

a public department in England, particularly connected with persons of the Jewish Nation. A few years since, a respectable man and his wife of that persuasion came to the office upon some business. Whilst they were waiting, they began conversing with each other in the Spanish language, about their private affairs. The gentleman, with that honourable delicacy which marks the British Character, gave them a polite hint not to mention any thing which they did not wish him to hear, as he was well acquainted with the language of Spain, having been many years a resident in that country. The Jews proved to be natives of it, and this circumstance led to a conversation upon various subjects, in the course of which the gentleman was induced to lament the hardships which persons of their persuasion endured from the cruelty of the Inquisition. As an instance, he mentioned having seen a young Jewish girl, not more than sixteen years of age, burned alive at one of the *Auto de Fes*.—The woman, instantly, in the most dreadful agitation, screamed out in accents of horror impossible to describe, “that it was her daughter Leah.” and “that it was upon this occasion that the family had quitted Spain.” She immediately sank senseless into her husbands arms, and when a little recovered, was conveyed away in a state little short of distraction, from this accidental revival of the acuteness of her former feelings. Leah, it appeared, was young, beautiful, amiable, and virtuous ; modest in her