

has carried the science of Medical Jurisprudence to a degree which leaves hardly any thing to desire, in the various departments which it embraces. The Editor himself does not fear to challenge a comparison with any of the English works, in scientific accuracy, philosophical plainness and precision of style, extent of research, genuine scholarship and erudition, pointedness of illustration, and copiousness of detail and reference to original documents. Dr. Andrew Duncan Junr. also asserts that, under the unassuming title of Medical Jurisprudence, Dr. Beck has presented us with a comprehensive system, the diversified departments of which have been so minutely investigated, that few cases can ever occur in practice on which it will be found necessary to seek elsewhere for farther information. Indeed we may say that it contains within its comparatively small bulk, the choicest Medico-legal library for the practitioner. Dr. Male also, the father of English Medical Jurisprudence, expresses his opinion in the following words: "Dr. Beck has recently published one of the best works on Juridical Medicine which has been compiled either in this or any other country."

In our last number, we took occasion to dwell on the importance of this science, and on its necessity in the cause of justice and humanity, when speaking of M. Bertrand's Manuel, but more particularly in the notice we gave of a trial for rape which lately took place in this city; and although the convict was then under sentence of death, we did not hesitate to express our conviction of his innocence, and we feel no little gratification, from hearing that some circumstances have since appeared which corroborate our assertion, and in consequence of which our equitable Governor has set the captive at liberty.

Such are the happy results which would invariably follow a careful enquiry of all the circumstances necessary to the beneficial administration of justice. But, however satisfied we