

fied the most zealous efforts of medical skill, and terminated in his death, an event which took place in London on the 1st day of February 1824, at the advanced age of 85 years. The accounts of his latter moments are described in a letter from one of his sons, who was present at the time, to his friend in this country, and from which we are authorised to give the following extract, "If ever man was prepared, or resignedly and cheerfully ready to meet death it was our good father; his spirits continuing good to the last, he was afforded an opportunity of offering consolation to all around him, and it having pleased God under all his infirmities to spare him the perfect exercise of sound intellect, he was enabled to make all his arrangements, which he did to the minutest thing. He repeatedly stated how happy he felt, and how peculiarly fortunate he was at being surrounded by so many of his children and grand-children." "It was a blessing," he said, "allowed to but very few at 85." The day previous to his dissolution when my mother was affording him necessary assistance, he observed, "why trouble yourself so much, 'twill be the work of another to-morrow." He never suffered a day to pass without rising, nor did he ever retire to bed before 9 or 10. During the day he requested me to read to him the various publications, and seemed to take as much interest as he was used to do. All this from great strength of mind, the continuance of which at such an age, and to many at so awful a period, will be to us an everlasting source of comfort." Such were the last moments of this exemplary man, and such were the consolatory feeling and strong hope which actuated him at this awful period, that it could have sprung from no source but a deep and well founded confidence in the promises of revelation, and a calm conscience arising from a well spent life."

The character of Mr. Ogden may be learned from his conduct in many of the scenes of his life as above detailed. His unshaken loyalty and devoted patriotism, may be seen from the great sacrifices he made to these principles. As a Judge he possessed those qualifications necessary to fill the station in an eminent degree. With a sound understanding, high discriminating talents, and an undeviating integrity, he united a large share of legal knowledge, which he employed with the utmost impartiality. His manner on the Bench was impressive for its energy and acuteness; and his legal opinions were delivered with perspicuity and decision. In private life the characters of the father and friend, were fulfilled by the deceased in a manner which will leave a lasting and favourable impression on the minds of the surviving members of his family. His cheerful habits and entertaining conversation, united with an urbanity of manners, drew round him a numerous circle of friends of the first respectability, who from their first introduction to him to the time of his death, held his friendship in high estimation. These amiable qualities, this happy temperament and pleasant disposition, the result of a well spent life, he carried with him to the closing scene. From his generous and social habits, Mr. Ogden could not on the emoluments of his situation have saved money; and had his salary been larger, between the expenditure necessary to the rank he kept up, and his charitable generous temper, he would have made his disbursements equal to his income.