

get along without suspicion ; the precautions of Madam and Josephine, since the absence of the master of the house, were managed so discreetly, that no suspicions appeared to have fallen upon them ; but it is highly probable it would not have been the case long, had they continued to hold the place : but it chanced that the place very soon after this became too warm for their jailers, and the trials to which the imprisoned patriots of Boston were subjected, drew towards an end. It belongs to history to narrate the causes of its evacuation at this time. It was singular, but such was the case, that no suspicions had fallen on any of the St. Pierre family ; and as to Ferdinand's, Gen. Howe, who had occasionally seen them since his residence there, entirely counted upon their friendship ; and, grateful for the kindness extended to his friends, who had unceremoniously quartered in their house, he had resolved to take them off with him, and that Madam and the beautiful Josephine should have the honor of accompanying him to a place of safety.

Accordingly, he waited on them the day before the evacuation of Boston, and being ushered into the only sitting apartment on the first floor that Josephine had reserved for herself, with a very condescending bow, he commenced.

" Madam, I feel extremely grateful to you for the exemplary kindness you have manifested towards the King's officers, whom the laws of war have compelled us to place in your dwelling, in such an unceremonious manner, and also for your considerate humanity extended towards the unfortunate sick and wounded at the barracks, whom your servants, by your orders, have so often ministered unto ; and I have come to the resolution to take you with me to Halifax, and, if you choose, ultimately to England, where, you know, your husband (who, by the way, I am sadly afraid has fallen into the hands