

tion of America with that of England, he changed his opinion of the latter—he *ceased to approve of it*.

Some French gentlemen, who had visited America, having, when they returned to France, written some severe remarks on the Americans, Brissot defended the Americans, particularly in his book called *A Critical Examination of the Travels of the Marquis of Chatelleux*. But as this work has been already mentioned in the preceding volume (see chapters 31 and 32), it is not necessary to say any thing more of it here.

It must never be forgot, that during the period of the French monarchy there were more intrigues always going on in the French court than in any court in Europe. At this time (the year 1787) the court was full of intrigues—libidinous as well as political; for though the King had no mistresses, the Queen had her favourites, and her party. Necker was dismissed, and Calonne was appointed by her influence.