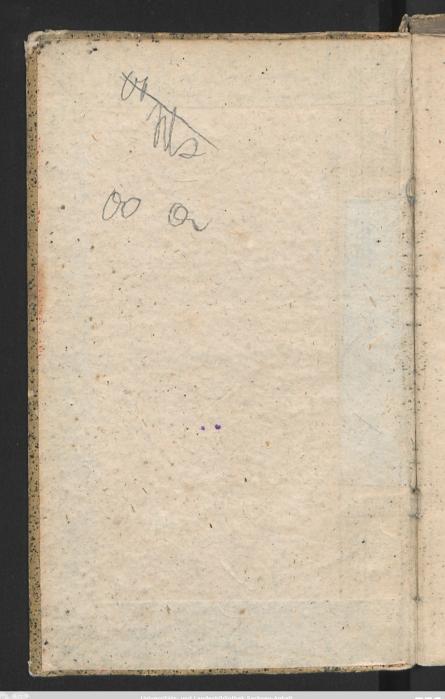
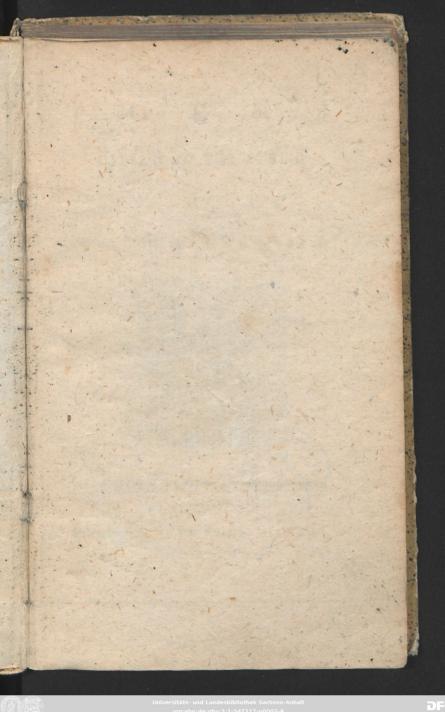
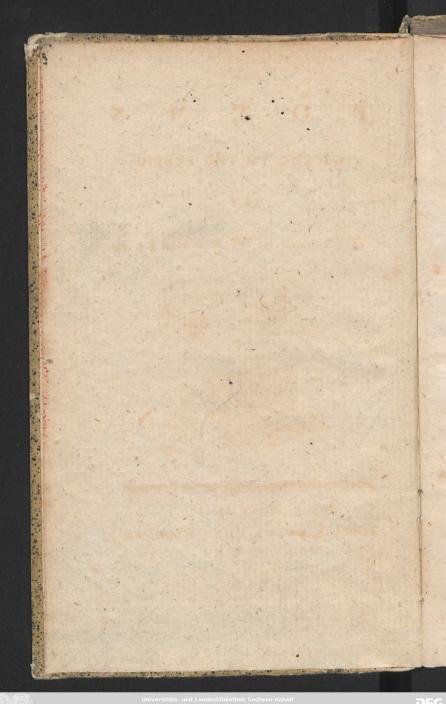
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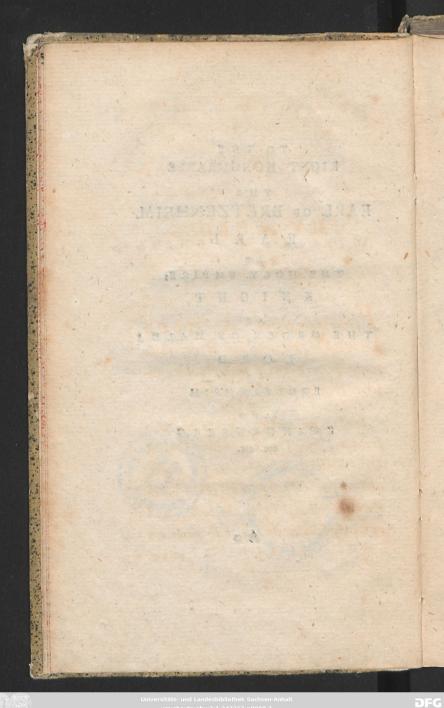
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## MY LORD!

Flattering myself that YOUR LORDSHIP will not think these poems quite amiss, I make bold to inscribe them to YOU.

I offer no apology for taking this freedom, since I am conscious, YOUR LORDSHIP is a friend to the muses, and a lover of all sciences that tend to elate the mind, refine the taste, and mend the heart: And as these poems are A 3 meant

meant to answer this laudable purpose, I can not presume, that my presenting them to YOU in this manner, will anyways displease YOU; but rather hope that YOUR LORDSHIP will be pleased to look upon this dedication, as a public token of prosound respect I pay to YOUR high rank and desert; and as a method to recommend myself to YOUR favour.

I am

MY LORD,

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YOUR LORDSHIP'S.

Most respectful, and

Most obedient

Humble Servant.

WILLIAM THOMPSON.



## THE AUTHOR'S WISH.

Becarif the fundate of the first

ould heav'n indulgent grant my

For future life, it should be this:
Health, peace, and friendship I would share;

A mind from business free, and care; A
A foil that's dry in demp'rate air;
A fortune from incumbrance clear,

About a hundred pounds a year;
A house that's small, built warm and neat,

Above a hut, below a feat;

A 4 With

With groups of trees beset around,
In prospect of the lower ground,
Beneath the summit of a hill,
From whence the gushing waters trill,
In various streams, that winding slow
To aid a river just below;
At a small distance from a wood,
And near some neighbours wise and
good,

There would I fpend my remnant days,
Review my life, and mend my ways.
I'd be fome honeft Farmers quest,
That with a cleanly wife is bleft:
A friendly Cleric should be near,
Whose slock and office were his care:
My thoughts my own, my time I'd spend.
In writing to some faithful friend:
Or on a bank, by purling brook,
Delight me with some useful book,

Some

Some fage, or bard, as fancy led; Then ruminate on what I'd read, Some moral thoughts should be my theme. Or verdant field, or gliding ftream; Or flocks, or herds, that shepherds love; The fhepherds would my fong approve. No flatt'ry base, nor baser spite, Not one loofe thought my Mufe should

write:

Nor vainly try unequal flight. I'd keep my passion quite serene, My person and apartment clean, My drefs not flovenly, but mean. Some money still I'd keep in store, That I might have to give the poor: To help a neighbour in diffress, I'd fave from pleafure, food, and drefs: I'd feed on herbs, the limpid fpring Should be my Helicon-I'd fing; And be much happier than a king:

A 5

Thus

Thus calmly fee my fun decline;
My life and manners thus refine;
And acting in my narrow fphere,
In chearful hope, without one care,
I'd quit the world nor wifh a tear,

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THE

### THE HAPPY BARD.

Come, oh Muse; indite my fong;
Merry maiden, come along;
Oh! the joys your smiles impart,
Raptures rushing on the heart;
Oh! the theme that you inspire,
Lisping on the laughing lyre!
You can frolic, you can fing;
You can charm the trilling string;
You can drive from day to day
Thorny-thoughted care away.

OT

Sweet



Sweet the minutes of the morn, When thy pretty pencil's drawn; Sweet the rofy hours of noon, When thy golden harp's in tune; But if fober eve fucceed, Then thy fmile is fweet indeed; Then to thee I pay my vow On the rural mountain's brow, Lift'ning to the drooping dove Carol life, and carol love.

Sure I have a fund of health;—
Though but little, little wealth;—
Be it fo!—I fleep fecure;
I've a penny for the poor;
I've a tear for foes diffrefs'd;
I've a philosophick breaft;
Seldom borrow, often lend;
I've two coats, and I've a friend,
Laughing leifure, chatty pow'rs,
Merry tales, and social hours.

TO

#### TO THE LASSES.

I have feriously weigh'd it, and find it but just,

That a wife makes a man either bleffed or curft.

I declare I will marry, as foon as I find, Mark me well, ye young Lasses; a maid to my mind.

Not the pert little miss, who advice will despite,

Nor the girl that's fo foolish to think herself wise,

Nor fhe who to all men alike would prove kind;

Not one of these three is the maid to my mind.

Not



Not the prude, who in public will never be free,

Yet in private for ever a toying will be; Nor coquette that's too forward, nor jilt that's unkind;

Not one of these three is the maid to my mind.

Nor she, who for pleasure her husband will slight;

Nor the positive dame, who thinks always the's right;

Nor fhe, who a dupe to the fashion's inclin'd;

Not one of these three is the maid to my mind.

But

But the fair, with good nature, and carriage genteel,

Who her husband can love; and no fecrets reveal;

In whose breast I may virtue with modesty find;

This, this, and this only's the maid to my mind.

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# Č E L İ A:

Young Celia was fprightly and gay,
Had the bloom of fifteen on her cheek;
Her lovers came flocking each day:
And a thousand fond things they would
fpeak.

The giddy and thoughtless gave ear To the tale of each flattering tongue; And thought she was blest to appear In a circle of lovers so young.

Thus,



Thus, elate with the conquests she gain'd,

She neglected to act with a Grace;
And thought, that her triumph for life
Was fecure by the charms of her face:
While Cynthia, more modest and coy,
Not a lover yet boasts in her train;
Which Celia with pleasure observed,
And delighted to give the nymph pain.

Her Lovers grew cold and dropp'd off
As her folly increas'd with her years;
When time had her beauty d'ac'd,
They left her to wrinkles and tears:
While Cynthia took care to supply,
With each Grace, the swift conquest of
time;

And was much more belov'd in decay, Than Celia was e'er in her prime.

B

Her

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Her mind with each virtue replete,

Had enamour'd a right-judging fwain,

Who fought her to make them both bleft:

And fill is unrivall'd her reign.

All ye Fair that attend to my fong,

Be ye warned by Celia's ill fate:

Think the Graces to beauty belong;

Left, forfaken, you court them too late.

