wish them to speake when they have an oportunitie. You are better able to answer them in that matter then I can. So with my earnest desires that God would be wth you & direct & bless you in all your concerns, wth my servise to yourself & Mrs. Allyn,—I know you will present these to the veiw of our Hon^d Govern^r,—I remaine, Yours humbly to serve,

JAMES FITCH, sen.

5th May, (78) Norw^{ch}.

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