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POEMs on Several Occasions.

Heroick Stanzas on the Death of OLIVER CROMWELL, written after his Funeral.

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N D now 'tis time; for their officious haste,
Who would before have born him to the Sky,
Like eager Romans, ere all Rites were past,
Did let too soon the facred Eagle fly.

II.

Tho' our best Notes are Treason to his Fame, Join'd with the loud Applause of publick Voice; Since Heaven, what Praise we offer to his Name, Hath render'd too authentick by its choice.

III.

Tho' in his Praise no Arts can lib'ral be, Since they, whose Muses have the highest flown, Add not to his immortal Memory, But do an Act of Friendship to their own:

Yet 'cis our Duty, and our Interest too,
Such Monuments, as we can build, to raise;
Lest all the World prevent what we should do,
And claim a Title in him by their Praise.

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How shall I then begin, or where conclude,
To draw a Fame so truly circular?
For, in a Round, what order can be shew'd,
Where all the Parts so equal perfect are?
VI.

His Grandeur he deriv'd from Heav'n alone;
For he was great ere Fortune made him fo:
And Wars, like Mist that rise against the Sun,
Made him but greater seem, not greater grow.
VII.

No borrow'd Bays his Temples did adorn,
But to our Crown he did fresh Jewels bring;
Nor was his Virtue poison'd, soon as born,
With the too early Thoughts of being King.
VIII.

Fortune (that easy Mistress to the young,
But to her ancient Servants coy and hard)
Him at that Age her Favourites rank'd among,
When she her best-lov'd Pompey did discard,
IX.

He private mark'd the Fault of others Sway,
And fet as Sea-marks for himself to shun:
Not like rash Monarchs, who their Youth betray
By Acts, their Age too late would wish undone.

And yet Dominion was not his Defign:
We owe that Bleffing, not to him, but Heav'n,
Which to fair Acts unfought Rewards did join;
Rewards, that less to him than us were given.
XI.

Our former Chiefs, like Sticklers of the War,
First sought t'instance the Parties, then to poise:
The Quarrel lov'd, but did the Cause abhor;
And did not strike to hurt, but made a noise.

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Our Church will have that Preface read, you'll fay: 'Tis true: But so she will th' Apocrypha; And such as can believe them, freely may.

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Whose darling Attribute is being good,
From the dark Womb of the rude Chaos bring
Such various Creatures, and make Man their King,
Yet leave his Favourite Man, his chiefest Care,
More wretched than the vilest Insects are?

O! how much happier and more fafe are they? If helpless Millions must be doom'd a Prey To Yelling Furies, and for ever burn In that sad place from whence is no return, For Unbelief in one they never knew, Or for not doing what they could not do! The very Fiends know for what Crime they fell, And so do all their Followers that rebel: If then, a blind, well-meaning, Indian stray, Shall the great Gulph be shew'd him for the way? For better ends our kind Pederage of the

For better ends our kind Redeemer dy'd, Or the faln Angels Rooms will be but ill supply'd.

That Christ, who, at the great deciding day, (For He declares what He resolves to say) Will damn the Goats, for their Ill-natur'd Faults, And save the Sheep, for Actions, not for Thoughts, Hath too much mercy to send men to Hell, For humble Charity, and hoping well.

To what Stupidity are Zealots grown,
Whose Inhumanity, profusely shown
In damning Crouds of Souls, may damn their own!
I'll err at least on the securer side,
A Convert free from Malice and from Pride.

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To Mr. DRYDEN, on bis RELIGIO LAICI.

