

and extending itself to the remotest parts of the Province. The natural and just prerogatives of the Governor attacked in the House of Assembly, and no effort left untried to wrest from him the patronage by Law invested in his hands. During this period, their grand engine the Press, was kept constantly employed in the work of defamation. This state of things did not, however, long continue, and in the end worked its own cure, as the extreme violence of the faction alarmed and disgusted every man of sense in the Province, and produced a greater opposition to their views than they were led to expect,\* the first disaster that befel them was the death of Mr. WEEKES. This gentleman, in one of his pleadings, indulged in his usual strain of bitter invective and gross personality, and levelled a great portion of his discourse at Mr. DICKSON, a brother Barrister. This gentleman called upon the Judge for protection; but in vain, Mr. THORPE was too much delighted with the eloquence of his friend to call him to order. The consequence was, that Mr. DICKSON retorted in the same strain, and as this was no very extraordinary circumstance in the Provincial Courts, the matter was disregarded by the public, and it was supposed, forgot by the parties themselves; but from the event it would appear the Judge and his party thought otherwise, as they shortly afterwards spent the night at a Tavern, and worked so powerfully upon the mind of WEEKES, that he next day sent a challenge to Mr. DICKSON. It was generally supposed, that they reckoned upon Mr. DICKSON declining the challenge (as he was

\* In this hasty sketch of the leading characters and principal incidents of the Drama can alone come under review; there are however many parts of the under plot that mark very strongly the views of this party, and the daring effrontry with which they prosecuted their object. The following may be taken as a sample:

When Mr. JUSTICE THORPE offered himself as a Candidate for a seat in the House of Assembly, that his objects might not be mistaken by the Rabble, he caused a *Green Standard with the Irish Harp* to be carried before him; this however was too much of the *Brogue*, and would not go down. When he found that the *clown foot* had been prematurely displayed, he ordered a *Crown* to be made for his Harp, and the standard thus Loyalized was allowed to pass unmolested.