

It is with pleasure that we hear from our Printer that he will soon receive the characters and accents necessary to print in the French language. We hope then to be able to gratify the wishes often expressed, by those friends who are not conversant enough in the English, and to induce them to become subscribers to this Miscellany, renewing the promise that, so soon as their number shall be sufficient to cover an increase of expence we most readily shall increase the bulk and content of it.

MY OWN LIFE.

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Thus directed by the history of their own Country, the framers of our now existing constitution did not recur to any system of government founded on Utopian principles. They very wisely availed themselves of the pusillanimous flight of James II, to declare it a voluntary act of abdication, whereby the hereditary succession was determined. It was therefore necessary to proceed by way of election. To refer that election to the people at large, would besides the loss of time, have incurred the risk of anarchy, and therefore they constituted themselves into a National Convention. They as such, laid down the conditions on which they should bestow the crown, and offered it on those conditions, to the next heir in the Protestant line, of the family in which the Crown had been hitherto acknowledged as hereditary. They went farther, and confirmed that hereditary in the same family, so long as there would be members of it professing that religion.

I had another advantage derived from my residence in divers countries, and under different forms of Governments, sufficiently protracted in each, to enable me to make comparisons and deduce consequences. In Holland there was a constant conflict between the Republican party, headed by the descendants of the De Witt and Banvelt, and the Aristocratic, at the head of which was the Stadholder, which conflict at last broke out into open hostilities, and which might have been fatal to the Princes of Orange, had it not been for the timely interference of Prussian bay-