

sentation of so many persons, sufficiently account for the difficulty which the American artist experienced in endeavouring to sketch them. The exhibition of West's painting yielded 8000 dollars the first year, and 5000 the second; and it is supposed, that it will hereafter afford to the hospital an annual revenue of £500 Sterling.

In the course of the day I visited the almshouse and hospital of Philadelphia, in company with one of the directors of these institutions.—The former is an establishment for destitute poor, and contains a considerable number of infirm old women; as also many foundlings and orphans, for whom there is a nursery. The building has every convenience attached to it, and its inmates appear to live well and to be contented. The hospital is an elegant edifice, and has a beautiful court-yard in front, where lemon and orange trees, and the finest plants, grow in tasteful profusion. In the middle of it is a statue of William Penn, which I could not pass without veneration. The hospital is capable of containing 900 patients, besides lunatics; all of whom pay three dollars and a half per week when their circumstances admit of it; for which sum they receive every comfort that could be obtained in a private house. Poor and destitute people are admitted *gratis*, and most liberally treated. The hospital has a delightful garden attached to it,