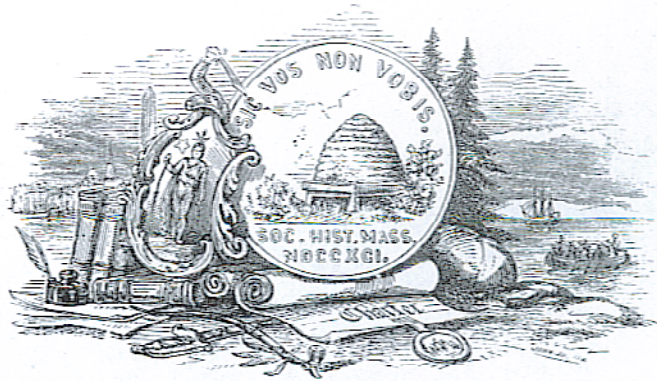


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by vertue of a Grant from the Crown will have the Lands proportionably distributed amongst them, and turn planters, save a company or two to Garrison the Fort; which will save them all the Expence of Souldiers and Forts. For it were the Interest of the Country just now, nay of you Merchants, rather to give so much a man, for a good Company to be Transported to Garrison the Castle at once, than to pay every year 6 or 8 pounds for a Man, to serve there for some Moneths; Who being so often changed, can never become Souldiers. Whereas a settled Company would not only be good Souldiers themselves, but a Reinforcement to the Country, and be capable in a few years of Disciplining the Country. I do not mean they should be under the Queens Pay, but the Country's; who, upon Application, would get liberty to levy them for that end. And which if they do not, they will get a company of two of the Queen's Troops to Garrison the Castle and other Forts; where, the Queen is informd, there is hardly Officer, or Souldier. If they incline to such a thing, which is much their Interest, if they would do no more, upon their addressing the Queen for a Liberty for Levying, I will engage to get them a Company at the same rate the Queen gives for Recruits to Spain; which is £5 Levy-money, and She Transport them; or £10, if the Officer Transport them. And doubt not to procure both Arms and Ammunition for the said Men. But the former would be the effectual way of Securing their Country, Reducing Port Royal, and Settling the Eastward: Besides their Advantage of Fishing along the Coast.

N. This was deliverd me by Mr. Borland April 26, 1708, as Capt Vetches Scheme.¹ S. S.

¹ Of Captain Vetch something may be learned from Sewall's Diary, II. 142, *n. et passim*; also in Palfrey's Hist. N. E., IV. 323. He was Colonel in the expedition against Canada, and afterwards Governor of Nova Scotia. His scheme for the settlement of Nova Scotia, as a war measure, has considerable interest, and possibly may have led to the founding of Halifax, forty years later. See Bancroft's Hist. IV. 45. — Eds.

SAMUEL SEWALL TO BENJAMIN WOODBRIDGE.

To Mr. Benj^o Woodbridge, p. Lieut. Stephen Willis.

June 5, 1708.

SIR, — In your Account of Disbursements given to the Town of Meadford at their Meeting Dec^r 19, 1705, your first Article is,

The Expences upon Land, House, Fencing, &c, as appears from my Booke, £249. 8. 1. Now the Committee desire to see the Particulars by which that Sum rises; and to that end, that you would meet them or some of them, upon Change presently after the Artillery Sermon next Monday, where we may agree of a place of Recess for this purpose.

Sir, your Serv^t S. S.

MEMORANDA.

July 16, 1708. I transcribe the following passage out of Dr. Fuller's Engl. Worthies in London, p. 202.

Of this *Katharine Howard* little is reported, and yet too much, if all be true, of her incontineny, which cost her her Life. The greatest good the Land got by this Match, was a general leave to marry Cousin Germans, formerly prohibited by the *Crown*, and hereafter permitted by the *Common Law*. A door of lawfull liberty, left open by God in Scripture; shut by the Pope for his privat profit; opend again by the King, first, for his own admittance (this *Katharine* being Cousin German to Anna Bollen his former wife) and then for the service of such Subjects as would follow him upon the like occasion. This lady was beheaded año Dom. 1540.¹ [verto]

N. Anna Bollen's Mother was Sister to the Lord Edmund Howard, father to the mentioned Queen Katharine.

¹ See Feb. 23, 1704.

They that will be from this example, fond of marrying Cousin-Germans, Let 'em!

The Act for Marriage of Cousin Germans took place July 1, 1540. Stat. 1540. And the eighth of August following Katharine Howard was showed openly as Queen at Hampton Court. Baker's Chron.

32. H. 8. 38. A Statute was made, That it *was lawfull for all persons to contract Marriage, which are not prohibited by God's Law.* For although Gregory the great (who had not less Learning, but more Modesty than his Successors) did not flatly forbid the Marriage of *Cousin Germans* as *unlawfull*, but prudently dissuade it as *unfitting*: yet after-Popes prohibited that, and other Degrees further off, thereby to get Money for Dispensations.

And this *Law* came very conveniently to comply with K. *Henry's* Occasions, who had the first-fruits thereof, and presently after married Katharine Howard, Cousin German to Anna Bollen, his second wife.

Fuller, Ch. Hist. Cent. 16. p. 236.

SAMUEL SEWALL TO HENRY FLINT.¹

To Mr. Henry Flint.

Augt 23, 1708.

SIR,—I thank you for your good Sermon yesterday. The subject is excellent, and always seasonable; and now peculiarly so. Continue to pray, that I may have the Integrity and Uprightness exhorted to; and that I may grow therein.

Upon this occasion, you will allow me the freedom of Speaking what I have lately been often thinking.

¹ Doubtless the celebrated Henry Flynt, H. C. 1693, Tutor at Harvard from 1699 to 1754, and Fellow from 1700 till his death in 1760. He was not ordained. — EDS.

According to the Simplicity of the Gospel, The saying *Saint Luke*, and *Saint James &c.*, has been disused in New-England. And to take it up again, is distastefull to me; because it is a Change for the Worse. I have heard it from several; but to hear it from the Senior Fellow of Harvard College, is more surprising; lest by his Example he should seem to countenance and Authorize Inconvenient Innovations. Thus I Reckon; but if reckoning without my Host, I reckon wrong; your Adjusting the Account, will gratify

Sir, your humble Servant

SAMUEL SEWALL.

SAMUEL SEWALL TO THOMAS NEEDHAM.

To Mr. Thomas Needham, Cutler at the Sun and Bible on London Bridge.

Augt 26, 1708.

SIR,—I received a Letter from you p Mr. Peñiman, which had been mislaid; and coming now to hand, I send you the Copy of my good Friend's Will, according to your desire. It cost me five shillings in our Money, which deliver, for me, to Mr. James Pitts a Merchant near the Bridge. John Needham is alive and has a wife and Children. He dwells at Billerica, where he servd his Time with Mr. Tompson one of the Executors. That the small matter I transacted on your behalf, was acceptable to you, is obliging to your friend and Serv^t S. S.

Sent p the Ship John and Peter, Capt. Stephens.

SAMUEL SEWALL TO JEREMIAH DUMMER.

To Mr. Jeremiah Dummer now bound for Great Britain.

Augt. 28, 1708.

SIR,—When you favoured me with a Visit yesterday, The Main Thing slipt me! If you have an Opportunity, Be sure, doe your Uttermost to persuade my Lord Limerick to make a Release of the Gay Head Neck on Martha's