

repealed, to be so marked, and the reason given ; such as are obscure, contradictory, or seeming so, to be rectified, and the emendations prepared. When there is two or more laws about one and the same thing, to prepare a draught of one law, that may comprehend the same ; to make a plain and easy table, and to prepare what else may present, in the perusing of them, to be necessary and useful, and make return at the next session of this court." The general entered upon this work with zeal, and in a few months produced the volume, which was at once printed. Two copies of the volume are still in existence. As compensation "for his great paines in transcribing the laws," the court granted him "a quarter part of Block Island;" the remaining portions were granted to Endicott, Bellingham, and Hathorne. These in turn sold the island to John Alcock for the sum of £400, in 1660.

During the next month, by order of the court, he met Mr. Bradstreet and Mr. Symonds, at Ipswich, "about a narrative in way of remonstrance of all matters respecting that which is charged on the General Court concerning the breach of the confederacy, for the vindication of this court's actions in such respects." This meeting was in reference to recent dissensions in the confederacy, in which Massachusetts had, by her course of action, been accused by the other colonies of breaking the covenant. This narrative, together with answers to a letter received from the Lord Protector, were to be sent to Cromwell.

In 1655 he was on a committee appointed for the county of Essex, "for the procuring of suitable supplies," and "to consider of some such way as whereby both merchandizing may be encouraged, and the hands