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I.

Dear to Jove, a genial isle

,, Crowns the broad Atlantic wave:

, The feafons there in mild affemblage fmile;

,, And vernal bloffoms clothe the fruitful prime;

,, There in many a fragrant cave

,, Dwell the fpirits of the brave;

,, And braid with amaranth their brows fublime.

So feign'd the Grecian bards of yore;

And veil'd in fable's fancy-woven veft

A vifionary shore;

That faintly cleam'd on their prophetic even

That faintly gleam'd on their prophetic eye
Through the dark volume of futurity,
Nor knew, that in the bright attire they dreft
Albion, the green -hair'd heroine of the west,
Bre yet she claim'd old ocean's high command,
And snatch'd the trident from the tyrant's hand.

Vainly flow'd the mystic rhyme?

Mark the deeds from age to age,

That fill her trophy-pictur'd page,

And fee, with all its strength, untam'd by time,

Still glows her valour's veteran rage.

O'er Calpe's cliffs and steepy towers

When st eam'd the red sulphureous showers,

And death's own hand the dread artillery threw,

While far along the midnight-main

Its glaring arch the flaming volley drew,

How triumph'd Eliott's patient train,

Bassing their vain confederate foes,

And met th' unwonted fight's terrific form,

And, hurling back the burring war, arose

Superior to the fiery storm!

III.

Is there an ocean, that forgets to roll

Beneath the torpid pole,

Nor to the brooding tempest heaves?

Her hardy keel the stubborn billow cleaves:

The rugged Neptune of the wintry brine

Invain his adamantine breast-plate wears;

To search coy nature's guarded mine,

She bursts the barriers of th'indignant ice,

O'er funless bays the beam of science bears,

And rouzing far around the polar sleep.

Where Drake's bold enfigns fear'd to fweep, She fees new nations flock to fome fell facrifice.

She fpeeds at George's fage command . Society from deep to deep.

And zone to zone she binds,

From shore to shore o'er every land

The golden chain of commerce winds.

IV.

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Meantime her patriot-cares explore

Her own rich woof's exhausties store.

Her native sleece new fervour feels,

And wakens all its whirling wheels,

And mocks the rainbow's radiant die:

More wide the labours of the loom she spreads,

In firmer bands domestic commerce weds,

And calls her sister-isle to share the tie:

Nor heeds the violence, that broke From filial realms, her old parental yoke. Her cities, throng'd with many an Attic dome,
Ask not the banner'd baftion, maffy - proof;

Firm, as the castle's feudal roof,

Stands the Briton's focial home —

Hear, Gaul, of England's liberty the lot! —

Right, order, law protect her simplest plain,

Nor scorn, to guard the shepherd's nightly foed,

And watch around the forest-cot.

With conscious certainty the swain

Gives to the ground his trusted grain,

With eager hope the reddening harvest eyes.

And claims the ripe autumnal gold,

The meed of toil, of industry the prize;

For our's the King, who boasts a parent's praise,

Whose hand the people's sceptre sways:
Our's is the senate, not a specious name,
Whose active plans pervade the civil frame,
Where bold debate its noblest war displays,

And in the kindling strife unlocks the tide Of manliest eloquence, and rolls the torrent wide.

VI.

Hence then, each vain complaint! away, Each captious doubt and cautious fear! Nor blast the new-born year, That anxious waits the spring's slow-shooting ray,
Nor deem, that Albion's honours cease to bloom!

With candid glance th'impartial Muse,
Invok'd on this auspicious morn,
The present scans, the distant scene pursues,
And breaks opinion's speculative gloom.
Interpreter of ages yet unborn,
Full right she spells the characters of fate,
That Albion still shall keep her wonted state,
Still in eternal glory shine
Of victory the sea-beat shrine,
The source of every splendid art,
Of old, of suture worlds the universal mart.

Warton.

To Mr. Dryden.

On his Poem: Absalon and Achitophel.

I thought (forgive my fin) the boafted fire
Of poets' fouls did long ago expire,
Of folly or of madness did accuse
The wretch, that thought himself possess with Muse,
Laugh'd at the god within, that did inspire

With more than human thoughts the tuneful quire: But fure, 'tis more than fancy, or the dream Of rhimers, slumbring by the Muses' stream.

Some livelier spark of heav'n, and more refin'd From earthly dross, fills the great poet's mind. Witness these mighty and immortal lines, Through each of which th'informing genius shines. Scarce a diviner stame inspir'd the king, Of whom thy Muse does so sublimely sing. Not David's self could in a nobler verse His gloriously offending son rehearse, Tho' in his breast the prophet's sury met, The father's fondness and the poet's wit.

Here all confent in wonder and in praife,
And to the unknown poet alters raife,
Which thou must needs accept with equal joy,
As when Aeneas heard the wars of Troy,
Wrapt up himself in darkness and unseen,
Extoll'd with wonder by the Tyrian queen.
Sure, thou already art secure of same,
Nor want'st new glories, to exalt thy name:
What sather else would have refus'd, to own
So great a son as god-like Absalon?
Duke.

The modern fine Gentleman.

Just broke from school, pert, impudent and raw, Expert in latin, more expert in law,
His Honour posts o'er Italy and France,
Measures St. Peter's dome, and learns to dance.
Thence having quick through various countries flown,
Glean'd all their follies, and expos'd his own,
He back returns, a thing, so strange all o'er,
As never ages past produc'd before,
A monster of such complicated worth,
As no one single clime could e'er bring forth,
Half atheist, papist, gamester, bubble, rook,
Half fiddler, coachman, dancer, groom and cook.

Next, because bus'ness now is all the vogue, And who'd be quite polite, must be a rogue, In parliament he purchases a feat.

To make th' accomplish'd gentleman compleat. There, fase in self-sufficient impudence, Without experience, honesty or sense, Unknowing in her int'rest, trade or laws, He vainly undertakes his country's cause: Forth from his lips, prepar'd at all to rail, Torrests of nonsense burst, like bottled ale,

Though shallow, muddy, brisk, though migthy dull. Fierce without strength, o'erflowing, though not full.

Now quite a Frenchman in his garb and air, His neck yok'd down with bag and folitaire, The liberty of Britain he supports, And storms at placemen, ministers and courts: Now in crop'd greasy hair and leather - breeches He loudly bellows out his patriot-speeches, King, lords and commons ventures to abuse. Yet dares to shew those ears, he ought to lose.

From hence to White's our virtuous Cato flies, There fits with countenance erect and wife,
And talks of games, of whift and pig-tail-pies,
Plays all the night, nor doubts, each law to break,
Himfelf unknowingly has help'd to make,
Trembling and anxious flakes his utmost groat,
Peeps o'er his cards, and looks, as if he thought,
Next morn disowns the losses of the night,
Because the fool would fain be thought a bite.

Devoted thus to politics and cards,

Nor mirth, nor wine, nor women he regards;

So far is every virtue from his heart,
That not a gen'rous vice can claim a part:
Nay, lest one human passion e'er should move
His foul to friendship, tenderness or love,
To Figg and Broughton he commits his breast,
To steel it to the fashionable test.

Thus poor in wealth, he labours to no end, Wretched alone, in crowds without a friend, Insensible to all, that's good or kind, Deaf to all merit, to all beauty blind, For love too busy, and for wit too grave, A harden'd, sober, proud, luxurious knave, By little actions striving to be great, And proud to be, and to be thought a cheat.

And yet in this fo bad is his fuccess,
That, as his fame improves, his rents grow less,
On parchment - wings his acres take their flight,
And his unpeopled groves admit the light.
With his estate his interest too is done:
His honest borough seeks a warmer sun.
For him now cash and liquor flows no more:
His independent voters cease to roar,

And Britain foon must want the great defence
Of all his honesty and eloquence,
But that the gen'rous youth, more anxious grown
For public liberty, than for his own,
Marries some jointur'd antiquated crone,
And boldly, when his country is at stake,
Braves the deep yawning gulf, like Curtius, for its
stake.

Quickly again diffres'd for want of coin, He digs no longer in th' exhausted mine, But feeks preferment, as the last refort. Cringes each morn at leve'es, bows at court, And from the hand, he hates, implores support, The minister, well pleas'd, at small expence. To filence fo much rude impertinence, With fqueeze and whifper yields to his demands, And on the venal list enroll'd he stands. A riband and a penfion buy the slave: This bribes the fool about him, that the knave. And now arriv'd at his meridian glory, He finks apace, defpis'd by Whig and Tory. Of independence now he talks no more, Nor shakes the fenate with his patriot-roar, But filent votes, and with court-trappings hung, Eyes his own glitt'ring flar, and holds his tongue.

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In craft political a bankrupt made,

He flicks to gaming, as the furer trade,

Turns downright sharper, lives by fucking blood,

And grows, in short, the very thing, he wou'd,

Hunts out young heirs, who have their fortunes

fpent,

And lends them ready cash at cent per cent,
Lays wagers on his own and others lives,
Fights uncles, fathers, grand-mothers and wives,
'Till death at length, indignant, to be made
The daily subject of his sport and trade,
Veils with his sable hand the wretch's eyes,
And, groaning for the bets, he loses by't, he dies.

The modern fine Lady.

Skill'd in each art, that can adorn the fair,
The fpright dance and the foft Italian air,
The toss of quality and high-bred fleer,
Now Lady Harriot reach'd her fifteenth year.
Wing'd with diversions, all her moments flew,

Each, as it pass'd, presenting something new:
Breakfasts and auctions wear the morn away.

Each evening gives an opera or a play:
Then Brag's eternal joys all night remain,
And kindly usher in the morn again.

For love no time has she or inclination.

Yet must coquet it for the sake of fashion.

For this she listens to each fop, that's near,

Th'embroider'd col'nel flatters with a sneer,

And the cropt ensign nuzzles in her ear:

But with most warmth her dress and airs inspire

Th' ambitions bosom of the landed 'squire,

Who fair would quit plump Dolly's softer charms

For wither'd, lean Right-Honourable arms.

He bows with reverence at her sacred shrine,

And treats her, as if sprung from race divine,

Which she returns with insolence and scorn,

Nor deigns to smile on a plebeian born.

Ere long by friends, by cards and lovers croft,
Her fortune, health and reputation loft,
Her money gone, yet not a tradesman paid,
Her fame, yet she still damn'd, to be a maid,
Her spirits fink, her nerves are so unstrung,
She weeps, if but a handsome thies is hung,
By mecers, lacemen, mantua-makers press'd.
But most for ready cash, for play distress'd,

Where can she turn? — the 'fquire must all repair: She condescends to listen to his pray'r,
And marries him at length in mere despair.

But foon th'endearments of a husband cloy
Her foul, her frame incapable of joy:
She feels no transports in the bridal bed,
Of which fo oft sh'as heard, fo much has read.
Then vex'd, that she should be condemn'd alone,
To feek invain this philosophic thone,
To abler tutors she resolves t'apply,
A prostitute from curiosity.
Hence men of every fort and every size,
Impatient for heav'n's cordial drop, she tries,
The fribbling beau, the rough unwieldy clown,
The ruddy templar newly on the town,
Th' Hibernian captain of gigantic make,
The brimful parson and th'exhausted rake.

But flill malignant fate her wish denies: Cards yield superior joys—to cards she flies. All night from rout to rout her chairmen run: Again she plays, and is again undone.

Behold her now in ruin's frightful jaws!

Bonds, judgments, executions ope their paws,

Seize jewels, furniture and plate, nor spare

The gilded chariot or the tassel'd chair:

For lonely feat she's forc'd to quit the town, And Tubbs conveys the wretched exile down.

Now rumbling o'er the stones of Tyburn-road,
Ne'er press'd with a more griev'd or guilty load,
She bids adieu to all the well-known streets,
And envies every cinder-wench, she meets.
And now the dreaded country first appears:
With fighs unseign'd the dying noise she hears
Of distant coaches fainter by degrees,
Then starts and trembles at the fight of trees.
Silent and sullen, like some captive queen,
She's drawn along, unwilling to be seen,
Untill at length appears the ruin'd hall
Within the grass-green moat and ivy'd wall,
The doleful prison, where sor ever she,
But not, alas! her gries, must bury'd be.

Her coach the curate and the tradesmen meet:
Great-coated tenants her arrival greet,
And boys with flubble bonfires light the flreet,
While bells her ears with tongues discordant grate,
Types of the nuptial tyes, they celebrate:
But no rejoicings can unbend her brow,
Nor deigns she, to return one awkward bow,
But bounces in, disdaining once to speak,
And wipes the trickling tear from off her cheek.

Now fee her in the fad decline of life A peevish miftress and a sulky wife, Her nerves u nbrac'd, her faded cheek grown pale With many a real, many a fancy'd ail, Of cards, admirers, equipage bereft, Her insolence and title only left, Severely humbled to her one - horse - chair And the low partimes of a country fair, Too wretched, to endure one lonely day. Too proud, one friendly visit to repay, Too indolent, to read, too criminal, to praya At length half dead, half mad, and quite confin'd; Shunning and shunn'd by all of human kind, Ev'n robb'd of the last comfort of her life. Infulting the poor curate's callous wife, Pride, disappointed pride now stops her breath, And with true scorpion-rage she stings herself to death.

Selini,

or the Shepherd's Moral. Scene a Valley near Bagdad. Time the Morning.

Ye Persian maids, attend your poet's lays,

And hear, how shepherds pass their golden days!

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Not all are bleft, whom fortune's hand fuftains
With wealth in courts, nor all, that haunt the plains.
Well may your hearts believe the truths, I tell:
'Tis virtue, makes the blifs, where'er we dwell.

Thus Selim fung, by facred truth infpir'd,
Nor praise, but such, as truth bestow'd, desir'd.
Wise in himself, his meaning songs convey'd
Informing morals to the shepherd-maid,
Or taught the swains, that surest bliss to find,
What groves nor streams bestow, a virtuous mind.

When fweet and blushing, like a virgin-bride,
The radiant morn refum'd her orient pride,
When wanton gales along the valleys play,
Breathe on each flower, and bear their fweets away,
By Tigris' wandering waves he fat, and fung
This ufeful lesson for the fair and young.

Ye Persian dames, he said, to you belong, Well may they please, the morals of my song; No sairer maids, I trust, than you, are sound, Grac'd with soft arts, the peopled world around. The

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The morn, that lights you, to your loves supplies Each gentler ray, delicious to your eyes: For you those flowers her fragrant hands bestow. And yours the love, that kings delight to know, Yet think not these, all beauteous as they are, The best kind bleffings, heaven can grant the fair! Who trust alone in beauty's feeble rav. Boaft but the worth, Baffora's pearls display: Drawn from the deep, we own their furface bright, But, dark within, they drink no luftrous light. Such are the maids, and fuch the charms, they boaft, By fense unaided, or to virtue lost. Self-flattering fex! your hearts believe invain. That love shall blind, when once he fires the fwain. Or hope, a lover by your faults to win. As fpots on ermin beautify the skin. Who feeks fecure to rule, be first her care Each fofter virtue, that adorns the fair, Each tender passion, man delights to find. The lov'd perfections of a female mind!

Blest were the days, when wisdom held her reign, And shepherds fought her on the filent plain: With truth she wedded in the secret grove, Immortal truth, and daughters bless'd their love. O haste, fair maids! ye virtues, come away! Sweet peace and plenty lead you on your way! The balmy shrub for you shall love our shore, By Ind excell'd or Araby no more.

Loft to our fields, for fo the fates ordain,

The dear deferters shall return again.

Come thou, whose thoughts, as limpid springs, are

clear,

To lead the train, sweet modefly, appear!

Here make thy court amidst our rural scene,

And shepherd-girls shall own thee for their queen.

With thee be chastity, of all asraid,

Distrusting all, a wise suspicious maid,

But man the most — not more the mountain doe

Holds the swift falcon for her deadly soe.

Cold is her breast, like flowers, that drink the dew:

A filken veil conceals her from the view.

No wild desires amidst thy train be known,

But faith, whose heart is fixt on one alone,

Desponding meekness, with her down-cast eyes,

And friendly pity, full of tender sighs,

And love the last: by these your hearts approve;

These are the virtues, that must lead to love.

Thus fung the fwain, and ancient legends fay, The maids of Bagdad verified the lay.

Dear to the plains, the virtues came along:

The shepherds lov'd, and Selim blefs'd his fong.

Collins.

Cupid, Hymen and Plutus.

As Cupid in Cythera's grove
Employ'd the leffer powers of love,
Some shape the bow, or fit the string,
Some give the taper-shaft its wing,
Or turn the polish'd quiver's mold,
Or head the darts with temper'd gold.

Amidst their toil and various care
Thus Hymen with assuming air
Addrest the god. Thou purblind chit
Of aukward and ill-judging wit,
If matches are no better made,
At once I must forswear my trade;

You fend me such ill coupled folks.
That 'tis a shame, to sell them yokes.
They squabble for a pin, a feather,
And wonder, how they came together.
The husband's sullen, dogged, shy,
The wise grows flippant in reply:
He loves command and due restriction,
And she as well likes contradiction.
She never slavishly submits,
She'll have her will, or have her fits:
He this way tugs, she th'other draws,
The man grows jealous, and with cause;
Nothing can save him but divorce,
And here the wife complies of course.

When, fays the boy, had I to do With either your affairs or you?

I never idly fpend my darts:
You trade in mercenary hearts,
For fettlements the lawyer's feed:
Is my hand witnefs to the deed?
If they like cat and dog agree,
Go, rail at Plutus, not at me,

Plutus appear'd, and faid: 'tis frue,
In marriage, gold is all their view;
They feek not beauty, wit or fense,
And love is seldom the pretence,
All offer incense at my shrine,
And I alone the bargain sign.
How can Belinda blame her sate?
She only ask'd a great estate.
Doris was rich enough, 'tis true,
Her lord must give her title too,
And ev'ry man, or rich or poor,
A fortune asks, and asks no more.

Av'rice, whatever shape it bears, Must still be coupled with its cares.

Gav.

Ode for the year 1705.

Ι.

Janus, did ever to thy wond'ring eyes
So bright a feene of triumph rife?
Did ever Greece or Rome fuch laurels wear,
As crown'd the last auspicious year?
When first at Blenheim Anne her ensign spread,
And Marlb'rough to the field the shouting squadrons
led,

Invain the hills and fireams oppose,
Invain the hollow ground in faithless hillocks rose;
To the rough Danube's winding shore
His shatter'd foes the conq'ring hero bore.

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They see with staring haggard eyes

The rapid torrent roll, the foaming billows rise:

Amaz'd, aghast, they turn, but find

In Marlb'rough's arms a surer sate behind.

Now his red sword alost impends,

Now on their shrinking heads descends:

Wild and distracted with their sears,

They justling plunge amidst the sounding deeps.

The flood away the struggling squadrons sweeps,

And men and arms and horses whirling bears.

The frighted Danube to the sea retreats,

The Danube soon the flying ocean meets,

Flying the thunder of great Anna's sleets.

III.

Rooke on the feas afferts her fway,
Flames o'er the trembling ocean play,
And clouds of fmoke involve the day.
Affrighted Europe hears the cannons rore,
And Africk echoes from its diffant shore,
The French, unequal in the fight,
In force fuperiour, take their flight.
Factions invain the hero's worth decry,
Invain the vanquish'd triumph, while they fly,

IV.

Now, Janus, with a future view
The glories of her reign furvey,
Which shall o'er France her arms difplay,
And kingdoms now her own fubdue.
Lewis, for oppression born,
Lewis in his turn shall mourn,
While his conquer'd happy swains

Shall hug their easy wish'd for chains.
Others enslav'd by victory
Their subjects as their foes oppress:
Anna conquers but to free,
And governs but to bless.

Smith.

The Poetry-Professors.

Old England has not lost her pray'r,
And George the good has got an heir,
A royal babe, a prince of Wales.
Poets! I pity all your nails—
What reams of paper will be spoil'd!
What graduses be daily soil'd
By inky singers, greasy thumbs,
Hunting the word, that never comes!

