

of the Convention) made his *coup d'essai* as a commander, and was instrumental in the destruction of more than *eight thousand* of his fellow men.

JAMES MONROE, now President of the United States, was at this time the American Ambassador in France. Thomas Paine lived at his house.— I soon became acquainted with him; and meeting with the second part of his *Age of Reason*, was fortified in my disbelief of divine Revelation.

I WAS still however, in some degree, under the influence of virtuous habit, which had been early fashioned by religious credence, though now effaced from my mind. I was anxious to sustain a good name by being in my narrow sphere a doer of good. I gave alms liberally out of my small means, and innumerable were the services which I rendered to the poor English prisoners. These sentiments resembled that precious "leaven hid in three measures of meal," Matthew xiii. 33.

IN 1796, I was sent to the United States with dispatches. I embarked at Havre de Grace, the 24th Germinal of the 4th year, and arrived at New-York the 10th Prairial. I went on to Philadelphia and delivered my dispatches. Citizen Adet was then the French Minister. I re-visited my relatives in Massachusetts, with whom having passed the Summer, and deafened them with my jacobinical clamor. I returned in the Autumn to France. I embarked at Salem the 10th Thumidor, 4th year, and arrived at Bordeaux the 2d Vendémiaire, 5th year. Desirous of seeing to greater advantage the South of France during the vintage, I proceeded to Paris on foot—descending the Garonne to Blaye, Royan, thro' Rochfort, Rochelle, Niort, Poitiers, Tours, &c.—a journey of between four and five hundred miles. I arrived the 8th Brumaire.