

at the Log College, (over which Mr. Tennent's father presided,) was also very remarkable for his successful preaching among all ranks of people. Mr. Rowland, possessing a commanding eloquence, and other estimable qualities, became very popular, and was much celebrated throughout the country. His celebrity and success were subjects of very serious regret to many careless worldlings, who placed all their happiness in the enjoyment of temporal objects; and considered and represented Mr. Rowland and his brethern as fanatics and hypocrites. This was especially applicable to many of the great men of the province of New Jersey, and particularly to the Chief justice, who was well known for his disbelief of Revelation.

There was at that time, prowling about the country a noted man, going by the name of Tom Bell, whose understanding and knowledge were very considerable, and who greatly excelled in low art and cunning. His mind was totally debased; and his whole conduct betrayed a soul capable of descending to every species of iniquity. In all the arts of theft, robbery, fraud, and defamation, he was so deeply skilled and so thoroughly practised that it is believed he never had his equal in the country. He had been indicted in almost every one of the middle colonies; but his ingenuity and cunning always enabled him to escape punishment. This man unhappily resembled Mr. Rowland in his external appearance so as hardly to be known from him, without the most careful examination. It so happened that Tom Bell arrived one evening at a tavern in Princeton, dressed in a parson's dark grey frock. On his entering the tavern about dusk the late John Stockton, Esq., of that town, a pious and respectable man, to whom Mr. Rowland was well known, went up to Bell and addressed him as Mr. Rowland, and invited him to go home with him, Bell assured him of his mistake. It was with some difficulty that Mr. Stockton acknowledged his error, and then informed Bell that it had arisen from his great resemblance to Mr. Rowland.

The hint was sufficient for the prolific genius of that notorious impostor. The next day Bell went into the County of Hunderton and stopped in a congregation where Mr. Rowland had formerly