

Agawam (Springfield) from the Massachusetts Colony to that on the River, which was not intended. This, says Palfrey, is the first time the word Springfield is used, and he quotes Hutchinson as saying Pynchon's English home had been at Springfield, near Chelmsford, in Essex.* In 1643, the commission was received. In 1645, the authority to hold Court ran to the Commissioners for the United Colonies and Mr. Pynchon.

In 1647, he is authorized to make freemen, such as "are in covenant, and live according to their profession." So important was he in the plantation of Springfield, that 1649, in arranging the papers left "in honored Mr. Winthrop's study," of the sixteen heads, No. 10 is writings from and concerning Mr. Pynchon, and no other Springfield head. They were all delivered in a "pillowby" (no doubt pillow-bier, a pillow case,) sealed up to the Secretary.

September 27, 1642, it was voted that he pay according to the order for the beaver trade. September, 1643, he was to pay for it from the time of running the line.

But the records show also the misfortunes of our subject, so highly honored, and called in 1650 William Pynchon, gentleman, Magistrate and Assistant. October 16, 1650, † is the declaration and protestation of the General Court about the book "brought over by a ship

Palfrey's History of New England, Volume 1, page 604; and see post-page 203.

† Massachusetts Colonial Records, Volume 3, page 215.