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Hitherto we have only seen Maria Antoinette when surrounded by all the splendour suitable to the Court wherein she reigned over persons and hearts. As well from that gallantry natural to Frenchmen as from that ascendancy, which amiability in so exalted a rank is sure to obtain over men's minds, her will was law and whatever she might have commanded thousands would instantly have sprung forward to see it executed. Is there a single record of that Princess having abused that despotic sway? Already exposed to the calumnies issued from the den of wickedness, is it an instance of her provoking the severity of the law against her enemies or their agents, excepted in that infamous conspiracy, which, on account of its publicity and atrocity could not be overlooked. Here there was a positive accusation against her character, accompanied with such circumstances as required an investigation, and the result of that investigation was, a highly deserved punishment that could not, unluckily, reach the contrivers and instigators of the nefarious transaction but fell upon the vile agents that dared to perform an ostensible part in it. That punishment however was not arbitrarily inflicted, but was pronounced in due course of law. Where were then the famous *oubliettes* so often mentioned as being an appendage of the no less famous