Now Academics pump their wits, And lash invain their lazy tits: Invain they whip and lash and fpur, The callous jades will never fir,

Nor can they reach Parnassus' hill. Try every method, which they will. Nay, should the tits get on for once. Each rider is fo grave a dunce, That, as I've heard good judges fay, It's ten to one, they'd lofe their way, Tho' not one wit bestrides the back Of useful drudge, yeleped hack, But fine bred things of mettled blood, Pick'd from Apollo's royal stud. Greek, Roman, nay Arabian steeds, Or those, our mother-country breeds. Some ride ye in, and ride ye out. And to come home, go round about, Nor on the green fward, nor the road, And that, I think, they call an ode. Some take the pleafant country-air. And fmack their whips, and drive a pair, Each horse with bells which chink and chime, And so they march - and that is rhime. Some copy with prodigious skill The figures of a butter - bill, Which with great folks of erudition Shall pass for Coptic or Phenician, While fome, as patriot - love prevails, To compliment a prince of Wales,

Salute the royal babe in Welsh, And fend forth gutturals like a belch.

What pretty things imagination Will fritter out in adulation! The Pagan gods shall vifit earth, To triumph in a Christian's birth. While classic poets, pure and chaste Of trim and academic taffe. Shall lug them in by head and shoulders. To be or speakers or beholders. Mars shall prefent him with a lance. To humble Spain and conquer France: The Graces, buxom, blithe and gay, Shall at his cradle dance the hay. And Venus, with her train of Loves. Shall bring a thousand pair of doves, To bill, to coo, to whine, to fqueak Through all the dialects of Greek. How many fwains of classic breed Shall defily tune their oaten reed, And bring their Doric nymphs to town, To fing their measures up and down In notes alternate, clear and fweet, Like ballad - fingers in a street,

While those, who grasp at reputation From imitating imitation,
Shall hunt each cranny, nook and creek For precious fragments in the Greek,
And rob the spital and the waste
For sense and sentiment and taste!

What Latin hodge-podge, Grecian hash. With Hebrew roots and English trash. Shall academic cooks produce For prefent show and future use! Fellows, who've foak'd away their knowledge In sleepy refidence at college, Whose lives are like a flagnant pool, Muddy and placid, dull and cool. Mere drinking, eating, eating, drinking, With no impertinence of thinking. Who lack no farther erudition. Than just to set an imposition, To cramp, demolish and dispirit Each true-begotten child of merit. Cenfors, who in the day's broad light Punish the vice, they act at night, Whose charity with felf begins, Nor covers others' venial fine:

But that their feet may fafely tread,
Take up hypocrify instead,
As knowing that must always hide
A multitude of fins beside,
Whose rusty wit is at a stand
Without a freshman at their hand,
(Whose service must of course create
The just return of sevenfold hate)
Lord! that such good and useful men
Should ever turn to books agen?

Yet matter must be gravely plann'd,
And fyllables on fingers scann'd,
And racking pangs rend lab'ring head,
'Till Lady Muse is gone to-bed.
What hunting, changing, toiling, sweating,
To bring the useful epithet in!

Where the crampt measure kindly shews, It will be verse, but should be prose. So, when 'tis neither light nor dark, To 'prentice spruce, or lawyer's clerk 'The nymph, who takes her nightly stand At some sly corner in the strand,

Plump in the cheft, tight in the boddice, Seems to the eye a perfect goddes, But canvas'd more minutely o'er, Turns out an old, stale, batter'd whore.

Yet must these sons of gowned ease,
Proud of the plumage of degrees,
Forsake their apathy a while,
To sigure in the Roman stile,
And offer incense at the shrine
Of Latin poetry divine.

Upon the throne the goddess sits,
Surrounded by her bulky wits,
Fabricius, Cooper, Calepine,
Ainsworthus, Faber, Constantine,
And he, who like Dodona spoke
De sacra quercu, Holyoake.
These are her counsellors of state,
Men of much words, and wits of weight.
Here Gradus, full of phrases clever,
Lord of her treasury for ever,
With lib'ral hand his bounty deals,
Sir Cento, keeper of the seals:

Next to the person of the queen, Old Madam Prosody is seen, Talking incessant, altho' dumb, Upon her singers to her thumb.

And all around her portraits hung Of heroes in the Latin tongue, Italian, English, German, French, Who most laboriously entrench In deep parade of language dead, What would not in their own be read a Without impeachment of that tafte, Which Latin idiom turns to chaste. Santolius here, whose flippant joke Sought refuge in a Roman cloak, With dull Commirius at his fide. In all the pomp of Jesuit - pride Menage, the pedant, figur'd there, A trifler with a folemn air, And there in loofe unfeemly view The graceless easy Loveling too.

'Tis here, grave poets urge their claim'

Here

Here bind their temples, drunk with praife, With half a sprig of wither'd bays.

O poet, if that honour'd name
Befits fuch idle childish aim,
If Virgil ask thy facred care,
If Horace charm thee, oh! forbear,
To fpoil with facrilegious hand
The glories of the claffic land,
Nor fow thy dowlas on the fattin
Of their pure uncorrupted Latin!
Better be native in thy verfe.—
What is Fingal but genuine Erfe,
Which all fublime fonorous flows,
Like Harvey's thoughts in drunken profe?

Hail, Scotland, hail! to thee belong All powr's, but most the powr's of song, Whether the rude unpolish'd Erse Stalk in the buckram prose or verse, Or bonny Ramsay please thee mo', Who sang sae sweetly aw his woe. If ought, and say, who knows so well, The second sighted Muse can tell, Retzer's Choice, Vol. VI. C

The happy lairds shall laugh and fing, When England's genius droops his wing. So shall thy foil new wealth difclofe, So thy own thiftle choak the rofe.

But what comes here? methinks, I fee
A walking univerfity.
See, how they prefs, to crofs the Tweed,
And ftrain their limbs with eager speed,
While Scotland from her fertile shore
Cries: on, my fons, return no more!

Hither they hafte with willing mind,
Nor cast one longing look behind,
On ten-toe carriage, to salute
The King and Queen and Earl of Bute.
No more the gallant northern sons
Spout forth their strings of Latin puns,
Nor course all languages to frame,
The quibble suited to their name,
As when their ancestors be vers'd,
That glorious Stuart, James the first,
But with that elocution's grace,
That oriental flashy lace,

Which the fam'd Irish Tommy Puff
Would fow on fentimental stuff,
'Twang with a sweet pronunciation
The flow'rs of bold imagination.
Macpherson leads the flaming van,
Laird of the new Fingalian clan,
While Jackey Home brings up the rear
Wit new-got pension, neat and clear,
Three hundred English pounds a-year.
Whilst sister-Peg, our ancient striend,
Sends Mac's and Donald's without end,
To George a while they tune their lays,
Then all their choral voices raise,
To heap their panegyric wit on
Th' illustrious chief and our North-Briton.

Hail to the Thane, whose patriot-skill Can break all nations to his will,

Master of sciences and arts,

Mecenas to all men of parts,

Whose fost ring hand and ready wit

Shall find us all in places fit!

So shall thy friends no longer roam,

But change to meet a settled home.

Hail, mighty Thane, for Scotland born,

To fill her almost empty horn!

Hail to thy ancient glorious Stem,
Not they from Kings, but Kings from them!

Churchill.

The adventurous Mufe.

I.

Urania takes her morning-flight
With an inimitable wing:
Thro' rifing deluges of dawning light
She cleaves her wondrous way,
She tunes immortal anthems to the growing day,
Nor Rapin*) gives her rules to fly, nor Purcel†) notes
to fing.

II.

She nor inquires, nor fears,
Where lie the pointed rocks, or where th'ingulfing

Climbing the liquid mountains of the skies, She meets defcending angels, as she flies, Nor asks them, where their country lies,

*) A French critick. †) An English mafter of mufick.

Or where the seamarks stand:

Touch'd with an empyreal ray.

She springs unerring upward to eternal day.

With bold and safe attempt to the celestial land.

III.

Whilst little skiffs along the mortal shores:
With humble toil in order creep,
Coasting in fight of one another's oars,
Nor venture thro' the boundless deep,
(Such low pretending souls are they,
Who dwell in enclos'd folid orbs of scull)
Plodding along their sober way,
The snail o'estakes them in their wildest play,
While the poor lab'rers sweat, to be correctly dull.

IV.

Give me the chariot, whose diviner wheels

Mark their own route, and unconfin'd

Bound o'er the everlasting hills,

And lose the clouds below, and leave the stars behind:

Give me the Muse, whose gen'rous force,

Impatient of the reigns,

Pursues an unattempted course,

Breaks all the critick's iron-chains, And bears to paradife the raptur'd mind.

. v.

There Milton dwells: the mortal fung Themes, not prefum'd by any mortal tongue. New terrours or new glories shine In ev'ry page, and flying scenes divine Surprife the wond'ring fense, and draw our fouls along. Behold his Muse, sent out t' explore The unapparent deep, where waves of chaos roar, And realms of night, unknown before. She trac'd a glorious path unknown Thro' fields of heav'nly war and feraphs overthrown, Where his advent rous genius led: Sov'reign she fram'd a model of her own, Nor thank'd the living, nor the dead. The noble hater of degen'rate thyme Shook off the chains, and built his verse sublime, A monument too high for coupled founds to climb: He mourn'd the garden lost below; (Earth is the scene for tuneful wo.) Now blifs beats high in all his veins. Now the loft Eden he regains. Keeps his own air, and triumphs in unrivall'd strains. VI.

Immortal hard! thus thy own Raphael fings,
And knows no rule but native fire.
All heav'n fits filent, while to his fov'reign fivings
He talks unutterable things:
With graces infinite his untaught fingers rove
Acrofs the golden lyre:
From ev'ry note devotion fprings,
Rapture and harmony and love
O'erspread the list'ning choir.

Watts.

The two Springs, a Fable.

Two fister-springs, from the same parent-hillBorn on the same propitious day,
Thro' the cleft rock distil,
Adown the rev'rend mountain's side
Thro' groves of myrtle glide,
Or thro' the violet-beds obliquely stray.
The laurel, each proud victor's crown,
From them receives her high renown:

From them the curling vine

Her clusters big with racy wine:

To them her oil the peaceful olive owes:

And her vermilion blush the rose:

The gracious streams in smooth meanders slow,

To ev'ry thirsty root dispense

Their kindly-cooling influence,

And paradise adorns the mountain's brow.

But oh! the fad effect of pride!

These happy twins at last divide.

, Sister, "exclaims th' ambitious spring,

, What profit do these labours bring?

, Always to give, and never to enjoy,

, A fruitless and a mean employ!

, Stay here inglorious, if you please,

, And loiter out a life of indolence and ease!

, Go, humble drudge, each thistle rear,

, And nurse each shrub, your daily care,

, While, pouring down from this my losty source,

, I deluge all the plain!

, No dams shall stop my course,

, And rocks oppose invain.

, See, where my foaming billows flow,

,. Above the hills my waves aspire,

- , The shepherds and their flocks retire,
- ,, And tallest cedars, as they pass, in sign of homage bow.
- , To me each tributary fpring
- ,, Its supplemental stores shall bring:
- .. With me the rivers shall unite,
- ,, The lakes beneath my banners fight,
- , Till the proud Danube and the Rhine
- , Shall own their fame eclips'd by mine.
- 2. Both gods and men shall dread my wat'ry fway,
- " Nor these in cities safe, nor in their temples they.

Away the haughty boafter flew,

Scarce bade her fifter-ftream a cool adieu:

Her waves grow turbulent and bold,

Not gently murm'ring as of old,

But roughly dash against the shore,

And tofs their spumy heads, and proudly roar.

The careful farmer with surprise

Sees the tumultuous torrent rise:

With busy looks the rustic band appear,

To guard their growing hopes, the promise of the year,

All hands unite: with dams they bound

The rash rebellious stream around.

Invain she foams, invain she raves,

Invain she curls her feeble waves:

Besieg'd at last on ev'ry side,

Her source exhausted and her channel dry'd,
(Such is the sate of impotence and pride)

A shallow pond she stands consin'd,

The resuge of the croaking kind,

Rushes and sags, an inbred soe,
Choke up the muddy pool below:

The tyrant sun on high

Exacts his usual subsidy,

And the poor pittance, that remains,

Each gaping cranny drains.

Too late the fool repents her haughty boast,

A nameles nothing, in oblivion lost,

Her fister-spring, benevolent and kind,
With joy sees all around her blest:
The good, she does, into her gen'rous mind
Returns again with interest.
The farmer oft' invokes her aid,
When Sirius nips the tender blade:
Her streams a sure elixir bring,
Gay plenty decks the fields, and a perpetual spring.
Where'er the gard'ner smooths her easy way,
Her ductile streams obey:
Courteous she visits ev'ry bed,

Narcissus rears his drooping head,
By her diffusive bounty fed:
Reviv'd from her indulgent urn,
Sad Hyacinth forgets to mourn:
Rich in the blessings, she bestows,
All nature smiles, where'er she slows.
Enamour'd with a nymph so fair,
See, where the river-gods appear.
A nymph, so eminently good,
The joy of all the neighbourhood,
They class her in their liquid arms,
And riot in th' abundance of her charms.
Like old Alpheus sond, their wanton streams they
join'd,

Like Arethufa she, as lovely and as kind,

Now fwell'd into a mighty flood

Her channel deep and wide,

Still she perfifts in doing good,

Her bounty flows with ev'ry tide.

A thousand riv'lets in her train

With fertile waves enrich the plain:

The scaly herd, a num'rous throng,

Beneath her filver-billows glide along,

Whose still-increasing shoals supply

The poor man's wants, the great one's tuxury, Here all the feather'd troops retreat Securely ply their oary feet. Upon her floating herbage graze. And with their tuneful notes resound her praise: Here flocks and herds in fafety feed. And fatten in each flow'ry mead. No beafts of prey appear, The watchful shepherd to beguile. No monsters of the deep inhabit here. Nor the voracious shark, nor wily crocodile: But Delia and her nymphs, chafte fylvan queen. By mortals' prying eyes useen, Bathe in her flood, and sport upon her borders green. Here merchants, careful of their store, By angry billows toft, Anchor fecure beneath her shore. And blefs the friendly coaft.

Soon mighty fleets in all their pride Triumphant on her furface ride: The bufy trader on her banks appears, An hundred diff'rent tongues she hears, At last with wonder and surprise She fees a flately city rife,
With joy the happy flood admires,
The lofty domes, the pointed spires,
The porticoes, magnificently great,
Where all the crowding nations meet:
The bridges, that adorn her brow,
From bank to bank their ample arches stride,
Thro' which her curling waves in triumph glide,
And in melodious murmurs flow.
Now grown a port of high renown,
The treasure of the world her own,
Both Indies with their precious stores
Pay yearly tribute to her shores,
Honour'd by all, a rich well-peopled stream,
Nor father Thames himself of more esteem.

MORAL.

The pow'r of kings (if rightly understood)
Is but a grant from heav'n of doing good.
Proud tyrants, who maliciously destroy,
And ride o'er ruins with malignant joy,
Humbled in dust, soon to their cost shall know
Heav'n our avenger, and mankind their foe,
While gracious monarchs reap the good, they sow,
Blessing, are bless'd. Far spreads their just senown,

Confenting nations their dominion own, And joyful happy crowds support their throne. Invain the pow'rs of earth and hell combine; Each guardian angel shall protect that line, Who by their virtues prove their right divine.

Somerviler

Ode to Mr. Gray.

Dear Gray! that always in my heart

Possesses far the better part,

What mean these sudden blasts, that rise.

And drive the zephirs from the skies?

O join with mine thy suneful lay,

And invocate the tardy May!

Come, fairest nymph! resume thy reign, Bring all the Graces in thy train! With balmy breath and flow'ry tread Rise from thy soft ambrosial bed, Where, in Elysian slumber bound, Embow'ring myrtles veil thee round!

Awake, in all thy glories dreft, Recall the zephics from the west! Restore the sun, revive the skies, At mine and Nature's call arise! Great Nature's self upbraids thy stay, And misses her accustom'd May.

See! all her works demand thy aid,
The labours of Pomona fade:
A plaint is heard from ev'ry tree,
Each budding flow'ret calls for thee:
The birds forget to love and fing,
With florms alone the forests ring.

Come then, with Pleasure at thy side, Dissure thy vernal spirit wide!
Create, where'er thou turn'st thy eye,
Peace, plenty, love and harmony,
Till ev'ry being share its part,
And heav'n and earth be glad at heart.

Weft.

A Case of Conscience, a Tale.

Old Paddy Scot with none of the best faces Had a most knotty pate at folving cases, In any point could tell you to a hair,
When was a grain of honefly to spare.
It happen'd, after pray'rs one certain night
At home he had occasion for a light,
To turn Socinus, Lessius, Escobar,
Fam'd Covarruvias and the great Navarre,
And therefore, as he from the chapel came,
Extinguishing a yellow taper's slame,
By which just now he had devoutly pray'd,
The useful remnant to his sleve convey'd,
There happen'd a physician to be by,
Who thither came but only as a spy,
To find out others' faults, but let alone
Repentance for the crimes, that were his own.

This doctor follow'd Paddy, faid ,, He lack'd ,, To know, what made a facrilegious fact. "
Paddy with fludious gravity replies,

"That's, as the place or as the matter lies. "If from a place unfacred you should take "A facred thing, this facrilege would make,

,, Or an unfacred thing from facred place,

"There would be nothing diff'rent in the case: "But if both thing and place should sacred be,

"'Twere height of facrilege, as doctors all agree."

"Then, " fays the doctor, "for more light in this "To put a special case, were not amis.

" Sup-

Suppose, a man should take a common-pray'r

,, Out of a chapel, where there's fome to spare?"

, A common pray'r! 4 fays Paddy, , that would be , A facrilege of an intense degree."

, Suppose, that one should in these holydays "Take thence a bunch of rofemary or bays?"

"I 'd not be too cenforious in that case,

, But 'twould be facrilege still from the place." ., What if a man should from the chapel take

, A taper's end, should he a fcruple make, . If homeward to his chambers he should go?

, Whether 'twere theft or facrilege or no?"

The sly infinuation was perceiv'd: Says Paddy, , Doctor, you may be deceiv'd, "Unless in cases you distinguish right: ,But this may be refolv'd at the first fight. , As to the taper, it could be not theft, ., For it had done its duty, and was left,

"And facrilege in having it is none, Because that in my sleeve I now have one. "

King.

Delia, a Pastoral.

Τ.

The gentle twan with graceful pride Her glosly plumage laves, And failing down the filver-tide Divides the whisp'ring waves:

The filver-tide, that wand'ring flows, Sweet to the bird must be, But not so sweet — blithe Cupid knows, As Delia is to me.

п.

A parent-bird in plaintive mood On yonder fruit-tree fung, And ftill the pendent neft she view'd, That held her callow young:

Dear to the mother's flutt'ring heart The genial brood must be, But not so dear the thousandth part, As Delia is to me. TIT.

The roses, that my brow furround, Were natives of the dale, Scarce pluck'd and in a garland bound, Before their sweets grew pale.

My vital bloom would thus be froze, If luckless torn from thee; For what the root is to the rose, My Delia is to me.

IV.

Two doves I found like new falln fnow, So white the beauteous pair: The birds to Delia I'll bestow; They're like her bosom fair.

When in their chafte connubial love My fecret wish she'll fee, Such mutual blifs, as turtles prove, May Delia share with me!

Cunningham.

Love's Deity.

I long to talk with fome old lover's ghoft,
Who dy'd, before the god of love was born:
I cannot think, that he, who then lov'd moft,
Sunk fo low, as to love one, which did fcorn:
But fince this god produc'd a deftiny,
And that vice-nature custom lets it be,
I must love her, that loves not me.

Sure, they, which made him god, meant not fo much, Nor he in his young godhead practis'd it:
But when an even flame two hearts did touch,
His office was, indulgently to fit
Actives to paffives; correspondency
Only his subject was: it cannot be
Love, till I love her, that loves me.

But every modern god will nowe xtend
His vast prerogative as far as Jove:
To rage, to lust, to write to, to commend,
All is the purlewe of the god of love.
Oh! were we waken'd by this tyranny,
T' ungod this child again, it could not be,
I should love her, who loves not me.

Rebel and Atheist too, why murmur I,
As the I felt the worst, that love could do?
Love may make me leave loving, or might try
A deeper plague, to make her love me too,
Which, since she loves before, I 'm loth to see,
Falshood is worse than hate, and that must be,
If she, whom I love, should love me.

Donne.

To a Lady, fitting before her Glass.

I.

So smooth and clear the sountain was, In which his face Narcissus spy'd, When, gazing in that liquid glass, He for himself despair'd and dy'd: Nor, Chloris, can you safer see Your own persection here, than he.

II.

The lark before the mirror plays, Which fome deceitful fwain has fet: Pleas'd with herfelf, she fondly flays, To die deluded in the net: Love may such frauds for you prepare, Yourself the captive and the snare,

III.

