

helped to create the power and glory of England for ages, many of them having given their lives in every generation, gallantly fighting under the accidental kings and tyrants. Nearly all these Dudleys bore the same arms as our Gov. Thomas, and were his relatives, a fact of which he was well aware.

In regard to the persecution of the friends and servants of Theophilus, there is a letter of Edward Heron preserved, which was written July 28, 1627, and addressed to Sir Humphrey May, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, which says that Mr. Holland, the Earl's Steward, had been seen within a month or six weeks, upon the terrace walks of Sempringham Castle, "but since that time," says the letter, "it is privately whispered, that he is now removed to the house of one Mr. Thomas Dudley, in Boston, who did also of late times wait upon the said Earl; and it is very probable, because Mr. Holland's wife is observed to make frequent voyages from Sempringham unto Boston, and to abide sometime two or three days,—sometimes a week together."\*\*\* "Yet," continues Heron, "you may understand that this Mr. Dudley, though reported to have £300 per annum, (some say £400) refused upon our earnest request, to bear 30 shillings towards the loan with a neighbor that was deeply charged, as we have informed in our certificates unto the Lords of the Council, whereof I beseech your Honor to direct the delivery."

Then Mr. Heron proceeds thus: "Since writing hereof, I understand that one Adam Reston, brother-in-law unto the said Mr. Holland, came riding through our street on Friday in the night, the 20th of this month with a gentlewoman behind him, supposed to be the wife of Mr. Holland, going towards Boston; and another Gent. seeming unwilling to be known."\*

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\*This writer, Heron, was Sir Edward Heron of Cressy Hall, in the county of Lincoln. He was connected with Isaac Johnson's family. His daughter Thalia became second wife of Johnson's half-brother Ezekiel Johnson, second son of Isaac's father, Abram Johnson of South Luffenham in Lincolnshire. Ezekiel's mother was Cicely, dau. of Lawrence Chadderton, D. D. Isaac was born A. D. 1600, and lived at Clipsham in Rutlandshire. He died in 1630, and lies buried in King's Chapel graveyard at Boston, Mass., of which town he was a benefactor, and never will be forgotten. The Johnsons were a house of considerable eminence. Isaac's grandfather was Arch-deacon of Leicester, and his great grandfather, an M. P. and Alderman of Stamford in Lincolnshire. (See N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg. 1854, p. 359.)

Isaac Johnson, a few days before he and Dudley, with the others, sailed from England for New England in 1630, made his will and appointed "Thomas Dudley" of Clipsham in the county of Rutland one of his executors. So it seems Dudley lived there sometime. Probably he had helped Johnson arrange his