

A black person brought this year from Guinea was sent home to Africa. An allowance was made of £50, for the support of a school-master and a school-house, and £30 for an usher for Boston.

May 22, 1650. Thomas Dudley, Esq., chosen Governor. A charter of the President and Fellows of Harvard College was granted by the General Court, under the Seal of Massachusetts Bay and the Signature of Gov. Thomas Dudley. The date of the charter is May 31, 1650.

This year an act was passed permitting strangers to bring actions against each other in any of the courts. Laws against gaming or abetting it were made.

The law dispensing with jury trials was this year repealed, and the Jury System permanently re-established.

Many of our present court rules originated this year from acts of the General Court establishing courts of law and assigning to each of them its appropriate judicial powers, and prescribing the duties of court officials. A mint was also established for the coinage of silver money. The Pine-tree Shillings were now first coined!

But this sketch must close. This good man was far-seeing, and he worked and ruled for posterity. His course was not without some notable mistakes, yet he deserves well of his country, at least, for his good intentions. He was, in the language of his great cotemporary, Shakespeare,

"A man, that Fortune's buffets and rewards,  
Had ta'en with equal thanks: And blest is he,  
Whose blood and judgement are so well commingled,  
That he is not a pipe for Fortune's finger  
To sound what stop she please. Give me that man  
That is not Passion's slave, and I will wear him  
In my heart's core, aye, in my heart of hearts."