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ODE

TO THE

LIVERY OF LONDON,

ON THEIR PETITION TO HIS MAJESTY FOR KICKING OUT HIS WORTHY MINISTERS.

___ Quo ruitis, scelesti? Hor.

ALSO

AN ODE TO SIR JOSEPH BANKS,

ON THE REPORT OF HIS ELEVATION TO THE IMPORTANT DIGNITY OF A PRIVY COUNSELLOR.

-Optat Ephippia Bos :-

He becomes Honours as a Sow does a Saddle. PROVERES.

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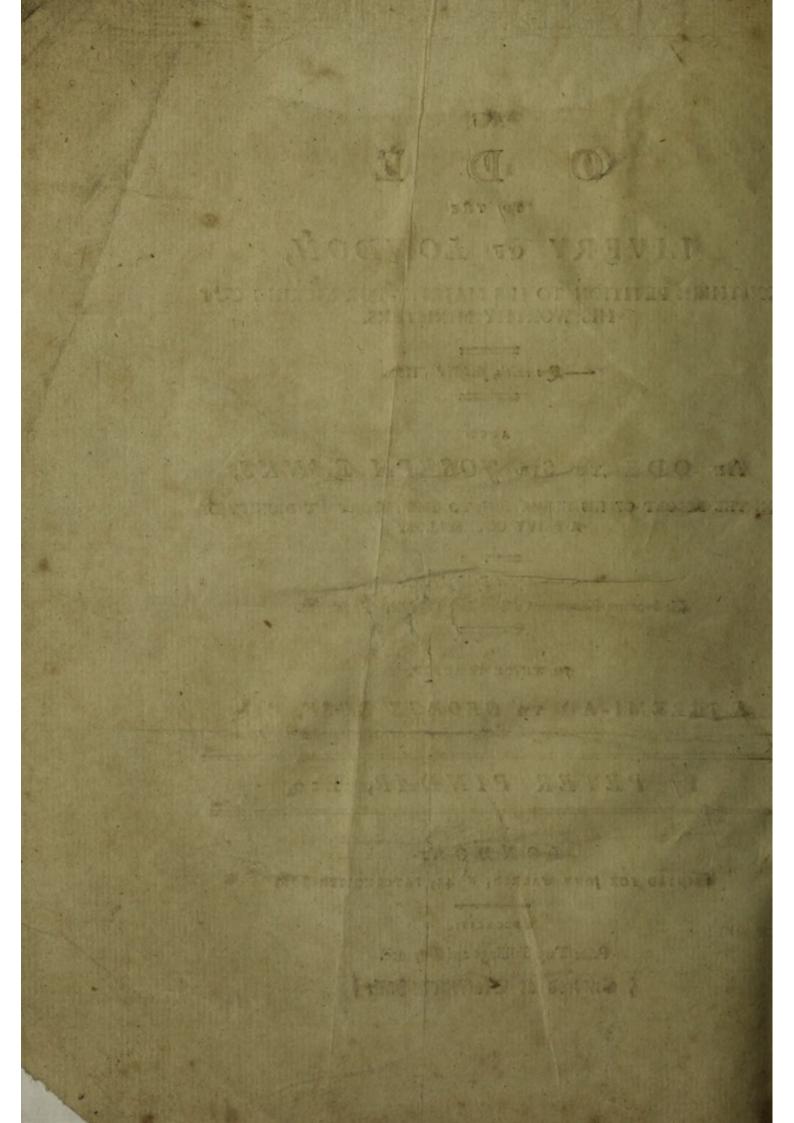
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ODE

TO THE

LIVERY OF LONDON.

WHY, where the devil are ye rushing?

Thus to St. James's rudely pushing,

To force the King to turn out Pitt, poor youth!

The open Jenkinson, the blushful Rose;

Dundas, too, on whom Heav'n bestows

Cart-loads of modesty and truth!

B

If aught I know of Queens and Kings,

Their Graces will do no fuch things.

And who are you, in impudence fo strong?

