

THE FEW FOLLOWING
PREPARATORY OBSERVATIONS
COMMENCE WITH THE EXTRACT OF
MR. GRATTAN'S CHARACTER
OF
MR. MALONE,
SELECTED FROM
MR. GRATTAN'S REPLY
TO A SPEECH OF
THE LATE EARL OF CLARE.

The whole Reply from which this Extract is quoted, is incorporated with Mr. GRATTAN'S Miscellaneous Works in this Volume.

“ MR. MALONE, one of the Characters of
“ 1753, was a man of the finest intellect that any
“ country ever produced.

“ The three ablest men I ever heard were, Mr.
“ PITT, (the father) Mr. MURRAY, and Mr.
“ MALONÉ. For a popular assembly I would
“ choose Mr. PITT; for a Privy Council, MUR-
“ RAY; for twelve wise men, MALONE.” This
was the opinion which Lord SACKVILLE, the Se-
cretary of 1753, gave of Mr. MALONE to a gen-
tleman, from whom I heard it. “ He is a great
“ Sea in a Calm,” said Mr. GERRARD HAMILTON,
another great judge of men and talents; “ aye,”—
it was replied; “ but had you seen him when he
“ was young, you would have said,—He was a
“ great Sea in a Storm; and like the Sea, whether
“ in Calm or Storm, he was a great production of
“ NATURE!”

This is the luminous designation of Mr. MA-
LONE's character by the Right Honorable HENRY
GRATTAN, which is given with that elegant brevity
of illustration peculiar to himself, joined with the
lofty sentiments of Lord SACKVILLE and Mr.
GERRARD HAMILTON, coinciding in the same
opinion of this towering person, acknowledged

by them as *one* of the three greatestmen of any period.

Few, if any, were capable of forming a more just estimate of the human Character than Mr. GRATTAN, who, in private life, was himself beloved and respected, a great example of every social virtue, and in public life an honor to the country that gave him birth. A country that, from North to South, from East to West, with one enthusiastic voice poured in their congratulatory addresses to him. The numbers in this kingdom who joined in those bright scenes, of the years 1782 and 1783, (which now appear, even to those who witnessed them, from what has since happened, almost romantic,) offering their homage with acclamations to this extraordinary man, amounted to no less than *one hundred thousand*, detailed numerically with great care by Mr. GRATTAN Junior in the Miscellany, in which were included every man of rank, station, and fortune in the kingdom. Indeed at this crisis it may be said the whole population of the land were exulting in their countryman's exaltation. The *Lawyers' Corps*, the first in Ireland, consisting of the whole profession of the Bar, a profession which EDMOND BURKE, a Philosopher and a Statesman, declared superior to all others, delegated, fifteen sages of their

body, with BURGH and YELVERTON two of them, to receive designs for the Statue of GRATTAN, to render his person and name transmissible to posterity, an honor he declined though the most enviable ever offered to man in his life time, said he, in his reply, "A Statue is an honor reserved for the dead;—for those too who have died for their Country.—How much more worthy it would be of the occasion, and of the learned and respectable body assembled, to erect some national, instead of any personal Monument; something in honor of the Nation, not of the Individual; something to immortalize the Era, not the Man." And what patriot could have died with more firmness, or more calm resignation, and at the moment too of his making his last struggle to attend his duty in Parliament as a representative of the metropolis of his country?

The eloquence of this great man will be long remembered;—He, it appears, was not "too old to be transplanted." He was admired, and greatly respected in the British Senate. His epigrammatic antithesis was unique.

The Preface to the celebrated work called "Baratariana, or the history of Barataria," which appeared in print during the Viceroyalty of Lord TOWNSEND, and characterised, under va-

rious appellations, many of the persons connected with the administration and the Court of that Viceroy, is the work of Mr. GRATTAN. By the republication of this Preface to Baratariana in this Volume, there is a distinct acknowledgment he was the Author of it; and from which it may be inferred, indeed it is more than a probable conjecture, that he took no inconsiderable part in the formation of the characters in it, the principal of whom seems to have been Mr. MALONE, there designated as Don Antonia Precedenza, and described in the following nervous and elegant extract:—"Nature had
 " enriched Precedenza with great endowments:—
 " to a benign and dignified aspect, an address
 " both conciliating and authoritative, did he join
 " *the clearest head that ever conceived, and the*
 " *sweetest tongue that ever uttered the sugges-*
 " *tions of wisdom* : for some time of his life he filled
 " one of the highest Offices in Judgment, which he
 " executed with such ability as stands unparalleled in
 " the records of Judicature." But what is singular,
 and without precedent, and which can scarcely ever
 be supposed to occur again, *five* of the one family
 entered into the same profession, existed at the
 same period, contemporaries practising in the
 same Courts, and all rising to the highest emi-
 nence, the four sons in full career towards the

Judicial Seat;—a family phenomenon so striking, that though the one star might have out-shone and exceeded in splendor the others, the brilliancy of all concentrated in one grand and glowing constellation.

