

on credit in the years eighty-one and eighty-two, and to adjust and liquidate all matters and demands relative to the same. His Lordship had named you, together with Mr. McGill and myself, to compose a Board to enquire into, arrange, and settle this business, and directed me to acquaint you therewith by the last post. I had prepared a letter accordingly; but it being suggested that having been employed as Counsel for Mr. Cochrane, you might be considered as a party, and the letter was, in consequence thereof, withheld. His Lordship now directs me to mention the matter to you, and submits it to yourself, whether you have entered so far into, and taken such part in this business, as to make it become objectionable for you to become a Member of the intended Board.

"I am to suggest to you, that as you intend soon visiting Quebec, if you could make it convenient to come immediately, it would be very satisfactory to his Lordship.

"I am, dear Sir, most truly and sincerely yours.

(Signed) "THOS. ASTON COFFIN."

So long as the ancient Refugee could conveniently identify himself with the subject of these notices, he wished to forbear assuming any other distinction which might possibly impress a feeling friendly, or hostile, independant of the narrative.

If the adoption of a distinct name can longer be dispensed with, the story may perhaps be as well carried on in the third person, and it will be more agreeable than the frequent recurrence to a real name.

The honorable Arbitration being persevered in, and the award satisfactorily concluded, the high minded Governor took occasion in acknowledging the service to express a regret, that he could not compensate the absence from home, but suggested a grant of land to be beneficial in future, and upon that suggestion application was made in the following manner :

THE PETITION OF W. D. F.

"Humbly Sheweth,

"That your petitioner is a native of Boston, in the late Province of Massachusetts, the only male representative of two ancient, wealthy, and respectable families in that Province:—that at the breaking out of the late unhappy warfare, your petitioner was among the first who on the 19th of April, 1775, associated to protect the laws, support the rights of the Sovereign, and repel the arms of the rebels : and that your petitioner actually carried arms in the defence of the royal garrison of Boston, during