

The legislature of Maryland, in this and the subsequent year, made an attempt to introduce manufactures into that colony; but without much success¹. Fendal, who had formerly raised an insurrection in Maryland, and had been pardoned, was now tried for seditious practices, and found guilty. He was fined forty thousand pounds of tobacco; imprisoned until payment; and banished the province².

Edward Randolph came over, the second time, to Massachusetts, as collector for Boston, and made a vigorous, but unsuccessful, attempt to execute his office³.

Mason arrived at New Hampshire, and was admitted to a seat in the council. Asserting, soon after, his right to the province, assuming the title of lord proprietor, and proceeding to an act according to these pretensions, his conduct was deemed "an usurpation of his majesty's authority here established," and a warrant was issued for apprehending him; but he fled to England⁴.

During the year ending with April 1681, there were entered at Portsmouth forty-nine vessels, from ten to one hundred and fifty tons burden⁵. The amount of the provincial customs, levied at that port during the same year, arising from taxes on wines and liquors, and one penny a pound of the value on the first cost of goods imported, was sixty-one pounds, three shillings and one penny⁶.

undoing of this colony, is the low or rather no price of the only product of our lands, and our only commodity, tobacco: for the market is overstocked, and every crop overstocks it more. Our thriving is our undoing; and our buying of blacks hath extremely contributed thereto, by making more tobacco: we are too many for that, and too few for any thing else." *Ibid.*

¹ Chalmers, i. 366, 367. It made laws for promoting tillage, and raising provisions for exportation; for restraining the export of leather and hides; for the support of tanners and shoemakers; and for encouraging the making of linen and woollen cloth.

² Chalmers, i. 237. See A. D. 1656, and 1659.

³ Chalmers, i. 410. Hutchinson, ii. 75. By a letter to the governor, Randolph demanded the final resolution of the general court, whether it would admit his commission to be in force, or not; that he might know how to govern himself. The court remained silent; "thus," says Chalmers, "showing equally its contempt for the man, and the embarrassment of its situation." Chalmers, *ib.* 411.

⁴ Belknap, N. Hamp. i. 182, 183.

⁵ Chalmers, i. 510. "Many of the said ships were driven in by stress of weather, and made no stay." *Ib.* Dr. Belknap, from the Council records, says, from 15 June 1680 to 12 April 1681, were entered 22 ships, 18 ketches, 2 barks, 3 pinks, 1 shallop, and 1 flyboat; in all 47. N. Hamp. i. 187.

⁶ Chalmers, i. 511. This was money of the province, which was of less value than sterling 33 1-3 per cent. No parliamentary duties were then collected.

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