Hose Gods the pious Ancients did adore. They learnt in Verse devoutly to implore, Thinking it rude to use the common way Of Talk, when they did to fuch Beings pray. Nay, they that taught Religion first, thought fit In Verse its facred Precepts to transmit: So Solon too did his first Statutes draw, And every little Stanza was a Law. By these few Precedents we plainly see The Primitive Defign of Poetry; Which by restoring to its Native use, You generously have rescu'd from abuse. Whilst your lov'd Muse does in sweet Numbers sing, She vindicates her God, and Godlike King. Atheist, and Rebel too, She does oppose; (God and the King have always the fame Foes.) Legions of Verse you raise in their Desence, And write the Factious to Obedience : You the bold Arian to Arms defy, A conqu'ring Champion for the Deity Against the Whigs first Parents, who did dare To difinherit God-Almighty's Heir. And what the hot-brain'd Arian first began, Is carried on by the Socinian, Who still associates to keep God a Man. But 'tis the Prince of Poets Task alone T' affert the Rights of God's and Charles's Throne. Whilst vulgar Poets purchase vulgar Fame By chaunting Chloris' or fair Phillis' Name; Whose Reputation shall last as long, As Fops and Ladies fing the amorous Song.

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A nobler Subject wifely they refuse,
The mighty weight would crush their seeble Muse.
So Story tells, a Painter once would try
With his bold hand to limu a Deity;
And He, by frequent practising that part,
Could draw a Minor-God with wondrous Art:
But when great Jove did to the Workman sit,
The Thunderer such horror did beget,
That put the frighted Artist to a stand,
And made his Pencil drop from's bassl'd Hand.

To my Friend Mr. JOHN DRYDEN on his feveral excellent Translations of the ancient Poets.

By G. GRANVILE, Lord LANSDOWNE.

S Flow'rs, transplanted from a Southern Sky, But hardly bear, or in the raifing die; Missing their native Sun, at best retain But a faint Odour, and furvive with pain : Thus ancient Wit, in modern Numbers taught, Wanting the Warmth with which its Author wrote Is a dead Image, and a fenfelefs Draught. While we transfuse, the nimble Spirit flies. Escapes unseen, evaporates, and dies. Who then to copy Roman Wit defire, Must imitate with Roman Force and Fire, In elegance of Style and Phrase the same, And in the sparkling Genius, and the slame. Whence we conclude from thy translated Song; So just, so smooth, so fost, and yet so strong, Cœleftial Poet! Soul of Harmony! That ev'ry Genius was reviv'd in thee.

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by Trum set founds, the Dead are rais'd to light, Nevertode, and take to heav'n their flight; Deck'd in thy Verse, as clad with Rays they shine, All glorified, immortal, and divine. As Britain, in rich Soil abounding wide, Furnish'd for use, for luxury, and pride, Yet foreads her wanton fails on ev'ry shore For foreign wealth, infatiate still of more; To her own Wool the Silks of Afia joins, And to her plenteous harvests India's Mines: So DRYDEN, not contented with the Fame Of his own works, tho' an immortal name, To lands remote fends forth his learned Muse, The noblest Seeds of foreign wit to choose: Feafting our Sense so many various ways, Say, is't thy bounty, or thy thirst of Praise? That by comparing others, all might fee, Who most excel, are yet excell'd by thee.

To Mr. DRYDEN. By Mr. Jo. Addison.

Ow long, Great Poet, shall thy Sacred Lays
Provoke our Wonder, and transcend our Praise!
Can neither Injuries of Time, or Age,
Damp thy Poetick Heat, and quench thy Rage!
Not so thy Ovid in his Exile wrote;
Grief chill'd his Breast, and check'd his rising Thought;
Pensive and sad, his drooping Muse betrays
The Roman Genius in its last Decays.

Prevailing Warmth has still thy Mind possest, And second Youth is kindled in thy Breast. Thou mak'st the Beauties of the Romans known, And England boasts of Riches not her own:

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Thy Lines have heighten'd Virgil's Majesty, And Horace wonders at himself in Thee. Thou teachest Persius to inform our Isle In smoother Numbers, and a clearer Style; And Juvenal, instructed in thy Page, Edges his Satire, and improves his Rage. Thy Copy casts a fairer Light on all, And still outshines the bright Original.

