

said he; I am going to the eternal abode appointed for human nature. Since my banishment from my father's house, heaven has blest me with success. I am told he forgave me with his dying breath: Good old man!—You are now, Erastus, the only remaining of our family: I little dreamt of ever seeing you again; but heaven is kind. The terrors of dissolution are lessened at sight of thee. It is not an unpleasing reflection, that thy friendly hand will close my eyes. Beware, Erastus, nor misemploy the wealth that it will be in my power to leave thee; it was got with honour. I can scarcely advise thee to marry; it is to the loss of the best of wives, which was soon followed by that of an only child, that I owe my present disorder. We were happy. She was the best of women. At these words Erastus fixed his eyes upon Eliza. May heaven continue our lives, said he, may we never know the pang of separation till age has silver'd o'er our heads, and then it must be short. The brother asked Erastus what accident had brought him to that part of the world; and told him, that, upon the first appearance of his illness, he had wrote to England, to enquire whether he was still living; and that he had already made a will in his favour, and left him whatever fortune he possessed. It was not long after his arrival, resumed Erastus, that he died, and left me an estate even beyond the ambition of my wishes. It was his funeral

you met; it was Erastus they were bearing to the grave, but not Eliza's Erastus. He lives to be once more happy with the partner of his joys. At these words, he pressed her to his bosom, with a warmth expressive of the most perfect love. Upon my return from the funeral, I was told by some one whom I met, the story of a woman's fainting, with such circumstances, as made me think it was thee. I hastened to the house, where the hospitable stranger had conducted thee, and found thee sunk into the arms of thy maid. Shall I tell my Eliza, that even this circumstance at present affords me a degree of pleasure? Indeed it does; it convinces me that I still am blest with thy tenderest love, without which, as my Eliza once said to me, no circumstances could make me happy. Erastus was now possessed of a fortune, which might enable him to pass his remaining days independent of the cares of business. He sold his estates to advantage, and returned to his native country, where he now lives in all the felicity of elegant ease. The greatest part of their time they spend in the country, and now and then a winter in the rational amusements of the town. Wealthy without arrogance, economists without avarice, and liberal without profusion; universally beloved by those who have any connection with them, and admired by the few who are happy in their intimacy.

SPEECH OF AN INDIAN.

AS the English army was passing towards Quebec, in the year 1759, along a soft savanna, between a mountain and a lake, one of the petty chiefs of the inland regions stood upon a rock, surrounded by his clan, and from behind the shelter of the bushes contemplated the art and regularity of European war. It was Evening; the tents were pitched. He observed the security with which the troops rested in the night, and the order with which the march was renewed in the morning. He continued to pursue them with his eyes till they could be seen no longer, and then stood for some time silent and pensive.

Then turning to his followers, 'My children, (said he) I have often heard that there was a time when our ancestors were absolute lords of the woods, the meadows, and the lakes, wherever the eye can reach or the foot can pass.

A new race of men entered our country from the great ocean: They enclosed themselves in habitations of stone, which our ancestors could neither enter by violence, nor destroy by fire: They issued from these fastnesses, sometimes covered like the armadillo with shells, from which the lance rebounded on its striker, and sometimes carried on mighty beasts, which had never been seen in our vales or forests, of such strength and swiftness that flight and opposition were vain alike. Those invaders ranged over the continent slaughtering in their rage those that resisted, and those that submitted in their mirth. Of those that remained, some were buried in caverns, and condemned to dig metals for their masters; some were employed in tilling the ground, of which foreign tyrants devour the produce; and when the sword and the mines have destroyed the natives, they supply their place