

eldest brother was a priest). At this time he commenced his description of the sciences in England (mentioned hereafter), to be published monthly. Having in one of his publications taken occasion to vindicate the Chevalier de Launay, editor of the *Courier du Nord*, printed at Maestricht, the editor of the *Courier de l'Europe*, now M. du Morande, was so highly offended by it, that he became from that time Brissot's most determined enemy. It is to be observed, that the *Courier du Nord* and the *Courier de l'Europe* were rival newspapers. De Launay quitted Maestricht, and went to Paris, where he was immediately put into the Bastile, and was never more heard of.

In the month of May, 1784, Brissot was arrested by his printer in London. Although he was at this time very well known to several persons of rank and fortune, yet he was too delicate to apply to any of them for pecuniary assistance. But after remaining a day or two in a lock-up house in Gray's Inn Lane, he sent