ON

ON THE DEATH OF Mrs. \*\*\*\*

A notable Scold, and a Shrew—In the

Stile of her Hufband.

We lived one and twenty year

As man and wife together;
I could no longer keep her here;
She's gone!———I know not whither.

Could I but guess, I do protest,
And speak it not to flatter
The best of women in the world;
I never would come at her.

Her body is bestowed well, A handsome grave doth hide her, And sure her soul is not in hell;— The Devil would not abide her.

B 2



I rather think fhe's foar'd aloft;
For, in the last great thunder,
Methought I heard her very voice
Rending the clouds a funder.

ON

## TO MISS C-

How oft with rapture have I try'd,
And all my wit and art apply'd,
If wit and art's within me;
How oft invok'd the Muses nine,
Yet not a stanza, not a line;
Why, fure the Deuce is in me.

Should I Thy lovely form compare To Venus, Goddess of the Fair, 'Twere all an idle tale: Or should I draw a scene of night, And say, the morn's not half so bright; The compliment's but stale.

B 3

Come



Come then, ye Muses! ev'ry one,
Assist your supplicating son,
And elevate my lays:
Indulgent to my glad desire;
—Methinks, I feel the Muses sire;
And thus attempt Thy praise.

While thus I ply'd the task in vain,
And chose another diff'rent strain,
To celebrate my Fair:
Phoebus methought, with awful nod,
Before his trembling vassal stood,
And thus rebuk'd my care:

"Shall then this heav'nly Fair-one's worth

"Be fcribled o'er by fons of earth?

"My bosom glows with ire.

"Prefumptuous wretch; the talk difown!-

"Such glorious themes are mine alone;

"'Tis I must strike the lyre.

ON

#### ON WISDOM.

I foar aloft, leave mortal things—
To Wisdom now I strike my strings,
And tune the warbling lyre;
Oh, for thy influence from above,
Fountain of light, and God of love;
Do thou my breast inspire.

'Tis not the Politian's art,
Who makes his injur'd country fmart,
To fill his chefts with gold;
Nor all his cunning craft, to gain
Pleasures and honours, false and vain,
For which his peace is fold.

B 4

No,

No, I would fing a nobler theme:

His wisdom is an idle dream,

That flies him when awake.

The guilty foul with keen remorfe,

Finds all his gains repaid with lofs,

And curfes his miftake.

True Wisdom is without disguife:

Clear as the fun in cloudlefs fkies,

The wife man's actions fhine:

No ferutiny can hurt his name,

Or base discov'ry give him shame,

Or fraud, or mean design.

Where Wisdom has the heart refin'd, No fenfual stain deforms the mind, Or damps the rising joys;
There is no raging lust on fire,
No torment from impure defire,
That health, or peace destroys.

The

The wife man gives to each his due,
Just to himself and neighbour too;
And takes an honest care
To pay his Sov'reign's rightful claim;
Consults his fortune, and his same,
His samily and heir.

No terror from the law he feels;

No threat'ning want purfues his heels,

Nor frightful dun he fears.

Secure he walks, where-e'er he goes,

No want of friend or credit knows,

No keen reproach he hears.

Wisdom's diffusive as the light;
Fertile with bleffing heav'nly bright
Kind fource of peace and joy;
Relieves the wretch oppres'd with pain,
And chears like the refreshing rain,
When fcorching griefs annoy.

B 5

OF

This

This bore the name in ages past
And will be Wisdom at the last,
When time itself shall cease;
When the curst fensual fool shall find
Nothing to fill his hungry mind,
And wish in vain for peace.

This from the fource of glory came,
And gives true grandeur endless fame,
Still blooming young and fair.
Not lost by envious tainted breath;
But springs yet fresher after death,
In the celestial air.

May Wisdom every mortal guide!—
May love, to God and man, divide
The hours that fwiftly fly!—
While fweet reflection on the paft
And chearful prospects of the last,
Shall ev'ry grief defy.

TO

At eafy diffance from a town,
An hospitable Seat
From croud and noise there stands retird
A sweet and cool retreat;
Securely seated on a rock,
Whence silver streams descend,
From cliss, the ruins of old time,
And murmur as they bend.
The ancient honours of the wood
Adorn and guard the pile;
At humble distance down it sees
The fruitful valleys smile.

Here



Here woods and shades, and grots, and glades,

Feel fultry fummer mild;
Diverfify'd a thousand ways,
And beautifully wild.

When we, amidst the shades below,
From the steep hill descend,
Where crystal streams in mazes slow,
That tow'ring elms desend;
Like Pluto's regions, wrapt in gloom,
We think the darksome way,
That ends in the Elysian plains,
Fair, slow'ry, calm, and gay.
Romantic views these prospects yield,
That feed poetic sire;
Each broken rock, and cave, and
field,

And hills, and vales infpire.

Thefe various, gay, delightful fcenes
Like Paradife appear;

And



When the birds on the bourly by their

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And are by Providence divine
Created Thee to chear:
Thee; fov'reign of my heart!—
That with the foftest joys,
And contemplation, pure as light,
My raptured foul employs.

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#### RURAL LIFE.

When approach'd by the fair dewy fingers of Spring, Swelling buds open first and look gay; When the birds on the boughs by their mates fit and fing, And are danc'd by the breeze on the fpray; When gently descending, the rain in soft fhowers With its moisture refreshes the ground, And the drops as they hang on the plants and the flow'rs, Rich gems beam a luftre around; When the wood-pigeons fit on the bran? ches and coo. And the cukow proclaims with its voice, That

That nature marks this for the feafon to woo,

And for all that can love to rejoice;
When the lark with fhrill notes fings
aloft in the morn;

Let my Fairest and I then awake, View the fair distant hills which the fun-beams adorn,

Then arife and our cottage for lake.

While the dove fits lamenting the lofs of its mate,

Which the fowler has caught in his snares;
May we think ourselves bless'd, that it is
not our fate

To endure fuch an absence as theirs;
May I liften to all her soft, tender, sweet
notes,

When she sings, and no found interferes
But the warbling of birds, which in
stretching their throats

Are



Are in strife to be louder than hers.

When the daisies, and cowssips, and primroses blow,

And chequer the meads and the lawns, / May we fee bounding there the fwift lightfooted doe,

And behold with our eyes the young fawns;

When the lapwings just fledg'd, o'er the turf take their run,

And the firstlings are all at their play,

And the harmless young lambs skip about

in the fun,

Let us then be as frolic as they.

If we fit, or we walk, may I cast round

my eyes,

And let no fingle beauty efcape;
But fee none to create fo much love and
furprize

As her eyes, and her face, and her shape.
When

When the evening grows cool, and the flow'rs hang their heads,

With the dew then no longer we'll roam;

With my arms round her waift, in the

Let us haften to find our way home.

When foft reft is requir'd, and the ftars lend their light.

And all nature lies quiet and ftill;
When no found breaks the facred repofe
of the night

But at distance the clack of a mill!
With peace for our pillow, and free from all noise,

So that voices in whifpers are known; Let us give, and receive, all the namless fost joys

Let their fleves be what they will.

That are mus'd on by lovers alone.

C

#### TO MISS C-

Tell me charming lovely creature! Will you never eafe my pain? Must I die for ev'ry feature? Must I always love in vain? The defire of admiration Is the pleafure you purfue; Pray thee, try a lasting passion, Such a love as mine for you! Tears and fighing could not move you. For a lover ought to dare; When I plainly told I lov'd you. Then you faid I went too far. Are fuch giddy ways befeeming? Will my Dear be fickle still? Conquest is the joy of women, Let their flaves be what they will.

Your

OT

Your neglects with torments fill me,
And my desp'rate thoughts increase;
Pray, consider if you kill me,
You will have a lover less.
If your wand'ring heart is beating
For new lovers, let it be;
But when you have done coquetting,
Name a day and fix on me!

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## MISS C-'s ANSWER TO THE FOREGOING.

What mean those wishful looks and fighs?—

A little farther off, I pray!
I cannot bear those tell-tale eyes,
It is too soon to name the day:
You must not ask me where or when;
The swains begin to laugh and sneer;
Before they'd have me think of men,
They bid me wait another year.—
Have patience till next comming may
Nor fill my head with love too soon;
I will go turn the new-mown hay,
You keep your slocks from scorching noon:

In

In village cares I'll pass the time, You need no spiteful rival fear, I may be nearer to my prime, By waiting till another year. 'Twere shame, while hardly in its bud, To pluck the rofe thro' too much hafte; The ripen'd vine alone is good, To cool the thirst, and please the taste: And love is like the growing flower, Nor should be cropt 'till in its bloom, And like the grape should wait its hour, For balmy funshine yet to come. Then teaze me, Damon, thus no more. In time perhaps, I may be kind; Come to me when a twelvemonth's o'er; Unless, ere that, you change your mind:-I now must go my mates among, Nay, keep me not, I can't ftay here; Nor must I listen to your fong; For I'm as yet too young; I fear.

C 3

# A SONG OCCASIONED BY MISS C-'S ANSWER.

I.

Since every charm on earth's combined In Cloe's face, in Cloe's mind, Why was I born; ye Gods! to fee, What robs me of my liberty?

2.

Until that fatal hapless day
My heart was airy, blith and gay;
Could sport with every nymph but shee
Who robs me of my liberty.

I'11

I'll to the darkfome filent grove Reflecting on the pains of love, And envy every clown I fee Enjoy the fweets of liberty,

4.

Then think dear Cloe, ere too late.

That death must be my hapless fate.

If love and you do not agree,

To set me at my liberty.

devora gilds the wet down him

We'll follow Hymen's happy train,
And every idle care disdain;
And live in fweet tranquillity,
Nor wish for greater liberty.

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TO

TO A POETICAL FRIEND; An Invitation to a Morning walk in the Spring.

