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O Poverty! relentless guest,  
That long hast shar'd my humble meal,  
Give to my wazied spirit rest,  
Nor linger on my cumber's steal.  
Not for myself thy frowns I fear;  
But when my smiling babes I see,  
I feel the heavy chains I wear,  
And feel that they are forg'd by thee.



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HIS GRACE  
THE  
**DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,**  
WHOSE  
BENEVOLENCE AND LIBERALITY  
HAVE BEEN SO UNIVERSALLY DIFFUSED,  
CHEERING AND GLADDENING  
THE HEARTS  
OF INCALCULABLE NUMBERS  
OF HAPPY RECIPIENTS,  
THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE,  
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MOST RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED BY  
HIS GRACE'S  
MUCH OBLIGED,  
MOST DEVOTED,  
AND OBEDIENT SERVANT,  
W. V. MOORHOUSE.

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SOME apology is necessary to my friends who have kindly favoured me with their names as subscribers to my little work, for the delay of publication; and yet, if I were to be minute in stating the reasons, I fear I should be tedious; it shall therefore suffice, on this occasion, to say, that circumstances of a very afflictive and painful nature, over which I could have no control, have prevented me from fulfilling my intentions.

I hope, also, I may claim the exercise of candour on the part of my friends, when the disad-

vantages under which I have laboured are considered; for I never enjoyed the desirable assistance of a classical education.

Should any individuals, however, enquire, why I should intrude myself upon the attention of the public with such deficiencies, I must freely answer, that my peculiar trials have compelled me to appeal to the forbearance of my friends.

I was deprived, in the year 1816, of a hand, by the bursting of a gun, and was thus prevented from procuring my bread by any laborious employment, while my partiality to poetry has led me to hope that the cultivation of a small poetical genius might, at the same time, amuse me, and, through the kindness of friends, contribute to my support.

For the encouragement I have so liberally



experienced, I would be unfeignedly thankful, and beg to offer to the Subscribers my warmest acknowledgments.

It is with reluctance that I refer to any calumnious reports which have been spread abroad, unfavourable to my interests; but I would only refer to them, trusting that the publication of the volume itself, and other circumstances, will soon convince the impartial, at least, that, although there has been some delay in the performance of my promise, my intentions were always sincere and honourable.

I now commend my feeble efforts to Him to whom I am indebted for all the abilities I possess, and whose blessing is infinitely desirable.

*Repton, September 1828.*



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