

the death of her only child. After a friendly and pious visit, in a moving and affecting manner he took his leave of her, and said, "It was a last farewell; telling her he was persuaded he should never see her more; but hoped to meet her in heaven." Returning homeward, he had not rode above half a mile before his horse stumbled, and threw him over his head: And the Colonel being exceeding fat and heavy, fell with such force that a blood vessel was broken, and the blood gushed out of his mouth like a torrent. His wife was soon brought to him; he tried but was unable to speak to her, and died in about twelve hours. He was carried to the grave with great funeral pomp, and was buried under arms, and with military honours. On his tomb-stone is this inscription:

*Here lieth interred the Body*

*Of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>.*

*Col. BENJAMIN C. RICH, Esq;*

*Who departed this Life*

*January the 17th, 1717-18,*

*In the 78th Year of his Age.*

*Newport, April 8, 1772.*