Know ye the rev'rence due to Thrones?

Down, Knaves, upon your marrow-bones,

As Princes never yet were in the wrong.

Ye think ye make a King and Queen

As Crispin makes a shoe, I ween;

And think, like humble shoes, too, ye may wear 'em:

Ye feel, by this time, I suppose,

That those same shoes can gall your toes,

And sind your corns not much inclin'd to bear 'em.

Old Solomon, of Wisdom the great King,

Declareth, there's a time for ev'ry thing—

Methinks he might have left out impudence:

For who should have the impudence to say,

That Liverymen, compos'd of common clay,

Should boast to Sovereigns their superior sense;

Inform them that their Ministers tell lies,

Are raggamussins, wicked, and unwise?

IMPERTINENCE gets ground, I greatly fear;

Such things are faid as I can scarcely bear:

With insolence the People tax poor Pitt;

Now this is cruel!—'tis the poor man's nature,

As natural as for fish to cleave the water,

Monkeys to grin, dogs howl, and cats to spit.

Whoever

Whoever knew a PITT that had humility?

Fling on the blood, then, all the culpability;

Since 'tis well known to all, that PITT and PRIDE

Are dove-tail'd—join'd as close as bones and hide!

The world abuseth Rose in language rude,

For ignorance and base ingratitude,

And meanness; but 'tis cruel thus to slash—

The man had never any education—

The poorest tag-rag of the Scottish Nation;

Born in a stye, and, hog-like, sed on wash.

For Gratitude's a sentiment that springs
'Midst Gentlefolks and Nobles, Queens and Kings!

Like

Like pine-apples, whom foil the richest suits;

For pine-apples ne'er grow on cold, raw clay,

But fat manure, amid the folar ray,

That darts its golden influence to their roots.

What impudence, alas! to fay,

- " Sire, we refolve to have our way;
 - " And be it known,
- "We'll have no levee-tricks, indeed,
- " And our petition we will read;
- " And you shall hear it on the throne!
 - " This is our right by law accounted;
 - " So, pray your Majesty, get mounted."

Such

Such is the faucy language ye have utter'd;
Which proves ye know not how your bread is butter'd.

At such rude treatment, GRANDEUR winces!

So far I'll take the part of Princes—

Monstrous! they have been scandalously treated;

Basted by saucy verse and prose—

God knows,

Dear fouls! like bears by ruffian bull-dogs baited!

Poor Louis forc'd to run away,

Poor Artois, not inclin'd to stay,

From France, like some hard-hunted badger, hast'neth;

Now billetted upon the Scots;

Sad fates! yea, most unpleasant lots!

But whom the Lord doth love, behold, he chast neth!

Thus is the Bible in their favour;

Yet Mis'RY breeds an ugly favour;

She fmells of musty rags, and dirt, and nits-

I won't fay bugs, and itch, and lice,

Wishing for ever to be nice,

As nicety a well-bred Muse befits:

And yet it is a truth most melancholly,

That Mis'Ry's often the weak child of Folly.

PRINCES

Princes are bleft with fuch a dove-like nature!

Their hearts compos'd of fuch nice ductile matter,

Turning like potter's clay to any forms!

But for their fubjects!—heav'ns! their hearts are rock;

Their manners, borrow'd from the pig-stye, shock;

Their shapes, rank Calibans; their voices, storms!

Mild are the fouls of Princes, like new cheefe!

And, like the cheefe, of milk the simple child,

Too often suffer a confounded squeeze

From subjects by equality defil'd;

Who look with rapture on their grinning Graces,

Enjoying their sad torments and wry faces.

But

But why and wherefore, I can't tell the grounds;

No, verily, my wisdom can't determine,

Why subjects should become a pack of hounds,

And hunt their Sovereign Lords like stinking vermin;

For no one needs (I'm very sure) be told,

Their souls are cast in Nature's sweetest mould.

No, no; they are not polecats, pretty creatures!

Choak not the Nation's chicks, nor fuck its eggs!

