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King James, determining to establish the same arbitrary rule in New York, as he designed for New England, deprived that colony of its immunities. Dongan, whose commission was now renewed, was instructed, among other articles, "to allow no printing press." Deprived, at the same time, of the assembly, New York was reduced to the condition of a conquered province. There were now in that province four thousand foot, three hundred horse, and one company of dragoons. The shipping, belonging to the city of New York, had increased to nine or ten three mast vessels, of about eighty or ninety tons; two or three hundred ketches or barks, of about forty tons; and about twenty sloops, of twenty-five tons¹. The city was now first regularly incorporated by a charter². Albany, on the Hudson, was incorporated this year³.

Sir Edmund Andros arrived at Boston on the twentieth of December, with a commission from king James for the government of New England⁴. He was instructed to appoint no one of the council, or any to other offices, but those of the best estates and characters, and to displace none without sufficient cause; to continue the former laws of the country, so far as they were not inconsistent with his commission or instructions, until other regulations were established by the governor and council; to allow no printing press; to give universal toleration in religion, but encouragement to the church of England; to execute the laws of trade, and prevent frauds in the customs. To support a government, that could not be submitted to from choice, a small military establishment, consisting of two companies of soldiers, was formed, and military stores were transported⁵.

Before the expiration of the month, Andros, agreeably to his orders, dissolved the government of Rhode Island; broke

¹ Chalmers, i. 588, 601.

² Smith, New York, 195. New York was put under the government of a mayor and aldermen in 1665; which Smith denominated an incorporation. See that year.

³ Ibid. 198.

⁴ Sewall's MS. Diary. Chalmers [i. 419.] says, he was appointed captain general and vice admiral of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Plymouth, Pemaquid, and Narraganset, during pleasure. "He was received with a satisfaction in proportion only as he was less dreaded than Kirk." Ib. 421. Hume [Hist. Eng.] calls Kirk "a barbarian." See an account of him, ib.

⁵ Chalmers, i. 420, 421. Judge Sewall, who lived in Boston, and was there when Andros arrived, writes in his Diary: "Dec. 24. About 60 red-coats are brought to town, landed at Mr. Pool's wharf, where drew up, and so marched to Mr. Gibbs's house at Fort Hill."

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