

transported who have behaved well; are the subjects he selects for rejoicers at his jubilee. Invalided soldiers, and aged citizens are the objects of his bounty; dignitaries and officers receive promotion and honour; and the literature, the religion of the country, agriculture, and public charity, are enjoined to be fostered, observed, and encouraged.

As I have been engaged on a Chinese subject, I will, to variegate the scene and for the gratification my fair readers, give them the following description of the appearance of some Chinese ladies by a recent traveller; (Dr. Clarke Abel.) They are described as being low of stature, with faces longer than those of the men, but so covered with a flesh-coloured paste that the tint of their complexion could not be discovered. There was a general air of languor about them. Their hair was black, and neatly rolled up on the crown of the head, and ornamented with flowers. Their dress consisted of a loose blue cotton robe with long sleeves and a pair of loose trowsers of a pink colour. The robe was fastened before by several buttons from the chin downwards, and fell below the calf of the leg. Its sleeves covered their hands. The trowsers were fastened about the ankle, and almost covered with their folds the small and tight shoe which peeped from beneath them. The predilection of the men in China for very small feet in women, and the consequent crippled and unnatural shape to which the Chinese ladies reduce their feet are well known. Disfiguring and hurtful as this preposterous custom is, I scarcely, however, know whether I shall admit it to be more so than the strait, stiff, and angular shapes into which whalebone and steel torture the naturally