

correspondence of Government, and acquits himself with peculiarity and application. Major Littlehales appeared to possess the confidence of the country. This is not unfrequently the case with men in place and power; but his worth, politeness, prudence and judgment give this officer peculiar claims to the confidence and respect which he universally enjoys."

In connection with Mr. Powell's first visit to Niagara and the fraternal conferences which, as we have seen, Chief Justice Osgoode in his solitude desired to have with him, I must give the following note from the autograph of the Governor himself: "Col. Simcoe's compliments to Mr. Powell: Mr. Chief Justice Osgoode is to be with him at eleven o'clock, when he shall be happy to present Mr. Powell to him. Sunday morning." Public men, at home and here, were not in 1794 so scrupulous as they are obliged now to be, in regard to utilizing occasionally some of the hours of Sunday for the consideration of affairs of state. In the following year, under date of "4th July, 1795, Saturday morning," we have a note in the handwriting of Major Littlehales, addressed to Mr. Powell, in these words: "Lieut.-Governor Simcoe will be glad to have the pleasure of seeing you to dinner to-morrow at three o'clock, and is the more solicitous in this invitation, as he wishes to converse with you upon business, before or after dinner." And when the King's birthday falls on a Sunday, the Commandant at Fort George does not defer to the following day the dinner to which he invites his friends. Thus: "Major Shank requests the honour of Mr. A. Macnab's company to dinner on Sunday, the 4th of June."

A note of Chief Justice Elmsley (Osgoode's successor) to Mr. Powell, now advanced to be Mr. Justice Powell, exhibits the same peculiarity. It is dated "Sunday morning," and conveys the following queries to Mr. Powell. (They constitute my chief MS. relics of Chief Justice Elmsley). "1. Is there any ordinance or law that has made any alteration in the Penal Law of this Province since the 14th George III., except that which extends Petty Larceny to twenty shillings sterling? 2. By what Proclamation, Ordinance or Law was the Penal Law of England introduced here? for the 14th Geo. III. mentions its having been established near nine years. To these questions," he then says, "allow me to add another of much less importance. Is it the custom to give the Grand Jury a dinner here, as elsewhere?" I happen to possess Mr. Justice Powell's response, in