

the Lib^{tye} I had by my place to propounde suche considerations to the Court, if these be questioned I must stande & fall wth them.

JO: WINTHROP.

XII.

ROUGH DRAFT OF GOVERNOR WINTHROP'S LETTER TO THE EARL OF WARWICK.

(Referred to on p. 329.)

R^T. HON^{BLE} & MY VERY GOOD LORDE,

Your Lo^{pps} lettres by Mr. W: I rec^d the 7th of July, w^h were occasion of comfort to me, bothe for your Lo^{pps} wellfare, & for y^r constant hearty affection to o^r Colony, & y^r undeserved favor to my selfe, yo^r most unworthy servant, w^h shall so farre oblige me to y^r good Lo^{pp}, as my poore prayers & indeavors shalbe euer improved for yo^r honor & wellfare.

Now knowinge that w^h yo^r Lo^{pp} desires to be satisfied in, I shall truely relate to you the state of the Country & o^r present condition therein, so fully & faithfully as you shall not need to inquire any further thereabout.

For the Country, it is for the most pte a light soyle, black earth above & sand beneath: it is very well watered wth rivers, brookes & springs, wth faire levels of good meadowe in many places, but much of it is full of hassocks & wett for want of drayninge.

The Timber is Oak & pine, wth some elme & ashe in the swampes, w^{ch} are not bogge as in Ireland, but in the summer they are dry & fine lande. By the Sea Coast there is store of salt marsh, w^{ch} is for 3: 4 or 5 foote a meere Turfe, w^{ch} will burne well, yet it beares very fine benty grasse, w^{ch} will maintain cattle well both in summer & winter.

The ground is most apte for Rye & su^mer wheate w^{ch} afford sometymes 30: or 40 ſs of an acre, yet after 2: or 3: Croppes not aboue halfe so much, except cost be bestowed upon it. Diverse haue found by experience that 2: or 3: Croppes of Rye will come of one Seedinge, & wthout any nue ploughinge. There is allso this yeare great store of pease & barley, as good as I haue seen ordinarily in England.