Now Ovid boasts th' Advantage of thy Song,
And tells his Story in the British Tongue;
Thy charming Verse; and fair Translations, show
How thy own Laurel first began to grow;
How wild Lycaon, chang'd by angry Gods,
And frighted at himself, ran howling through the
Woods.

O may'ft thou still the Noble Tale prolong,
Nor Age, nor Sickness interrupt thy Song:
Then may we wond'ring read, how Human Limbs
Have water'd Kingdoms, and dissolv'd in Streams,
Of those rich Fruits that on the Fertile Mould

Turn'd yellow by Degrees, and ripen'd into Gold:

How some in Feathers, or a ragged Hide,

Have liv'd a second Life, and different Natures tty'd.

Then will thy Ovid, thus transform'd, reveal A nobler Change than he himself can tell.

Mag. Coll. Oxon. June 2, 1693.

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From Mr. Addison's Account of the English Poets.

B UT see where artful Dryden next appears,
Grown old in Rhime, but charming e'en in Years.
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Great Dryden next! whose tuneful Muse affords The fweetest Numbers, and the fittest Words. Whether in Comick Sounds, or Tragick Airs She forms her Voice, she moves our Smiles and Tears, If Satire or Heroick Strains the writes, Her Hero pleafes, and her Satire bites. From her no harsh, unartful Numbers fall, She wears all Dreffes, and the charms in all: How might we fear our English Poetry, That long has flourish'd, should decay in thee ; Did not the Muses other Hope appear, Harmonious Congreve, and forbid our Fear ! Congreve! whose Fancy's unexhausted Store Has given already much, and promis'd more. Congreve shall still preserve thy Fame alive, And Dryden's Muse shall in his Friend survive.

On ALEXANDER'S FEAST, Or, The Power of Musick. An Ode.

From Mr. POPE'S ESSAY on CRITICISM, 1. 376.

E A R how Timotheus' vary'd Lays furprize,
And bid alternate Passions fall and rise!
While, at each change, the Son of Libran Jowe
Now burns with Glory, and then melts with Love;
Now his sierce Eyes with sparkling sury glow,
Now Sighs steal out, and Tears begin to slow.
Pessians and Greeks like turns of Nature sound,
And the World's Victor stood subdu'd by Sound.
The Pow'r of Musick all our hearts allow,
And what Timotheus was, is Dryden now.

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To Mr. DRYDEN, upon bis Translation of the the Third BOOK of VIRGIL'S Georgicks.

PINDARIC ODE.

By Mr. JOHN DENNIS.

The Mantuan Swan unbounded Heav'n explores,
While with Seraphick Sounds he Tow'ring Sings,
'Till to Divinity he Soars:

Mankind stands wond'ring at his Flight, Charm'd with his Musick, and his Height: Which both transcend our Praise.

Nay Gods incline their ravish'd Ears, And tune their own harmonious Spheres

To his Melodious Lays.
Thou, Dryden, canst his Notes recite
In modern Numbers, which express
Their Musick, and their utmost Might:
Thou, wondrous Poet, with Success
Canst emulate his Flight.

II.

Sometimes of humble Rural Things,
Thy Muse, which keeps great Maro still in Sight,
In middle Air with varied Numbers Sings;

And fometimes her fonorous Flight To Heav'n fublimely Wings.

But first takes time with Majesty to rife,
Then, without Pride, divinely great,
She mounts her Native Skies;
And, Goddess like, retains her State
When down again she flies.

