

effect so long as we are pent up in forts and stations. Notwithstanding the Attorney-General has taken every step in his power to suppress them, I fear the faction will increase and ere long we shall revolt from Government, in order to try if we can govern ourselves, which in my opinion, will be jumping out of the frying-pan into the fire. I hope your Excellency will endeavor to improve the present good conditions of the savages towards us and have a peace concluded as soon as possible. The Supreme Court in this country has had a very salutary effect and tended greatly to improve the manners of the people, but I greatly fear we shall lose our judges for want of sufficient salaries."

The following letter, dated August 11, 1789, written by him to his son Thomas, who was then twenty-one years of age, shows a pleasing confidence between father and son, and true ideas of propriety and justice.

He says :

"I think it will be improper and will make against your cause, if you make any further suit to the young lady, before you first know whether it will be agreeable to her father. Indeed, it would not be using him well. If I were you I would take the first opportunity to obtain her leave to ask his permission to pay my addresses to her. If she gives you this leave freely, you may expect you are on good footing. If she refuses that, you may give the matter up. So thinks your mother and so thinks

Your father,

"JAS. SPEED."

The letters written by Joseph Speed, of Virginia, to his brother, Captain James Speed, which are copied in the sketch of Joseph Speed, contain some interesting information concerning the removal of Captain James Speed to Kentucky.

Captain James Speed died September 3, 1811, aged seventy-two.

After his death, his widow lived a portion of her time with her granddaughter, Elizabeth Fry, at "Spring House" homestead in Mercer county, and a portion of her time with her son, Major Thomas Speed, at Bardstown. At the latter place she died March 5, 1829, and she was there buried.

The children of Captain James Speed, who came with him to Kentucky, have already been named.

Two others were born in Kentucky, and it is noticeable