

JOHN SCADDING AT WOLFORD

regiment from the district. The petition was granted, and the regiment was sent to Liverpool. Soon after this there was a situation appointed far greater than that of being Commander-in-Chief of the Western District. The Government appointed General Simcoe to be Commander-in-Chief of all the British forces in India.

Bonaparte had quite given up all his plans of invading England, but he was still bent on mischief, and his plan was to go against Spain and Portugal; and it was wonderful the mischief he did. Spain formerly was the richest kingdom in the world, and now the poorest. How thankful England should be that he was not permitted to land on our shores. How thankful we should be to those who strongly fortified the country. But what I said in my first edition—if Bonaparte had landed at Tor Bay, which was certainly his intention, he never would have got as far as Exeter. He was not aware of the preparations made. He did not know of the large body of Volunteers raised in such quick time, more than fifty thousand in Devonshire alone. Before going to India, General Simcoe was directed to go to Lisbon, and to render any assistance against the French in that country. Now it was certain that before General Simcoe went to India he would be knighted or made a lord, as the Commander-in-Chief in India has always those titles before taking the command. General Simcoe made such great improvements whilst he was Governor of Canada, so most likely he would have done the same in India, as improving was his chief study. We ourselves have seen it at Wolford Lodge and Dunkeswell.

The General and Mr. John Scadding used to be out so early in the morning. Mr. Scadding was with General Simcoe in Canada so long that their plans suited, and what one said the other approved. Mr. Scadding was a very good, kind person, and much liked by all classes of people. He was estate manager at Wolford for many years.

The two brothers, Mr. John and Mr. Thomas Scadding, married two sisters, the Misses Triges. Mr. John Scadding's wedding was very grand. I remember it very well. General Simcoe's carriage took them from Wolford to Dunkeswell Church. General Simcoe was bridesman and gave away the bride, and a grand dinner was given at Wolford to the party. Mr. John Scadding took Wolford Farm and rented it for many years, but was still manager at Wolford. He remained at the farm until April, 1818; then there was a sale, all the stock and goods were sold.

Mr. John Scadding went again to Canada, and Mrs. Scadding returned to Wolford. The two elder sons of Mr. Scadding went to school at Sittingbourne (in Kent), and the youngest, Henry (late Rev. Dr. Henry Scadding, of Toronto), a little boy, came with his mother to Wolford.

After a few years Mr. Scadding came home, and then took his wife and the two elder boys, John and Charles, back with him to Canada. Henry was with Mr. Simcoe at Penheale for some time,