But, Chloris, whilst you there review
Those graces, op'ning in their bloom,
Think, how disease and age pursue,
Your riper glories to consume:
Then, sighing, you will wish, your glass
Could shew to Chloris, what she was,

IV.

Let pride no more give Nature law,
But free the youth, your pow'r enslaves:
Her form, like your's, bright Cynthia faw
Reflected on the crystal waves,
Yet priz'd not all her charms above
The pleasure of Endymion's love.

v.

No longer let your glass supply Too just an emblem of your breast, Where oft' to my deluded eye Love's image has appear'd imprest, But play'd so lightly on your mind, Lt'left no lasting print behind.

Fenton.

The Friend.

An Epistle to Aaron Hill, Esq.

O my lov'd Hill! o thou, by heav'n defign'd, To charm, to mend and to adorn mankind! To thee my hopes, fears, joys and forrows tend, Thou brother, father, nearer yet! — thou friend!

If worldly friendships of cement divide,
As intrefts vary, or as whims prefide,
If leagues of lux'ry borrow friendship's light,
Or leagues fubverfive of all focial right,
O fay, my Hill! in what propitious sphere
Gain we the friend, pure, knowing and fincere?
'Tis, where the worthy and the wife retire,
There wealth may learn its use, may love inspire,
There may young worth the noblest end obtain,
In want may friends, in friends may knowledge gain,
In knowledge bliss; for wisdom virtue finds,
And brightens mortal to immortal minds.

Kind then my wrongs, if love like your's fucceed; For you, like virtue, are a friend indeed.

Oft', when you faw my youth-wild error, know, Reproof, foft hinted, taught the blush to glow. Young and unform'd, you first my genius rais'd, Just smil'd, when faulty, and when mod'rate, prais'd, Me shunn'd, me ruin'd, such a mother's rage! You sung, till pity wept o'er ev'ry page. You call'd my lays and wrongs to early same: Yet, yet th' obdurate mother selt no shame. Pierc'd as I was, your counsel soften'd care, To ease turn'd anguish, and to hope despair. The man, who never wound afflictive feels, He never selt the balmy worth, that heals. Welcome the wound, when bless'd with such relief! For deep is selt the friend, when selt in grief.

From you shall never, but with life, remove Afpiring genius, condescending love.

When some with cold superior looks redress,

Relief seems insult, and confirms distress.

You, when you view the man with wrongs besieg'd,

While warm you act, th' obliger seems th' oblig'd.

All-winning, mild to each of lowly flate,
To equals free, unfervile to the great,
Greatness you honour, when by worth acquir'd;
Worth is by worth in ev'ry rank admir'd.
Greatness you form, when titles infult speak,

Proud to vain pride, to honour'd meekness meek. That worthless bliss, which others court, you fly, That worthy woe, they shun, attracts your eye.

But shall the Muse resound alone your praise?

No — let the public friend exalt her lays!

O trace that friend with me!—he 's your's!—he's mine!—
The world's! — beneficent behold him shine!

Is wealth his sphere? If riches, like a tide, From either India pour their golden pride, Rich in good works, him others' wants employ: He gives the widow's heart to fing for joy. To orphans, pris'nors shall his bounty flow, The weeping family of want and woe.

Is knowledge his? Benevolently great,
In leifure active, and in care fedate,
What aid his little wealth perchance denies,
In each hard inflance his advice fupplies.
With modest truth he fets the wand'ring right,
And gives religion pure primeval light,
In love diffusive, as in light refin'd,
The lib'ral emblem of his Maker's mind.

Is pow'r his orb? He then, like pow'r divine, On all, tho' with a varied ray, will shine.

Ere pow'r was his, the men, he once carest,

Meets the same faithful smile and mutual breast:

But asks his friend some dignity of state,

His friend, unequal to th' incumbent weight,
Asks it a stranger, one, whom parts inspire
With all, a people's welfare would require,
His choice admits no pause; his gift will prove
All private well absorb'd in public love.
He shields his country, when for aid she calls,
Or, should she fall, with her he greatly falls:
But as proud Rome, with guilty conquest crown'd,
Spread slav'ry, death and desolation round,
Should e'er his country for dominion's prize
Against the sons of men a faction rise,
Glory in her's is in his eye disgrace,
The friend of truth, the friend of human race.

Thus to no one, no feet, no clime confin'd, His boundless love embraces all mankind, And all their virtues in his life are known, And all their joys and forrows are his own.

These are the lights, where stands that friend confest.

This, this the fpirit, which informs thy breaft.

Thro' fortune's cloud thy genuine worth can shine;

What wouldst thou not, were wealth and greatness

thine?

Savage,

Cupid's Review.

Cupid! furvey thy shining train around
Of fav'rite nymphs, for conquest most renown'd,
The lovely warriors, that in bright array
Thy pow'r support, and propagate thy sway!
Then say, what beauteous general wilt thou chuse,
To lead the fair brigade against thy rebel soes?

Behold the god advance in comely pride,
Arm'd with his bow, his quiver by his fide.
Inferior Cupids on their mafter wait:
He fmiles well-pleas'd, and waves his wings in state;
His little hands imperial trophies bear,
And laurel-wreaths, to grace th' elected fair.

Hyde-Park the scene for the review he nam'd, Hyde-Park, for pleasure and for beauty sam'd, Where oft' from western skies the god of light Sees new-arising suns, than his more bright, Then sets in blushes, and conveys his fire To distant lands, that more his beams require.

And now the charming candidates appear:
Behold Britannia's victor-Graces there,
Who vindicate their country's ancient claim
To love's pre-eminence and beauty's fame,
Some, who, at Anna's court in honour rais'd,
Adorn birth-nights, by crowding nations prais'd,

Preferv'd in Kneller's pictures, ever young, In ftrains immortal by the Muses sung!

Around the ring-th' illustrious rivals move,
And teach to Love himself, the pow'r of love.

Scarce, tho' a god, he can with safety gaze
On glory so profuse, such mingled rays;
For Love had eyes on this important day,
And Venus from his forehead took the blinding cloth
away.

Here Mira pass'd, and fix'd his wond'ring view:
Her perfect shape distinguish'd praises drew.
Tall, beauteous and majestic to the fight,
She led the train, and sparkled in the light.

There Stella claims the wreath, and pleads her eyes,

By which each day fome new adorer dies.

Serena, by good humour doubly fair,
With native fweetness charms, and smiling air,
While Flora's youthful years and looks display
The bloom of rip'ning fruits, the innocence of May,
The op'ning sweets, that months of pleasure bring,
The dawn of love and life's indulgent spring.

'Twere endless, to describe the various darts, With which the fair are arm'd, to conquer hearts. Whatever can the ravish'd foul inspire With tender thoughts, and animate desire,

All arts and virtues mingled in the train,
And long the lovely rivals strove invain,
While Cupid, unresolv'd, still, search'd around the
plain.

"O! could I find, " faid Love, "the phænix - she, "In whom at once these several charms agree! "That phænix-she the laurel-crown should have, "And Love himself with pride become her slave."

He scarce had spoke, when, see! - Harmonia

came :

Chance brought her there, and not defire of fame, Unknowing of the choice, till she beheld

The god approach, to crown her in the field.

Th' unwilling maid with wondrous modesty

Disclaim'd her right, and put the laurel by:

Warm blushes on her tender cheeks arise,

And double softness beautify'd her eyes.

At this, more charm'd, ,, The rather I bestow,"
Said Love, ,, these honours you invain forego:
,, Take then the wreath, which you, victorious fair!
,, Have most deserv'd, yet least affect to wear!"

Hughes.

The Cookmaid, the Turnspit and the Ox.

Confider man in ev'ry fphere,
Then tell me, is your lot fevere?
'Tis murmur, discontent, distrust,
That makes you wretched. God is just,

I grant, that hunger must be fed,
That toil too earns thy daily bread.
What then? thy wants are feen and known:
But ev'ry mortal feels his own.
We're born a restless needy crew:
Show me the happier man, than you.

Adam, though bleft above his kind, For want of focial woman pin'd. Eve's wants the fubtle ferpent faw: Her fickle tafte transgress'd the law. Thus fell our fire, and their disgrace The curse entail'd on human race.

When Philip's fon, by glory led, Had o'er the globe his empire spread, When alters to his name were dreft, That he was man, his tears confest.

The hopes of avarice are checkt: The proud man always wants respect. What various wants on pow'r attend? Ambition never gains its end. Who hath not heard the rich complain Of furfeits and corporeal pain? He, barr'd from ev'ry use of wealth, Envies the plowman's strength and health: Another in a beauteous wife Finds all the miseries of life: Domestic iars and jealous fear Embitter all his days with care. This wants an heir, the line is loft: Why was that vain entail engroft? Canft thou discern another's mind? What is't, you envy? Envy's blind. Tell envy, when she would annoy, That thousands want, what you enjoy.

The dinner must be dish'd at one: Where's this vexatious turnspit gone? Unless the skulking cur is caught,
The fir-loin's spoil'd, and I'm in fault.
Thus said, (for, sure, you'll think it sit,
That I the cook-maid's oaths omit)
With all the fury of a cook,
Her cooler kitchin Nan forsook,
The broomslick o'er her head she waves,
She sweats, she stamps, she puffs, she raves:
The sneaking cur before her slies,
She whistles, calls, fair speech she tries,
These nought avail, her choler burns,
The fist and cudgel threat by turns:
With hasty stride she presses near,
He slinks aloof, and howls with fear.

Was ever cur fo curs'd, she cry'd, What star did at my birth preside? Am I for life by compact bound, To tread the wheel's eternal round? Inglorious task! of all our race No slave is half so mean and base. Had sate a kinder lot assign'd, And form'd me of the lapdog-kind, I then, in higher life employ'd, Had indolence and ease enjoy'd,

And,

And, like a gentleman careft, Had been the lady's fav'rite guest. Or were I fprung from fpaniel-line. Was his fagacious nostril mine. By me, their never-erring guide. From wood and plain their feafts funnly'd. Knights, fquires, attendant on my pace. Had shar'd the pleasures of the chace. Endu'd with native firength and fire. Why call'd I not the lion fire? A lion! fuch mean views I fcorn: Why was not I of woman born? Who dares with reason's pow'r contend? On man we brutal slaves depend: To him all creatures tribute pay. And luxury employs his day.

An ox by chance o'etheard his moan, And thus rebuk'd the lazy drone.

Dare you at partial fate repine?

How kind's your lot, compar'd with mine!

Decreed to toil, the barb'rous knife

Hath fever'd me from focial life:

Urg'd by the stimulating goad,

I drag the cumbrous waggon's load:

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'Tis mine, to tame the stubborn plain,
Break the stiff foil, and house the grain:
Yet I without a murmur bear
The various labours of the year.
But then consider, that one day
(Perhaps the hour's not far away)
You by the duties of your post
Shall turn the spit, when I'm the roast,
And for reward shall share the feast,
I mean, shall pick my bones at least.

Till now, th' aftonish'd cur replies,
I look'd on all with envious eyes:
How false we judge by what appears!
All creatures feel their sev'ral cares.
If thus you mighty beasts complain,
Perhaps man knows superior pain.
Let envy then no more torment:
Think on the ox, and learn content.
Thus said, close-following at her heel,
With chearful heart he mounts the wheel.

Gay.

The Parsons, an Eclogue.

A fmall neat house and little spot of ground, Where herbs and fruits and kitchen-stuff were found. The humble vicar of North-Wilford bleft. Small was his living - but his heart at reft: Unfeen, unblam'd, he pass'd his time away; He fmoak'd, or wrote, or mus'd, or walk'd all day. Thro' all the year no anxious cares he knew, But just at Easter, when he claim'd his due, And then the furly rustic's churlish pride His well-earn'd tythes disputed, or deny'd. The vicar, still preferring want to strife, Gave up his dues, to lead a peaceful life. His garden once in penfive mood he fought. His pipe attended, as a friend to thought, And while the smoke in eddies round him play'd. A neighbouring vicar ent'ring he furvey'd, One like himself, a downright honest priest, Whose scanty dues his love of peace decreas'd.

Suppose, the little ceremonies done,
And all the rites of lighting pipes begun:
Suppose, the whiffs in sober fort flow round,

And both in musting very deeply drown'd; For so it was — till thus the first good man Fetch'd a deep whist, and anxiously began-

First Parson.

Wou'd God, my friend, his goodness had affign'd Some lot, more fuited to my feeling mind!

Less tho' my income, if from torture free,

Content wou'd well supply the loss to me;

For all the pence, the little dues, I glean,

Or raise my scorn, my pity, or my spleen.

I'll tell thee—but e'en now a neighbour came,

Pale want diffus'd o'er all his meagre frame:

Five-pence the sum, he gave a shilling o'er,

Kind shook his head, and wish'd, he cou'd do more.

I turn'd away, nor cou'd from tears refrain;

'Twas death, to take it—to resure it, vain.

Second Parson.

Such gentle manners more afflict the mind,
Than the rough rudeness of the baser kind.
Just, e're I came, a rustic braggart elf,
Proud of his purse, and glorying in his pelf,
Approach'd, and bold demanded, what to pay,

What claims the priest, whom we maintain to pray? Th' account, he gave me of his stock, I knew, Was half curtail'd, and scarce one number true: Howe'er my silence favour'd the deceit, And, fond of quiet, I conceal'd the cheat: Yet, when the small, the half demand I made, He bully'd, swore, and damn'd she preaching trade, All God's good houshold with irrey'ence curst, And me with soul abuse as far the worst. Thou know'st, my friend, what agonising smart Such brutal outrage gives a tender heart,

First Parson.

Too well, alas! too fatally I know,
From whence those complicated evils flow.
From tythes, from tythes the clergy's woes arise:
They mar religion, nay they rob the skies.
Wou'd God! our monarch's ever-gracious hand
In this wou'd deign to bless the wretched land:
Wou'd God, the tythes like taxes might be paid,
A fix'd revenue by some statute made!
How then wou'd blest religion rear her head!
How thro' each village kindly virtue spread!
What souls with heav'nly comfort would be blest!
How happy then parishioner and priest!

Thus of true grievances the priefts repin'd,
And with their own spoke all their brethren's mind,
When toll'd the bell, and to the church slow move
Six virgins, bearing one, who dy'd for love.
The grave debate was silenc'd by the bell:
The vicars rose, and kindly took sarewell.—
The first his fermon seeks, and hastes away,
The last sad duties to the dead to pay.
From love he much advis'd the youthful throng,
Drew tears from all, and pleas'd, tho' preaching
long.

While slow his brother on his easy pad Pac'd home, full grave and ruminating fad.

Dodd.

Prize - Monody on the death of Mr. Garrick.

Dim fweeps the shower along the mifty vale, And grief's low accents murmur in the gale. O'er the damp vase Horatio fighing leans, And gazes abfent on the faded fcenes,

And forrow's gloom has veil'd each fprightly grace,

That used, to revel in his Laura's face,

When with sweet smiles her garlands gay she

twin'd,

And each light fpray with rofeat ribbons join'd.

Dropt from her hand, the fcatter'd myrtles lie,

And lo! dark cypress meets the mournful eye.

For thee, o Garrick! sighs from genius breathe,

For thee sad beauty weaves the suneral wreath,

Shakespeare's great spirit in its cloudless blaze Led him unequal'd thro' th' inventive maze, 'Midst the deep pathos of his melting themes, Thro' the light magic of his playful dreams. He caught the genuine humour, glowing there, Wit's vivid flash and cunning's fober leer, The strange distress, that fires the kindling brain Of feeble madness on the stormy plain, Or when pale youth in midnight's gloomy shade Pursues the steel-clad phantom thro' the glade, Or, starting from the couch with dire affright, When the crown'd murd'rer glares upon the sight In all the horrors of the guilty soul, Dark as the night, that wraps the frozen pole,

- Our subject passions own'd the sway complete, And hail'd their Garrick as their Shakespeare great.

That voice, which poured its music on our ear,
Sweet as the songster of the vernal year,
Those grateful gestures — and that eye of fire,
With rage that slam'd, or melted with desire,
Awak'd the radiant joy in dimple sleek,
Or made the chilly blood forsake the cheek—
Where are they now? — Dark in the narrow cell
Insensate — shrunk — and still — an cold they
dwell,

A filence folemn and eternal keep,
Where neither love shall finile — nor anguish weep.

Breathe, genius, still the tributary sigh!

Still gush, ye liquid pearls, from beauty's eye!

With slacken'd strings suspend your harps, ye Nine,
While round his urn you cypress wreath ye twine!

Then give his merits to your loudest fame,
And write in sun-bright lustre Garrick's name!

Miss Seward.

From a young Gentleman to his Sifter, on her birth-day.

How quick, alas! time flides away,

How foon the circling fun

Performs the bufiness of a day,

How foon a year's is done!

Look forward, and how distant seems
A year as yet to come!

The human mind is pleas'd with dreams,
And pleasures ne'er its doom.

Look back, dear girl, from this birth-day,
And ev'ry fcene review,
And thus to ev'ry pleafure fay,
,, Ye phantoms all, adieu!"

At least those worthless fleeting toys,
Which oft engross the mind,
And rob reflection's hoard of joys,
To truth alone confined.

Whene'er a folid blifs you knew, Remark the happy day, And ev'ry year that blifs review: Thus keep your natal day.

So shall you find with ev'ry year
Increase of pleasing thought,
And thus you'll grow to all more dear,
With worth and goodness fraught.

As trees each coming year require

The pruner's skilfull hand,

So must each wand'ring fond desire

Be kept within command;

Left, mixing with a goodly kind,

The worthless branches shoot,

And as each vice pollutes the mind,

They taint the best of fruit.

Thus may you act, whilst here on earth By heav'n you're doomd, to stay, And ev'ry year your day of birth Recall'd a happy day.

As ev'ry hour does age increase,

May wisdom also grow,

And when the vital motions cease,

May heav'n your spirit know;

And fend bright feraphs from above,

To waft your foul away

To fcenes of peace and joy and love

And ever-lafting day.

Four Paftorals.

Morning.

Or Colinet and Damon.

Defcend, ye Muses! tune the oaten reed, And deeply fing on Glotta's *) fertile mead, Whose happy swains blest liberty enjoy,

^{*)} Clyde.

And, crown'd with plenty, rural toil employ.

And thou, o R-ch-d-n! unrivall'd bard,

On whom Apollo fmiles with fond regard,

Our Lays accept, pride of the tuneful throng!

And fmile propitious on a stripling's fong.

The early fun was fearcely yet in view,
The rifing plants were wet with crystal-dew,
The winds were still, the azure welkin clear,
And tuneful larks suspended in the air,
When sleecy slocks two blithsome shepherd-swains
Led forth, to feed on Glotta's blissful plains.
They lean'd the while, and tun'd the mellow reed
Beneath you hawthorn's venerable shade
On either side the hills responsive rung,
As thus with glee the swains alternate sung.

COLINET.

Now Phoebus' beams you eastern hills adorn,
And feather'd warblers wake the purple morn:
With music wild the vocal groves resound,
And dappled flowers their odours shed around,
And see, our lambkins o'er the dewy mead
Within our ken, secure from danger, seed,

While thus reclin'd the daify'd grafs among, Attune your pipe, and cheer us with a fong.

DAMON.

I'll gladly join—but do you take the lead;
You, Colinet, can best attune the reed.
Come, let us sing our ever-blooming fields,
And blest content, the happy cottage yields.
Lo! Daphnis hither leads his sleecy care:
Who sweetest sings, his judgment shall declare.

COLINET.

Agreed — remote from clamour and debate, From cities far, how bleft the shepherd's flate! No fears alarm, no cares diffurb our peace, Our lives we spend in happiness and ease.

DAMON.

Free from ambition and contentious strife, From folly far, how blest a country-life! To vice unknown, and heart-corroding care, We view the beauties of the rising year, And, while our younglings crop the flowery fields, Enjoy the pleafure, sweet retirement yields.

COLINET.

Soon as the cock proclaims th' approaching day,
And eaftern hills are clad in gold array,
No more our eyes are feal'd in balmy sleep:
Our cots we leave, and ftraight unfold our sheep,
And, whiftling on our way, the bleaters lead,
To crop the grass along the verdant mead.
'Tis pleasing then, to see our lambkins play,
To hear the warblers chant on ev'ry spray:
'Tis pleasing then, to breathe the morning- air,
And pipe and sing, devoid of anxious care.

