

of July by taking from him forty hogsheads of rum, several barrels of sugar, and a negro man—presumably to mix the drinks. The cargo came from Barbadoes, and was bound to Portsmouth. All captains at this time brought slaves to New England.

In the island referred to, in a census taken by order of his Excellency, Sir Jonathan Atkins, in 1679, Richard Salter was reported as having two hundred and seventeen acres of land, four white servants, and one hundred and twenty negroes. There would appear to be no necessity for so many hands on a small farm unless he was supplying the rich people of New Castle with household servants.

In the burying-ground at New Castle, close to the road, may be seen three graves, viz. :

“Here lyes the body of the Hon. John Frost, Esq., who departed this life Feb. 25, 1732, aged 50 years, 11 mos and 24 days.”

“Here lyes buried the body of Joseph Frost, Esq., who departed this life Sept. ye 14th, 1768, aged 50 years and 11 months.”

“Sarah, widow of the late Capt. Richard S. Tibbits and youngest daughter of Joseph and Margaret Frost, aged 85.”

John Frost's widow married again, and died April 18, 1766, aged eighty years, and was buried in Danvers.

Joseph Frost's widow married again, and died July 15, 1813, aged eighty-nine years, and was buried in Somersworth.

Captain Tibbits died in the West Indies.

Mary Pepperrell Frost lived in elegance at New Castle after her marriage in 1702. Her best bed was covered with white tabby silk. Her father and husband were rich, and she accumulated an enormous quantity of silver