

"Dec. 5, dine at Holmes.' After the dinner given to the Governor, he stepped forward and paid the bill for it. I supposed the Council had treated the Governor. But he *would* pay." No wonder they thought such a man as that, a tyrant! A message is sent by him to the Deputies about the college, whereupon they change their vote, and grant Mr. Leverett, the President, a salary of £150 per annum, out of the public Treasury."

Gov. Joseph Dudley was a true friend of learning. He showed it by the pains he took in educating his children; but still more in his extraordinary favor towards Harvard College. Of all the great patrons he did most, according to Hon. Josiah Quincy, its historian, to place that institution upon an enduring foundation. And he was one of the chief patrons of the Roxbury High School.

The Deputies vote the Governor a salary of £200.

The Court in New Hampshire voted an abhorrence of the Petition; and the Council here and the Representatives voted it a scandalous accusation. The Governor so declared. But Cotton Mather wrote a most bitter letter against Gov. Dudley and sent it to Sir Charles Hobby in England to injure Dudley. It is published in the Massachusetts Historical Collections, as well as the Governor's reply.

Mather charges him with bearing a false witness against his neighbors; pouring out venoms against him (C. M.) to his father; having a controversy with the Lord, displeasing Him; being covetous, making his country an engine to enrich himself; using bribery; countenancing the most infamous things done by his son, Paul; demanding cruel pensions and places which fearfully depraves the country, committing robberies; thus dishonoring the Queen's Government; countenancing an unlawful trade with the enemies of the country; procuring votes to be untruly published in his News Letter as unanimous; loading this people with false charges; forbidding Church to take the fort at Port Royal, when he was there with forces, because the Queen had not ordered it; disagreeing with the Government; forcing the Council to wrong steps; and then, when told of it, laying the blame on them; treating him (C. M.) with aversion; slandering him; ruining his country, etc., etc. At this day we know precisely what ailed the great Mathers—both of them. Once it was not so well understood, and one might have said in the language of Mark Antony, in the drama, "I know not what private griefs they had that made them do it." Cotton had set his heart on getting the Presidency of Harvard, either for his father or himself. But Dudley appointed Hon. John Leverett, old Governor Leverett's worthy grandson, Jan. 14, 1707-8.