

to all the horrors attending a residence in the seat of war, and were obliged to cater for whichever party happened to be in possession without being able to breathe a wish for the success of the side they felt inclined to espouse, while his property was desolated from the never failing causes which attend such a state of things. On the Province of New York being evacuated by the British troops, Mr. Ogden's loyalty, which appears to have been hereditary to him, prevailed over every other consideration; and he abandoned his property and prospects and took refuge with his family within the British lines. On the termination of hostilities, which produced the Independence of the United States, Mr. Ogden, faithful to his King and true to his principles sacrificed every other consideration to his allegiance, and went with his family to Great Britain. The sufferings he had undergone, and the sacrifices he had made in thus relinquishing his prospects and property for the sake of his principles, did not fail to attract the attention of the British Government. His talents soon recommended him as a person capable of filling an official post, and his well tried principles showed that confidence could be reposed in him. In concluding the arrangements between Great Britain and the United States, his intimate knowledge of the latter country was of material service for Government: for which services, and in consideration of his former sufferings, he was in the year 1785 appointed by his Majesty to the situation of Judge of the Admiralty at Quebec, and again crossed the Atlantic with his family. The smallness of the salary attached to this office, was but little adequate to meet the unavoidable expences of a fast encreasing family, and support the rank he was obliged to live in. Being now in the 45th year of his age, his professional talents in their full perfection were put in rigorous requisition to accomplish those objects. His natural energy, of character, united to a cheerful disposition, soon enabled him to surmount every obstacle; and by means of steady perseverance, and undeviating integrity, joined to a sound understanding he soon overcame the losses his patriotic devotion had brought upon him.

During the administration of Lord Dorchester, he was appointed one of the Puisné Judges of the District of Montreal, and lost no time in removing his family from Quebec to that city. Here he with his characteristic steadiness and zeal applied himself to the duties of his judicial vocation; and though under the influence of a painful and incurable disease, brought on by the sedentary nature of his profession, he never failed when not confined to bed to appear in his seat on the Bench, at the appointed hour. In this situation he continued till 1818, when his complaints increasing, and his general health beginning to suffer, he returned to England for the benefit of medical assistance. He had undergone at different periods two painful and dangerous operations in this country, for the disease with which he was afflicted, and although he had flattered himself with the hopes of obtaining relief from the superior medical skill of home practitioners; in this he was disappointed. At his advanced age it was not thought advisable to perform another operation; at last a congestion arising from a torpidity of the bowels supervened, which in a frame so debilitated by age, baffled