

hoping for that justice and compassion from his enemies, which he had sought in vain at the hands of his own countrymen in his native land. He left Bristol in May, 1781, and arrived off Sandy Hook in the middle of June, where he was attacked by gout in the stomach, and died the day before entering New York, in which city he was buried, in the Church-yard of the Church, near Astor House in Broadway. Mr. Coffin left four sons and four daughters. The eldest son, Nathaniel, was brought up to the bar, and succeeded well in his profession. He took the part of the Government at various meetings so that he was looked upon with suspicion. When the tree of liberty was planted in Frankland Square opposite his Father's house he engaged a black man to assist him to cut down the tree, which act they succeeded in performing. A thousand dollars reward was offered by the Revolutionary Government for the offender. Blackie peached, and Mr. Nathaniel was obliged to fly, or he would have been tarred and feathered, a performance he had no reluctance to talk about, but did not wish to experience. By this act he was prevented from claiming his mother's property.