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reflecting on the pains of love,

The piercing cold, the flormy winds, And dropping rains of winter gone; The genial fun new warms the earth, And brings the fertile feafon on, The morning breezes foftly blow, Aurora gilds the meadows fair. Gentle and fmooth the rivers flow. And balmy fweets perfume the air. The tow'ring lark expands the wing, The birds in concerts all combine; And, as they glide thro' air, and fing, They call Your fweeter voice to join. Come.

Come, bring the Muses in your train; Let grave Philosophy attend; And true Religion, kind and plain: They'll all accompany my Friend. All nature, smiling, seems to say:

"Come, be infpired by the fpring;
"Come, come, good *Poets*, come away;
"Remember; time is on the wing!

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THE

## THE AUTHOR RETIRES

Thou gentle nurse of pleasing woe!

To thee from crowds, and noise, and show,

With eager hafte I fly.

Thrice welcome, friendly Solitude!
O let no bufy foot intrude,
Nor lift'ning e'er be nigh!
Solitude; foft, filent maid!
With thee to you fequefter'd shade
My pensive steps I bend;
Still, at the mild approach of night,
When Luna lends her filver light,
Do thou my walk attend!
To thee alone my conscious heart
Its tender forrow dares impart,

And



And ease my lab'ring breast;
To thee I trust the rising sigh,
And bid the tear, that swells mine
eye,

No longer be supprest. With thee among the haunted groves My lovely Charmer's fantom roves, Oh, let me find her here! For the can time and space controul, And fwift transport my fleeting foul. To all it holds most dear! Ah no !- ye vain delufions hence !-No more the hallow'd influence Of Solitude pervert! Shall fantoms cheat the precious hour, Sacred to wisdom's awful pow'r And calm reflection's part?-I'll haften to the humble cell Where refignation loves to dwell, And reason, plain, and true.

Nor

Nor pining grief with abfence drear,
Nor fick fuspence, nor anxious fear,
Shall there my steps pursue.
There let my soul to Him aspire
Who none forsakes, that don't desire
To sink in sad despair!
There to his gracious will divine
My dearest, fondest hope resign,
And all my tend'rest care!
Then peace shall heal this wounded
breast,

That pants to fee another bleft,
From felfish passion pure;
Peace, which when human wishes rife
Intense, for aught beneath the skies,
Can never be secure.

THE

#### THE

#### AUTHOR GROWS FRANTICK;

And, in his raving mood, fancies himself in the other world; from whence he writes the following epistle to a Friend.

From the Elysian fields I fing,
Where ever blooms the balmy Spring;
From roseat groves, and myrtle shades
That not a sultry beam invades.
Each grove with heavinly music rings,
And odours rise on Zephyr's wings:
Mild glory lightens all the bow'rs,
And purest pleasure wings the hours;
While crystal streams, incircling, slow
Thro' all the flow'ry vales below;
That in the softest murmurs thrill
Adown each flow-descending trill;

But

Where



Where grows immortalizing fruit. For ever giving fresh recruit. No drowfy flumbers close the eyes In these gay regions of the skies; Nor dream a frightful form assumes, Impress'd by indigested fumes: Nor aking head from heated brain; Disease, nor, its attendant, pain. Here no despairing lover dies: No base deluder cheats with lyes; Nor come or jealous cares or fighs; Nor eye e're drops a briny tear; For truth and love are natives here. Each spirit has his task assign'd. As pleafes best or fuits his mind. Some to the central fun descend; Some to the neighb'ring planets tend; Nor fome fo fmall a fpace can bound, As does old Saturn's annual round

But

But thro' the vast unbounded space,
Their Maker's works with rapture trace.
Of this small surface losing sight,
Amidst ten thousand worlds of light,
Some tune their golden harps, and sing
The boundless glories of their King;
Or how from chaos nature rose;
How central sires these scenes shall close;
How at the last important day,
All shall the trumpet's voice obey,
With horror some, and some with joy.

Some on the kindest errants sly;
Adown the azure hilly sky;
And whisper Celia in the ear;
"Of you deluding sop beware!—
To Strephon, when the sparkling wine
Does to excess his soul incline;
"Exert the man, and sly the bait;
"See poison on the pleasure wait!—

And



And pointing to the tempting Fair
"Difeafe, ill-fame, and guilt are there".
Bid reason guide his erring feet,
And ev'ry virtue grow complete;
Bid wit, within due bounds consin'd
Adorn, and not debauch, his mind.
If Strephon's deaf, away they fly,
And, griev'd, they mount their native
sky:

They leave him 'midft a lighter band
Of airy beings ftill at hand;
Who left the world with tainted breaft,
With their own follies ftill imprefs'd,
Envious, deceitful, and unbleft;
Who hover round with downward flight,
Vifit in dreams at dead of night:
Fill Mira's head with Dukes, and Earls,
And equipage, and coftly pearls;
Bid Strephon dance, and drink, and play,
Turn day to night, and night to day;

Till

Till health, and fame, and fortune flies: Strephon repents, despairs, and dies.

Thefe, tuneful Pope call'd Gnomes and Sylphs;

The Genius was the pagan name;
They gave their Bards and Sages fame;
They Milton, Pope, and Dryden fir'd;
They Clarke and Newton have infpir'd:
Nor Strephon, nor does Celia know,
But from themfelves their reaf'nings flow.
By founds fo gently we pervade,
So unperceiv'd the trace is made,
And picture to the mind convey'd.

This meffage thus to *You* I bear;

You were my friend, are now my care.

Your fprightly wit, that all admire,
Is an unlicens'd lawlefs fire.

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Reftrain

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The Centur was the parangame;

Ner Vernhon, not does Cella know,

And picture to the mind convey d

Reftrain its wild impetuous courfe,
And give Your reason all its force:
And let that reason be Your rule;
Things facred bear no ridicule.
Be to Your better-felf but true;
Then ev'ry grace will shine in You.

THE

in a lefe rapid tide;

# THE AUTHOR RECOVER'D FROM HIS ILLNESS.

God of my life, and lengthen'd days! To thee my breath I owe.

Teach me my grateful voice to raife,
In founds that fweetly flow.

When finking to the filent grave,
My fpirits dy'd away;
Thy quickning word new vigour gave,
Thy voice commands my flay.
In my diftrefs to thee I cry'd,
When toffing in my bed;
Thou fent'ft thy mercy to my aid,
And eas'dft my aking head.

D 2

Thou



Thou bad'ft the vital current flow
In a less rapid tide;
My dancing pulse beat calm and low,
And fev'rish heats subside.
Thou lend'st to my Physician skill,
Right med'cines to apply;
And my disease obey'd thy will,
The painful symptons die.
That life which thou hast longer spar'd,
I would devote to thee.
O let thy spirit be my guard,
'Till I thy sace shall see!

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ON

#### ON FRIENDSHIP.

Friendship's the heav'nly theme I sing;
Source of the truest joy!
From sense such pleasures never spring,
Still new, that never cloy.
'Tis sacred friendship gilds our days,
And smooths life's russed stream:
Uniting joys will joys increase,
And, sharing, lessen pain.
'Tis pure as the ethereal slame,
That lights the lamps above;
Pure, as the Infant's thought, from blame;

Or, as his mother's love.

D 3

From



From kind benevolence it flows, And rifes on efteem. 'Tis false pretence, that int'rest shows, And fleeting as a dream. The wretch, to fenfe and felf confin'd, Knows not the dear delight; For gen'rous friendship wings the mind, To reach an Angel's hight. Amidst the crowd each kindred mind True worth superior spies; Tho' hid, the modest veil behind, From less discerning eyes. From whose discourse instruction flows; But fatire dares not wound: Their guiltless voice no flatt'ry knows, But fcorns delufive found. While truth divine inspires each tongue, The foul bright knowledge gains: Such Adam afk'd, and Gabriel fung, In heav'nly Milton's strains,

Such

Such the companions of our hours,
And fuch your lov'd employ;
Who would indulge your noblest pow'rs,
But know no guilty joy.
And thus, as swift-wing'd time brings on
Death, nearer to our view;
Tun'd to sweet harmony our fouls,
We take a short adieu;
'Till the last trumpet's joyful found
Shall wake our sleeping clay:
Then swift, to find our fellow-fouls,
Light, we haste away.

D 4

A

### A LOVE-LETTER,

Accept, dear Poet! thefe, the fondest

From her, whose heart to thine the most inclines;

Warm'd by thy worth my bosom learn'd to glow;

Oh! let that bosom ne'er thy frailty know;

If thou haft faults, fecret them in thy breaft,

For on thy virtues all my wishes rest.

A CL

If

If thou hast virtues, more, than I have known,

Oh! fpread them forth—I'll make them all my own.

True love the merit of its object views, While bastard passion ransacks all the stews.

My honest flame, ambitious of renown
Would catch a heart and yet despise a
crown:

Then, if, dear boy! thy thoughts are

Let plighted vows our future blifs

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All center in any little Outer.
Indien, rate, nor milling 10%.
Her fielded calm of hind delivor.

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# MY LITTLE QUEEN. Inscribed to Miss G... in return to the foregoing.

No more my fongs shall be, ye swains!

Of purling streams, or flow'ry plains,

More pleasing beauties now inspire,

And Phoebus daigns the warbling lyre.

Divin'ly aided thus, I mean

To celebrate my little Queen.

In Her sweet innocence I find,

With beauty, truth, and freedom join'd.

Strict honour fills her spotless foul;

And gives a lustre to the whole:

A matchless shape and lov'ly mien,

All center in my little Queen.

No sudden, rash, nor trisling joy,

Her settled calm of mind destroy.

From

From pride and affectation free,
Alike fhe fhines on you and me:
The brightest nymph that trips the green,
I do pronounce my little Queen!
How blest am I, whom gentle fate,
Has destin'd to so fair a mate;
With all those wond'rous gifts in store,
While each returning day brings more:
No man more happy can be seen;
Possessing thee, my little Queen!

