

Of this wonderful condescension, Solomon appears to have had a proper sense. The request he made in consequence of it, whilst it evinced his gratitude and humility, was dictated by true wisdom and piety; and his example should be followed by all who, like him, are placed in an arduous Station—their request and earnest petition to God should be similar.

After gratefully acknowledging the divine goodness and mercy to David his father, Solomon proceeds—"And now, O Lord
 "my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David,
 "my father: And I am but a little child: I know not how to go
 "out, or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy
 "people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be
 "numbered, nor counted for multitude."—His request then
 follows: "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart
 "to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and
 "bad"—

"And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked
 "this thing. And God said unto him, because thou hast asked
 "this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast
 "asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine ene-
 "mies;