

when a judge is compelled by the duties of his office to give up the reins to the frenzy of the shameless and the degraded. Let us not for a moment be misunderstood, when we couple the name of Lord Ellenborough with popular commotion. We know his loyalty to be unsullied even by the breath of suspicion, and his gratitude for the favor of his eminent patrons, to be too lively to allow him for a moment to desire any thing which should break their tranquillity. He would therefore feel most thankful to be relieved from the necessity of pronouncing such a sentence as that which has lately excited so powerful an interest. The feelings, however, even of the greatest men are subordinate to the extensive benefits which would flow from the abolition of the pillory. The current of public spirit, instead of bursting forth on every petty occasion with a wasteful fury which may destroy the fairest temples of human wisdom, would continue to flow on undisturbed in its broad and ancient course, to purify and fertilize a peaceful and happy country, and by a thousand gentle and secluded channels to water the scene enriched with the calm loveliness of domestic virtue, and sprinkled over with the dwellings of serene and unearthly enjoyment.