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his earthly existence, to leave them a legacy, which if attended to, might prove for their earthly as well as spiritual good. On the writer's expressing to him his surprise (one day) that he should be found so willing to exclude himself from the social enjoyments of human society, he thus replied:—I live the life of my choice—I prefer being a recluse from the jars of a contending world, and the mistrust and jealousies of an ostentatious race, who have already inflicted a wound which they never can heal. Retired in this lonely cell, I meet not the neglect of ungrateful friends, nor hear the taunts of the children of pride. I court only the company of the Divine Spirit of the Most Holy, and the clamours of the foolish disturb not my pious meditations, nor the sneers of ignorance excite painful sensations in my peaceful breast. The shafts of envy, tipped with calumny, spend their force ere they reach me; and the vain of mankind may satiate themselves with folly, iniquity and deceit, and I shall not be rendered more miserable thereby."

But a few years since, this extraordinary and singular character expired in his hut, unattended by a single friend to close his eyes! His exit must have been very sudden: as he was left, the evening before in tolerable health, by the writer; in a corner of his cave was found a bunch of manuscripts, among which, was that of which the contents of the following pages is an exact copy, and which he requested particularly might be published; and in conformity to which, we here present it to the public.