DAMON.

Behold, around what pleafing profpects rife! What goodly scenes attract our wond'ring eyes! On nodding stalks o'er all th' enamell'd mead The blooming slowers their painted foliage spread: The limpid rills our list'ning ears assail With gentle murmurs, winding through the vale: The reverend oak a grateful shade displays, A cool retreat from sol's incessant rays.

All nature strives, with ev'ry blis replete, T'inhance the pleasures of our happy state.

COLINET.

While thus reclin'd, how pleasing 'tis, to see Th' unwearied labouring of the busy bee! From plant to plant, from flower to flower he flies, And with the sweets he loads his little thighs. How pleasing 'tis, to see thethristy ants, With care providing for their suture wants! By such examples happy swains are taught, That honest industry's with blessings fraught.

DAMON.

Our blifs increases, Colinet, to see
The peasants round us all as blithe as we.
See, Hodge with pleasure o'er the ridges plods,
And with his plough divides the yielding clods:
See Doris, tripping down the wat'ry glade,
In homely rustet, yet with neatness clad,
Her slowing gown tuck'd careful round her waist.
And yellow hair with ribbons waving drest.
Her gaudy necklace glaring light reslects,
And rosy health adorns her glowing cheeks.

How pleafing 'tis, to hear her fimple fong, As o'er the field she fimiling trips along, While cows, impatient, with full udders fland, And wait the stroking of her snowy hand!

COLINET.

And when at noon, their glowing fides to cool, The panting herds fland lowing in the pool, And bleating lambkins to the fresh netreat. In clusters throng, to shun the parching heat, How blithe are we with maidens in the grove, Repeating all our fimple tales of love! With fweetest flowers while we their crooks adorn, They for our favours dimpled smiles return: Our falt'ring tongues our wounded hearts proclaim, Their glowing cheeks confess the mutual flame.

DAMON.

How blithe at eve, when Phoebus shines askance O'er western hills, we join the mazy dance!

The ruddy maidens, by their sweet-hearts sed,

With pleasure flaunt it o'er the dewy mead.

Old Hodge with glee, while others pipe and fing,

Directs his bow athwart each tuneful string:

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We round him dance with joy and fond delight, Till filent nature's wrapt in shadowy night.

DAPHNIS.

Ye jocund shepherds, fav'rites of the plain!
Your fongs, more fweet than Philomela's strain,
With wit replete, so much your Daphnis please,
I cannot say, whose are the softest lays.
Long may ye both, dear to the nymphs and swains,
On Glotta's banks delight us with your strains.

Here stop'd the shepherds, and with curds and cream

Refresh'd themselves, and drunk the crystal stream: Pleas'd with their fate, again they join'd the lay, And laugh'd and sung the sprightly hours away.

N o o n. Or Corydon and Thyrsis.

CORYDON.

The mid-day fun now darts his vertic ray,
And neighbouring fwains to cool recesses stray;
Let us secluded from the heat recline,
Beneath the shadow of this towering pine;
And, while in view our lambs disporting play,
Attune your reed, and pipe some sprightly lay.
Oft have I heard of Damon's wond'rous skill
In rural ditties, and the tuneful quill.
'Twas he, instructed you the piping art,
To chear the swains, and win your Flora's heart
Give then a sample of his blithesome strains,
This varnish'd whistle shall reward your pains.

THYRSIS.

Small praise, I ween, is due my skill in song, 'Twas ne'er design'd to soothe the jocund throng; But, now and then, a leisure hour to spend, And chear myself in absence of a friend:
Yet to my lips I'll now my reed apply,
And with my Corydon's request comply:
I'll sing you one, with forrow deeply fraught,
The last sweet ditty, peerless Damon taught.

CORYDON.

Begin - I'll with attention watch our sheep, And eye the goats on yonder craggy steep.

THYRSIS.

Far in a wild beneath a beechen shade,
Where filver Clyde winds down his oozy bed,
The fair Amanda, erst so blithe and gay,
At Daphne's fide reclin'd, desponding lay.
Her bursting bosom heav'd with swelling sighs,
While tears unseign'd ran streaming from her eyes.
Her sheep, unheeded, wander'd to and fro,
And vocal hills re-echoed all her woe.
Young Daphne, griev'd, to see the nymph distress'd,
In friendly strains her sympathy express'd.

"Lo, genial fpring, in rofy garb array'd,
"Smiles on the hills, and paints th' enamell'd mead.
"Prolific fol now chears the gladfome plain,
"And fwells the fruit, and fills the bladed grain:
"On every fpray the feather'd warblers fing,
"And all the groves with rural music ring:
"Our fleecy nibblers crop the clover field,

"Clyde's winding banks a goodly prospect yield: "The joyous May in all her pomp appears. "Then why these sighs, Amanda? why these tears? "Why all this grief? — all this ill-season'd pain? "Come, dear Amanda, to a friend explain."

Silent and fad, she Daphne wistful ey'd, And thus anon with heaving fighs reply'd:

"O lead me, Daphne, to fome defart shore,
"Where to the rocks I may my fate deplore!
"The gentle fpring no more affords delight,
"The dappling flowers are hateful to my fight:
"Nor Glotta's banks, (where once, devoid of care,
"I deffly fung throughout the varied year)
"Nor blifsful dales, where he meand'ring flows,
"Can tears suppress, or soothe my endless woes.
"My lambs (would, I were innocent as they)
"Where-e'er they lift, may for Amanda stray:
"Nor hills, nor dales, nor frisking flocks can please.
"A long farewell to happiness and ease!"

"You wont, faid Daphne, to be blithe and free, "You wont, to chear us with your mirth and glee: "The jocund fwains, charm'd with your pleafing fong, "With joyful hearts around you us'd to throng, "And on their pipes, to join your chorus, play. "Wherefore this change, my dear Amanda, fay? "What lies fo heavy at your throbbing heart, "Amanda, stell? — to me your woes impart."

"Ceafe — ceafe, my Daphne, your unwelcome ftrains!

"These gay reflections but increase my pains.
"While pure untainted innocence remain'd,
"E're Strephon base my witles heart obtain'd,
"Like you I sported, and was blithe like you,
"My days were chearful, and my cares were few:
"But perjur'd Strephon my affections won,
"In him I trusted, was by him undene. —
"Ah! now farewell, my wonted happy days!
"Farewell, my wonted innocence and ease!
"Farewell ye groves, and ev'ry smiling dell!

"My artless Daphne, take a friend's advice, "With caution listen to your wooer's voice, "And through love's mazes ever wary tread, "Or — like Amanda — you may be betray'd.
"The while fond Strephon deck'd with wreaths my
breaft.

"And taper-crook with fragrant garlands dreft,
"When vows of conftancy in yonder grove
"He plighted oft, fay, could I doubt his love?
"The while he flatt'ring first reveal'd his flame,
"I little knew, (poor fimple, thoughless dame)
"His youthful breast a wicked heart contain'd,
"That by his guile my virtue would be stain'd,
"And soon my artless virgin-heart he won,
"He'd leave me thus—abandon'd and undone!"

With pity mov'd, young Daphne dropp'd a tear, And curs'd the fwain, fo false and infincere.

"Severe, faid she, is haples woman's fate; "If fair, men ruin us, if homely, hate: "We're fure betray'd, if we through love pursue, "And, if we fly, they flatter and undo."

"From hence, refum'd Amanda, learn with care, "Whilst yet a maid, to shun each tempting snare. .For Strephon's fake what anguish I endure. "And deep remorfe, which baffles ev'ry cure! .At dead of night, when nature's funk in sleep, ,With forrow wrung, I'm left alone to weep! ,And, when the fun in eaftern sky appears, "Still I'm dejected, ftill bedew'd with tears. -"For him I bear the village' taunting fcorn, ,By foes infulted, and by friends forlorn. .. The cruel fwain, deaf to my pitious moan, "Has Doris wed, and left me thus undone. — ,But cease, Amanda! - now 'tis vain to mourn: "Be hush, ye groves! no more my plaint return! .. Farewell, ye glades, and ev'ry fmiling dell! "Ye wand'ring ewes, and slighted lambs, farewell! "And thou, o Daphne, virtue still pursue, ,Be innocent, be blest! - farewell! - adieu! "-

Thus having spoke, she frantic reach'd the shore, Plung'd headlong in, and sunk to rise no more.

Here stopp'd the gentle swain - the list'ning crowd,

Mov'd with his strains, were all in tears bedew'd.

Such was our Damon's skill, and peerless mead,

And such his cunning on the mellow reed.

CORYDON.

His art in piping he has left with you:

Accept your promis'd gift, 'tis juftly due,

And now, till thine be brought, you'll welcome

share

My rural fweets and wholesome countryfare.

Evening.

Or Colin and Lycon.

Morsus.

At close of day, the while I homeward led My fleecy care, o'er Glotta's blissful mead Sweet rural music; floating in the air, Of oaten pipes assail'd my list'ning ear, When lo! I found beneath a beechen shade Two love-sick shepherds, 'mong the violets laid, In keen dispute, who best could tune the reed. From eigher flock they stak'd two fav'rite ewes, And me as umpire on m'arrival chose.

Our younglings fed Clyde's flowery banks along,

While I attentive heard their rural fong.

COLIN.

The fetting fun now gilds the western sky, And, whistling, homeward happy ploughmen hie, And see, in view o'er all th' impurpled mead Our sev'ral slocks promiscuously seed.

Come then, my Lycon, in this shady grove Let's sing the beauties of the nymphs, we love. Whose are the ewes, young Mopsus shall decide; In Mopsus' judgment we may safe conside,

LYCON.

Believe me, lad, the longest summer's day Would not suffice, her merits to display.

Fair Delia's bloom and graceful mien we prize,
And most admire Melinda's sparkling eyes:

But all persections in my Myra join;
Her temper's affable, her form divine.

My lovely Sylvia, fweet as genial May,
Mild as Aurora, ush'ring in the day,
When deffly fporting in the shady grove
With beauteous nymphs, faint emblems of my love,
Like yonder rose the meaner flowers among,
My fair appears amid the virgin-throng.

LYCON.

My Myra's cheeks a ruddy blush disclose,
More warm and blooming than the vermil rose:
Adown her neck her waving ringlets flow,
Her honey-lips with crimson-redness glow:
Her virgin-breasts, just rising to the view,
Are whiter far than lilies, wet with dew-

COLIN.

Bleft Sylvia's fairer than the Cyprian queen,
In talking free, angelic in her mien.
Her lively eyes shine than the stars more bright,
Her glowing lips feem kisses to invite:
Her ebon-tresses gaudy ribbons tie,
Her dimpled cheeks with new-blown roses vie.

With tuneful voice, than nightingales more fweet, She charms mine ear, when in the shade we meet.

LYCON.

When on my Myra's snowy breast reclin'd, How blythe am I! how chearful she, and kind! From fault'ring tongue mine honest passion flows: Her rosy cheeks a modest blush disclose. Ye gods! what words can our delight express, When lip to lip with mutual love we press!

COLIN.

When in the shade at Syivia's fide I lie, How joyous she, and o how happy I! By fimple wiles each other's love we win: She strokes my cheek, I chuck her lovely chin, And, when I smile, a smile she will return; Our wounded hearts with equal passions burn.—
If from my sight, no more the fields can please, On slowery banks invain I seek for ease, On verdant plains invain the daisies spring, Invain the birds with wild caroling sing, The sum invain beams forth resulgent rays; In Sylvia's absence nought, alas! can please.

LYCON.

When peerless Myra's absent from my fight, The sweets of spring no more afford delight: My sheep, unheeded, wander to and fro, While hills and dales around repeat my woe.

COLIN.

The wounded trees bleed with my Sylvia's name,
M' engraven crook in verse declares my flame.
Angelic Sylvia, blithesome, free and kind,
All night I dream of, fills all day my mind.
Her winning charms for ever I could fing,
And make the echoes with her beauties ring.

Lycon.

My comely Myra grants me love for love: Her praise I sing in ev'ry vale and grove. So mild her temper, and her face so fair, My lovely Myra is beyond compare!

COLIN.

Goats may for ake the craggy mountain's brow, Rivers may backward to their fountains flow,

Gay fpring may cease to clothe the mead with green, And vales of snow in sultry June be seen: But thou, my Sylvia, all my heart holds dear, No power on earth shall from my bosom tear; There thou, blest nymph, in spite of all controul, Unrival'd reign'st, the mistress of my soul!

LYCON.

O'er eastern hills the sun shall cease to rise, Shall cease at eve to gild the western skies, No more the warblers on the leasy spray Shall chaunt in spring their sweet melodious lay, The zephyrs cease, the aspen leas to move, When I my Myra shall forget to love.

MOPSUS.

My blithefome Lycon, thine harmonious lays,
So deffly fung, are worthy of our praise,
And for your strains (you merit well the meed)
Accept, fond youth, this crook and brassbound reed:
But Colin's glee and long-experienc'd skill,
What time to fink a note, and when blow shrill,
Must be allow'd, to these stay claim,
And 'mong the shepherds merit deathless fame;

By artful cunning in the rural strain

He'll pipe full long unequall'd on the plain.

But lo! the fun immerges in the fea

And birds no longer fing upon the fpray.

Let us retire, and fold our fleecy sheep,

And give the reft of this calm night to sleep.

Night. Or Amandus.

The difinal night had now affum'd her reign, And wet with dew the filent gloomy plain: Departed fol was fet in western deep, And wearied mortals sunk in balmy sleep, When, drown'd in tears, beneath a blasted oak, Where om'nous ravens to the desert croak, Amandus lay—To give his forrows vent, He thrice essay'd, and thrice did sighs prevent: To list'ning groves, at length in hollow tone, And broken accents, thus he made his moan.

Why have I liv'd, to fee this woeful day,
Which has my Stella mingled with the clay?
Why liv'd, to fee her yield her tuneful breath?—
To fee the hour, she clos'd her eyes in death?—
Love, wit and beauty from the plains are fled,
And in the grave with lovely Stella laid.

Embower her tomb, ye gloomy cyprefs-trees!

Come, figh with me, thou gentle-fanning breeze!

Bewail with me, ye lambs and bleating sheep!

With me, ye fountains and ye rivers, weep!

Refound, ye hills, ye vales, with me deplore

My young, my beauteous Stella's now no more!—

Behold (o baleful fight!) that rifing mound,

Which fable yews and willows pale furround!

Ah! there interr'd, regardless of my fighs,

My love, my all, the pride of nature lies.

Love, wit and beauty from the plains are fled,

And in the grave with comely Stella laid.

With her no more the flowery field I'll tread, No more recline beneath the beechen shade, Where oft I wont, on oaten pipe to play, While lovely Stella join'd the fimple lay. No more shall shepherds round the virgin throng
Doat on her charms, and praise her pleasing song,
But on the branches hang the filent reed,
While with despair their heaving bosoms bleed,
And o'er her grave sad rosemary bestrew,
And bid her, drown'd in tears, a long adieu.
Love, wit and beauty from the plains are fled,
And in the grave with comely Stella laid.

Ah, peerless Stella, nature's pride, is dead,
Laid low in earth, and all her beauties fled.
No more her cheeks with blooming roses vie,
Her cold pale lips have lost their crimson-dye:
Her sparkling eyes, which ev'ry bosom warm'd,
Now languid lie, of all their fire disarm'd:
Hush'd is her voice, which erst so sweetly sung,
And wit no more flows from her filent tongue.
In bloom of youth death maim'd her virgin-charms,
And merciless tore her from a lover's arms.
Ah, yonder she, whilom more blithe and gay
Than joyous spring, lies mingling with the clay.
Love, wit and beauty from the plains are fled,
And in the grave with comely Stella laid.

Ah me! what tears, what fighs my grief express, When I revolve my Stella's last address!—

As o'er her couch that woeful day I stood,

She pale and weak—and I with tears bedew'd!

While yet cold death upheld th' impending stroke,

In feeble accents thus sh' expiring spoke:

"My taper-crook do thou, Amandus, take:
"Ufe't as thine own for dying Stella's fake
"If e'er thou lov'd me, let my fleecy care
"Along with thine thy kind attention share;
"For now, Amandus, I must bid adieu,
"Must bid farewell to all the world—and you.
"To you, my love!— to you! ah welladay!
"Death calls, alas! and all must death obey.
"Farewell!—adieu!"—Here was her voice suppress'd,
Her pains remov'd, and all her struggles ceas'd.
Her pains, her struggles ceas'd, and mine begun:
She's now intomb'd, I lest behind to moan.—
Love, wit and beauty from the plains are fled,
And in the grave with comely Stella laid.

Ah! what avails it, she was passing fair,
That godlike virtue ever was her care,
That rural ditties she so sweetly sung,
And poignant wit flow'd ever from her tongue?
Ah! what avails it, she my crook adorn'd
With fragrant flowers, and love for love return'd?
Not all her beauty, all my tears could save
My haples Stella from an early grave.
Nor voice enchanting as the Siren's song,
Nor charms of peerless meed could life prolong.
The old, the young, the homely and the fair
Must yield to death, and for the grave prepare.

His fighs again his ftruggling speech suppress'd, And tears again bedew'd his heaving breast.

Absorb'd in grief, beneath the wither'd shade

All on a mosty turf he lean'd his head,

Till winding rills, which through the valley creep,

With soothing murmurs full'd the swain asleep.—

Riddel.

Oxford and Cambridge.

Our royal mafter faw with heedful eyes
The wants of his two universities.
Troops he to Oxford fent, as knowing, why
That learned body wanted loyalty,
But books to Cambridge gave, as well discerning,
That that right loyal body wanted learning.

Trapp.

The Answer.

The king to Oxford fent his troop of horse; For Tories own no argument but force: With equal care to Cambridge books he fent; For Whigs allow no force but argument.

Browne.

Ode on the Suicide of a Friend.

Such anguish, as diffends the heart Of fome unfabled Niobe, When the peltilential dart
Has transfixt her progeny,
Or such, as with Gorgonian pow'r
Inanimates a Thisbe's face,
Who at the love-appointed hour
On the love-appointed place
Finds her passion's idol dead,
And with his faithful breath all comfort sled,
Such, ah! redoubled grief beyond compare!
Curio, my reason's love and choice's heir,
Unman'd thy friend, when (what he least cou'd

Thy felf-anticipated death furpris'd his wounded ear.

What, if thy stay life's slender joys
Solicited invain,
If vain too clam'rous instinct's voice
Thy valor to restrain,
Yet say, my Curio, say, how yet
His country's laws the patriot could forget,
Or the supreme disposer's will
The moralist retain, and not suffil?
O virtue of a savage kind!
O courage, for far other use design'd!

O with discordant error sense und learning join'd!

Thus did I Curio's fate repine,

'Till o'er my forrow-weary'd head

Sleep its Lethean opiates fpread,

Impotent lenitives to woe like mine.

For lo! my late-lost friend and long rever'd

To my clos'd eyes appear'd,

A glorius phantom! from all parts

The beamy radiance darts:

But eminent above the rest

Flash'd the bold wound upon his manly breaft:

Not more diffinct on knighthood's splendid coat,

(Each eye-ball dazzling from a-far)

Of worth approv'd the fulgent note,

Vibrates the lightning of its blazing-star.

Compassion kindled in his look,

While from his fapient lips the vocal music broke.

,, Much - lov'd, much - erring mortal, (thus he cries)

.. No more my mem'ry blame!

"No more the god-like act blafpheme,

.. That wings th'imprison'd soul for kindred skies!

, No public's chain extends beyond the grave,

.. Irrationally binding to the wife and brave.

, And foon or late inevitable death

"By nature's order claims our breath.

, As in the womb, his world, where many a day

,, In liquid blifs the vegetable infant lay,

"Grown ripe for birth, he finds delight no more, "Buf unknown pangs his frame explore,

,, but unknown pangs his frame explor

,,'Till inftinct-flung, he burft away

"To the fun's gladfome ray;

"So the distaste of life, the slight of death and pain

"The longing for immortal joy

"Not on the virtuous foul invain

"Their inflinctive force employ:

"It owns the fummons, fpurns its vile abode,

,, Greatly irregular, assumes a comet-road,

"Heav'n's welcome volunteer, among the gods a

He faid, and vanish'd from my view: Awak'd, I wish'd the pleafing vision true.

Kellet. *) .

*) A Pocket of profe and verse, being a selection from the literary productions of Alexander Kellet, Esq. Bath. 1778, 3ve.

To Mira. Loving at first sight.

