

On the 8th of February, 1824, Hon. Ward Chipman, the British agent on the boundary commission, died, and was succeeded as British agent by his son, Ward Chipman, Junior. At his death Mr. Chipman was President and Commander-in-Chief of the province, having assumed the administration of the government the year previous on the death of Major General George Stracey Smyth, the late Lieutenant Governor. The life history of this remarkable man and eminent Loyalist has yet to be written; his grave in the Rural Cemetery, near St. John, is marked by a plain slab on which is cut this epitaph:—

This Monument is Erected over the Remains of the

HONOURABLE WARD CHIPMAN, ESQUIRE,

who was born in the province of Massachusetts Bay on the 30th of July, 1754, and died at Fredericton, in this province, on the 8th February, 1824. He was a graduate of Harvard University and educated to the profession of the law. Retaining his loyalty to his sovereign, he was obliged to abandon his native land on the evacuation of Boston in the year 1776. Having repaired to England, the royal bounty bestowed on him a pension, in common with a long list of his suffering fellow-countrymen. But a state of inaction being ill-suited to his ardent mind, in less than a year he relinquished his pension and rejoined the king's troops at New York, where he was employed in a military department and in the practice of the court of admiralty until the peace of 1783. On the first erection of this province in 1784 he was appointed Solicitor General, and continually afterwards bore a conspicuous and most useful part in its affairs as an advocate at the bar, a member of the House of Assembly, a member of his Majesty's Council, a Judge of the Supreme Court, and agent on the part of his majesty before several commissions for settling disputed points of boundary with the United States, until he closed his mortal career, while administering the government of this province as President and Commander-in-Chief during a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor. Distinguished during the whole of his varied and active life for superior abilities and unweariable zeal, for genuine integrity and singular humanity and benevolence, his loss was universally deplored; and this frail tribute from his nearest connections affords but a feeble expression of the affectionate respect with which they cherish the memory of his virtues.

The *St. John City Gazette* of February 12th, 1824, contained the following editorial announcement of the death of Mr. Chipman, and, though short, expressed the feelings of the community in which he passed the greater part of an honourable and eventful life:

“It is with feelings of the deepest concern that we have to apprise