

Chief Justice of New Brunswick. The younger Jonathan Sewell studied law in the elder Ward Chipman's office at St. John, and shortly after his admission to the bar removed to Quebec, where he filled in succession the positions of Solicitor General, Attorney General, Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty, and Chief Justice of the province.

The elder Jonathan Sewell came to St. John a few years after the close of the Revolutionary war, and while there received at the hands of the elder Ward Chipman every attention, and kindness that esteem and gratitude was capable of bestowing. He died on the 26th of September, 1796, when Ward Chipman to his inexpressible regret, was absent in St. Andrews, where he was obliged to go in his capacity of agent for Great Britain in connection with the international boundary arbitration. The circumstances attending the demise of Mr. Sewell are detailed in the following interesting letter written by Col. Edward Winslow to Jonathan Sewell of Quebec.

ST. JOHN, 27th Sept., 1796.

MY DEAR SIR,—In the absence of Mr. Chipman I consider it a duty incumbent on me to inform you of the melancholy event which has taken place here. Your much respected father has been evidently declining for some time past and about ten days ago he became so weak and debilitated as to be unable to rise from his bed. From that time the indefatigable Dr. Paddock constantly suggested his fears that every day would be the last. He, however, survived till eight o'clock last evening when he departed this life without a groan or a struggle.

It was with unutterable grief that Mr. Chipman left this place while your father's situation was so critical, but his departure was unavoidable—the Commis-