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## MY LORD!

Flattering myelf that roUR LORDSHIP will not think thefe poems quite amifs, I make bold to infribe them to YOU .

I offer no apology for taking this freedom, fince I am con/cious, YOUR LORDSHIP is a friend to the mufes, and a lover of all Sciences that tend to clate the mind, refine the tafle, and mend the beart: And as thefo pooms are A 3 meant
meant to anfwer this laudable purpofe, I can not prefune, tbat my prefouting them to YOU in this marnur, will anyways dijpleafe rou; but rather bope that YOUR LORDSHIP will be pleafed to look aponithis credication, as a public token of profound wefpoct Ipay to TOUR bigh rank and defort; and as a metbod to recommond myjolf to rOUR favour. $I$ am

MY LOR D, YOUR LORDSHIP'S.

Moft reipeciful, and Moft obedient

Humble Servant.
William Thompsona

THE AUTHOR'S WISH.
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For future life, it thould be this:
Health, peace, and friendfhip I would fhare;
A mind from bufinefs free, and care;
A foil that's dry in demp'rate air;
A fortune from incumbrance clear,
About a hundred pounds a year;
A houfe that's fmall, built warm and neat, Above a hut, below a feat;

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With groups of trees befet around, In profpect of the lower ground, Beneath the fummit of a hill,
From whence the gufhing waters trill,
In warious ftreams, that winding flow
To aid a river juft below;
At a fmall diftance from a wood,
And near fome neighbours wife and good,
There would I fpend my remnant days,
Review my life, and mend my ways.
I'd be fome honeft Farmers queft, That with a cleanly wife is bleft:
A friendly Cleric fhould be near,
Whofe flock and office were his care:
My thoughts my own, my time P'd fpend
In writing to fome faithful friend:
Or on a bank, by purling brook,
Delight me with fome ufeful book,
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Some fage, or bard, as fancy led;
Then ruminate on what I'd read,
Some moral thoughts thould be my theme,
Or verdant field, or gliding ftream;
Or flocks, or herds, that fhepherds love;
The fhepherds would my fong approve,
No flatt'ry bafe, nor bafer fpite, Not one loofe thought my Mufc fhould write;
Nor vainly try unequal flight.
I'd keep my paffion quite ferené, My perfon and apartment clean, My drefs not flovenly, but mean. Some money ftill I'd keep in ftore,
That I might have to give the poor:
To help a neighbour in diftrefs,
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:

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 nenThus calmly fee my fun decline; ? ome? 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. all 20
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THE HAPPY BARD.

Come, oh Mule; indite my fong; Merry maiden, come along; Oh! the joys your fmiles impart, Raptures rufhing on the heart; Oh! the theme that you infpire, Lifping on the laughing lyre!
You can frolic, you can fing;
You can charm the trilling ftring;
You can drive from day to day Thorny-thoughted care away.

Sweet

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Sweet the minutes of the morn, When thy pretty pencils 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 diftrefs'd; I've a philofophick breaft; Seldom borrow, often lend; I've two coats, and I've a friend, Laughing leifure, chatty pow'rs, Merry tales, and focial hours.

## TO THE LASSES.

I have ferioufly weigh'd it, and find it but juft,
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 Laffes; a maid to my mind.

Not the pert little mifs, who advice will defpife,
Nor the girl that's fo foolifh to think herfelf wife,
Nor fhe who to all men alike would prove kind;
Not one of thefe three is the maid to my mind.

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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 there three is the maid to my, mind.

Nor fhe, who for pleafurcher hufband will fight;
Nor the pofitive dame, who thinks always fhe's right;
Nor fhe, who a dupe to the fafhion's:
inclin'd ;

Not one of thefe three is the maid to my , mind.

But

But the fair, with good nature, and carriage genteel,
Who her hufband can love; and no fecrets reveal;
In whofe breaft I may virtue with modefty find;
This, this, and this only's the maid to my mind. -

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## CELIA:

Young Celia was ferightly and gay, Had the bloom of fifteen on her cheek; Her lovers came flocking each day: And a thoufand fond things they would fpeak.
The giddy and thoughtlefs gave ear To the tale of each flattering tongue ; And thought the was bleft to appear In a circle of lovers fo young.

Thus,

Thus, elate with the conquefts fhe
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 Cyntbia, more modeft and coy, Not a lover yet boafts in her train; Which Celia with pleafure obferv'd, 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 Cyntbia took care to fupply, With each Grace, the fwift conqueft of time ;
And was much more belov'd in decay, Than Celia was e'er in her prime.

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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 THE DEATH OF Mrs. **** A notable Scold, and a Shrew-In the Stile of her Hufband.

W e 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 guefs, I do proteft, And fpeak it not to flatter The beft of women in the world; I never would come at her.

Her body is beftowed well, A handfome grave doth hide her, And fure her foul is not in hell; The Devil would not abide her.

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



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 Mufes nine,
Yet not a ftanza, not a line;-
Why, fure the Deuce is in me.

Should I Thy lovely form compare To Venus, Goddefs of the Fair, 'Twere all an idle tale:
Or fhould I draw a fcene of night, And fay, the morn's not half fo bright; The compliment's but ftale.

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Come then, ye Mufes! ev'ry one, 'Affift your fupplicating fon, And elevate my lays:
Indulgent to my glad defire;
-Methinks, I feel the Mufes fire;
And thus attempt Thy praife.
While thus I ply'd the tafk in vain, And chofe another diff'rent ftrain, To celebrate my Fair:
Pbocbus methought, with awful nod, Before his trembling vafsal ftood, And thus rebuk'd my care:
"Shall then this heav'nly, Fair-one's worth
"Be fcribled o'er by fons of earth?-
"My bofom glows with ire.
"Prefumptuous wretch; the talk difown!-
"Such glorious themes are mine alone;
"', Tis I muft frike the lyre.
ON WISDOM.

I foar aloft, leave mortal thingsTo Wisdom now I frike my ftrings, And tune the warbling lyre; Oh , for thy influence from above, Fountain of light, and God of love; Do thou my breaft infire.
'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 Pleafures and honours, falfe and vain, For which his peace is fold.

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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 withont disguife:Clear as the fun in cloudlefs flkies, The bife man's actions thine:
No fcrutiny can hurt his name, Or bafe difcov'ry give him fhame, Or fraud, or mean defign.

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

The wife man gives to each his due, Juft to himfelf and neighbour too;
And takes an honeft care
To pay his Sov'reign's rightful claim;
$\therefore$ Confults his fortune, and his fame, His family and heir.

No terror from the law he feels;
No threat'ning want purfues his beels, 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 diffufive as the light;

Fertile with bleffing heav'nly bright
Kind fource of peace and joy;
Relieves the wretch opprefs'd with pain, And chears like the refrefhing rain, When forching griefs annoy.
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 minnThis bore the name in ages paft 'And will be Wisdom at the laft, When time itfelf fhall ceafe;
When the curft fenfual fool fhall find Nothing to fill his hungry mind, And wifh in vain for peace.

This from the fource of glory came; 'And gives true grandeur endlefs fame, Still blooming young and fair. Not loft by envious tainted breath; But frings yet frefher after death, In the celeftial air.

May Wisdom every mortal guide!May love, to God and man, divide The hours that fwiftly fly!While fiveet reflection on the paft And chearful profpects of the laft, Shall ev'ry grief defy.
TO MISS C.

