

£20,000, by Mr. D's and Mr. B's affidavits, for which I was bail, etc."

Lord John Cutts sent Gov. Dudley the following letter :

"For his Majesty's Service,

To the Honorable

Col. Dudley, Lt. Governor of the Isle of Wight."

"Free

Cutts.

St. James's, May 14th, 1700.

SIR:—I desire you to assist Mrs. Hampton with present necessaries, (which Morris is order'd by this to repay you out of Parke-farm-Rents,) pray do this a little promptly, and it shall be made up in your affaires here.

Our Grand affayres are yet undecided ; we in great expectation. I am not idle in your affaire. Be as zealous for

Sir, your humble servant,

CUTTS."

But the Massachusetts agents got Lord Bellomont sent over as successor to Phips. "Col. Dudley was ready when Bellomont died, in 1701, to solicit for the place," say his enemies. He had many offices at his option, Deputy Gov. of the Isle of Wight, Chief Justice of New York, M. P. &c. Still they ridiculed his "passion for his native country," that made him anxious to reign here. However, he had many powerful friends on both sides of the water.*

Moreover the Dissenters in England and some noted clergymen here, of whom, was Dr. Cotton Mather, joined in promoting the interest and exalting the reputation of Col. Joseph Dudley. But many, at least, secretly continued to oppose Dudley's friends ; and in the year 1701, according to Hon. Sam'l Sewall's Diary, four members of the Provincial council, as he was told wrote letters to their agent, Lord Ashurst, in London, unfavorable to Mr. D. These were Messrs. Waite, Winthrop, Cooke, Elisha Hutchinson and Sargent.

A great change now came over the phase of national affairs. King William, the warrior, died on the 8th of March, 1702. His queen, Mary, eldest daughter of James the Second, had died eight years before. Princess Anne, wife of Prince George of Denmark, the second daughter of James II., immediately became Queen of England, and Mr. Dudley was, by her, appointed Governor of the Provinces of Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Wm. III. had signed Dudley's commission just before he died, but

* "Capt. Moore, Master of the King's tennis courts, is by the lord Cutts made Deputy Governor of the Isle of Wight in the room of Col. Dudley going governor of New England, 14 Aug., 1701."—*Luttrell's Relation of State Affairs*, V. 62.