

indeed was the baseness of these wretches, that no modern language can describe, but in terms which would not be endured, the horrible enormities that were practised on the dead body of their wretched commander. It was reserved for the present day to behold, for the first time, a civilized nation exceeding in feats of cruelty and revenge the savages of North America. I grieve to add, that I have many dreadful instances yet to recite in confirmation of this remark (c).

WHILE these shameful enormities were passing in St. Domingo, the society of *Amis des Noirs* in the mother country were but too successfully employed in devising projects which gave birth to deeds of still greater horror, and produced scenes that transformed the most beautiful colony in the world into a field of desolation and carnage.

ALTHOUGH it must have occurred to every unprejudiced mind, from the circumstances that have been related concerning the

(c) The following anecdote, though shocking to humanity, I have thought too extraordinary to omit. It was communicated to me by a French gentleman who was at St. Domingo at the time, and knew the fact; but decency has induced me to veil it in a learned language. MAUDUITO vix mortuo, unus de militibus, dum cadaver calidum, et cruore adhuc fluente madidum, in pavimentum ecclesie episcopalis jacuit, sicam distringens, genitalia coram populo abscidit, et membra truncata in cistam componens, ad feminam nobilem, quam amicam Mauduito statuit, ut legatum de mortuo attulit. It may afford the reader some consolation to find that the murder of their commanding officer by his own regiment, excited in all the other troops no other sentiments than those of indignation against his murderers. They were compelled to lay down their arms, and were sent prisoners to France; but I fear they escaped the punishment due to their crimes.