On her Father's feat, call'd Mount-pleafons.

Aeafy diftance from a town, An horpitable Seat
From croud and noife there fands retird
A fweet and cool retreat;
Securely feated on a rock,
Whence filver ftreams defcend,
From cliffs, the ruins of old time,
And murmur as they bend.
The ancient honours of the wood
Adorn and guard the pile;
At humble diftance down it fees
The fruitful valleys fimile.
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Here woods and fhades, and grots, and: glades,
Feel fultry fummer mild;
Diverfify'd a thoufand ways,
And beautifully wild,
When we, amidit the fhades below, 3
From the fteep hill defcend,
Where cryftal ftreams in mazes flow,
That tow'ring elms defend;
Like Pluto's regions, wrapt in gloom,
We think the darkfome way,
That ends in the Elyfinn plains,
Fair, flow'ry, calm, and gay.
Romantic views thefe profpects yield,
That feed poetic fire;
Each broken rock, and cave, and field,
And hills, and vales infirie.
Thefe various, gay, delightful fcenes
Like Paradife appear;
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Created Thee to chear:
Thee; fov'reign of my heart!-
That with the fofteft joys,
And contemplation, pure as light,
My raptured foul employs.

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V hen approach'd by the fair dewy fint gers of Spring, Swelling buds open firft 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 defcending, the rain in foft fhowers
With its moifture refrefhes 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 Faireft and I then awake,
View the fair difant hills which the
fun-beaus adorn,

Then arife and our cottage forfake.
While the dove fits lamenting the lofs of
its mate,

Which the fowler has caught in his fnares;
May we think ourfelves blefs'd, that it is
not our fate

To endure fuch an abfence as theirs;
May I liften to all her foft, tender, fweet
notes,

When fhe fings, and no found interferes But the warbling of birds, which in ftretching their throats

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Are in frife to be louder than hers.
When the daifies, and cowflips, and primrofes blow,
And chequer the meads and the lawns, May we fee bounding there the fwift lightfooted doe,
And behold with out eyes the young

> fawns;

When the lapwings juft fledg'd, o'er the turf take their run,
And the firflings are all at their play,
And the harmlefs young lambs flip about in the fun,
Let us then be as frolic as they. If we fit, or we walk, may I caft 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 fhape.
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 path thro' the meads,
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 diflance the clack of a mill! With peace for our pillow, and free from all noife,
So that voices in whifpers are known; Let us give, and receive, all the namlefs foft joys
That are mus'd on by lovers alone.
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Thev. TO MISS C
T ell me charming lovely creature?
Will you never eafe my pain?
Muft I die for ev'ry feature?
Muft I always love in vain?
The defire of admiration
Is the pleafure you purfue;
Pray thee, try a lafting paffion,
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 ftill?
Conqueft is the joy of women,
Let their flaves be what they will.

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Your neglects with torments fill me, And my defprate thoughts increafe; Pray, confider if you kill me,
You will have a lover lefs.
If your wand'ring heart is beating
For new lovers, let it be;
But when you bave done coquetting, Name a day and fix on $m e$ !

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## 36 <br> MISS C—'S ANSWER TO THEFOREGOING。

What mean thofe wifhful looks and fighs? -
A little farther off, I pray!
I cannot bear thofe tell-tale eyes,
It is too foon to name the day:
You muft not afk me where or when;
The fwains begin to laugh and fneer;
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 foon; I will go turn the new-mown hay, You keep your flocks from fcorching noon:

In village cares I'll pafs the time,
You need no fiteful rival fear,
I may be nearer to my prime,
By waiting till another year.
'Twere fhame, while hardly in its bud,
To pluck the rofe thro' too much hafte; The ripen'd vine alone is good,
To cool the thirft, and pleafe the tafte:
And love is like the growing flower, Nor fhould be cropt 'till in its bloom, And like the grape flould wait its hour,
For balmy funfhine 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;
Unlefs, ere that, you change your mind:-
I now muft go my mates among,
Nay, keep me not, I can't fay here;
Nor muft I liften to your fong;
For I'm as yet too young; I fear.
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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?

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

Ill to the darkfome filent grove Reflecting on the pains of love $3_{3}$ And envy every clown I fee Enjoy the fweets of liberty,

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Then think dear Cloe, ere too late That death muft be my haplefs fate
If love and you do not agree,
To fet me at my liberty.

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## We'll follow Hymen's happy traiǹ

And every idle care disdain;
And live in fweet tranquillity,
Nor wifh for greater liberty.

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

The piercing cold, the ftormy 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 Kour fweeter voice to join.
Come,

Come, bring the Mufes in your train;
Let grave Philofophy attend;
And true Religion, kind and plain:
They'll all accompany my Friend. All nature, fmiling, feems to fay:
"Come, be infpired by the fpring;
"Come, come, good Poets, come away;
"Remember; time is on the wing!

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THE AUTHOR RETIRES TO SOLITUDE.

Thou gentle nurfe of pleafing woe?
To thee from crowds, and noife, and fhow,
With eager hafte I fly.
Thrice welcome, friendly Solitude?
O let no bufy foot intrude,
Nor liff'ning e'er be nigh!
Solitude; foft, filent maid!
With thee to yon fequefter'd Shade
My penfive fteps I bend;
Still, at the mild approach of night,
When Luna lends her filver light,
Do thou my walk attend!
To thee alone my confcious heart
Its tender forrow dares impart,

And eafe my lab'ring breaft;
To thee I truft the rifing figh,
And bid the tear, that fwells mine
eye,

No longer be fuppreft.
With thee among the haunted groves
My lovely Charner's fantom roves,
Oh, let me find her here!
For the can time and face controul,
And fwift tranfport my fleeting foul
To all it holds moft 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 reafon, plain, and true.
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Shall there my fteps purfue.
There let my foul to Him afpire
Who none forfakes, that don't defire
To fink in fad defpair!
There to his gracious will divine
My deareft, fondeft hope refign, And all my tend'reft care!
Then peace fhall heal this wounded breaft,

That pants to fee another bleft, From felfifh paffion pure;
Peace, which when human wifhes rife Intenfe, for aught beneath the flkies, Can never be fecure.

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THE
AUTHOR GROWS FRANTICK;
And, in his raving mood, fancies himfelf in the other world; from whence he writes the following epiftle to a Friend.

