

soon found to be far in advance of his years, and superior to his position, for his proud spirit would not permit him to submit to be a lackey, even to a king, and to the unspeakable regret of all his friends, and the infinite chagrin of his proud father, who thought his pathway to glory and honour was now for ever cut off; he was dismissed in disgrace.

He immediately returned to the Royal Academy and resumed his studies, a pursuit more congenial to his feelings than waiting upon a haughty Prince; and his own words, when he rejoined his young friends at the academy were, "Thank God! I have flung off that mule from my back." He now redoubled his diligence at his studies, but in vain he plied himself to regain the good opinion of his family and his friends. They felt themselves disgraced. He was now placed under the immediate care of the famous astronomer Plana, under whom he studied the mathematics with great success, and who said that he never had so gifted a pupil. But strange to say, his relatives despised him the more, as an incorrigible book-worm, insensible of his high position, and the high position of his family. They would have preferred the luxury and flattery of Court influence, and would sooner have seen him a liveried page to a priest-ridden prince than a scholar of the highest merit and of the highest renown. But they little thought that they were soon to be doomed to a still greater mortification, and their family and name to be tarnished in consequence of the liberal views of the young and very promising Cadet, and the party to which he showed signs of special preference. He had early risen to the rank of Lieutenant in the army; but his scholarly mind, and his free and liberal principles, entirely unfitted him for the trappings and gaities of the mess-room. Such was his extreme aversion to the army, that his father felt constrained to yield to his importunities, and consent to his leaving the service. As he was heir to an ample and princely fortune—over one million pounds sterling, he had the means at command to work his way into the highest circles of society, and to surround himself with every facility to forward the designs early formed in his young and fruitful mind, to raise his country from being a priest-ridden and dependent province, to become one of the great powers of Europe. He has lived to see the consummation of his matured plans and sincere desires. England and the English Constitution had been studied and long admired by him, and the writings and political addresses of her great statesmen had been the subject of his meditations and reflection, and had made a deep impression upon his