

Appendix.

Will of Israel I Stoughton. (GEN. REG. IV. 51.)

17th day of July, 1644.

Being now likely to run some pt. of the hazard of warre. For my outward estate—those (affairs) in ould England as they stood the day of the date of these pntes, and for those in New England, they are manifest by what I left there at last ptng. Debts in England & what goods also I shall leave here vndisposed of. As for those in New England, they are by bookes left there, best discovered, & both are fetly discovered by my alphabeticall booke here in England, though I doubt in some points, imperfectly, through hast.

To Deere & worthily honored wife the entire pftt of all my land vppon Dorchester neck (being about 50 acres all in tilth) during life; & furthermore a third of the clear pftts raised or raisable of all my other lands or mills, wth the buildings & p^snt stock—during life & single estate; also one third of all my moovable goods; free habitation & vse (wth the children) of house in Dorchester towne, wth the garden, orchard & yard roome, being about two acres of land. Lastly, my wearing ring, all my plate, best downe bed, & her tapestry, coverlett, with all the best furniture thereto belonging; stooles, chaires, curteines, cupboards, Andyrons, &c. And one ffetherbed more. . . . & I only begg of her not to weep for mee, as one of those wthout hope. If I now dye, what love she owed vnto to mee, that it may be bestowed (after mee) vppon o^r poore deare children for my sake.

For my children, I will them to the government & ordering power of my s^d Deere wife, during their minority. Eldest sonne Israel a double portion, unlesse he prove himself unworthily; in such case, his double portion to goe to William; if William prove himself unworthily, then the