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*Quietè et purè atque eleganter acta:
Ætatis placida ac lenis recordatio.—CICERO.*

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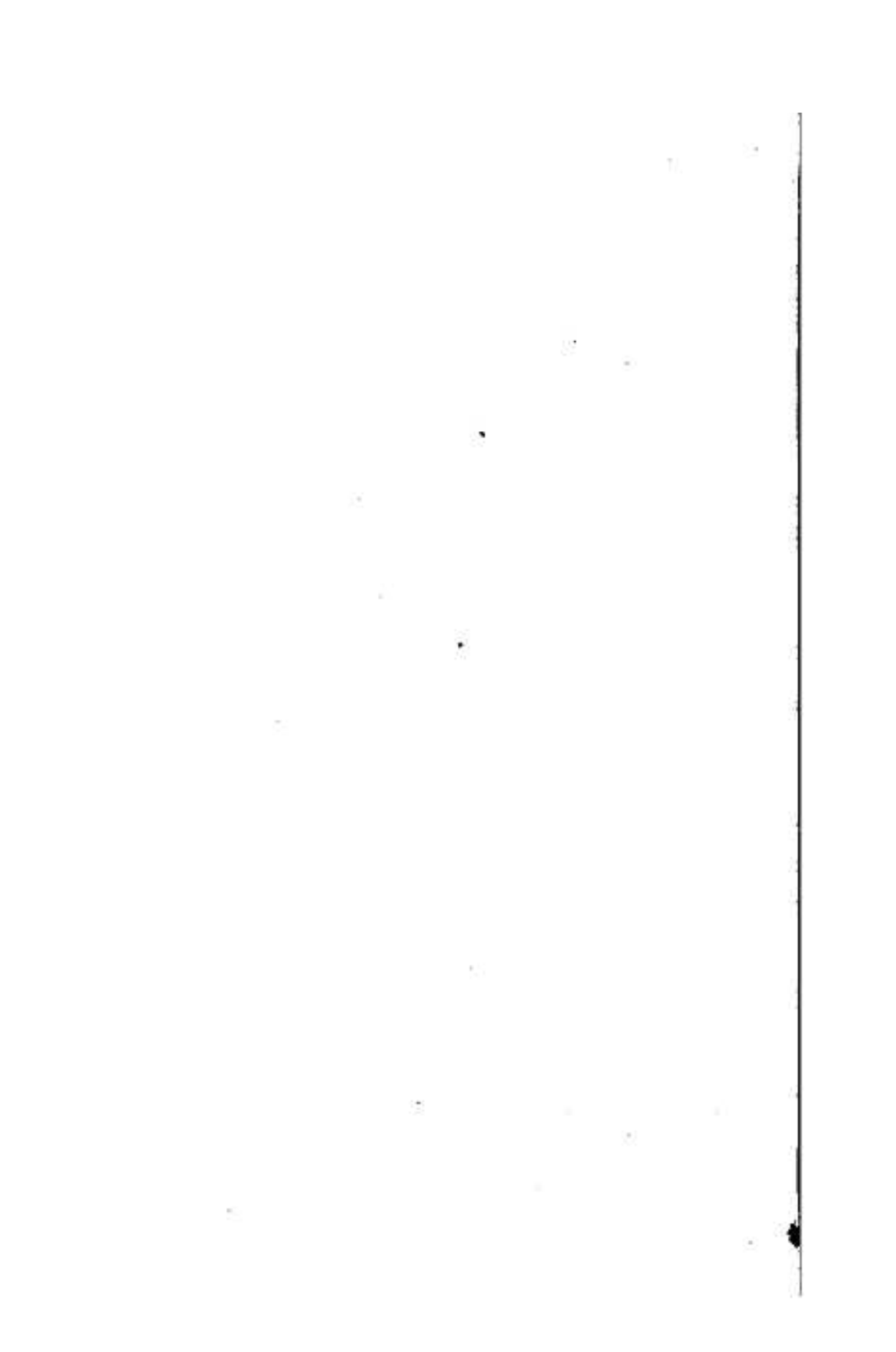
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EPISTLE

TO

SIR JOSHUA REYNOLDS.

WHEN *Dryden*, worn with sickness, bow'd with
years,

Was doom'd (my friend, let pity warm thy tears)

The galling pang of penury to feel,

For ill-plac'd loyalty and courtly zeal,

To see that laurel which his brows o'erspread,

Transplanted, droop on *Shadwell's* barren head,

The bard oppress'd, yet not subdu'd by fate,

For very bread descended to translate :

And he, whose fancy, copious as his phrase,

Could light at will expression's brightest blaze,

On *Fresnoy's* lay employ'd his studious hour ;

But niggard there of that melodious power,

His pen, in haste the hireling task to close,

Transform'd the studied strain to careless prose,

Which, fondly lending faith to French pretence,

Mistook its meaning, or obscur'd its sense.

Yet still he pleas'd, for *Dryden* still must please,

Whether with artless elegance and ease