From the Ely/ian fields I fing, Where ever blooms the balmy Spring;
From rofeat groves, and myrtle fhades That not a fultry beam invades. Each grove with heav'nly mufic rings, And odours rife on Zeplbyr's wings: Mild glory lightens all the bow'rs, And pureft pleafure wings the hours; While cryftal ftreams, incircling, flow Thro' all the flow'ry vales below; That in the fofteft murmurs thrill Adown each flow-defcending trill;

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Where grows immortalizing fruit,
For ever giving frefh recruit.
No drowfy flumbers clofe the eyes
In thefe gay regions of the flkies;
Nor dream a frightful form affumes,
Imprefs'd by indigefted fumes;
Nor aking head from heated brain;
Difeafe, nor, its attendant, pain.
Here no defpairing lover dies;
No bafe 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 fpirit has his tafk affign'd, As pleafes beft or fuits his mind.
Some to the central fun defcend;
Some to the neighbring planets tend;
Nor fome fo fmall a face can bound, As does old Saturn's annual round

But thro' the vaft unbounded face, Their Maker's works with rapture trace. Of this fmall furface lofing fight, Amidft ten thoufand worlds of light, Some tune their golden harps, and fing The boundlefs glories of their KIN G; Or how from chaos nature rofe;
How central fires thefe fcenes fhall clofe; How at the laft important day, All fhall the trumpet's voice obey, With horror fome, and fome with joyd

Some on the kindeft errants fly; Adown the azure hilly fky;
And whifper Celia in the ear;
"Of yon deluding fop beware!-
To Strephon, when the fparkling wine
Does to excers his foul incline;
"Exert the man, and fly the bait;
"See poifon on the pleafure wait!And

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And pointing to the tempting Fair
"Difeafe, ill-fame, and guilt are there".
Bid reafon guide his erring feet, And ev'ry virtue grow complete;
Bid wit, within due bounds confin'd
Adorn, and not debauch, his mind. If Strephon's deaf, away they fly, And, griev'd, they mount their native iky:
'They leave him 'midft a lighter band
Of airy beings ftill at hand;
Who left the world with tainted breaft,
With their own follies fill imprefs'd,
Envious, deceifful, 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 health, and fame, and fortune flies:
Strephon repents, defpairs, and dies.

Thefe, tuneful Pope call'd Gnomes and
Sylphs;

Thefe, once we took for Fairy-Elves:
The Genius was the pagan name;
They gave their Bards and Sages fame;
They Milton, Pope, and Dryden fir'd; They Clarke and Nelwton 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 $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{ou}} \mathrm{I}$ bear; rou were my friend, are now my care. Your fprightly wit, that all admire, Is an unlicens'd lawlefs fire.
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- And let that reafon be Your rule; Things facred bear no ridicule.
Be to Your better-felf but true;
Then ev'ry grace will thine in $\mathrm{r}_{\theta \mu}$


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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 ftay.
In my diftrefs to thee I cry'd,
When toffing in my bed;
Thoulfent'ft thy mercy to my aid,
And eas'dft my aking head.
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Thou bad'ft the vital current flow In a lefs rapid tide; My dancing pulfe beat calm and low, And fev'rifh heats fubfide.

Thou lend'ft to my Phyfician fkill, Right med'cines to apply; And my diseafe obey'd thy will, The painful fymptons die. That life which thou haft longer fpar'd, I would devote to thee. O let thy fpirit be my guard, ?Till I thy face fhall fee!
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ON FRIENDSHIP.
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## Friend/hip's the heav'nly theme I fing;

Source of the trueft joy!
From fenfe fuch pleafures never fpring,
Still new, that|never cloy.
'Tis facred friend/nip gilds our days,
And fmooths life's ruffled ftream:
Uniting joys will joys increafe,
And, fharing, lefien pain.
'Tis pure as the ethereal flame,
That lights the lamps above;
Pure, as the Infant's thought, from blame;
Or, as his mother's love.

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From kind benevolence it flows, And rifes on efteem.
'Tis falfe pretence, that int'reft fhows, And fleeting as a dream. The wretch, to fenfe and felf confin'd,
Knows not the dear delight;
For gen'rous friendfhip wings the mind, To reach an Angel's hight.
Amidft the crowd each kindred mind
True worth fuperior fpies;
Tho' hid, the modeft veil behind,
From lefs difcerning eyes.
From whofe difcourfe inftruction flows;
But fatire dares not wound:
Their guiltlefs voice no flatt'ry knows,
But fcorns delufive found.
While truth divine infpires each tongue,
The foul bright knowledge gains:
Such Adam afk'd, and Gabriel fung, In heav'nly Milton's ftrains,

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Such the companions of our hours, And fach your lov'd employ;
Who would indulge your nobleft pow'rs,
But know no guilty joy.
And thus, as flvift-wing'd time brings on
Death, nearer to our view;
Tun'd to fweet harmony our fouls,
We take a fhort adieu;
'Till the laft trumpet's joyfal found
Shall wake our fleeping clay:
Then fwift, to find our fellow-fouls,
Light, we hafte away.

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A LOVE-L ETTER, which the Autbor received from Mifs Cfoon after his Recovery.

## A <br> ccept, dear Poet! thefe, the fondeft


From her, whofe heart to thine the moft inclines;
Warm'd by thy worth my bofom learn'd to glow;
Oh! let that bofom ne'er thy frailty know;
If thou haft faults, fecret them in thy breaft, For on thy virtues all my wifhes reft.


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If thou haft virtues, more, than I have known,
Oh! fpread them forth-Ill make them all my own.
True love the merit of its object views, While baftard paffion ranfacks all the ftews.
My honeff flame, ambitious of renown
Would catch a heart and yet defpife a crown:
Then, if, dear boy! thy thoughts are pure as mine, Let plighted vows our future blifs entwine.
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> M Y L I T T L E Q U E E N.
> Infcribed to Mirs G_. in return to the foregoing.

No more my fongs thall be, ye fwains! Of purling freams, or flow'ry plains, More pleafing beauties now infpire, And Phoebus daigns the warbling lyre. Divin'ly aided thus, I mean
To celebrate my litule Queen. In Her fweet innocence I find, With beauty, truth, and freedom join'd. Strict honour fills her fpotlefs foul; And gives a luftre to the whole: A matchlefs thape and lov'ly mien; All center in my little Queen. No fudden, rafh, nor trifling joy, Her fettled calm of mind deftroy.

From pride and affectation free,
Alike fhe fhines on you and me:
The brighteft nymph that trips the green,
I do pronounce my little Queen!
How bleft am I, whom gentle fate,
Has deftin'd to fo fair a mate;
With all thafe wondrous gifts in ftore,
While each returning day brings more\%
No man more happy can be feen;-
Pofsefsing thee, my little Qucen!

THE

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THE AUTHOR'S ADVICE
 1. e 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. Blifs receiving and beftowing, 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 wafted, 'Till I felt the dart of Love. Happy now beyond exprefsing, May the pow'rs that rule the fkies, Whilft I live beftow love's blefsing; Wealth and honours I defpife.

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## THE COMPLAINT OF THE

FAIR-SEX.

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 Tolm, All acknowledge how fruitlefs they fearch;
So polite too each Village is grown, Even there Girls are left in the larch. 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;

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Yet fhould fortune, my truth to retward, Send fome Youth with each talent to blefs,
How far I my purpofe could guard, Is a fecret I need not confefs.


A TRUE TALE;
Told to Mrs.**** in the file of an old Maid, who kept a flop; and was alk'd in marriage, when paft Sixry.

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 hy, Nadam; muft I tell this idle tale?You want to laugh. Then do fo, if you will.
Thus take it as it was; the beft I can: And laugh at me, but not my little Man! For he was very good, and clean, and civil;
And tho his tafte was odd, I own, not
evil.

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

One man's a Papiff; one is a Sociniant:
We differ in our tafle, as in opinion. Not

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Not often reafon guides us; more, caprice,
Or accident, or fancy: So in this.
His perfon pleas'd, and honeft was his fame;
'Tis true, there was no mufic in his name;
But had I changed for $A$, the letter $U$,
It would found grand and mufically too,
And would have made a figure. At my fhop
I faw him firft, and thought he'd eat me
up.

If far'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 fhut the door.

