

The new council, inviting others to join with them, took the title of "A council for the safety of the people and conservation of the peace;" and chose Mr. Bradstreet their president. On the second of May, the council recommended, that an assembly by a delegation from the several towns in the colony should meet on the ninth of that month. Sixty-six persons met, and, having confirmed the new government, it was agreed, that on the twenty-second day of the same month there should be a meeting of the representatives of all the towns in the colony. On that day, the representatives of fifty-four towns met at Boston; and, after various debates, it was determined "to resume the government according to charter rights¹." On the twenty-fourth, the governor and magistrates, chosen in 1686, signed a paper, declaring their acceptance of the care and government of the people according to the rules of the charter, until by direction from England there be an orderly settlement of government. On the twenty-ninth, king William and queen Mary were proclaimed, with great ceremony, in Boston. Addresses were sent to the king. Application was made for express authority to exercise government according to the old charter, until a new one could be settled. This privilege was obtained².

The freemen of Rhode Island, on hearing of the imprisonment of Andros, met at Newport, on the first of May, voted to resume their charter, and replaced all the general officers, who had been displaced three years before³.

Information of the accession of William and Mary to the throne was received with joy at New York, and the lieutenant governor and council waited with anxiety for orders to proclaim them; but while the principal officers and magistrates were assembled to consult for the public safety, Jacob, Leisler, with forty-nine men, seized the garrison at New

than 1500 men surrounded the fort on Fort Hill, which surrendered. The next day, the governor was confined in the fort under strong guards. On that day also, the castle, on Castle Island, was summoned, and surrendered. Chalmers, i. 469, 470. Captain George was obliged to give leave to go on board his ship, and bring the sails on shore. The troops, which collected around Fort Hill, pointed the guns of the South battery toward the fort on the summit, and thus brought the governor's garrison to submission.

1 Each town gave instructions to its delegates, whether to resume the charter or not; and 40 of the 54 "were for reassumption." Hutchinson.

2 Hutchinson, i. 372—390. Chalmers, i. 429—431. Belknap, New Hampshire, i. 235, 236. There are no public records, from the dissolution of the old charter government in 1686, until the restoration of it in 1689. Hutchinson, i. 354.

3 Callender, 49.

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