No warning of th' approaching flame, Swiftly, like fudden death, it came: Like travellers, by lightning kill'd, I burnt the moment, I beheld.

In whom fo many charms are plac'd.

Is with a mind as nobly grac'd,

The case, so shining to behold,

Is fill'd with richest gems and gold.

To what my eyes admir'd before,
I add a thousand graces more,
And fancy blows into a stame
The spark, that from the beauty came.

The object thus improv'd by thought, By my own image I am caught:

Pygmalion fo with fatal art

Polish'd the form, that stung his heart.

Granville Lord Lansdowne,

The dying Indian.

The dart of Izdabel prevails! 'twas dipt In double poifon - I shall foon arrive At the bleft island, where no tigers fpring On heedless hunters, where anana's bloom Thrice in each moon, where rivers fmoothly glide. Nor thund'ring torrents whirl the light canoe Down to the fea, where my forefathers feaft Daily on hearts of Spaniards! - O my fon. I feel the venom busy in my breast. Approch, and bring my crown, deck'd with the teeth Of that bold christian, who first dar'd deflour The virgins of the fun, and, dire to tell! Robb'd Pachacamac's altar of its gems! I mark'd the spot, where they interr'd this traitor, And once at midnight stole I to his tomb, And tore his carcafe from the earth, and left it A prey to poisonous flies. Preserve this crown With facred fecrecy! If e'er returns Thy much-lov'd mother from the defart woods, Where, as I hunted late, I happless lost her, Cherish her age. Tell her, I ne'er have worship'd With those, that eat their God. And when disease Preys on her languid limbs, then kindly flab her With thine own hands, nor fuffer her to linger,

Like christian cowards, in a life of pain.

I go; great Capac bekons me. Farewel!

Warton.

S o n g.

High state and honours to others impart,
But give me your heart!
That treasure, that treasure alone
I beg for my own.
So gentle a love, so fervent a fire
My soul does inspire:

That treasure, that treasure alone
I beg for my own.

Your love let me crave!

Give me in possessing!

So matchless a blessing!

That empire is all, I would have.

Love's my petition,
All my ambition:
If e'er you discover
So faithful a lover,
So real a flame,
I'll die, I'll die:
So give up my game!

Dryden.

Death and Daphne.

To an agreeable young Lady, extremely lean.

Death went upon a folemn day At Pluto's hall, his court to pay. The phantom, having humbly kift His grisly monarch's footy fift, Prefented him the weekly bills Of doctors, fevers, plagues and pills. Pluto observing, fince the peace The burial article decrease. And vext, to fee affairs miscarry. Declar'd in council, Death must marry. Vow'd, he no longer could support Old batchelors about his court. The int'rest of his realm had need? That Death should get a num'rous breed. Young deathlings, who, by practice made Proficient in their father's trade. With colonies might flock around His large dominions under ground.

A confult of coquets below Was call'd, to rig him out a beau. From her own head Megæra takes

A periwig of twifted fnakes. Which in the nicest fashion curl'd, (Like toupets of this upper world) With flow'r of fulphur powder'd well, That graceful on his shoulders fell, An adder of the fable kind. In line direct hung down behind. The owl. the raven and the bat. Club'd for a feather to his hat: His coat, an us'rer's velvet pall, Bequeath'd to Pluto, corps and all. But loth, his person to expose ... Bare, like a carcase, pikt by crows, A lawyer o'er his hands and face Struck artfully a parchment cafe. No new-flux'd rake shew'd fairer skin. Nor Phillis after lying in. With fnuff was fill'd his ebon box Of skin-bones, rotted by the pox. Nine spirits of blaspheming fops With aconite anoint his chops, And give him words of dreadful founds. G-d d-n his blood, and b-d and w-ds.

Thus furnishe out, he fent his train, ake a house in Warwick-lane.

The faculty, his humble friends,
A complimental message fends:
Their president in scarlet-gown
Harangu'd, and welcom'd him to town.

But Death had bus'ness to dispatch: His mind was running on his match. And, hearing much of Daphne's fame, His majesty of terrors came. Fine as a col'nel of the guards. To visit, where she sat at cards. She, as he came into the room, Thought him Adonis in his bloom. And now her heart with pleasure jumps. She scarce remembers, what is trumps, (For fuch a shape of skin and bone Was never feen except her own) Charm'd with his eyes and chin and fnout. Her pocket-glass drew slily out, And grew enamour'd with her phiz, As just the counterpart of his. She darted many a private glance, And freely made the first advance. Was of her beauty grown fo vain, She doubted not, to win the fwain.

Nothing, she thought, could fooner gain him. Than with her wit to entertain him. She ask'd about her friends below, This meagre fop, that batter'd beau. Whether fome late departed toafts Had got gallants among the ghofts? If Chloe were a sharper still, As great as ever at quadrille? (The ladies there must needs be rooks; For cards, we know, are Pluto's books) If Florimel had found her love, For whom she hang'd herfelf above? How oft a week was kept a ball By Proferpine at Pluto's hall? (She fancied those Elysian shades The sweetest place for masquerades) How pleafant on the banks of Styx, To troll it in a coach and fix!

What pride a female heart enflames! How endless are ambition's aims!

Cease, haughty nymph; the fates decree,

Death must not be a spouse for thee;

For when by chance the meagre shade

Uponithy hand his singer laid,

Thy hand as dry and cold as lead,
His matrimonial spirit fled:
He felt about his heart a damp,
That quite extinguish'd Cupid's lamp.
Away the frighted spectre scuds,
And leaves my lady in the suds.

Swift.

To Delia.

In imitation of Anacreon.

You bid me write: but how can I
Write, if Pegasus won't sty?
You bid me write, my charming dove!
What can I write, if not of love?
My heart's all love, and all my care
Is, how to please my charming fair.

I'll fing of war: what's war to me?

Or what, my fair! is war to thee?

I'll fing of plains, where shepherds rove:

But then, alas! I fing of love.

My mind's all love, my care's repaid, If I but please my lovely maid.

Whene'er I wander thro' the shade,
Or hie acrofs the funny glade,
Whene'er I feek the pleafing grove,
My thoughts are all engaged by love.
Whate'er I fay, whate'er I do,
My thoughts, dear maid, are love and you.

Green.

Song to Aelle, Lord of the Castell of Brystowe in Daies of Yore. *)

- O thou (or whate remaynes of thee)

 Aelle, the darlynge of futuritye!
 - *) About the year 920 Aelle was Governor of the castle of Bristol, and gained many signal victories over the Danes, particularly at Watchet. That song was made to the memory of this chief by a Carmelite-friar and father confessor to William Cannynge, sounder of St. Mary Redclisse church. It was written in the year 1468, and the Original is now in the hands of Mr. Barret, surgeon in Bristol.

Lette thys mie fonge bolde as thie courage bee,

As everlatlynge to posteritye!

Whanne Dacya's fonnes with hair of blood-red hue,

Lyke kynge-coppes braftynge dewe,

Arraung'd in drear arraye

Upon the lethale daye,

Spredde farre and wyde on Watchet's shore,

Thenne dydst thou brondeous stonde,

And with thie burlge honde

Bespringedde all' the mees with gore.

Drawn by thyne anlace fell,

Down to the depthes of hell

Thousands of Dacyans went.

Brystowans, menne of myghte,

Ydar'd the blodie fyghte,

And acted deedes full quent.

O thou! were'ere (thie bones att rest)

Thie fpryte to haunte delyghteth best,

Wheter on the blod-embrued playne,

Or where thou kenn'st from far

The blatant cryes of warre,

Or feest some mountayne, made of hepes of slavne

Or feeft the hatchedde stede

Yprouncynge o'er the mede,

And neigh to be amongest the poyntedde speres,

Or in black armour stalk arounde,

Em-

Embatteledde Bristowe, once this grounde,
And glow'st ardorous onne the castle steers,
Or sterce rounde the mynsterne glare,
Let Bristowe stille bee made this care!
Guarde it from me somenne and consumyinge styre!
Lyke Avon's streame encyrque it rounde,
Ne lette a stamme enharme the grounde,
Tyll ynne one stame all the whole worlde expyre!
Rowlley.

Abra,

The Georgian Sultana.

Scene a Forest. Time the Evening.

In Georgia's land, where Tefflis' towers are feen,
In distant view along the level green,
While evening-dews enrich the glittering glade,
And the tall forests cast a longer shade,
What time 'tis sweet, o'er fields of rice to stray,
Or scent the breathing maze at setting day.
Amidst the maids of Zagen's peaceful grove,
Emyra sung the pleasing cares of love.

Of Abra first began the tender strain,
Who led her youth with slocks upon the plain.
At morn she came, those willing slocks to lead,
Where lilies rear them in the watery mead:
From early dawn the live-long hours she told,
'Till late at filent eve she penn'd the fold.
Deep in the grove beneath the secret shade
A various wreath of odorous flowers she made:
Gay-motley'd pinks and sweet jonquils she chose,
The violet blue, that on the moss-bank grows:
All-sweet to sense, the slaunting rose was there.

Great Abbas chanc'd that fated morn to ftray,
By love conducted from the chace away.
Among the vocal vales he heard her fong,
And fought the vales and echoing groves among.
At length he found, and woo'd the rural maid:
She knew the monarch, and with fear obey'd.

The finish'd chaplet well - adorn'd her hair.

,, Be every youth like royal Abbas mov'd, ,, And every Georgian maid like Abra lov'd!

The royal lover bore her from the plain:
Yet fill her crook and bleating flock remain.

Oft, as she went, she backward turn'd her view,
And bade that crook and bleating flock adieu.
Fair happy maid! to other scenes remové,
To richer scenes of golden power and love!
Go, leave the simple pipe and shepherd's strain!
With love delight thee, and with Abbas reign!
... Be every youth like royal Abbas mov'd.

,, And every Georgian maid like Abra lov'd!

Yet 'midst the blaze of courts she fix'd her love
On the cool fountain or the shady grove:
Still with the shepherd's innocence her mind
To the sweet vale and flowery mead inclin'd,
And oft, as spring renew'd the plains with flowers,
Breath'd his fost gales, and led the fragrant hours,
With sure return she sought the sylvan scene,
The breezy mountains and the forests green.
Her maids around her mov'd, a duteous band:
Each bore a crook all-rural in her hand.
Some simple lay of flocks and herds they sung:
With joy the mountain and the forest rung.

"Be every youth like royal Abbas mov'd, "And every Georgian maid like Abra lov'd!"

And oft the royal lover left the care

And thorns of state, attendant on the fair.

Off to the shades and low-roof'd cots retir'd,
Or fought the vale, where first his heart was fir'd.
A ruffet mantle, like a fwain, he wore,
And thought of crowns and bufy courts no more.

"Be every youth like royal Abbas mov'd,
"And every Georgian maid like Abra lov'd!"

Bleft was the life, that royal Abbas led,

Sweet was his love, and innocent his bed.

What, if in wealth the noble maid excel,

The fimple shepherd-girl can love as well.

Let those, who rule in Persia's jewell'd throne,

Be fam'd for love, and gentlest love alone,

Or wreath, like Abbas, full of fair renown,

The lover's myrtle with the warrior's crown.

O happy days! the maids around her fay,

O haste, profuse of blessings, haste away!

,, Be every youth like royal Abbas mov'd,

,, And every Georgian maid like Abra lov'd!"

Collins.

A Farewell to Poetry.

The thraidom's past - the foell hath lost its power, The magic spell, that erst entranc'd my foul, And bound my blinded reason in its chains. The gay delufion fades: its rainbow-tints In empty air evanish, and no more The coz'ning shapes perfidious cheat my fancy. Away, deceitful hopes, fantastic dreams! Ye fpoilers of my youth, away! deceive The ignorant and thoughtless, who, like me, Shall feek fruition in your fancied blifs! Adieu, ye Muses! you, whose genuine fire Gives joy eestatic to the ravish'd foul. You, whom erewhile I deem'd fo wondrous fair. As nought could rival! now the folly's past. I vainly courted your propitious aid, And fondly hop'd, the strong defire of fame, That fir'd my bosom, might be deem'd a spark Of heav'nly origin. I hop'd invain: The Muse with looks averted, as in scorn, Deny'd my fuit. Yet vanity prevail'd, And flill I dream'd of laurel-wreaths, the mee Of genuine bards, and my diffemper'd fancy Involv'd my reason in the mist of error. Yes, vanity, you rul'd my abject foul:

You barr'd my ear against the voice of wisdom,
And t en, arch-felon! at th' ungarded hour,
When folly reign'd, you stole my precious time:
You stole my noblest and my best possession:
And left me almost bankrupt. Idle hopes,
Trick'd with false smiles delusive, ye deceiv'd
My reckless youth, and lur'd my steps, to tread
The paths of folly: this attain'd, ye sled,
And traitor-like, betray'd me to despair.
So the benighted swain, who sudden spies
A meteor dancing o'er the marshy fen,
(Joy warms his heart, while foolishly he weens
A friendly light) from his own cot directs
His devious footstep: but at once he sinks,
Helpless, into destruction.

And could I deem, my uncouth artless fong, Th'insipid produce of a tuneless reed,
Might one day match a Waller's courtly lay,
Where wit and ease and melody conjoin?
Adieu, ye trifles of an early day!
No more shall empty vanity prevail;
Her empire's over, and her phantom-hopes
No more betray me to contempt and folly.
But it is yours, whose glowing breasts consess
The Muse propitious, it is yours, to breasthe

The ministry divine, that melts the heart. For me, I break my useless pipe intwain, Nor court a glory, I shall ne'er obtain.

Ryan.

The Spaniel and the Cameleon.

A Spaniel, bred with all the care,
That waits upon a fav'rite heir,
Ne'er felt correction's rigid hand,
Indulg'd, to disobey command.
In pamper'd ease his hours were spent:
He never knew, what learning meant.
Such forward airs, so pert, so smart,
Were sure, to win his lady's heart.
Each little mischief gain'd his praise:
How pretty were his sawning ways!

The wind was fouth, the morning fair:
He ventures forth to take the air.
He ranges all the meadow round,
And rolls upon the foftest ground,
When near him a cameleon feen
Was fearce distinguish'd from the green.

Dear emblem of the flatt'ring host,
What live with clowns, a genius lost!
To cities and the court repair:
A fortune cannot fail the there;
Preferment shall thy talents crown.
Believe me, friend; I know the town.

Sir, fays the fycophant, like you, Of old politer life I knew: Like you, a courtier born and bred. Kings lean'd their ear to what I faid: My whifper always met fuccess. The ladies prais'd me for address: I knew, to hit each courtier's passion, And flatterd every vice in fashion. But Jove, who hates the iver's ways. At once cut short my prosp'rous days, And, fentenc'd, to retain my nature, Transform'd me to this crawling creature. Doom'd to a life obscure and mean. I wander in the fylvan fcene; For Jove the heart alone regards: He punishes, what man rewards. How diff'rent is thy cafe and mine! With men at least you fup and dine,

While I, condemn'd to thinnest fare, Like those, I flatter'd, feed on air.

Gay.

o d e

to a finging Bird.

O thou, that glad'st my lonesome hours
With many a wildly-warbled fong,
When melancholy round me low'rs,
And drives her fullen storms along,
When fell adversity prepares,
To lead her delegated train,
Pale sickness, want, remorse and pain,
With all her host of carking cares —
The stends ordain'd, to time the human foul,
And give the humbled heart to sympathy's controut!

Sweet foother of my mifery, fay,
Why doft thou clap thy joyous wing?

Why doft thou pour that artics lay?

How canst thou, little prisoner, sing?

Hast thou not cause, to grieve,

That man, unpitying man, has rent

From thee the boon, which nature meant,
Thou should'st, as well as he, receive,
The power, to woo thy partner in the grove,
To build, where instinct points, where chance directs,
to rove?

Perchance, unconfcious of thy fate, And to the woes of bondage blind, Thou never long'st, to join thy mate, Nor wishest, to be unconfin'd:

Then how relentless he,

And fit for every foul offence,

Who could bereave such innocence

Of life's best blessing, liberty,

Who lur'd thee, guileful, to his treacherous snare,

To live a tuneful slave, and dissipate his care!

But why for thee this fond complaint?

Above thy master thou art blest:

Art thou not free? — yes, calm content,

With olive fceptre, fways thy breaft:
Then deign with me to live!
The falcon with infatiate maw,
With hooked bill and griping claw
Shall ne'er thy deftiny contrive,
And every tabby foe shall mew invain,
While penfively demure she hears thy melting ftrain.

Nor shall the fiend, fell famine, dare
Thy wiry tenement affail:
Thefe, thefe shall be my conflant care,
The limpid fount and temp'rate meal,
And when the blooming fpring
In checquer'd liv'ry robes the fields,
The faireft flow'rets, nature yields,
To thee officious will I bring:
A garland rich thy dwelling shall entwine,
And Flora's fresheft gifts, thrice happy bird, be thine!

From drear oblivion's gloomy cave

The powerful Muse shall wrest thy name,
And bid thee live beyond the grave —

This meed, she knows, thy merits claim:
She knows, thy liberal heart

Is ever ready, to dispense

The tide of bland benevolence.

And melody's fost aid impart.

Is ready still, to prompt the magic lay,

Which hushes all our griefs, and charms our pains

away.

Erewhile, when, brooding o'er my foul,
Frown'd the black demons of despair,
Did not thy voice that power controul,
And oft suppress the rising tear?

If fortune should be kind,
If e'er with assume I'm blest,
I'll often seek some friend distrest,
And when the weeping wretch I find,
Then, tuneful moralist, I'll copy thee,
And folace all his woes with social sympathy.

Richardson.

Sonnet,

Made on Isabella Markhame, when I firste thought her fayer, as she stood at the princess's windowe in goodlye attyre, and talkede to dyvers in the courte-yard.

From a Msc. dated 1564.

Whence comes my love? O hearte, disclose! Twas from cheeks, that shamed the rose, From lips, that spoyle the rubies prayse, From eyes, that mock the diamond's blaze. Whence comes my woe? as freely owne, Ahme! 'twas from a hearte, lyke flone.

The blushynge cheek speakes modest mynde. The lipps besitting wordes moste kynde: The eye does tempte to love's desyre, And seems, to say, 'tis Cupid's sire.

Yet all so saire: but speak my moane,

Syth noughte dothe saye the heart of stone.

Why thus, my love, fo kynde bespeake, Sweet lyppe, sweet eye, sweet blushynge cheeke, Yet not a hearte, to fave my paine?

O Venus, take thy giftes againe!

Make not fo faire, to cause our moane,

Or make a hearte, that's lyke our owne!

Harrington.

S o n g

Ye cliffs! I to your airy fleep

Afcend with trembling hope and fear,

To gaze on this extensive deep,

And watch if William's fails appear.

Long months elapse, while here I breathe
Vain expectation's frequent prayer,
Till, bending o'er the waves beneath,
I drop the tear of dumb despair.

But fee a glissening sail in view! Tumultuous hopes arise: 'Tis he! — I feel the vision true,
I trust my conscious eyes.

His promis'd fignals from the mast
My timid doubts destroy:
What was your pain, ye terrors past,
To this ecstatic joy?

Hayley.

The Lady's Dreffing - room.

Five hours (and who can do it less in?)
By haughty Calia spent in dressing,
The goddess from her camber issues,
Array'd in lace, brocades and tissues.
Strephon, who found, the room was void,
And Betty otherwise employ'd,
Stole in, and took a strict survey
Of all the litter, as it lay,

Whereof, to make the matter clear, An inventory follows here.

At first a dirty smock appear'd,
Beneath the arm-pits well besmear'd.
Strephon, the rogue, display'd it wide,
And surn'd it round on ev'ry side.
In such a case sew words are best,
And Strephon bids us guess the rest,
But swears, how damnably the men lie.
In calling Cælia sweet and cleanly.

Now listen, while he next produces
The various combs for various uses,
Fill'd up with dirt so closely fixt,
No brush could force a way betwixt.
A paste of composition rare,
Sweat, dandrist, powder, lead and hair.
A forehead-cloth with oil upon't,
To smooth the wrinkles on her front.

Here

Here allum-flower, to flop the fleams, Exhal'd from four unfav'ry ftreams, There night - gloves, made of tripfey's hide, Bequeath'd by tripfey, when she died, With puppy-water, beauty's help, Distill'd from tripfey's darling whelp, Here gally - pots and vials plac'd. Some fill'd with washes, fome with paste, Some with pomatums, paints and slops, And ointments, good for feabby chops. Hard by a filthy bason stands, Foul'd with the fcow'ring of her hands: The bason takes, whatever comes, The fcrapings from her teeth and gums, A nafty compound of all hues; For here she spits, and here she spues.

