



1633: "The Names of the Freemen of the Incorporacon of Plymoth in New England, An: 1633 ...
"The rest admitted afterwds ... James Coale..."
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 3-4 (and PCR 8:174).

"James Coale" is listed in the 1636 "Names of the Freemen" (PCR 1:53-54), in the 1643 list (PCR 8:188), and in the 1658 list (PCR 8:197). James Cole also appears in the list of citizens of Plymouth who were expected to attend town meetings (Records of the Town of Plymouth, 1:21, 25, 101). He also appears on an undated list as being a member of "goodman Doties team" for cutting wood (Records of the Town of Plymouth 1:34).

27 March 1634: "according to an order in Court held the 2d of Jan., in the ninth yeare of the raigne of our sov. lord, Charles, by the grace of God King of Engl., Scotl., Fr., & Irel., defend'r of the faith, &c, the psons heerunder menconed were rated for public use by the Gov'r & Mr Tho. Prence ... to be brought in by each pson as they are heerunder written, rated in corne at xj ss p bushell..."
"James Cole ... 00 [pounds] 09 [shillings] ..."
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 27-28.

2 January 1636-7: "There was graunted the same day to Josiah Winslow, richard Burne, and to John Burne, on the behalf of his father, Mr Thomas Burne, & to James Coale, seaven acres appeece, to belonge to their seuell dwelling houses in Plymouth, and not to be sould from them, but when such dwellings shalbe voide, to returne in unto the towne, to be disposed of to others ; otherwise the said lands shalbe to them and to their heires and assignes so long as their houses shalbe fitt for habitacon, and be dwelled in."
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 49.

7 June 1637: "It is concluded and enacted by the Court, that the colony of New Plymouth shall send forth ayd to assist them of Massachusetts Bay and Conectacutt in their warrs against the Pequian Indians, in revengof the innocent blood of the english w'ch the s'd Pequins have barbarously shed, and refuse to give satisfacon for..."
"The Names of the Souldiers that willingly offer themselues to goe upon the s'd Service, w'th Mr Prince & the Leiften't. Voluntaries. Thomas Clarke, Richard Church, Georg Soule, Samuell Jenney, [et al] ..."
"Such as will goe if they be prest. Mr Thomas Hill, Thomas Boardman, James Coale."
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 60-61.

7 June 1637: "Edward Forster, of Scituate, for selling lesse then a Winchester quart for ij d [pence], in regard it was ignorantly done, the fyne was assessed but at ... xij d [pence]. Pd. James Coale, of Plymouth, for the like, but not of ignorance, ... x s[hillings]. Pd."
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 61.

2 January 1637-8: "Edward Shaw was indicted for the felonious takeing of xv s[hillings] from the pson of William Corvannell, and was found guilty, and had his censure to be seuerely whipt, and

burnt in the shoulder w'th a hot iron ; w'ch was accordingly executed upon him.

"The jurys names that went xpon him were these: - John Browne, gen., Francis Cooke, Henry Howland, James Coale, willm Paddy, George Kennick, sworne. Thomas Burne, James Cudworth, Josias Winslow, Samuel Hinckley, John Paybody, Thomas Besbidg, sworne.

"Marke Mendloue was also indicted as accessory to the felony so comitted by Edward Shaw, and was found guilty, and was censured to be whipt ; w'ch was accordingly pformed.

"The juries names that past upon him were these: - John Browne, Francis Cooke, James Cole, Anthony Annable, Willm Paddy, Georg Kennerick, sworne. Thomas Burne, James Cudworth, Josias Winslow, Samuell Hinckley, Thomas Besbidget, John paybody, sworne."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 74.

James Cole also served on juries on 2 January 1637-8 (PCR 7:7), 3 May 1642 (PCR 7:29), 7 September 1642 (PCR 7:32), 6 June 1643 (PCR 7:35), and 7 November 1643 (PCR 7:36).

2 January 1637-8: "Mr Hopkins is psented for sufferinge excessiue drinking in his house, as old Palmer, james Coale, & William Renolds."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 75.

2 July 1638: "Richard Clough, taylor, acknowledgeth to owe the King, &c., xl li. John Holmes, gent, ... xxx li. James Cole, sayler, xxx li."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 91.

And again on 4 September 1638: "Richard Clough, of Plymouth, taylor, acknowledgeth to ower the Kinge, &c, ... xl li. Richard Derby of the same, gent., ... xxx li. James Cole, of the same, inkeep., ... xx li."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 97.

