

Seth Sothel, countenanced by a powerful faction, and presuming on his powers as proprietary, arrived suddenly at Charlestown, the capital of Carolina, and seized the reins of government ¹.

The whalefishery at Nantucket commenced this year ².

The island of St. Christopher's was reconquered from the French, by the English under colonel Codrington; and the male white inhabitants, amounting to about eighteen hundred, were sent, with their women and children, to Hispaniola and Martinico ³.

The island of New Providence had now become so populous, that the proprietaries sent Cadwallader Jones to be its governor ⁴.

1691.

Colonel Henry Sloughter arrived at New York, with a commission to be governor of that province. The first assembly, after the Revolution, was holden on the ninth of April ⁵. The province was now, by an act of assembly, divided into ten counties ⁶.

Major Peter Schuyler, with a party of Mohawks, passed over lake Champlain, and made a bold irruption into the French settlements at the north end of the lake ⁷.

The general assembly of Virginia solicited and obtained a charter from the crown, for the establishment of a college, projected in that colony. The king and queen gave, at the same time, nearly two thousand pounds toward the

¹ Chalmers, i. 552. Hewet, i. 102—104. His popularity and power were of short duration. The assembly compelled him to abjure the government and country for ever. The proprietaries dissented from the laws, passed under his government; and, in 1692, appointed a new governor.

² Coll. Hist. Soc. iii. 157.

³ Univ. Hist. xl. 278.

⁴ Ibid. xli. 332.

⁵ Smith, New York, 71—73. All laws, made in the province antecedent to this period, were disregarded both by the legislature and the courts of law. In the Collection of the Acts of the province, made in 1752, the compilers were directed to begin at this Assembly. Ibid. Leisler, having refused to deliver up the fort to the governor, was afterward condemned to death for high treason. Ibid.

⁶ Ibid. 186. The division is there said to be into 12 counties; yet 10 only are described; and there were no more than 10, so late as A. D. 1755. See Smith, ib. 206.

⁷ Smith, New York, 78. Univ. Hist. [xxxix. 350.] says, Schuyler had 300 English and 300 Indians. Colden [129.] says, that, in his several attacks, the French lost 2 captains, 6 lieutenants, and 300 men.