Pleas'd with whate'er is giv'n (fuch gentle natures),

Each Prince with so much sweetness bows and begs!

No, never kite-like on a Subject souses,

And, sweeping, carries off his lands and houses!

"There's odds in Gossips," says an old adage,

Forgotten, ah! in this degenerate age:

Subjects from fair decorum widely wander!

Now ev'ry tradesman lifts his dirty nose;

His teeth each working, poor mechanic shows,

And cries, "What's fauce for goose is sauce for gander!"

Thus, by the impudence of rogues and fools,

Are lofty Thrones converted to joint-stools!

G-christen'd Fool's-caps-sceptres turn'd to sticks;

A -- fmile proclaim'd an ideot grin;

A - a jack-ass in a lion's skin;

Courts, puppet-shows; and Rev'rence, monkey-tricks!-

Tricks

Tricks of a mean, submissive clan,

That shame the dignity of Man.

There's not an Englishman, I do suppose,

That would not from his office kick poor Rose,

And on his bonest earnings lay his pats;

Eke on Dundas's, Jenkinson's, poor souls!

And eke from humble Richmond tear his coals,

A* King's black present to his blacker brats.

Nor is there one who would not break, alack!

Our LORD MAYOR's wooden leg about his back!

Thus

Should all the form of the this blowled with the one

^{*} CHARLES the SECOND'S Tax upon Coals, for the benefit of his Baftards.

Thus is Politeness turn'd a clown—

Wisdom in Gothic gloom benighted—

The world turn'd fairly upfide down,

I fear me, never to be righted.

When fuch things are 'mongst Cobblers, Tinkers, Tanners,
The Lord have mercy on the People's manners!

Then, Sirs, no more your wanton venom spit

At Kings and Queens, and worthy Mister Pitt:

Should the ship founder in this blowing weather,

Like friends and neighbours, let us sink together.

Our Lord Mirelate wheelen leg ibelief is back!

What would not from the collected to tell

PART II.

THINK of old times, when Royal Folk

Made of their Subjects a mere joke:

Ev'n in the happy days of good QUEEN BET,

Mum was in Parliament the word—

Her very frown, a flaming fword;

And ev'ry menace put it in a fweat!

Think of the horse-whipping she gave

Th' Ambassador—a faucy knave!

smar fire I would be took In

In Latin, too, to make the fellow wonder—

The man was frighten'd at her voice,

And could not then have had his choice;

He rather would have fac'd a clap of thunder.

Of Lords she often lugg'd the ear;

And often would her Highness swear

On Bishops, sacred men! enough to shock ye.

- " Do this!" her MAJESTY would fay-
- " Do that!-God's blood! I'll have my way!
- " Quick, quick; or, d-n me, Parsons, I'll unfrock ye!"

What to her PARLIAMENT faid she?

" Good Gentlemen, I must agree

" That

- "That ye are proper judges of the weather,
 - " And judges, too, of the Highways,
 - " Hares, Pheasants, Partridges, and Jays;
- " And eke the art of tanning leather.
 - " But, as for Sovereigns, and Dominion,
 - "Tis too sublime for your opinion."

Suppose the Liverymen had boldly said

To this Semiramis of lofty rule,

- " Your Majesty must knock off Cecil's head,
 - " And hang up Essex for a beast and fool:
 - " We relish not these men's administration;
 - " So, Ma'am, dismiss them, and oblige the nation:"-

What

What had the answer been

Of this great Queen?

Why, to the Apothecaries she had roar'd-

- "Ye knaves, who do more mischief than the sword!"
- "You vomits, glyster-pipes-the dev'l confound ye!
 - " What to fuch madness, raggamusfins, urges?
 - " Murderers! I'll make you fwallow your own purges!

