

NELSON FAMILY.

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	£	s.	p.
To do to Porters shifting his Goods		2.	6.
To Mrs. Gibbs for Rent & p. Acct.	20.	14.	6½.
A Wig	1.	6.	
To Thomas Inman Tayler, pbill	15.	16.	9.
To Cash pd for a ring to Lord Temple	1.	1.	0.
To P. Ryan Tayler pr Bill	1.	15.	0.
To a Suit Mourning	7.	13.	6.
A Frock Mourning	2.	6.	6.
To Cash pd his Nurse 1 quarter	1.	10.	
To Cash pd at Brumley, for sundrys		19.	6.

Some Account of John I Nelson. (HUTCHINSON'S HISTORY OF THE COLONY OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY.)

Mr. Nelson was a gentleman of good family, and a near relation to Sir Thomas Temple, an enemy to the tyrannical government of Andros, but an episcopalian in principle, and of a gay free temper, which prevented his being allowed any share in the administration after it was settled, although he was at the head of the party that demanded the surrender of the fort. He went, not long after, upon a trading-voyage to Nova Scotia, where he was taken by a party of French or Indians, and carried to Quebec. Notwithstanding the slight put upon him, yet such was his regard for his country that he ran very great risk of his life in an attempt to give intelligence of the designs of the French. The following letter remaining upon Massachusetts files ought to be made public to do honor to his memory:

AUGUST 26, 1692.

About 14 days ago arrived two men-of-war and six merchant ships from France, which came furnished with recruits of provision, ammunition, 30 more great guns, 24 paterarves, one mortar and 30 shells. A little before the arrival of these ships, Madockawando, the Penobscot Sa-