

as well as foes often suffered by the operations of the privateers that infested the Bay of Fundy during the American Revolution.

In 1790, Albert Gallatin, who afterwards became eminent in the political history of the United States, arrived at Machias and linked his fortunes with the revolutionists. Lewis Delesdernier shared his home with Gallatin, and a friendship that continued through life was formed. The story, as related by John Austin Stevens, in the *Life of Albert Gallatin*,* has in it a tinge of romance. Another version of the story mentions Moses Delesdernier as the Lesdernier who met Gallatin in the streets of Boston, and induced him to proceed to Machias. It was probably the father of Lewis Delesdernier who met Gallatin, and as they were countrymen of Gallatin's, may have unconsciously placed that celebrity on the road to fame and fortune.

After the close of the Revolutionary war Delesdernier resided at Eastport, Maine, and was the first United States collector of customs for that port — a position he obtained through the influence of Gallatin. But in the evil days of the embargo, prior to the war of 1812, his own friends proved to be his greatest enemies, and Delesdernier's honesty caused his downfall. He died at Eastport in 1830.

Moses Delesdernier, with his brother, the father of Lewis Delesdernier, first settled at Windsor, and received lots in the Falmouth Grant, in 1772. Moses early acquired some prominence in the province, and was sent by Governor Francklin of Nova Scotia to Pennsylvania to invite emigrants to Cumberland to settle a tract of land called Francklin Manor.† It was there he met a young Irish gentleman named Richard J. Uniacke, whom he induced to go to Cumberland with him, and act as his clerk. Uniacke married Moses Delesdernier's daughter, and shared his father-in-law's misfortunes during the troubles in Cumberland, but afterwards became Attorney-General of Nova Scotia, and a leading politician in the province. Delesdernier became, for a time, agent for General Frederick Haldimand in the settlement of lands bordering the Shepody river, now in Albert County, New Brunswick, and his residence was at Hopewell. In 1775, in partnership with a Mr. Dewitt, he brought from New York a considerable cargo of merchandise, and built a house and established a business at Shepody Hill. The following year this establishment was plundered by a party of rebels and Indians connected with Eddy's expedition, and Delesdernier with his family was forced to remove to Fort Cumberland for protection. At Cumberland, after the

* American Statesmen Series. *Life of Albert Gallatin*, by John Austin Stevens.

† The late Thos. B. Akins, of Halifax, to the writer.

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