Thur Majody must knock off Creat's hond,

- " In your own mortars, rascals, will I pound ye!
 - "You, BAKERS, I shall heat your ovens, slaves,
 - " And serve you like the three Jew boys, ye knaves,
- " Shadrach, and Meshach, and Abednego:

" Browner

- " Browner than all your loaves, shall be your skins:
- "Then let us see, if, for your saucy sins,
- "Your God will deign to take ye out or no.
 - "You Poulterer, wag not thus your tongue so loose,
 - " For fear I pluck ye, as ye pluck your goofe.
- " And, MASTER SKINNER, calm your upstart pride-
 - " On Marfyas think, your flaming rage to cool,
 - " Who, wrestling with his betters, like a fool,
- " Loft, in his struggle for the prize, his bide!
 - " And Master Barber, mind the beard and wig;
 - " And MASTER PIPEMAKER, don't be a prig,

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- " And let that clay of yours be quite so stiff;
 - " Nor in your prowess try to smoke a Queen,
 - " For fear her Majesty's sharp wrath be seen,
- " And send you to the devil on a whiff.
 - ". Leviathans be catechis'd by sprats!"
 - " Mind, if one more complaint ye bring,
 - " By G-, ye dangle like a pack of rats,
 - " All in a string!"

Thus to those men the great Queen Bess had said,
Bridling and tossing in contempt her head;
And thus the Queen, with equal sury blest,
Had smartly rapp'd the knuckles of the rest.

Then

Then, turning to her marv'ling Lords, her GRACE,

Wiping the sweat that gemm'd her precious face,

Had said, "God's-blood, my Lords, a fine discourse!

- "Those fellows talk to me-the small-beer dregs!"
- " They teach, forfooth, their grannum to fuck eggs !
- " They'll find the old gray mare the better horse."

Then why should gentle George of pow'r have less.

Than that same furious Amazon Queen Bess?

What faid her loyal PARLIAMENT again?

- " We must not move her GRACE's ire-
- " Lord, bless us ! should we once complain,

Pagerb aded-lineal ada-saw of alian a wolfel should be

- "The fat will all be in the fire!
- " Low to her feet, like spaniels, we must crawl,
- " Or, lo! she'll play the devil with us all!"

Now, to return to Pirr, ye roar,

- "Out with the rafcal !-what a bore
- " To keep a fellow that undoes the realm!
 - " A great land-lubber! be, be, fleer
 - " The foundering ship from danger clear!
- " Prétending puppy! he, he guide the helm?"

Not long ago, in Paradife,

Ye stuff'd his mouth with figs and spice,

mot but mot sil'

To show your love for him and all his schemes;

Drench'd him with treacle, till besmear'd

Like Aaron's patriarchal beard,

From whence the oil of gladness flow'd in streams.

His head with ev'ry grocer-glory crowning;

And now you are for kicking, hanging, drowning!

So different now, indeed, your carriage,

It puts me much in mind of marriage.

Now love, now hate; now fmile, now tear;

Now fun, now cloud, now mist, now clear;

Now music, now a stunning clap of thunder;

Now

all, wedded Love! the Bans thy beamy halls B

Now perfect ease, now spiteful strife,

So much like matrimonial life to drive and b'donord

Pray read the pretty little story under;

Tis John and Joan.

His head with ev'ry grocer-glory crowning;

I minw fo HN and fo AN. voy won bal

It puts me much in mind of marriage.

So different now, indeed, your carriage,

Hail, wedded Love! the BARD thy beauty hails!

Though mix'd, at times, with cock and hen-like sparrings:

But calms are very pleasant after gales,

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And dove-like PEACE much sweeter after warrings.

I've

I've written-I forget the page, indeed;

But folks may find it, if they choose to read-

- "That MARRIAGE is too sweet without some sour-
- " Variety oft recommends a flow'r. toland out odd double "
 - " Wedlock should be like Punch, some sweet, some acid;

Or like a brook, now thick, now clear;

One day they had a desporate quarrel

And so she wisely lest the leave alone,

- "Then life is nicely turbulent and placid.
- " A Picture that is all in light-d-lismit offil a mod A
- " Lord, what a thing! a very fright!

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- " No, let some darkness be display'd;
- " And learn to balance well with shade."

