

he married Catherine Jandine, a lady of Huguenot descent; and at the commencement of the war, was the father of three children; the youngest of whom, then four years old, is the present General Anthony Lamb of Albion Place, late Alderman of the city of New York.

Although Mr. Lamb had not the advantage of a classical education, he was possessed of more than the usual share of the literature of that period. He was well versed in the belle-lettre knowledge of the day; spoke his mother's native tongue, and German fluently; and was a proficient in the French language. This last acquirement was perhaps of more service than a deeper erudition, in his subsequent military career, as it enabled him to avail himself of various works on military science, not then rendered into English. He was a fluent speaker, and a forcible and ready writer. His style of composition was bold and nervous, and he was not restrained by fear of the law of libel, nor the military power of the time, from giving full scope to his indignation

the name of the wrecked vessel was concealed. The insurance was effected, and Cairns laid claim to the amount of the policy. He even commenced proceedings against the insurers, and flattered his creditors that he would be able to pay his debts out of the amount to be recovered.

But the fraud was resisted; and from something having transpired unfavorable to his character, Cairns absconded, and for a long time was not heard of. It now became doubtful, whether, in reality, he had anything on board the lost vessel, and it was suspected that he had previously transmitted his property to Europe; and that by the meditated fraud upon the underwriters, he meant that they should furnish means of indemnity for his creditors.

Many years elapsed, when a man disguised as a Turk, came from the Levant and set up a Bazaar in London, for the sale of Turkish merchandise. For some time he continued this business; but being detected, the impostor proved to be Cairns, who again absconded.

Near the close of the war, Mr. Lamb, then Colonel of Artillery, received a letter from the brother of his defaulting agent, requesting an interview, and intimating that he had disclosures to make which would be beneficial to him; but being unwilling to expose himself to a conference too near the British lines, the interview was for that time declined, and no meeting was had until after the peace.