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ADDRESSED TO HIS GRACE, JOHN DUKE OF MONTAGU: THE MOST BENEFICENT OF MANKIND.

JAN. XXX. MDCCXLVIII.

TO WHICH IS SUBJOINED THE ORIGINAL ODE OF HORACE, ILLUSTRATED BY A NEW INTERPRETATION. BY SIR WILLIAM BROWNE, M.D.



Frui paratis, et valido mihi, LATOE, dones, et, precor, integra Cum mente : nec turpem fenetlanı Degere, nec cithara carentem. Hor.

Dormitante, ut videtur, ischie Bentleio, fic legatur, interpungatur, illustretur, meo periculo, Dones, precor, paratis frui, et valido cum corpore, et mente integra, mente fana in corpore fano : Senestian degere, nec inhonoratam, nec injucundam. Dona, quae, fine prece, fibi quifque temperans prudensque dabit;

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THE OXFORD EPIGRAM.

On fending Horfe to THEM, and Books to CAMBRIDGE.

THE KING observing, with judicious eyes, The flate of His TWO UNIVERSITIES; TO OXFORD fent a Troop of Horfe: for why? That Learned Body wanted Loyalty. To CAMBRIDGE He fent Books: as well differing, How much That Loyal Body wanted Learning.

THE REPLY. By an OLD WHIG CANTAB.

CONTRARY Methods juftly GEORGE applies, To Govern His two UNIVERSITIES. To OXFORD is difpatch'd a Troop of Horfe : Since TORIES own no argument like Forco. To CAMBRIDGE Ely's learned Books are fent : Since WHIGS admit no force like Argument.

VTRI CREDITIS QVIRITES?

GEORGIVS argute Regni DVO LVMINA Spettans, Diverse Imperio Subdit VTRVMQYE Suo. OXONIAM Turmis, armato ac Milite complet: Vis sua fola valet quippe quod HVIC ratio. Sed GRANTAM Scriptis, multoque Volumine donat: Quippe quod HVIC Ratio vis sua sola valet.

OLD WHIGGISM The Same Thing in the GREEK.

ΕΙΣ ΔΥΟ μεν ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ Βασιλειας ΟΜΜΑΤΑ βλεπων, Αλλοιως ΑΜΦΟΙΝ Αρχεται εργολαζων. ΒΟΥΣΚΡΑΔΙΟΥΣ Ιππων τε, και Ανδρων Οπλα ερατησει' Ως Βια τ' εις ΑΥΤΟΥΣ δη Λογος εστι μονος. ΓΡΑΝΤΟΛΟΓΟΥΣ σοφα Βιζλια, και καλα Γραμματα ωεισει' Ω: Λογος εις ΑΥΤΟΥΣ δη Βια τ' εστι μονη.



To The Right Honorable,

[...]

JOHN Lord MONTAGU.

nifument infided of the same; which would indeed

without fach a nore valuable confid

My Lord,

THE Disposition to Do Good Universally, even to far as to comprehend the Animal Creation, was to peculiarly the Character of Your Illustrious Grandfather, the late DUKE OF MONTAGU: that it deferves, indeed, to be recorded by an immortal pen; but ought never to be passed over, in filence, by any, that can find a proper opportunity for mentioning His Great Name. This Truth must always be fo agreeable to the World; that, I make no doubt, it will even atone for the publication of this Address: prefented to His Grace, fo long ago as the Title-page expresses, out of duty and gratitude, on a particular occasion. To this is subjoined the original Ode of HORACE, illustrated by a new Interpretation.

It is very happy for me, thus to fecure an Apology, not to be controverted. For had I trufted to that *fpecial plea*, of having observed, even to *fupererogation*, this excellent *rule* of my *Master*:

Membranis intus positis. *____ ART. P.

I am fenfible, it might have been overruled, by rejoining : That this very rule condemns me, for not making use of the remedy it provides :

Quod non edideris :----

IBID.

* Sic, ad evitandam raurohoyiav, recte diftinguitur a Bontleio.