TOHN

JOHN married JOAN—they frown'd, they fmil'd;

Now parted, and now made a child:

Now tepid show'rs of Love, now chilling fnows;

Much like the feafons of the year; moon the winn ??

Or like a brook, now thick, now clear;

Now scarce a rill, and now a torrent flows. A state of the state of th

One day they had a desperate quarrel

About a little small-beer barrel, last tall and the

. Without John's knowledge slily tapp'd by Joan;

"Then life is nicely turbulent and plant."

For JOAN, t'oblige her old friend Hodge, and Market

Thought asking leave of John was fudge;

And so she wisely left the leave alone.

It happ'd that John and Joan had not two beds

To rest their angry, frowning brace of heads;

Ergo, there was but one

To rest their gentle jaws upon.

" I'll have a board between us," cried the Man-

" With all my spirit, John," replied the wife:

A board was plac'd, according to their plan:

Thus ended this barrier at once the strife.

On the first night, the husband lay

Calm as a clock, nor once wink'd over-

Calm as a clock, too, let me fay,

JOAN never squinted on her lover.

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" loan, did you let from your h

Two,

Two, three, four nights, the fulky PAIR,

Like two still mice, devoid of care,

In philohfopic filence fought repose;

On the fifth morn, it chanc'd to please

John's nose to sneeze—

"God bless you, Dear!" quoth Joan at John's loud nose.

At this John gave a fudden flart,

And, popping o'er the hedge, his head

- " Joan, did you fay it from your heart?"
- " Yes, John, I did, indeed, indeed!"
 - "You did?"-" Yes, JOHN, upon my word"-
 - " Zounds, Joan, then take away the Board!"

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Thus

Thus it will be with you and PITT agen;

Love will beam forth, that ev'ry love furpasses;

The GROCERS be themselves, sweet-temper'd men,

And fouse him in a hogshead of molasses.

Thus will Contention take away the bone,

And you and PITT kiss friends, like John and Joan.

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Love will beam forth, that every love furpaffers

REPORT

IN THE NEWSPAPERS,

That Sir JOSEPH BANKS was made a PRIVY COUNSELLOR.

Thus will Contention take away the lone,

Optat ephippia Bos.

And you and Perry kife frien

YE Gods! SIR JOSEPH of the Council Privy?

Inventive News-papers, I can't believe ye!

Impossible! ye certainly are fibbing!

SIR JOSEPH dubb'd a Counsellor of State!

'Tis laughing at too high a rate;

Lord! what a joke! ye certainly are squibbing!

Because

Because we have believ'd th' apostate Pitt,

And shewn such wond'rous want of wit,

Ye think that any fable will go down.

Now, pray be careful, Sirs, of what you print;

There's danger-yes, indeed, there's danger in't-

Woe to the wight that ridicules a Crown!

SIR JOSEPH is for blunt* conductors;

A Monarch wanteth sharp Instructors:

* Notwithstanding a thousand experiments in favour of pointed Conductors, the Knight and Co. will not allow the ingenious Franklin, the Father of Electricity, to be in the right with respect to the superiority of points to nobs: too obstinate (and perhaps too ignorant) to be convinced, and too haughty to yield.

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There's danger-yes, indeed, there's danger in t-

How can fuch monftrous discords then agree?

Then pray speak truth, ye men of news,

And do not thus the world amuse:

It is not—cannot—must not be!

His M-y is furely wife;

And wants no talk on butterflies,

On eggs and bird-nefts, newts and weeds:

He wants a man to talk on wars,

On dread invasions, wounds, and scars,

On stumps, and carcases, and heads.

de Keige and Co. will north

After a butterfly to scamper, Important on a addition

And with a net his captive hamper, grid ye've gridbluk

SIR JOSEPH is expert, and must delight;

But, as for politics !-- O Heav'n! de asmaise no miggod

The Board must very hard be driv'n,

To choose a swearing Tadpole Knight!

