

that last volume, the reporters caught up with the current cases, reporting some of that same year, 1829. Harris also collaborated with William Kilty, Jr., and John N. Watkins in publishing a six volume compilation of laws passed from 1799 to 1818.

Some quotations which Harris wrote out on extra pages of the book in which he noted down arguments in court render him suspect of humor. On the title page of his notes of daily sessions at the June term, 1807, he wrote:

A hiding place from the winds and a covert from the tempest.  
As rivers in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a  
weary land. 32 Ch. 5.

And on the title page of notes of the next term:

The ships about whose sides loud tempests war,  
With gentle winds were wafted from the shore.  
Turtles and doves of different hues unite  
And glossy jet is pair'd with shining white.

At the outset the court on the Western Shore instructed the clerk to have the room usually occupied by the court in the State House furnished more comfortably, but just what the more comfortable furnishing amounted to is not known. It is clear that the court room presented a very different appearance from that of the room as it was known toward the end of the nineteenth century. There was no long unbroken desk for the judges, such as we have now come to call the "bench." Against the front or southeast wall of the room, where the judges always sat as long as the room was used, there was a platform or dais about two feet high above the floor, projecting into the room in a flat, or three-centered, arch, with steps around