

The agreement to come over to New England with their families was made at Cambridge, Eng., in Aug. 1629, and signed by

Sir Richard Saltonstall,	Thomas Sharp,
Thomas Dudley,	Increase Nowell,
Wm. Vassall,	John Winthrop,
Nich West,	William Pynchon,
Isaac Johnson,	Kellam Brown,
John Humphrey,	Wm. Colburn.

They all came in the *Arbella*, except Humphrey, arriving at Salem, June 12, 1630.

Dudley had been chosen Deputy Governor, in England. Mr. Winthrop was the Governor, being intended to supersede Endicott on their arrival in the colony with the charter, which they were shrewd enough to bring with them. Any such business was safe in Thomas Dudley's hands. That charter was long kept as the bulwark of their liberty.

In Mr. Dudley's letter to the Countess of Lincoln, he says:—

"For the satisfaction of your honor and some friends, and for use of such as shall hereafter intend to increase our plantation in New England, I have, in the throng of domestic, and not altogether free from public business, thought fit to commit to memory our present condition, and what hath befallen us since our arrival here: which I will do shortly, after my usual manner and must do rudely, having yet no table, nor other room to write in, than by the fireside upon my knee, in the sharp winter; to which my family must have leave to resort, though they break good manners, and make me many times forget what I would say, and say what I would not."

Further on, in his letter, he describes the early fatality and discouragements he had, with the rest, to encounter, thus:

"And of the people who came over with us, from the time of their setting sail from England, in April, 1630, until December following, there died by estimation, about two hundred at the least, so low hath the Lord brought us!" [There were 840 who came with Winthrop and Dudley.] "Well, yet they, who survived, were not discouraged, but bearing God's correction with humility and trusting in his mercies and considering how, after a great ebb, He had raised our neighbors at Plymouth, we began again, in December to consult about a fit place to build a town upon, leaving all thoughts of a fort, because, upon any invasion we were necessarily to lose our houses when we should retire thereunto; so after divers meetings at Boston, Roxbury and Watertown, on the 28th of December, we grew to this resolution, to bind all the Assistants (Mr. Endicott and Mr. Sharpe