5 May 1640: "James Cole, of Plymouth, is phibited by the Court to draw any wine or strong water vntill the next Genall Court, nor then neither w'thout speciall lycence from the Court."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 153.

2 June 1640: "John Kerman deposeth & sayth that there was such disorder in James Coles house, by throweing stooles, & formes, and fyre, vntill s'thin a hower of day, or there abouts, that they could hardly sleepe, and in the morneing he found them on sleepe by the fyer."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 156.

1 September 1640: "James Cole, for drawing wyne w'thout lycence & contrary to the expresse phibicon of the Court, & for his contempt & disorders suffered in his house, is fyned v li."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, p. 162.

6 September 1641: "Emanuel White complns agst James Cole, in an action of trespas upon the case, to the dam of iij [pounds] x [shillings] ; the deffent confesseth xxij bushells in Indian, wch he pmised the pltiff to pay for the debt of James Luxford, & execucon granted."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 23.

7 September 1641: "James Coles fyne of fiue pounds, upon due consideracon had thereof, is by the Court remitted the said Cole, allowing the dyett of John Mynard during the tyme he was erecting the prison."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 24.

16 Seotember 1641: "James Cole is graunted fifty acres of vpland at Lakenhame Medow, and some meddow to be layd to yt upon view."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 26.

7 December 1641: "James Cole complns agst James Luxford, in an action of trespas upon the case, to the dam of v li. Goods attached are these: -

"Inpris, 1 shute & cloak 02: 05: 00

lt. 7 duz & 3 bands, at 3 s 03: 05: 03

lt. 2 duz, at 7 s 6 00: 15: 00

lt, 6 bands, 5 s 6 00: 05: 06

lt, 6 bands, at 5 s 00: 02: 06

lt, 1 pair gloues, at c, 00: 03: 00

lt, 1 oz. ¼ silk, 00: 02: 06

lt, 2 leather caps, at 6, 00: 01: 01

lt. 2 capps, at 00: 01: 01

"Pd the jury 6 s 6 d who prized the goods. Judgmt given for v li. The rest was attached by Edward Dotey.

"Edward Dotey complains agst James Luxford, in an action of trespas upon the case, to the dam of vij li. Goods & debts attached. In james Coles hands."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 26.

1 March 1641-2: "Constables & Surveyors of the Heigh Wayes. Plymouth, ... Gilest Rickett, constable & survey'r, Mr. Wm hanbury [and] Francis Cooke, for Joanes Riuer, James Cole & the constable for the towne, & Thomas Clark, for the Eele Riuer."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 34.

On 7 June 1642, James Cole was chosen as surveyor (PCR 2:40). On 5 June 1644, he was sworn in as Constable for Plymouth (PCR 2:72). He was again chosen as one of the "Survayors for the Hiewaies" from Plymouth on 5 June 1651 (PCR 2:168) and on 7 June (PCR 3:9).

27 September 1642: "James Cole is graunted an enlargement at the head of his lott, to be set forth upon view."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 48.

29 May 1643: "It is agreed upon that all housholders wthin the Towneship shall forth pvide sufficient Armes according to the act of the Court for themselves and their servants able to beare armes..."

"Those that contributed to buy drumheads. Mr. Bradford 6d, James Cole 6d, [et al]..."

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 14.

10 February 1643-4: "It is agreed that wolfe traps be made according to the order of the Court in manners following ...

"That one be made at the Towne by Mr. Prence Nathaniel Sowther Thomas Southwood Mr Done John ffinney James Cole and Giles Rickett."

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 16.

21 November 1644: "Wheras Mr Willm Hanbury hath farmed out his house and lands lying at Joanes Riuer, wch he purchased of Mr John Browne, unto Francis Goole, and hat wthall letten a stock of vj drawing beasts and two coves and a horse, wth plowes, yeokes, cheanes, and weane, &c, and that the said Francis neglected his businesse, so as he was vnlikely to pay the rent, but pferred to sell pt of the stock, and diuers other things wch were in differrence, and allegated on both sides before the Gounr; and in regard the said Francis could not giue the said Wm Hanbury securty for his said stock..."

"James Cole undertooke to pay xxij s for the said Francis Goole, unto the said Willm Hanbury, before the Gou and Nathll Sowther."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 78.

7 January 1644-45: "Whereas Mr John Done is lycensed to draw wyne in Plymouth, and that James Cole is likewise lycensed to keepe the ordinary there, wch is very inconvenyent to many passengers, the court hath, therefore, lycenced the said James Cole from this day forward to draw wyne, if he shall agree wth Mr Done to take off those wynees hee now hath in his hands. Agreement was after made betwixt them."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 79-80.

