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TO HIS EXCELLENCY

THE EARL OF MULGRAVE,

LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND.

MY LORD,

When an author is desirous of prefixing an illustrious name to his title-page, it has usually been thought proper, of late, to solicit the permission. I, who never ask any thing of any man, would least of all ask this; and, were it peradventure in my hands, I should be apt to let it drop out of them. Long before you were in possession of power (you will remember) I prognosticated it from the aspect of the times. I clearly saw the necessity of your becoming more than a man of rank, or even of genius. Your Excellency will correct the faults, and inasmuch as sagacity,

integrity, firmness, and moderation can do it, will compensate for the iniquities and atrocities of six centuries: you will unite Great Britain and Ireland; which our princes and parliaments, until now, have never wisely planned nor honestly intended.

With the high respect due to your Excellency from every friend of peace and justice in both countries,

I am,

&c., &c.,

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HE who opens these Letters for a History of the Times, will be disappointed. Did he find it in a Montague's or a Walpole's? And yet perhaps he ran over them with pleasure. If he cannot do the same here, if he regrets that many are wanting of Pericles, let him take comfort in learning by heart the two first "*Years*" of Thucydides, and in repeating, as he walks along, the sterling and strenuous orations they contain. It is easy to throw pieces of history into letters: many have done it: but there is no species of composition so remote from verisimilitude. Who can imagine to himself a couple of correspondents sitting down for such a purpose, and never turning their eyes toward any other object? Better stand on the fragments of antiquity, and look about us.

It was difficult to avoid every expression and every thought attributed to Pericles by the ancients, and particularly in composing the orations: yet this has been done. The longer of them, which he might be conceived to have spoken on many occurrences, as general and statesman, have been omitted.

Villa Fiesolana, July 4, 1835.

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ASPASIA TO CLEONE.

CLEONE! I write from Athens. I hasten to meet your reproaches, and to stifle them in my embrace. It was wrong to have left Miletus at all: it was wrong to have parted from you without entrusting you with my secret. No, no, neither was wrong. I have withstood many tears, my sweet Cleone, but never your's; you could always do what you would with me; and I should have been windbound by you on the Meander, as surely and inexorably as the fleet at Aulis by Diana.

Ionia is far more beautiful than Attica, Miletus