

and in Newport lived a Bartholomew Hunt, government agent for supplying the State with munitions of war, powder, shot, &c.; we read in Colonial Records of Newport, Rhode-Island, Vol I, p. 333: "Presentment against Bartholomew Hunt and others, not to be prosecuted *except by orders of the Lord Protector!*" this is a clear evidence that there was a presentment against them; this must have been about 1646 or 1648. William Hunt was then safe in Weymouth; the search followed them there, where we find a paper, that on the face of it appears to have been of too little importance to have been placed in the State Archives, yet, there it is to be found to this day; it is an affidavit to set at rest forever the supposition that Col. Sir William Hunt, was in Weymouth, and to show conclusively that the Hunts there were very different persons. Here it is:

"*Mass. State Archives, Lib. 129, folio 16.*

"The deposition of Jonas Humphrey, aged 68 years, or thereabout, and Robert Randall, aged 80 years, or thereabout, both inhabitants of the town of Weymouth, in the County of Suffolke, within his Majesties Territory and Dominion of New England, in America, sworn, says: That they, the Deponents, and each of them living for some time in Wendover, in the county of Bucks, within the Realm of England, did well know and were acquainted with Enoch Hunt, of Titenden, in the Parish of Lee, about two miles distant from Wendover, blacksmith, and Ephraim Hunt, blacksmith, both of them afterwards removed into New England, and for some time dwelt in Weymouth aforesaid. The said Enoch, the father, soon returned back again to England; But his son, Ephraim Hunt, remained and settled himself in Weymouth, and there married a wife, by whome he had issue several sons, and continued his dwelling there unto the time of his decease, which was about sixteen months since. His reputed eldest son, Thomas Hunt, of Boston, within the aforesaid County of Suffolke, still surviving, being present with the Deponents at the time of their making this Affidavit, whome they have known from his childhood and further the deponents say not."

JONAS HUMPHREY

ROBERT × RANDALL

We have only to carefully read over this paper to see there is nothing in it to entitle it to a place in the State Archives. It is very apparent that suspicion had been excited that the family were other than they represented themselves; danger of some kind, either to person or pro-