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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE LATE MR. JUSTICE OGDEN.

ON a reference to history and the records of heraldry, we find the family of Ogden claiming a considerable share of attention in the reign of King Charles II. owing in a great measure to the part they took in the unhappy wars in which that Monarch was engaged. One of them, from whom the subject of this memoir is descended in a direct line, had an opportunity of rendering a signal service to His Majesty, having materially assisted in his rescue at the time he was beset and pursued by his relentless foes after the unfortunate battle of Worcester, 1651. For this office he was elevated to the rank of an Esquire by creation and received permission to wear the armorial bearing which the family still use. These are the Oak tree with the Lion rampant and the appropriate motto *Esi ostendo non facti*. The immediate ancestor of Mr. Justice Ogden, whose family were no less distinguished for their loyalty than their enterprise, emigrated, we believe, from Lancashire to the British Provinces in North America, (since become the United States) as they considered that country affording a wider field for the exercise of talent, than England did at the time. The subject of this memoir was born in these provinces, in January, 1740.

On the breaking out of hostilities between Great Britain and her American Colonies, we find Mr. Ogden practising as an eminent Barrister; enjoying the well earned fruits of his professional labours, in the bosom of his young and happy family on his thriving estate in the County of Jersey. The spot where he resided became the seat of some of the most active operations in the early part of the revolutionary war, and his house was made the residence of the British General, or the Republican Commander, alternately, according as either party happened to be successful. In this way his young family became subject