

6. Sum of all the comforts which result from ease & independence — Grateful as the heart of young Argill was, and inclined to listen with attention to the voice of his friends, he saw the impropriety of indulging for a moment so effeminate an idea as that of declining his duty when his country called for his services, and altho' the tender feelings of the affectionate mother were wounded by the anticipation of parting with this honourable youth, she had too much understanding not to discern the force of his remonstrances. — With a philosophic fortitude she consoled herself under the consideration that he would return again — still more improved — and matured by experience. The

7. The calm mind of Lady Argill was apparently unruffled even by the first pangs of separation and in the hours of painful anxiety she retained her wonted cheerfulness. — At length she hears the pleasing news of his safe arrival in America, but she also learns that he is plunging into the most active service. That he has joined Lord Cornwallis's army, and must necessarily be exposed to a great variety of dangers.

The next intelligence increases her apprehensions. — Lord Cornwallis is surrounded with enemies. York-Town is besieged — Many officers and men have already fallen — and it is uncertain who they are.

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