But when his wond'rous mefsage 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 jeft and very free;
But, pray; how came you, Sir; to think of me? -
This civil anfwer I'll fuppofe was true;
"That he had both our happinefs in view.
"He fought me as one form'd to make a friend,
"To help life glide more fimoothly near its end;
"To aid his virtue, and direct his purfe; "For he was much too beell to want a nurfe.
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 -xHe made no high-flown compliment, but this;
"He thought to've found my perfon more amifs.
"No fortune hop'd; and, which is पif guibl how 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 paufe for half the night:
Then wak'd, and foon recover'd from my fright;

Refolv'd,

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

And anfwerd thus; No, good Sir, for my life,
I can not now obey, nor be a laife.
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
of shata 1 ahohw young;
But now quite other things my wifh 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 fmoak of Hymen's lamp may cloud the flies;
And adverfe winds from diff'rent quatters rife.
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, unlefs I chufe the place,
Inprifon'd in a coach, I fhould repine:
The chaife 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 queftion afk'd; no Matter in the fpleen-
I would not change my fate to be a Queen.
Your great eftate would nothing add to me,
But care, and toil, and lops of liberty. Your offer does me honour I confefs; And in your next I wish you more fuccefs.

And thus the whole affair begins and ends:
We met as Lovers, and we parted Friends.
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 THE MAN AFTER THE a plat pressent tasten bluan I

Afk you who is finging here,
Who fo 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 wandring, ever free,
Talting fweet Variety.
Like a bird that flkims the air,
Here and there and ev'ry where,

Sip my pleafures like a bee; Nothing's like Variety.
Love's fweet paffion warms my breaft;
Roving love don't break my reft;
One is not enough forme;
I muf have Variety.
Crouded fcenes and lonely groves,
All by turns my heart approves:
Follow, follow, follow me,
All that love Varicty!

E4 VERSES;

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VERSES, THE
AUTHOR SENT TO HIS SPOUSE, (FORMERLY MISS C-.) WITH A painted Taffety, by an UNKNOWN HAND; ABOUTA YEAR AFTER THEY WERE MARRIED.

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

Since the times are fo bad, and are ftill growing worfe,
You may make this your own, without finking your purfe, The Nymphs and the Swains fay the pattern is new. And that Flora's gay pencil defigu'd it, is true;

It was finifh'd, and deftin'd for beauty's fair Queen;
So to whom it belongs, is mofteafily feen.
Tho' flowrets foon wither, yet thefe 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 furpaffing Arabia's perfume,
Refufe not this trifle; your title is clear, Your hufband will vouch it, tho' married

> a year.

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THE
AUTHOR, UPON DESIRE, GIVE LADY**** AN ACCOUNTOF AN HOMELY BREAKFAST, HE GAVE SOME, TIME BEFORE HIS NUPTUALS WITH MISS C—, AND OE ITS HAPPY EVENT.

A
my low cottage, on a chearfal morn,

When flanting beams did ev'ry fcene adorn;
By goodnefs prompted, native of their boin areafts, bly you's Sir Harry and my Lady were my guefts.
My treat was homely, and my table fmall,

My cloth and difhes clean, and that was all :

For thus it fuited to my low eftate;

- Twere infolent to imitate the Great,

Hum'rous our talk, and innocently gay;
Our fubjects various; manners, men, and play,
And Lové, and Wedlock: This our fav'rite Theme,
And each to their own fancy form'd the fcheme:
"Sir! faid Sir Harry, come it's time to wed;
"By fympathy chufe C - to be your
a nom Mate
"Two bodies fo exactly pair'd! 'tis plain "Heav'n made the match, and made it not in vaib.
My Lady offerd me her dear Mifs Stone: Sir Harry pofitive for C - alone. Her I accepted: For Sbe was my choice. "Ill wed faid I; but I'm exceeding nice:
"Yet

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"Yet fhall my humble wifh no higher rife,
"Than that the $L a f s$ be honeft; free from vice;
"Improv'd by learning both of books and men;
"Her genius witnefs'd by her fpeaking pen;
"True to her Partner's and fair virtue's

"Unaw'd, unbrib'd, by pow'r, or by applaufe;
"From fuperftition and profanenefs free;
$\because$ Her fortune equal to herfelf and me. "This praife to C - her friends allow is due;
"And part, Mifs Stone! I may afcribe to you.

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

The Prefident of our morning glee.
Sir Harry fpoke 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 artlefs lines: Of cenfure not afraid :
Your goodnefs will accept my humble lays;
Content with this, I feek no better praife;
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 Mi/s C-


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Vainly I wifh, oh could I tune my fong
Sweet as your narne, and as your virtue ftrong!
With pleafure I'd the greatful theme purfue,
But, I defpair:-And humbly bid, Adien.



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## THE SOLDIERS RECANTATION.

## A CANTATA.

## RECITATIVE.

From hoftile camps, and wat's alarms, The bold Alexis was returnd!
For glory fill, his bofom glow'd, For conqueft ftill, the hero burn'd,

When one day mufing in a myrtle grove, By change he ftumbled on the God of
Love;

Cupid well bred, did low obedience pay,
The Hero fullen would have pafs'd away. Now frown'd the God, his bow indignant ftrung, When thus, the bold Alexis taunting fung. A. IR.

## AIR.

'Tis bar's loud alarms
The foldiers beart charms! His breaft only pants for the camp and the field.
Ab, Cupid, then Ay,
Thy darts I defy,
No, nevor to love, fhall this flubborn beart yield.

## RECITATIVE.

Cupid but fmil'd, nor deign'd to wafte
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.

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## AIR.

Lovers! boaft not icy bearts, Cupid thalos them with his darts! Still be bears a tyrant flpay, All muft love and all obey, But Jhould Cupid fall afleep,
Woman would ber pober keep;
Mortal man muft fill fubmit
To their Beauty, Grace, and Wit

THE

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## THE

# AUTHORSNOTION <br> OF MAKING MUCH OF TO-DAY. 

Let thofe who would wifh to hear reafon,

Attend to the lefson I give,
As To-Day is for pleafure the feafon, Oh! feize-the dear moment and live:
${ }^{2}$ Tis a proverb we all muft remember,
"While the fun fhines be fure to make bay;
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,
Lofes that which he wifhes to find:
The prefent for mirth is the hour,
The prefent 's the time to be gay;
With hafte let us take then the flow'r
Which can only be gatherd To-day. Our condition as quickly may vary As the tide, or the wind, or the moon; Our fchemes and our projects mifcarry, Nay, e'en Death may o'ertake us as foon:
Then fince Life is no more than a bubble,
Enjoy all its gifts while ye may; To-Morrolw may enter with trouble, So at leaft be fecure of To-Daiy.

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We muft own that all human reffection Is but fhallow, and foon out of date, To my counfel then make no objection, But leave all the future to Fate; How abfurd muft be their difpofition, Who feek Fame which may never decay; But I own I have no fuch ambition 'Tis enough if I pleafe You To-Day.

A $\quad \mathrm{SONG}$
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 fory, 'Tis his Godfhip's fame and glory. How all yield unto his law, Ha! 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 moft fam'd in ftory)
Binding them unto his law,
Ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!
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Sly the urching deals his darts Without pity, piercing hearts, Cupid triumphs over palsions, Nor regarding modes or fafhions;
Firmly fix'd is Cupid's law,
Ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!
$\therefore \quad 4$
You may doubt thefe 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! ha!

