

From him I learn, that GEORGE LILLO was the son of a Dutch jeweller, who married an English woman; that he was born somewhere near Moorfields, and brought up to his father's business; that he himself was his partner in the same trade several years; that LILLO was a most valuable and amiable man; that in his moral conduct, and in the candour, generosity, and openness of his temper, he resembled the character of Thorowgood in his own BARNWELL; that, so far from being poor, he died in very easy circumstances, and rather in affluence than want; that he bequeathed several legacies, and left the bulk of his fortune to Mr. John Underwood his nephew, in which was included an estate of 60*l. per annum* *.

This story of LILLO's distressed fortune, which Mr. Hammond inadvertently gave rise to, and which has been believed and repeated by others, may perhaps owe its rise to a particularity in our author's conduct, which this gentleman, his partner, communicated to me.

Towards the latter part of his life, Mr. LILLO, whether from judgment or humour,

* Mr. Underwood, a jeweller in the city, son of Mr. John Underwood, favoured me with a sight of Mr. LILLO's will; by which it appears that besides the estate of 60*l. per annum* bequeathed to Underwood the father, subject to certain payments to different persons, he died possessed of several effects by no means inconsiderable.