General had saved themselves from Philip and Alva of Spain. Richelieu was master in France. "Steenie" was there at court parading himself, making love to the Queen and securing Henrietta Maria as Baby Charlie's wife and with her a dowry of eight thousand crowns.

In central Europe the Protestant cause was almost prostrate. All this was behind, and when our people came to this Valley, Baby Charlie had been on the throne ten years; Buckingham was out of the way in 1629 but Wentworth and Laud ruled. Sir John Eliot was dead in the Tower, and things were headed for the worst.

Did Henry Wolcott, when he decided to join the Dorchester company, think his English property was in danger, I wonder? A few years later I suspect that his assets would have been frozen, for unconstitutional taxation was not only in the air but in actual practice. Hampden and Pym had planned to settle at Saybrook, as shown by Hopkins' letters to Gardiner, but they abandoned the plan in the fall of 1636, probably because they could not market their English holdings.

Henry Wolcott had no illusions about what sort of a country he was coming to, or whom or what he was going to meet there. He was no dreamer of a Utopian state, nor was he a rash adventurer. He was by nature, training and position what we call nowadays a thoroughly safe man.

The family coat-of-arms bears the legend "Nullius addictus jurare in verba magistri." I am not accustomed to take oath in the words of any master. In 1931 General Joseph C. Jackson visited Holland and returning to Taunton stopped to examine the antiquities and books in the Castle. A remark of his was overheard by a gentle-