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A Wit, that temperately bright,  
With inoffensive light,  
All-pleasing shone; nor ever past  
The decent bounds that wisdom's sober hand,  
And sweet benevolence's mild command,  
And bashful modesty, before it cast.  
LORD LYTTLETON'S MONODY.

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LETTER  
FROM  
A GENTLEMAN TO HIS FRIEND,  
UPON THE  
BIRTH OF A DAUGHTER.

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I CONGRATULATE you, my dear Sir, upon the birth of your daughter; and I wish that some of the fairies of ancient times were at hand to endow the damsel with health, wealth, wit, and beauty.—Wit?—I should make a long pause before I accepted of this gift for a daughter—you would make none.

As I know it to be your opinion, that it is in the power of education, more certainly than it was ever believed to be