

cruel and cowardly; a Sharper, Drunkard, and Glutton; He was a Gamester, an abandoned Debauchee, a Blasphemer, and Atheist. In a Word, he was possessed of every Vice, contrary to Nature, to Honour, to Religion, and Society. He persisted in his Vices to the last, and fell a Sacrifice to his Debaucheries in the Flower of his Age: He died in a Public Stew holding the Glass in his Hand, swearing, and denying God."

It is needless to make any Reflections upon this Character, it must at once appear so thoroughly vicious; and the more dangerous from all those extraordinary Qualities both of Mind and Body which accompanied it; even the unhappy Father pronounced so in a Son: and the Duke de Sully observes, that he was at once a *Miracle* and a *Monster*. It is therefore certain between the Shadow of Doubt, that Virtue does not consist in the Possession of the greatest *personal or external Advantages*, but in the right Use and Application of these, from a *constant and pure Intention*. It is this only which properly excites the moral Sentiments of Esteem and Approbation; nor can the most shining Abilities which the human Nature is susceptible of, avert that Infamy and Contempt which is the natural Portion of Vice.

If Parts allure thee, think how *Bacon* shined;

The wisest, brightest, meekest of Mankind.

Exalted Capacity, undaunted Courage, prosperous Success, these may only expose a Hero or Politician to the Envy and Malignity of the Public: But as soon as the Praises are added of humane and beneficent; when Instances are displayed of Lenity, Tenderness and Friendship, Envy itself is silent, or joins in the general Voice of Applause and Acclamation.

The noblest Qualities of the Mind, even when attended with Success, if they are not influenced by Virtue or right Intention, may rather excite Envy than gain Applause: And we may add as a necessary Consequence, that if these qualities are governed by a direct bad Intention, and employed to distress Mankind, they must excite Hatred and Aversion too. 'Tis Goodness, 'tis right Intention alone, that Charm which so much captivates and delights.

Timely advice to the Planters.

AS self interest is the universal spur to industry, so every planter (to make the

most of his labour, more especially in staples that are new to him) ought to be well advised as to the best method of bringing it to perfection, and to be careful of setting out right before bad habits get the predominancy: for though the method proposed may appear to him most troublesome, yet by his beginning to work in the properest manner, it will not only become familiar, but still more easy to him, and at last more amply reward him by an advantageous sale; when the obstinacy or indolence of others (as bunglers in their profession) by bringing bad goods to market, are disappointed in their expectations, their produce despised, and will either lie dead upon their hands, or be sold for a trifle, and consequently themselves and their families reduced to poverty, if not to want and misery.

It is with a beneficent view, that I attempt to offer my advice, that the planters may have sufficient time to rectify those errors, too common in the cultivation of *that noble and much desired staple*, HEMP, in this Province, and I shall only mention the three following, which, should they not have due regard to, and thereby miscarry, they have themselves only to blame.

First, I advise the planter never to dew-rot, but to water-rot the hemp wherever it can be done, as dew-rotting always discolours it, running it to a dark grey, if not to black, and will never bleach white, so neither fit for canvas nor making good colour'd cordage; moreover, it is always to be suspected in strength and quality as mill-dewed, the bad consequence of which, I shall only instance in mill-dewed canvas: they dew-rot no hemp in the eastern parts of Europe, where it is chiefly made, and I know not of any such imported into England. *Secondly*, I would advise none to twist their handspins more than once in the middle; for twisting it up, like hands of tobacco, as it cannot justify, neither I may venture to say, will it be inspected, till the planter undoes all that labour; and, *Thirdly*, To prevent putting up the loose tow in the middle, as is commonly found to be the case, but ought to be laid open to the view of the inspectors, that strict justice may be done to the public, in return for their generous bounty given for the encouragement of the planter only; therefore avoid putting in the tow in making up, and save yourselves the time and trouble, &c.

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