Mr. ANTHONY MALONE's father, RICHARD MALONE, was a Lawyer of the first eminence, and though without office, he excelled all his contemporaries. He was called to the Bar the first year of the last century: the same year his illustrious son, the eldest of four, was born; all of whom their father lived long enough to witness risen to eminence in his lifetime, the eldest presiding judicially in the Court of which he was the Chancellor as premier Judge, with a sublime perception, dispensing justice in all the grandeur of judicial pre-eminence; those who saw and heard him, and some few are yet living who were eye witnesses of this exhibition of intellectual splendor, speak of it with rapture; and even now feel inspired by the remembrance of the dignity of his countenance and deportment, the mildness and elegant simplicity of his manner, and the consummate wisdom of his decisions. The second, a King's Counsel, a Sergeant, and a Judge; the third succeeding the second as Sergeant, in Parliament, (where they all had been,) a King's Counsel, and ascending the

Bench almost at the moment when he died : but the fourth, whilst rapidly rising to eminence, equally gifted with any of his brothers, was prematurely cut off in the vigour of youth and prime of life, and of whom, had he survived, it had been predicted by the highest authority, his endowments and overwhelming talents might have given him the fairest pretensions not merely to a Judicial Seat, but that he might have aspired to the Seals.

Such was the career of this illustrious family, every individual of whom ~~was~~^{were} not only endowed with pre-eminent talents, but all had an air so captivating, a person so attractive, and a demeanour so gracious, they have left a celebrity of professional character in the one family to be handed down to posterity not to be equalled in any age, or in any country.

The beautiful allusion to the venerable Earl of CHARLEMONT, who, as Mr. GRATTAN expresses it, "cast on the crowd that followed him the gracious shade of his own accomplishments, so that the very rable grew civilized as it approached his person," might not unaptly fit the courtly manner and appearance of another distinguished member of this illustrious family, the late Mr. HENRY MALONE. Had this Gentleman aspired to move in public life, he too had talents and endowments

which would have risen him to professional eminence; his personal attractions, his polished manners, and early cultivated mind were better suited for a diplomatic character, and would have adorned any court; but he preferred the privacy and the endearments of social life at Pallas Park, to mixing with political characters, or moving in the bustle of public life; and this residence, the retirement of his father, seems now as partly preferred, from early fondness and filial affection, by (I regret to add) the *last* of this eminent family in the direct line, to the other splendid residence, which might almost be called a Palace, in the adjoining county, the seat of his ancestors, rendered magnificent by Mr. ANTHONY MALONE, who represented the county where it lies for a number of years, and until his death.

The Preface to *Baratariana* alludes to the description of MISS MUNROE by the late Sir HERCULES LANGRISHE, a man of great erudition, wit, poesy and Belle lettres accomplishment. — This beautiful woman is there called *Donna Dorothea Del Monroso*, and described by this most accomplished Gentleman as follows: “ Her stature
 “ was majestic, but her air and demeanor were Na-
 “ ture itself. The peculiar splendor of her carri-
 “ riage was softened and subdued by the most affa-

“ ble condescension ; and as sensibility gave a lus-
 “ tre to her eye, so discretion gave a security to
 “ her heart ; and whilst her charms inspired uni-
 “ versal rapture, the authority of her innocence re-
 “ gulated and restrained it. The softest roses that
 “ ever youth and modesty poured out on beauty
 “ glowed on the lips of Dorothea. Her cheeks
 “ were the bloom of Hebe, and the purity of Di-
 “ ana was in her breast. Never did beauty appear
 “ so amiable, nor virtue so adorned as in this in-
 “ comparable virgin.”

P. S. Miss Munroe stood sponsor for, and gave her name to her nearest and dearest to him who has occupied some few leisure moments in amusing himself with those prefatory remarks, which he presents (to a person whom he has long esteemed and greatly regards) prefixed to the Miscellany he lately promised to send him when at Pallas Park in the beginning of August.

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PREFACE.

THIS Volume does not require an introduction. — The pieces which it contains are valuable fragments of Irish politics ; they show the temper of the times, the character of the government, and the spirit of the people — they throw some light upon the affairs of a misgoverned country, and if they should, at last, convey any useful information to its rulers, they will render a blessing to Ireland, and a benefit to the empire.

THE EDITOR.

Dublin, 1822.

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