

being thus honourably and usefully employed. It was an enterprise, he well knew, in which he must suffer hardships and encounter danger. But with these he was already familiar. He had suffered from poverty, and been the sport of a strange fortune. He had suffered from the unkindness and jealousy of man—had wandered through inhospitable climes, a stranger and a beggar, in want by day, and houseless by night; yet his heart was still strong; and in view of his African expedition, he seems to have forgotten all previous cares, defeats, and disasters.

3. On the thirtieth of June, his preparations having been completed, he left London. On the morning of his departure, he took leave of the secretary of the African Association, to whom he said: "I am accustomed to hardships. I have known both hunger and nakedness to the utmost extremity of human suffering. I have known what it is to have food given me as charity to a madman; and I have at times been obliged to shelter myself under the miseries of that character, to avoid a heavier calamity. My distresses have been greater than I have ever owned, or ever will own to any man. Such evils are terrible to bear; but they never yet had power to turn me from my