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16 VERSES in Praise of Mr. DRYDEN.	
Commands, which Judgment gives, the still obeys.	
Both to depress her Flight, and raise.	W
Thus Mercury from Heav'n descends,	
And to this under World his Journey bends,	He
When Jove his dread Commands has giv'n: But, still, Descending, Dignity maintains,	
As much a God upon our humble Plains,	A A
As when he, Tow'ring, re-ascends to Heav'n.	Sw
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But when thy Goddess takes her Flight,	An
With fo much Majesty, to such a Height,	1
As can alone suffice to prove,	
That she descends from mighty Fove:	He
Gods! how thy Thoughts then rife, and foar, and shine!	Of
Immortal Spirit animates each Line;	7
Each with bright Flame that fires our Souls is crown'd	W.
Each has Magnificence of Sound,	Hi
And Harmony Divine.	5
Thus the first Orbs, in their high Rounds,	He
With Shining Pomp advance;	.
And to their own Coelestial Sounds	
Majeftically Dance.	Pea
On, with eternal Symphony, they roll, Each turn'd in its harmonious Course,	1
And each inform'd by the prodigious Force	Bol
Of an Empyreal Soul.	
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War, our Confumption, was their gainful Trade:
He inward bled, whilft they prolong'd our Pain;
He fought to hinder fighting, and affay'd
To ftaunch the Blood by breathing of the Vein.

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Swift and refiftless through the Land he past,

Like that bold Greek who did the East subdue,

And made to Battles such Heroick Haste,

As if on Wings of Victory he slew.

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He fought fecure of Fortune as of Fame:
Still by new Maps the Island might be shewn,
ine! Of Conquests, which he strew'd where-e'er he came,
Thick as the Galaxy with Stars is sown.

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His Palms, the under weights they did not fland, Still thriv'd; no Winter could his Laurels fade:

Heav'n in its Portrait shew'd a Workman's hand, And drew it persect, yet without a shade.

Peace was the price of all its toil and care,
Which War had banish'd, and did now restore:
Bolognia's Walls thus mounted in the Air,
To seat themselves more surely than before.
XVII.

Her fafety rescu'd Ireland to him owes;
And treach'rous Scotland, to no int'rest true.
Yet bless'd that Fate, which did his Arms dispose

Her Land to civilize, as to fubdue.

Nor was he like those Stars, which only shine,
When to pale Mariners they Storms portend:
He had his calmer Influence, and his Mien

Did Love and Majesty together blend. XIX

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'Tis true, his Count'nance did imprint an awe;
And naturally all Souls to his did bow,
As Wands of Divination downward draw,
And point to Beds where Sov'reign Gold doth grow
XX.

When past all off'rings to Feretrian Jove,
He Mars depos'd, and Arms to Gowns made yield
Successful Councils did him soon approve
As sit for close Intrigues, as open Field.

To suppliant Holland he vouchsaf'd a Peace,
Our once bold Rival of the British Main,
Now tamely glad her unjust claim to cease,
And buy our Friendship with her Idol, Gain.
XXII.

Fame of th' afferted Sea through Europe blown,
Made France and Spain ambitious of his Love;
Each knew that Side must conquer he would own;
And for him fiercely, as for Empire, strove.

No fooner was the Frenchman's Cause embrac'd,
Than the late Monsseur the grave Don outweigh'd:
His Fortune turn'd the Scale where it was cast;
Tho' Indian Mines were in the other laid.

When absent, yet we conquer'd in his Right:
For the that some mean Artist's Skill were shown
In mingling Colours, or in placing Light;
Yet still the fair Designment was his own.

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For from all Tempers he could Service draw;
The worth of each with its Allay he knew,
And, as the Confident of Nature, faw
How she Complexions did divide and brew.

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XXVI.

Or he their fingle Virtues did furvey, By intuition in his own large Breaft, Where all the rich Ideas of them lav. That were the Rule and Measure to the rest.

XXVII.

When fuch Heroick Virtue Heav'n fets out. The Stars, like Commons, fullenly obey; Because it drains them when it comes about, And therefore is a Tax they feldom pay. XXVIII.

From this high Spring our foreign Conquests flow, Which yet more glorious Triumphs do portend : Since their Commencement to his Arms they owe. If Springs as high as Fountains may afcend. XXIX.

