

In 1634 the General Court granted him two hundred acres of land on the west side of the North River, otherwise called the Three Mile Brook. In 1635 he was fined iij^s iiij^d for selling wine, but a note in the margin of the records states that "it was left in trust wth him by a friend, to sell for him." In 1636 he was one of the Magistrates to keep particular Courts for Newe Towne, Waterton, Charlton, Meadford and Concord. In 1639 the General Court granted him 500 acres of land on the north side of the bounds of Concord. He was often appointed by the General Court to serve on important committees, and in 1645 was one of the Committee for the County of Middlesex "to consid^r of & drawe up a body of lawes, & p^rsent y^m to y^e consid^ration of y^e next Gen^rall Co^rt." In 1653, the Court, taking heed of the poor condition of the Colledge, appointed a Committee, of which Increase Nowell was chairman, "to examine the state of the colledge in all respects," especially in several particular points, with full authority to act in all the premises.

Increase Nowell died 1 November, 1655, and the same month the General Court passed the following vote:—"Itt is desired, that the depu^{ty} of each tounne commend the condi^{ti}on of M^r Nowells family to their severall tounnes, in referenc to some meete recompence for the said M^r Nowells service, by way of rate or otherwise, bringing their retournes to the next Court of Election." In October, 1656, "The Court, being sensible of the lowe condi^{ti}on of the late honored M^r Nowells family, & remembring his long service to this comm^{on}wealth, in the place not only of a magistrate, but secretary also, for w^{ch} he had but litle and slender recompenc, & the countries debts being such as out of the country rate they cannot comfortably make such an honorable recompenc to his family as otherwise they would, judge meete therefore, do give & graunt to M^r Nowell and hir sonne Samuell two thowsand acres of land, to be laid out by M^r Thomas Danforth and Robert Hale, in any part of the countrie not yett granted to others, in two or three farmes, that may not hinder any planta^{ti}on to be erected." In April, 1657, the two thousand acres were laid out on Cocheco river beyond the bounds of Dover. 6 May, 1657, the Court also ordered Messrs. Danforth and Hale to lay out for Mr. Nowell's executors the three thousand two hundred acres of land granted in 1650 to Nowell and Thomas Dudley, as executors of the will of Isaac Johnson, which land was in 1664 laid out in Marlborough bounds near Quansigamug Pond.

Edward Johnson, in his "Wonder-working Providence of Sions Saviour in New England," 1654, wrote thus of Increase Nowell:—

"Increase shalt thou, with honour now, in this thy undertaking,
 Thou hast remain'd as yet unstain'd, all errors soule forsaking;
 To poore and rich, thy Justice much hath manifested bin:
 Like Samuel Nathanaell, Christ hath thee fram'd within;
 Thy faithfulnessse, people expresse, and Secretary they