

King Andrew had not found her name amongst the accused, were persuaded of her innocence and warmly undertook her defence. The Pope dispatched a Legate to Hungary to treat of peace, which, after various vicissitudes and difficulties, was at last obtained; and King Lewis and Queen Jane returned to Naples, where they were ardently wished for by every one. No sooner were they disembarked than they were received on the banks of the little river Sebates with incredible joy, by persons of every sex, rank, and age. The Pope sent a Legate for their coronation, and the solemnity and demonstrations of joy were extreme.

From the epistle of Petrarch we easily perceive, that the counsels and prudence of the Great Steward Acciajoli were of no small use in promoting the restoration and happiness of King Lewis and Queen Jane; and as prudence and good conduct in prosperity are no less difficult or less commendable than in adverse fortune, so Petrarch, as a sincere friend to Acciajoli, to the king, queen, and his country, shews how dangerous it is to abandon oneself too much into the arms of luxury and effeminacy; delineating, at the same time, with a masterly hand, the character of a patriot King.

## EPISTLE,

AT length, most renowned Sir, fidelity has overcome treachery, liberality avarice, humility pride. Hatred has yielded to benevolence, despair and difficulty to perseverance. Now the glorious King of Sicily, by your solicitude alone, will re-assume, in spite of envy, those honors which have hitherto been denied him; and, seated on the throne of his grandfather, will illuminate our atmosphere with his heavenly countenance, and his crown bright as a star, by restoring peace and wished-for tranquility to the people. In which you will conduct yourself as you have hitherto done, showing to the world your exalted genius, and so much the more diligently, as there is greater honor in governing with justice and moderation than successfully acquiring. We have seen you nobly to struggle with adverse fortune; prosperity now comes in array against you. Now is the time to collect all your strength of mind. The weapons are changed, not the enemy; therefore it is necessary for you to be prepared with a new species of defence. Many men indefatigable, brave and invincible in great difficulties have been afterwards overcome by prosperous and propitious fortune. Hannibal, amidst difficulties, was conqueror at Cannae, and, amidst pleasures was conquered at Capua. Indolence has hid the virtues of many. Luxury, languid in time of war, is fervid and ardent in time of peace. The Romans, invincible, and conquerors of other nations, were overcome by luxury.

You may ask me, to what all this leads? and I answer you, that I guess it to be the opinion of many, that you ought now to rest. I, however, am of a different opinion; and if you will listen to me, you will perceive, that every renowned and virtuous man, even to the last breath of his life, must combat either with visible or invisible enemies.

You have a king, old in understanding, young in years, whom you have accompanied both by sea and land, and whom, after many storms and dangers, you have conducted to the highest station. Shew him with what address he ought to conduct, and prove himself worthy of it. Let him reflect, that the sceptre is not so much due to birth as to virtue. Dominions and honours do not form a man, but shew, and discover his character. Tell your prince,