He made us Free-men of the Continent, Whom Nature did like Captives treat before: To nobler Preys the English Lion fent, And taught him first in Belgian Walks to roar.

That old unquestion'd Pirate of the Land, Proud Rome, with dread the Fate of Dunkirk heard; And trembling wish'd behind more Alps to stand, Altho' an Alexander were her Guard.

XXXI.

By his Command, we boldly cross'd the Line, And bravely fought where Southern Stars arife; We trac'd the far-fetch'd Gold unto the Mine, And that, which brib'd our Fathers, made our Prize. XXXII

Such was our Prince; yet own'd a Soul above The highest Acts it could produce to show: Thus poor Mechanick Arts in publick move, Whilst the deep Secrets beyond practice go.

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But when fresh Laurels courted him to live:
He seem'd but to prevent some new Success,
As if above what Triumphs Earth can give.

XXXIV.

His latest Victories still thickest came,
As, near the Center, Motion doth increase;
'Till he, press'd down by his own weighty Name,
Did, like the Vessal, under spoils decease.

But first the Ocean as a Tribute sent
That Giant Prince of all her watry Herd;
And th' Isle, when her protecting Genius went,
Upon his Obsequies loud Sighs conferr'd.

XXXVI.

No civil Broils have fince his Death arofe,
But Faction now by habit does obey;
And Wars have that Respect for his Repose,
As Winds for Halcyons, when they breed at Sea.

XXXVII.

His Ashes in a peaceful Urn shall rest,
His Name a great Example stands, to show
How strangely high Endeavours may be blest,
Where Piety and Valour jointly go.

ASTRÆA REDUX. A POEM on the happy Restoration and Return of His Sacret Majesty CHARLES the Second, 1660.

Jam redit & Virgo, redeunt Saturnia Regna. Virg.

O W with a general Peace the World was bleft, While ours, a World divided from the reft,

A dreadful Quiet felt, and, worfer far Than Arms, a fullen Interval of War : Thus, when black Clouds draw down the lab'ring Skies, Ere yet abroad the winged Thunder flies, An horrid Stillness first invades the Ear, And in that Silence we the Tempest fear. Th' Ambitious Swede like reftless Billows toft, On this hand gaining what on that he loft, Though in his Life he Blood and Ruin breath'd, To his now guideless Kingdom Peace bequeath'd: And Heav'n, that feem'd regardless of our Fate, For France and Spain did Miracles create; Such mortal Quarrels to compose in Peace, As Nature bred, and Int'rest did increase. We figh'd to hear the fair Iberian Bride Must grow a Lily to the Lily's side, While our cross Stars deny'd us Charles his Bed, Whom our first Flames and Virgin Love did wed. For his long Absence Church and State did grone; Madness the Pulpit, Faction seiz'd the Throne; Experienc'd Age in deep Defpair was loft, To fee the Rebel thrive, the Loyal croft. Youth, that with Joys had unacquainted been, Envy'd gray hairs that once good Days had feen : We thought our Sires, not with their own content, Had ere we came to Age our Portion spent. Nor could our Nobles hope, their bold Attempt, Who ruin'd Crowns, would Coronets exempt: red For when, by their defigning Leaders taught To firike at Pow'r, which for themselves they fought, The Vulgar, gull'd into Rebellion, arm'd, Their Blood to Action by their Prize was warm'd. The Sacred Purple then, and Scarlet Gown, Like fanguine Dye, to Elephants was shown. A Thus

