

ANECDOTE OF BISHOP PORTEUS AND HIS PRESENT MAJESTY
WHEN PRINCE OF WALES.

It was published that the Prince was about to give a great military dinner on a *Sunday*. The Bishop had been some time confined, but, upon hearing this, was lifted into his carriage, and was driven to Carlton House. He was carried into the presence of the Prince; when they were left alone, the Bishop said to him, "I hear, with great concern, that your Royal Highness is about to do a thing which will give a pernicious example to others, and break down the very small limits remaining of respect to a day, guarded by laws human and divine; and those laws your Royal Highness was born to enforce. You have an awful responsibility upon you. Human favor or displeasure is nothing to me, now on the verge of eternity; a very few days, and I shall be beyond the reach of praise or censure; but I could not enter into the presence of my Maker without thus disburthening my conscience. You, Sir, have much more to account for than your father; your talents are far superior to his, and you have had a much better example before you; yet with a capacity far inferior to yours, and struggling with many public and private calamities, such is the purity of piety and virtue, and their influence, that at this day there is not on the whole earth an individual so much beloved, and so honored in every part of the globe. If you see the advantage of the divine favor, and turn for aid where alone you can find it to support you in good resolutions, you will be a beloved and glorious monarch. Your happy manner, and acknowledged talents, will aid your influence in bringing many to righteousness. If, on the contrary, you abandon the path chosen by your good father, and strengthen vice by your example, millions will follow you in the paths of destruction, and accuse you in the hour of judgment." This and more he said till his strength was exhausted, being all the while most respectful, though impressive; finally, he said, "now I must conclude with leaving my solemn dying blessing with your Royal Highness." The Prince knelt down before him, and the Bishop gave him his benediction with great solemnity. The Prince then assisted him to his carriage; the military dinner was given up; there was an inquiry made every day for the Bishop, and, for three days after his death, the Prince shut himself up, and would not see any person.

ON THE DUTIES AND AWFUL RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS.

It is scarcely possible to imagine a more important duty than that which is allotted to parents; whether we consider the consequences of its neglect or the rewards which generally await its fulfilment.