

Thames complained in 1724 that their business was hurt and their workmen emigrated, caused by the building of so many vessels in New England.

Margery had arrived at the age of seventeen when she first saw Colonel Pepperrell, who, smitten with her youthful charms, was not slow in making his impressions known; but he was so poor that Margery would not listen to him, and the prosperous ship-builder did not favor the young fisherman from Appledore. However, in a few years, by his industry and frugality, he acquired enough to send out a brig, which he loaded to Hull, England. By this time Margery was out of her teens, and her father gave his consent. They were married and built the Pepperrell mansion at Kittery, which is still used as a dwelling-house. In the next half century the largest fortune then known in New England was accumulated in this house.

Colonel Pepperrell's letters to his captains are written in a good hand:

“Pascataqua 1 day May 1712 John Vennard you beeing now master of ye sloupe Mirram now riding in ye harbor of Pascataqua by God's grace bound to Antego my order is for you to imbrace ye first fare wind God shall send and saile derectly for Antego and being thare arrived my order is for you to adres your selfe to Mr Anthony Mountero and to him delevre my letters and goods.”

“Copey of this I reed which by God's assistance I intend to follow.” Signed

JOHN VENNARD.

Colonel Pepperrell educated his children in the best manner the time and place permitted:

Andrew, born July 1, 1681. Married Jane Elliot.