

but, in theory, as in practice, he contested every inch of ground ; and only yielded when he had no weapons left to meet his antagonist. This trait in his character serves, at least, to prove, that he was honest in his conclusions, however erroneous the premises from which they were deduced.

Much error of opinion prevails among all classes of individuals, at the present period, in relation to the character of COL. ALLEN. He is generally viewed as a coarse, ignorant man, void of all the social feelings, and arrogant in all his pretensions. Even Mr. DWIGHT, in his "Travels in New-England," reports him in this light ; and deems him only worthy a brief and unjust notice in his work. In what manner Mr. DWIGHT came in possession of the facts upon which he predicated his conclusions, is beyond the knowledge of the author of this Memoir : but, certain it is, he has materially misrepresented the moral principles, and in fact, the general character of COL. ALLEN. It is presumed, however, that Mr. DWIGHT, like many other travellers, drew his inferences from the gossip of the people among whom he associated, without being at the trouble of extending his inquiries to a source from whence he might have derived every material fact in relation to the subject. In making this suggestion, the author would not be understood as attaching any particular blame to Mr. DWIGHT : but merely as correcting an *error of opinion* which is quite too prevalent in our country."