

rusal of it to the public, as it furnishes an antidote to the poison which its pointed arrows are intended to inject, and which will appear in the following extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in Philadelphia, in answer to this author's remarks and queries respecting the Indians under the care of the Society of Friends in the United States.

EXTRACT.

Philadelphia, 8th Month 31st, 1819.

" MY father-in-law informs me, that he furnished
 " thee with several documents designed to exhibit the bene-
 " ficial effects of the labours of the Society of Friends, in
 " promoting the civilization of the Indians; to which I
 " would refer thee for *minute* observation in regard there-
 " to. On the subject in its general aspect, it may be confi-
 " dently asserted, that notwithstanding A—— L——'s
 " doubts, and insinuations, those poor, despised, and de-
 " graded people, are not only capable of discerning the ad-
 " vantages, but of enjoying the benefits of civilized life,
 " and in the instance of the tribes under the care of *Friends*,
 " as well as others, who partake of the notice of the U. S.
 " Government, as happy consequences have resulted from
 " the efforts employed, as could reasonably be expected.
 " *Disappointment* in relation to the *capacity* for domestic
 " life, and habits among the children of the forest, has been
 " more severely felt by those whose interests, and prejudices
 " are enlisted against them, than by those who are kindly
 " engaged to better their condition. Upon the whole it may
 " without fear of availing contradiction be declared, that
 " the most efficient barrier to the civilization of the natives,
 " is to be found in the cupidity of those who desire to pos-
 " sess their land, and who, to accomplish their unrighteous
 " ends, would bring the arm of the Government to bear up-
 " on them, even by blows which would exterminate the
 " race. May a benign and overruling Providence, inter-
 " rupt a purpose so unfeeling and avert an issue so lamen-
 " table."