

*cision in favour of the Count Pomfretto respecting the collieries of Andalusia.*

These arguments made a sufficient impression on the mind of Henrico. But Sancho having particular reason to know how little reliance is to be had on the promises of fear, or the attachments of infidelity, thought that no security had been taken for the allegiance of the Count, whilst there yet remained any further bond, whereby to render the tie indissoluble. The considerations of fame and fortune had been notably discussed and dexterously reconciled.—And though views of ambition and interest had gained ground on the mind of Loftonzo, there was another power that held the dominion of his soul.

The Countess his consort was a lady of singular spirit and magnanimity—and though her birth and fortune had been beneath mediocrity, yet did she possess a stately and aspiring mind, which taught her to forget the humility of her origin. She preserved that sovereign authority over the Count, which gave satisfaction to every advocate for *female pre-eminence*,—she was his superior in capacity—she was his superior as his creditor.—For the Countess had *legal* demands upon her Lord, which though he was crowned with wealth and honours, yet he was unable to discharge; thus his subjection was the subjection of an insolvent debtor. The Countess therefore had been compelled to transfer her thoughts of posterity, and the reversions of  
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