

WILLIAM Vassall, one of the Assist. of the Gov. and Comp. of the Mass. Bay, nam. in the first Charter by K. Charles, Mar. 1629, of wh. Cradock was first Gov. came next yr. in the fleet with the next Gov. Winthrop but went home in the Lion, the first mo. aft. reach. this shore; came again 1635, in the Blessing, then aged 42, with w. Ann, 42, and ch. Judith, 16; Frances, 12; John, 10; Ann, 6; Margaret, 2; and Mary 1. He sat down only short time at Roxbury, and soon fixed at Scituate, in ano. juridict. and join the ch. of John Lothrop, 28 Nov. 1636. He seems to have differ. from Mass. policy, especially after the triumph of the latitudinarians at home, wh. desired freedom of worship; but as he could not bring many to his opinions, went home again in the sh. with Child, Fowle, and perhaps others discontent. as him. rem. to Barbadoes, there d. bef. 1655. He was s. of JOhn, alderman of London, wh. had gain. high reput. for exertions in organiz. resist. to the Spanish Armada, 1588. Mortifying is the ignorance that represents this fam. as coming in the reign of James and Charles I. and that Miss Thomas copied such authority is to be refer. to the opposite of a common error, that unduly magnifies ancient renown. Judith had m. 8 Apr. 1640, Resolved White; Frances m. 16 July 1646, James Adams; and one of the other ds. it is said m. Nicholas Ware in Virginia, wh. was Excor. of his will at Barbadoes. To the w. of Adams, as d. of William Vassall, one of the patentees wh. prob. had rec. nothing for his money advanc. in the first coloniz. our Gen. Ct. 1672, made gr. of 150 acres. His br. Samuel, ano. patentee of Mass. and Assist. nam. by the king in the Charter, was too rich, and much absorb. in the line of his traffic at London, to come to the Id. of the Pilgrims. Seven of this name had been gr. at Harv. 1771. We owe much to Harris's Cambridge Epit. 180, for acco. of the memb. of this honor. fam. in the mid. of last century; Lewis, H. C. 1728; John, H. C. 1732; and William, H. C. 1733; all s. he says, of Leonard; to all of wh. the Catal. of the Univ. gives dates of d. but much more glad. would I hear of Samuel, H. C. 1695, of wh. there can be no doubt, from his positon at the head of the class, that he was of the same stock.