

to America. After a time the elder Godfrey sent him up to Pomfret to cultivate the large estate which he had purchased from Governor Belcher. Situated as it was almost in the wilderness he bravely undertook the work. In 1760 he came with his wife and settled upon the land. Probably at first he did not intend to make it a permanent residence, as he used the small house which he found upon the land. He brought old furniture from his Newport home, the odds and ends of his old home. He only indulged in papering his house with most gorgeous velvet paper, portions of which in all colors were found clinging to the old walls. He also brought fine silver and china. Much has been said of his owning forty slaves, but it was the custom of the time, and they did more than anything else to make him poor. Indeed, I think the New England people first realized the horrors of slavery when they found that it cost more than it came to. A kind master must care for them in sickness and health, and there was no profit from their labor. There was an old ledger in the family which had accounts of his outlay which bears me out in this. He lived quietly for many years upon his property, enjoying the friendship of his neighbor, General, then Major, Putnam. Being an ardent Episcopalian he went as often as he could to Norwich, where was the nearest church.