

days. Promotion rapidly rewarded his exertions and, at the close of the great events which form so glorious an era in our history, the young soldier was about to return to the arms of his family who were now in the enjoyment of a happy competency.

Through the influence of a friend at home, his father had procured a post of considerable honor and emolument, which he for many years held with credit to himself, and advantage to his country.

The officer to whom we have alluded, as Arthur's principle friend, had resigned his important charge in the colony, and had returned to England for the purpose of being present at the nuptials of his eldest daughter whose marriage with a distinguished military character was soon to take place.

From a desire that his young favorite might be present on that happy occasion the ceremony had been for some days delayed. The moment he arrived in his native land, he proceeded to join the anticipating circle with all the rapidity with which grateful affection, and a yet stronger motive could convey him—for he flew on the wings of the wind to divulge a secret on which not only his own happiness, but that of a much dearer object was now pending.

From their first acquaintance a natural attachment had been forming between Arthur and the youngest daughter of his noble friend, though an inviolable secrecy on the subject had existed.—He having declared that he never would presume to solicit the hand of a woman so truly dear to him, until promotion would enable him to support an establishment equal to the rank in which she then moved.—The moment for confession had arrived, and the proposal for a second marriage was heard with enthusiastic pleasure by the families on either side, a short time only was required for preparation, and on the same day the delighted father had the unutterable pleasure of presenting to two young men of irreproachable honor and integrity, as