

have done ; and though I feel your last act of kindness, if possible, more than all past favours, yet I must not tax your friendship at so high a rate. Therefore, pray do not be offended if I decline the benefit you generously proposed, and allow me the gratification of knowing that you have received a trifling profit from what, in fact, is your own to dispose of as you please. The continued friendship of a mind like yours will always afford me more real pleasure than accession of riches ; for few, very few indeed, possess such feelings as yours, and such a friend I shall feel the greatest pride in boasting of. I have met with many instances of ingratitude, but your disinterested conduct has a hundredfold overpaid me."

The successor to Chief Justice Elmsley, in Upper Canada, was Chief Justice Allcock. My MS. relic of him is dated from London, 3rd April, 1805. He writes to inform Mr. Justice Powell that "Mr. Robert Thorpe, who succeeded Mr. Cochran at Prince Edward Island, [i.e., as Judge], is appointed his successor in Upper Canada." The vacancy on the Bench in Upper Canada had been occasioned by a singular disaster, by which a judge, a solicitor-general, a sheriff, a high bailiff, a prisoner, witnesses, and others were suddenly engulfed in Lake Ontario in a Government vessel named *The Speedy*, not one person of those on board surviving to tell the tale.—Chief Justice Allcock then goes on to describe to Judge Powell how he has fixed the Circuits. "He [the new judge, Thorpe] is here now, and I have made an arrangement with him about the Circuits of this year, which I hope you will approve of. I shall be obliged [he says] to take the East in my way home, [i.e., from London], as I fear it would be too late to go to the West after my arrival at York. Mr. Thorpe," he then adds, "is going to Prince Edward Island from hence : he expects to sail from thence early in July for York with his family, consisting, I think, of a lady and five children. His arrival at York," continues Mr. Allcock, "depending as mine does, on wind and weather, he agrees to go to Newcastle only, (to which he says he will ride) ; so that I hope you will have no objection to take Niagara, London and Sandwich.—Mr. Thorpe," he further explains, "much wished to have some place he could ride to this year, as he said his Lady's alarms would be such as to the dangers of the Lake as to injure her materially, if he was to leave her on such an expedition on her first arrival. Under all circumstances," the Chief Justice finally observes, "I could think of no other arrangement."