tire what would be the effects of the introduction of such an opinion among men of fe-
nocuous barbarous manners, seize courage with
ny sentiments. A contemptuous look, a disre-
pectful word, may even a haughty stride was
sufficient, was sufficient to occasion a challenge.

Nevertheless, the practice of duelling has been
considered to be attended with some benefi-
cal consequences. But what these are, the
promoters of duelling leave us to find out.

As for myself, I have, so unfortunately as not
to discover any of those excellences, I am
a declared and inveterate enemy to this
practice. But these advantages are, the premo-
ture of duelling. Their boasted advantages are
as I have had occasion already to observe, to re-
strain men from transgressing the rights of one
another, & to prevent any injury to the female
sex. These arguments are too futile to be con-
futed, they only deserve to be mentioned, & that they
may be disputed. The violations of the laws of the
land, public justice sufficiently punish all the acts
of depravity. And as for the violations of the rules
of decorum & breaking the bounds of modesty
& decency, that respects the female sex, the
contempt & abhorrence in which he is held by