

of the House of Commons for the borough of Newton on the Isle of Wight, in the last Parliament of King William, from whom he first rec'd his commission for this government, but staying in England till his Majestyes death, he was obliged to get his commission renewed from Queen Anne, with which he Arrived at Boston the 11th of June, 1702, and was rec'd with great respect and Affection, and continued in the government until Nov. 1715, saving an Intermission of about 7 weeks, that the government devolved upon His Majestys Council.

“ He was a man of rare endowments and Shining Accomplishments, a singular Honor to his Country, and, in many Respects, the Glory of it; he was early its Darling, always its Ornament, and, in age, its Crown. The Scholar, the Devine, the Philosopher and the Lawyer, all met in him.

“ He was visibly formed for government; and under his administration (by God Almighty's blessing) we enjoyed great quietness, and were safely steered thro' a long and difficult Indian and french war.

“ His country have once and again thankfully acknowledged his abilities and fidelity in their addresses to the throne. He truly Honored and loved the Religion, learning and virtue of New England, and was himself a worthy patron and example of them all. Nor did so bright a soul dwell in a less amiable body, being a very comely person of noble aspect and graceful mien, having the gravity of a judge and the goodness of a father.

“ In a word he was a finished gentleman, of a most polite address; and had uncommon elegancies and charmes in his conversation. 'Tis said a funeral sermon will be Preached for him at the Public Lecture in Boston the next Thursday.”\*

Judge Sewall continues :

“ Sept. 21, 1722. Madam Rebecca Dudley, widow of Gov. Joseph, dies at 2 A.M., of diarrhea.”

She was daughter of Edward Tyng, Esq., one of the Mass. Magistrates. She was born July 13, 1651, married in 1669, and had 13 children, of whom seven lived to maturity and married.

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\* Judge Paul, son of Gov. Joseph Dudley, was living in Boston at this time, at the age of 45 years.