

## CHAP. II.



Now, thought I, for this far-famed land of liberty, this region of freedom and virtue, and only Republic on earth: but soon my feelings were alarmed, and I found correct my friend *Dennis Brulgruddery's* opinion, that this same arrogance was only produced by "rubbing one dirty shilling against another, for we were guarded by the *Argus* eyes of custom-house officers; and the first demand of the American Government is a palpable robbery on the purses of all foreigners---a dollar is exacted from each person, from infancy, and we were told it was for the *Hospital support*!---Ah! said I, such in England is the voluntary contribution of the friends of humanity, not levied upon the stranger, often without a dollar to satisfy such injustice; and I will venture to assert, that this indirect mode of maintaining, as it is called a Charitable Institution, is amply remunerated in every department, including calomel, rhubarb, helebore, and Gruel, by the

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