

satisfaction of the public, that at the last trial, when the verdict was brought in, instantaneous and involuntary shouts of applause from a most crowded audience rang through the Court, in defiance of set forms and forensic decorum. Hence the final result may be, in some measure, anticipated. Be that as it may, I proceed with .

LETTER I.

Pulo Penang, or Prince of Wales' Island.

1st. May, 1820.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I will devote this letter to the commencement of the recital I promised you of a pregnant instance of the blighting and contaminating effects which power and impunity have upon the dispositions and conduct, even of Britons; the brutifying consequences of the pride of purse upon persons pretending to be gentlemen, and the baneful oppression to which the influence of a wealthy association, and the remoteness of justice from its original source, gives rise, even in a colony to which the privileges of a British Court of Judicature, and of the laws of our country, have been extended by Parliament. You know our friend S—; you have heard too of the amiable and accomplished Louisa A—; you are acquainted with the domestic disquiets that partly induced him to leave England, and that the unblushing infidelities of his wife were amongst the most powerful causes that first drove him into the arms of Louisa, and were finally the occasion of his acceptance of the situation under the East India Company which he held in this settlement. With the anterior history of the