

generous, upright Principles, is the Glory of Man, and invariably procures him every Blessing compatible with his Situation. A Fact of sufficient Authenticity, will perhaps illustrate this Assertion, and at the same Time point out the Mark we should aim at, in the present interesting Situation of our Affairs.

When the *Roman* Army was shut up in the *Caudine* Forks, the wise *Samnite*, with a thorough Sense of this Principle, advised his Son to permit the *Romans*, without Injury, to retreat from the Danger in which they saw themselves irretrievably involved.

This displeased the haughty General, and his Army; the wise old Man then advised the total Destruction of the *Roman* Army.

Neither of these Alternatives were pursued: Selfishness and Pride presented a middle Way, that ended in the Destruction of the Nation; the *Samnite* Leader, flushed with the Success of his Machinations, determined to enjoy the Pleasure of a Triumph. He gave the *Romans* their Lives, at the Expence of their Honour. The Iniquity was too great for the *Roman* People to forgive; they