when first his royal pupil determines to engage in this study.

"It will not be necessary for a gentleman, as such, to examine

"with a close application the critical niceties of the law. It will

"fully be sufficient, and he may well enough be denominated a

"lawyer, if under the instruction of a master he traces up the

"principles and grounds of the law, even to their original ele
"ments. Therefore in a very short period, and with very little

"labour, he may be sufficiently informed in the laws of his

"country, if he will but apply his mind in good earnest to re
"ceive and apprehend them. For, though such knowlege as is

"necessary for a judge is hardly to be acquired by the lucubra
"tions of twenty years, yet with a genius of tolerable perspica
"city, that knowlege which is sit for a person of birth or con
"dition may be learned in a single year, without neglecting his

"other improvements."

To the few therefore (the very few, I am persuaded,) that entertain such unworthy notions of an university, as to suppose it intended for mere dissipation of thought; to such as mean only to while away the aukward interval from childhood to twenty one, between the restraints of the school and the licentiousness of politer life, in a calm middle state of mental and of moral inactivity; to these Mr Viner gives no invitation to an entertainment which they never can relish. But to the long and illustrious train of noble and ingenuous youth, who are not more distinguished among us by their birth and possessions, than by the regularity of their conduct and their thirst after useful knowlege, to these our benefactor has consecrated the fruits of a long and laborious life, worn out in the duties of his calling; and will. joyfully reflect (if such reflexions can be now the employment of his thoughts) that he could not more effectually have benefited posterity, or contributed to the service of the public, than by founding an institution which may instruct the rising generation in the wisdom of our civil polity, and inform them with a desire to be still better acquainted with the laws and constitution of their country.