

some of them strangers and foreigners, gathered up (as we suppose) to serve the present turn. In our defence was pleaded the repeal of the law of assessment upon the place ; also the Magna Charta of England, and the statute laws that secure the subject's properties and estates, &c. To which was replied by one of the Judges, the rest by silence assenting, that we must not think the laws of England follow us to the ends of the earth, or whither we went. And the same person (John Wise abovesaid testifies) declared, in open Council upon examination of said Wise, — “ Mr. Wise, you have no more privileges left you, than not to be sold for slaves,” — and no man in Council contradicted. By such laws our trial and trouble began and ended. Mr. Dudley aforesaid, chief Judge, to close up the debate and trial, trims up a speech that pleased himself (we suppose) more than the people. Among many other remarkable passages to this purpose, he bespeaks the jury's obedience who, (we suppose) were very well pre-inclined, viz. “ I am glad, says he, there be so many worthy gentlemen of the jury so capable to do the king service, and we expect a good verdict from you, seeing the matter hath been so sufficiently proved against the criminals.”

Note, the evidence in the case as to the substance of it, was that we too boldly endeavoured to persuade ourselves we were English men, and under privileges ; and that we were, all six of us aforesaid, at the town