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I enjoyed the charming and informative toast in the article by Susan Kiefel in the Winter 2023 volume. The description of “men unencumbered by knowledge of the law” put me in mind of a letter from Royal Governor of New York Richard Coote, 1st Earl of Bellomont, known as The Lord Coote to the British Treasury Lords, Sept. 8, 1699: “there was not such a parcel of wild knaves and Jacobites as those that practiced law in the province of New York, not one of them a barrister, one who was a dancing master, another a glover, a third . . . condemned to be hanged in Scotland for blasphemy and burning the bible.”

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