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L'ABBÉ MARTIAL MARCET DE LA ROCHE ARNAULD,

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EMILE LEPAGE,

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Il est des gens qu'on voit, d'un air ardent non commune,
Par le chemin du ciel courir à leur fortune,
Qui, brûlant et priant, demandent chaque jour
Et précèdent la retraite au milieu de la cour ;
Qui savent ajuster leur zèle avec leurs vices,
Sont prompts, vindicatifs, sans foi, pleins d'artifices,
Et pour perdre quelqu'un, couvrent insensiblement
De l'intérêt du ciel leur fier ressentiment,
D'autant plus dangereux dans leur âpre colère
Qu'ils prennent contre nous les armes qu'au revers,
Et que leur passion, dont on leur fait bon gré
Veut nous assumer avec un feu sacré.



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TO

JOHN GODFREY, ESQ.

(FORMERLY PUPIL OF BURLINGTON HOUSE, FULHAM.)

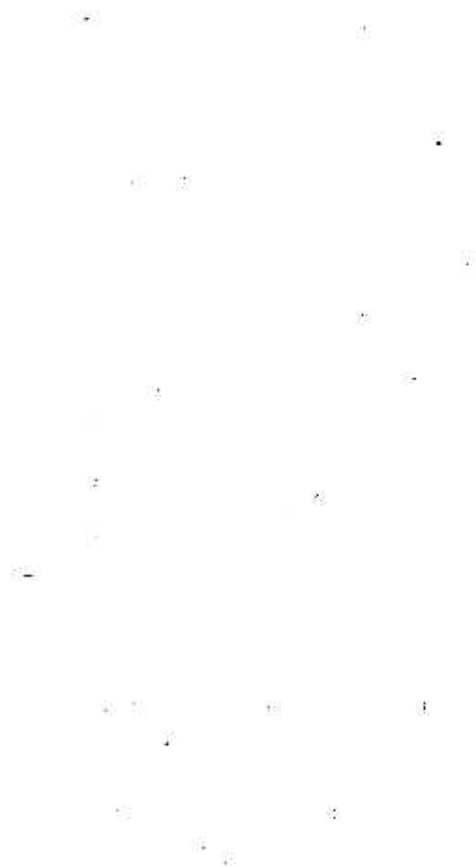
AS A MARK OF APPROVAL FOR HIS ATTENTION TO MY
INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.

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IS INSCRIBED,

BY HIS GRATEFUL FRIEND,

EMILE LEPAGE.



INTRODUCTION.

THE Public could certainly never have expected that a young ecclesiastic would dare to address them on the subject of the Jesuits; would shew what they are capable of being, and make these disclosures at the expence of his honour, his liberty, his fortune, and perhaps his life; and would denounce them at the tribunal of the public, with the frankness and conscientiousness of a citizen. This act, however, he has ventured to perform. He is not actuated by hatred; he has ever been sincere; he has ever adhered to the duty of loving

even his enemies. He is of no party, for he seeks only justice and truth, which should constitute all the wants of a thinking being; he is impelled by no selfish motive; he would be understood to serve no interests but those of virtue.

He is not a Jesuit; but indeed this avowal can scarcely be necessary. Could any Jesuit have spoken so freely? He would have been a Jesuit had he not obeyed the dictates of his conscience; but he abhorred the idea of becoming a member of the Society; he has lost himself in their estimation; he is persecuted; but he has continued true to his principles.

If it be asked what evidences he can adduce in support of his statements, his answer is ready. Those evidences are, Mont-Rouge, Paris, Vitry, St. Acheul, Bordeaux, Provence, Madrid, Rome, Europe in its present debasement; the whole