

4. Sunday 10th October. 1704. U.N.B. ARCHIVES

Before I proceed any further, I will tell you a long story about a mother & a son, and (what is very remarkable) it's a true one, and altho' you recollect some of the facts, I have a particular reason for relating them at this time, which you, I find out at the end.

I shall begin in the common stile of stories. —

There lived in England a certain Baronet who had acquired by industry and saved by prudence, an affluent fortune. He was married to a lady of elegant education. of great sensibility and of amiable manners. They

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They had one son, whose figure, disposition, and accomplishments were such as at once satisfied the ambition of his father — and the fondest wishes of his mother; — At an early age he discovered an inclination for the army, and (as it was the determination of his parents not to check his ambition in any instance) they consented, and he soon obtained the rank of Captain in the Guards. —

In the course of service it became his tour of duty to join a detachment ordered to America. On this occasion, arguments were used and enforced with all the energy of parental rhetoric, to prevail on him to relinquish a profession which obliged him to quit his dearest connections, and deprived him