THE

#### THE AUTHOR'S ADVICE.

Ye who free from love's dominion, Scorn your haughty necks to bow; Soon with me ye'd change opinion, Did you Love's fweet pleafure know. Blis receiving and bestowing, On Love's fleeting hours attend; As his prefent joys are flowing, Still fucceeding joys attend. When like you I boldly boafted, Unconfind as air I'd rove; Years unfatisfy'd I wasted, 'Till I felt the dart of Love. Happy now beyond expressing, May the pow'rs that rule the fkies. Whilft I live befrow love's blefsing; Wealth and honours I despise.

THE

## THE COMPLAINT OF THE

Stud forme Youth with sails

A where can one find a true Swain,
In whom a young Nymph may confide?
Men are now fo conceited and vain,
They no longer have hearts to divide:
Or in Court, or in City, or Town,
All acknowledge how fruitless they
fearch;

So polite too each Village is grown,
Even there Girls are left in the lurch.
Then adieu to the Thraldom of Love,
Adieu to its hope and its fear;
Henceforth I in freedom will rove,
Who like it the willow may wear;

Yet



Yet should fortune, my truth to reward, Send some Youth with each talent to bless,

The same and named to west

So golite too endr Villago is grown,

Then adie to the Tai diven of Lave,

How far I my purpose could guard, Is a secret I need not confess.

A

#### A TRUE TALE:

Told to Mrs. \*\*\*\* in the stile of an old Maid, who kept a shop; and was ask'd in marriage, when past Sixty.

Why, Madam; must I tell this idle

You want to laugh. Then do fo, if you will.

Thus take it as it was; the best I can: And laugh at me, but not my little Man; For he was very good, and clean, and civil:

And the his tafte was odd, I own, not evil.

You know, one loves an apple; one an onion;

One man's a Papist; one is a Socinian: We differ in our taste, as in opinion.

Not

Not often reason guides us; more, caprice, Or accident, or fancy: So in this. His person pleas'd, and honest was his

'Tis true, there was no music in his name;
But had I changed for A, the letter U,
It would found grand and musically too,
And would have made a figure. At my
shop
I saw him first, and thought he'd eat me

I faw him first, and thought he'd eat me up.

I ftar'd, and wonder'd who this Man could be,

So full of complaifance; and all to me:
But when he'd bought his gloves, and
faid his fay,

He made his civil fcrape, and went away.

I never dream'd I e'er fhould fee him
more;

Glad when he turn'd his back, and flut the door.

But

But when his wond'rous message he declar'd.

I never in my life was half fo fcar'd!-Fourfcore long miles, to buy a crooked wife!\_\_

Old too! I thought the oddeft thing in life:

And faid; Sir, you're in jest and very free:

But, pray; how came you, Sir; to think of me?\_\_\_

This civil answer I'll suppose was true;

"That he had both our happiness in view.

"He fought me as one form'd to make a friend.

"To help life glide more fmoothly near atts end;

"To aid his virtue, and direct his purse; "For he was much too well to want a nurfe.

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He made no high-flown compliment, but this;

"He thought to've found my perfon more amifs.

"No fortune hop'd; and, which is ftranger yet,

Expected to have bought me off in debt!——

Much more he fpoke, but I have half forgot:

I went to bed, but could not fleep a jot.

A thing fo unexpected! and fo new!

Of fo great confequence!—So gen'rous

too!

I own it made me pause for half the

Then wak'd, and foon recover'd from my fright;

Refolv'd,

Refolv'd, to put an end to the affair:
So great a change, thus late I could not bear;

And answer'd thus; No, good Sir, for my life,

I can not now obey, nor be a wife.

At fixty four, when hoary age has

Its winter's fnow, and whiten'd o'er my head,

Love is a language foreign to my tongue:
I could have learnd it once when I was
young;

But now quite other things my wish employs;

Peace, Liberty, and Sun to guild my days.

I dare not put to fea fo near my home,

Nor want a gale to waft me to my
tomb.

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The.

The smoak of Hymen's lamp may cloud the skies;

And adverse winds from diff'rent quarters rise.

I want no heaps of gold; I hate all drefs,
And equipage. The cow provides my
mefs.

'Tis true, a chariot's a convenient thing; But then, perhaps, Sir; You may hold the ftring.

I'd rather walk alone my own flow peace,

Than drive with Six, unless I chuse the place,

Inprison'd in a coach, I should repine:

The chaise I hire, I drive, and call it
mine.

And when I will, I ramble, or retire

To my own room, own bed, my garden,

fire;

Take

Take up my book, or trifle with my pen;

And when I'm weary, lay them down again:

No question ask'd; no Master in the

I would not change my ftate to be a Queen.

Your great estate would nothing add to me,

But care, and toil, and loss of liberty.

Your offer does me honour I confess;

And in your next I wish you more fuccess.

And thus the whole affair begins and ends:

We met as Lovers, and we parted Friends.

E 3 THE

## THE MAN AFTER THE

And when I'm weary day them down

Ask you who is finging here,
Who so blith can thus appear?—
I'm the child of joy and glee,
Inclining to Variety.

Ne'er have I a clouded face;
Swift I change from place to place,
Ever wand'ring, ever free,
Tasting sweet Variety.

Like a bird that skims the air,
Here and there and ev'ry where,

Sip

Sip my pleasures like a bee;
Nothing's like Variety.
Love's fweet passion warms my breast;
Roving love don't break my rest;
One is not enough for me;
I must have Variety.
Crouded scenes and lonely groves,
All by turns my heart approves:
Follow, follow, follow me,
All that love Variety!

E 4

You may make this your own, without

VERSES;

## VERSES, THE

AUTHOR SENT TO HIS SPOUSE, (FORMERLY MISS C.—.) WITH A PAINTED TAFFETY, BY AN UNKNOWN HAND; ABOUT A YEAR AFTER THEY WERE MARRIED.

Occasioned by faying; she was low in pocket, and could not buy a new gown.

Since the times are fo bad, and are still growing worse,

You may make this your own, without sinking your purse.

The Nymphs and the Swains say the pattern is new.

And that Flora's gay pencil design'd it, is true;

It

It was finish'd, and deftin'd for beauty's fair Queen;

So to whom it belongs, is most easily feen.

Tho' flowrets foon wither, yet these will not die,

When fading reviv'd by a beam from your eye:

If you only breathe on them, they'll fill the whole room

With fweets, far furpassing Arabia's perfume,

Refuse not this trifle; your title is clear, Your husband will vouch it, tho' married a year.

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#### THE

AUTHOR, UPON DESIRE, GIVE LADY\*\*\*\* AN ACCOUNT OF AN HOMELY BREAKFAST, HE GAVE SOME TIME BEFORE HIS NUPTUALS WITH MISS C., AND OF ITS HAPPY EVENT.

At my low cottage, on a chearful morn,

When flanting beams did ev'ry fcene adorn;

By goodness prompted, native of their breasts,

Sir Harry and my Lady were my guests.

My treat was homely, and my table fmall,

My cloth and diffies clean, and that was all:

For

Twere infolent to imitate the Great,

Hum'rous our talk, and innocently gay;

Our fubjects various; manners, men,

and play,

And Love, and Wedlock: This our fav'rite

And each to their own fancy form'd the

"Sir! faid Sir Harry, come it's time to wed; wed;

"By fympathy chuse C— to be your Mate

"Two bodies fo exactly pair'd! 'tis plain
"Heav'n made the match, and made it not
in vain.

My Lady offerd me her dear Miss Stone:
Sir Harry positive for C— alone.
Her I accepted: For She was my choice.
"I'll wed said I; but I'm exceeding nice:
"Yet

"Yet shall my humble wish no higher rife,

"Than that the Lafs be honest; free from vice;

"Improv'd by learning both of books and men;

"Her genius witness'd by her speaking pen;

"True to her Partner's and fair virtue's caufe

"Unaw'd, unbrib'd, by pow'r, or by applaufe;

"From fuperstition and profaneness free;

"Her fortune equal to herfelf and me.

"This praise to C- her friends allow is due;

"And part, Miss Stone! I may ascribe to you.

: but pulls one in I med if his beautiful

In

In dropt Sir William\* as if call'd, to be

The Prefident of our morning glee.

Sir Harry spoke the word, and made him to comply:

And none, you'll fay, was happier than I.

Thus, Madam! your command I have obey'd

In artless lines: Of censure not assaid:
Your goodness will accept my humble
lays;

Content with this, I feek no better praise;

Rough as the road, on which I gave them birth,

Dull as the clouded morn, or barr'n heath.

Vainly

\* Sir William C-y father to Mifs C-



Vainly I wish, oh could I tune my fong Sweet as your name, and as your virtue strong!

With pleasure I'd the greatful theme pursue,

But, I despair: And humbly bid,

Adieu.

Your goodness will accept my humble

Contone with this, I fack no beffer

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#### THE SOLDIERS RECANTATION.

A CANTATA.

#### RECITATIVE.

From hostile camps, and war's alarms,
The bold Alexis was returnd!

For glory still, his bosom glow'd,
For conquest still, the hero burn'd,
When one day musing in a myrtle grove,
By change he stumbled on the God of
Love;

Cupid well bred, did low obedience pay, The Hero fullen would have pass'd away. Now frown'd the God, his bow indignant firung,

When thus, the bold Alexis taunting fung.

AIR.



#### AIR

'Tis war's loud alarms

The foldiers heart charms!

His breast only pants for the camp and the field.

Ab, Cupid, then sly,

Thy darts I defy,

No, never to love, shall this slubborn heart yield.

#### RECITATIVE.

Cupid but finil'd, nor deign'd to waste a dart,

But to fair *Phillis* left a flinty heart:

One glance from her, produc'd a thoufand fighs,

And at her nod the *Hero* lives or dies: To love he vows in dayly homage brings, And to the *Fair* this recantation fings.

AIR.



#### AIR.

Lovers! boast not icy hearts,

Cupid thaws them with his darts!

