

aromatick spices, and health-restoring drugs : the late found western world's rich earth glows with unnumber'd veins of gold and silver ore. On every climate, and on every country, heaven has bestow'd some good peculiar to itself. It is the industrious merchant's business to collect the various blessings of each soil and climate ; and, with the product of the whole, to enrich his native country.—Well ! I have examin'd your accounts : they are not only just, as I have always found them, but regularly kept, and fairly enter'd.—I commend your diligence. Method in business is the surest guide. He who neglects it frequently stumbles, and always wanders perplex'd, uncertain, and in danger. Are Barnwell's accounts ready for my inspection ? he does not use to be the last on these occasions.

TRUEMAN.

Upon receiving your orders he retir'd, I thought in some confusion.—If you please, I'll go and hasten him.—I hope he hasn't been guilty of any neglect.

THOROWGOOD.

I am now going to the Exchange ; let him know, at my return, I expect to find him ready. [*Exeunt.*]

*Enter MARIA with a book, sits and reads.*

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How forcible is truth ! the weakest mind, inspir'd with love of that, fix'd and collected in itself, with indifference beholds the united force of earth and hell opposing : such souls are rais'd above the sense of pain, or so supported, that they regard it not. The martyr cheaply purchases his heaven ; small are his sufferings, great is his reward : Not so the wretch that combats love with duty ; when the