

It does not seem requisite to make any further explanations or remarks, and I will therefore proceed to treat of those public affairs, under the convenient and appropriate arrangement and titles of,—Law,—Parliamentary and Political,—Miscellaneous.

I.—LAW.

It may be interesting to my readers, and especially to those of the legal fraternity, to give, first; some brief descriptions of the membership of the Bench and the Bar, in the year 1804, and which remained the same during several succeeding years. The Chief on the Bench was Sampson S. Blowers, truly eminent for a high standard of legal knowledge, logical skill, and power of argument and chasteness and attractiveness of language; and whose exhibitions of those high qualities and endowments afforded intellectual enjoyment to those who possessed a capacity to desire it, and for its due estimation. He was then in the zenith of his ability and eminence. He had two assistants, if indeed they could, with propriety, be thus named, for they were far advanced in years, and on all the mental and legal qualifications for the office, were far below their chief; but were of equal judicial integrity. One of them had, in the earlier periods of his life, been a military warrior, but for reasons, no doubt perfectly satisfactory to himself,—

He left the cold unwholesome Trench,  
And took a seat upon the Bench.

During those earliest years the Chief Justice tried all the causes, and delivered the decisions on legal argument; on these latter occasions, the two associates merely assenting.