

lady neither you nor I are acquainted. Her real rank and family, however, it is hinted, would entitle her, were she disposed to claim merit from such paltry distinctions, to take precedence of every lady in this settlement, the Governor's consort alone excepted. But my knowledge of her has been limited to the time since she came to this island: and that enables me to add, that, during the whole of her residence here, (about two years) she has been distinguished by the utmost propriety of conduct. Of retired, domestic, and unobtrusive habits, her graceful vivacity, her unaffected good breeding, her elegance of manner, were displayed only to those who were admitted into the privileged family-circle of S——, whilst her beneficent disposition, the kindness and warmth of her heart, were known and honoured, by all the poorer classes who came within the scope of her attention. Of the circumstances attending the early attachment between her and S—— I am ignorant, but I have often heard both declare, that it is one of seventeen years standing, and of proof against all the vicissitudes of fortune, of climate, and of time. From this you will conclude that Louisa is past her prime; and so she is, if the bloom of youth, and the heyday of the blood alone constitute the prime of woman's life. Yet time, that in other females, makes sad ravages in their personal charms, seems, in the instance of Louisa A—— but to have shed a mellowness of tint over features and a form originally most bewitching, that rather adds to, than detracts from, the attractions of beauty dressed in smiles, and symmetry of shape unrivalled.

S—— had been here a few years, before the lady came out and became part of his establishment. She left, it seems, her country, her friends,