Still he bears a tyrant sway,

All must love and all obey,

But should Cupid fall asleep,

Woman would her power keep;

Mortal man must still submit

To their Beauty, Grace, and Wit.

F

THE

### THE AUTHORS NOTION OF MAKING MUCH OF TO-DAY.

Let those who would wish to hear reason,

Attend to the lesson I give,

As To-Day is for pleasure the season,

Oh! seize the dear moment and live:

'Tis a proverb we all must remember,

"While the sun shines be sure to make hay;

Which reminds us from June to December,

That we ought to make much of To-Day.

Away

Away then with care and with forrow,

And with all which may burthen the

mind;

He who mirth can put off till to morrow,

Loses that which he wishes to find:
The present for mirth is the hour,
The present 's the time to be gay;
With haste let us take then the flow'r
Which can only be gather'd To-day.
Our condition as quickly may vary
As the tide, or the wind, or the moon;
Our schemes and our projects miscarry,
Nay, e'en Death may o'ertake us as

Then fince Life is no more than a bubble,

Enjoy all its gifts while ye may; To-Morrow may enter with trouble, So at least be fecure of To-Day.

F 2

We



We must own that all human restriction Is but shallow, and soon out of date, To my counsel then make no objection, But leave all the future to Fate; How absurd must be their disposition, Who seek Fame which may never decay; But I own I have no such ambition 'Tis enough if I please You To-Day.

A

ASONG

IN THE HONOUR AND GLORY OF GOD-CUPID.

I.

Now 's the time for mirth and glee;
Sing, and love, and dance with me;
Cupid is my theme of ftory,
'Tis his Godship's fame and glory.
How all yield unto his law,
Ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!

2

O'er the grave and o'er the gay Cupid takes his fhare of play; He makes Heroes quit their glory, (He's the God most fam'd in story) Binding them unto his law, Ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!

F 3

Sly



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Sly the urching deals his darts Without pity, piercing hearts, Cupid triumphs over passions, Nor regarding modes or fashions; Firmly fix'd is Cupid's law, Ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!

4.

You may doubt these things are true,
But they're facts 'twixt me and you;
Then ye men and maids be wary,
How ye meet before ye marry!
Cupid's will is folely law,
Ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!

Abeling there into his low.

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THE

FOLLOWING LINES
BEING ADDRESSED

TO

MRS. CR-E

WERE WROTE UPON ORDER,

OF THE

HONOURABLE CH-S F-X.

Where the loveliest expression to featu-

By natur's most delicate pencil design'd; Where blushes unhidden, and smiles without art,

Speak the fweetness and feeling, that dwells in the heart;

F 4 Where



Where in manners enchanting no blemish we trace,

But the foul keeps the promife we had from the face:

Sure philosophy, reason, and coldness must prove

Defences uneaqual, to flield us from love.

Then tell me mysterious enchanter, oh! tell,

By what wonderful art, or by what magic fpell,

My heart is fo fenced, that for once I am wife,

And gaze without madness on Amoret's eyes:

That my wishes, which never were bounded before,

Are here bounded by friendship and ask for no more?

Is

Is it Reafon?——no; that my whole life will belie;

For who fo at variance as Reafon and I?—

Is't Ambition that fills up each chink of my heart,

Nor allows to one fofter fenfation a part?——

Ah! no; for in this all the world must agree,

That one folly was never fufficient for me.

Is my mind on diffrefs fo intenfely employ'd?——

Or by pleasure relax'd, or variety cloy'd?

For, alike in this only, enjoyment and pain

Both flaken the fprings of the nerves which they ftrain.

F 5 That

That I felt each reverse that from fortune can flow,

That I've tafted each blifs which the happiest know,

Has still been the whimsical fate of my

Where anguish and joy have been ever at strife.

But the vers'd in the extremes both of pleasure and pain,

I am still but too ready to feel them again.

If then for this once in my life I am free!

And escape from a snare might catch Wifer than me;

Tis, that beauty alone but imperfectly charms,

For the brightness may dazzel, 'tis kindness that warms.

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As on funs in the winter with pleafure we gaze,

But feel not their force, tho' their fplendor we praife;

So beauty our just admiration may claim,

But love, and love only our hearts can inflame.

Belar volt.

A POETICAL DESCRIPTION
OF SODBURY HOUSE;

Sent with the Authors compliment to the noble

Owner of it.

Thou Sodb'ry-House; my lov'd my fweet retreat!

And all the beauties that furround the feat;

Where nature finiles in all her fertile pride;

Demand'st my fong, and truth shall be my guide.

Scarce Eden's garden more divinely fair; Alike in fragrance is thy balmy air.

When bow'd by fickness nigh the gloomy grave,

Thy air revives, and heaven vouchfafe to fave.

Rev'rend

Rev'rend by hoary age, and old in fame, Unknown its founder's family and name, The fabric ftands, a venerable feat!

Inft in the centre of a fair effate,

That wide its hospitable door extends,

Capacious to receive a thousand friends.

The Owner's foul, like goodness unconfin'd

Diffuses wide His favors on mankind.

His gen'rous breast scarce other pleasure knows,

Than what reflects from those that He bestows.

He knows with frictest prudence how to spend;

Still frugal to Himfelf, and noble to his friend.

Fair verdant avenues the house adorn;
And double courts the bold intruder
warn;

For

For great benificence is oft oppress'd

And those that can't deny, can feldom
rest.

Wide arched portals grace the folem hall; Where waits the poor, as their diffresses call:

Nor call in vain, but of assistance sure:
If hungry, fed; if sick, they find a cure.
But view the parlour; here description's
faint;

Its beauties languish in my lifeless paint.

Its wide dimension, well-proportion'd height,

With pleafing awe command, and charm the fight.

From the broad windows fee the fcenes extend;

Till on the diffant hills the skies descend. Within, around, exotic flow'rets bloom; Fair *India's* spices shed a rich persume.

Nor



Nor less ye levely natives of our Isle, Your scenes delight me, or your blossoms fmile.

The fragrant Iessamin, and blushing Rose,
The Woodbine, Lily, and the Pink
disclose

Yet livelier beauty in their native foil; Shed fweeter fragrance, and require lefs toil.

Here hanging gardens rich with fruit

The golden Apple, and the mellow Pear,
And nicer plants their fpreading Arms
extend,

To tempt the gath'ring hand of ev'ry friend.

On the smooth terras set with ever-

I walk, delighted with the lovely fcenes;
Where



Where groups of trees around are artful fpread,

And meet in verdant arches o'er the head.

Amidst the awful shades, from grove to
grove.

In noon-day's heat fecure and cool, I rove;

Whence clouds of birds purfue their airy way,

When dawning beams proclaim the rifing day;

Rouf'd from their leafy beds, they hail the light.

I gaze delighted with the found and fight!

And wait their wish'd return with rising night.

Here rifes on the plain a spreading Town
Part the fun gilds, and part the shades
imbrown.

See,

See, gently gradual, yonder hills arife; Till blue the last, and hid among the skies.

Along the fide an ancient City spreads, Churches, and Gothic-Spires erect their heads,

Here Seats unnumber'd interspers'd appear,

With vocal Woods, and Corn with golden ear.

Gay Plenty, with her ever-fmiling face,
And graceful Beauty dresses all the
fpace.

The loaded Vessel there securely rides
On Severn; proudly rolling back her
tides;

Carrying our plenty to each diffant fhore,

Exchang'd for foreign wine, and golden ore.

G The



The diffant River courts the wand'ring eyes,

Till the wide view in ancient Cambria dies.

Cambria! whose hardy fons were true and bold,

Scorn'd to be flaves, their freedom never fold;

But chose to live, on barren cliffs their own,

Disdain'd more fertile fields, for Roman mafters fown.

Here view the wide-extended concave bound

The haughty hills, that guard the valleys round.

What greatful thoughts those awful camps inspire!

Once a dread scene of war, and blod, and fire!

When

When conqu'ring Romans fat in triumph there,

And death flew hissing thro' the frighted

The flaughter'd natives fpread the valeys wide,

And drench'd the meadows with a crimfon tide.

Now Peace her downy wing fpreads o'er the fcene:

The camps lie harmlefs on the level green:

The noise of war is hush'd, and all a fweet serene.

Not Comper's-Hill a more delightful theme,

That fimiles in Denham's fong, for ever green;

Nor Windfor-Forest, ever fair and gay,
Immortaliz'd by Pope's harmonious lay;

G 2 Nor





Nor fancy'd fcenes in fable-stories told, By modern bards, or the inchanting old, Have greater charms than Sodb'ry, dear retreat!

Serenely bleft; here could I fix my feat?
But I must wander with unwilling feet.
Thus Adam took his last, his farewell round,

And mourning left fair Eden's happy ground.

Happy and long may here the Owner live,

To tafte those pleasures which He loves to give!

Long by His wife and fair example flow, How peace and joy from filent order flow! With chearful health and friendship ever crown'd,

And deal out bleffings to the country round!

DAMON



# DAMONAND PHILLIS AS SPECTATORS AT COURT.

A PASTORAL DIALOGE.

PHILLIS.

Damon, why fo lost in wonder, At these folks of high degree?
If they're finer, we are fonder;
Love is wealth to you and me.

DAMON.

Phillis ftop, and learn more duty!
We're to lowly here to pleafe:
O how fplendor brightens beauty!
Who'd not wish to be like these?—

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PHIL-



#### PHILLIS.

Prithee, Damon; cease this gazing! They're deceitful, as they're fair.

DAMON.

But their looks are all fo pleafing; Phillis how can I forbear?

PHILLIS.

Damon, stop, and learn more duty?

DAMON.

Honest freedom can't displease: Riches give new charms to beauty!

PHILLIS.

Riches give no charms to beauty!

DA



DAMON.

Who'd not wish to be like these?

PHILLIS.

Who would wish to be like these?

PHILLIS.

I.

O Damon, simple Damon, know,
The finest garments cover woe;
The outside glitter never tells
The grief of heart that inward dwells.