To give a breakfast in Soho, is the state of the state of

SIR JOSEPH'S very bitterest foe and and and visit but

Must certainly allow him peerless merit;

Where, on a wag-tail, and tom-tit,

He shines, and sometimes on a nit,

Displaying pow'rs few Gentlemen inherit.

I grant he is no intellectual lion,

Subduing ev'ry thing he darts his eye on;

Rather, I ween, an intellectual flea,

Hopping on Science's broad bony back,

Poking its pert probofcis of attack, described have

Drawing a drop of blood, and fancying it a fea!

But should reports be true, alas ! los of flat should a ovin of

(And marv'lous things oft come to pass), where a married and

Should he be dubb'd a King's adviser; Vicinities half

'Twill be fo wonderful a change

So very, very frange!

What's stranger still, the Council won't be wifer!

From

From Joseph Banks unto Sir Knight,

Then PRIVY COUNSELLOR in spite

Of Nature, brain, and education!

If, for the last, he hands bas kis'd;

There's not a reptile on his lift

E'er knew a stranger transmutation.

How could Sir Joseph have the face

To take fo dignify'd a place?

But probably the Knight will fay, the elf,

- " Why should not I, as well as some of those
- " Who this fame wondrous Board compose?
 - "There are not wifer fellows than myfelf."

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Of father braing end colucation!

But probably the Knight will fay, the elf,

To give the Devil his due, and one a constant of the

That's true. - tiel at aoutamued avial and

While PITT harangues on France and Spain,

SIR JOSEPH's on a beetle's brain,

A fly, a toad, a tadpole's tail:

While PITT is on the Emperor's loan,

For Britain's jaws fo hard a bone,

SIR JOSEPH's on a weed and fnail!

While Pirr is thinking of supplies,

And turns, poor man! his hopeless eyes

On what may lift us from the bog;

The Knight his head for flea-traps rakes,

Or louse-traps, or deep-studying makes

A pair of breeches for a frog.*

While Majesty and his wife Nobles

Shall weep o'er England's groans and troubles,

Ordering great guns to make the Frenchmen caper;

rectring State All the the Museur

Of reptiles will the Knight be dreaming,

And instruments for insects scheming,

To stretch their little limbs on paper.

Gods!

^{*} See the works of Bonnet and Spalanzani, a pair of Frog-Taylors, who employed a great deal of time and ingenuity in cutting out taffety-breeches for the males of the little croaking nation, during their amours, in order to establish some beautiful and delicate sacts relative to impregnation.

Gods! if amidst some grand debate,

All for the good of our great State, the state of the sta

A moth should flutter, would the man fit quiet?

Forgetting State Affairs, the KNIGHT

Would feize his hat with wild delight, an yrastal all W

And, chacing, make the most infernal riot:

O'erturning benches, statesmen, ev'ry thing,

To make a pris'ner of the mealy wing!

Were Brunswick here, I'd tell the King of GLORY

And inflrements for infolks folieraing,

A fimple story;

An Æsop-tale, by way of illustration,

Proving Sir Joseph's awkward elevation.

As how a CAT did JUPITER implore, won has

(For cats like Christians said their pray'rs of yore)

That he would make her a young Lady fair;

And how, of rattling Thunder the GREAT GOD

Consented to it with his usual nod,

And made her pretty too as she could stare.

And then as how, upon her wedding-night,

When in her DEARY's loving arms lock'd tight,

She heard behind the bed a rat;

Sudden from his embrace she gave a spring,

Forgetting love, and kiss, and ev'ry thing,

To catch the vermin like a cat:

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So, fran a Countellor, the King of Man

And

at the world stake there are owned and

Che beard behind the hed a rat;

And how, to punish her, with huge disdain,
The angry God made Miss a Cat again.

Thus may the King, like his great Brother Jove,
Forget his partiality and love;

And as Jove justly serv'd the Cat, to shame her;
So, from a Counsellor, the King of Men

May make the Knight a Grub-hunter agen,

And bid him mind his butterslies and hammer:

^{**} Since the above Ode was given to the Printer, it is too true that the News-papers were in the right. The Knight is bonâ fide dubbed a Privy Counsellor. Ridicule enjoys a second feast on the occasion.

occasion. Her first treat was his elevation to the chair of the immortal NEWTON.

