

Governor in England, did not come over. But his commission was here published. Belcher and Wm. Dummer were in England, and they persuaded Col. Burgess to resign in favor of Col. Samuel Shute, who gave Burgess £1000 for the place. So Shute was appointed Governor. Sewall says:

"May 31, 1715. The Governor (Dudley) comes to town, and is carried from Mr. Paul Dudley's to the Town-House. He vehemently advocates passing the ministers' motion for a Synod, and then withdrew."

In the afternoon, Cotton Mather preached the sermon, calling the proposal a "Satanic insult," twice over. Neither the Governor nor Mr. Paul Dudley were there.

"Sept. 22. The Governor prorogues the Court to Oct. 26.

"Monday, Oct. 3. Governor (D.) calls a Council at 3, P.M., delivers the Books, Records and Files into the hands of the New Secretary, and gives him the Keyes of the Secretary's Office.

"Oct. 18. The Governor prorogues the General Court to the 23rd Nov.

"Nov. 15. Elisha Hutchinson, Esq., Eliakim Hutchinson, Esq., Andrew Belcher, Esq., and myself visit Gov. Dudley. Mr. Armstrong and another came in, and expressed their sorrow for the change. The Gov. said we must acquiesce in what the King did, or to that effect, seeming to correct Armstrong's speech. But when they went away, Gov. Dudley said with a good grace, "I thank your visit."

Lieut. Gov. Wm. Tailer now becomes acting Governor.

"Sept. 30, P.M. Capt. Belcher told me there was a ship below, and he supposed it the new Governor arrived. It was only a ship from Barbadoes.

"Oct. 3. About sunset, we hear a gun, which proves to be a signal of the Governor's being come. Gov. Shute reached the town Oct. 4, 1716. Wm. Dummer was appointed Lieut. Governor.

It seems that Hon. Paul Dudley had written to England and Gov. Shute was there invited to come immediately to Paul's house on his arrival here, which he did.

Oct. 5. Gov. Shute and Lt. Gov. Dummer took their oaths upon the bible and kissed it in the English style.

Sewall says the Governor's going to Mr. P. Dudley's makes many fear that he is delivered up to a party.

"Oct. 12. Gov. Dudley invites the Governor to Dinner. I was not invited.