

He came to New York* in 1711 and soon after was married in Boston, Mass.

In 1716 † he, Patrick McKnight, Gilbert Livingston and Thomas Smith, organized a congregation according to the discipline of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, this being the first one in New York City, and on 5th January, 1718, ‡ purchased for £350 a piece of ground on Wall Street, 88 by 124 feet, where their first church building was erected in 1719. The site § of this church was in Stoutenberg's Garden on the north side of Wall Street between Nassau Street and Broadway. In 1750 the Rev. Alexander Cumming || was called as colleague of Rev. Mr. Pemberton, the pastor.

In 1720** a petition was presented to Wm. Burnett, Esq., Capt. Gen^l & Comdr in Chief of N. Y., which, after stating the condition of the presbyterian organization, read as follows :

“ They Therefore Humbly Pray
May it Please Your Excell^{cy}”

By Letters Pattennt under the Great Seal of This Province to Incorporat them by the Name of the Ministers Elders and Deacons of the Presbyterian Church in the City of New York to make them One Body Politick & Corporat in fact and

* Note in (54) John Nicoll's⁵ bible.

† “Memoirs of the Rev. John Rodgers, D.D.,” by S. Miller, 1813, p. 133. Smith's History of New York, p. 295. “Earliest Churches in New York,”

by Gabriel P. Disosway, 1855, p. 132.

‡ Book of Deeds, 28, p. 473.

§ Doc. History N. Y., by E. B. O'Callaghan, M.D., 1850. Vol. 3, p. 403.

|| “Earliest Churches in New York,” by Gabriel P. Disosway, 1855, p. 135. “Memoirs of the Rev. John Rodgers, D.D.,” by S. Miller, 1813, p. 146.

** Doc. History N. Y., by E. B. O'Callaghan, M.D., 1850. Vol. 3, p. 460.