

scenes of wretchedness, and consequently steeled against every tender sensation, accidentally discovered this amusement of his prisoner, and in the wantonness of tyranny, officiously destroyed the subject of it. M. de Lauzun afterwards declared, that he conceived his agony on this occasion to have been more painful than that of a fond mother on the loss of a darling child.

AT the coronation of the Emperor Frederick I. at Rome, in the year 1155. the Pontiff insisted upon the Emperor's performing the office of equerry, and holding the stirrup to his holiness.—The above Emperor, after having during the space of three years, been alternately defeated and victorious, was at length so fatigued with the hardships he had suffered, and so dejected at the difficulties he had yet to overcome, that in the year 1177, he concluded a treaty of peace at Venice with Pope Alexander III. and a truce with the rest of his enemies. Upon this occasion the haughty Pontiff trod upon the neck of the suppliant Emperor while he kissed his foot repeating at the same time those words of the royal Psalmist—'Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.' (Plam xci. 13.)

WHEN Doctor Johnson was travelling through Scotland with his conductor, Mr. James Boswell, they one day halted at a town to dine. The inhabitants being apprized of the arrival of so renowned a character, as Doctor Johnson, intimations were given to Mr. Boswell, soon after dinner, that the populace would be much gratified with a sight of him, on the piazza. A request so reasonable could not be refused. The Doctor was accordingly presented to them, and their curiosity fully gratified. When Johnson retired, a shrewd old Scotchman took an English six-pence out of his pocket, and presented it to Boswell—'What mean you mon?' (said Boswell) 'I donna want your six pence.'—'Tak it Jamy,' (said the other)—'I ken, weel eno' that ye canna afford to lead about that huge beast for naething!'

COLONEL BARRE, in travelling thro' America some years ago, paid a visit to the Governor of Connecticut, of whom he made enquiries respecting the constitution of the country; his Excellency informed him, that, literally speaking, there was no government whatever—that as to his power, he was a mere cypher—that the legislature met only to wrangle and do nothing—in a word, it was mere anarchy and confusion, whenever any active Rep

was to be taken; and that, upon the whole, the people generally governed themselves, by every man doing as he pleased. The conversation changed; and the Col. spoke of the face of the country—the improvements every where visible;—and the universal appearance of plenty and happiness in the fields, dwellings, and clothing of the people. The governor assented, and said he believed there was hardly a country in the world that exceeded it in all those particulars.—Such, said the Col. were the effects of the government he had but just expatiated upon.

WHEN Quin was one day lamenting that he grew old, a pert young fellow asked him what he would give to be as young as he was? 'I would even submit,' said Quin, 'to be almost as foolish.'

AT Croydon affizes, a surgeon was called as a witness, for the purpose of proving damages, upon an action of assault. He deposed that he had bled the plaintiff; and being asked upon oath if bleeding had been necessary, candidly answered, 'we always find it necessary to do something when sent for.'

OF the domestic character of Pope, frugality was a part eminently remarkable. Having determined not to be dependent, he determined not to be in want, and therefore wisely and magnanimously rejected all temptations to expence unsuitable to his fortune. This general care must be universally approved; but it sometimes appeared in petty artifices of parsimony, such as the practice of writing his compositions on the back of letters, as may be seen in the remaining copy of the *Illiad*, by which perhaps in five years five shillings were saved; or in a niggardly reception of his friends, and scantiness of entertainment, as, when he had two guests in his house, he would set at supper a single pint upon the table; and having himself taken two small glasses would retire, and say, *Gentlemen, I leave you to your wine.* Yet he tells his friends, that *he has a heart for all, a house for all, and whatever they may think, a fortune for all.*

A Gentleman, whose father had been robbed of a considerable quantity of plate, dined with the son of a wealthy man supposed to be a receiver. A large silver tureen was brought to table without a cover.—'I am admiring your tureen' (said the guest to his host) not so much from its fashion or value; but from a very extraordinary circumstance, which is, that a cover I have got at home would exactly fit.