

that which you write about a minister, I understand, by my brother Dudley, that his son, D., is resolved to remove from the new town; and, if he have a call from your people and assurance of reasonable maintainance present, and what is likelihood of competence afterward, he will come to you." I don't know exactly what the date of this letter is, but Rev. Samuel Dudley removed from Cambridge to Ipswich, about 1635, and from there, he went to help settle Salisbury in 1638; and remained at S. about twelve years. He had a son, named Samuel, baptized at Boston, in 1639, although he must have been born at Salisbury. This son died in 1643. Mr. D's first wife, the daughter of Gov. Winthrop, died the same year, leaving a daughter, named Anne, who married Edward Hilton, one of the most prominent men in New Hampshire, and they have a great number of descendants now living.

Mr. Dudley married for his second wife, Mary Byley, sister of Mr. Henry Byley, from Salisbury, alias Sarum, England, for which this town was named. Mr. Samuel Dudley was chosen a deputy, or Representative, from Salisbury, to the General Court, at Boston, in 1641, 42, 43, 44, and 45.

In 1640, there were granted to Mr. Samuel Dudley, four acres for his house lot, lying upon the east of Mr. Worcester's house lot; also there were granted to him 20 acres for a planting lot, lying upon the east of his house lot, and upon the north of his own meadow lot; also there were granted to him 20 acres for his meadow lot, 16 acres of it lying at the south end of his planting lot, butting upon the west side of the Little River; also 30 acres upon the north side of Merrimac river, west of the Powow river.

At a general meeting of the freemen, in 1641, there were granted unto Samuel Dudley 100 acres in the same place toward Hampton, where the town shall think fit, and 60 acres in Salisbury Plain.

In 1643, at a general town meeting of the freemen, "it was ordered, that Mr. Dudley, Thomas Bradbury, Robert Pike, Mr. Munday and Isaac Russell shall have full powers to order all the affairs of the town of Salisbury, excepting about lands, from this day unto the first of Nov. next ensuing." He was often Chairman of the Selectmen and held other important town offices each year, as may be seen by the old registers.

In March, 1648, Mr. Samuel Dudley was appointed Associate Judge, with Richard Bellingham, Esq., and Mr. Samuel Symonds, to hold a court from year to year, at Salisbury, Mass. He was sometimes a Commissioner to settle boundaries of towns, lay out high-