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*A CLERK foredoom'd his Father's Soul to cross,
Who pens a Stanza, when he should engrave.*

POPE.



— With a pleasing secrecy could charm
Care for a while, and Anguish,—and excite
Fallacious Hope, or arm th' obdured breast
With stubborn Patience, as with triple steel.

MILTON.

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TO THE

LOVELIEST CLASS OF CREATED BEINGS,

UNDER whose kindling Glance these humble
Flowrets first germinated, under whose
cheering Smile they have gradually expand-
ed, and under whose persuasive Influence
they are now collected, and adventurously
exposed to the chilling Blasts of Public
Criticism,—

TO THE

BRITISH FAIR,

This variegated BOUQUET is, with all due
Gratitude, respectfully dedicated

By the humblest, yet most devoted
of their Adorers,

A. H.

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An Apology

FOR THE WANT OF A PREFACE.

ALL attempts to conciliate the Smiles or avert the Frowns of Criticism by Prefatory Courtesy or Deprecation, are futile, impertinent, and vain:—for, should the fruits of the Author's Connexion with the two Ladies mentioned in the introductory Poem, be of divine origin, they must intuitively demand the Tribute of Homage, Admiration, and Respect, and be gratuitously ushered by the

enlightened High-Chamberlains of Literature into the sublime Society of the Learned and the Witty, the Sentimental and the Gay:— but should they, on the contrary, exhibit, after rigid Examination, no Lineaments of celestial Descent, but be found earthly, grovelling, and spurious, and it should appear that their imprudent Father has, in his Dreams of Inebriety, been seduced by two artful meretricious Impostors, no Allegations on his part can avail to rescue his miserable Offspring from the Doom they deserve. With these Apologetical Remarks, a fond but perhaps too partial Parent, with trembling solicitude, now submits his Progeny to the awful Judgement of the Critical Tribunal,—to which he must bow with silent deference, even though

the result should condemn his beloved Bantlings (after undergoing, pursuant to the Statute*, the merited Chastisement of Whipping, &c.) to an ignominious *Removal*, as *incorrigible Rogues* and *Vagabonds*, to their own *Parish*.

* Vide Stat. 17 Geo. II. c. 5. vulgò dict. y^e Vagrant Act.