But oh! it turn'd poor Strephow's bowels,
When he beheld and fmelt the towels,
Begumm'd, bematter'd and beffim'd,
With dirt and fweat and ear-wax grim'd.
No object Strephon's eye escapes:
Here petticoats in frowzy heaps.
Nor be the handkerchies forgot,
All varnish'd o'er with snuff and snot,
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And flockings why should I expose, Stain'd with the moisture of her toes, Or greafy coifs, or pinners reeking, Which Cælia slept at least a week in. A pair of tweezers next he found, To pluck the brows in arches round, Or hairs, that fink the forehead low, Or on her chin like briftles grow.

The virtues we must not less pass
Of Cælia's magnifying glass.
When frighted Strephon cast his eye on't,
It shew'd the visage of a giant.
A glass, that can to fight disclose
The smallest worm in Cælia's nose,
And faithfully direct her nail,
To squeeze it out from head to tail;
For catch it nicely by the head,
It must come out, alive or dead.

Why, Strephon, will you tell the reft,
And must you needs describe the chest?
That careless wench! no creature warn her,
To move it out from yonder corner,

But leave it standing full in sight
For you, to exercise your spite.
Invain the workman shew'd his wit
With rings and hinges counterseit,
To make it seem in this disguise
A cabinet to vulgar eyes,
Which Strephon ventur'd, to look in,
Resolv'd, to go through thick and thin.
He lists the lid: there needs no more;
He smelt it all the time before.

As from within Pandora's box,
When Epimerheus op'd the locks,
A fudden univerfal crew
Of human evils upward flew,
(He ftill was comforted, to find,
That hope at last remain'd behind)
So, Strephon lifting up the lid,
To view, what in the cheft was hid,
The vapours flew from out the vent:
But Strephon, cautious, never meant,
The bottom of the pan to grope,
And foul his hands in fearch of hope.

O! ne'er may such a vile machine Be once in Cælia's chamber seen! O! may she better learn, to keep Those secrets of the hoary deep!

As mutton-cutlefs, prime of meat, Which, though with art you falt and beat, As laws of cookery require, And roaft them at the clearest fire, If from adown the hopeful chops The fat upon a cinder drops, To flinking fmoke it turns the flame, Pois'ning the flesh, from whence it came, And up exhales a greafy stench, For which you course the careless wench; So things, which must not be exprest, When plumpt into the reeking cheft, Send up an excremental fmell, To taint the parts, from whence they fell. The petticoats and gown perfume, And waft a flink round ev'ry room.

Thus finishing his grand furvey, The fwain disgusted slunk away, Repeating in his am'rous fits, ,,Oh! Cælia, Cælia, Cælia sh-!

But vengeance, goddess never sleeping,
Soon punish'd Strephon for his peeping;
His foul imagination links
Each dame, he sees, with all her slinks,
And, if unsav'ry odours fly,
Conceives a lady, standing by.
All women his description fits,
And both ideas jump like wits,
By vicious fancy coupled fast,
And still appearing in contrast.

I pity wretched Strephon, blind To all the charms of woman-kind. Should I the queen of love refuse, Because she rose from stinking ooze? To him, that looks behind the scene, Statira's but some pocky queen.

When Cælia all her glory shows, If Strephon would but stop his note, Who now fo impiously blasphemes
Her ointments, daubs and paints and creams
Her washes, slops and ev'ry clout,
With which he makes so foul a rout,
He soon would learn, to think like me,
And bless his ravish'd eyes, to see
Such order from confusion sprung,
Such gaudy tulips rais'd from dung.

Swift.

V'erfes,

left on the Dutchess of Devonshire's Break-feast-table, in consequence of his calling on her Grace at noon, and finding, she had not left her chamber.

What makes thy looks fo fair and bright,
Divine Aurora, fay?

"Because from slumbers short and light
"I rise, to wake the day."

O, hide for shame thy blushing face!
'Tis all poetic fiction.

To tales like these see Devon's grace
A blooming contradiction.

Garrick.

O d e

to the Lyric Muse.

What means within my breast this restless slame?

My teeming brain what fancies croud?

O hark! what voice, so sweetly loud,

Pours on my trembling ear the blast of same?

And see, a Deity appears!

A Grecian robe and Grecian form she wears:

One hand the tunefull shell suspends,

And one th' eternal trump extends:

Her motion, station awe insuse,

Her eyes contagious phrenzy roll,

Her fervid words pervade the soul,

And thus she fascinates the darling of the Muse.

,, He, whom the Nine inspire, ,, And gift with their authentic fire, ,, Nor from the wordy mass of law ,, Will the gainful pleasure draw, , Nor pulpit thron'd to innocents dispense ... Magnific shreds of common fense.

No.

"Nor yet with adamantine heart,

, Tho' king or college licens'd, act the murderer's

,, Much less (what is the downhill - road

"To pow'r and dignity and wealth,

"But not to honour's bright abode,

,, But not to peace and peace-imparted health)

, Shall his unblushing cheek and perjur'd tongue

,, Amid the fenatorial throng,

"Self-hawking to quotidian fale,

, Corruption's rank feptennial lump retail. "

Well, thy grace divine I know,

Harmonious parent of the lyre,

Who didst on favour'd Thebes bestow

The patriot, whose poetic fire

On ever-during odes th' Olympic victors grav'd,

And his devoted native land from defolation fav'd,

Who didft on new-born Flaccus smile,

(Tho' rebel to the ftate, tho' truant from thy toil)

And from poverty and shame

Vindicate one poet's fame,

Who ev'n in this our gloomy day

Hast animated with Promethean ray

Horatian Akenfide, Pindaric Gray.

Cease, ah. fweet delusion, cease.
In day-dreams thus to hover round my head;
The Vulcanian net, that's spread,
Wary experience sees.
Chang'd are the times, alas! nor now
Or wealth or barren praise canst thou bestow.
The lucre -deasn'd ear what sounds avail?
On hearts corruption - sear'd can moral song prevail?
Our Anti-Pollios, lineally dull,
Ne'er meditate the just reward,
But with oppression, hatred, ridicule
Pursue the godlike bard.

Th'indignant bard, unable to withstand,

Flies, scatt'ring infamy with Parthian hand.

By custom not to be enslav'd,

Nor by the mighty brav'd,

Yet will not I thy intercourse decline,
O loveliest of the virgin-Nine!

But oft' thy fairy footsteps trace,

And fometimes gaze thy beatic face,

Full often of thy golden lyre

With thirsty ears imbibe the sound,

Sometimes too, rapt in whirlwind-fire,

Quit with thy lay the spirit-damping ground,

And to the list ning few thy praise resound;

For thou fublimest ev'ry joy,

And sweet'nest ev'ry toil:

Thou canst corrosive care destroy,

And make distemper smile,

And when of all external aid debarr'd,

(Like virtue) goddess, art thy own reward.

Kellet.

Verses, written in an Alcove.

Now the moon-beam's trembling luftre
Silvers o'er the dewy green,
And in foft and shadowy colour
Sweetly paints the chequer'd fcene.

Here between the opening branches
Streams a flood of foften'd light:
There the thick and twifted foliage
Spreads the browner gloom of night.

This is fure the haunt of fairies:
In you cool alcove they play.

Care can never cross the threshold: Care was only made for day.

Far from hence be noify clamour,
Sick disgust and anxious fear!
Pining grief and wasting anguish
Never keep their vigils here.

Tell no tales of sheeted speares,
Rising from the quiet tomb!
Fairer forms this cell shall visit,
Brighter visions gild the gloom.

Choral fongs and fprightly voices

Echo from her cell shall call,

Sweeter, fweeter than the murmur

Of the diftant water-fall.

Every ruder gust of passion,

Lull'd with music, dies away,

Till within the charmed bosom

None but soft affections play;

Soft, as when the evening - breezes

Gently flir the poplar grove,

Brighter than the smile of summer,

Sweeter than the breath of love.

Thee th'inchanted Mufe shall follow,

Liffy! to the ruftic cell,

And, each careless note repeating,

Tune them to her charming shell;

Not the Muse, who, wreath'd with laurel, Solemn stalks with tragic gait, And in clear and lofty vision Sees the future births of fate;

Not the maid, who, crown'd with cypress,
Sweeps along in scepter'd pall,
And in fad and solemn accents
Mourns the crested heroe's fall;

But that other fmiling fifter

With the blue and laughing eye,

Singing in a lighter measure

Strains of woodland -harmony;

All unknown to fame or glory,

Eafy, blithe and debonair,

Crown'd with flowers, her careless treffes

Loofely floating on the air.

Then, when next the flar of evening
Softly sheds the filent dew,
Let me in this ruftic temple,
Liffy! meet the Mufe and you!

The Philosopher and the Pheasants.

The fage, awak'd at early day,
Through the deep forest took his way.
Drawn by the music of the groves,
Along the winding gloom he roves:
From tree to tree the warbling throats

Prolong the fweet alternate notes.

But where he past, he terror threw,
The fong broke short, the warblers flew,
The thrushes chatter'd with affright,
And nightingales abhorr'd his fight;
All animals before him ran,
To shun the hateful fight of man.

Whence is this dread of ev'ry creature? Fly they our figure or our nature?

As thus he walk'd in mufing thought,
His ear imperfect accents caught.
With cautious step he nearer drew,
By the thick shade conceal'd from view:
High on the branch a pheafant stood,
Around her all the list'ning brood,
Proud of the blessings of her nest,
She thus a mother's care express.

No dangers here shall circumvent: Within the woods enjoy content. Sooner the hawk or vulture truft Than man, of animals the worst: In him ingratitude you find. A vice peculiar to the kind. The sheep, whose annual fleece is dy'd. To guard his health, and ferve his pride, Forc'd from his fold and native plain, Is in the cruel shambles slain. The fwarms, who with industrious skill Their hives with wax and honey fill, Invain whole fummer-days employ'd: Their stores are fold, their race destroy'd. What tribute from the goofe is paid! Does not her wing all science aid? Does it not lover's hearts explain. And drudge to raise the merchant's gain? What now rewards this gen'ral use? He takes the quills, and eats the goofe. Man then avoid, detest his ways! So fafety shall prolong your days. When fervices are thus acquitted. Be fure, we pheafants must be spitted.

Gay.

The Ladle.

The Scepticks think, 'twas long ago,
Since gods came down incognito,
To fee, who were their friends or foes,
And how our actions fell or rofe,
That, fince they gave things their beginning,
And fet this whirliging a fpinning,
Supine they in their heav'n remain,
Exempt from passion and from pain,
And frankly leave us human elves,
To cut and shuffle for ourselves,
To thand or walk, to rife or tumble,
As matter and as motion jumble.

The poets now and painters hold
This Thefis both abfurd and bold,
And your good-natur'd gods, they fay,
Defcend fome twice or trice a-day:
Elfe all thefe things, we toil fo hard in,
Would not avail one fingle farthing;
For when the Hero we rehearfe,
To grace his actions and our verfe,
'Tis not by dint of human thought,

That

That to his Latium he is brought:

Iris descends by fate's commands,

To guide his steps thro' foreign lands,

And Amphitrite clears the way

From rocks and quicksands in the sea.

And if you fee him in a sketch,

(Tho' drawn by Paulo or Carache)

He shows not half his force and strength,

Strutting in amour, and at length.

That he may take his proper figure,

The piece must yet be four yards bigger:

The Nymphs conduct him to the field,

One holds his sword, and one his shield:

Mars, standing by, afferts his quarrel,

And Fame slies after with a lawrel.

These points, I say, of speculation (As 'twere to save or sink the nation) Men idly learned will dispute, Affert, object, confirm, resute.

Each, mighty angry, mighty right, With equal arms sustains the fight,

'Till now no umpire can agree 'em: So both draw off, and fing Te Deum.

Is it in Equilibrio,
If deities descend, or no?
Then let th' affirmative prevail,
As requisite, to form my tale;
For by all parties 'tis consest,
That those opinions are the best,
Which in their nature most conduce
To present ends and private use.

Two gods came therefore from above,
One Mercury, the t'other Jove.
The humour was (it feems) to know,
If all the favours, they bestow,
Could from our own perverseness ease us,
And if our wish enjoy'd would please us.

Discoursing largely on this theme, O'er hills and dales their godships came, 'Till well nigh tir'd and almost night, They thought it proper to alight. Note here, that it as true as odd is, That in difguife a god or goddefs Exerts no supernat'ral powers, But acts on maxims much like ours.

They fpy'd at last a country-farm,
Where all was snug and clean and warm;
For woods before and hills behind
Secur'd it both from rain and wind:
Large oxen in the fields were lowing:
Good grain was fow'd, good fruit was growing,
Of last year's corn in barns great store,
Fat turkeys, gobbling at the door,
And wealth (in short) with peace consented,
That people here should live contented.
But did they in effect do so?
Have patience, friend, and thou shalt know.

The honeft farmer and his wife,
Two years declin'd from prime of life,
Had ftruggled with the marriage-noofe,
As almost ev'ry couple does,
Sometimes, my plugue! fometimes, my darling!
Kiffing to-day, to-morrow fnarling,

Jointly fubmitting, to endure
That evil, which admits no cure.
Our gods the outward gate unbarr'd:
Our farmer met 'em in the yard,
Thought, they were folks, that loft their way,
And ask'd them civilly to flay,
Told 'em, for supper or for bed
They might go on, and be worse sped.—

So faid, fo done. The gods confent:
All three into the parlour went.
They compliment, they fit, they chat,
Fight o'er the wars, reform the flate:
A thousand knotty points they clear,
'Till supper and my wife appear.

Jove made his leg, and kifs'd the dame:
Obsequious Hermes did the fame.
Jove kifs'd the farmer's wife, you fay:
He did—but in an honest way,
Oh! not with half that warmth and life,
With which he kifs'd Amphitryon's wife.—

Well then, things handsomely were ferv'd:
My mistress for the strangers carv'd.
How strong the beer, how good the meat,
How loud they laugh'd, how much they eat,
In Epic sumptuous wou'd appear,
Yet shall be pass'd in silence here;
For I should grieve, to have it said,
That, by a fine description led,
I made my Episode too long,
Or tir'd my friend, to grace my song.

The grace-cup ferv'd, the cloath away,
Jove thought it time, to shew his play.
Landlord and landlady, he cry'd,
Folly and jefting laid afide!
That ye thus hospitably live,
And strangers with good chear receive,
Is mighty grateful to your betters,
And makes e'en gods themselves your debtors.
To give this Thesis plainer proof,
You have to-night beneath your roof
A pair of gods: (nay never wonder)
This youth can fly, and I can thunder.
I'm Jupiter and he Mercurius,
My page, my son indeed, but spurious.

Form then three wishes, you and Madam, And fure, as you already had 'em, The things defir'd in half an hour Shall all be here and in your pow'r.

Thank ye, great gods, the woman fays:
Oh! may your altars ever blaze!
A ladle for our filver-dish
Is, what I want, is, what I wish. —
A ladle! cries the man, a ladle!
Odzooks, Corfica, you have pray'd ill.
What should be great, you turn to farce;
I wish the ladle in your a—.

With equal grief and shame my Muse The sequel of the tale pursues.
The ladle fell into the room,
And stuck in old Corsica's bum.
Our couple weep two wishes past,
And kindly join, to form the last,
To ease the woman's aukward pain,
And get the ladle out again.

MORAL.

This commoner has worth and parts, Is prais'd for arms, or lov'd for arts: His head achs for a coronet, And who is blefs'd, that is not great?

Some fense and more estate kind heav'n To this well-lotted peer has given: What then? he must have rule and sway, And all is wrong, 'till he's in play.

The mifer must make up his plumb, And dares not touch the hoarded sum; The sickly dotard wants a wife, To draw of his last dregs of life.

Against our peace we arm our will;
Admidst our plenty something still
For horses, houses, pictures, planting
To thee, to me, to him is wanting.
The cruel something unposses'd

Corrodes, and leavens all the reft.

That fomething, if we could obtain,

Would foon create a future pain,

And to the coffin from the cradle

'Tis all a wish and all a ladle.

Prior.

The Beggar's petition.

Pity the forrows of a poor old man,
Whose trembling limbs have borne him to your door,
Whose days are dwindled to the shortest span!
Oh! give relief, and heaven will bless your store.

These taster'd cloaths my poverty bespeak,
These hoary locks proclaim my lengthen'd years,
And many a furrow in my grief-worn cheek
Has been the channel to a flood of tears.

You house, erected on the rising ground,
With tempting aspect drew me from my road;
For plenty there a residence has found,
And grandeur a magnificent abode.

Hard is the fate of the infirm and poor: Here, as I crav'd a morfel of their bread, A pamper'd menial drove me from the door, To feek a shelter in an humbler shed.

Oh! take me to your hospitable dome!

Keen blows the wind, and piercing is the cold:

Short is my passage to the friendly tomb;

For I am poor and miserably old.

Should I reveal the fources of my grief,
If fost humanity e'er touch'd your breast,
Your hands would not withold the kind relief,
And tears of pity would not be represt.

Heaven fends misfortunes: why should we repine? Tis heaven, has brought me to the state, you see,

And your condition may be foon like mine, The child of forrow and of mifery.

A little farm was my paternal lot:
Then like the lark I sprightly hail'd the morn.
But ah! oppression forc'd me from my cot:
My cattle dy'd, and blighted was my corn.

My daughter, once the comfort of my age Lur'd by a villain from her native home, Is cast abandon'd on the world's wide stage, And doom'd in scanty poverty to roam,

My tender wife, fweet foother of my care, Struck with fad anguish at the stern decree, Fell, ling'ring fell a victim to despair, And left the world to wretchedness and me.

Pity the forrows of a poor old man,
Whose trembling limbs have borne him to your door,
Whose days are dwindled to the shortest span!
Oh! give relief, and heaven will bless your store,

Edwin and Emma.

Far in the windings of a vale

Fast by a sheltering wood,

The fase retreat of health and peace,

A humble cottage stood.

There beauteous Emma flourish'd fair Beneath a mother's eye, Whose only wish on earth was now, To see her blest, and die.

The foftest blush, that nature spreads,
Gave colour to her cheek,
Such orient-colour smiles thro' heav'n,
When May's sweet mornings break.

Nor let the pride of great-ones fcorn
This charmer of the plains;
That fun, which bids their diamond blaze,
To deck our lily deigns.

Long had she fir'd each youth with love,

Each maiden with despair,

And tho' by all a wonder own'd,

Yet knew not, she was fair;

Till Edwin came, the pride of fwains,

A foul, that knew no art,

And from whose eyes, ferenely mild,

Shone forth the feeling heart.

A mutual flame was quickly caught,
Was quickly too reveal'd;
For neither bosom lodg'd a wish,
Which virtue keeps conceal'd.

What happy hours of heart-felt blifs
Did love on both bestow!
But blifs too mighty, long lo last,
Where fortune proves a foe.

His fifter, who, like envy form'd, Like her in mischief joy'd, To work them harm, with wicked skill Each darker art employ'd.

The father too, a fordid man,
Who love nor pity knew,
Was all unfeeling, as the rock,
From whence his riches grew.

Long had he feen their mutual flame,
And feen it long unmov'd,
Then with a father's frown at last
He sternly disapprov'd.

In Edwin's gentle heart a war
Of different passions strove;
His heart, which durst not disobey,
Yet could not cease to love.

Deny'd her fight, he oft behind

The fpreading hawthorn crept,

To fnatch a glance, to mark the fpot,

Where Emma walk'd and wept.

Oft too in Stanemore's wintry waste Beneath the moonlight-shade, In fighs to pour his soften'd soul, The midnight-mourner stray'd.

His cheeks, where love with beauty glow'd,
A deadly pale o'ercaft:
So fades the fresh rose in its prime
Before the norhern blast.

The parents now with late remorfe

Hung o'er his dying bed,

And weary'd heaven with fruitless pray'rs,

And fruitless forrows shed.

'Tis past, he cry'd: but if your souls Sweet mercy yet can move, Let these dim eyes once more behold, What they must ever love.

She came, his cold hand foffly touch'd, And bath'd with many a tear: Fast falling o'er the primrose pale, So morning-dews appear.

But oh! his fifter's jealous care
(A cruel fifter she!)
Forbad, what Emma came to fay:
My Edwin, live for me!

