

character of John Beale Bordley, and may be said to be a "Bordley" feature, "Independence of mind." When twenty-four years of age, Mr. Bordley married Miss Chew, daughter of Samuel Chew, of Maryland, and Henrietta Maria Lloyd Chew. Miss Chew received some fortune from her father and mother. Mr. Bordley, young and ardent as he was, might have yielded to the luxurious ease of the fashionable society of Annapolis, which was then at its zenith. Instead of so doing, he retired to Joppa, a small town on Gunpowder River, in the neighborhood of which lay an extensive tract of his patrimonial estate. In his twenty-sixth year, he was appointed Prothonotary of Baltimore. In and near Joppa, he raised a large family of children and it is probable that here was laid the foundation of his love for agricultural pursuits, which afterwards became a "ruling passion" with him. In 1776, Mr. Bordley received the appointment of Judge of the Admiralty, and sustained a character of high respectability and was remarkable for his attention to the unfortunate and oppressed, a noble trait in the character of a man, which we seldom see in this day. The late Judge Breckenridge related a circumstance in connection with Judge Bordley, that indicates the staunch principles of this noble man. A celebrated lawyer of their day was pleading for a client, who had stolen a CALF'S SKIN, and was *eloquently* and *satirically* endeavoring to acquit him on the ground that it was too "SMALL" a theft to be considered. The Judge fixed his eyes calmly on the lawyer and said: "Ah! Mr. C., is it you who think that because the article is of *small value* there is NO theft?" The eloquence of the lawyer subsided and he *hung his head* in silence.

Judge Bordley's two sons, Thomas and Matthias, were sent to England at the respective ages of twelve and ten. The eldest son, Thomas, died early of consumption. He afterwards sent his youngest son, John, to the care of his friend, Colonel Sharpe. Mr. Bordley was one of the Governor's Council during part of Governor Sharpe's and the whole of Governor Eden's administration, and was an intimate friend of both. Mr. Philemon Chew, John Beale Bordley's wife's brother, bequeathed to this deserving gentleman a handsome estate on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, one-half to his sister, Mrs. Bordley, and the other half to his other sister, Mrs. Paca.