

tent, that Mr. Adams, in order to check it, told him that if he would not desist, he should decline to have any thing further to do in the cause. The prisoner and his friends were alarmed, and consulted about engaging other counsel; but Mr. Adams, sensible that there was sufficient evidence to obtain a favorable verdict from an impartial jury, had no intention to abandon his client; he only felt for the honor of the town, which, he apprehended would suffer yet more, if the witnesses were examined too closely and particularly, by which means more truth would be drawn from them than had an immediate connection with the soldiers' firing, by or without the orders of the captain. When the trial was ending, Judge Lynde, toward the close of his charge said: "Happy am I to find, after such strict examination, the conduct of the prisoner appear in so fair a light; yet I feel myself deeply affected, that this affair turns out so much to the disgrace of every person concerned against him, and so much to the shame of the town in general." The jury at once agreed on a verdict of not guilty. After his acquittal, Captain Preston retired to the castle, and remained there until he sailed for England.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Chandler's Criminal Trials, Vol. 1, p. 311.