

the year of his first marriage, when he was styled "late of Shrewsbury, in East Jersey, cooper." He did not, however, follow that calling long, as in 1681 he was appointed Surveyor-General of the Province of West New Jersey, which position he held until the close of the year 1710. His book of surveys covering that period is still in a good state of preservation, is known by his name, and can be found at the office of the present surveyor-general, where also is the original of the accompanying Map of Burlington, which was made by Daniel Leeds in 1696, and is the oldest map of that city now extant. This was one of the most responsible and difficult positions in the province, and his having remained the incumbent for a period of twenty-nine years clearly proves him to have had a good knowledge of his profession. It is evident that he had the advantage of a somewhat better education than most of his contemporaries.

Mr. Leeds was also a compiler of Almanacs, which were issued as early as 1682, as appears by an entry in the minutes of the Burlington Monthly Meeting, for which see *Appendix XIV*. He continued to publish them for many years, and was succeeded by his son Titian.*

In 1682 he served as one of the members of the Assembly, but does not appear to have been reelected. In 1703, on the arrival of the new Governor, Viscount Cornbury, he became one of the most active partisans of that nobleman, serving during the entire term of his administration as one of his Council, until finally unseated, on the petition of Messrs. Forster, Townley, Hoddy, Hall, Harrison, and Hamilton, addressed to the Lords of Trade, who, May 31st, requested Her Majesty Queen Ann to remove Mr. Leeds and Mr. Thomas Revell, which request was granted at a meeting of the Queen in Council, June 26, 1708.

The petitioners alleged that he was one of the persons made use of by Lord Cornbury to keep out unjustly three members of the Assembly, one of whom was Thomas Gardiner, Esq., until they had procured several acts to pass which were very prejudicial to the country.† June 7, 1708, he was commissioned fourth

*These Almanacs can be found at the Philadelphia Library, and at the libraries of the New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania Historical Societies.

† New Jersey Archives, Vol. III, pp. 2, 64, 155, 290, 301, 309.