But,

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But, *bere*, I might have *furrejoined*: That, if, by this miftake, I had exposed my *judgment*, I had at the fame time expressed my gratitude. That, this, of the two, is the *fuperior quality*; for which I should much rather chuse to be effected: gratitude being an *intire* act of *my own*; judgment a *limited* gift of my *Maker*. That, this, therefore, *privileges* me against the punishment inflicted by that *fentence*; which would indeed be *fevere*, without such a more valuable confideration to fet against it:

---- Nescit vox missa reverti. IBID.

The fame gratitude authorifes and directs this Dedication to Your Lordship: who, together with Your Noble Parents, Lord and Lady CARDIGAN, are fo nearly, fo deeply interested, in admiration, and imitation of so glorious an Example.

The fingularity of celebrating a Patron fo long fince Dead, is the onely accufation, against which I am at a loss for any defence: neither being able to produce a precedent for it; nor having authority fufficient to make one.

I am,

With Difinterested Duty to Your LORDSHIP,

Scilicet uni aequo LIBERTATI, atque Ejus Amicis,

Queen fquare, Jan. 14. 1763,

On Free and Noble Principles,

Your most Obedient Servant,

William Browne.

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TO HIS GRACE DUKE OF MONTAGU. JOHN



OBLEST OF MEN, of Royal Race *, Whom all Illustrious Titles grace, That High Defert can clame: To Your Great Patronage alone I owe the honor, GEORGE has done My undeferving name.

HORATII ODE I. AD MAECENATEM.

MAECENAS atavis edite regibus, O et praesidium et dulce decus meum:

COMMENTARIOLVM. VTCVMQVE Critici ac Interpretes in limine haeserunt, et, vel sensum, vel venustatem, vel etiam Latinitatem expiscari sudarunt et alserunt : pulcherrima

* Descended from JOHANNA DE ACRES, Daughter of K. E. I. by Ralph de Monthermer, E. of Glocefter, and Baron Monthermer. Sandford's Genealogy. certe,

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Some labor, with Heroic aim, To reach the higheft rank of Fame, In her immortal roll: Some canvas, for their Country's choice, For Honors of the public voice, And ftand the noify poll.

SVNT QVOS CVRRICVLO pulverem Olympicum Collegisse juvat, metaque fervidis Evitata rotis, palmaque nobilis. TERRARVM DOMINOS evehit ad Deos: Hunc, si mobilium turba Quiritium Certat tergeminis tollere honoribus:

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certe, luculentiffima, atque ab omni nube liberata habebitur hæc Ode; fi modo, ut infra proponitur, Graiorum in primis praecipuas, Romanorum deinde bumanique generis varias, Maecenatis denique, ac ipfius Horatii proprias voluptates recenfere, inter fe comparare, fuoque pro merito laudare, intelligatur. Ifthac utique vera, nifi fallor, interpretatione, non modo accuratiffimum inter Graios et Romanos notatur diferimen; verum etiam elegantiffimum Docto ejus Patrono a fagaci Poeta tribuitur presconium: digniffimum fane, quod ante Opera fua, Prooemii fimul et Dedicationis vice fungeretur.

3. SVNT QVOS CVRRICVLO] Laudantur Graii ludis Olympicis praecipue gaudentes, maxime nobiles; facti a palma, victoriae praemio, nobiles: unde metovominus perpulchre feribitur palma nobilis. Sunt quos, illustria Graiorum exempla sequentes, curriculo pulverem Olympicum Collegisse juvat, metaque fervidis Evitata rotis, palmaque nobilis.

Puriffimae Latinitati maxime confentaneum effe, ut idem verbum juvat duplicem, Jani adinftar, faciem, tam personalem quam impersonalem, in periodo eadem, oftendat, ex hac, atque alia fimili locutione admonuit clariffimus Bentleius.

> Me nec foemina, nec puer Iam, nec spes animi credula mutui, Nec certare juvat mero.

OD. IV. 1.

At vero, vel etiam oculatiffimus ille Vir dupliciter vidiffe videtur, quod non facile crediderim; vel ipfemet haud fimpliciter videre videor, quod citius longe concefferim; dum nulla nifi *perfonalis* hujufce verbi facies mihi, per totam periodum, apparuerit. Etenim, in utraque, ipfa oratio cafus nominativi vicem gerere, meis faltem oculis, videtur: hic, *collegiffe curriculo pulverem Olympicum* juvat; illic, *certare mero* juvat: hic, reliquos cafus rectos ducens; illic, fequens.

