

THE FAILURE OF THIS EXPERIMENT OF COMMUNAL SERVICE, WHICH WAS TRIED FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND BY GOOD AND HONEST MEN PROVES THE EMPTINESS OF THE THEORY OF PLATO AND OTHER ANCIENTS, APPLAUDED BY SOME OF LATER TIMES, — THAT THE TAKING AWAY OF PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND THE POSSESSION OF IT IN COMMUNITY, BY A COMMONWEALTH, WOULD MAKE A STATE HAPPY AND FLOURISHING; AS IF THEY WERE WISER THAN GOD.

—WILLIAM BRADFORD,  
GOVERNOR OF THE PLYMOUTH COLONY—