SIR JOSEPH must not complain at his being so frequently the subject of a poetical laugh; Folly is the natural and fair game of SATIRE. To wreak his revenge on the Muse, by condemning her to silence, let him cease to play the fool. Amotâ causâ, tollitur effectus—I beg the Knight's pardon, for I recollect that he has forgotten all his Latin, and retains his native vulgar tongue only.

Resident a court of history comment is that make a track to their

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ADVERTISEMENT.

MY Bookfeller assuring me, with a most solemn countenance, that the Public expect more for their Half-Crown than was provided: in imitation of our most compliable Administration, I have yielded to their hungry wishes, and cooked up a pretty dish of Bubble and Squeak.

The Composition is Elegiac, that is to say, full of complaint and tenderness; and I have moreover baptized it a Jeremi-ad, on account of a tender and sublime resemblance between my Song and the Songs of the Prophet. The birth of my Jeremi-ad immediately succeeded PITT's and GRENVILLE's two celebrated Bills of Terror.

It pathetically lamenteth the fallen state of one of our most admired Poets, videlicet, Myself! and is addressed to Mr. George Rose, of the Treasury, a pains-taking man, of low extraction, pitiful talents, and of no education; but who, sinding, in his journey from Scotland to England, a couple of ladders, very much like those employed by Messieurs Pitt, Dundas, Jenkinson, and Co. called Impudence and Perseverance, ascended, like the aforesaid bold Gentlemen, to nearly the same plane of elevation; shewing thereby the little or no importance of Merit and Modesty towards the attainment of Fortune and Honours.

A JEREMI-AD.

ADDRESSED TO

GEORGE ROSE, Esq. of the Treasury.

WHERE is the power of Peter?—where the quills

That from the Porcupine at Folly flew?

Where, where his cannon that in thunder kills?

The fword of Satire that its thousands slew?

The voice that like the rams-horns levell'd walls,

Has lost its fury—to a whisper dies!

The look of Pitt the Poet's tongue appals!

"Curs'd be the BARD!" the POLITICIAN cries.

What

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What fine large shot was mine for high-crown'd heads?

Those glorious pheasants! noble cocks and hens!

But now of fmaller size I cast my leads,

Forc'd (what a paltry mark!) to fire at wrens!

No more I smile at Buc—am's fair house,

Nor sharpen, for a King and Queen, my wit;

No more indulge my humour with a louse,

Content with humbler game, to crack a nit.

Now Madam Schwellenberg her afs may straddle,

And Jack may fly before a poking pin;

The Lady, frighten'd, tumble from her saddle,

And shew her lovely legs without a grin.

The

The BARD, who bullied QUALITY with fong,

Must to the iron times his genius suit;

The BARD, in energy divinely strong—

The BARD, whose voice was thunder, must be mute.

In vain I gnash my teeth—my hour is o'er;

The Statesman triumphs!—all my cunning foils!

He careth not five farthings for my roar,

But mocks the lion struggling in his toils!

A hopeful CEDAR near th' Aonian fount,

I push'd my daring top into the skies;

Grac'd with my large, luxuriant limbs the mount,

And drew the wonder of a million eyes!

Struck

Struck (not illumin'd) by their ANGER's flame,

Amid the work of terror, shook my form!

Low to the earth, my head with rev'rence came,

And own'd the passing Genius of the Storm!

Who, who could fancy such disgrace, alas!

Heav'ns! what a change!—a mighty change prevails!

The second Kincos Babylon at grass!

SATIRE'S ARCHANGEL fall'n to feed on snails!

Since PITT and GRENVILLE, daring dreadful things,

Full of their magnanimities, agree

That PETER shall not laugh at Queens and Kings,

Permit me, gentle George, to laugh at Thee.

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