

all right. He was the first treasurer of the Colony. There seems to have been confidence in his fairness, for in 1629 he was chosen arbiter by the Brownes in a matter of theirs against the Company, of which Pynchon was a member.\*

At the General Court for March, 163 $\frac{1}{4}$ , he was fined £5 for not paying his rate without distraining, because, as he alleged, Roxbury was not taxed equally with other towns. This may have been merely for example, as the same Court remitted him £5 off of £25 of his agreement for the beaver trade. In 1635, he had bought land of Chicktaubut.

In March, 163 $\frac{5}{8}$ ,† William Pynchon, Esq., Henry Smyth (his son-in-law), William Westwood and five others were appointed to "governe the people att Connecticut" for the next year.

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\* Massachusetts Colonial Records, Volume 1, page 51.

† "Early in 1636, they shipped their goods on board Governor Winthrop's vessel, the 'Blessing of the Bay,' for the Connecticut river. The hardy emigrants threaded their way across the country, and arrived at their place of destination during the first days of May." On the 14th of May, eight signed an agreement, a copy of which appears in the Register, Vol. 13, pages 295-297. 1st. They propose to get a minister, with whom to "joyne in Church Covenant to walke in all the ways of Christ." 2nd. They intended forty families, "yet not to exceede the number of fifty familia, rich and poore," on territory which in 1859 had thirty thousand persons. There were other items, to the number of fifteen, one of which was that no one but Mr. Pynchon should have over ten acres in his home lot. "It is remarkable," says Mr. Stearns, "that not one of the twelve to whom were made the original allotments of land (eight of whom signed the original agreement), died there."

In 1638, Mr. Pynchon paid more than half the taxes. February 14, 1638, the settlers, finding they were not, as they supposed, in Connecticut, but within the limits of Massachusetts, chose Mr. Pynchon their Magistrate, by an agreement in his handwriting in Springfield Records.