

not large though his trust was important : —meanness was incompatible with his nature, but he had never been known to enter into amusements that would idly dissipate either his means or his time, which looking either to the present or the future, were held by him in equal estimation.

The desired sum was at length obtained and his grateful heart rejoiced that the means were now within his own power, feeling confident that his father's indulgent disposition would remove any farther difficulty.—His happiness was, he thought, secure, and the pleasing prospect with which he had formerly flattered his imagination again revived.

But at this critical juncture Arthur became acquainted with the increased difficulties in which his parents were involved ; his noble soul, overwhelmed with contending feelings, hesitated not now a moment.—By the ensuing packet he transmitted to them the whole of his little accumulated property with the farther assurance that the half of his salary was more than sufficient for his ordinary wants, and the remainder he insisted that he might be allowed to forward to them annually.

Generous noble minded youth ! if thy heart panted with joy in the expectation of self gratification, and of anticipated honors, how exalted, how sublime were the feelings of thy soul when by a sacrifice—dear enough to thy cherished hopes, but in itself trifling, thou couldst prove thy affectionate gratitude, and soothe by thy endearing attentions the afflicted authors of thy being.

With unabating vigilance, and in the strict performance of every duty did this amiable young man remain seemingly devoted to the profession he had embarked in—and, in which, though no brilliant honors could be anticipated, he promised to shine a character of integrity and of uprightness of conduct which would secure him alike the esteem of the worthy and the greatest of all human happiness, an approving conscience.

At this period of our narrative Arthur became acquainted with a gentleman whose character did honor to the post of high im-