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FOLLOWING LINES BEING ADDRESSED

TO
Mrs. CR——E
WERE WROTE UPON ORDER,
AND IN THE STILE
OF THE

HONOURABLE CH-S $F-x$.

Where the lovelieft exprefsion to featu-
re is join'd

By natur's moft delicate pencil defign'd;
Where blufhes unhidden, and fmiles without art, Speak the fweetnefs and feeling, that dwells in the heart;

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Where in manners enchanting no blemifh we trace,
But the foul keeps the promife we had from the face:
Sure philofophy, reafon, and coldnefs muft prove
Defences uneaqual, to fhield us from love.
Then tell me myfterious 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 madnefs on Amoret's eyes:
That my wifhes, which never were bounded before, Are here bounded by friendfhip and afk for no more?
${ }_{\text {Is }}$ it Reafon? - -no; that my whole life will belie;
For who fo at variance as Reafon

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\text { and } I ?-
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Is't Ambition that fills up each chink of
my heart,

Nor allows to one fofter fenfation a
part?一一

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

That one folly was never fufficient for me.

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

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

For, alike in this only, enjoyment and pain
Both flaken the fprings of the nerves which they ftrain.
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That I felt each reverfe that from fortune can flow,
That I've tafted each blifs which the happieft know,
Has ftill been the whimfical fate of my
life

Where anguifh and joy have been ever at ftrife.
But tho vers'd in th' extremes both of pleafure and pain,
I am ftill but too ready to feel them again.
If then for this once in my life I am free!

And efcape from a fnare might catch Wifer than me;
${ }^{2}$ Tis, that beauty alone but imperfectly charms,
For tho' brightnefs may dazzel, 'tis kindnefs that warms.

As on funs in the winter with pleafure we gaze,
But feel not their force, tho' their fplendor we praife;
So beauty our juft admiration may claim,
But love, and love only our hearts can inflame.

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A POETICAL DESCRIPTION OFSODBURY HOUSE;

Sent with the Authors compliment to the noble Owner of it.

T hou Sollory-Houfe; my lov'd my fweet retreat!
And all the beauties that furround the feat;
Where nature fmiles in all her fertile pride;
Demand'ft my fong, and truth fhall be my guide.
Scarce Eden's garden more divinely fair; Alike in fragrance is thy balmy air. When bow'd by ficknefs 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!

Iuft in the centre of a fair eftate, That wide its hofpitable door extends, Capacious to receive a thoufand friends. The Owner's foul, like goodnels unconfin'd

Diffufes wide Hlis favors on mankind.
His gen'rous breaft fearce other pleafure knows,
Than what reflects from thofe that $H e$ beftows.

He knows with fricteft prudence how to fpend;
Still frugal to Himfelf, and noble to his friend.
Fair verdant avenues the houfe adorn; And double courts the bold intruder warn;

For

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For great benificence is oft opprefs'd And thofe that can't deny, can feldom reft.

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

Nor call in vain, but of afsiftance fure: If hungry, fed; if fick, they find a cure. But view the parlour; here defcription's faint;

Its beauties languifh in my lifelefs paint. Its wide dimenfion, well-proportion'd height,
With pleafing awe command, and charm the fight.

From the broad windows fee the fcenes extend;
Till on the diftant hills the flkies defcend. Within, around, exotic flow'rets bloom; Fair India's fpices fhed a rich perfume.

Nor lefs ye lovely natives of our Inle, Your fcenes delight me, or your blofsoms fmile.
The fragrant Iefsamin, and blufhing Rofe, The Woodbine, Lily, and the Pink difclofe
Yet livelier beauty in their native foil;
Shed fweeter fragrance, and require lefs toil.

Here hanging gardens rich with fruit appear;
The golden Apple, and the mellow Pear, And nicer plants their fpreading Arms extend,
To tempt the gathring hand of ev'ry friend.
On the imooth terras fet with evergreens,
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. Amidft the awful fhades, from grove to grove,
In noon-day's heat fecure and cool, I rove;
Whence clouds of birds purfae their airy way,
When dawning beams proclaim the rifing day;
Roul'd from their leafy beds, they hail the light.
I gaze delighted with the found and fight!
And wait their wifh'd return with rifing night.
Here rifes on the plain a fpreading Tolon Part the fun gilds, and part the fhades imbrown.

See,

See, gently gradual, yonder hills arife; Till blue the laft, and hid among the fkies.
Along the fide an ancient City fpreads, Cburches, and Gothic-Spires ereet their heads,
Here Seats unnumber'd interferf'd

> appear,

With vocal Woods, and Corniwith golden ear.
Gay Plenty, with her ever-fmiling face, And graceful Beauty drefses all the fpace.
The loaded Vefsel there fecurely rides
On Severn; proudly rolling back her tides;
Carrying our plenty to each diftant fhore,
Exchang'd for foreign wine, and golden ore.
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The diftant River courts the wand'ring eyes,
Till the wide view in ancient Cambria dies.
Cambria! whofe hardy fons were true and bold,
Scorn'd to be flaves, their freedom never fold;
But chofe 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 thofe awful camps infpire!
Once a dread fcene of war, and blod; and fire!

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When conqu'ring Romans fat in triumph there,
And death flew hirsing thro' the frighted air:
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 noife of war is hufh'd, and all a fiweet ferene.
Not Coloper's-Hill a more delightful theme,
That fmiles in Denbam's fong, for ever
green;
Nor Windfor-Foref, ever fair and gay, Immortaliz'd by Pope's harmonious lay;

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Nor fancy'd fcenes in fable-ftories told, By modern bards, or the inchanting old, Have greater charms than Sodbry, dear retreat!
Serenely bleft; bere could Ifix my feat? But I muft wander with unwilling feet. Thus Adam took his laft, his farewell round,
And mourning left fair Eden's happy. ground.

Happy and long may here the Oloner live,
To tafte thofe pleafures which He loves to give!
Long by His wife and fair example fhow, How peace and joy from filent order flow! With chearful health and friendfhip ever crown'd,
And deal out bleffings to the country round! DAMON


## 101

# DAMONANDPHILLIS <br> A S <br> SPECTATORS AT COURT. 

A PASTORAL DIALOGE.

## PHILLIS.

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

## DAMON.

Phillis fop, and learn more duty!
We're to lowly here to pleafe:
O how fplendor brightens beauty!
Who'd not wifh to be like thefe? -
G 3
PHIL

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> PHILIIS.

Prithee, Damon; ceafe this gazing! They're deceitful, as they're fair.
DA MON.

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

PHILLIS。
Damon, ftop, and learn more duty?
DA.MON.

Honeft freedom can't dippleafe : Riches give nelw charms to beauty!

## PHILLIS.

Riches give no charms to beauty!

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Who'd not wifh to be like thefe?

## PHILXIS.

Who would wifh to be like thefe?

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## x.

O Damon, fimple Damon, know,
The fineft garments cover woe;
The outfide glitter never tells
The grief of heart that inward dwells.

