

Gov. Joseph, that is, the good boy who in after years became Governor, was early sent to the famous School of Master Corlet at Cambridge, and prepared for Harvard College, which he entered at 13 years of age. His friends desired that he should become a minister of the Gospel, and directed his education to that end.

But, after graduating in 1665, and taking his Master's degree, he concluded to study the law and general science, especially such as pertained to government, in which he became deeply versed. He was made a Freeman in 1672, and elected Representative to the General Court in 1673, 1774, 1875, and Assistant of the Colony in 1776, and each year but one, till 1685.

When the great Indian War, called King Philip's War, broke out in 1675, Dudley was one of the Massachusetts Commissioners, who marched with the Army to the Narragansett dominions, and succeeded in making a favorable treaty with the chiefs of that powerful tribe, which saved them from joining King Philip in his future hostilities. Dudley was present at the great battle with the Narragansetts, in Dec., 1675, and described it in a letter to Gov. Leverett, 21 Dec. of that year, giving an interesting account, which Gov. Hutchinson publishes in his History of Massachusetts Colony.

In 1677 he became a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

In 1677 he was also chosen Commissioner for the United Colonies, that is, Massachusetts and Plymouth, and was re-elected each year by the General Court, till 1681; when he and John Richards, Esq., were chosen agents of the Colony of Mass. Bay to the court of St. James.

In 1677, when Leverett was Governor, Mr. Dudley being one of his assistants, used to go to New Hampshire and hold Court there to hear and determine cases between the people of Dover, Portsmouth, Exeter, etc. It is recorded in the Provincial Papers of New Hampshire, Vol. I., page 349:

"At a General Court for Elections held at Boston, A. D. 1677:
22 Oct., Vol. 5, p. 171,

Mr. Joseph Dudley being appointed to keepe the Courts at Dover and Yorke, to be held by adjournment the latter end of this October, it is ordered that the Treasurer supply him with five pounds money for the discharging of necessary expenses of himself and his attendants."

There was a county then called the "County of Dover and Portsmouth," and it was the court of this county that Dudley held at