Viderat bujus loci ασυστασιαυ doctiffimus Glareanus, et Glareanum secuti alii. Sed qua ratione scribendus foret, id eos sugit. Critico isti celebri, Rutgersio, quem sequuntur, plauduntque Pontanus, et Gatakerus, omnium primo suboluit, distinctionem post palmaque nobilis desiderari. Quae quidem multo nomine mihi maxime placet, primaque facie necessario prorsus admittenda est: ut detur verbum evebit, quod pronominibus Hunc, et, Illum, proprio modo regat; cum sensui repugnet communi, Some board the wealth that Av'rice yields : Some till content paternal fields:

Some trade o'er faithless seas: Some follow Wine's bewitching tafte, And all their pretious moments wafte, In jollity and eafe.

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Illum, fi proprio condidit borreo Quicquid de Lybicis verritur areis. Gaudentem patrios findere sarculo Agros Attalicis conditionibus Numquam dimoveas, ut trabe Cypria Myrtoum pavidus nauta secet mare. Luctantem Icariis fluctibus Africum Mercator metuens otium et Oppidi LAVDAT TVTA Jui: mox reficit rates Quass, indocilis pauperiem pati. Est qui nec veteris pocula Massici, Nec partem solido demere de die

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Spernit; nunc viridi membra sub arbuto Stratus, nunc ad aquae lene caput sacrae.

communi, absurdiffimumque rem attente fatis excutienti videatur, ut a verbo sequenti dimoveas umquam quovis modo regi possint. Quis enim, nisi mente carens, tam ineptum dicat, aut dictum patiatur? Hunc honoribus, Illum divitiis auctum, Hunc, ut non vel priorem vel parem ferat, Illum, ut ne sit ditior alter, Hunc, Caefarem puta, aut Pompeium, Illum, scilicet Crassum, Attalicis conditionibus Numquam dimoveas, ut trabe Cypria Myrtoum pavidus Nauta secet mare : ut fiant mari Mercatores. Ecce Sapientium Octavus! Quali, Attalicae conditiones dimoveant Hunc, et, Illum; Qui conditionibus, vel ipfis Attalicis, vel plufquam Attalicis, jamdudum fruuntur. Quafi, tam parum fapiant homines, ut quovis perfuafi argumento, ad id ipfum foris quaerendum, quod domi jam nunc habent, per omne audaces mare currerent. Citius, mea quidem fententia, dixisfet Horatius: Hunc, Deorum honoratiffimum, Iovem, Illum, ditiffimum, Plutum, fascibus et securibus numquam dimoveas, ut Romae fiant Confules. Dejiciatur itaque regno, quod fenfu tam iniquo mirum quo modo ufurpaverit, jure certe nullo umquam tenuit, verbum dimoveas'; fubditifque iftis Hunc, et, Illum, regi proprio, verbo evehit, redditis; in unum folum, fibi merito fane manentem, in Gaudentem patrios findere farculo Agros, dominari perstet, sceptrumque exerceat. Perpulchrum plane inter tutam ruris pauperiem, et periculosum maris lucrum instituitur certamen : antithefis exhibetur admodum venusta. In isthac profecto palaestra, victori non nihil honoris accefferit, agri patrii culturam, nil nifi probam pauperiem fine dote praebentem, maris mercium commutationi, vel ipfos montes aureos pollicenti, praeponere. Hac fola

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Some march in Mars's fanguine train, While mothers curfe th' imbattled plane,

And trumpet's deadly tone: Some join the Hunter's early crew, And thro' the cold their game perfue, While wives fuch fports bemoan.

Multos castra juvant, et lituo tubae Permixtus sonitus, bellaque matribus 25 Detestata. manet sub Iove frigido Venator, tenerae conjugis inmemor; Seu visa est catulis cerva fidelibus, Seu rupit teretes Marsus aper plagas.

fola quaestione, unusquisque, fi velit, fummum agere possit cum Horatio triumphum: Cur valle permutem Sabina Divitias operofiores? OD. III. 1.

