



NOTE.—After my letter appeared in the *Toronto Mail* (Oct. 9th, '86), I received many communications from historical and antiquarian societies, and from private individuals. Amongst the latter were letters from Mrs. E. B. Washington, a lady well-known in literary circles, and a great grand-niece of Gen. Washington. This lady is a member of the Mount Vernon Association, of the United States, representing the State of West Virginia. The tomb and home of Washington are owned by this Association, which has for its Executive Directors—one chosen from each State; and they meet annually to supervise and direct the affairs of the Association, and see personally that the superintendant and employees at Mount Vernon properly carry out their trust. From her acquaintance with the key which La Fayette had sent over to "his friend and comrade," Mrs. Washington expressed a wish to see the keys which I had succeeded in obtaining. So I went up to London, Ont.,—where her son is the U. S. Consul—and took my old treasures with me. Mrs. Washington was very much interested in them, and said that from the strong likeness between my keys and that at Mount Vernon, there could be no doubt of their genuineness; time has stamped them alike with the hall-mark of age, and the exercise of their employment is only too evident in the bent and twisted handles.

