

two years subsequently, and retired at the close of the war.

The fortunes of my other maternal uncle, John, so called after his father, were neither so equable nor so prosperous. He also, like his brother, eschewed the civil and pacific walks of life. He was designed, I believe, for the legal profession; but after considerable expense had been incurred in a suitable education, and in other preliminaries, he manifested such a decided aversion to the project, that it had to be totally abandoned. Left to his own choice, he selected the naval department for the object of his affections and the scene of his exploits; his pursuit of fame was very unsuccessful, and all his hopes ended in bitter disappointment. He became a midshipman in the Royal Navy; but owing to a delicate constitution, and social irregularities, he was obliged to relinquish his profession, and seek employment in some other enterprise. Through family influence he obtained a good situation in the excise department. The emoluments were very handsome; but the duties were onerous, and in his endeavours to perform them, he fell into a decline, and died while he was yet young. Concerning my other relatives, I know but very little; I have been separated from them for many years, more than a quarter of a century having elapsed