

portance he filled in the colony. The introduction arose from a circumstance that fortunately displayed the exalted mind of the young merchant, and gave indelible proof that nature designed him for no unimportant condition of life.

With true admiration of his integrity and amiable qualities, his noble friend felt a zealous desire to be the means of promoting his views in whatever way they might be desired ;—and soon learning his ardent wish to become a soldier, delayed not in exerting every possible interest to procure him a low commission. He fortunately succeeded ; and Arthur was appointed to a regiment then stationed in the West Indies. On receiving the confirmation of the success of his application, the commander in chief, (for such was the rank of Arthur's friend,) sent for the young soldier and presenting him with his commission observed “ perhaps this is one of the most happy moments of my life, for I have the double pleasure of knowing, that while I am gratifying the laudable wishes of an amiable young man, I am adding to his Majesty's Army, an officer whose honour and integrity will never be excelled—go my friend—may your valour equal these distinguished qualities of your private life ; and may you reap in the field laurels which your virtues richly merit.”

The same inflexible steadiness of character that had manifested itself in the counting house, was now the faithful companion of the soldier.—Arthur was no sooner known than he was esteemed by his brother officers, he carefully avoided controversy, and his military as well as his private conduct was irreproachable. Like a truly brave man, he was kind, conciliating, and humane to his soldiers, and by them he was truly beloved, although a strict observer of military discipline. His regiment was shortly ordered to England, and subsequently to the Peninsula, where it was gloriously eminent in the successive campaigns of that eventful period.....That vast field of service did not fail to afford Arthur an opportunity of distinguishing himself among the many laureled heroes of those brilliant