

The Life and Adventures of a FEMALE SOLDIER.

HANNAH SNELL, was born in Fryer Street in the Parish of St. Helen's, in the city of Worcester, in England, on the 23d day of April, 1723. When the father and mother of Hannab died, Hannab came to London, and contracted an acquaintance with one James Summs, a sailor, who was a Dutchman. In a little time Summs made his addressee to her as a lover, and gained her consent, and was married to her at the Fleet, on the 6th Day of January, 1743-4. But all his promises of friendship, proved instances of the highest Perfidy, and he turned out the worst and most unnatural of husbands. When he was seven months gone with child, finding himself deeply involved in debt, made an elopement from her. Notwithstanding these her calamities, she patiently bore herself up under them, and two months after her husband's departure was delivered of a daughter which lived no more than seven months. As she was now free from all the ties arising from nature and consanguinity; she thought herself privileged to roam in quest of the man, who, without reason, had injured her so much; for there are no bounds to be set either to love, jealousy or hatred, in the female mind. That she might execute her designs with the better grace, and the more success, she boldly commenced a man, at least in her dress, and no doubt she had a right to do so, since she had the real soul of a man in her breast. Dismayed at no accidents, and giving a full scope to the genuine bent of her heart, she put on a suit of her brother in law's cloths, assumed his name, and set out on the 23d of November, 1745, and travelled to Coventry, with a view of finding her husband, where she insisted on the 27th of the said month. With the regiment she marched from Coventry to Carlisle, where she learned the military exercise, which she now performs with as much skill and dexterity as any serjeant or corporal in his Majesty's service. An officer in the regiment being jealous of her being his rival, with a young woman he intended to debauch, took an opportunity to accuse her with neglect of duty to the commanding officer for which she was sentenced to receive 600 lashes, 500 of which she received, having her hands tied to the castle gate, for a crime which nature put it out of her power to commit, the other hundred was omitted at the intercession of some

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