

poor Mr. Andersen, living in the country, and conscious of his entire innocence, could not brook the idea of lying under the odium of the hateful crime of perjury, and demanded a trial at the first Court of Oyer and Terminer. This proved most seriously injurious to him, for he was pronounced guilty, and most cruelly and unjustly condemned to stand one hour on the court house steps with a paper on his breast, whereon was written in large characters, "This is tor wilful and corrupt perjury," which sentence was executed upon him. Messrs. Tennent and Stevens were summoned to appear at the next court, and attended accordingly, depending on the aid of Mr. John Coxe, an eminent lawyer, who had been previously employed to conduct the defence. As Mr. Tennent was wholly unacquainted with the nature of forensic litigation, and did not know any person living who could prove his innocence, (all the persons who were with him being indicted,) his only resource and consolation was to commit himself to the Divine will; and if he must suffer, to take it as from the hand of God, who he well knew could make even the wrath of man to praise Him; and cotsidering it probable that he might suffer, he had prepared a sermon to be preached from the pillory, if that should be his lot. His affectionate congregation felt deeply interested in his critical situation, and kept a day of fasting and prayer on the occasion. On his arrival at Trenton, he found the famous Mr. Smith, of New York, father of the late Chief Justice of Canada, one of the ablest lawyers in America, and of a religious character, who had voluntarily attended to aid in his defence; and also his brother Gilbert, who was now settled in the pastoral charge of the second Presbyterian Church at Philadelphia, and who had brought Mr. John Kinsey, one of the first counsellors of that city, for the same purpose.

Messrs. Tennent and Stevens met these gentlemen at Mr. Coxe's, the morning before the trial was to come on. Mr. Coxe requested that they would bring in their witnesses, that they might examine them previously to their going into the court. Mr. Tennent answered that he did not know of any witnesses but God and his own conscience. Mr. Coxe replied, "If you