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INTRODUCTION.

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THIS volume contains a copy of the manuscript lettered "PLYMOUTH COLONY RECORDS, DEEDS, &c., Vol. I 1627-1651," and of the "Book of Indian Records for their Lands," which is contained in the manuscript lettered "PLYMOUTH COLONY RECORDS, — IND. DEEDS, — TABLES, — RECORDS, ACC^{ts}, LISTS OF FREEMEN," which Book of Indian Records, with the exception of two pages, is in the handwriting of Nathaniel Morton and Samuel Sprague.

The manuscript Book of Deeds, &c., which is the most ancient record of the first settlers of Plymouth, was begun by Governor Bradford, but the greater part of it is in the handwriting of Nathaniel Sowther and Nathaniel Morton. A few pages are in the handwriting of Antony Thacher and Samuel Sprague.

The book was paged by Secretary Morton, with the exception of thirty-two leaves at the beginning, and seven leaves at the end, which many years afterwards were paged by other persons.

In the year 1716, John Cotton, Esq., made Indexes, or Tables, as he calls them, on some of the leaves left unpaged, and wrote on the first page of the record

"Anno 1627

There are 2 Tables in this Book."

The date "1627," however, probably does not refer to the record on the same page, in Governor Bradford's handwriting, of the meersteads and garden plots laid out in 1620; or to the pages containing the record, mainly by the same hand, of the allotments of land in 1623. Those pages have every appearance of having been written in the years mentioned in the record. The date written by Mr. Cotton, "1627," undoubtedly refers to the record of Deeds, agreeably to the Title, on the leaf preceding the first page, namely,

"Plymouths great Book of Deeds of Lands

Enrolled: from An^o 1627 to An^o 1651:"

A few deeds were also enrolled or recorded in this book of a date subsequent to 1651.

In some instances Deeds and other Instruments were signed by the parties with their own hands on the record, fac-similes of several of which autographs will be found in their appropriate places. A fac-simile of the first page, as recorded by Governor Bradford, is also added.

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MARKS AND CONTRACTIONS.

A Dash " (or straight line) over a letter indicates the omission of the letter following the one marked.

A Curved Line " indicates the omission of one or more letters next to the one marked.

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A Caret ^ indicates an omission in the original record.

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All doubtful words supplied by the editor are included between brackets, [].

Some redundancies in the original record are printed in Italics.

Some interlinations, that occur in the original record, are put between parallels, | |.

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Several characters have special significations, namely: —

@, — annu, anno.	p, — per, par, pur, pear, — pante, parente; appd, appeared; pson, person; pte, parte.
ā, — an, am, — curiā, curiam.	p, — pro, — pportōn, proportion.
ā, — māstrate, magistrate.	p, — proper.
ā, — ber, — numb, number; Robt, Robert.	q, — quon, question.
ā, — cl, ti, — actōn, action.	q̄, — esq̄, esquire.
ā, — tio, — jurisdictōn, jurisdiction.	ṛ, — Apr̄, April.
ā, — cre, cer, — acs, acres; cleric, clericus.	ṣ, — s, sessōn; sd, said.
d, — dōt, delivenc.	ṣ, — ser, — s̄vants, servants.
ē, — Tr̄sr, Treasurer.	ṣ, — ter, — neul, neuter; secret, secretary.
ē, — committē, committee.	ṣ, — capt, captain.
g, — ḡnial, general; Georḡ, George.	ū, — uer, — seful, general; goū, governor.
h, — chr, charter.	ū, — abou, above.
ī, — beḡg, begin̄g, beginning.	ṽ, — ver, — seful, several.
l, — lre, letter.	ṽ, — var, versa, verses.
m, — mm, ma, — com̄itte, committee.	ṽ, — ōn, when.
n, — recoṁm̄dācōn, recommendation.	y ^r , the; y ^a , them; y ^s , then; y ^t , their; y ^t , this; y ^t , that.
nt, — mer, — for̄m̄ly, formerly.	z, — us, ue; vilib, vilibus; annoq̄, annoque.
ō, — month.	ſ, — es, et, — statuf, statutes.
ū, — nu, — Pen̄, Penn; āno, anno.	ſ̄, &̄d, &̄c, — et cetera.
ū, — D̄ni, Domini.	vid̄, — videlicet, namely.
ū, — ner, — man̄r, manner.	∇ — full point.
ū, — on, — mentō, mention.	
ū, — mō, month.	
p, — par, par; p̄t, part; p̄tion, portion.	
p, — pre, — p̄sent, present.	