

assembly that my refusal does not proceed from any contempt of authority; but to a sacred regard to my former engagements, and from a dread of offending that God who is infinitely superior to all earthly power."

"Finally," says Mr. Allen, "every other means proving inefficient, Cushing, Bowman, Hambleton and Carleton, the Committee, summoned him to trial at the courthouse on the 28th of October." This makes it very probable that the "Cha C——n" was Carleton, especially as Mr. Wiswall associates the name of Bowman with it.

"I have been almost five years cruising against the enemies of my country; and have had the satisfaction of capturing some Yankees, French privateers and of three times severely drubbing the French fleet, and with an inferior force; and now having returned to dear England, I have put off the harness and mean to enjoy in quiet *res angusta forte labore*, having bequeathed to my two boys my weapons, my quiver and my bow, who continue in the navy serving their country against the united force of Yankee, French, Spanish and Dutch malice. May they live to see their injured country triumph over this combined force, and to enjoy the fruits of peace purchased by the sweat of war.

"I wish that you, my dear sir, who have sown in tears, may reap in joy, and plenty of this world's blessings."

In a letter written about this time in London to Mr. Thomas Brown, of Halifax, I take the following extract:—

"How often have we, while suffering all the hardships of war, talked over the many agreeable, the pleasant and precious hours we have spent at your fireside; and while we have been eating our scant allowance of musty and worm-eaten bread and bad smelling beef, regretted the loss of Mrs. Brown's fine puddings, pies, etc., etc.—a table loaded with every luxury Halifax could afford. We have generally fared as bad, and sometimes worse, than we fared at the Boston blockade, all the time we have been in the West Indies. Peleg has gone again to that disagreeable station in the *Sybil*;

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