

He did not appear desirous to make himself particularly known to the family, or to cultivate any further acquaintance with them, but proceeded thence to the principal boarding house in the town, and engaged entertainment for himself and thirteen other persons, who, he said, were engaged in bringing on his wagons loaded with his smuggled goods. Having thus fixed upon a residence for himself and his gang of wagoners, he then called upon all the principal merchants in the town, on pretence of entering into contracts for storing large packages of goods, and proposing to give great bargains to purchasers on their arrival, and in some instances, actually received money as *earnest* on some packages of saleable goods, for the sale of which he entered into contracts. It may be remarked, by the way, that he wrote also in an unknown and unintelligible hand, to the celebrated Capt. Brant, the same as he had written to Mr. Bates, but with what view was equally mysterious and unaccountable.

Notwithstanding his genteel and respectable appearance, there was a singularity in his manner and conduct, which, with all his tact and experience, he could not altogether conceal; and hence arose some suspicions as to the reality of his pretensions. These suspicions received confirmation, and were soon matured into the reality of his being a *genteel impostor*, from the fact that the time for the arrival of his wagons had now elapsed, and they were not making their appearance. At this juncture, when public attention and observation were directed to the stranger to observe which way the balance would turn, an individual named Brown, who had formerly resided in New Brunswick, and had moved with his family to Canada, coming in contact with the gentleman, recognized him from a certain *mark* he carried on his face, to be the *far famed* Henry More Smith, whom he had seen and known when in the jail at Kingston!

This report, passing immediately into circulation, gave the *impostor* a timely signal to depart, without waiting for the arrival of his wagons and baggage, and without loss of time he took his departure from Canada, by way of Lake Erie, through the Michigan

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