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We rustic folks so true and plain, Shall ne'er allure the light and vain; Whate'er without our fortune wears, Within no pang our bosom tears.

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3.

O Damon, fimple Damon, know, That lack of wealth, is lack of woe; Then homeward go, and let us prove, The greatest bliss, content with love.

WHAT

WHAT KIND OF MONARCH THE AUTHOR WOULD PREFER TO HOMAGE.

"Regis fervitus, vera libertas.,,

Be it my doom, that Monarch to obey, Who fears a God, and owns him his Supreme.

May fuch a Prince his fcepter o'er me

Enjoy his throne, and happiness extreme? The God he serves, omnipotent in pow'r, Endowing him with wisdom: he dictates His people laws; and like you golden show'r

h the blife hi

Pours forth on each, the blifs his law creates.

G 5 Humane



Humane to All, familiar with None, He all his realms with love and awe inspires.

His look commands the Flatterer to be gone;

And thunderstruck the Hyprocrite retires. Freed from this vile Corrupter of the Great,

The King invites the Honest and Sincere: With joy they come; in council take their feat;

And prove their King to wisdom to

THE

# THE WIDOW'S VOW.

### RECITATIVE.

Three long, long years, in wedlock's eafy tie,

Strephon and Delia lived without a figh: When fate, relentless, feiz'd on Strephons life,

And made a widow of the loving wife.

Grief, fad grief, now rack'd fair Delia's

breaft,

And oft' her tender love fhe thus exprest.

AIR.



#### AIR.

Strephon was my dearest treasure!

All my bliss and all my pleasure!

Lonely now, ob, let me languish,

Full of forrow, full of anguish!

In some dark and dreary cell:

Let sad Delia ever dwell;

To her dear departed youth

Let her vow eternal truth!

#### RECITATIVE.

Six weeks were past, or ne'er the muse believe,

And the fond Delia yet ne'er ceaf'd to grieve;

When woo'd by Damon with refiftlefs charms,

She footh'd her forrows in a husband's arms,

AIR.

AIR.

Frail, ah frail! the widow's
volws!

Soon forgot departed spouse!
Swains by dozens take their
stand,
On the lovely jointure land:
Marriage yet, 'tis said is pleasing;
Lovers too are grown so teasing,
Vainly would they Hymen parry,
Cupid wispers, Widow! marry!

Widow! marry!

Cupid wispers, Widow! marry!

And Mahere's a crowd Pan firesto be

FOL-

## FOLLY.

Make room my good neighours of
every degree,

My name it is Folly;— who does not
know me?

Of high ones, and low ones, of great
and of fmall,

I've been the companion and friend of
you all:
Wherever I come, I drive away care,
And if there's a crowd I'm fure to be
there.

I'm

I'm here and there,

And every where,

All know me— all know me—

Where'er I come,

Nobody's dumb;

Prating, prancing,

Singing, dancing;

Running o'er with mirth and glee.

2.

From country elections I gallop post haste

For there I am always the most busy guest;

And whether it be in country or town I'm hugg'd very close, by the cit and clown:

The courtier, the patriot, the turncoat and all

If I do not fweeten, breed nothing but gall.

I'm

I'm here, and there;
And every where,
All know me— all know me—
Where'er I come,
Nobody's dumb;
Prating, prancing,
Running o'er with mirth and glee.

3.

The Statesman, without me, unhappy would be;

No Lady, fo chafte, but gallants it with me;

The gravest of faces, who physick the land,

For all their grimaces, shake me by the hand;

At the play-house, a friend to the author I sit,

And clap in the gallery, the boxes and pit.

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I'm here, and there,
And every where,
All know me— all know me,
Where'er I come,
Nobody's dumb;
Prating, prancing,
Singing, dancing;
Running o'er with mirth and glee.

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# THE DESERTED FAIR;

When Damon languish'd at my feet,
And I believ'd him true,
The moments then, they were so sweet;
But, ah! how soon they slew!
The funny dale, the shaded bower,
The gardens, and the grove,
All echo'd to his amorous tale,
And vows of endless love.

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The conquest gain'd, he quits his prize

And leaves the Fair to mourn her joys
With weeping eyes,
And measure time by pain.
But heaven will take the mourners part
In time of deep despair;
And the last figh that rends her heart
Will wast his spirit there.

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MR\*\*\* AND MISS\*\*\*

ONTHEIR

WEDDING-DAY.

Ah! fure, a pair was never feen,
So justly form'd to meet by nature:
The Youth excelling fo in mien,
The Maid in every grace of fature,
How happy are fuch lovers,
When kindred beauty each discovers;
For furely She
Was made for thee;
And Thou to bless this lovely Creature.

So mild Your looks, Your children thence

Will early learn the task of duty;
The boys with all their Fathers sence,
The girls with all their Mothers beauty.
Oh, how happy! to inherit
At once such beauty, and such spirit!
Thus while You live,
May fortune give,
Each blessing equal to your merit!

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## A SONG.

Ye woods and ye mountains unknown, Beneath whose pale shadows I stray, To the breaft of my charmer alone Those fighs bid fweet echo convey! Whereever he penfively leans, By hill, or on fountain, or dale, His heart shall declare what she means, Who fighs but from forrow and love. More fad than the nightingal's fong, O wast the known found to his ear; And fay, tho' divided fo long, The friend of his bosom is near! Then tell him what fcenes of delight, Then tell him what ages of pain, I felt while I lived in his fight I feel till I fee him again.

THE

## THE AUTHOR TO HIS SPOUSE.

I ad I a heart for fallhood fram'd,
I ne'er could injure jou,
For the' your tengue no promise claim'd
Your charms would keep me true.
To you no foul shall bear deceit;
No stranger offer wrong,
For friends in all the aged you'll meet
And lovers in the young
But when they've learnt that you have
blefs'd

Another with your heart,
They'll bid afpiring passion rest,
And act a brothers part:
Then Lady dread, nor fear deceit,
Nor fear to suffer wrong!
A friend in all the aged you'll meet,
And brothers in the young.

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AUTHOR ARRIVES AT BATH;
HOW HE WAS SALUTED; HIS
FIRST ADVENTURE THERE; AND
THE CONSEQUENCE THEREOF;
ALL WHICH IS STATED IN A
LETTER TO HIS SPOUSE.

No city, dear spouse! this city excels, For charming sweet sounds both of siddles and bells;

I thought, like a fool, that they only would ring

For a wedding, or judge, or the birth of a king;

But I found 'twas for me, that the good natured people

Rung fo hard, that I thought the would pull down the steeple;

So

So I took out my purfe, as I hate to be fhabby,

I paid all the men when they came from the abbey;

Yet fome think it ftrange, they should make such a riot

In a place, where fick folks would be glad to be quiet;

But I hear 'tis the buf'ness of this corporation,

To wellcome in all the great men of the nation;

For you know there is nothing diverts, or employs

The minds of great people, like making a noise:

So with bells they contrive all, as much as they can,

To tell the arrival of any fuch man.

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If a broker or flatesman, a gamefter or peer,

A natraliz'd jew, or a bishop comeshere,

Or an eminent trader in cheefe should retire

Just to think of the bust'ness the state may require,

With horns and with trumpets, with fiddles and drums

They'll frive to divert him as foon as he comes.

Tis amazing they find fuch a number of ways

Of employing his thoughts, all the time that he ftays!

If by chance the great man in his lodging alone is,

He may view from his window the colliers' ponies

On



On both the parades, where they tumble and kick,

To the great entertainment of those that are fick:

What a number of turnspits, and builders he'll find

For relaxing his cares, and unbending his mind,

While notes of fweet mufic contend with the cries

Of fine potted laver! frehs oysters! and pies!

And music's a thing I shall truly revere,

Since the city-muficians fo tickled my

For when we arriv'd here at Bath, t' other day,

They came to our lodgings on purpose to play;

And

And I thought it was right, as the mufie was come,

To foot it a little in Tabitha's room, For practice makes perfect, as often I've read,

And to heels is of fervice a well as the

But the lodgers were shock'd such a noise we should make,

And the ladies declar'd that we kept them awake;

Lord Ringbone, who lay in the parlour below,

On account of the gout he had got in his toe,

Began on a fudden to curfe and to fwear;
I protest, my dear Spouse! 'twas
shocking to hear

The oaths of that reprobate gouty old peer:

" All

"All the devils in hell fure at once have concurr'd

"To make fuch a noise here as never was heard;

"Some blundering blockhead, while I

"Treads as hard as a coach-horfe just over my head;

"I cannot conceive what a plague he's about,

"Are the fiddlers come hither to make all this rout

"With their damn'd fqueaking catgut, that's worfe than the gout?

"If the aldermen bid'em come hither, I fwear

"I wish they were broiling in hell with the may'r;

"May flames be my portion, [if ever I give

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"Those rascals one farthing as long as I live!

So while they were playing there mufical airs,

And I was just dancing the hays round the chairs,

He roard to his frenchman to kick them down frairs.

The frenchman came forth with his outlandish lingo,

Just the same as a monkey, and made all the men go;

I could not make out what he faid, not a word;

And his lordship declar'd, I was very abfurd.

Says I; "Mafter Ringbone, I've nothing to fear,

"Tho' you be a Lord, and your man a Mounfeer,

For

"For the may'r and the aldermen bid them come here:

- "As abfurd as I am,
- "I dont care a damn
- "For you, nor your valee de sham:
- "For a Lord, do you fee,
- "Is nothing to me,
- "'Any more than a flea;
- "And your frenchman fo eager,
- "With all his foup meagre;
- "Is no more than a moufe,
  - " Or a bug, or a loufe,

"And I'll do as I please while I stay in the house:

"Trouted, and the fanting to be

"For the I-k-n family all can afford

"To part with their money as free as a Lord.