Quam fuaviter autem, quam eleganter, in tali inter otium et operam pugna, infigniuntur Divitiae epitheto operofiores! Quanta etenim opera partae, quanta confervatae, quanta oftenfae, quanta etiam, denique, vel impenfae! Lis equidem tota, decreto veritatis pariter ac venuftatis pleno, a fapientifimo Judice, fic refolvitur.

> Beatus ille, qui procul negotiis, Vt prifca gens mortalium, Paterna rura bobus exercet fuis, Solutus omni foenore : Nec excitatur classico miles truci, Nec borret iratum mare : Forumque vitat, et superba civium Potentiorum limina. &c.

EPOD. 2.

Haec equidem Rutgersii fagaciffima distinctio, nodum Ipfo Deo vindice dignum folvere scilicet audentis, Bentleio, Criticorum facile Principi, vel potius Regi inproprium gregem timendo, non uno nomine displicuit : quod, voces palma et evebit artiffime connectuntur, quas maxime violentum et coactum effet divellere; crederes vel a D. O. M. conjunctas, a mortalium nemine diffociandas: quod, palma nobilis jejuna porro eft, et arida, omnique Venere spoliata, nisi reliqua subjunxeris: quod, verbum evebit imperfonaliter exhiberi haud patienter ferri poteft; quafi Grammaticum effet scelus, in foro Critico, nequaquam ignoscendum : quod, opes fordidae, malorum irritamenta, magis ad impia tartara mittunt, quam evebunt ad Deos. Verum enimvero, pace tanti Viri, edictis iftis, utut reglis, feliciter fatis obviam ire licebit : quod, palma nobilis, ludorum Olympicorum praemium, adeo omnibus numeris absoluta eft, ut reliqui nihil subjungi aut desideret, aut ferat : quod, accuratifiima climace, optimoque jure fententiam claudit, adeoque a verbo evebit divortium facillime admittit : quod, evebit imperfonaliter exprimi nil vetat, dum fic docent Grammatici; Nullum fere verbum est tam personale, ut non idem imperfonalis forman poffit induere; nec e diverso: quod, re certe vera, opes, magis etiam quam In all Life's entertaining views, While Each his fav'rite point persues, Such dear delight is fhewn : No terms can tempt to change the scene, Because the Mind can never lean

To pleasures not its own.

Vide Versus 11, 12, 13 et 14.

quam bonores, populo faltem, sub quo lis est, judice, evebunt ad Deos, atque Omnipotentes faciunt : testante Petronio :

-Quidvis nummis praesentibus opta,

Et veniet : claufum continet area lovem. SAT.

testante, uno instar omnium, Horatio: -Ommis enim res, Virtus, fama, decus, divina humanaque, pulchris

Divitiis parent : quas qui construxerit, ille,

Clarus erit, fortis, justus*. Sapiensne? Etiam et rex,

Et quicquid volet .-

Cum autem, ex Nota fequenti, non modo fas esse videbitur palma nobilis ab evebit diffociari, verum etiam nefas non diffociari : abjiciatur penitus medicina ilta, morbo minime accommodata, tantoque Medico prorsus indigna:

-palmaque nobilis

. Terrarum dominos evebere ad Deos.

6. TERRARVM DOMINOS] Laudantur Romani, diversa sequentes, devicta Graecia, toto orbe devicto, rerum potiti, proptereaque vere Terrarum Domini. Ifthunc certe titulum, illustriffimam periphrafim, jure merito fibi totum vindicarunt, fibi proprium fecerunt Romani. Teftor Virgilium, id ipfum honoris a Iove derivantena :

Terrarum Dea gentiumque Roma.

Romanos rerum dominos. His ego nec metas rerum, nec tempora pono: AEN.L. Imperium fine fine dedi.

Teftor Martialem :

Teftor ipfum Horatium: Romae principis urbium.

