

MASSACHUSETTS TAKES POSSESSION.

MAY 20, 1668, the General Court of Massachusetts took formal possession of the Province of Maine.

In 1668 Henry Joscelyn (one of Sir Ferdinando Gorges' provincial councillors, and commissioned by the king as a judge for Massachusetts) settled "at Pemaquid, where, for several years, he continued to act in his official capacity."

Massachusetts opened a court at Pemaquid in May, 1674, which was attended by "a considerable number of people." According to their express desire, the court first formed this section of the Massachusetts jurisdiction, from Sagadahock to George's River inclusive, into a county by the name of Devonshire.

Next they administered the oath to eighty-four inhabitants present. Thomas Gardiner, of Pemaquid, was appointed county treasurer; Richard Oliver, of Monhegan, clerk of the court and recorder; Thomas Humphrey, of

Sagadahock, marshal, who, as executive officer of the county, was directed to take charge of the prison. Thomas Humphrey, of Sagadahock, and Robert Gammon, of Cape Newagen, were appointed constables. Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Gammon, and Capt. Edward Patteshall, of Sagadahock, were appointed plantation, or local commissioners, with power to marry, hold court, etc.

Five trainbands¹ were formed; one each at Sagadahock, Pemaquid, Damariscove, Cape Newagen, and Monhegan; but no officers of higher grade were appointed over them than sergeants and corporals, except two companies, the one at Sagadahock under command of Captain Patteshall, and the one at Pemaquid under Captain Gardiner, who was likewise "to have the command and regulation of all the military forces and affairs throughout the country."

Eight jurymen were appointed, Robert Edmunds and Ambrose Hanwell, of Sagadahock;

¹ The term "trainband" is simply a contraction of the words "trained band."

John Wiford, Elias Trick, and John Prior, of Damariscove; George Bickford and Reynold Kelley, of Monhegan; and John Cole, of Pemaquid.

At this time there were as many as one hundred and fifty-six families east of Sagadahock, and between that river and St. George's River, near to one hundred fishing-vessels owned by the people there.

INDIAN WARS.

UNTIL 1675 the settlers had lived in peace with the Indians, and then was begun in Massachusetts the First Indian, or King Philip's War.

Perhaps it may be as well to set down here the different Indian wars and treaties, that the dates may be used for future reference:

Mugg's Treaty, Nov. 6, 1676.

1st War : King Philip's War, from June 24, 1675, to the Treaty of Casco, April 12, 1678.

2d War : King William's War, from Aug. 13, 1688,