

flits through the atmosphere. As we passed the scattered hamlets that rise on the banks of this noble stream, the welcome appearance of the boat, like a harbinger of summer, drew crowds from their houses, which afforded a pleasing and entertaining sight to those on board, as all objects on land appear inverted in the unruffled bosom of the water; men, women and children, in approaching to, and receding from, the river, in stumbling haste, all seemed fantastically dancing on their heads. We soon arrived at our destination, a filthy muddy something of a village, but which is adorned by an elegantly built church, where we remained about half an hour. In the course of the voyage some of the ladies indulged us with a few songs in the cabin, amongst whom the fascinating miss Lark, and the substantial miss Lucre were distinguished for sweetness and compass of voice. Dancing too formed part of the amusements, and miss Raven, miss Jiggle, and miss Skillet, toed it as lightly and trippingly as queen Mab. On the return rather large libations of Jamaica, and the enlivening juice of the grape were made, and one intoxicated Lobcock caused a temporary interruption to the hilarity of the company. He was soon, however brought into proper subjection, and confined in a suitable cell; and all was cheerfulness and conviviaticity. The manager, good soul, perceiving the complete gratification of the passengers, wisely determined to exact a small charge from each to defray the expense of firewood, and the demand, which was reasonable enough was cheerfully complied with. Night now came on apace, and when she had thrown her sable curtain round us, we were all safely landed near the house of my old neighbour, the frank, the open, the affable, Mr. Valley, all highly pleased with the enjoyments of the day.