OD. IV. 3. Ex loco autem novifime citato, in mentem mihi venit advertere, quam fuavifime ista Ad Melpomenen Ode, cum prima hac Ad Maecenatem in omnibus convenit et consentit : adeo ut alteri altera lucem clariffimam adferat. Oftendit enim illarum alterutra, verbis aliisque et iisdem, ad unum scilicet eumdemque collimans scopum : Quod nec nobilis Achaicorum in ludis palma; nec tergemini Quiritium honores, nedum inferioris notae voluptates, ab Illo vel invidentur vel ambiuntur, Quem juvat Musa: vatumque inter amabiles choros ponit, aut populus Romanus, wiei Gearrinus pariter laudatus, Principis urbium foboles; Terrarum domini; aut eorum omnium vicem gerens, unus Maecenas. Laudatio autem, et comparatio Graiorum cum Romanis, apud Scriptores Latinos frequentisfime occurrit. De belli tropaeis, dicit Iuvenalis:

-Ad baec fe

Romanus, Graiusve, ac Barbarus induperator Erexit .----

· Siç, Bentleii spiritu, pulcherrime diftinguitur.

Augustum

SAT. II. 3.

EP. XII, 8.

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The Merchant, when wild tempefts rore, May praife the fafety of the fhore, And dread the angry main: But foon his fhatter'd fhip repares, Nor any longer abfence bears

From his beloved gain.

Vide Versus 15, 16, 17 et 18.

Augustum etiam ipsum, hunc in morem, maxime laudat Horatius :

TE ducibus nostris, TE Graiis anteserendo. E.P. II. I. Graiorum juventutis inftitutionem, camque longe quidem praeponens, cum ista

Romanorum comparat :

Graiis ingenium, Graiis dedit ore rotundo Mufa loqui, praeter laudem nullius avaris. Romani pueri longis rationibus affem Difcunt in partes centum diducere.

Romanorum victoriam in Graios, Graiorumque vicifim in Romanos refert jucundiffime: Graecia capta ferum victorem cepit, et artes

Intulit agresti Latio.-----

E P. II. I.

tellante, uno

Graios pariter Scriptores cum Romanis, licet non eadem trutina, pensat: Si quia Graiorum sunt antiquissima quaeque

Scripta vel optima, Romani pensantur eadem

Scriptores trutina, non est quod multa loquamur: Nil intra est olea *, nil extra est in nuce duri.

IBID. Id tamen obiter ut moneam, versum hunc novissimum nemo Interpretum, quem scio, vel minima ex parte explicafie, vel intellexisse videtur. Consentiunt enim inter fe, unaque voce omnes fic exponi volunt. Qui Graios Romanosque Scriptores una eademque trutina pensandos asserunt, pariter absurdi sunt, ac si dicant, sensibus ipsis frustra reclamantibus, nec oleae dari nucleum nec nuci corticem. Verum enimvero, non is erat Horalius, qui umquam inter disputandum, loco argumenti substituerit contumeliam : non adeo mentis inops, ut tali auxilio, defensore isto egeret. Argumento argumentum opponere, suoque fibi gladio adversarium jugulare, perpetuo confuevit: id quod, hoc etiam in loco, perpulchre praestitit. Sie enim, re penitus perpenía, acutifime quidem fecari videtur lis tota. Si, quia Graiorum sunt antiquissima quaeque Scripta vel optima, necessario Jequatur, te judice, boc idem verum esse de Romanis : pari jure, me judice, dicas, nil intra duri esse in olea, quoniam id verum est de nuce; nil extra durum esse in nuce, quoniam id verum est de olea. Hinc, nova exoritur lux, propriulque, nisi animus me fallit, nitor sententiae accedit. Hinc, probrofa ista, ut intelligi folet, absurditatis criminatio, ourdorogra ab Horatii certe genio ac mente alienifima, in fubtilifimam rationis vim atque aciem convertitur. Hinc, non convitio congreffum inequalem metui vel evitari, fed ingenio praeclarum agi triumphum videmus : non Therstitis opprobrium, sed Vlyffis acumen sentimus. Tota haec victrix argumentatio fic Anglice reddi poterit.

If, becaufe Graecian oldeft works are beft, The Roman writers too must fland this teft; Very few words will furnish a defence Against the weakness of this confequence:

* Sie optime corrigitur vox oleam, jubente Bentleio.

