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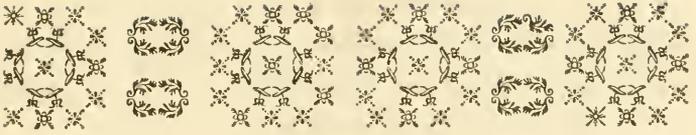
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An O D E.

**F**ORGIVE, my Lord, an homely Muse,  
 Too plain by Flatt'ry to amuse,  
 Too free to hope or fear;  
 I come not with obsequ'ous bow,  
 To sooth, protest, recant, or vow,  
 Like temporising Cl—re.

Nor meek and trembling with despair,  
 To drop a penitential tear,  
     And sue to be forgiv'n ;  
 Unfit to sneak about a Court,  
 I live, where Freedom's Sons resort,  
     Beneath an humbler heav'n.

Friend to the Law, the Church, and King,  
 As numbers flow, I boldly sing,  
     And praise where praise is due :  
 When laws enslave, I blot the plan,  
 When *Spendthrift's Guide*, I brand the man,  
     Tho' great, or proud as You ;

There was a time, I must be plain,  
 E're adulation turn'd your brain,  
     E're power unmask'd your pride ;  
 When you, my Lord, diffused afar,  
 Your lustre, like the northern star,  
     Britannia's hope and guide.

But now these rays are over-cast,  
 Your Sun has now his Zenith past,  
     Declining are your fires ;  
 No more Britannia, meek and tame,  
 Like a fond mistress fans your flame,  
     Nor courts your wild desires.

Cast-off, impoverish'd, undone,  
 She weeps, her health and fortune gone,  
     Whilst your New Love rejoices ;  
 But Her's is no uncommon state,  
 'Tis but the just degree of Fate,  
     To dames who make such choices.

America, her rival flame,  
 That rough, imperious, haughty dame,  
     As dark in heart as feature ;  
 With your opinions to comply,  
 Forces all bonds of legal tie,  
     Of gratitude and nature.

Rais'd by the fondest mother's care,  
 She wounds that mother to despair,  
     Who gave her ease and wealth ;  
 Tutor'd to serve your odious ends,  
 For you she cheats her self and friends,  
     With you intrigues by stealth.

Such is the nature of your sex,  
 Regardless whom you please or vex,  
     You change from one to t'other ;  
 'Tis lustful passion tempts the man,  
 When daughters give up all they can,  
     Like you to quit the mother.

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This may be folly deem'd in youth,  
 Ere constancy and social truth,  
     Grow with the growth of time;  
 Yet sure in life there is a stage,  
 When treachery's a stain to age,  
     When want of faith's a crime.

In vain again you meanly fly,  
 With golden promise, flatt'ring sigh,  
     For refuge to her arms;  
 Wisely she shuns th' attractive flame,  
 That blaz'd but to undo her fame,  
     Her fortune, health and charms.

Britannia now has found a friend,  
*Active and able to defend,*  
     *Accessible and true;*  
 On GRENVILLE she has cast her eye,  
 From him expects that rich supply  
     Of wealth, she *lost* by you.

From his abundant depth of mind,  
 Resources flow of every kind,  
     To ease, correct, or heal;  
 Frugal of treasures not his own;  
 He bribes no hungry courtier's frown,  
     He dreads no foe's appeal.

Averse to shed Britannia's blood,  
His ruling passion's publick good,  
His Liberty, her Law ;  
Reviv'd by these falubrious pow'rs,  
She'll rest again on beds of flow'rs,  
And strength from plenty draw.

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