

THE NEWTON FAMILY.

IN the course of human events, whilst men are engaged in the various occupations of life, a duty devolves itself upon me, of so important a nature, that I cannot evade its principles. Therefore I hope it may not be considered by the readers of this publication an unnecessary or unimportant inquiry to transmit to the enlightened and Christian community a compendious account of the life of John Newton, his family, and succeeding posterity. The momentous history of which embraces the sole foundation of his immoral and atrocious cruelties, whose name in succeeding generations will stain the page of history with everlasting disgrace, and raise monuments of dishonor upon the characters of the children yet unborn of his family, so numerous connected throughout the universe. The unfading blemishes so richly deserved by him and his unfortunate family, never can, nor will, as long as a human being exists in this section of the globe, be eradicated from the minds of those relatives now in animation, whose progenitors suffered the most barbarous atrocities on both land and sea. The rod of affliction which he held in his hand consigned numbers to a watery grave, long antecedent to their expectations, in the midst of youth and bloom, that happy portion of human life, and surrounded with the pleasures of existence, so consonant to human life, the value of which, when judiciously cultivated, far exceeds the splendor of the universe; whose inhuman murders and cruel inflictions have not gone to the grave, there to lie in the deep recess of terror, to sleep in silence and sink in oblivion. No, but it has emerged, the principles of which to excite the interest and curiosity of the inhabitants of the Christian world, that they may see the effects of a want of humanity. So alarming are the consequences of those base and perfid-