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Your Heav'nly Joy is to dispense The rays of Your Beneficence To Ev'ry Living Kind: Releved from want, and misery, In concert, Men, Brutes, Birds, agree, To praise Your Godlike Mind.

TE doctarum ederae praemia frontium 30 Dis miscent superis.

> As well you may, olive compared with nut, Prove that not bard within, nor this without.

Sed redeamus unde digreffum eft. Terrarum dominos, Romanos, evehit ad Deos; Hunc, fi rempublicam administret; Illum, fi rem privatam adcumulet. Hic, honoribus, Ille, opibus Omnipotentem fe credit, praestatque. Trabit, equidem, fua quemque voluptas; sed soli superbiunt, soli dominantur Magistratus, et Divites: soli caeteros omnes, ut profanum vulgus odio babent et arcent, quasi ad superos evecti.

16. 17. OPPIDI LAVDAT TVTA] Oppidi rura in oppidi tuta quae commodiffime mutaret, legem primus tulit ingeniofus Valens Acidalius: quam postea, veluti de proprio, fimiliter fancivit acutifimus Gronovius Pater. Adeo inter fe confenfit, five a fuo uterque, five ex alio alius, fratrum par nobile Criticorum. Huic etiam legi, quam Authori aequifiimus adjudicat, Bentleius ipfe Magnus, Membranas nil morans, cumulo locutionum fimilium adlato, demiffo tamen contra morem fceptro, modeftia fingulari, fuavique ore, affenfum dedit plufquam regium : eamdemque certiffime decorat Suadela Venusque. Quantumcumque enim lectionem antiquam tuentibus RVS IN VRBE placuerit; quantumcumque illorum judicio sic siTI LAE-TANTVR LARES; quantumcumque pulchritudinis, aut locus ipfe descriptus a fitu, aut ipfa loci descriptio ab elegantia Latini fermonis, accepiffe putetur; dum tamen interea dictio Oppidi rura vel jus civitatis hactenus obtinuiffe apud Authores nuk quam invenitur : quocumque modo haec, aliaque omnia quae in eamdem rem adduci poterint, se habuerint, frustra prorsus erunt; dum Lustantem Icariis flustibus Africum Mercator metuens, letbi jam limine in ipfo, non Rura, non loca amoena, fed Tuta folum laudat; non de prospectu Villae, sed Vitae, cogitat; non venustatem, fed falutem folam curat, et rogat, et omnis in boc eft.

29. TE] Me habent, errato quidem Librariorum universo, istoque fimul gravissimo, fatisque, crederemus, obvio, licet nuperrime modo perspecto, Membranae ad unam omnes. Cum enim postea plus semel Maecenatem inter Doctos jure falutaverit Horatius:

Docte fermones utriufque linguae.O D. III. 8.Prisco si credis Maecenas Docte Cratino.E P. I. 19.

Annon, a principio etiam Doctarum ederas praemia frontium Illi multo magis adferibere, quam fibi ipfi adfumere : annon, praefidium et dulce decus suum colere, quam proprium ingenium venerari mallet ? Annon, etiam id ipfum fe re vera praeftitiffe follemniter enuntiat ?

Prima dicte mihi, *fumma dicende*, camena. E.P. I. I. Obfervavit primus, haud ita pridem, Criticus ille infiguis, *Haraeus*, Episcopus CiCeftriens, *Te*, hoc in loco, prorfus postulari. Atque id quidem verum esse quis jam non videat : non modo ad fuavitatem idoneam Carmini conciliandam, sed et

ad

To fing Life's joys, and heal its pains, With fkilful hand, and pleafing ftrains, Is all that I defire: But—on the Mufe's wing I'll rife, And reach fublime the ftarry fkies, If You Incite my lyre.

