

“ Know all men by these presents, that I, Samuel Dudley, do hereby covenant and promise, bind and oblige myself not to buy my father’s part in the mill called ‘Deer Hill Mill,’ without the consent of my brother Nicholas Dudley, nor yet to give leave to any other to buy the same, which, if I do, I do hereby bind myself to pay unto the said Nicholas Dudley the full and just sum of thirty pounds in currant money; as witness my hand this nineteenth day of February, *Anno Domini* one thousand, seven hundred and sixteen or seventeen.

Signed and Delivered in

SAM.^{II} DUDLEY.

Presence of us :

Daniel Ladd,
Cartee Gilman.

Here is another original paper, which a friend in Exeter (Mr. Dearborn) gave me :—

“ Province of }
N. Hampshire. } To M^r. Nicholas Dudley of Exeter, Greeting :

You are hereby, in his Majesty’s name, authorized and required to keep your house in suitable posture of Defence against the Indian Enemy with the men under-mentioned, and also as many else as shall list under you without weakening of other frontier garrisons, until you shall receive contradictory orders from the Militia, hereby requiring you to see that strict watch and ward be, by yourself and them, continually kept, as you will answer the contrary at your peril.

Given under our hands at Exeter this 11th
day of April, 1724.

JOHN GILMAN, Maj.
JAMES LEAVITT, Lt.
BENJ. THING, Q^r Master.

JOHN GILMAN, }
ELIPHALET COFFIN, } Capts.

Nicholas Smith, }
Joseph Dudley, } *Enlisted.*
Joseph Meseet, }

“ To any one curious to know just where this garrison was, we say it was where Deacon Thomas S. Robinson lives, in Brentwood. Those lands near there were granted to the Gordons, and that farm, we believe, to Jeremy Conner. A.D. 1840. D.”

In 1743 Nicholas Dudley was taxed at Brentwood £3.10.2d., that being the highest tax in town. In 1744 he with Andr