

*Mr. Samuel Quincy.* May it please your Honors and you gentlemen of the jury: The prisoners at the bar, are that party of soldiers belonging to his Majesty's 29th regiment, who in the evening of the 5th of March last, were induced from some cause or other to fire on the inhabitants of this town in King street. They are charged in five distinct indictments, with the wilful premeditated murder of five different persons mentioned in the respective bills; to each of these indictments they have severally pleaded, not guilty; and by that plea have thrown upon the crown the burden of proving the fact alleged against them. It is my province therefore to give you evidence in support of this charge, and

<sup>7</sup> PAINE, ROBERT TREAT. (1731-1814.) Born Boston; graduated Harvard, 1749; began practice of law at Taunton, 1759; delegate to Congress, 1774, and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence; member Massachusetts Constitutional Convention; Attorney General of Massachusetts; Judge Supreme Court, 1790-1803.

<sup>8</sup> QUINCY, SAMUEL. Was an elder brother of Josiah Quincy, Jr., and the last Solicitor General of the Province of Massachusetts before the Revolution. He became a Royalist, it is said, through jealousy of his brother, who rose to higher distinction than himself. At the Revolution he left the country and went to Antigua, where he was appointed King's Attorney. He died there in 1789.

<sup>9</sup> ADAMS, JOHN. (1735-1826.) Born Braintree, Mass.; graduated Harvard, 1755; admitted to Bar, 1758, and practiced at Braintree until he removed to Boston in 1765; member Provincial Congress, 1765; member of Constitutional Congress and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence; Chief Justice of Massachusetts, 1775; Commissioner to France, 1777; Minister to France, 1785; Vice-President of the United States, and President, 1797-1801; died at Braintree.

<sup>10</sup> QUINCY, JOSIAH, JR. (1744-1775.) Born in Boston, "the most eminent of a well-known family, whose founder emigrated to New England in 1633. At the time of his death, at the age of thirty-one, he had won distinction as a lawyer, and his place was secured in history as the most eloquent, the most clear-sighted, and the most devoted of the men who led the American Colonies in the measures preliminary to the Revolution." He died on shipboard, of consumption, in Gloucester harbor.

<sup>11</sup> BLOWERS, SAMPSON SALTER. Graduated Cambridge, 1763; called to Bar, 1773. He took the Royalist side and left the Province at the beginning of the Revolution and was in 1798 appointed Chief Justice of Nova Scotia.