

and well approved here, for his piety, liberality, wisdom and gravity, joining us, we came to the resolution to delay no longer, and so in April, 1630 we embarked from England with four good ships, and arrived here all safely in the following June and July. In the same year, thirteen more of our ships came over safely to New England."

He advises in this letter that no one should come over at that time expecting to make his fortune here, but if a person had abundant means and a desire to come for the spiritual good that he might do, and no particular obstacle hindered his removal, then let him come: for some poor people had come too soon and hindered the good work, themselves regretting it. Mr. Dudley prefaces his letter with a private epistle to Lady Bridget, Countess of Lincoln. This I will copy to show his courtly style:

"To the Right Honorable, My very good Lady Bridgct, Countess of Lincoln. Madam, Your letters (which are not common nor cheap) following me hither into New England, and, bringing with them renewed testimonies of the accustomed favors you honored me with in the old, have drawn from me this narrative, retribution, which (in respect of your proper interest in some persons of great note amongst us), was the thankfullest present I had to send over the sea. Therefore I humbly intreat your Honor this be accepted as payment from him, who neither hath, nor is any more, than

Your Honor's Old  
Thankful Servant,  
Thomas Dudley."

This letter is probably in due form, such as any gentleman would have used in addressing a titled lady, but it seems rather servile to us democrats, of this age and country. He was far from being a servile, or sycophantic man. He would not stoop to royalty itself, when by so doing, he would sacrifice a great principle. It was such men as he that took off King Charles' head, instead of submissively bowing to his tyranny. But my plan is to narrate what he did and what was done for him first, and then describe his character and qualities. One thing, however, might with propriety be said of him, here; that is, that what he related was always true, and there was no deception or prevarication in his proceedings. He was never even accused, I think, of the least falsehood or dishonesty.

The first landing of the *Arbella* was at Salem, Mass. She was a ship of 350 tons burthen, and sailed from Yarmouth near the Isle of Wight, April 8, 1630, with 52 seamen and 28 guns. Peter Millbourn was Master.