

of ships, performing the duties of able seamen. That they are so little removed from barbarism, may be owing to a want of moral protection; at least it is certain that they owe very little to the colonists as teachers of morality.

The appointment of Protectors has been much decried, as a useless and unnecessary expenditure; but in no part of the world are such appointments more urgently demanded by the interests of humanity and Christian civilization than in New Holland. A mode of civilizing the aborigines, by separating the young from the old, and by educating the former, has recently been proposed by Mr. Arden, of Port Phillip. No inference unfavourable to his hopes can be deduced from past experience, for no systematic mode of accomplishing his noble and philanthropic aim has until now been even suggested. During the year 1840, some natives of South Australia perpetrated a crime which was once very common on our own coasts. They murdered the crew and passengers of a small vessel which was wrecked near Encounter Bay. On receiving this intelligence, Colonel Gawler despatched a party to find out the assassins, giving instructions to the gentleman in command to execute summary justice on those whom he might find to have been guilty. His Excellency's instructions were obeyed to the letter.