

of Dartmouth,* and apportioned as the home of the newly arrived settlers.

From their earliest occupancy of the place, they had much to contend with, owing to the incursions of the Indians. The latter, under cover of the woods, were constantly lying in wait for the settlers, surprising and overpowering them, and leaving very few of the unfortunate people to the enjoyment of their new home.

There was a guard-house and small military post at Dartmouth from the earliest settlement of the town. These were stationed on a hill commanding a good view of the harbour, and within easy distance of the water. It is still known as Block-House Hill, although all traces of its former use have long ago passed away.†

* The town was doubtless named in honour of William Legge, 1st Earl of Dartmouth. This nobleman enjoyed the confidence of Queen Anne, and in 1710 became one of her principal Secretaries of State. In September of the following year, he was made Viscount Lewisham and Earl of Dartmouth, and in 1713 was appointed lord-privy-seal. On the death of the queen, he was one of the lords-justices of Great Britain. His lordship married in 1700, Anne, daughter of Heneage, Earl of Aylesford. He died on 15th December, 1750, and was succeeded by his grandson.—*Ed.*

† Block-House Hill is at the north-western end of King Street. The block-house, of which no portion now remains, is said to have been situated on the highest part of the ground which is at present bounded by Prince Edward, Church, Wentworth, and North