


SKETCH OF WEYMOUTH.



CHAPTER I.

Geography — Geology — General History — Weston's Colony — Gorges's Settlement — Hull's Company — Ecclesiastical Troubles — Pequod War — Emigration — Town Government.

GEOGRAPHY.— Weymouth is the most ancient town in Norfolk County, and, next to Plymouth, in the Commonwealth, and its original boundaries have been preserved without material change until the present time; therefore its lines are the same for any date in its history of two hundred and sixty years. The town borders upon the shore of Boston Harbor, with its centre about thirteen miles southeasterly from Boston, and about double that distance northwesterly from Plymouth.

It is above nine miles in extreme length from the Abington line on the south, to the shore of the bay on the north, with an average of about seven miles. It lies between Braintree and Holbrook on the west, and Hingham on the east, with a width, nearly uniform, of about two and a half miles. It has a water front on Fore and Back Rivers of eight or nine miles, and its whole area contains between sixteen and seventeen square miles. Of this area a considerable portion is covered by ponds. Great Pond, in the southerly part, is about a mile and one third in length, and one third of a mile in width, with a surface of about two hundred and fifty acres. Whitman's Pond, centrally located, is about one third less in extent than Great Pond, being

