

had been destroyed by fire many years since. He finally met with some one who advised him to call on me, as I could probably furnish him with the desired information. He accordingly did call, and I had the satisfaction to furnish him with the information, that the JOHN FIELD who removed from Flushing was the son of ANTHONY FIELD, of Flushing; that ANTHONY FIELD, his brother BENJAMIN, and father ROBERT, with a number of others, were named in a patent of confirmation obtained from Governor NICOLL, for the town of Flushing, dated Feb. 16th, 1666; that ROBERT FIELD only was named in the original patent obtained from Governor KIEFT (that is, ROBERT only of the FIELDS). He, with a number of others, obtained the original patent from the Governor, or rather Director-General, of New Netherlands, as New York was then called. ROBERT FIELD's sons, ANTHONY and BENJAMIN, were then children at that date (Oct. 19th, 1645). He was further informed, that ROBERT FIELD, father of ANTHONY, was the son of JAMES FIELD, and grandson of MATTHEW FIELD, of Ardsley, York County, England, and that MATTHEW FIELD was the son of JOHN FIELD, of Ardsley, formerly of London, the celebrated astronomer.

"In the course of this interview, the gentleman showed me a publication, which had recently fallen into his hands, entitled 'The Family of the Rev. D. D. FIELD, &c.' He was so kind as to leave with me the volume for a short time. I was highly gratified in its perusal, but regretted to find the author had not been able to procure the necessary data, to carry him out in tracing his ancestors at least two generations beyond ZACHARIAH FIELD. I have for a long time been in possession of information, which perfectly satisfied me that ZACHARIAH was, beyond question, the grandson of JOHN FIELD, the astronomer, of Ardsley.

"On further reflection, I concluded I would call on CYRUS W. FIELD, with whom I had no personal acquaintance, but whom I had known by sight for many years, and still more by reputation, for a few years back, from his connection with the Atlantic cable enterprise, believing it would be a satisfaction to him and to his connections to be assured that ZACHARIAH FIELD was, beyond doubt, the