

arising from a variety of causes local and adventitious ; yet it is to be feared, that where speedy ruin has ensued, that unlimited dissipation too often may be traced to have usurped the place of domestic economy.

Those who live beyond their circumstances must continually feel embarrassment and disorder in their affairs—Irrregularity and profusion alike preclude habits of industry, the payment of just debts, or the sweet exercise of those acts of benevolence and charity so refreshing to our common nature ; while punctuality in such circumstances is quite out of the question. But such was not the case with Mr. Colville, his promise like his creed was sacred, and might ever be relied on.

Cheerfulness with economy combined, governed his plentiful yet plain table, to his family, he would frequently relate an anecdote of an old Scotsman, who happened to be present at a voluptuous West Indian dinner, and was invited to eat of the different removes ; “ Na, na mon” said honest Donald, “ I am much obliged to ye, but I n’er tak twa dinners in ae day !” He would conclude the tale with a general observation to his children “ follow the example of the prudent Scotsman, and be just to the world before ye tak twa dinners in ae day.”

Arthur had by every endearing attention marked his affection and duty to his parents, but it was at the moment of their adverse fortune that he proved the nobleness of his soul ! It was then that with an unclouded lustre a grand trait of character opened to the world an example of filial piety ! Unrepiningly he had followed the wishes of the parent he had never known in his counsel to err :—but nature had implanted in him a love of military life, and in spite of his reason he could not intirely resign the hope, that the day would arrive when with paternal permission he might yet be allowed to enter his darling profession ! Youth was still on his side, and he did not despair of acquiring by exertion and good conduct distinguished honors.

Buoyed with the hope of one day purchasing a commission, he unremittingly practised the utmost frugality, for his salary was