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—Me gelidum nemus Nympharumque leves cum Satyris chori Secernunt populo : fi neque tibias Euterpe cohibet, nec Polyhymnia Lefboum refugit tendere barbiton. Quodfi me Lyricis vatibus inferis Sublimi feriam sydera vertice.

ad fenfum aliquem naribus, non dicam acutis, fed, vel communibus aptum excutiendum ? Ifthoc Lynceos Bentleii oculos mirum eft quo modo effugerit : quod in Ludis literariis docenti, vel etiam difcenti cuiquam, latere posse quis jam nunc non miretur? Quanta enim Lectori fe obtrudit anticlimax, inter Me Dis miscent superis, et Me secernunt populo! Quantus descensus, quantus lapsus est, a Dis superis in gelidum nemus : a beatis Immortalium coetibus ad leves Nympharum cum Satyris choros: ap' vyous sis Batos! Quantum excitat rifum jucunda Illius jactatio, Sublimi feriam sidera vertice, Quem jamdudum Doctarum ederae praemia frontium Dis miscuerant superis! Restituto autem Te in locum plane suum, Carmen nova luce donatum, non modo caliginem omnem excutit, quam ei mendum iftud offuderat, verum etiam gratifiimum Maecenati, quod deberi videmus, atque omitti vix et ne vix quidem patimur, officium praestat : inter varias hominum delicias, istas praesertim Patroni fui diligentius notando, aliisque omnibus anteponendo. Maecenatem profecto Dis miscet superis mira arte Horatius: dum caeteros omnes, tam Graios, quam Romanos, inanibus corporis fenfuumque gaudiis verfantes; Illum folum divinis animi literarumque voluptatibus delectantem celebrat. Maxime autem ante omnia, notandum, atque laudandum est Poetae acumen: qui, dum fanctistime Musas fuas colit; dum altifimum Patrono fuo folium erigit; non modo ipfi fibi fedem vel in gradu infimo fervat, verum etiam ad fummum fastigium, favente Hoc, faventibus Illis, viam aperit: exigitque monumentum aere perennius, nec oblitus suorum, nec illis obliviscendus.

Si quid grati Doctis praestiterit leve hoc in primam mihi dulcissime adridentis, perpetuique comitis, Horatii Oden Commentariolum; nec lusis quidem, nec etiam vel non incidere ludum pudebit: quin plura, forsitan, ejusdem nominis et coloris, Illorum judicio submittere coner, si modo Deus nobis otia fecerit.

Dum autem tam varie delectantur Homines; dum, horas inter medendi officium fubsecivas delectans, Lectorem delectare tam ardenter cupio; et spes et consilium est Ejus veniam exorare et impetrare: si, quod quidem babet me consitentem reum, inter amabiles Classicorum choros Ipse nimium delectari videar.

FINIS.

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[9] ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF HORACE, ODE I. TO MAECENAS. AGREEABLE TO THIS INTERPRETATION. AECENAS high by birth allied, At once my Patron and my Pride. The Greeks, fond of Olympic game, In chariot-race aspired to fame : The Victor's brow the palm-wreath bound, 5 And with immortal glory crown'd. The Romans, Masters of Mankind, In power, and wealth, a Godhead find.

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Him, whom the wavering People's vote 10 To highest office shall promote : Him, who shall greatest treasure hoard, That Lybia's crowded barns afford : We fee affume coelestial nods, No longer mortal Men, but Gods. 15 The Country-taste knows few demands, Content to till paternal lands: Nor will be changed, to plow the main, Ev'n Attalus's wealth to gain. The Merchant, when wild tempests rore, 20 Praises the *safety* of the shore : But soon his shatter'd ships repares, And threatning waves to want prefers.

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The Bacchanalian's relifs flews, No other use of time he knows; 25 But his inceffant with to pleafe, With endless jollity and eafe. The Soldier's joy in camps is found, In drum's and trumpet's martial found : He wishes for war's dire campaign, 30 While Mothers curfe th' imbattled plane. The Hunter, with his early crew, Contemning cold, their Sport perfue: A Whether his faithful hounds shall find The furious boar, or timorous bind: 35 While tender Wives are left alone, Neglected beauty to bemoan.

Cicellinentis

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Your Learned Head the ivy-prize Ranks with the *supreme Deities*. My pleasure is the shady grove, 40 Where, Nymphs and Satyrs freely rove : Where, while the Muses aid I find, I turn my back upon Mankind. But-if You give my honor'd name The Lyric Poet's deathlefs fame : 45 On Aemulation's wing I'll rife, And reach *fublime* the ftarry fkies. FINIS,

Addend.

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