Now homeward as she hopeless went

The church-yard-path along,

The blaft blew cold, the dark owl fcream'd

Her lovers fun'ral fong.

Amid the falling gloom of night

Her startling fancy found

In ev'ry bush his hovering shade.

His groan in every found.

Alone, appall'd, thus had she paff'd

The vifionary vale,

When lo! the death-bell fmote her ear,

Sad founding in the gale.

Just then she reach'd with trembling steps
Her aged mother's door:
He's gone! she cry'd, and I. shall see
That angel-sace no more!

feel, I feel, this breaking heart

Beat high against my side.

From her white arm down sunk her head:

She shiver'd, sigh'd, and died.

Mallet.

Sonnet.

Was it a dream, or did I fee it plain? A goodly table of pure ivory,
All fpred with juncats, fit to entertain
The greatest prince with pompous royalty,
'Mongst which there in a filver-dish did lie
Two golden apples of unvalu'd price,
Far passing those, which Hercules came by,

Or

Or those, which Atalanta did entice,

Exceeding sweet, yet void of finful vice,

That many fought, yet none could ever taste,

Sweet fruit of pleasure, brought from paradise

By Love himself, and in his garden plac'd.

Her breast that table was, so richly spred,

My thoughts the guests, which could thereon have

fed.

Spenfer.

Epitaph on Mr. Hogarth.

The hand of him here torpid lies,

That drew th' effential form of grace:

Here clos'd in death th' attentive eyes,

That faw the manners in the face.

Johnson.

The Country-Clergyman.

Near vonder copfe, where once the garden fmil'd, And still where many a garden-flower grows wild, There, where a few torn shrubs the place difclose, The village - preacher's modest mansion rose. A man he was, to all the country dear. And passing rich with forty pounds a year: Remote from towns, he ran his godly race. Nor e'er had chang'd, nor wish'd to change his place. Unpractis'd he to fawn, or feek for power. By doctrines fashion'd to the varying hour, Far other aims his heart had learn'd to prize, More skill'd, to raise the wretched, than to rise. His house was known to all the vagrant train. He chid their wanderings, but reliev'd their pain: The long-remember'd beggar was his guest, Whose beard descending swept his aged breast: The ruin'd fpendthrift, now no longer proud, Claim'd kindred there, and had his claims allow'd: The broken foldier, kindly bade to flay, Sate by his fire, and talk'd the night away, Wept o'er his wounds, or, tales of forrow done, Shoulder'd his crutch, and shew'd, how fields were won.

Pleas'd with his guests, the good man lear'nd to glow,

And quite forgot their vices in their woe: Careless their merits or their faults to scan, His pity gave, ere charity began.

Thus to relieve the wretched was his pride,
And even his failings lean'd to virtue's fide:
But in his duty prompt at every call,
He watch'd and wept, he pray'd and felt for all,
And, as a bird each fond endearment tries,
To tempt its new-fledg'd offspring to the skies,
He try'd each art, reprov'd each dull delay,
Allur'd to brighter worlds, and led the way.

Beside the bed, where parting life was laid, And forrow, guilt and pain by turns dismay'd, The reverend champion stood. At his controul, Despair and anguish fled the struggling soul: Comfort came down, the trembling wretch to raise, And his last fault'ring accents whisper'd praise.

At church with meek and unaffected grace His looks adorn'd the venerable place: Truth from his lips prevail'd with double fway, And fools, who came to fcoff, remain'd to pray. The fervice past, around the pious man With ready zeal each honest rustic ran: Even children follow'd with endearing wile;
And pluck'd his gown, to share the good man's smile.
His ready smile a parent's warmth exprest,
Their welfare pleas'd him, and their cares distrest:
To them his heart, his love, his griefs were given,
But all his serious thoughts had rest in heaven.
As some tall cliff, that lists its awful form,
Swells from the vale, and midway leaves the storm,
Tho' round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.

Goldsmith.

The Play-things of Life.

All men are mere children, all women the same,
Who, increasing in years, get a different name,
But still the pursuit of each great girl or boy
Is after some pretty fantastic new toy,
Which, when first obtain'd, for a moment they prize,
Yet the next they destroy neglect or despise,
While the world's one large nursery of envy and
strife,

Where the bandlings contend for the play-things of life.

What more than mere toys, though of fuch high renown,

Are the bishop's lawn sleeves, or the judge's furr'd gown,

What are coronets, mitres, wigs, patches or wands, What ribbons and metals, caps, tassels and bands, What all tinsel of state, jewels, garters and strings, Which kings can bestow, and which deck even kings? Yet these are the baubles, that general strise Among children, who pant for the play-things of life. Hark, mortals! your passion for gewgaws repress: To sew be attach'd, nor those sew do excess; For excess will to evil convert ev'ry good, Your joy turn to anguish, to poison your food, While the choice, made by prudence, by prudence confin'd.

Bids the body feel blifs, without paining the mind, And thus wife to husband and husband to wife Prove the best and most permanent playthings of life,

Harrifon.

From a Gentleman to his Wife.

Invain I ev'ry art effay,

To drive corroding cares away,

They still infest my mind:

Parted from you, whom I adore,

Each moment feems an heavy hour,

Thou best of woman-kind!

Full fixteen years are past and gone,
Since we by Hymen were made one,
In pleasing fetters join'd:
The god of love has since that time
Attended us from clime to clime
Most faithfully and kind.

How defert ev'ry place to me,

Where I cannot my angel fee,

Sweet comforter divine:

In *) infancy we both join'd hands,

The gods, propitious, blefs'd the bands

With aufpices benign.

*) The Gentleman, when married, was seventeen, the Lady fifteen.

And fure, in all this round of life No bleffings equal to a wife,

To fuch a wife as you,
Whose husband and whose children are
Your sole delight, and chiefest care,
Fond, tender, good, and true.

The cenfuring crowd may think it odd.

That I to you should write an ode,

My own long-wedded mate:

Though 'tis outré, I'll freely own,

Nay, must confes, 'tis not the ton,

No—nor the etiquette.

Yet will I this old track pursue:

I'll ever doat and write on you,

Thus daily growing fonder:

Till my last gasp your praise I'll chaunt,

Tho' all the world should laugh and taunt,

And modern husbands wonder.

Song,

Through mournful shades and folitary groves.
Fann'd with the fighs of unfuccessful loves.

Wild with despair, young Thyrsis strays, Thinks over all Amyra's heavenly charms, Thinks, he now sees her in another's arms,

Then at fome willow's root himself he lays, The loveliest, most unhappy swain, And thus to the wild woods he does complain.

How art thou chang'd, o Thyrsis, since the time, When thou couldst love and hope without a crime,

When nature's pride and earth's delight,
As through her shady evening-grove she past,
And a new day did all around her cast,

Could fee, nor be offended at the fight The melting, fighing, wishing fwain, That now must never hope to wish again!

Riches and titles, why should they prevail; Where duty, love and adoration fail?

Lovely Amyra, shouldst thou prize The empty noise, that a fine title makes, Or the vile trash, that with the vulgar takes,

Before a heart, that bleeds for thee and dies?
Unkind! but pity the poor fwain,
Your rigor kills, nor triumph o'er the slain!

Duke.

The Lady and the Wasp.

What whispers must the beauty bear!
What hourly nonsense haunts her ear!
Where-e'er her eyes dispense their charms,
Impertinence around her swarms.
Did not the tender nonsense strike,
Contempt and scorn might look dislike,
Forbidding airs might thin the place:
The slightest slap a fly can chase:
But who can drive the num'rous breed?
Chase one, another will succeed.
Who knows a fool, must know his brother,
One fop will recommend another,
And with this plague she's rightly curst,
Because she listen'd to the first.

As Doris at her toilette's duty Sate meditating on her beauty, She now was pensive, now was gay, And loll'd the sultry hours away.

As thus in indolence she lies,
A giddy wasp around her flies:
He now advances, now retires,
Now to her neck and cheek aspires.
Her fan invain defends her charms:
Swift he returns, again alarms;
For by repulse he bolder grew,
Perch'd on her lip, and sipt the dew.

She frowns, she frets. Good gods, she cries, Protect me from these teazing flies!

Of all the plagues, that heav'n has fent,
A wasp is most impertinent.

The hov'ring infect thus complain'd:

Am I then slighted, fcorn'd, disdain'd?

Can fuch offence your anger wake?

'Twas beauty, caus'd the bold mistake.

Those cherry lips, that breathe perfume,

That cheek, so ripe with youthful bloom,

Made me with strong desire pursue

The fairest peach, that ever grew.

Strike him not, Jenny, Doris cries, Nor murder wasps, like vulgar flies; For though he's free, (to do him right) The creature's civil and polite.

In ecstasies away he postes,

Where e'er he came the favour boasts,

Brags, how her sweetest tea he sips,

And shows the sugar on his lips.

The hint alarm'd the forward crew,
Sure of success, away they flew:
They share the dainties of the day,
Round her with airy music play,
And now they flutter, now they rest,
Now soar again, and skim her breast,
Nor were they banish'd, till she found,
That wasps have stings, and selt the wound.

Gay.

On a Spider.

Artist, who underneath my table

Thy curious texture hast displayed,

Who, if we may believe the fable,
Was once a curious blooming maid!

Infidious, restless, watchful spider,
Fear no official damsel's broom,
But weave thy artful sabric wider,
And spread thy banner round my room!

Swept from the rich man's coftly ceiling,
Thou'rt welcome to my homely roof:
Here may'ft thou find a peaceful dwelling,
And undiffurb'd attend thy woof;

Whilst I thy wond'rous fabric stare at,
And think on hapless poet's fate,
Like thee, confin'd to lonely garret
And rudely bannish'd rooms of state,

And as from out thy tortur'd body

Thou draw'ft thy slender ftring with pain,

So does he labour, like a noddy,

To fpin materials from his brain;

He for fome flutt'ring tawdry creature,

That fpreads her charms before his eye,

And that a conqueft, little better,

Than thine o'er gaudy butterfly.

Thus far, 'tis plain, we both agree,

Perhaps our deaths may plainly show it;

'Tis ten to one, but penury

Ends both the spider and its poet.

Paulo Purganti and his Wife.

Beyond the fix'd and fettled rules
Of vice and virtue in the fchools,
Beyond the letter of the law,
Which keeps our men and maids in awe,
The better fort should fet before 'em
A grace, a manner, a decorum,
Something, that gives their acts a light,
Makes 'em not only just, but bright,
And fets 'em in that open fame,
Which witty malice cannot blame;

For 'tis in life, as 'tis in painting:
Much may be right, yet much be wanting.
From lines, drawn true, our eye may trace
A foot, a knee, a hand, a face,
May juftly own the picture wrought
Exact to rule, exempt from fault:
Yet if the colouring be not there,
The Titian-stroke, the Guido-air,
To nicest judgment show the piece,
At best 'twill only not displease.
It would not gain on Jersey's eye,
Bradford would frown, and set it by.

Thus in the picture of our mind
The action may be well defign'd,
Guided by law, and bound by duty,
Yet want this je ne fcay quoy of beauty,
And though its error may be fuch,
As Hnags and Burges cannot hit,
It yet may feel the nicer touch
Of Wycherley's or Congreve's wit.

What is this talk? replies a friend,
And where will this dry moral end?
The truth of what you here lay down,
By fome example should be shown—
With all my heart—for once, read on.
An honest, but a simple pair

(And twenty other I forbear)

May ferve, to make this thefis clear.

A doctor of great skill and fame,
Paulo Purganti was his name,
Had a good, comely, virtuous wife:
No woman led a better life;
She to intrigues was ev'n hard-hearted:
She chuckled, when a bawd was carted,
And thought, the nation ne'er would thrive,
'Till all the whores were burnt alive.

On marry'd men, that dar'd be bad,
She thought, no mercy should be had,
They should be hang'd, or flarv'd, or flead,
Or ferv'd like Romish priefts in Swede—
In short, all lewdness she defy'd,
And styff was her parochial pride.
Yet in an honest way the dame
Was a great lover of that same,
And could from scripture take her cue,
That husbands should give wives their due.

Her prudence did so justly steer Between the gay and the severe, That, if in some regards she chose, To curb poor Paulo in too close, In others she relax'd again, And gover'nd with a looser rein.

Thus, though she firiely did confine The doctor from excess of wine. With ovsters, eggs and vermicelli She let him almost burst his belly: Thus drying coffee was deny'd, But chocolate that lofs supply'd, And for tabacco (who could bear it?) Filthy concomitant of claret. (Bleft revolution!) one might fee Eringo - roots and bohea - tea. She often fet the doctor's band, And ftroak'd his beard, and fqueez'd his hand, Kindly complain'd, that after noon He went, to pore on books too foon; She held it wholefomer by much. To rest a little on the couch: About his waste in bed a - nights She clung fo close - for fear of sprits.

The doctor understood the call,
But had not always wherewithal.
The lion's skin, too short, you know,
(As Plutarch's morals finely show)
Was lengthen'd by the fox's tail,
And art supplies, where strength may fail.
Unwilling then, in arms to meet
The enemy, he could not bead,

He strove, to lengthen the campaign,
And save his forces by chicane.
Fabius, the Roman chief, who thus
By fair retreat grew Maximus,
Shows us, that all, that warriors can de
With force inserior, is cunctando.

One day then, as the foe drew near
With love and joy and life and dear,
Our don, who knew, this tittle-tattle
Did fure as trumpet call to battle.
Thought it extremely a propos,
To ward against the coming blow.
To ward: but how? ay, there's the question,
Fierce the assault, unarm'd the bastion.

The doctor feign'd a strange surprise,
He felt her pulse, he view'd her eyes:
That beat too fast, these roll'd too quick.
She was, he said, or would be siek:
He judg'd it absolutely good,
That she should purge and cleanse her blood.
Spaw-waters for that end were got:
If they pass'd easily or not,
What matters it? the lady's fever
Continu'd violent as ever.
For a distemper of this kind,
(Blackmore and Hans are of my mind)
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If once it youthful blood infects,
And chiefly of the female fex,
Is fcarce remov'd by pill or potion,
Whate'er might be our doctor's notion.

One luckless night, then, as in bed
The doctor and the dame were laid,
Again this cruel fever came,
High pulse, short breath and blood in flame.
What measures shall poor Paulo keep
With madam in this piteous taking?
She, like Macbeth, has murder'd sleep,
And won't allow him rest, though waking.
Sad state of matters, when we dare
Not ask for peace, nor offer war!
Nor Livy, nor Comines have shown,
What in this juncture may be done.
Grotius might own, that Paulo's case is
Harder than any, which he places
Amongst his Belli and his Pacis.

He strove, alas! but strove invain,
By dint of logic to maintain,
That all the fex was born to grieve,
Down to her ladyship from Eve.
He rang'd his tropes, and preach'd up patience,
Back'd his opinion with quotations,
Divines and moralists, and run ye on

Quite through from Seneca to Bunyan.

As much invain he bid her try,

To fold her arms, to close her eye,

Telling her, rest would do her good,

If any thing in nature cou'd.

So held the Greeks quite down from Galen,

Masters and princes of the calling:

So all our modern friends maintain,

(Though no great Greeks) in Warwick-lane.

Reduce, my Muse, the wand'ring fong;
A tale should never be too long.

The more he talk'd, the more she burn'd.

And figh'd, and tofs'd, and groan'd, and burn'd:

At laft, I wish, she faid, my dear,—

And whifper'd fomething in his ear.

You wish! wish on, the dofter cries:

Lord! when will womankind be wife?

What, in your waters? are you mad?

Why, poifon is not half fo bad.

I'll do it — but I give you warning,

You'll die before to-morrow morning.—

'Tis kind, my dear, what you advife,

The lady with a figh replies:

But life, you know, at best is pain,

And death is, what we should disdain.

So do it therefore, and adieu;

For I will die for love of you. — Let wanton wives by death be fcar'd: But, to my comfort, I'm prepar'd.

Prior.

Song of Mopas. *)

But that, which Arthur with most pleasure heard, Were noble strains, by Mopas sung, the bard, Who to his harp in losty verse began, And through the secret maze of nature ran. He the great spirit sung, that all things fill'd, That the tumultuous waves of Chaos still'd,

*) Blackmore's lot has been, to be much oftener mentioned by ennemies than by friends Dennis attacked his Prince Arthur, (a heroick poem, of which this fong is a fragment) by a formal criticism. To this censure may be opposed the approbation of Locke and the admiration of Molineux, which are found in their printed letters. Molineux is particularly delighted with the song of Mopas.

Johnson's lives of the most eminent English Poets.

Whose nod dispos'd the jarring seeds to peace, And made the wars of hostile Atoms cease. All beings we in fruitful nature find, Proceeded from the great eternal mind, Streams of his unexhausted spring of power, And cherish'd with his influence, endure. He fpread the pure cerulean fields on high. And arch'd the chambers of the vaulted sky. Which he, to fuit their glory with their height. Adorn'd with globes, that reel, as drunk with light. His hand directed all the tuneful spheres: He turn'nd their orbs, and polish'd all the stars. He fill'd the fun's vaft lamp with golden light, And bid the filver-moon adorn the night. He fpread the airy Ocean without shores, Where birds are wafted with their feather'd oars. Then fung the bard, how the light vapours rife From the warm earth, and cloud the smiling skies. He fung, how fome, chill'd in their airy flight, Fall scatter'd down in pearly dew by night. How fome, rais'd higher, fit in fecret steams On the reflected points of bounding beams, Till, chill'd with cold, they shade th' etherial plain. Then on the thirsty earth descend in rain, How fome, whose parts a slight contexture show, Sink, hovering through the air, in fleecy fnow,

How part is spun in filken threads, and clings
Entangled in the grass in glewy strings,
How others stamp to stones, with rushing sound
Fall from their crystal quarries to the ground,
How some are laid in trains, that kindled sty
In harmless fires by night, about the sky,
How some in winds blow with impetuous force,
And carry ruin, where they bend their course,
While some conspire, to form a gentle breeze,
To fan the air, and play among the trees,
How some, enrag'd, grow turbulent and loud,
Pent in the bowels of a frowning cloud,
That cracks, as if the axis of the world
Was broke, and heaven's bright towers were downwards hurl'd.

He fung, how earth's wide ball at Jove's command Did in the midst on airy columns stand,
And how the foul of plants, in prison held,
And bound with sluggish fetters, lies conceal'd,
Till with the spring's warm beams almost releast
From the dull weight, with which it lay opprest,
Its vigour spreads, and makes the teeming earth
Heave up, and labour with the sprouting birth.
The active sprit freedom seeks invain;
It only works, and twists a stronger chain:
Urging its prison's sides to break a way,

It makes that wider, where 'tis forc'd to flay: Till, having form'd its living house, it rears Its head, and in a tender plant appears. Hence springs the oak, the beauty of the grove. Whose stately trunk fierce storms can scarcely move. Hence grows the cedar, hence the fwelling vine Does round the elm its purple clusters twine. Hence painted flowers the fmiling gardens blefs. Both with their fragrant fcent and gaudy drefs. Hence the white lily in full beauty grows, Hence the blue violet and blushing rofe. He fung, how fun-beams brood upon the earth, And in the glebe hatch fuch a numerous birth, Which way the genial warmth in fummer-storms Turns putrid vapours to a bed of worms, How rain, transform'd by this prolifick power, Falls from the clouds an animated shower. He fung the embryo's growth within the womb, And how the parts their various shapes assume, With what rare art the wondrous structure's wrought. From one crude mass to such perfection brought, That no part ufeless, none misplac'd we see: None are forgot, and more would monstrous be.

Blackmore.

Prologue

to the Tragedy: Papal Tyranny in the reign, of King John.

