

high rank and an illustrious house had long enjoyed the first power and most extensive influence in Barataria.—To this person the Count had united himself in early life; before wealth and honours had directed their current towards him; and whilst as yet fortune continued to frown, where nature had frowned before.—Don John was a man who to *eminent* qualities added unusual *softness* of soul.—He recollected, that Henrico was his kinsman, which is a circumstance among the ties of humanity.—He was poor and John had compassion of him.—He was friendless and he acknowledged him.—He therefore employed his powerful interposition, to procure a subsistence, from the State for Henrico.—And even condescended to attend to female infirmity, so far, as by a public stipend to enable his wife to purchase certain silken apparel, and play at certain costly games, which, tho' they were above her rank and fortune, were not above her ambition or her vanity. Thus it happened that Henrico had faithfully adhered to Don John, whilst the latter had *power* or the former *wanted protection*.—But when Sancho commenced his attack on the freedom of Barataria, by depriving her of her Cortes.—Henrico, through the wantonness of fortune, had become enriched by great possessions—distinguished by honours, and fortified by powerful dependencies. Sancho judged that as Henrico no longer stood in need of assist-