

was late at night ; there was, however, sufficient star-light to enable me to perceive, as I leaned towards him on the window of my carriage, that his bosom was overwhelmed with conflicting passions ; at length, bending forward on his horse, and recovering the power of speech, he affectingly said, ' I thank you for your offer ; American affairs have ruined me ; I will, dear sir, wait upon you.' Two weeks afterwards, a person entered my house, whom I immediately recognised to be this highwayman. ' I come,' said he, ' to communicate to you a matter that nearly concerns me, and I trust to your honour to keep it inviolable.' I told him I recollected him, and I requested him to relate his history with candour, as the most effectual means of securing my services ; and such was the narrative, as would have excited sympathy in every heart. His fortune had been spoiled on the American continent, and, after a long imprisonment, he escaped to this asylum of liberty, where, his resources failing, and perhaps with pride above the occupation of a sturdy beggar, he rashly ventured upon the most dreadful alternative of the highway, where, in his second attempt, he met with me. I found his narrative was literally true, which induced me to try various means of obviating his distresses. To the commissioners for relieving the American sufferers application was made, but fruitlessly ; at length he attended at Windsor, and delivered a memorial to the queen, briefly stating his sufferings, and the cause of them. Struck with his appearance, and pleased with his address, she graciously assured him of patronage, provided his pretensions should, on enquiry, be found justified. The result was, that, in a few days, she gave him a commission in the army ; and, by his public services, twice has his name appeared in the Gazette, among the promotions. After some years' employment in the service of his sovereign, this valuable officer fell a victim to the yellow fever in the West-Indies."

" A second time I was attacked and robbed, and at the instant seized the criminal, whom I knew. He fell on his knees, returned the money he had taken from me, and prayed forgiveness. I told him I could not commute felony ; he must instantly depart ; and advised him to go to sea, and never suffer me to see him again. About two years afterwards, on visiting a person in the country, I met with this offender ; upon enquiring into his situation, I found that he had since been married, and was become a respectable farmer."

Dr. Conder, during his residence at Cambridge, having taken a ride to Peterborough for the benefit of the air, on his return, he saw a gentleman in a private lane, at some distance, standing by his horse. As he approached, the supposed gentleman mounted, and, coming up to him, demanded his money. The doctor (then Mr. Conder) immediately recognised him as a former inhabitant of Cambridge, but thought it prudent to conceal his knowledge. Not satisfied with receiving all his cash, to the amount of several guineas, the highwayman asked him for his watch. This being a family piece he pleaded hard to retain it ; but the man persisting in a menacing tone in his demand, he surrendered it, though not without strong symptoms of reluctance.

The doctor was a man of tender sympathy. This amiable quality