

may require, he abides in the humble cabin ; or in the splendid palace : in the temporary hut ; or in the enduring castle, formed to withstand alike the tempest of war, and of the elements.

Such is man, and such are a few of those great changes in this world, which, under the guidance of his reason, he has had the power to accomplish. And what a splendid evidence of design, and of preconcerted arrangement on the part of the great Creator, is thus exhibited, by viewing the inherent properties of matter, and its various conditions, with reference to the works of man. Had water, for instance, not been constituted as it is ; man could never have formed the steam engine. Had not the productions of the temperate climates been formed with that capability for change, by which they are so much distinguished ; man could never have so moulded them to his uses, by altering their character. There was no reason why such properties should have been communicated ; there was even no reason why the objects in which these properties exist, should have been created. But they have been so created ; and what are we to infer ? No one surely will now maintain, that the objects of nature possessing these properties, have been the result of chance, or have been created without an end. They must therefore have been created with design ; and if with