

and of a wife and in the exercise of active benevolence. Abstaining from any interference in public affairs, the sole use she made of her power was to solicit acts of mercy, or those favors which appeared to her just and merited. No longer under the influence of youthful inclination, her enjoyments were no more sought in the allurements of evanescent pleasures, or in the fumes of adulatory incense. Her evenings were generally spent in that beautiful palace in miniature, Trianon, on the adorning of which the most exquisite taste had presided. There in company of true piety personified, of a female abates and of a congenial mind in the persons of the Princess Elizabeth, of the Princess Lamballe and of the Duchess of Polignac, to whom were added a few select friends, worthy of admission in such company, she seemed to forget the world and its tribulations in the full enjoyment of its pleasures, which far from being followed by the upbraidings of conscience, or attended with fatigue and disease, were in a manner preparatory to the eternal ones which awaited the illustrious victims. Enough has been said of the Princess Elizabeth, and any thing we could add would be only the repetition of that which every one has heard. The heroism of friendship displayed by the Princess Lamballe is likewise generally known; but we cannot resist the wish of paying our humble tribute to so exalted an example of voluntary sacrifice. That Princess had, like the Queen, incurred the hatred of *Egalité*, whom she had upbraided with having murdered her husband by having allured him to the participation in his riotous pursuits, and she was on the proscription list. The Queen seeing the danger of her friend, insisted upon her to seek her safety by leaving the Country, which she did with the greatest reluctance: But when the danger threatened the life of her royal friend, neither intercession nor positive command could detain this true friend, and the Princess came and resumed her situation by the Queen, determined to share her fate. In the Duchess, Maria Antoinette had met with a congeniality of soul, and with the qualifications well fit to assist her in the education of her children. This was sufficient to render Mad. de Polignac obnoxious to the factions, and the Queen was compelled to part with her, and to shel-