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

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

# WHAT KIND OF MONARCH 

 The author would preferTO HOMAGE.
"Regis fervitus, vera libertas, , 2
B. 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 . fway-
Enjoy his throne, and happinefs extreme? The God he ferves, omnipotent in pow'r, Endowing bim with wisdom: he dietates His people laws; and like yon golden fhow'r
Pours forth on each, the blifs his law creates.
G 5 Humane

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Humane to All, familiar with None, He all his realms with love and awe infpires.
His look commands the Flatterer to be gone;
And thunderfruck the Hyprocrite aretires. Freed from this vile Corrupter of the Great,
The King invites the Honeft and Sincere: With joy they come; in council take their feat;

And prove their King to wisdom to adhere.
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# THE WIDOW'S VOW. 

A CANTATA.

## RECTTATIVE。

Three long, long years, in wedlock's eafy tie,
Strephon and Delia lived without a figh: When fate, relentlefs, 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 expreft.
AIR.

Strepbon was my deareft treafure? All my blifs and all my pleafure!
Lonely now, oh, let me languifh,
Full of forrow, full of anguifh!
In fome dark and dreary coll Let fad Delia ever dwoll; To ber dear departed youth Let ber vom eternal trutb!

## RECITATIVE。

Six weeks were paft, or ne er the mufe believe,
And the fond Delia yet ne'er ceaf'd to grieve;
When woo'd by Damon with refiflefs. charms,
She footh'd her forrows in a hufband's arms,

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AIR。
Frail, ah frail! the widolo's volps!
Soon forgot departed /poufe! Swains by dozens take theis fland,
On the lovely jointure land:
Marriage yet, 'tis faid is pleafing;
Lovers too are grobn fo teafing,
Vainly bould they Hymen parry,
Cupid wifpers, Widow! marry!
Widow! marry!
Cupid wifpers, Widow! marry!

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MLake room my good neigbours 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.

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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.

From country elections I gallop poft hafte
For there I am always the moft bufy gueft;
And whether it be in country or town I'm hugg'd very clofe, by the cit and clown:
The courtier, the patriot, the turncoat and all
If I do not fweeten, breed nothing but gall.

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

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The Statesman, without me, unhap. py would be;
No Lady, fo chafte, but gallants it with me;
The graveft of faces, who phyfick the land,
For all their grimaces, fhake me by the hand; At the play-houfe, a friend to the author I fit,
And clap in the gallery, the boxes and pit.

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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THEDESERTED FAIR; COMPLAINXNG.

When Damon languifh'd at my feet, 1. And I believ'd him true,

The moments then, they were fo fweet; But, ah! how foon they flew! The funny dale, the fhaded bower; The gardens, and the grove, All echo'd to his amorous tale, And vows of endlefs love.

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## 2.

The conqueft gain'd, he quits his prize

And leaves the Fair to mourn her joys
With weeping eyes,
And meafure time by pain.
But heaven will take the mourners part
In time of deep defpair;
And the laft figh that rends her heart
Will waft his fpirit there.

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W E D DING-DAY.
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Ah! fure, a pair was never feen, So juffly form'd to meet by nature: The routh excelling fo in mien, The Maid in every grace of fature, How happy are fuch lovers, When kindred beauty each difcovers; For furely She Was made for thee; And Thou to blefs this lovely Creature.

So mild Your looks, Your children thence
Will early leam the tafk of duty;
The boys with all their Fathers fence,
The girls with all their Motbers beauty.
Oh, how happy! to inherit
At once fuch beauty, and fuch fpirit!
Thus while You live,
May fortune give,
Each blefsing equal to your merit:

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## A SONG.

Y e woods and ye mountains unknown, Beneath whofe pale fhadows I ftray, To the breaft of my charmer alone Thofe fighs bid fweet echo convey? Whereever he penfively leans, By hill, or on fountain, or dale, His heart fhall declare what the means, Who fighs but from forrow and love. More fad than the nightingal's fong, O waft the known found to his ear; And fay, tho' divided fo long, The friend of his bofom 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.

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THE AUTHOR TO HIS SPOUSE.
IHad I a heart for falfhood fram'd, I ne'er could injure jou, For tho' your tongue no promife claim'd Yqur charms would keep me true.
To you no foul thall bear deceit;
No ftranger 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 pafsion reft, And act a brothers part:
Then Lady dread, nor fear deceit,
Nor fear to fuffer 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 ADVENTURETHERE; AND THE CONSEQUENCE THEREOF; ALL WHICH IS STATED IN A LETTER TO HIS SPOUSE.
No city, dear fpoufe! this city excels, For charming fweet founds both of fiddles 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 fteeple;

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 fhould make fuch a riot
In a place, where fick folks would be glad to be quiet;
But I hear 'tis the buf'nefs 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 noife:
So with bells they contrive all, as mach as they can,
To tell the arrival of any fuch
man.
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If a broker or flatesman, a gamefier on peer,
A nat'raliz'd jew, or a bifhop comes here,
Or an eminent trader in cheefe fhonld retire

Juit to think of the buf'nefs the ftate 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 fays!
If by chance the great man in his lodging alone is,
He may view from his window the colliers' ponies

On both the parades, where they tumble and kick,
To the great entertainment of thofe that are fick:
What a number of turnfpits, 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 oyflers! and pies!
And mufic's a thing I fhall truly
revere,

Since the city-muficians fo tickled my
ear;

For when we arriv'd here at Bath, t other day, They came to our lodgings on purpofe to play;

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And I thought it was right, as the mufie was come,
To foot it a little in Tabitba's room, For practice makes perfect, as often I've a;bluther 2HA. read,
And to heels is of fervice a well as the bulberiar has head:
But the lodgers were flock'd fuch a noife we fhould 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
Teatbluil toe,
Began on a fudden to curfe and to fwear;
I proteft, my dear Spoufe! 'twas fhocking to hear
The oaths of that reprobate gouty old peer:
"All the devils in hell fure at once have concurr' ${ }^{\prime}$ d
"To make fuch a noife here as never was
heard;
"Some blundering blockhead, while I am in bed,
"Treads as hard as a coach-horfe juft 17. 1 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 wifh they were, broiling in hell with the may'r;
"May flames be my portion, if ever I , give

"Tho-

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"Thofe rafcals one farthing as long as I live!
So while they were playing there mufical airs,
And I was juft dancing the hays round the chairs,
He roard to his frenchman to kick them down ffairs.
The frenchman came forth with his outlandifh lingo,
Juft the fame as a monkey, and made all the men go;
I could not make out what he faid, not a word;
And his lordfhip 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

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"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 fham:
"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;
boys "Is no more than a moufe,
"Or a bug, or a loufe,

"And I'll do as I pleafe while I ftay in the houfe:
"For the $I-k-n$ family all can afford
"To part with their money as free as a Lord.

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So I thank'd the muficians, and gave them a guinea,
Tho' the ladies and gentlemen call'd me a ninny;
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!-

Excufe any more, - for I very well know
Both my fubject and verfe, is exceedingly low!

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 Spoufe! I am quite at a ftand, So I add but my love; and this letter do end.
etc. etc.

Bath 1766.

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AUTHOR'S FAREWELL то $B A T H$, AND HIS SITUATION STATED IN

A Letter to his spouse.

Alas, my dear Spoufe! our evil and good
By few is diftinguifh'd, by few under: ftood!
How oft are we doom'd to repent at the end,
The events that our pleafanteft profpects attend!
As Solon declar'd, in the laft fcene alone, All the joys of our life, all our forrows are known.

When

When firft I came hither for vapours and wind,
To cure my diftempers, and ftudy mankind,
How little I dream'd of the tempeft behind.

