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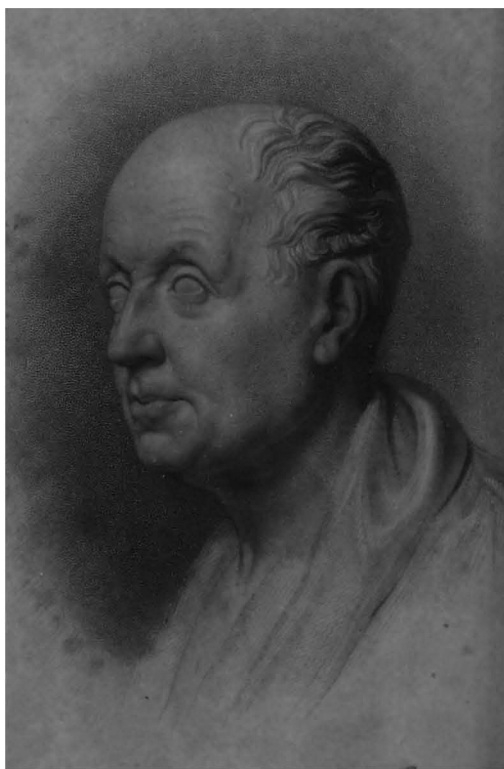
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on the proper tribunal for the trial of non-military crimes, committed by natives in the subsidiary forces.

“ 31st.—Finished my juridico-military paper, which I read to Malcolm and Macklin, who were both satisfied.

“ April 2nd.—The ‘Hesper’ has come in during the night, and General Abercromby landed * at sunset. I went to see him at the Mount-house, where he is now established; he received me with great kindness. He describes the Isle of France as beautiful and poor. By his account of General Maitland, I should almost fear that he may not reach England.

“ 4th.—In daily and almost hourly expectation of the ‘Cumbrian;’ but, as Madame de Staäl says, ‘*Le carrosse de Caen n’en arriva pas plutôt.*’ Now you must know that this is not Madame de Staël, but Madame de Staäl; not the daughter of Neckar, but of Delaunay; not the eloquent philosopher, but the gay and agreeable attendant (I may not say maid) of the Duchess of Maine; whose *Memoirs*, in three vols. 12mo, I have just received from Daw at the Isle of France, and have this morning begun to read with great delight. The first ninety-two pages of the first volume, contain only the common events of a life of a poor obscure ugly girl, maintained by charity in a convent at Rouen; two or three parties into the country; a friendship or two with boarding-school companions; a few compliments paid to her when she wishes to ascribe to passion a little ruffling of the surface of her own mind by the first breath of love;—no incidents, no adventures:—yet it is charming—there is such grace in telling a story; such delicate observations on character and passion, and such ease and vivacity of style, that she is quite a female Grammont.

* On his return from the capture of the Isle of France.