

he who can calmly renounce the pleasure of existence; who is so weary of life, as to brave the idea of eternal misery, will never be influenced by the more distant, and less powerful considerations of family and children.

C H A P. XXXIII.

Of Smuggling.

SMUGGLING is a real offence against the sovereign and the nation; but the punishment should not brand the offender with infamy, because this crime is not infamous in the public opinion. By inflicting infamous punishments, for crimes that are not reputed so, we destroy that idea where it may be useful. If the same punishment be decreed for killing a pheasant as for killing a man, or for forgery, all difference between those crimes will shortly vanish. It is thus that moral sentiments are destroyed in the heart of man; sentiments, the work of many ages and of much bloodshed; sentiments, that are
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