So



So I thank'd the muficians, and gave them a guinea,

Tho' the ladies and gentlemen call'd me

And I'll give them another the next time they play,

For men of good tafte encourage they fay,

All arts and all fciences too in their way;
And the men were fo kind as to halloo
and bawl;

"God blefs you, Sir, thank you, good fortune befall

"Yourfelf, and the I-k-n family all!—

Excuse any more,— for I very well know

Both my fubject and verfe, is exceedingly low!

But

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But if any great critic finds fault with my letter,

He has nothing to do but to write you a better.

And now, my dear Spouse! I am quite at a stand,

So I add but my love; and this letter do

etc. etc.

Bath 1766.

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THE
AUTHOR'S FAREWELL
TO BATH,
AND HIS SITUATION STATED IN
A LETTER TO HIS SPOUSE.

Alas, my dear Spouse! our evil and good

By sew is distinguished, by sew understood!

How oft are we doomed to repent at the end,

The events that our pleasantest prospects attend!

As Solon declared, in the last scene alone,
All the joys of our life, all our forrows are known.

When

When first I came hither for vapours and wind,

To cure my diffempers, and fludy mankind,

How little I dream'd of the tempest behind.

I never once thought, what a furious blaft,
What forms of diffrefs would o'erwhelm
me at laft,

How wreched am I! what a fine declamation

Might be made on the fubject of my fituation!

I'm a fable!— an inftance!— and ferve to dispense

An example to all men of spirit and sense; To all men of fashion, and all men of wealth.

Who come to this place to recover their health:

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For my means are fo finall, and my bills are fo large,

I ne'er can come home till you fend a discharge.

Let the Muse speak the cause, if a Muse yet remains

To fupply me with rhimes, and express

Paid bells, and muficians,

Drugs, nurse, and physicians

Balls, raffles, subscriptions, and chairs;

Wigs, gowns, skins, and trimming,

Good books for the women,

Plays, concerts, tea, negus, and

prayers.

Paid

Paid the following schemes,

Of all who it seems

Make charity-bus ness their care:

A gamester decay'd,

And a prudish old maid

By gaiety brought to despair.

My bond, to be paid on the Chalmala

A fiddler of note

Who, for lace on his coat the back

To his taylor was much in arrears:

An author of merity harden mad?

Who wrote with fuch fpirit

The pillory took off his ears.

A fum, my dear Spouse! far heavier

Yet A

Captain Cormorant won when I learn'd

Lansquenet;

Two hundred; I paid him, and five am

in debt.

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For the five I had nothing to do but to write;

For the Captain was very well bred and polite,

And took, as he faw my expences were great,

My bond, to be paid on the Clodpole eftate;

And asks nothing more while the money is lent,

Than interest paid him at twenty per cent.

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Now they fay that all people in my fituation,

Are very fine subjects for regeneration:
But I think, my dear Spouse! the best I can do,

Is to pack up my all, and return back to you,

Fare-

Farewell then, ye ftreams;
Ye poetical themes!

Sweet fountains for curing the fpleen!
The griev'd to the heart
Without cash to depart,

And quit this adorable scene!
Where gaming and grace
Each other embrace,

Dissipation and piety meet:

May all, who've a notion

Of cards or devotion,

Make Bath their delightful retreat.

etc. etc.

Bath, 1766.

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### A REAL DESCRIPTION

## OF THE RENOWNED CITY OF

### BATH.

Long ere the Roman eagle hither flew, Ere Albion's fons their pow'rful virtue knew;

Brutus' great descendant rais'd them first to same,

And from their use, assign'd the town its name.

Pallas he chose protectress of the streams; Pallas the \*\* city her protectress claims.

Thus

<sup>\*</sup> Tthe Springs.

The city of Bath is call'd in the British language Caer Palludar.



Thus he, who of man's fall divinely fings. Tells from old records, wrote of Gothic kings.

The Romans well thefe ancient frories knew:

Minerva's statue their devotion drew: Of curious arts her noble \* bust appears. Safe from the ruin of a thousand years. Thefe falutary ftreams alone can boaft Their virtues not in thrice five ages loft. The floating waters from their hidden fource.

Thro' the fame firata keep unerring courfe;

The flowing fulphur meets dissolving Carolina de de de la desta de la dela dela della 
And heat in combat till the waters boil:

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<sup>\*</sup> There is now an antique Buff in the Town-hall of Bath, supposed to belong to a Roman statue of Pallas.

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United then enrich the healing stream; Health to the sick they give, and to the waters, same.

The Course well like spicient flories

Thus oft contending parties rage and hate,

Malignant both, and push each other's

At last, their fury spent, and cloy'd with blood,

They join in friendship for the public good,

Hither foul feurvy, odious to the fight;

And vapours, which, in ev'ry form, affright;

Sharp colic, groaning with a jaundice face;

White leprofy, of old Egyptian race;

The

The shaking pally; rheumatism lame;
And meager indigestion, pining came;
With many dreadful ails without a name.

Fatal effects of luxury and eafe!
We drink in poifon, and we eat difeafe;
Indulge our fenfes at our reafons coft,
Till fenfe is pain, and reafon's hurt, or
loft.

Not fo, oh; temp'rance bland; when ruled by thee,

The brute's obedient, and the man is free:
Soft are his flumbers, balmy is his reft,
His veins not boiling from the midnight
feaft;

Touch'd by Aurora's rofy hand, he wakes,

Peaceful and calm; and with the world partakes

The



The joyful dawning of returning day,

For which their grateful thanks the

whole creation pay!

All but the human brute: 'tis he alone

Whose deeds of darkness fly the rising sun.

Tis to thy rules, oh temperance! we

All pleasures which from health and frength can flow:

Vigour of body, purety of mind,
Unclouded reason, sentiments refin'd,
Unmix'd, untainted joys, without remorfe,

The intemp'rate finners never - failing curfe.

Our waters wash those num'rous ills away,

And grant the trembling wrech a longer

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day.

O may returning health more wisdom give!

Let death's approaches teach us how to live!

If but one leper cur'd, makes lordan's ftream

In facred writ, a venerable theme,

What honours to thy fov'reign waters due,

Where fick, by thousands, do their health renew?

The mineral fireams which from the Baths arife,

From noxious vapours clear the neighb'ring fkies:

When fevers bore an epidemic fway, Unpeopled towns, fwept villagers away; While While death abroad dealt terror and despair,

The Plague but gently touch'd within their fphere.

Blest fource of health, feated on rising ground,

With friendly hills by nature guarded round;

From eastern blasts, and fultry fouth fecure;

The air's balfamic, and the foil is pure.

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What poundless prospects from you tow'ring height

Of hills, and plains, and valleys firike the fight!

Towns, rivers, villas, flocks, and heards appear,

And all the various products of the year.

Thence

Thence view the pendant rock's majestic

That fpeaks the ruins conq'ring time has made:

Whether the Egg was by the deluge broke,

Or nature fince has felt fome other shock; Ingenious Burnet, thine's a pleasing

A gay delusion, if it be a dream.

The fhatter'd Rocks, and Strata feems to fay,

Nature is old, and tends to her decay:
Yet lovely in decay, and green in age,
Her beauty lasts her to her latest stage.
Wisdom immense contriv'd the wondrous ball,

And form forung forth, obedient to his call.

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He fix'd her date, and bade the planet run Her annual race around the central fun: He bade the feafons, days, and nights return,

Till the pent fires, which at the centre burn,

Shall the whole globe to one huge cinder turn.

Then like a *Phoenix*, fhe again fhall rife, And the new world be peopled from the fkies;

Then vice and all her train of ills fhall ceafe,

And truth fhall reign with righteousness and peace.

Surrounded by the Avon's winding ftreams,

Beneath the hills, a peopled Island feems;

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An ancient Abbey in its centre stands

The labour'd work of superstitious hands;

When wholly craft fupreme did guide the helm,

And Gothic darkness overspread the realm;

The artful prieft amaz'd the gaping crowd,

And facred truth was veil'd in myftic cloud;

When living faints for true devotion bled;
And rites profane were offer'd to the
dead:

When Idol images devotion drew,
And Idol-Gods were worshipp'd as the
true;

Witness you front: how impiously defign'd

In ftone to represent th' Eternal-mind!

K Witness



Witness the faints, and angels on the wall!

Deaf to their vot'ries prayers, and filent to their call.

Welcome, fair liberty, and light divine! Yet wider fpread your wings, and brighter fhine;

Dart livelier beams on ev'ry british soul,
And scatter slavish darkness to the pole!

Now for pure worship is the church
design'd;

O that the muse could say to that confin'd!

Ev'n there, by meaning looks, and cringing bows,

The female Idol her Adorer knows.

Fly hence Profane, nor taint this facred place;

Mock not thy God, to flatter Celia's face.

This

This facred pile incloses honour'd dust,

And pompous monuments secure the

trust:

There Montague, the noble prelate, lies, With pious hands uplifted to the fkies:

A Virgin here enjoys eternal fame,
Join'd on the marble with great Dryden's name.

The fpacious Portico demands my fong,

Where Beaux and Bells appear, a fhining throng!

To take a cordial draught, and cheer the foul,

Like Homer's Gods, when nectar crown'd the bowl.

Correct the fabric, fimple, neat, and plain,

Of Parian, nor Egyptian marble vain,

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But innocently white, 'tis proud to

In neighb'ring hills what beauteous pillars grow.

The Baths adjoining from two ample

Around the walls the Roman art appears; Niches and arches here the bathers find, A shelter from the rain, and blust'ring wind:

BLADUD himfelf fits guardian of the ftreams,

Whose noble virtues give them \* Royal names.

Not far from hence, a bath of gentler heat,

The tender virgin finds a fafe retreat \*\*

From

<sup>\*</sup> king and queen's bath.

From fights indecent, and from speeches lewd,

Which dare not there with fatyr-face intrude.