3 March 1644-5: "James Shawe, John Shawe, Jur ... are bound one for another in x li a peece for their apparences at the next Genall Court, &c, and to abide the further order of the Court, and not depte the same without lycence, and in the meane tyme to be of the good behauior towards or souaigne lord the King and all his leigh people ... John Shawe, Sr., James Cole, bound in x li a peece upon the same condicon, p bona port, for John Shawe."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 81.

8 April 1645: "Mr Bradford Mr Prence Mr Paddy Mr Done Nathaniell Souther and Thomas Southwood for and on behalf of the Towne agreed with James Cole that his sonn Heugh Cole should keepe the Cowes this yeare from the middle of this instant Aprill untill the middle of November following and shall have fifty bushells of corne for his paynes and shall bring them up every morning to bee milked and then carry them forth to feede and bring them hoame at night."

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 19.1 June 1647: "James Cole, comp, agst Thomas Pope, in an accon slandr, dam 100 li. The defendt acknowledged his fault in Court, brought in his author, who did yt same whereupon ye compl let fall his accon, the defendt equally paying the charges."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 116.

6 June 1647: "heere is a full manifestation of Thomas howells Desire uppon his death bead that his debts should bee payde out of his estate ...

"debts to be paid ... Itm James Cole 0:2[shillings]:2[pence]"

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 8, p. 209.

26 October 1647: "At this court, Wm handbury, compl, agst Franc Billington, for v li xv s, or therabouts, it was agreed upon them them in ye Courte, that ye said Billington shall & will satisfie & pay unto Mr Wm Handbury, or his ass's, two varrells of tarre, marchantable, at the house of James Cole, in Plim ..."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 119.

26 October 1647: "James Cole, of Plim, acknowledgeth to owe or souaigne lord ye King ... 40 [pounds]: 00:00 ...

"The condicon, yt yf ye aboue bounden James Cole shall psonally appre at ye nexte Genall Court of or souaigne lord ye King, to be holden at Plim in March nexte, and in ye meane time to be of ye good behavior towds our said sov lord ye King, and all his leidge people, & to abide ye further order of ye Court, & not depte the same without lycence..."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 119-120.

1 August 1648: "These sheweth, that on July the 22cond, wee, whosse names are underwritten, were sworne by Mr Bradford, Gouener, to make inquiry of the death of the child of Allis Bishop, the wife of Richard Bishope.

"Wee declare, yt coming into the house of the said Richard Bishope, wee saw at the foot of a ladder w'h leadeth into an vpper chamber, much blood; and going vp all of vs into the chamber, wee found a woman child, of about foure yeares of age, lying in her shifte vppon her left cheeke, with her throat cut ... and a bloody knife lying by the side of the child, with w'h knife all of vs judg, and the said Allis hath confessed to fiue of vs att one time, yt shee murdered the child with the said knife. [Signed]: John Howland, James Hurst, Robert Lee, John Shawe, Francis Cooke, John Cooke, James Cole,

Gyells Rickard, Richard Sparrow, Thomas Pope, Francis Billington, William Nelson." "Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 132.

29 October 1649: "The Accoumpt giuen in by the Treasurer at this Court ... Memorandum: to giue accoumpt for James Coles excise, out of which to set of the comitties charges for this Court." Plymouth Colony records, Vol. 2, p. 148.

2 October 1650: "Wee, whose names are heer under written, being the grand inquest, doe present to this court ...

"Wee present James Cole, of the towne of Plym, for making of a batterie vppon William Shirtley, of the aforsaid towne."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 162.

4 March 1650-51: "Att the same Court as on the other side of this leafe, James Cole, Seni, complained against James Shaw, in an action of the case, to the damage of fifty shillings.

"The jury find for the plaintife the debt, which is six and thirty shillings, and charges of the suite."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 53.

4 May 1651: "John Rogers, of Marshfeild, acknowledgeth to owe unto the court the sum of twenty pound. james Cole ... the sum of ten pound."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 166.

March 1651-2: "The Names of those that have interest and proprieties in the Townes land att Puncateesett over against Road lland...

"James Cole Seni, [et al] ..."

Records of the town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 37.

