

When *The Speedy* foundered, Mr. Herchmer, a merchant of York, also perished. I have Mr. Herchmer's signature attached to a receipt, which happens to give the amount of municipal tax paid by two citizens of York in 1801. "Received, York, 22nd April, 1801, from Alexander Wood, Esq., for Doct. Burns, the sum of four dollars, being the amount of his Taxes and his brother's. J. HERCHMER, Collector. Doct. Burns, 16s., Alex. Burns, Esq., 4s.; total, 20s." One barrister who narrowly escaped drowning in *The Speedy* was Mr. Weekes. He determined, as Mr. Thorpe proposed to do, to "ride" to the vessel's destination, and so saved his life. My specimen of Mr. Weekes' autograph consists of an order for window-glass and putty left with Mr. Wood. He was contemplating building at York. "Please to order from England for me Six Hundred feet of Glass, ten by sixteen inches, and putty sufficient for glazing the same. W. WEEKES. 12th Oct., 1805. Alexander Wood, Esq." In the following year Mr. Weekes was killed in a duel at Niagara.

Chief Justice Allcock's successor was Chief Justice Scott. I have two autograph letters of Mr. Scott. One was written when he was Attorney General, and is addressed to Judge Powell, requesting him to nominate some one to conduct the Crown business in his absence, it being necessary for him to repair to York in consequence of the death of the Lieutenant-Governor, General Hunter. "As the melancholy event," he says, "that hath taken place renders it a duty in me to return to York as soon as possible, I request that you will appoint any gentleman at the Bar whom you may think fit to carry on prosecutions for the Crown, when a person in such a situation may by you be considered as necessary." The other letter was written by Mr. Scott eleven years later, on his being allowed a pension. It is addressed to Governor Gore, and reads thus: "March 30th, 1816. My Dear Sir: I have only time to offer my sincere thanks to your Excellency and the Members of the Legislature. Their generous conduct I see and feel; and I shall ever bear in mind the high obligation they have laid me under. I now return the enclosed according to your request. I am, with great regard, your Excellency's obedient and obliged servant, THOS. SCOTT." The pension was the comfortable one of £800 sterling per annum, as appears from a receipt which I have: it is a printed form filled up, and it runs thus with great and satisfactory particularity: "Upper Canada. Receiver General's Office, York, the third day of January,