

Gov. Thomas Dudley, I should have borne the stigma of being unpopular among those for whom I had long labored. No one else would have shared the blame with me, because no other name was connected with the call. Of course this was a shrewd way for other Dudleys to get the crust broken or the chestnuts drawn out of the fire without endangering their own fingers. Well, I received prompt and generous replies from many of my old friends and patrons. Then we formed a general executive committee, whom I nominated with few exceptions, as I was the only one that had the names and addresses of the prominent Dudleys, but the parties present added several names of their near relations. I was chosen to preside over the committee, and I gave my whole time and attention to it, from that time till after the

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Joseph Dudley, Chief Justice Paul Dudley and other distinguished members of our race.

This eminent service rendered the Commonwealth in its early days, seems to demand that the descendants shall consider the question of whether or not a statue or other memorial shall be erected to Gov. Dudley's memory.

This circular is merely for the purpose of asking each and every one of the descendants of Gov. Dudley to write and say whether he or she will be willing to take part in such a reunion as is proposed. If a sufficient number of replies shall be received, I shall ask those interested to form committees to take charge of the several branches of the work.

There are many points of exceptional historical interest to our family which strangers, coming to Boston, would desire to visit.

At present no contributions are asked; one member of the family has advanced the money to pay for this circular; but if it be decided to hold a reunion generous contributions, from those able to give, will be needed to defray the expenses that will necessarily be incurred.

I have assurance from a number of the family that they will gladly take hold of this matter in an energetic manner. If others respond promptly and favorably, everything will be put in train forthwith to make this, as it should be, one of the most important family gatherings ever held in the United States.

I simply ask that each and every descendant of Gov. Thomas Dudley who reads this circular will at once send me a letter or postal expressing his or her thought about the proposed reunion.

With cousinly friendship,

Sincerely yours,

DEAN DUDLEY, WAKEFIELD, MASS.