

herself to accompany the honourable gentlemen to a magistrate's, i. e. Mr. Toal aforesaid who had so sapiently granted his warrant to search for papers. Fatigued with the many hours she had been thus subjected to insolence and insult, she expressed a desire to have some refreshment; yet, tho' in her own premises, with her own servants about her, that was over-ruled, and so she must immediately; the Major-General, however, assuring her, with his wonted supererogatory hypocrisy, that she should have any refreshment she wanted where she was going to, which she little thought, though he knew it, was a dungeon underneath the common prison of the island where not so much as a drop of water was to be had. She desired leave to lock her boxes, drawers, and apartments. No, they were in good hands, Good hands indeed! the hands of the police of Pulo Penang—none worse in the British dominions! You must observe that one of the objects of the honourable East India Company's honourable agents on this occasion was to get possession of property, no matter whose, or by what base and mean measures obtained; and that it was on that account necessary Louisa should be hurried off, and Patrick also bestowed in like manner, that the vultures who were to be left in possession might have no one to controul or check them. Louisa was even obliged to leave her clothes lying about, in the tumbled and confused state in which the indecent search which had been made amongst them had left them. Many a shawl, many a rich article of dress, many of the valuable trifles that form part of a lady's wardrobe, disappeared in consequence, and were never after heard of. A quantity of jewels, and precious trinkets, which were equally left exposed to plunder, would have shared the same fate, but