



HISTORY OF TOWNSHIP OF DARTMOUTH.

CHAPTER I.

FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENT UNTIL THE DEPARTURE
OF THE QUAKERS.

WHEN in the month of June, 1749, the war-sloop *Sphinx* sailed up Chebucto Bay, followed by thirteen transports, a wonderful panorama of wood and water met the eyes of the mariners and weary emigrants. One month before, they had left behind them the coast of England, and the beauty of that dear old land was still fresh in their memories. Its smiling fields and happy homesteads held all they loved the best; the new country was brightened by possibilities alone. We can well imagine the mingled feelings of hope and apprehension which must have stirred their hearts as they entered the harbour which has since become so familiar and so dear to their descendants.

On that early summer morning, the rocky shore of Sambro, with its rough headlands so often beaten

