

ious cruelties, the intelligence of which when rehearsed (much more when felt) are sufficient to shudder the mind and weaken the heart, and be productive of serious changes of a momentary nature on the human constitution. Those faculties, so essential to man, bestowed by the great Author of nature, which adorns the mind, qualifies the intellect, and prepares it for the important undertakings, that it may not be deprived of any of its essential qualities, by picturing to the imagination the miserable fate of the loveliest works of human nature, whose inhuman fate will soon appear.

Reader, thou canst but admire the works of Omnipotence, and view with consternation the grandeur of the universe, the sublimity of his precepts, and the innumerable ways and means he has propagated to our satisfaction, in exploding the bond to the world which in its effects contained the downfall, and heart-rending murders ever recorded in the page of crime. So lamentable are its depredations, in a social point of view, (even in former years,) the fruits of which have left the fatherless, and motherless, and orphan, to roam neglected in this sea of misery, destitute of a habitation, and exposed to every pestilential vapor sweeping round the globe. These are evident principles, clear to the understanding of all, which divine Providence will surely punish, one time or other, with severe maledictions. But we find that in a short period the power of the offended begins to make its appearance, and in a little time produces serious consequences.

It may not be improper to remark, before further investigations, and in order to remove it from the mind of every individual, lest the name might seem to have any claim, and prejudice betray some to think that the family of John Newton belonged in any degree to the stock which produced that great and illustrious character, Sir Isaac Newton; therefore, in order to distinguish him, and mark the transactions and circumstances of his progeny, which constitute the object of this production, and also to satisfy the mind of the solicitous researcher after the rise and miserable downfall of this once curious and respectable family. John Newton, a native of the South of Scotland, who emigrated at a very early period, possessing an ordinary share of talent, in the course of time settled in West Chester county, State of New York, and by his industry acquired a very desirable property there; but in the course of time to him was born a son, whom he called John Newton, the principal subject of this narrative. His father gave him the opportunity of receiving the rudiments of a polished education, and at his decease bequeathed him all his property, real and personal; but having acquired wealth, he became a dignified person in the eyes of many. As we find money has often been the means of exalting many to high promotions unworthily, without ever looking to their moral