29 June 1652: "Wee whose names are underwritten, being sumoned by Mr Bradford, Gouverner, on an enquest to make enquiry how Robert Wille, allias Willis, sometimes of Milbrooke, in the countey of Cornwall, and sence belonging to Winter harbour, at Saco, in New England, came by his sudden death; and the body of the said Wille, allias Willis, being brought on shore and by vs viewed, and finding noe wound about him which might cause his death, and haueing alsoe made all due enquiry about the prmises, declare that wee find as followeth: videlecet, that the said Robert Wille, allias Willis, being vp the greatest pte of the night att the house of James Cole, of Plym, withother fishermen and som of the said towne of Plymouth, and haueing drunke beer and stronge waters, and, almost at the break of the day, goeing on board the boate to which hee belonged to goe out on fishing, and being in the stern of the said boate, and assaying to thrust the said boate of from another boate that was by her, or endeauoring to hange his rudder, hee fell ouer board in to the water, and soe was drowned ended his life."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, p. 15.

3 September 1652: "Presentments by the grand enquest: ...

"Wee psent James Cole, of Plymouth, for entertaining townsmen in his house, contrary to order of Court.

"We psent Thomas Clarke and John Moses, of Plymouth, for staying and drinking at James Coles, contrary to order of Court."

Plymouth Colony records, Vol. 3, p. 17.

7 June 1653: "A true Inventory of the lands goods and chattles of the late Deceased Thomas Chillingsworth of the towne of Marshfield...

"The Debts owing by Thomas Chillingsworth ... To James Cole of Plymouth 00:12 [shillings]: 00."

Mayflower Dsecendant, Vol. 11, p. 157-158.

7 March 1654-5: "John Barnes complaineth against James Cole, Senr, in an action of the case, to the dammage of fifty shil, for receiuing of eleuen barrels of oyle in his behalfe, and deliuering but ten unto him.

"The jury find for the defendant, and giue him the charges of the Court."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 69.

20 June 1654: "For the furtherance of the expedition against the Duch, it is ordered, that any of the counsell of warr shall have power to presse any thinge that shalbee found nessesarie in the severall townes, as occation shall require..."

"The barkque in which Samuell Mayo sayleth was pressed to attend the said seruice for the transportation of the souldiers.

"And in like mannor the boate of James Cole, of Plymouth, with seamen to goe in them on the said business.

"Upon the 23d of June, 1654, happy tidings came of a long desired peace betwixt the two nations of England and Holland, by which all the aforesaid intentions and preparations ceased from being employed and improued unto the carrying on of the aforesaid enterprize."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, p. 57.

6 October 1656: "An inventory of the estate of Joshua Pratt ... Debts were due the estate from Samuel Hicks, James Cole, Sr., and Benjamin Eaton."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 14, p. 113.

20 March 1657: "William Browne of the towne of Plymouth in the Jurisdiction of New Plymouth Doth acknowledge that for and in Consideration of two ewe sheep to him alreddy Delivered by thomas Lettice of the towne of Plymouth aforesaid in the Jurisdiction aforesaid ; that hee hath freely and absolutely bargained allied and sould enfeofed and confeirmed and by these presents Doth bargaine sell enfeofe and Confeirme unto the said Thomas Lettice all that his garden place hee now liveth on in Plymouth aforesaid lying betwixt the garden plott of homested of James Cole senir on the one side and the other land of the said Thomas Lettice on the other side..."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 1, p. 82.

7 June 1659: "The Court haue giuen unto James Cole, of Plymouth, the sume of ten pounds, towards the repaireing of the house hee now liueth in, soe as it may bee fitted as an ordinary for the entertainment of strangers."

5 September 1659: "Know yee that wee the said Nathaneell Morton and John Morton Doe acknowledg that for and in Consideration of the full sume of forty pounds sterling for the payment wherof wee have Received bills of Daniell Wilcockes of the towne of Portsmouth on Road lland in the Jurisdiction of Providence plantation in New England in america yeoman wee have ffreely and absolutely bargained allied and sould enfeofed and Confeirmed ...

"Signed sealed and Delivered in the prsence of Thomas Southworth and James Cole senir."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 16, p. 79-80.

6 December 1659: "Att this Court, James Cole, Senir, and Edward Gray appeered, to lay claime to a pcell of iron wedges that were brought from Taunton, which an Indian had stolen and sould att Taunton ; but the Court, haueing not cleare light to determine whose the wedges are, caused them to bee ceured vntill the Indian that is supposed to haue stollen them can bee apprehended and examined, and therefore tooke a course that the Indian should bee apprehended."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, p. 179.

