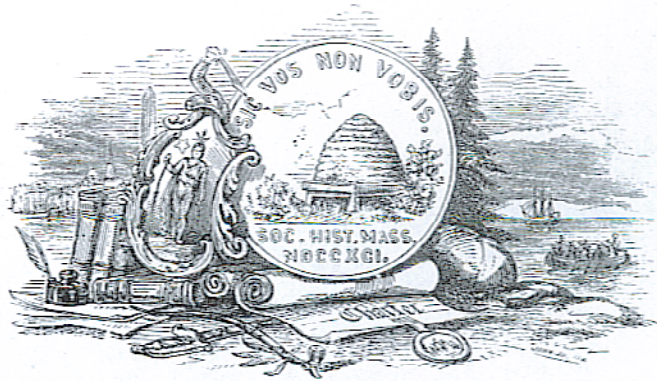


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MEMORANDA OF LETTERS.

Dec^r 18, 1710. Writ largely to Mr. Moodey of York of my Daughter Gerrishes death the 17th 9^r¹ Dr. C. Mather's note to the Grandjury, this day's News-Letter; Two Setts of Verses; Libels, and proceeding thereupon. Vindicated Glasgow. Sent p Capt. Lyon to whom I gave Mr. Danforth, and Mayhew's Verses.

To Mr. Joseph Lord of Dorchester in Carolina, Feb^r 5. Writ largely about the Psalm-book, Sent him two, One new Psalter claspd, Mr. Moodey's Sermons on Luke, 13. 28. One Consolations, Frenches Verses, My verses on the Taking of Port-Royal. 4. Mr. Mayhew's verses; 1 Mr. Danforth on Daughter Gerrishes Death. Sew'd all up in Barras sent by Mr. Homes.

MEMORANDUM.

Judith Parrot born at Rode-Island married Caleb Cranston, by whom she had two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth now grown up; Mary is the widow Burden. After the death of their Father, the said Judith married William Pease, by whom she had several Children; two Sons are living, Simon and William. William Pease the 2^d Husband died about 7. years ago; and now Samuel Cranston Esqr. having a few Moneths ago buried his wife, seeks to marry his Sister Judith.

SAMUEL SEWALL TO MRS. JUDITH PEASE.

To Mrs. Judith Pease.

March 19, 1711^q.

MADAM,—Upon second thoughts, I accept of your friendly Invitation, and take the freedom of a few words

¹ See Sewall's Diary, II. 289, 290. — Eps.

in the case mentioned in the morning; I apprehend it to be against the Law of England, against the Law of Nations, and against the Law of GOD.

For the Law of England, I need only lay before you the Oracle of it, Sir Edward Coke, the 2^d pt of his Institutes, p. 683. By this the parties are liable to a Divorce; and obnoxious to a thousand Vexations in the Prosecution. And the fault of Englishmen in this kind, is of all, the most inexcusable, ever since the Celebrated Divorce of King Henry the Eighth, who had married the Relict of Prince Arthur his Brother; the Lady Katharine Princess Dowager. "The Pope which then ruld at Rome, was Pope Julius the 2^d, by whose Dispensation this Marriage, which neither sense of Nature would admit, nor God's Law would bear, was concluded — Neither was the case so hard — but that by the Word of God, and the Judgments of the best learned Clerks, and also by the Consure of the chief Universities of all Christendom, to the number of ten and more, it was discussed to be unlawful." These words of the excellently Learned and pious Mr. Fox, are to be seen in his Martyrology, Volum 2^d p. 270, Col. 2. Edit. 1684.

"New-England likewise; so far as the Massachusets and Connecticut reach, have declar'd against it with very severe Penalties."

Levit. 18, 16. Thou shalt not uncover the Nakedness of thy Brother's wife — It is to be understood of the woman that once was thy Brother's wife; For in the Jewish State, Adultery was a Capital Crime; whether there was any Relation or no. V. 6. None of you shall approach to any that is near of Kin to him. There is a certain Gentleman in the Island, that was once near of Kin to you; and your Daughters are a Demonstration, that he is as much a-kin to you as ever; He is as much their Unkle as ever; and therefore as much your Brother as ever.

I have been told that Gov^r Blake¹ of Carolina was under a Temptation to marry his wives Sister. He writ to Boston for Advice; and a Letter was returnd inclosing an Answer that had been printed before. Upon Receipt of this Letter, and Resolution of the case, he desisted, and did not marry her. When I can recover this printed Resolution, I intend, God willing, to send it to the Gentleman; and I hope it will have the same good effect in these parts, that it had at Carolina. You may be sure of its impartiality, being composed about fifteen years agoe. In the mean time, I ask your acceptance of the Sermon sent herewith; and thanking you for this Liberty, I take Leave, who am, Madam, your humble Servant

SAMUEL SEWALL.

SAMUEL SEWALL TO SIR JAMES EYTON.

To Sir James Eyton Knight.

May 21, 1711.

SIR,—Yours of the 31. January last, is before me; I have presented your Bill of Exchange dated London Jan^r 31, 1710/11, drawn on Mr. John Coleman Merchant in this Town, for £147. 0-0. payable to my self. He declines Accepting it, and for Answer says, that he has lately remitted you One Hundred pounds Sterling Money of England; which could not be come to your knowledge when you drew the Bill. I received you Bill on Mr. Glencross, the 14th current: He writt me a Letter by the same Post. I have sent him a Copy of the Bill; and advised him, that I shall not exact of him according to the rigor of the Expression as it may seem; provided he make me honest payment. I expect by the next Post his compleat Acceptance. Sir, If I can in any thing serve you, I shall account my self happy, who am Sir

your humble Serv^t S. S.

¹ Joseph Blake, Governor of South Carolina, 1696-1700, nephew of Admiral Blake. — Eds.

MEMORANDUM OF LETTER.

Extract of Sir W^m Ashhurst's Letter to Dr. I. M^r dated London, Jan^r 31, 1711.

REVERD SIR,—I heartily congratulat you upon the Honor and Justice the University of Glasgow has lately done your Son;¹ and doe take my self so far interested in it, that I think myself obliged to return that learned Body (to whom I am not unknown) my hearty Thanks for it. We have had so great a Change here amongst our great Ones; and such an unhappy Turn is given to all Affairs, that it makes all good peoples hearts very heavy. I pray GOD prevent the effects which are feared. Post Script: There are Endeavours making for a new Governour; but the person talkt on is no ways for your purpose. And I think you are much better as you are at present. For as Things are here now, we cannot expect any Change for the better.

MEMORANDA.

Aug^t 9, 1711. To Mr. John Storke to desire him to send Money to Mr. Love; acquainted him with daughter Mary's death, and the death of her daughter. Sir W^m Patty,² did he goe to School at Rumsey?

Aug^t 9, 1711. Sent to Mr. Love for the Books following; viz.

Pole's English Annotations, two Setts.

Mr. Henry's Annotations far as he has gon.

Dutch Annotations.

Cambridge Concordance; Preaching Bible.

Junius and Tremellius, a fair Print to carry to Church.

Parens, his Adversaria on the Bible.

Dr. Lightfoot's Works in two volumns.

¹ Cotton Mather received the honorary degree of D. D. from the University of Glasgow, 1710. — Eds.

² Sir William Petty, the famous statistician, ancestor in the female line of the Marquises of Lansdowne. — Eds.