

settlements, or to any other than the very honourable, polite, and civilized members of the honourable East India Company's council, could not have failed of meeting attention. But as the will of these mighty men is here paramount, so are their dispositions base, oppressive and ruffianly. Taunts even were not wanting, and the circumstance of Louisa's not associating with any other ladies in the settlement, which arose from her refusing the repeated requests S—— had made to allow herself to be introduced into company upon that respectable footing she was entitled to, had created an impression against her, which the utmost propriety of conduct, and retiredness of behaviour had not overcome. To some sarcasms that were uttered with unfeeling meanness, she made no other reply than the scornful glance of an eye, that can speak both celestial eloquence and disdainful indignation. On their way on foot, over the rugged paths that led to Mr. Tool's, one of the soi-disant gentlemen, offered her his arm, which she refused with becoming scorn, and ironically told him she would not so much disgrace him. To you, who as well as myself, know the *timid and feminine delicacy* which characterize Louisa, the fortitude with which she bore this and the worse treatment she subsequently was subjected to, must appear astonishing; but such has been the patience, resignation, and constancy of affection with which she has on his account, endured contumely and wrong, distress and imprisonment, injustice and inhumanity, that S—— has often declared that were he a poet he would wish no better theme for immortalising his name, than her suffering excellence, and exalted merit.

Proceed we now to the Justice's. There, or on the way, I don't know which, the posse were