7 March 1659-60: "Thomas Lucas, for his abusive and threatening speeches and turbulent carriages

towards the wife of James Cole, Snir, and the child of James Cole, Junir, is fined by the Court the sume of thirty shillings."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, p. 181.

15 July 1660: "Wee, whose names are underwritten, being summoned by Leiftenant Southworth as a corrowners enquest, to enquire conserning the sudden death of James Peirse, doe testify that, on the fifteenth day of this instant June, 1660, wee did view his corpes, and alsoe made dillegent enquiry of such as were in his companie att his death, and doe find that hee died by an emediate hand of god by thunder and lightening ... wheras they were in a boate in Plymouth harbour in a storme of raine and thunder, the same blow of thunder which tooke away his life wee dinf did alsoe shiuer the mainemast of the boate wherin they were, about two third of the said mast from the candelens vpward, and the foremast was broken aboute two foot of it of; and the said James Peirse, being on the fore cuddy of the said boate, was strooke ouerboard, and wee conceiue that, possibly falling suddenly into the water, it might hasten his end; whervunto wee haue subscribed our hands, the 15 of July, 60.

Gyles Richard, Senir, James Cole, Senir, Samuell Hickersn [et al] ..."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, p. 196.

9 June 1653: "The Court haue ordered, that James Cole, the ordinary keeper of Plymouth, that for his pay for what hee expendeth in keeping the ordinary shalbee payed in good and merchantable pay, either att Boston or Plymouth; and hee is to make such provisions of nessearies as shalbee reqesite for the entertainment of strangers."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, p. 38.

5 March 1660-61: "James Cole, Senir, for selling wine to the Indians, fined ten shilling.

"Likewise Gyles Rickard, for the same default, fined ten shillings. these pties, pleading ignorance of the order of Court prohibiting the seling of wine or strong liquors to the Indians, were not fined according to the extremitie of the order, but each ten shillings, as aforsaid."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, p. 207.

9 September 1661: "Memorandum That Samuell Dunham of Plymouth in the Jurisdiction of New Plymouth Plantor Doth acknowledge that for and in Consideration of the sume of three pounds for the payment of which hee hath Received a bill ; hee hath bargained and sold enfeofed and Confeirmed and by these presents Doth bargaine sell enfeofe and Confeirme unto James Coale, senir: of the town aforsaid in the Jurisdiction aforsaid Shoemaker all that his pte portionor share of land att Punckateesett and places ajacent both of that which is alreddy purchased and which is to purchase, To have and to hold all that the said Samuell Dunham his share lott or portion of the land att Punckateesett and places ajacent both upland and meddow both of that which is alreddy purchased and of tht which is there to purchase ; unto the said James Coale to him his heires and assignes for ever ; the said prmises with all and singulare the apurtenances belonging therunto with all the said Samuell Dunham his Right title and Interest of and into the same or any pte or pcell therof with all the meddow appurtenances privildges and emunities belonging therunto or to any pte or pcell therof to appertaine unto the onely proper use and behoof of him the said James Coale hee his heires and assignes for ever."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 16, p. 179.

7 May 1662: "The Court haue condemned a pcell of tarr attached att the suite of James Cole, Senir, of Joseph Ramsden, for a debt the said Ramsden owed him; and wheras it appeered to bee to little to satisfy the said debt, it being three barrells that should haue bine attached, and but a barrell and a halfe that could bee found, the said Cole and Ramsen haue agreed for the remainder betwixt themselues."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 11.

3 June 1662: "Captaine Willett is appointed by the court to purchase the lands of the Indians which is graunted unto such that were servants and others that are ancient freemen...
"Their names are as followeth: - James Cole, Senir, John Hanmore, Nicholas Wade, [et al]..."
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 18.

22 March 1663-4: "The severall lotes on Puccateesett Necke are as followeth...
"James Cole seni:, Robert Bartlett. [Litt number] 24. Lott lyeth on the north side of the 23 lott; and att the west end is bounded with a walnutt stake and a walnutt bush and extends from the water side up to the highway in the middle of the necke"
Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 62-67.

3 May 1664: "Att this Court, a judgment of fifteen shillings, wanting a peney, was graunted unto James Cole, Senir, against Henery Saunders, for none payment of a debt due to the said Cole from the said Saunders."
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 57.

2 August 1664: "In reference unto a gun attached by James Cole, Senir, belonging to Joseph Billington, the Court haue ordered, that the said gun shalbee returned, forasmuch as it doth appeer that all that the said Billington had was bound ouer unto John Barnes before the said attachment was layed on the said gun."
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 69.

