

thing like fair play might be afforded. Worse than the Cholera, this idol of a brave and intelligent people, was a withering curse from which *nothing* escaped! What, no redeeming quality? How mistaken or false, must have been the admirers of the Hero among his own nation; how besotted Scott, Byron, and a host of others, who with all their English prejudices, painted the Corsican more like a daring, brave, and able *man*, than a *fiend*. And, on another tack, how foolish Pitt, Fox, Burke, and their contemporaries appear, alongside our present author; they saw clearly, England's risk in becoming the champion of bald Legitimacy; he says, "wrapt up in her own impregnability, the storm could not effect her; and therefore while others trembled in its blast, she smiled at its fury." Taking the latter view as correct, the "Empress Island" must have been an unnatural mother; she was beggaring her children, and pouring out their blood like water for strangers, and yet wrapt up in her own impregnability, she smiled!

We have arrived at the end of this introductory historical retrospect; but are inclined to glance back at its political sentiments, as, no doubt, the Chapter is intended to be introductory in that sense also; and as in it, our author has evidently put his best foot foremost, with all due regard to appearance and attitude.

We are told that previous to the revolution, the French groaned under a most oppressive tyranny, that the Court was besotted, bloated, debauched, deaf and blind. Yet almost in the next paragraph, an indignant surprize is expressed, that the revolutionists considered *loyalty* a crime, that they dethroned a *legitimate* King, and submitted to the sway of a *needy* adventurer. Why, what would Mr. Cooney have?—*loyalty* to Tyranny, Debauchery, bloated besotted Cruelty and Ignorance? Legitimacy forsooth, why should a "groaning" people care for the assumed "right divine of Kings to govern wrong?"—And Napoleon's *poverty* should have incapacitated him! Did he not spring up in the service of the country which submitted to his master mind; and, when backed by the call of a harrassed nation, had he not fair claims to the revenues which made Louis *rich*?

But o' England we are told, that to rescue France, to preserve Europe, she drew the sword; and the result was that the *integrity* of Egypt, the *independence* of Spain, the *salvation* of Russia, Prussia, Austria, and the Peninsula, the release of the Pope, and the *restoration* of France, were achieved. Our readers will recollect this cuckoo song as rather old and unmeaning now; and the italicised words will show in what a generalising style the passages are written. Was it the people or the sovereigns of Egypt, Spain, and the other countries enumerated, whose salvation was achiev-