

grated and settled in West Chester county, State of New York, and possessed his father's property, then of about the age of 23, of a robust constitution and intellectual abilities, a period when the vigor of youth begins to combine with manhood; yes, a period which either makes the disposition or spoils it, generally. In directing our attention to his principles of life, we find his father determined to keep his only son neutral, if possible, from being distinguished in the eyes of men. A lesson quite contrary to his previous precepts and example; and in this much the son seemed to act in conformity with his father's desire, and in accordance with the words of the royal Psalmist, which says, "Train up a child in the way he should go," &c. However, we are informed he immediately espoused the flag of royalty on the arrival of the news of the battle of Bunker Hill, on the 17th of June, which animated so many in behalf of His Majesty—first in order to have himself signalized as a loyal subject, an appellation which very soon after lost its flavor in that portion of the world. Notwithstanding, he fought bitterly, not only under Cornwallis, but also under Burgoyne, until he had the mortification of beholding that valiant chief, clad in rich uniform, transfer his sword to an humble militia officer—General Gates—at Saratoga, when he, with many others, evacuated the country, and not only lost sight of the property which he hoped to share a part, but to his mortification lost sight of all his father's real property. Having no other alternative in the world but to solicit the home government to endow him with a tract of land, which they did, as a compensation for his valiant services in behalf of his King and country. He selected a situation on the Bay of Fundy, where now stands a neat little village called Windsor, a distance of about 46 miles from Halifax, in the province of Nova Scotia, where he remained in profound and frownfull tranquillity, like the clouds on the approach of a storm. We find very little of importance concerning him until the breaking out of the war between Great Britain and the United States. Although near his sixtieth year, he yet retained, like the rattle snake, the egg of poison caused by his overthrow and defeat in youth, a condensed account of which will appear in the following pages, and I venture to assert stands unequalled in the book of crime. I wish, before I proceed any further, to draw the attention of the reader to the important affairs in which the primitive John Newton was concerned, after having to abandon his father's property, situated as before mentioned.

During the late struggle, so profitable to some, and so disastrous to others, owing to the intensity of the climate in that new settlement, then the home of the royalists and refugees, they had to resort to fishing in order to procure a subsistence, which business still continues. They, of course, by their long experience, acquired a