

**GURDON, John** (1595-1679). M.P.

**HARWOOD, Sir Edward** (1586-1632), lived abroad. A Puritan, an ex-mercenary soldier, his family were involved in colonial business over many years. Lord Brooke, a long standing friend from their days in Holland, acted as his proxy at Company meetings.

**KNIGHTLEY, Richard** (1593-1639), M.P. and Puritan, of Fawsley, Northants (north-east of Banbury) the main venue for the business meetings of the Providence Island Company. His eldest son (also Richard) was married to John Hampden's eldest and favourite daughter Elizabeth. His family also had long-term interests in the colonies.

**MOUNDEFORD, Sir Edmond** (1595-1643), M.P.

**PYM, John** (1584-1643), Puritan, born in Somerset and brought up by his wealthy step-father in Cornwall. Educated at Oxford, M.P. for Calne and Tavistock. He secured a lucrative appointment in the Exchequer. Served on many important and influential Parliamentary committees. Appointed in November 1643 a Commissioner for Plantations (American colonies). An able financier and Providence Island Company Secretary (considered the most important appointment of all the Company's officers). His was the master-mind that governed the whole course of the Providence Island Company. In Clarendon's opinion '...of a good reputation, though known to be inclined to the Puritan party'. An able debater and tactician. Pym was also considered by Clarendon to be the most able of the Parliamentary politicians. Both Pym and Sir Arthur Haselrig lived for some time with Knightley at Fawsley. Haselrig was brother-in-law to Lord Brooke.

**RICH, Sir Nathaniel** (1589-1636). M.P., cousin to Warwick and Holland.

**RICH, Robert, 2nd Earl of Warwick** (1587-1658), educated at Cambridge (the only participant to be so), M.P., Puritan, involved in American and Caribbean colonising ventures. Had what virtually amounted to his own personal navy.

**ROBARTES, John** (1605-1685), later Lord Robartes. Educated at Oxford. Puritan. A Cornishman and a close friend of Pym and his step-father Sir Anthony Rous and the Rich family, he married the Earl of Warwick's sister. An investor, not a participant, in the Providence Island Company.

**RUDYERD, Sir Benjamin** (1572-1658), M.P., Puritan. On intimate terms with Warwick and the Rich family.

**St JOHN, Oliver** (c.1598-1673). A lawyer and M.P., closely connected by his second marriage to Cromwell and the Barringtons. Charles I made him Solicitor-General. In 1648 he was made a Member of the Council of State. Legal adviser to the Providence Island Company. A lawyer of Lincoln's Inn, he represented John Hampden at his trial when he was charged with refusing to pay his Ship-money. Described as 'reserved with a dark and clouded countenance, proud, conversing with