Inever once thought, what a furious blaf, What forms of diftrefs would o'erwhelin 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 difpenfe
An example to all men of firit and fenfe; To all men of fafhion, and all men of wealth,
Who come to this place to recover their health:

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For my means are fo fmall, and my bills are fo large,
I ne'er can come home till you fend a difcharge.
Let the Mufe fpeak the caufe, if a $M u \int_{6}$ - $x$ mang yet remains

To fupply me with rhimes, and exprefs al


Paid bells, and muficians, Drugs, nurfe, and phyficians Balls, raffles, fubfcriptions, and chairs; Wigs, gowns, fkins, and trimming, Good books for the women, - Plays, concerts, tea, negus, and prayers.

Paid

Paid the following fchemes, $\square$
Of all who it feems
Make charity-buf'nefs their care:
A gamefter decay"d,
And a prudifh old maid
By gaiety brought to defpair.

A fiddler of note
Who, for lace on his coat
To his taylor was much in arrears:
304 An author of merit nozatai nande
Who wrote with fuch fpirit
The pillory took off his ears.

A fum, my dear Spoufe! far heavier yet
Captain Cormorant won when I learn'd Lanfquenet;
Thoo bundred; I paid him, and five am in debt.
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For the five I had nothing to do bat to brite;
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 afks nothing more while the money is lent,
Than intereft paid him at twenty per cent.

Now they fay that all people in my fituation,
Are very fine fubjects for regeneration : But I think, my dear Spoufe! the beft 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?
I'm griev'd to the heart
Without cafh to depart,
And quit this adorable fcene!
Where gaming and grace
Each other embrace,
Difipation 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
B A T H.

Long ere the Roman eagle hither flew, Ere Albion's fons their* pow'rful virtue knew;
Brutus' great defcendant raif'd them firft to fame,
And from their ufe, afsign'd the town its name.
Pallas he chofe protectrefs of the ftreams; Pallas the ${ }^{* * *}$ city her protectrefs claims.

Thus

[^1]Thus he, who of man's fall divinely fings, Tells from old records, wrote of Gothic kings.
The Romans well thefe ancient fories knew;
Minerva's fatue their devotion drew: Of curious arts her noble *buft appears, Safe from the ruin of a thoufand 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 fulpbur meets difsolving flee?, tox And heat in combat till the waters boil:

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 morenUnited then enrich the healing ftream;
Health to the fick they give, and to the baters, fame.

Thus of contending parties rage and swarí nuiburab zisly hate, Malignant both, and pufh each other's fate ;
At laft, their fory fpent, and cloy'd with A.at exmar blood, They join in friendfhip for the public good.

Hither foul fourvy, odious to the 3 Collatib fight; And vapours, which, in ev'ry form, $=$ affight; Sharp colic, groaning with a jaundice face;
White leprofy, of old Egyptian race; The

The fhaking palfy; rbeumatifm lame; And meager indigeffion, 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; tefmp'rance bland; when ruled by thee,
The brate's obedient, and the man is free: Soft are his flumbers, balmy is his reff, 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

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The joyful dawning of returning day,
For which their grateful thanks the
A tectiv whole creation pay!
All but the human brute: 'tis he alone
Whofe deeds of darknefs fly the rifing fun.
${ }^{2}$ Tis to thy rules, oh temperance! we thad abiblat tro to awe ow antiont All pleafures which from health and ftrength can flow:
Vigour of body, purety of mind, Unclorded reafon, fentiments refin'd, Unmix'd, untainted joys, without remorfe,
Th intemp'rate finners never-failing curfe.

Our waters wafh thofe num'rous ills
away,

And grant the trembling wrech a longer day.

O may returning health more wisdom give!
Let death's approaches teach us how to live!

If but one Ieper cur'd, makes Iordan's ftream

In facred writ, a venerable theme, What honours to thy fov'reign waters due,
Where fick, by thoufands, do their health renew? -

The mineral freams which from the Baths arife,
From noxious vapours clear the neighbring fkies:
When fevers bore an epidemic fway,
Unpeopled towns, fwept villagers away;
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While death abroad dealt terror and defpair,
The Plague but gently touch'd within their fphere.

Bleft fource of health, feated on rifing ground,
With friendly hills by nature guarded round;
Trom eaftern blafts, and fultry fouth fecure;
The air's balfamic, and the foil is pure.
What poundlefs profpects from yon tow'ring height
Of hills, and plains, and valleys ftrike the fight!
Towns, rivers, villas, flocks, and heards appear, And all the various products of the year.

Thence

Thence view the pendant rock's majeftic fhade,
That fpeaks the ruins conqring time has made:
Whether the Egg was by the deluge broke,
Or nature fince has felt fome other fhock; Ingenious Burnet, thine's a pleafing fcheme,
A gay delufion, 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 lafts her to her lateft fage. Wisdom immenfe 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 Pboenix, 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 flall reign with righteousnefs and peace.

Surrounded by the Avon's winding ftreams,
Beneath the hills, a peopled Ifland feems;

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An ancient $A b b e y$ in its centre fands
The labour'd work of fuperftitipus hands;
When wholly craft fupreme did guide the helm,

And Gotbic darknefs overfpread 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 worfhipp'd as the
true;

Witnefs yon front: how impiously defign'd
In ftone to reprefent th' Eternal-mind!
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Witnefs 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 britifh foul,
And featter flavifh darknefs to the pole!
Now for pure worthip is the church defign'd;
0 that the mufe could fay to that confin'd!
Ev'n there, by meaning looks, and cring. ing bows,
The female 1 dol her Adorer knows. Fly hence Profane, nor taint this facred place;
Mock not thy God, to flatter Celia's face.

This

This facred pile inclofes honour'd duft, And pompous monuments fecure the truft:
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

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But innocently white, 'tis proud to fhow
In neighbring hills what beanteous pillars grow.

The Baths adjoining from two ample fquares,
Around the walls the Roman art appears; Niches and arches here the bathers find, A fhelter from the rain, and bluftring wind:
LADUD himfelf fits guardian of the ftreams,
Whofe noble virtues give them* Royal names.

Not far from hence, a bath of gentler heat,
The tender virgin finds a fafe retreat**

* king and queen's bath. ** crofs bath.

From fights indecent, and from fpeeches lewd,

Which dare not there with fatyr-face intrude.
Iuft in the midft a marble-crofs there ffands,
Which popifh minds with pious awe commands,
Devoid itfelf of pow'r to heal our woes, Yet deck'd with monumental crutches,

## fhows

What mighty cures this wond'rous pool has done,
And thefe the trophies from difeafes won. The failor thus, on foaming billows toft, His fhip and fhip-mates in the tempeft loft, Did fome kind God's afsifting pow'r implore,
And when by aid divine, he reach'd the fhore,
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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 moving tale.
'Thro' yon high arched gate on either hand *
In comely order, rows of buildings ftand; See fquares, and bofpitals, and temples rife,
From whence let pure devotion pierce the fkies.
A fountain flows, which ftately walls furround,
And palaces o'erfpread the verdant ground;

Where

* Weft gate.

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Where berds were wont to drink the cooling fpring,
And birds on bending branches uf'd to fing.