The hardy wretch, that gives the stage a play, Sails in a cock-boat on a tumbling fea. Shakespeare, whose works no play-wright could excel, Has lanch'd us fleets of plays, and built them well: Strength, beauty, greatness were his constant care, And all his tragedies were men of war. Such tow'ring barks the rage of feas defy'd, The storms of critics, adverse winds, or tide, Yet fame, nor favour ever deign'd to fay, King John was station'd as a first-rate play; Though firong and found the hulk, yet every part Reach'd not the merit of his usual art. To cure what, feem'd amis-a modern Muse, Warm'd by the subject, lets his rashness loofe, Takes on himself the errors of to-day, And, thus refitted, trufts ft to the fea. The purpose of his voyage this-to shew, How England groan'd-five hundred years ago, When, veil'd with fanctity, the papal fway To wolvish pastors made our folds a prey, When Roman prelates here like princes reign'd,

Yet fcarce e'er visited the land, they drain'd,
And while the bigot's neck this yoke endures,
Our fouls were sav'd by foreign fine-cures.
Thus while each pontiff, like the sun, from hence
Exhal'd the vapours—of his Peter-pence,
Their lock'd-up heav'n they promis'd (such the grace is,

That popes, like box-keepers, fecur'd you places, But not as here; their laws more firm were made: None were admitted there, before they paid.) As if the right divine of Roman pow'r Were first, to blind their flocks, and then devour! This carnal discipline the fi'ry John, Determin'd to suppress, afferts his throne, Defiance to the lordly pontiff flings, And fourns his legates, that would cope with kings. Hence! roar'd the holy thunder through the land: Aghast, the people hear the dread command, Terror, confusion, rage and civil war At once the bowels of the nation tear, 'Till the loft Monarch vanquish'd, and alone, His subjects to regain, resigns his throne. With vasfal-homage at her feet lays down. To hold from Rome, his tributary-crown. These dire disasters, this religious rage. That shames our annals, may become the stage,

Where the wild passions, which these contests raise, If well presented, may deserve your praise.

At least this pleasure from the view may flow,
That long, long distant were those scenes of woe,
And as such chains no more these realms annoy,
Applaud the liberty, you now enjoy!

Citber.

Ode to Solitude *)

O! folitude, instructive maid!
Wrap me in thy sequester'd shade
(And all my foul employ)
From folly, ignorance and strife,
From all the giddy whirls of life,
And loud unmeaning joy!

*) From a volume, entitled The Daughter, written by Mrs. Cooper, author of the exemplary Mother and Fanny Meadows. While in the statesman's glowing dream

Fancy pourtrays the high-wrought scheme,
And plans a suture same,
What is the phantom, he pursues?
What the advantage, that accrues?
Alas! an empty name!

To him the grove no pleafure yields,
The mosty bank, nor verdant fields,
Nor daify painted lawns:
Invain th'ambrosial gale invites,
Invain all nature sheds delights;
Her genuine charms he fcorns.

Pleafure allures the giddy throng:

The gay, the vain, the fair, the young,
All bend before her shrine;

She fpreads around delusive shares,

The borrow'd garb of bliss she wears,
And tempts in form divine.

Fashion with wild tyrannic fway Directs the business of the day, And reigns without controul:

The beaus and sparkling belies confess,

She animates the modes of dress,

And chains the willing foul.

Can these, the slaves of fashion's pow'r,
Enjoy the filent tranquil hour,
And bloom with nature's glow?
Or to the votaries of sense
Can folitude her sweets dispense,
And happiness bestow?

Ye fages, who with anxious care
Rov'd thro' the fleeting tracks of air,
A vacuum to find!
Wifer had ye employ'd your skill,
With folid fense and worth to fill
The vacuum of the mind.

Let choice, not wrinkled fploen engage
The mind, to quit the world's gay stage;
Where folly's scenes are play'd,
Sour discontent and pining care

Attaint the fragrance of the air,
Diffurb the filent shade.

Not to the monkish moss-grown cell,
Where superstition loves to dwell,
Blest folitude retires:
They only feel her genuine pow'r,
Whose converse in the lonely hour,
Each focial deed inspires.

Not wounded by misfortune's dart,

I feek, to eafe the rankling fmart
Of thorny-festering woe,

But, far remote from crowds and noise,
To reap fair virtue's placid joys:
In wisdom's foil they grow.

I ask not pageant pomp, nor wealth;
For bleft with competence and health,
'Twere folly, to be great:
May I thro' life ferenely slide,
As you clear streams, that filent glide,
Nor quit this lov'd retreat!

Beneath this leafy arch reclin'd,

I tafte more true content of mind,

Than frolic mirth can give:

Here to the bufy world unknown,

I feel each blifsful hour my own,

And learn the art, to live.

While, turning natur's volume o'er,
Fresh beauties rife, unfeen before,
To ftrike th' aftonish'd foul,
Our mental harmony improves,
To mark each planet, as it moves,
How all in order roll.

From nature's fix'd unerring laws
We're lifted to th' eternal cause,
Which moves this lifeless clod:
This wonderous frame, this wast design
Proclaim the workmanship divine,
The architect a God.

Oh! facred blifs, thy paths to trace! And happiest they of human race, To whom this pow'r is giv'n, Each day in fome fequefter'd shade, By contemplation's fost'ring aid,

To plume the foul for heav'n!

Mrs. Cooper.

Mrs. Montagu,

happening to fall at St. James's, the day after her accident she received the following lines.

Ye radiant fair! ye Hebes of the day,
Who heedless laugh your little hour away,
Let caution be your guide, whene'er ye sport
Within the splendid precincts of the court!
Th' event of yesterday for prudence calls—
'Tis dangerous treading, where Minerva falls.

Jerningham.

O d e to John Howard Esq. *)

Fav'rite of heaven and friend of earth,
Philanthropy, benignant power,
Whose sons display no doubtful worth,
The pageant of the passing hour!
Teach me, to paint in deathless sons
Some darling from thy filial throng,
Whose deeds no party-rage inspire,
But fill th' agreeing world with one desire,
To echo his renown, responsive to my lyre!

Ah! whither lead'ff thou? whence that figh?
What found of woe my bosom jars?
Why pass, where misery's hollow eye
Glares wildly thro' those gloomy bars?
Is virtue sunk in these abodes,
Where keen remorse the heart corrodes,
Where guilt's base blood with frenzy boils,
And blasphemy the mournful scene embroils?—
From this infernal gloom my shudd'ring soul recoils.
But

Author of the state of English and foreign prisons.

But whence those sudden facred beams?

Oppression drops his iron-rod,

And all the bright'ning dungeon seems,

To speak the presence of a god.

Philanthropy's descending ray

Disfuses unexpected day.

Loveliest of angels!—at her side

Her favourite votary stands—her English pride,

Thro' horror's mansions led by this celestial guide.

Hail, generous Howard! tho' thou bear
A name, which glory's hand fublime
Has blazon'd oft with guardian-care
In characters, that fear not time,
For thee she fondly spreads her wings,
For thee from paradise she brings,
More verdant than her laurel-bough,
Such wreaths of sacred palm, as ne'er till now
The smiling Seraph twin'd around a mortal brow.

That Hero's *) praise shall ever bloom, Who shielded our insulted coast,

*) Charles Howard, Earl of Nottingham.

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And launch'd his light'ning, to confume
The proud invader's routed hoft.
Brave perils rais'd his noble name:
But thou deriv'st thy matchless fame
From scenes, where deadlier danger dwells,
Where sierce contagion with affright repels
Valour's advent'rous step from her malignant cells.

Where in the dungeon's loathfome shade
The speechless captive clanks his chain,
With heartless hope to raise that aid,
His feeble cries have call'd invain,
Thine eye his dumb complaint explores,
Thy voice his parting breath restores,
Thy cares his ghastly visage clear
From death's chill dew with many a clotted tear,
And to his thankful soul returning life endear.

What precious drug or stronger charm
Thy constant fortitude inspires
In scenes, whence, muttering her alarm,
Med'cine *) with selfish dread retires?
Nor, charm, nor drug dispel thy fears:
Temperance, thy better guard, appears.

Lucret .

^{*)} Muffabat tacito medicina timore.

For thee I see her fondly fill Her crystal cup from nature's purest rill, Chief nourisher of life, best antidote of ill.

I fee the hallow'd shade of Hales, *)
Who felt, like thee, for human woe,
And taught the health-diffusing gales
Thro' horror's murky cells to blow,
As thy protecting angel wait,
To fave thee from the snares of fate,
Commission'd from th' eternal throne:
I hear him praise in wonder's warmest tone
The virtues of thy heart, more active than his own.

Thy foul supplies new funds of health,
That fail not in thy trying hour,
Above Arabia's spicy wealth
And Pharmacy's reviving power.
The transports of the generous mind,
Feeling its bounty to mankind,
Inspirit every mortal part,

^{*)} Stephen Hales, minister of Teddington. He died at the age of 84. 1761, and has been justly called an emament to his prefession as a philosopher.

And, far more potent than precarious art,
Give radiance to the eye, and vigour to the heart,

Bleft Howard! who like thee can feel
This vital fpring in all its force?
New flar of philanthropic zeal,
Enlight'ning nations in thy course,
And shedding comfort's heavenly dew
On meagre want's deserted crew!
Friend to the wretch, whom friends disclaim,
Who feels stern justice in his famish'd frame
A persecuting siend beneath an angel's name!

Authority, unfeeling power,
Whose iron-heart can coldly doom
The debtor, dragg'd from pleasure's bower,
To sicken in the dungeon's gloom!
O might thy terror-striking call
Profusion's sons alone inthrall!
But thou canst want with guilt consound:
Thy bonds the man of virtuous toil surround,
Driven by malicious sate within thy dreary bound.

How favage are thy stern decrees!

Thy cruel minister I see

A weak, laborious victim seize,

By worth entitled to be free.

Behold, in the afflicting strife

The faithful partner of his life

Invain thy ruthless fervant court,

To spare her little children's sole support,

Whom this terrisic form has frighten'd from their sport.

Nor weeps she only from the thought,
Those infants must no longer share
His aid, whose daily labour bought
The pittance of their scanty fare.
The horrors of the loathsome jail
Her inly-bleeding heart affail:
E'en now her sears, from fondness bred,
See the lost partner of her faithful bed
Drop in that murd'rous scene his pale, expiring
head.

Take comfort yet in these keen pains, Fond mourner! check thy gushing tears! The dungeon now no more contains Those perils, which thy fancy fears:
No more contagion's baleful breath
Speaks it the hideous cave of death:
Howard has planted safety there.
Pure minister of light, his heavenly care
Has purg'd the damp of death from that polluted air.

His care exulting Britain found

Here first display'd, not here confin'd;

No fingle tract of earth could bound

The active virtues of his mind.

To all the lands, where'er the tear,

That mourn'd the prisoner's wrongs severe,

Sad pity's glist'ning cheek impearl'd,

Eager he seer'd, with every sail unfurl'd,

A friend to every clime, a patriot of the world.

Ye nations, thro' whose fair domain Our flying sons of joy have past, By pleasure driven with loosen'd rein, Astonish'd, that they slew so fast! How did the heart-improving sight Awake your wonder and delight, When in her unexampled chace Philanthropy outstript keen pleasure's pace, When with a warmer foul she ran a nobler race!

Where'er her generous Briton went,
Princes his fupplicants became:
He feem'd th' enquiring angel, fent,
To ferutinize their fecret shame.
Captivity, where he appear'd,
Her Janguid head with transport rear'd,
And gazing on her godlike guest,
Like those of old, whom heaven's pure servant blest,
E'en by his shadow seem'd of demons dispossest.

Amaz'd her foreign children cry,
Seeing their patron pass along:
"O! who is he, whose daring eye
Can fearch into our hidden wrong?
What monarch's heaven-directed mind,
With royal bounty unconfin'd,
Has tempted freedom's son, to share
These perils, searching with an angel's care
Each cell of dire disease, each cavern of despair?"

No monarch's word, nor lucre's lust,
Nor vain ambition's restless fire,
Nor ample power, that sacred trust,
His life-diffusing toils inspire,
Rous'd by no voice, save that, whose cries
Internal bid the soul arise,
From joys, that only seem to bless,
From low pursuits, which little minds possess,
To nature's nobless aim, the succour of distress.

Taught by that God in mercy's robe,
Who his coelectial throne refign'd,
To free the prison of the globe
From vice, th' oppressor of the mind,
For thee, of misery's rights bereft,
For thee, captivity! he left
Fair fortune's lap, who, far from coy,
Bade him with smiles his golden hours employ
In her delicious bower, the sessive scene of joy.

While to thy virtue's utmost scope I boldly strive my aim to raise,
As high as mortal hand may hope,
To shoot the glittering shaft of praise,

Say, Howard, fay, what may the Muse, Whose melting eye thy merit views, What guerdon may her love design? What may she ask for thee from power divine Above the rich rewards, which are already thine?

Sweet is the joy, when fcience flings

Her light on philosophic thought,

When genius with keen ardour springs,

To clasp the lovely truth, he fought:

Sweet is the joy, when rapture's fire

Flows from the spirit of the lyre,

When liberty and virtue roll

Spring-tides of fancy o'er the poet's soul,

That wast his slying bark thro' seas above the pole.

Sweet the delight, when the gall'd heart

Feels confolation's lenient hand

Bind up the wound from fortune's dart

With friendship's life-fupporting band,

And fweeter still, and far above

These fainter joys, when purest love

The foul his willing captive keeps,

When he in bliss the melting spirit steeps,

Who drops delicious tears, and wonders, that he weeps!

But not the brightest joy, which arts
In floods of mental light bestow,
Nor what firm friendship's zeal imparts,
Blest antidote of bitterest woe,
Nor those, that love's sweet hours dispense,
Can equal the ecstatic sense,
When, swelling to a fond excess,
The grateful praises of reliev'd distress,
Re-echoed thro' the heart, the soul of bounty bless.

These transports in no common state,
Supremely pure, sublimely strong,
Above the reach of envious state,
Blest Howard! these to thee belong.
While years encreasing o'er thee roll,
Long may the sunshine of thy soul
New vigour to thy frame convey,
Its radiance thro' thy noon of life display.
And with serenest light adorn thy closing day!

And when the power, who joys to fave, Proclaims the guilt of earth forgiven,
And calls the prifoners of the grave
To all the liberty of heaven,
In that bright day, whose wonders blind
The eye of the assonish'd mind,

When life's glad angel shall resume

His ancient sway, announce to death his doom,

And from existence drive that tyrant of the tomb;

In that bleft hour, when Seraphs fing
The triumphs, gain'd in human strife.
And to their new affociates bring
The wreaths of everlasting life.
May'st thou in glory's hallow'd blaze
Approach th' eternal fount of praise
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Who liv'd but, to relieve the miseries of man!
Hayley.

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And timid at untafted joy

Thro' fearfulness refuse!

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In you—the facred zone unty'd,
'Tis peevish, to deny.

But if, my fair! the widow's name Hold gracious with you still, The god of love has form'd a scheme, Obsequious to your will.

Take, take me to thy twining arms, (Oppress with warm defire)
Where, conquer'd by such mighty charms,
A monarch might expire!

Thou'lt be a widow ev'ry night, (Thy wondrous pow'r confest!)

And as I die in dear delight,

My tomb shall be thy breast.

Cunningham.

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Errata.

In the first Volume.

Pag. 12 Lin. 5 read thunders for thounder.
Pag. 48 after the 4th. Line are to be inferted the following two verses:

Nor polish'd marble emulate thy face? What, tho' no facred earth allow thee room,

Pag	۰. ۵۲	Lin	. 21	read	l endeavour to pleafe.
	101				here for her.
			19		all for bell
,	·	_			all for hall.
	102		1		O why for Owhay.
	103		14		praise for praises.
-	_		16	_	for for fore.
_	104	_	23	-	heart-relenting for heart renting.
-	108		4		to sheltering.
	·				are for th'.
	·πέ	-	23	_	wanted for vanted.
	116	-	23	-	fcarce for feare.
_	117	-	26		call for wall
	110		~ T	_	fcarce for feare. call for eall. crannies for erannies.
	724		•	_	and the flowers
	124		9		and the flow'rs.
	127		3		farmer for former.
_	131		ΙI		fervitude's my lot.
	140	_	17		'tis for it's.
	141		9	_	Hanbury for Hanburg.
	152	-	16		poet's for potts.
_	158	_	ÌΟ	_	again for agen.
-	165		2ó	_	appears to have.
_	102	_	17		Ask for Ash.
	T06		-6		laurel-wreath for laureat wreath.
	305		~		fight for fight.
	109 115 116 117 118 124 127 131 140 141 152 158 165 193 196 205 206 213	_	è		for for fix.
	250	_	5 7		fix for fix. Sprat for Atterbury.
_	213		1		sprat for miterouty.

rock for rocks.

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Pag. 239 after the 16th Line is to be inferted the following verfe:

Where priestly pomp in purple lustre blaz'd,

Pag. 298 Lin. 12 read he for she.

— 299 — 15 — Isling-town for Isling-tor.

In the fecond Volume.

a	g. 3	0 Li	n. 14	ı re	ad To for Tho.
-	- 3 3	_	- 20	_	Thy for The.
-	- 47	_	. 9	_	Dorchester for Dorchesier.
_	- 102			_	withstood for wits stood.
_	- 106		. 13		les for loss.
	- 202	_	3		figh for fight.
		-	_	_	elude for llude.
	225	_			
		_	· 7		Sphere for specere.
_	· 237		4	_	memory for mem'bry.
	_	-	17	-	heard for head.
_	240		16		narrow for narrow.
_	² 45		3	_	gave for grave.
_	248	_	ĭ		Evening for Envening.
_	-	_	9		fidler for fidler.
_	_	_			these for these.
	251				
_	251	-			alliance for dalliance.
	25 2 .	-	21	-	place he lov'd.
	2 5 8	~	I	_	Stratford for Statford.
-	263	_	19		Thou for Thon.
_		_			quit for qutt.
-	270	_			Eaton for Eton,

In the third Volume.

Pag	. 4	Lin	· 14	read	adorn for adorm.
		_	15		crown for grown.
	24			_	but for bur.
	40		7		of for oi.
		· 		-	of for oi. ages for agee.
-	746		20	_	It for If.
	54	, 800			his for yis.
	70		16		appear for appears.
	- 80		- 5	_	Politician's for Politian's.
-	99	_		_	Second for sceond.
	Ióo	_		_	On for An.
_	103	-	Ť		On for Of.
	114		12	_	perhaps for perhops.
_	119		13		detain you for detain.
	124		ΙÏ		thee for thec.
_	126				thee for the.
	130	-			would for will'd.
			18	نب	gives for grives.
_	138		5		Go for Yo.
	148	=	16		an for on.
	152		15	 .	Altough for Alt tough.
	153		3		hundred for hundrad.
_	157	_			marry for many.
	161		10	 ,	vizard-maske for vizard-make.
_	168		9		Disastre for Disaste.
			21	<u> </u>	heard for heaft.
_	202	-	5	<u> </u>	shall ne'er be lost:
	206		·10		You've for You' have.
	228	_	2 .		them for thiem.
	240		17	<u> </u>	groan for groun.
	277		ΙÌ··		I end for lend. *
	200		TO .		Thomfor for Thompfon.

In the fourth Volume.

Pag. 6 Lin. 22 read vers'd for ver'd.

- 8 - 17 - Drive for Dride.

- 48 - 21 - If for I.

- 110 - 3 - they for the.

- 135 - 16 - the for he.

- 163 - 2 - refin'd for refin'd.

- 294 after the 13th Line are to be added the following four verses:

Quick to th' affrighted fair I flew,
And hast ning, to relieve the smart,
I kis'd the throbbing wound, and drew
The subtle poison to my heart.

In the fifth Volume.

Lin. 2 read English for Englisch.

8.	•	*****	٠,	1000	Sugaran for Englische
_	9		17		Go for Goo.
_	10	-	14	_	to for too.
_	` 2 I	_	I	-	true for tr e.
_	22	_	I	_	fweet for fwear.
_	29				charms for charm.
_	35		18		of for o.
. —	156		2 I	_	Ecclesiæ for Ecclesia.
_	159		18	-	Sub pelle for Subpelle.
-	163				Ignatian for Ignation.
_	166		12	-	delight for declight.

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          Lin. II read Smooth for Smoot.
      172
                        Zephyrus for Zephyrns.
               10
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                        controuls for controls.
     197
               15
                        talle for taeit.
               18
                        here for he-e.
               26
                        He overpays in condescension.
     286
                        thy for they.
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In the fixth Volume.

\mathbf{p}_{ag} .	30	Lin.	IO	read	again for agen.
` -	35		8		With for Wit.
	48		10		sleeve for sleve.
	52		16		now extend for nowe xtend
	57	_	24	_	man for men.
	64	_			swears for sweats.
-	_		15	-	he for she.
	69	_	8	_	irrev'rence for irrev'ence.
_	72	_			and for an.
	102				But for Buf.
_	107				To take for a ke.
	120				thee for the.
	124				black for biack.
-	127				chamber for camber.
	138				yon for you.
	170	-	21	-	desire for defire.

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