

1678, he was appointed "to administer the oath to the com'rs in Fairfield County, and again in 1691 "for Stratford, Norwalke, Stamford and Greenwich."

At the General Court in 1691, he introduced a very important bill, which shows him to have been a patron of learning, and keenly alive to the importance of a school system, supported and controlled by the State. Indeed we may claim him as one of the originators of the present school system of Connecticut. As being of interest to the educator as well as to the family, this bill is given entire.

"Whereas by an Act of ye Court in May, 1690, two Grammar Scooles were stated and appointed, ye one at Hartford, and ye other at New Haven, and 60 pounds a year allowed to be paid toward ye mayntaunance of each of ye s'd scooles, out of ye public treasury of this Collony, as in and by ye s'd act of ye Court may more fully appear.

"This Court on further consideration of ye matter, do judge it convenient and necessary for ye increase and incouragement of good literature, in ye education of youth for public service and usefulness, that there shall be two other grammar scooles besides ym. already appoynted, viz. : one at Fayrefield, and another at New London, for ye ease and better advantage of ye said two counties, and that for the future, ye 60 pounds payable out of the publick treasury shall be paid as followeth, viz., 15*l.* per annum to each of ye s'd countie townes, that doth maintayne a grammar scoole, according to the true intent of this act, and ye s'd 15*l.* to be made 50*l.* per annum to each of ye s'd scooles."

This Bill after consideration by the Court was rejected, as it was thought that the colony could scarcely give the needed support to four schools of such character.

The last mention of him in the Records of the Colony is in 1693, when the Court granted to Mr. Jehu Burr and to Mr. John Burr, their heirs and assigns forever, "about 50 acres of rocky and uneven land lying on each side of the upper side of a piece of meadow land before laid out to them."

On p. 202 of the Fairfield Town Records there is this entry: "Jehu Burr having held quiet possession of a house-lot for 15 years, it is granted him;" and in June, 1681, there is a record of his exchanging and selling several parcels of land. His long lot in Fairfield was the 94th from the Stratford line, and was 38 rods, 12 links in width.