Inft in the midft a marble-crofs there frands,

Which popifh minds with pious awe commands,

Devoid itself of pow'r to heal our woes, Yet deck'd with monumental crutches, shows

What mighty cures this wond'rous pool has done,

And these the trophies from diseases won.

The failor thus, on foaming billows tost,
His ship and ship-mates in the tempest lost,
Did some kind God's assisting pow'r
implore,

And when by aid divine, he reach'd the fhore,

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Strait



Strait to the temple of the God he flew; His briny coat he thought the temple's due:

And near the dropping garment, on the wall,

He wrote, with greatful praife, the mov-

Thro' you high arched gate on either hand \*

In comely order, rows of buildings fland; See fquares, and hospitals, and temples rife,

From whence let pure devotion pierce the fkies.

A fountain flows, which stately walls furround,

And palaces o'erfpread the verdant ground;

Where

\* West gate.

Where herds were wont to drink the cooling fpring,

And birds on bending branches uf'd to fing.

Leaving the west, I guide my view around,

And mark the City's venerable bound.

Where the remains of many an hundred

In reverend ruins on the walls appear.

A Fury's Head with fnaky hair there frands;\*

Here Hercules th' attentive eye demands, And there a shepherd, and his youthful dame;

These monuments, and more, are known to fame.

K 4 Hence

\* fee Guidor's translation of the antiquities of Bath.



Hence view the grove; it forms a ver-

See the trees wanton in the eastern air;

Aurora gilds them with a temp'rate ray,
And lofty buildings shade in noon of day.

An obelish doth now its centre grace,
The latest proudest honour of the place.
To suture times this monument shall show.

How much all Britons and all Belgians owe;

To fprings, which fav'd from death the great Nassau.

Nor think, oh Nash, the muse forgets thy praise:

Enough for thee this monument to raife: What greater honour can thy pride receive Than that thy name with great Nassau shall live?

Where

Where the fmooth Bowl\* was wont to fkim the green,

Now stately Rooms for pleasure change the scene,

Where mufic warbles, and the dancers bound,

Where the high roof re-echoes to the found.

There blooming virgins kindle am'rous fires;

And there the God of wit with verse infpires.

The rattling dye inchants the mifer's heir;
The hoarded fums the fharking gamefters
fhare:

Th' important bus'ness of the Fair, Quadrille;

Employs those hours which dancing can not kill;

K 5 Or

\* where Lindfey's new room now stands was formerly a bowling-green.

Or fav'rite Ombre, fweetly fung by Pope, Appalls their cheeks with fear, or reddens them with hope.

There Miss foon learns the language of the eyes,

The witless Beaux looks foft, and fwears he dies;

And who can think so fine a lover lies?

There pagan, turk, the papist and the jew,

And all mankind's epitome you view.
But fly my Muse; fly this inchanting place;

Nor Man thro' all his pleasures dare to

But fee thro' youder door\* a fafe retreat;

There reft fecure, amidst the wife and great:

Heroes

\* the Library.

berg Lindfo's new room new Bands

Heroes of ancient and of modern fong,

The bending shelves in comely order
throng:

Hither, ye Nymphs, attend the leading

With her the labours of the wife perufe;

Their maxims learn, their precepts be

Think virtuous knowledge woman's greatest pride!—

One hour, thus fpent, more folid joys shall give,

Than the gay Idler knows, or Fools conceive.

Now leave the Terrace and th' extended fcene

Of Hills inclof'd and Meadows evergreen.

Descend



Defcend to walks, 'twixt Limes in adverfe rows,

And view the gay Parterre, that ever blows.

This fair Pavilion\* view; around its

Observe the sporting of the scaly race.

A cool recess, the Muser' chosen feat

From crouds and empty noise, a blest
retreat!

The lovely Landscape, and the filent

Inspire the poet, and present the theme.
Round the green walk the river glides
away,

Where 'midst espaliers balmy zephyrs play,

And fan the leaves, and cool the fcorching ray:

View

<sup>\*</sup> the banquetting-house.

View the brown fhadows of you pathlefs Wood!

And craggy Hills, irregular and rude! Where nature sports romantic: Hence is feen

The new-made Road, and wonderful Machine,

Self-moving downward from the mountain's height,

A rock its burthen, of a mountains weight.

Hail, mighty Genius!\* born for great defigns,

T'adorn your country, and to mend the times;

Virtue's exemplar in degen'rate days,

All who love virtue, love to fpeak your

praife:

You

\* i. e. Mr. A—n, the perfon that made the new Road; and conftructed this wonderful machine.



You chide the Muse that dares your virtue own,

And, veil'd with modesty, would live unknown;

An honest Muse, no prostitute for gain,

Int'rest may court her, but shall court in vain:

But ever pleaf'd to fet true worth in view,

Yours shall be feen, and will, by all but You.

Prophetic here, the Muse shall build thy feat,

Great like thy foul, in ev'ry part com-

On this fair eminence the fabric stands, The finish'd labour of a thousand hands; The The hill, the dale, the river, groves and fields,

Vary the Landscape which thy prospect yields;

Whole vales of fruit-trees give our eyes delight,

Yet fcorn alone to gratify the fight;
Beneath the load the tender branch shall bend,

And the rich juice regale its Mafter's friend.

Thy tafte refin'd appears in yonder wood,
Not nature tortured, but by art improv'd:
Where cover'd walks with open vifta's
meet,

An area here, and there a fhady feat.

A thousand sweets in mingled odours
flow

From blooming flow'rs which on the borders grow.

In



In num'rous ftreams the murm'ring waters thrill,

Uniting all, obedient to thy will;
Till by thy art in one canal combin'd,
They thro' the wood in various mazes
wind;

From thence the foaming waves fall rapid down,

In bold cafcades and lash the rugged frone.

But here their fury loft, the calmer fcene
Deligts the fofter Muse, and soul serene,
An ample bason, centre of the place,
In lymph transparent holds the scaly race;
Its glassy face, from ev'ry ruffle free,
Reflects the image of each neighb'ring
tree;

On which the feather'd choir, melodious, throng,

By love infpir'd, unite in tuneful fong;

Their

Their tuneful fong the echoing woods refound;

And falling waters add a folemn found: Sure this the Muser haunt: 'tis hallow'd ground!

Here could the Muse for ever spend her days

And chant, in humble rhimes, the owner's praife;

How, by his art, young Myra\* fhall no more

Her Strephon's Letter loft, with fighs deplore,

Unjustly jealous of her faithful fwain,
Whilft he expects the kind return in vain:
How from the mountain's rocky fides he
drew

A thousand shining palaces to view: \*\*

L Temples,

\* Mr. A-n regulated the crofs-post.
\*\* the quarries.



Temples, and hospitals in ev'ry land, From age to age his monument shall stand.

Envy itself shall die, and fickle same, When he is dead, do justice to his name. Had I or *Pindar's* wing, or *Homer's* fire;

Virgil's true greatness, or foft Horace' lyre;

Could I, like tuneful Pope command the Nine;

Did my verse flow, and, as it flows, refine;

Thus would I fing: But O, with grief I find

My feeble pen but faintly paints my mind!

Myfelf unequal to the great defign, The task to abler poets I resign.

ADVICE

ADVICE TO A DAUGHTER; IN THE STILE OF A DYING MOTHER.

Oh, let the maxims I convey
Sink deep into thy breaft,
When I no more direct thy way,
Retir'd to endless rest.
Look on thy aged father's woe!
'Tis thine to sooth his pain:
With grace like this, religion show,
And thus her cause mentain.
Nor is't enough that grace displays,
Or faith her light divine;
In all thy works, in all thy ways,
Let heav'nly virtue shine:

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Oh! may the fountain of all truth Each perfect gift impart, With innocence protect thy youth, With hope support thy heart. So may'ft thou learn thyfelf to know, Of all extremes beware, Nor find in age thy cup o'erflow With shame, remorfe, and care: Then shall no madman light reveal, No visionary priest, With falfhood, ignorance, and zeal, Torment thy peaceful breaft: Then shall no fears thy foul distress, Religiou's doubts shall cease; Her ways are ways of pleafantnefs, And all her paths are peace.

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## EPILOGUE;

INSCRIBED TO ALL JEALOUS HUSBANDS; AND IN PARTICULAR TO MY FRIEND

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Pray, take a furfeit, Sirs, of being jealous,

And fhun the pains, that plague you Turkish fellows:

Where love and death join hands, their darts confounding,

Save us, good heav'n! from this new way of wounding!

Curf'd climate!— where, to cards, a lone-left woman

Has only, one of her black-guards, to fummon!

L 3 Sighs,

Sighs, and fits mop'd, with her tame beaft to gaze at:

And, that cold treat, is all the game she plays at!

For— should she once some abler hand be trying,

Poignard's the word! and the first deal is—dying!

'Slife! should the bloody whim get into us man,

Since our women's freedom has fuch height to fit on;

Daggers, provok'd, would bring on defolation:

And, murder'd belies unpeople half the nation!—

Fain would I try, in all to move compassion;

And live to hunt fuspicion out of fashion.—
Such

Such motives, would I recommend, to lovers;

As in the following my heart discovers.

First then—a woman will, or won't—depend on't:

If fhe will do't, fhe will: and there's an end on't.

But, if the won't— fince fafe and found your trust is

Fear is affront: and jealoufy injustice.

Next—he who bids his dear do, what fhe pleases,

Blunts wedlock's edge; and all its tortures eases:

For, not to feel your fuff'rings, is the fame,

As not to fuffer:— all the diff'rence—
name.

Third-



Thirdly—the jealous husband wrongs his bonour;

No wife goes lame, without fome hurt upon her:

And, the malicious world will fill be guessing;

Who oft dines out, diflikes her own cook's drefsing.

Fourthly, and lastly,— to conclude my lecture,

If you would fix th' inconstant wife——
respect her!

She who perceives her virtue over-rated,
Will fear to have th' account more justly
fated:

And borr'wing from her pride, the good wife's feeming,

Grow really fuch— to merit your esteeming.

