

he attempted to get on the top of the stage, that he might get into New-York as soon as possible."

By order of the Judges, the prisoner was delivered over to the Sheriff of Orange County, to be recognized there for his trial for the offence with which he was originally charged, at the next General Session of the Supreme Court. But before the term came round, he had, as on most former occasions, contrived to effect his escape, and directed his course towards Upper Canada!

Of the particular manner of his escape, and his adventures on his way through to Canada, we can state nothing with certainty; but, like all his previous movements, we may hazard the conjecture, that they were such as would do the usual *honour* to his *wretched profession*. Yet with all his *tact*, he could not always escape the hands of justice; and hence his course is not unfrequently interrupted, and his progress impeded by the misfortunes of the *prison*. It is owing to this circumstance, that we are enabled to keep pace with him in Upper Canada, where we find him confined in the *Jail of Toronto*, under the charge of *burglary*.

For this information, the writer is indebted to his brother, Mr. AUGUSTUS BATES, residing in Upper Canada, from whose letter, dated 4th August, 1835, we make the following extract, which will point out the circumstances which have guided us in endeavouring to follow up the history of the *Mysterious Stranger* to the present time:

"*Dear Brother*,—I now sit down to acknowledge the receipt of a number of your letters, especially your last by Mr. Samuel Nichols, in which you mentioned that you were writing a new edition of 'More Smith.' I have to request that you will suspend the publication until you hear from me again. There is a man now confined in Toronto jail, who bears the description of More Smith, and is supposed to be the same. Many things are told of him which no other person could perform. I will not attempt to repeat them, as I cannot vouch for their truth.

"From current reports, I was induced to write to the Sheriff who had him in charge, requesting him to give me a correct account of him. I have not heard from the Sheriff since I wrote: perhaps he is waiting to see in what manner he is to be disposed of. Report says that the man is condemned to be executed for shop-breaking—he wishes the Sheriff to do his duty; that he had much rather be hanged than sent to the Penitentiary. Many are the curious stories told of him, which, as I said before, I will not vouch for.—Should the Sheriff write to me, his information may be relied on."

Several communications from Upper Canada have reached us between the date of the letter from which the above extract is made, and the present time; but none of them contained the desired information as to the particular fate of the prisoner, and the