

carrying a Deed of Writing, which was said to be the Warrant empowering them to act; next one carrying a large Bible on a rich Crimson Velvet Cloth, finely trimmed with Silver Lace and Tassels, which was followed by two other Gentlemen with Emblems hanging to Blue Ribbons about their Necks: After these a Gentleman carrying a very handsome Sword unsheathed, quite upright, and then one with a white Wand in his Hand, and an Emblem hanging upon his Breast, who represented their Grand Master. Several Members, Gentlemen two and two, closed the Procession, in which Order they went to their Lodge Room at the Fountain Inn. About Two o'Clock they all returned in the same Order, but not exactly in the same Manner, for I observed that some of them, who before had no Emblem round their Necks, now had them hanging to Silver Lace. These I heard were the Officers of the new Lodge, now invested with their proper Badges. I told you before they had all Leather Aprons, I should have added, that they had all likewise white Gloves. The Procession ended, they sat down to a very elegant Dinner, provided at the Fountain; and in the Afternoon I set out for this Place, so much pleased with what I had seen, that I am determin'd, when I return to Town, to become a Member of this Society, if they will do me the Honour to admit me."

From the B A R B A D O S M E R-
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IT is asserted by an ingenious Writer, that a Man of accurate Judgment cannot have a great flow of Ideas. Hence it is that accurate Judgment, is not friendly to Declamation, or copious Eloquence; and, Experience confirms, that a great or comprehensive Memory, is seldom connected with a good Judgment.

These Sentiments, on first reading, appeared to me new and extraordinary; but after the best Consideration, I am fully convinced of their Truth. Those who have a great Flow of Ideas, and are fond of Declamation, or copious Eloquence, and think they possess a great or comprehensive Memory, will be surpris'd that any Ingenious Writer should assert that they are destitute of an accurate and good Judgment, and therefore they will not subscribe to these Sentiments: But as Truth

is invariable, it ought to be fairly and maturely examined and submitted to; and perhaps after a due Attention to the following Extract, those of the supposed greatest Abilities, may retract their Errors, and join with the ingenious Author in his just Observations.

"When the Duke de Sully, in 1763, set out on an Embassy for the Court of England, he was attended by a numerous Retinue of the principal Gentlemen in France; amongst the rest Mr. Servin presented his young Son to him, at the same Time earnestly begging the Duke that he would use his best Endeavours to make him an honest Man. This Request gave Sully a great Curiosity to search into his Character, and he gives the following Account of him, which we shall not abridge. His Genius, says he, was so lively, that nothing could escape his Penetration; his Apprehension was so quick that he understood every Thing in an Instant; and his Memory so prodigious, that he never forgot any Thing. He was Master of all the Branches of Philosophy, and the Mathematics, particularly Fortification and Designing. Nay, he was so thoroughly acquainted with Divinity, that he was an excellent Preacher, when he pleased; and could manage the Controversy for or against the protestant Religion with the greatest Ability. He not only understood the Greek, Hebrew, and other learned Languages, but all the Jargons of the Moderns. He entered so exactly into their Accent and Pronunciation, to which he joined such a perfect Imitation of their Air and Manners, that not only the People of the different Nations in Europe, but of the several Provinces of France, would have taken him for a Native of the Country. He applied his Talents to imitate all Sorts of Persons, which he performed with wonderful Dexterity; and was accordingly the best Comedian in the World. He was a good Poet, an Excellent Musician, and sung with equal Art and Sweetness. He said Mass; for he would do every Thing, as well as know every Thing. His Body was perfectly proportioned to his Mind. He was well made, vigorous, and agile, formed for all Sorts of Exercises. He rode a Horse well; and was admired for dancing, leaping, and wrestling. He was acquainted with all Kinds of Sports and Diversions; and could practice in most of the mechanical Arts. Reverse the Medal says Sully. He was a Liar, false, treacherous, cruel