

possession of the part of the case would agree in opinion with you, and Mr. Robie, and would advise the assignees not to harrass me with a further suit, as I have hitherto had every reason to believe that his disposition towards me was friendly, or if he should decline doing that, that a statement of the case may be drawn up, and submitted by both sides to two, or three gentlemen of the Bar. May I beg the favor of your seeing him early on the subject, lest he might think I treat him contemptuously by not answering his letter. I am, Sir, with respects your very obedient humble servant.

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His training, however, had been in the school of adversity. His youthful labors, and business experience had brought to him strength of mind, and self reliance which now well sustained him in the arduous struggles of life. Undismayed by the great discouragements which surrounded his position he applied himself with zeal and earnestness to his professional duties, and in a comparatively short time won the most gratifying success. The difficulties of his situation were of no ordinary or trifling character. In addition to his poverty, by this time quarrels, and dissensions had arisen between himself and Mr. Morse, with the inevitable result that instead of the latter rendering him any assistance in his new career, every obstacle was put in his path. Mr. Morse was at that time, probably, the most influential man in the County of Cumberland, connected in business and socially with all the leading people. He was the representative of the town of Amherst in the Legislature, and the intimate friend and associate of the governing powers in Halifax, and in a good position to thwart both politically and otherwise Stewart's efforts to make a name and place for himself. Against such odds Stewart, a poor, and comparatively unknown young barrister, had to contend at the very outset. He has been heard to say in after years that when he commenced practising law, it was no unusual thing for himself and family to sit down to a dinner of salt herring and potatoes.