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Be gone, brave army, and don't kick up a row.

BOMBASTES FURIOSO;

A BURLESQUE TRAGIC OPERA,
IN ONE ACT.

*First performed at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket,
August 7, 1810.*

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THE very powerful effect produced by the inimitable acting of the several Performers in the following dramatic trifle, is sufficiently known by the highly flattering reception it met with ; and had the Author considered his part equally deserving the applause so liberally bestowed upon it, an edition long before this would have been given to the public : yet, however deficient it may be in point of composition, the very objectionable light in which the spurious copies lately issued from the press have placed it, will, he trusts, be deemed a sufficient apology for its now being printed as it was first performed.

LYONS INN,

October 21, 1822.



BOMBASTES FURIOSO.

SCENE I.

Interior of the Palace.

*ARTAXOMINOUS in his Chair of State; a Table set
out with Bowls, Glasses, Pipes, &c.;
Attendants on each side.*

TRIO—(*Tekli*).

FIRST ATTENDANT.



WHAT will your Majesty please to wear?

Or blue, green, red, black, white, or
brown?

SECOND ATT. D'ye choose to look at the
bill of fare?

ARTAX. Get out of my sight, or I'll knock you down.

SECOND ATT. Here is soup, fish, or goose, or duck,
or fowl, or pigeons, pig, or hare ;

FIRST ATT. Or blue, or green, or red, or black, or
white, or brown.

What will your Majesty, &c.

ARTAX. Get out of my sight, &c.

[Exeunt Attendants.]

Enter FUSBOS, and kneels to the King.

FUS. Hail, Artaxominous ! ycleped the Great !
I come, an humble pillar of thy state,
Pregnant with news—but ere that news I tell,
First let me hope your Majesty is well.

ART. Rise, learned Fusbos ! rise, my friend, and know
We are but middling—that is, but *so so*.

FUS. Only *so so* ! O monstrous, doleful thing !
Is it the mulligrubs affects the king ?
Or, dropping poisons in the cup of joy,
Do the blue devils your repose annoy ?