

of next November. I have a lion-like energy, and good success in my mission ; a very powerful voice, fair complexion, with very long light hair, and long white silvery beard. I travel with knapsack at my back, (soldier-like,) from place to place, from house to house, tracts in hand. I speak out of doors or in, just as circumstances may answer.

God bless you with a long life and a useful one. If my dear boy can be of service to you in finding out any information, he will be happy to do so. With love to you and yours I remain in the bonds of one common brotherhood.

ISAAC PHELPS.

P. S.—There is a George Phelps keeps a public house called Mount Pleasant, near Gloucester. There are also nine brothers of the name of Phelps at Ruford four mills, near Gloucester, all light-complexioned men. Our coat of arms is, I believe, "a mailed arm and two wolves heads." I saw your friend J. A. Davidson on Saturday last, and had some conversation with him. He intends returning to America soon, I believe. I should take it as a favor, would you, if convenient, forward me the papers containing the Memoirs of your late father.

Yours, &c.

I. P.

Extract from a Letter dated Philadelphia, 29th Sept., 1810, to Will. Cope, of Dublin.

"Prior to the year 1704, William Penn, Esq., the original proprietor and Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, granted to Tho's Pierce, Samuel Lavinier, Tho's Phelps, Richard Pierce and James Craven, a tract of land called Backlands, containing 5,000 acres ; and appurtenant to that grant gave certain city lots near to the city, supposed to be in the County of Philadelphia. James Craven sold off his share ; the 4,000 acres were sold by the four other persons, to Dr. Edward Hill. Relative to these Backlands, a law-suit took place, 27th August, 1804, with Nicholas Young and Will. West, by the heirs of Hill. The Court ruled, "that the heirs of Hill be allowed to fence in the four lots. Pierce, Lavinier, and Pierce, hold as joint tenants ; but a division took place in their life-time, and they sold their 4,000 acres of Backland to Shutlock & Lane, of Dublin, on or about 24 Ap. 1804. The deed was made in Ireland, to James Shutlock and Ea. Lane. It is said that Doctor Edw. Hill, in April, 1817, purchased of Shutlock and Lane the beforementioned 4,000 acres of Backland, and that his heirs found their claim on that purchase. Whereas it is insisted that the 4,000 acres were alone sold, and that the four city lots and the Liberty lands remained distinct property of Shutlock and Lane, and their heirs.

"WILL COPE,

"Haine Street, 6th May, 1811."

PORLOCK, Minehead, Somerset, December 13, 1860.

Dear Sir,—I have seen Abraham Phelps often lately, and have read your letter addressed to the Clerk of Porlock ; and thinking that you will get but little information from them relative to your inquiries about the Phelps family, have taken it on myself to give you an outline of this matter, gleaned from Abraham Phelps this morning, and will further prosecute any future inquiries you may wish to institute relative to the Phelps pedigree. Abraham Phelps, who is the only surviving branch of this family at Porlock, gave the following particulars :

The Phelps family were originally Italians, and were then called Velps. From Italy they went to Germany, and took the name of Whelps ; then to Scotland, where they were called Phelps. From Scotland they sailed for Bristol, but through stress of weather were driven to Porlock Weir, where they settled down and bought property. The father of the present Abraham Phelps, now about 54, died about 27 years since, at the age of 97, whose great-grandfather was a Clergyman, and called William. In the Parish chest at Porlock there are believed to be papers written in old Latin characters which may explain more of the family. Some branch of the family left Plymouth many years since, for some part of America.

These are the outlines of the Phelps family furnished me by Abraham Phelps this morning, and if you wish any further information to be forwarded, and will

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