

in a fashion which disgusted even those with whom he acted."

He now quarrelled with Randall, who, judging by his correspondence, was apt to be quarrelsome himself.

On May 1, 1819, the promissory note for £25 became due. The bond had fallen due four months before. A few days later, Boulton sent his clerk to Randall with a cognovit for Randall's signature, (a cognovit being a consent to judgment) at the same time kindly explaining to poor Randall that he was doing so, "to be enabled, if so inclined, to take out an execution against you."

He coupled his request for this cognovit with a threat. Randall, however, refused to be frightened into signing the cognovit, and wrote Boulton to this effect. Boulton's letter in reply is interesting, if, for nothing else, than as showing how a Family Compact lawyer could address a penniless client in the early part of the nineteenth Century if his fees were not attended to promptly,—

"I received your most extraordinary letter of the 17th instant by Mr. Smith, which, if there is any meaning at all to be given to it, is a very impertinent one, and such a one as I will not permit you or any other client to write to me with impunity. I would have you understand that I am not rendering you any professional assistance, from what you may fancy "popular reasons", and therefore any further than my duty to my client prompts me, I do not care a farthing about you. As I am not looking to the result of your business, as you call it, for my payment, I insist upon having the money long due to me for services already performed, paid or secured in a sufficient manner. You may be certain that I shall not retract one farthing."

On the 31st of May 1819, Boulton issued a writ of summons against his client Randall and in due course obtained a judgment for the amount of his claim.

The circumstances which led up to Randall's indebtedness to and quarrel with Boulton have been set forth in detail, as this judgment cost Randall the Chaudiere property. It was also the cause of legal and political controversies extending over a great many years, in which all the men prominent in public