

deprived of their regular and freely chosen attendants. I have been surprised to find, from verbal communications and from various other sources, that while the "Tory Doctors" were as zealous and as fearless in the expression of their sentiments as "Tory ministers" and "Tory barristers," their persons and their property were generally respected in the towns and villages, where little or no regard was paid to the bodies and estates of gentlemen of the robe and surplice. Some, however, were less fortunate, and the dealings of the "Sons of Liberty" were occasionally harsh and exceedingly vexatious. A few of the Loyalist physicians were banished; others, and those chiefly who became surgeons to the army or provincial corps, settled in New Brunswick or Nova Scotia when they resumed practice."

Sabine, in a note, adds, "Since writing the above passage I have met more than once the suggestion that the physicians owed their safety to the exigencies of the ladies."

The medical men who came with the Loyalists to Nova Scotia, and many of those connected with disbanded regiments, settled in different parts of the province.

For convenience of reference, I propose to take the various counties, as at present constituted, and under these headings arrange the scanty knowledge in my possession, respecting the medical men who came to Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX.

After the evacuation of Boston in 1776, a number of prominent medical men came to Halifax, and remained for a short time. One or two died shortly afterwards, and the majority either went to England, or returned to the seat of war.

John Jeffries, (Sabine,)

Of Boston, came to Halifax in 1776. He was appointed Chief of the Surgical Staff of Nova Scotia. In 1770 he went to England, and returning to America shortly afterward, held a high position in the British forces at Charleston and New York. He practised in London for many years. In 1735 he crossed the English Channel in a balloon. He died at Boston in 1819, aged seventy-five. He was eminent as a surgeon, midwife, and physician.

Sylvester Gardiner,

Dr. Gardiner came to Halifax in 1776. He afterwards went to England. He was a very able man and very wealthy. In 1785 he returned to Boston and made claim for his property without success.

John Prince,

Of Salem, Massachusetts, went to Halifax, where in 1779 he had acquired a competency as a merchant. He returned to the United States.