

men now on duty here, under Daniel Ward, are to be marched by him to assist in the fortifications of Boston. 24th. According to resolve of American Congress, Gen. Ct. offer a bounty for the cultivation of hemp.

May 1st. Gen. Ct. appoint that "all officers of militia make use of Col. T. Pickering's plan of exercise."

* 13th. Rev. Dr. Whitaker, who had erected Salt Petre works, is allowed to sink several cisterns in different parts of the town, for collecting water after rain, so as to make nitre.—18th. £1500 are voted for town charges. A powder house is to be built. It was placed in W. part of the town. Voted that Rep. to Gen. Ct. be chosen by differently coloured balls.—The Friends (of Pa. and N. J.) are thanked for their second donation to the poor here.—29th. R. Derby is re-elected a member of the Council.

June 4th. At a new choice of Rep. for Gen. Ct., J. Pickering, Jonathan Gardner, George Williams, Warwick Palfrey, Samuel Carlton and T. Pickering are chosen.—12th. The town instruct these Rep., "that if the Hon. Congress shall for the safety of the United American Colonies declare them independant of Great Britain, we will solemnly engage with our lives and fortunes to support them in the measure."

† July 18th. Declaration of Independence by the American Congress on the 4th, is published from the Balcony of the State House in Boston.

Aug. 5th. Rev. Thomas Barnard, son of Rev. John Barnard of Andover, d. *Æ* 60, *g.* at Harvard 1732, ordained at Newbury, Jan. 31, 1733, left his people there because of difficulties among them about Mr. Whitefield's preaching,—studied and practised law, represented Newbury in Gen. Ct., re-entered the ministry and was installed over First Ch. of Salem, Sept. 18, 1755,—left children, Thomas, John, Benjamin and Sarah, who m. Jonathan Jackson of Newburyport.—He published sermons at the ordination of his brother Edward Barnard in Haverhill, 1743,—of Josiah Bailey at