

them. He accordingly sailed for that city in March, 1776, when the Royalist Troops evacuated Boston, and all the Royalists left for New York and England. Among those who crossed the ocean were Mr. Nathaniel Coffin and his family. In 1776, the loyalty by which the Coffins in America distinguished themselves, having rendered them obnoxious to the Republican Government, they were compelled to return to their native land. The very serious steps taken by Mr. Nathaniel Coffin, when the British Army evacuated Boston, of leaving all his property, and attaching himself to the Government cause, not only deprived him, but all his family, of every thing they possessed. On his arrival at New York in 1776, Mr. Coffin was persuaded by Lord William Howe to proceed to England, lay his case before the British Government, and ask for remuneration or a pension sufficient for the support of himself and his family ; but after four years of incessant application, Lord North refused to give him anything. Being then *eighty* years of age, Mr. Coffin decided on returning to Boston to claim his property there, which had been sequestered by the United States Government,