

zure of all property belonging to S—— whom they thus prosecuted both criminally and civilly at the same time. Armed with this process, another regiment of bailiffs, relieved the garrison that had been left in the conquered fortress, and the work of devastation, riot, and pilferage went on for the nineteen days Louisa was kept in prison. All her own property, which was not inconsiderable, was seized as that of S——; and not an article, even of dress, allowed to be sent to her. The grovelling rapacity indeed of the honourable the agents of the honourable the East India Company, known and detested as it was throughout the settlement, was never exemplified with more disgusting meanness than in the whole of these disgraceful transactions; particular instances of which I shall hereafter adduce; but I hasten to the circumstances that followed immediately upon Louisa's liberation, with which I shall conclude this epistle.

The establishment at S——'s house had of course been broken up. His Irish domestic Patrick, although he had been equally committed to prison upon the same false and frivolous charges, had been liberated without bail, by the same magistrate who had directed Louisa to be held to bail for so large an amount, for Pat could not interfere to prevent the plunder of property that was then going on, whilst Louisa would. This man continued in the service of S—— and was the only person on whom Louisa could rely for assistance in her present forlorn situation. Him she dispatched to reconnoitre the house, which he found strongly garrisoned and all access refused. She herself then applied for admission to her own apartments, but was rudely repulsed, and an express was sent off to the honourable the agents, to inform them, the enemy had made an attack, and was expected to regain possession, if reinforcements did not arrive. Accordingly a fresh supply of bailiffs was ordered out under arms, and marched to assist in the defence of the place. They thus successfully maintained possession of the house, for five days longer although a bold effort was made by Pat to retake it, who, having the key of the principal entrance, got in unperceived, but was, after a short resistance ejected, & forced to retreat. It being, however, foreseen that it would not be possible to keep possession by main force, in the face of law and of all right much longer, it was resolved in a council of war, that the East India Company should instruct the sheriff to remove every article of property, and give him an indemnity for so illegal and wanton an abuse of his authority as that removal would be, before Louisa could re-enter