Leaving the weft, I guide my view around,
And mark the City's venerable bound. Where the remains of many an hundred
year

In reverend ruins on the walls appear. A Fury's Head with fnaky hair there ftands; *
Here Hercules th' attentive eye demands, And there a fhepherd, and his youthful dame;
Thefe monuments, and more, are known to fame.
K 4
Hence

* fee Guidot's tranflation of the antiquities cash of Bath.


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Hence view the grove; it forms a verdant fquare.
See the trees wanton in the eaftern air; Aurora gilds them with a temp'rate ray, And lofty buildings fhade in noon of day. An obelifk doth now its centre grace, The lateft proudeft honour of the place. To future times this monument fhall fhow,
How much all Britons and all Belgians owe;
To frrings, which fav'd from death the great Nafsou.

Nor think, oh Nafh, the mufe forgets thy praife:
Enough for thee this monument to raife: What greater honour can thy pride receive Than that thy name with great Na /sau thall live?

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Where the fmooth Bolol\% was wont to fkim the green,
Now ftately Rooms for pleafure change the fcene,
Where mufic warbles, aud 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 verfe infpires.
The rattling dye inchants the mifer's heir; The hoarded fums the fharking gamefters fhare:
Th' important buf'nefs of the Fair, Quadrille;
Employs thofe hours which dancing can not kill;
K 5
Or

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


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Or fav'rite Ombre, fweetly fung by Pope, Appalls their cheeks with fear, or reddens them with hope.
There Mifs foon learns the language of the eyes,
The witlefs Beaux looks foft, and fwears he dies;
And who can think fo fine a lover lies?
There pagan, turk, the papift and the
jelw,

And all mankind's epitome you view. A But fly my Mufe; fly this inchanting place;
Nor Man thro' all his pleafures dare to trace.

But fee thro' yonder door* a fafe retreat;
There reft fecure, amidft the wife and great:

Heroes * the Library.

Heroes of ancient and of modern fong,
The bending fhelves in comely order throng :
Hither, ye Nympbs, attend the leading

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With her the labours of the wife perufe;
Their maxims learn, their precepts be your guide;
Think virtuous knowledge woman's greateft pricie!-
One hour, thus fpent, more folid joys fhall give, Than the gay Idler knows, or Fools conceive.

Now leave the Terrace and th' extended fcene Of Hills inclof'd and Meadolvs ever. green,

Defcend

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 -eqsaDefcend to walks, 'twist limes in adverfe rows,
And view the gay Parterre, that ever ax blows.
This fair Pavilion* view; around its uia a bafe
Obferve the fporting of the fcaly race.
A cool recefs, the Mufes' chofen feat
From crouds and empty noife, a bleft a moy. retreat!
The lovely Landfcape, and the filent ftream,
Infpire the poet, and prefent the theme. Round the green walk the river glides
away,

Where 'midft efpaliers balmy zephyrs play,
And fan the leaves, and cool the fcorching ray:

View
5 . * the banquetting-houfe.

View the brown thadows of yon patho lefs Wood!
And craggy Hills, irregular and rude! Where nature forts romantic: Hence is feen
The new-made Road, aud 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 conftruted this wonderful machine.

You chide the Mufe that dares your virtue own,
And, veil'd with modefty, would live unknown;
An honeft Mufe, no proftitute for gain,
Int'reft may court her, but fhall court in vain :
But ever pleaf'd to fet true worth in view,
Yours fhall be feen, and will, by all but You.

Prophetic here, the Mufe fhall build thy feat, Great like thy foul, in ev'ry part com. plete:
On this fair eminence the fabric ftands, The finifh'd labour of a thoufand hands;

The

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The hill, the dale, the river, groves and fields,
Vary the Landfcape which thy profpect yields;
Whole vales of fruit-trees give our eyes delight,
Yet fcorn alone to gratify the fight;
Beneath the load the tender branch fhall 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 thoufand fweets in mingled odours
flow
From blooming flow'rs which on the borders grow.

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 lafh the rugged ftone.
But here their fury loft, the calmer fcene Deligts the fofter Mufe, and foul ferene, An ample bafon, centre of the place, In lymph tranfparent holds the fcaly race; Its glafsy 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;
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Their tuneful fong the echoing woods refound;
And falling waters add a folemn found: Sure this the Mufes haunt: 'tis hallow'd
ground!

Here could the Mufe for ever fpend 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,

Unjuftly jealous of her faithful fwain, Whilft he expects the kind return in vain: How from the mountain's rocky fides he drew
A thoufand fhining palaces to view : **

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* Mr. A-n regulated the crofs-pof.
** the quarries.

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Temples, and hofpitals in ev'ry land;
From age to age his monument fhall ftand.
Envy itfelf fhall die, and fickle fame, When he is dead, do juftice to his name. Had I or Pindar's wing, or Homer's fire;
Dirgil's true greatnefs, or foft Horace? lyre;
Could I, like tuneful Pope command the Nine;
Did my verfe 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 tafk to abler poets I refign.

ADVICE

# ADVICE TO A DAUGHTER; <br> IN THE STILE OFA DYING MOTHER, 

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

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Oh!

Oh! may the fountain of all truth
Each perfect gift impart,
With innocence proteet thy youth,
With bope fupport thy heart.
So may'ft thou learn thy felf to know,
Of all extremes beware,
Nor find in age thy cup o'erflow
With fhame, remorfe, and care:
Then fhall no madman light reveal,
No vifionary prieft,
With falfhood, ignorance, and zeal,
Torment thy peaceful breaft:
Then fhall no fears thy foul diftrefs, Religiou's doubts fhall ceafe;
Her ways are ways of pleafantnefs, And all her paths are peace.-

EPILO-

# E P I L O G U E; 

Inseribed to all jealous HUSBANDS; ANDIN PARTICULAR
TOMY FRIEND

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Pray, take a furfeit, Sirs, of being jealous,
And fhun the pains, that plague yon Turkifh 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!
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Sighs, and fits mop'd, with her tame beaft to gaze at:
And, that cold treat, is all the game fhe plays at!
For - fhould fhe once fome abler hand be trying,
Poignard's the word! and the firf deal is- dying!
'Slife! flould tine 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 belles unpeople half the nation!-

Fain would I try, in all to move compafsion;
And live to hunt fufpicion out of fafhion.-
Such

Such motives, would I recommend, to lovers;
As in the following my heart difcovers.

Firft then-a woman will, or won'tdepend on't:
If fhe woill do't, fhe bill: and there's an end on't.
But, if fhe bon't - fince fafe and found your truft is
Fear is affront: and jealoufy injufice.

Next-he who bids his dear do, what fhe pleafes,
Blunts wedlock's edge; and all its tortures eafes:
For, not to feel your fuff'rings, is the fame,
As not to fuffer:- all the diffrencename.

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Thirdly - the jealous hufband wrongs his bonour;
No wife goes lame, without fome hurt
upon her:
And, the malicious world will ftill be guefsing;
Who oft dines out, diflikes her obn cook's drefsing.

Fourtbly, and laftly,- to conclude my lecture,
If you would fix th' inconftant wiferefpect ber!
She who perceives her virtue over-rated, Will fear to have th' account more juftly ftated:

And borr'wing from her pride, the good wife's feeming,
Grow really fuch- to merit your efteeming.

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[^1]:    * Tthe Springs.
    ** The city of Bath is calld in the Britiffo language Caer Palludar.

[^2]:    * There is now an antique Buff in the Town-hall of Bath, fuppofed to belong to a Roman ftatue of Pallas.

