all this irrelative and accuse me of officiousness and presumption. Be not so hasty. He who will not risk giving offence, for the welfare of friend, is not entitled to that distinction. But I hope you know me too well to suppose that it proceeds from any other motive than the present regard. I have felt the want of such a friend — you have many who yearn to be as explicit as myself. The stake is worth striving for — your merits are too well known, and too generally felt, to be lost to society without a strenuous endeavour to preserve them. Be not deceived (my dear friend) — you think you can restrain yourself whenever you please. I grant you may yet awhile. But trust not too much to your own strength. It is a dangerous reliance. a ticklish bark that overthrows all who venture aboard. To shun is to conquer. The delusive impression of being able to go so far, and no farther has been the cause of prematurely cutting of many virtuous, and otherwise firm men. Do you believe that any man, in the first instance, designedly becomes a slave to the bottle? Do you believe he knowingly assumes that habit which he so much condemns in another, with which disgust is excited, and to avoid which, he conceives a merit; you do not. I know, think yourself assuming it — you are not aware of the influence it is gaining over you. But believe me, blindness alone could conceal the inroad it is making on your firmness. your friends view it with alarm — your enemies, and professional rivals, with secret exultation and delight. The Lynx eye of suspicion is abroad and secret whisperings give currency to the surmise. I knew not this until a few days since and knowing it, I felt it a duty to rouse you from slumber. To put you on your guard. Oh! my friend listen to the warning voice of friendship. Hearken to the alarm & suggestions of one whose experience entitles him to attention. who has drank deep of the bitter draught. Prove to the envious world that its suspicions are groundless. That its expectations are fallacious. confirm the confidence which has always been repos'd in your firmness and discretion. and gratify your friends and family by the assumption of that rank, professionally, and

politically, which they have sanguinely anticipated your holding and to which your talents so justly entitle you. There are many of your friends who look forward to the day, when the fruits of their labours, with their helpless families, will be entrusted to your care and superintendence. It has been a pleasing and cherish'd idea. It originated in your worth, and calm'd the anxiety of their minds. Suffer not, I entreat you, their expections to be disappointed. But with that energy and fortitude which you are known to possess, resist the insinuating influence of that propensity which inevitably destroys all chance of happiness, both here and hereafter.
with sentiments of the purest friendship and attachment, I am,
Dear Stone, your sincere wellwisher. Dan. of St Thos Jenifer. —
The above Letter is thus endorsed. Frederick D. Stone Esqr.
Question by the Caveators — was there any conversation between you and Mr. Thomas Jenifer afterwards, in which he expressed his fears, that the suggestions of his letter to Mr. Stone, had been unproductive if there was state the time when? The witness answers no.
Question — Did any conversation take place between you and Mr. Wills and did you inform Mr. Thomas Jenifer of that conversation, relative to Mr. Stones intemperance — in which conversation Mr. Wills said he would give three Hundred dollars if Mr. Stone would refrain from drinking? Answer — I never had any such conversation with Mr. Wills nor have I ever made such a statement to Mr. Jenifer but I have heard Mr. Wills say when Mr. Stone talked of leaving here that he would be willing to tax three hundred dollars a year to keep Mr. Stone with us if he would stay at home and attend to his business as he ought to do and that if Mr. Stone remained here, possibly hereafter he would be entrusted with his business as Executor. Question Did you inform Mr. Jenifer of this conversation? answer — I have no doubt that I mentioned this conversation to Mr. Thomas Jenifer —
Question — In any conversation with Thomas Jenifer did he complain of Mr. Stones inattention to business? Answer he never did. Question after writing the letter of which you have proved the delivery to Mr Stone did you ever hear him speak of Mr Stones intemperance? Answer I think I have. He said such was the report, that it had been