

Exeter. His original judicial orders in his own handwriting, are preserved at Exeter, being on small pieces of paper.* I suppose these orders were transcribed into a Book, as some of them are indorsed upon the back, "*Entered in ye Boke.*"

By these transactions I am reminded that he might have seen and conversed with his eldest brother, Rev. Samuel Dudley; who was then living in Exeter at the age of 71. Joseph might have learned much of his father's early life from Rev. Samuel, who had been reared and educated in England. This information would be valuable for Joseph, when he should visit the mother country, as he soon after did. He found plenty of friends in England from the first, and seemed to feel at home there. It would be interesting to his London friends to hear Joseph relate, that his own father had received a commission from Queen Elizabeth, and that his grandfather fought under King Henry IV. of France, and fell at the Battle of Ivry.

Mr. Dudley, with a shrewd eye to future preferment attached himself to the conservative party, in 1680. This led to his agency to England, whither he and Major John Richards were sent two years later.

Judge Sewall records in his Diary, Feb. 2, 1682-3, that Edward Dudley died that day at 6 o'clock, and his funeral would be on the 6th at 3 P. M. This was the second son of Gov. Joseph, aged 12 years. The family record says, he died Feb. 1. He bore the name of his mother's father, Edward Tyng.

Joseph Dudley and John Richards were this year sent to England to endeavor to save the old charter of the Colony. Why should not the sons of the pilgrims try to preserve that venerable relic, which their shrewd and honored fathers had secured from the tyranny of Charles I.? It was indeed an old palladium; but fit for worship, rather than a constitution of an advanced state. The rest of the world did not look at it in the same light as these provincials did. They remembered the persecution of the sectaries, the hanging

* A JUDICIAL ORDER OF GOV. DUDLEY, WHILE AN ASSISTANT
IN 1677.

"Upon complaint of the Marshal of the County of Dover and Portsmouth that in defect of a Jailer at Dover Prison, the place appointed by the County for the reception of prisoners, there was no place of restraint for persons sentenced by them upon debt, or otherwise sentenced by this court. It is therefore ordered that the Marshal of said county and constables respectively have liberty, and hereby, I empower Dover to commit persons to said custody upon previous execution or otherwise unto the prison in the fort at Great Island; and Richard Abbot, gunner of said fort is appointed keeper, and to have fees paid him according to law. And this shall be their order. JOSEPH DUDLEY, Assistant,

3, 9, 1677.

And appointed to hold the Present Session."