

fed on our streets, and among them were many reared and nurtured in every comfort and luxury in the homes they had had to fly from.

In many cases these poor people had no warning but to go or die. The virulent hatred of the republicans for the loyalists can be best understood by reading the manifesto of the Boston Republicans, 9th April, 1780.

"Resolved that this town will at all times, as they have 'done to the utmost of their power, oppose every enemy to the 'just rights and liberties of mankind, and that after so wicked a 'conspiracy against these rights and liberties, by certain ingrates, most of them natives of these states, and who have been Refugees 'and declared traitors to this country. It is the opinion of this 'town, that they ought never to be suffered to return, but to be 'excluded from having lot or portion among us, and all their 'previous rights as citizens forfeited and divided among faithful 'lovers of their country, and this committee of correspondence 'is requested, as by the laws of this commonwealth they are fully empowered, to write to the several towns in this common- 'wealth and desire them to come into the same or similar resolves, 'if they shall think fit."

The above resolution was carried unanimously, although the new Congress had solemnly guaranteed adequate protection to the lives and property of those who had suffered for King and Country. The different states adopted the same course as Massachusetts, and really nothing was given back. In most of the States, they had been proscribed as traitors; in all, their property had been confiscated, and Massachusetts led the van in the cruel persecution of the very best of her people. The legislators of the several States had not left the Loyalists in doubt as to their status. The laws plainly defined a traitor as one who adhered to the King of Great Britain. He who acknowledged allegiance to England, should suffer death without benefit of clergy. In Philadelphia two of the leading citizens Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Carlisle were seized on suspicion only and condemned