

Nov. 25, 1707. At this date the disputes between the Governor and his Counsellors were quite entertaining. The "true inwardness" may be seen by Judge Sewall's records.

Several of the public officers seemed to be seeking personal ends. If one was hindered in his ambitious aims, he would vote against those that opposed him. Some had joined the enemies of Gov. Dudley for such reasons. The Governor was constantly discovering their secret proceedings.

One day he moved that Mr. Newton might be sent for, which was done. Then the Governor reminded him of the confession he had made of signing the petition against Dudley; and Mr. Newton renewed his acknowledgment of misdoing, and excused it by saying that he was surprised by being told that the Governor had written against his being collector.

One thing the Governor stated to which Judge Sewall afterwards demurred; and that was, that the Council had already voted against

ROXBURY, 24 January, 1707.

SIR:—This desires and impowers you to take command of a shore expedition eastward to Casco Bay where you may lie four or five days for your refreshment, and then march to Kenebec and eastward where the enemy is most likely to be found. Impress of your own province of New Hampshire, twenty able soldiers and march to York and demand of Heath forty able soldiers out of the three companies in the province of Maine, which this commands him to draw and deliver you. Take fresh victuals and other necessaries for your soldiers of Mr. Treasurer Penhallow and the Commissaries on the province of Mayne, as are needful to bring you to Casco. Stay there for your refreshment and demand of Captain Moody thirty men to keep you company with his Lieutenant, or other good officer, and then march the whole for twenty days' service and return; leave Capt. Moody his men and take a circle with the rest in your return. Show these orders to every one concerned, both of the officers of the forces and and stores, and if they desire it, give a copy so far as concerns that officer. Give Capt. Heath notice presently, of the time of your coming to him for his men and let Capts. Lane and Lyon march with you. If you cannot march yourself give Lane the command, though I most earnestly desire your service, if it may be had.

Let me hear from you everywhere.

Your servant,

J. DUDLEY.

Give these orders to the commanding officers marching, if you cannot proceed.

On her Majesty's service,

To Col. Hilton, Exeter.

By Capt. Laraby.

BOSTON, 2 Feb., 1707.

SIR:—The weather is altered since I wrote you by Laraby; if you doubt of the water being out and impassable, let me hear from you, and if you see your draught of men ready from Captain Heath as I ordered, and enlist your twenty of Hampshire, and if the weather open, I will give you a good decked vessel about a fortnight hence and you shall go alongshore and land where you please. I believe this will be best. Give me account by the post, of your proceedings herein and stay your march.

Write me every post,

I am your affectionate uncle,

To Col. Hilton, Exeter.

J. DUDLEY.

To be forwarded by Mr. Secretary Story.