

a cottage, will embrace her with as much cordiality as I should if seated on a throne."

Mr. Temple possessed a small estate of about five hundred pounds a year; and with that he resolved to preserve independence, to marry where the feelings of his heart should direct him, and to confine his expenses within the limits of his income. He had a heart open to every generous feeling of humanity, and a hand ready to dispense to those who wanted, part of the blessings he enjoyed himself.

As he was universally known to be the friend of the unfortunate, his advice and bounty were frequently solicited. It was it seldom that he sought out indigent persons and raised them from obscurity, confining his charities to those who were within a very narrow compass.

"You are a very benevolent fellow," said a young officer to him one day; "and I have a great mind to give you a subject to exercise the goodness of your heart upon."

"You cannot oblige me more," said Temple, "than to point out any way, by which I can be serviceable to my fellow creatures."

"Come along then," said the young man, "we will go and visit a man who is not in so good a lodging as he deserves; and, were it not that he has an angel with him, who comforts and supports him he must long since have sunk under his misfortunes."—The young man's heart was too full to proceed; and Temple unwilling to irritate his feelings by making further inquiries, followed him in silence, till they arrived at the Fleet prison.

The officer enquired for captain Eldridge. A person led them up several pair of dirty stairs, and