

#### ANGER.

THERE is an inconsistency in Anger, very common in life ; which is, That those who are vexed to impatience, are angry to see others less disturbed than themselves ; but when others begin to rave, they immediately see in them, what they could not find in themselves ; the deformity and folly of useless rage.

TO be angry about trifles, is mean and childish ; to rage and be furious is brutish ; and to maintain perpetual wrath is a-kin to the practice and temper of devils ; but to prevent or suppress rising resentment, is wise and glorious, is manly and divine.

#### BEAU.

A BEAU is every thing of a woman but the sex, and nothing of a man beside it.

#### BENEVOLENCE.

THERE cannot be a more glorious object in creation, than a human being, replete with benevolence, meditating in what manner he might render himself most acceptable to his Creator, by doing most good to his creatures.

#### CHARACTER.

WE should not be too hasty in bestowing either our praise or censure on mankind, since we shall often find such a mixture of good and evil in the same character, that it may require a very accurate judgment, and a very elaborate enquiry, to determine on which side the balance turns.

#### DEPENDANCE.

AMONG the many who have enforced the duty of giving, I am surprised there are none to inculcate the ignominy of receiving ; to shew, that by every favour we accept, we in some measure forfeit our native freedom, and that a state of continual Dependance on the generosity of others is a life of gradual debasement.

Whenever there is wealth, there will be Dependance, and expectation ; and wherever there is Dependance, there will be an emulation of servility.

#### DESIRE.

THE Desires of man increase with his acquisitions—every step, which he advances, brings something within his view, which he did not see before, and which, as soon as he sees it, he begins to want. Where necessity ends, curiosity begins ; and no sooner are we supplied with every thing that nature can demand, than we set down to contrive artificial appetites.

#### DETRACTION.

DETRACTION is among those vices which the most languid virtue has sufficient force to prevent ; because by Detraction, that is not gained which is taken away. " He who fishes from me may