

INTRODUCTION.

design to have return'd to his Farm, but on his Arrival at Boston, the Eastern Indians had began their Hostilities. He therefore began a Settlement on Long-Island. The Air of that Place not so well agreeing with his Constitution, and the Indians being peaceable, he again propos'd to resettle his Lands in Merry-meeting-Bay: but finding that Place deserted, and that Plantations were carried on at Pemmaquid; he purchased several Tracts of Land of the Inhabitants there. Upon his Highness the Duke of York's resuming a Claim to those Parts, he also took out Patents upon that Claim: And when Pemmaquid was set off by the Name of the County of Cornwall in the Province of New-York, he was Commissionated Chief Justice of the same, by Governour DUNCAN. He was a strict Sabbatizer, and met with considerable Difficulties in the Discharge of his Office, from the Immoralities of a People who had long lived Lawless. He laid out no inconsiderable Income which he had annually from England on the Place and at last lost his Life there, as hereafter related.

I am not insensible of the Truth of an Assertion of Sir Roger L'Estrange that "Books and Dishes have this common Fate; there never was any one of either of them, that pleased all Palates. [And am fully of his Opinion, in this] "It is as little to be wished for, as expeted; for a "Universal Applause is at least two thirds of a Scandal."

To conclude with the Knight. "Tho' I made this Composition principally for my Family --- Yet, if any Man has a Mind to take part with me, he has free leave and welcome. But let him carry this Consideration along with him, "That he is a very unmannerly Guest, that presses upon another Man's Table, and then Quarrels with his Dinner.

