

MEMOIR
OF
THE LATE HONORABLE JAMES WILLIAM JOHNSTON,
FIRST JUDGE IN EQUITY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE subject of this Memoir was a descendant of very ancient and honorable families both on the paternal and maternal sides. His mother,—Elizabeth Lightenstone,—was the grand-daughter of the reverend Gustavus Philip Lightenstone, a Protestant clergyman at Peterhoff, in the island of Cronstadt, near the mouth of the river Neva, in Russia, and her father, John Lightenstone, was born in the island named about 1735. This family, which had long been domiciled in England, was originally from Germany where the name was spelled Lichtenstein. The reverend Gustavus Philip Lightenstone, or Lichtestein, was born, educated and married in England. His wife,—Beatrice Elizabeth Loyd,—who is said to have been born in Ireland or Scotland, was probably of Welch origin. His son, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Johnston, was also educated in England, and when a young man sought and obtained employment of some kind in the British service which required his presence in the old American colonies, to one of which,—Georgia,—he went out about the time of its first settlement. Some years after his arrival there he married Catherine Delegal, a native of Georgia, who was, however, of French Huguenot extraction, whose grandfather was commandant of the island of Jersey, one of the channel islands, at the time of his decease. Her father, Philip Delegal, was a lieutenant in the British army, and went to Georgia with general Oglethorpe, in the early settlement of that colony. The ancestors of these men had been driven to seek refuge in England by the sufferings inflicted upon them through the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in 1685.

The marriage of John Lightenstone with Catherine Delegal resulted in the birth of an only child, named Elizabeth, who, a few years subsequently became the wife of William Moreton Johnston,