

care for one hundred more from hence and I would have you raise me one company of volunteers of sixty and see if we can not get to Norrigwalk. Twenty days or a few more will serve the turn. Confer with Major Walton about it, and put forward, and see after your snow shoes according to Law, and I will see you a fortnight hence, if God please. Write me on this head.

I am, Sir, your affectionate Kinsman,

J. DUDLEY."

Capt. Dudley wrote me about his Garrison. Make him easy.

This letter bears the following direction :

" For her Majesty's Service,

To Lt. Colonel Hilton,

Exeter."

Col. Winthrop Hilton was a son of Edward Hilton and Ann (Dudley). The "Capt. Dudley," referred to, was probably Theophilus Dudley, son of Rev. Samuel, and uncle to Hilton.

Here is another letter which was sent a little later :—

" March 1, 1704.

DEAR KINSMAN :—I thank your care abroad. I have now commissioned Chesley, the bearer, to march a party of Volunteers to the Eastward. Encourage John Flip to attend him and get Captains Guilman and Coffin to assist him with snow-shoes. I will take it very kindly that you will keep him company a day or two and push him forward. Let Guilman and Sutier Coffin be payed to assist. A day's loss now will spoyle all.

I am your affectionate uncle,

Major Hilton.

J. DUDLEY."

These letters continue to tell how bravely the struggle went on till Col. Hilton's death.

In 1705, when the Governor was at Portsmouth, he wrote to Maj. Waldron, the following letter :

PORTSMOUTH, May 1, 1705.

At twelve hours' warning, upon the receipt of this, send the twenty men last drawn out to Exeter, to Lt. Col. Hilton, with their arms, ammunition and ten days' provision to serve in the march, whereof Lt. Nath. Parker of York be onc, and if he shall desire it at his return, let another York man be listed in his stead.

I am your humble Servant,

To Major Walton at Nechawanock.

J. DUDLEY."