

being a people that love their own interest ; and do know and study it as much as others, &c. As to our fishery on the coast of Cape Sables, I find they will obstruct us if they can, and that nothing but a vigorous asserting of our uninterrupted right and custom will preserve us herein ; But having in my former memorial said what is necessary on this and other subjects, I shall not now further detain your lordships, hoping, that about three weeks hence, I may be in London, where if in any thing I may yet be serviceable, I shall at all times be ready to obey your lordships' commands, &c.

I am, with all profound respect,
 Your lordships' most humble
 and most obedient servant,
 JOHN NELSON

Read November 17, 1698.

Letter from James Lloyd, Senator from Massachusetts, to Samuel Breck in Philadelphia. (MASS. HIST. SOC. PROC. 1863.)

August 20th, 1817.

MY DEAR SIR,—I notice, from your letter to Anna, that the motto on our carriage had attracted some attention, and become an object of speculation ; that in the newspapers it had been called a riddle ; and I also observe your wish to receive from me an explanation of it. From the propounder of a riddle, the solution you know, is not fairly to be expected ; in addition to which, the story will not only be long, but, being about a family connection, will be a prosing one, except to those immediately interested in it. I shall therefore feel no great inclination to give it, for the indulgence of an idle curiosity, to a common querist ; but from you the inquiry is a natural one, and I feel bound from many motives to accede to your request, and to furnish the reply to it which follows.