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WE allow that this man unless attacked will make no widows or orphans, and that when assailed he will make as few as he can help. When we are pressed by the enquiry, is it not a very wicked thing to destroy our fellow beings, we would reply in the affirmative. But conducting the dispute with those who understood and wished logic, we would make the remark, that Washington was not a military character of the first order, because all that he did was, having the knowledge of the country, to prevail over commanders who do not appear to have evinced the least ability in adapting the art of war to the circumstances in which they were actually placed. This man was an example of one whose mind was made up of several good points well balanced. What he did he probably effected without a great deal of effort. We imagine that it did not cost him much mental labour to gain his victories, and his campaigns being over, we conceive that he did not feel it to be much of a sacrifice, to retire to his estate of Mount Vernon, and preside over the pleasing avocations of raising tobacco and sugar. Where there is in a character a strong tendency to excess, praise is properly bestowed if moderation be practised. Where all the elements are well commingled, where nature has made it easy to maintain the balance, we cannot fall into the disposition to marvel at the coolness that may be evinced. Having a professional knowledge of the details of the military art, having an acquaintance with the country in which he fought, commanding troops that were capable of individual action as well as of submission to a superior, opposed to leaders that were devoid of genius, and that had mercenaries for their tools, Washington gained several decided victories. War being finished, he might have attempted to play the part of Sylla or Cromwell. Instead of doing so, he deferred to the civil power, became by suffrage the president of the new republic, and never betrayed any wish to overstep the bounds of the authority confided to him. On these accounts he merits the name of a calm wise man, who succeeded as much because his passions were not strong, as from any more direct cause.