7 June 1665: "The Names of those that haue Lands graunted unto them by the Court, viz, the Land which is purchased on the westerly Side of Namasskett riuer, which is to bee equally deuded amongst them, and being soe deuded, is conceiued it will amunt unto thirty Acres a Share of good Land, as alsoe Comoning adjoyning therunto proportionable...
"To James Cole, Senir, ... one share."
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 94.

3 October 1665: "James Cole, Senir, for suffering Richard Dwelley to bee drunke in his house, fine five shillings."
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 107.

6 February 1665-6: "A judgment of 01:01:11 was graunted unto James Cole, Senir, against John Suten, in reference to an apparent debt owing by the said Suten to the said Cole; the charges of the complaint is included in the abovesaid sume."
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 112.

3 June 1668: "In reference unto the complaint of Thomse Howes, the late constable of Yarmouth, against William Nicarson, Senir, Nathaniell Couell, Samuell Nicarson, Joseph Nicarson, and William Nicarson, Junir, for affronting him in the execution of his office, and offering diuers abuses to him therin, the Court haue centanced them all to sitt in the stockes dureing the pleasure of the Court, which accordingly was pformed; and pticularly, forasmuch as the said William Nicarson, Senir, hath bine principall and leader in the said affront, hee was centaunched by the Court to find surties for his good behaior vntill the Court to be holden att Plymouth in October next, or to be comitted to prison vntill hee soe doe; hee, refusing to prouide surties, stood comitted three daies, and after that gaue bonds as followeth: -
"William Nicarson acknowlidgeth to owe unto our sov lord the Kinge the sume of ... 20:00:00
"James Cole, Senir, the sume of ... 20:00:00"
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, p. 183-4.

2 March 1668-9: "James Cole, Senir, and Mary, his wife, fore that the said Mary Cole was taken

selling strong liquors to an Indian, contrary to an order of Court prohibiting the same, was fined the sume of five pounds to the use of the collonie.

"James Cole, Senir, and Mary, his wife, for that the said Mary Cole suffered divers psons after named to stay drinking on the Lords day, att her house, in the time of publicke worshipp, was fined the sume of three pounds.

"James Clarke, Phillip Dotterich, Mary Ryder, and Hester Wormall, for their staying and drinkeing att the house of James Cole, att Plymouth, on the Lords day, in the time of the publicke worship of God, were fined each of them ten shillings to the use of the collonie.

"And Christopher Blacke, for the same default, although not soe faulty, was fined fiue shillings to the use of the collonie."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 5, p. 15.

1 June 1669: "Forty shillings is remited of the fine of James Cole, in reference to that pte therof which was for selling liquor to the Indians.

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 5, p. 21.

6 July 1669: "It is enacted by the Court and the Authoritie therof ; that none shall sell wine liquors Cyder or beer by retaile in this Collonie except they haue a Lycense: and to pay for their lycense according to the Capasitie of the place where they liue ;

"viz: Plymouth - 10.00.00. That is to say James Cole senir - 08.00.00, Thomas Lettice - 02.00.00...

"Moreouer it is enacted by the Court that all such Lycenced ordinaries shall not suffer prophane singing daunceing or reuelling in their houses on the paneltie of ten shillings for euery default and that all ordinary keepers be ordered to keep good beer in their houses to sell by retaile and that some one in euery towne be appointed to see that the beer they sell be suitable to the prise they sell it for."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 11, p. 222.

29 October 1669 [the inventory of Samuel Sturtivant of Plymouth]: the estate was indebted to ... James Cole, Sr."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 18, p. 188.

5 June 1671: "James Cole, Senir, for being found drunke the second time, was fined 10 s."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 5, p. 61.

29 October 1671: "James Cole, Senir, being psented before the Court on suspision of being drunke, forasmuch as it is not soe cleared to the Court as to proceed to execute the law against him, hee pleading infeirmitie of body, which may make some think that sometimes hee is drunke when hee is not, the Court haue att psent passed it by, soe that it remembred that if hee bee found for the future apparently to transgresse againe in the like kind, that be alsoe remembered to be aded in the centance that then may be passed against him.

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 5, p. 81.

29 May 1670: "An Exact List of all the Names of the Freemen of the Jurisdiction of New Plymouth, transcribed by Nathaniel Morton, Secretary to the Court for the said Jurisdiction...

"James Cole, Senir, [et al]..."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 5, p. 273.