

the petition *unanimously*. The Secretary of the Council and others, went to see Mr. Cotton Mather about the letter attributed to him, denouncing the Governor, and stayed two hours or more. The old Dr. Increase Mather was present too. Dr. Cotton M. neither denied nor owned the authorship of the letter. Sewall says, the Council invited the Governor to dinner to-day. I drank to his Excellency, and presented my duty to him. Col. Townsend drank to me.

"Friday, Nov. 28, 1707, the Gov. asked to have the several votes of the Council, etc., printed, *viz.*: that of the Representatives July 9, 1706, that of the Council Nov. 1, and that of the Representatives Nov. 21, to prevent the spread of false reports. I said I could not vote upon it, because I had withdrawn my vote. The Governor said, "I pray God judge between me and you!" Col. Townsend told me I was a "temporizer." I hoped Mr. Higginson would be Governor, and endeavored to procure his favor.

"Prayer.—Lord, do not depart from me, but pardon my sin; and fly to me in a way of favorable protection." This is a remarkable way to try to undermine Dudley by the help of the Great Judge. Suppose God should have come flying, as he imagined the witches did, and helped him to beat Joseph. Would it have been fair and just? Was it not like trying to tamper with a jury? I think Joseph's

BOSTON, 29 Sept. 1707.

DEAR COUSIN:—By the post I have letters from Mr. Penhallow, Capt. Heath and others, acquainting me of the number and certainly of the approach of the enemy, which I had not when I wrote last. I know not how far you have proceeded upon my last orders, in dismissing the troops. I hope you have not yet sent so many of them away as to leave the Province in distress.

I thank you for your early march with the Piscatay foot. I desire you, with them and what detachment you think proper of the standing forces and inhabitants, to use all possible means to discover the enemy, their rendezvous and canoes. Southack is gone to Casco with a reinforcement, and Col. March with a sloop and men to Saco, for fear of mischief there. If you think they be drawn off you may continue to send away so many of the troops as are not useful, and keep the others. This is your order for it and do not march off your post until you be certain of their removal. I leave the whole matter to your disposal and am,

Sir, your affectionate uncle,

J. DUDLEY.

In her Majesty's service,

To Col. Winthrop Hilton.
Wells.

Here is a letter superscribed

J. Dudley.

SIR:—I wrote you lately at your own desire, referring to the Garrison, Soldiers and Scouts, which I suppose you have observed. I have now a sorrowful letter from Mrs. Chesley that she is not regarded. I pray you to let Col. Hilton see this letter, and between you, order it so that she be contented and secured and let your scouts see upon the snow, what can be found of the enemy being near you.

I am your humble servant,

Boston, 21 Nov., 1707.

To Major Smith.

J. DUDLEY.