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TO THE READER.

THE following Epistolary Ode was written at Cheltenham in the Course of the Summer, and sent by the Author to the Gentleman to whom it is addressed, as a Mark of Esteem, and of the high Opinion He has conceived of the beneficial Effects of Vaccine Inoculation; but many of the Author's Friends having requested Copies, He has been induced in Compliance with their wishes to print and publish it: and if any Profits should arise from the Sale of this Edition, they will be given to the ROYAL JENNERIAN SOCIETY for THE EXTERMINATION of the Small-Pox.

C. A.

Bath: Oct. 1803.

AD

EDVARDUM JENNER, M. D.

CARMEN ALCAICUM.

O! qui secundo natus Apolline
Incumbis arti pæoniæ, studens
Arcana Naturæ, gravemque
More novo prohibere morbum,

Jennere, laudes an sileam tuas?
Dum mente sanus, nec cytharà carens,
Turpive succumbens senectæ
Rura vagor per amœna Cheltæ?

Hìc sæpe mecum dum meditor gemens,
Inter meorum funera, quèis diù
Vixi superstes, quot veneno
Fœta gravi, maculisque tetris

Primis in ævi viribus abstulit
Infesta febris, lingua valet parùm
Narrare, quid debes supremo
Quanta DEO tibi danda laus est,

Furore quòd non ante domabili
Tot dira Pestis quæ peperit mala,
In gentis humanæ levamen,
Te medico superata cessit ;

Quippe arte mirà quæ tibi contigit,
Puris benigni guttula, ab ubere
Inserta vaccino lacertis,
Corporeos penetrat meatus,

Brevique factà in vulnere pustulà,
Propulsat Hostem, nec sinit amplius
Inferre morborum cohortes
Innumeras, comitemque mortem :

O ! quas rependet Patria gratias !
Quæ te Senatùs cura Britannici
Mercede compensabit æquà ?
Annua quæ tibi dona reddet ?

Nam te Machaon hospes adit frequens,
Te pauper æquè, te *locuples* petit
Colonus, immunique gaudent
Consilium elicuisse palmà :

Te mater ambit filiolo cavens
Ut tuto ab atrà corpore sit lue,
Innupta te virgo decentes
Sint memori sine labe malæ :

Utcunque nostris laudibus invidens
Gens quæque grates dat tibi debitas ;
Te Gallus extollit, tuamque
Obsequiosus adorat artem :

At dulcis, heù ! quid filioli salus,
Quid vota Matris, Virginis aut Decor,
Aut fama prodest, quid parumpèr
Quòd volucres tua cura fati

Tardavit alas, si sibi gloriam
Fuso innocentùm sanguine comparans
Hùc ducat infames triumphos,
Gallicus hìc dominetur Hostis ?

Et jam, coactis undique copiis
Naves adornans, oppositos parat
Transire fluctus, Anglicisque
Exitium minitatur oris :

Demens ! inani qui petit Impetu
Sceptro potiri, quod populi fides,
Honorque, et AUGUSTI paternus
In BRITONAS animus tuetur !

Quin cinctus omni milite barbaro
Se credat undis, quale aquilonibus
Martique nostro, quale debent
Ludibrium pelago carinæ ?

Audire toto jam videor freto
Tormenta longè dira tonantia,
Raucumque bomborum fragorem,
Oceanique cruore rubri

Videre Gallos fluctibus obrutos,
Missosque in ipsis criminibus duces
Fratres salutatum, daturos
Tartareis nova jura regnis :

Invita cerno bella gerentium
Erecta dudùm corpora Ibericùm
Prostrata, collectosque corvos
Pingue super Batavi cadaver;

Cerno canoros, semivirùm genus,
Natare fractis viribus Italos,
Nulloque Delphino juvante,
Funereos recitare cantus——

At non vel ipsis gaudeat hostibus
Has ominari musa tragœdias,
Quas ira præceps, Consulisque
Ambitio malesuada movit,

Nec longiori carmine te morer,
Mentemque curis utilioribus
Jennere, seducam,—valeto.—
Teque, tuosque, precor, labores

Deus benigno numine prosperet;
Et dum perennis gloria Laureæ
Insignit Heroas Britannos,
Civica te decoret Corona.

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