

enacted, be repealed, nor any other act, proper to this general assembly, be passed except by the consent of both houses.

Book I.
1698.

At the general court, in October, an act passed, regulating the county court. It ordained, that it should consist of one chief judge and two justices of the quorum.

In 1699, the governor and deputy governor were re-elected. Richard Christophers was chosen into the magistracy, and Captain Joseph Whiting, treasurer.

May 11th,
1699.

At this session, the lower house, for the first time, formed separately, and chose Mr. John Chester speaker and Captain William Whiting, clerk. This assembly passed an act exempting the clergy from taxation. Several acts were also passed relative to the settlement of new townships.

In June 1659, Governor Winthrop obtained liberty of the assembly, to purchase a large tract at **Quinibaug**. Soon after he made a purchase of **Allups**, alias **Hyemps** and **Mashaushawit**, the native proprietors, of the lands comprised in the townships of **Plainfield** and **Canterbury**, lying on both sides of **Quinibaug** river. There were a small number of families, on the lands, at the time of the purchase; but the planters were few until the year 1689, when a number of people, chiefly from **Massachusetts**, made a purchase of the heirs of Governor Winthrop, and began settlements in the northern part of the tract. At their session, in May 1699, the general assembly vested the inhabitants with town privileges. The next year, it was named **Plainfield**.

Purchase and settlement of **Plainfield**.

The legislature, in the October session, 1698, enacted, that a new plantation should be made at **Jeremy's farm**. It was determined, that it should be bounded southerly on **Lyme**, westerly on **Middletown**, and easterly on **Norwich** and **Lebanon**. This was most commonly termed the plantation at **twenty mile river**. The settlement began about 1701. In 1703, the assembly gave them a patent confirming to them the whole tract. Some of the principal planters were the Reverend **John Bulkeley**, **Samuel Gilbert**, **Michael Tainter**, **Samuel Northam**, **John Adams**, **Joseph Pomeroy**, and **John Loomis**.

Grant and settlement of **Colchester**.

At the same session, a plantation was granted, upon the petition of the inhabitants of **Guilford**, at a place called **Cogingchaug**. It was bounded northerly on **Middletown**, easterly on **Haddam**, westerly on **Wallingford**, and southerly on **Guilford**. The petitioners were thirty one, but few of them moved on to the lands. For this reason,

Cogingchaug, **Durham**, granted & settled.