

the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are Given to his Lordship for his aforesaid Services and Good Conduct during his Station here, and the Gentlemen the Selectmen are desired to wait upon his Lordship, and in the Name of the Town present him with their Thanks accordingly."

"On Friday, the 22nd of May, 1752, the Town met accordingly to their Adjournment," when the Selectmen reported that they had waited upon Lord Colville and presented him with a copy of the vote of thanks, to which his Lordship gave the following answer, in writing:

"Gentlemen, I am extremely sensible of the Honour done me by the Metropolis of America, and had I known six months ago, how well the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this great Town were affected towards me, I would have applied to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to be continued on this station; but as 'tis now too late, I can only say, that whenever the American Stations are to be relieved, I shall think myself happy if I can return to a Country which has already given me such Marks of Esteem and Regard."

He left for England a few months later. Before his departure he presented to the Second Lodge a copy of Field's Bible, printed at Cambridge in 1683. When the First and Second Lodges were united under the title of St. John's Lodge of Boston, this Bible became the property of that body and is still carefully preserved. Lord Colville was present at the siege and capture of Louisburg, in 1758, as Commander of the Northumberland, 70 guns, and later in the expedition against Quebec in 1759. He was also in command as Commodore of the fleet at the recapture of Newfoundland in 1762, "one of the best conducted, most splendid and most important successes of the war," after which he was promoted Rear-Admiral of the White. We again find him at Halifax in July, 1762, as Commander-in-Chief of H. M. Ships in North America, a position he retained until the close of 1768. Such in brief is the career of the first Mason made in Halifax.

Members of the First Lodge. The Hon. Richard Bulkeley to whom reference is made above, accompanied Governor Cornwallis to Nova Scotia in 1749 as A. D. C. He became Secretary of the Province about the year 1759,