24 POEMS on several Occasions.

Thus when the bold Typhæus scal'd the Sky, And forc'd great Jove from his own Heav'n to fly, (What King, what Crown from Treason's Reach is fi If Fove and Heav'n can violated be?) The leffer Gods, that shar'd his prosp'rous State. All fuffer'd in the Exil'd Thund'rer's Fate. The Rabble now fuch Freedom did enjoy, As Winds at Sea, that use it to destroy: Blind as the Cyclops, and as wild as he, They own'd a lawless savage Liberty. Like that our painted Ancestors so priz'd, Ere Empire's Arts their Breasts had civiliz'd. How great were then our Charles his Woes, who thus Was forc'd to fuffer for Himself and us! He, toss'd by Fate, and hurry'd up and down. Heir to his Father's Sorrows, with his Crown. Could tafte no Sweets of Youth's defired Age, But found his Life too true a Pilgrimage. Unconquer'd yet in that forlorn Estate, His manly Courage overcame his Fate. His Wounds he took, like Romans, on his Breaft, Which by his Virtue were with Laurels dreft. As Souls reach Heav'n while yet in Bodies pent, So did he live above his Banishment. That Sun, which we beheld with coz'n'd Eyes Within the Water, mov'd along the Skies. How eafy 'tis, when Deftiny proves kind, With full-spread Sails to run before the Wind! But those that 'gainst stiff Gales laveering go, Must be at once resolv'd and skilful too. He would not, like foft Otho, Hope prevent, But stay'd and suffer'd Fortune to repent. These Virtues Galba in a Stranger sought; And Pife to adopted Empire brought.

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How shall I then my doubtful Thoughts express, That must his Suff'rings both regret and bless ! For when his early Valour Heav'n had croft, And all at Worc' fer but the Honour loft, Forc'd into Exile from his rightful Throne, He made all Countries, where he came, his own; And, viewing Monarchs fecret Arts of Sway, A Royal Factor for their Kingdoms lay. Thus banish'd David spent abroad his time, When to be God's Anointed was his Crime, And, when restor'd, made his proud Neighbours rue Those choice Remarks he from his Travels drew. Nor is he only by Afflictions shown To conquer others Realms, but rule his own : Recov'ring hardly what he lost before, His Right endears it much, his Purchase more. Inur'd to fuffer ere he came to reign, No rash Procedure will his Actions stain : To bus'ness ripen'd by digestive thought, His future Rule is into Method brought: As they, who first Proportion understand, With easy Practice reach a Master's hand. Well might the Ancient Poets then confer On Night the honour'd Name of Counsellor, Since, struck with rays of prosp'rous Fortune blind, We Light alone in dark Afflictions find. In such Adversities to Scepters train'd, The Name of Great his famous Grandfire gain'd: Who yet a King alone in Name and Right, With hunger, cold, and angry Jove did fight; Shock'd by a Covenanting League's vast Pow'rs, As holy and as Catholick as ours: 'Till Fortune's fruitless spite had made it known, Her blows not shook but riveted his Throne. VOL. I. Some

Some lazy Ages, loft in Sleep and Eafe, No Action leave to bufy Chronicles: Such, whose supine felicity but makes In Story Chasms, in Epochas Mistakes; O'er whom Time gently shakes his Wings of Down, 'Till with his filent Sickle they are mown. Such is not Charles his too too active Age, Which, govern'd by the wild diffemper'd Rage Of fome black Star infecting all the Skies, Made him at his own cost like Adam wife. Tremble, ye Nations, who, fecure before, Laugh'd at those Arms, that 'gainst our selves we bore; Rouz'd by the lash of his own stubborn Tail, Our Lion now will foreign Foes affail. With Alga who the facred Altar strows? To all the Sea-Gods Charles an Off'ring owes: A Bull to thee, Portunus, shall be flain, A Lamb to you the Tempests of the Main: For those loud Storms, that did against him roar, Have cast his Shipwreck'd Vessel on the Shore. Yet as wife Artists mix their Colours fo, That by degrees they from each other go; Black feals unheeded from the neighb'ring white, Without offending the well-cozen'd fight: So on us flole our bleffed change; while we Th' effect did feel, but scarce the manner see. Frosts that constrain the Ground, and Birth deny To Flow'rs that in its Womb expecting lie, Do seldom their usurping Pow'r withdraw, But raging Floods pursue their hasty Thaw. Our Thaw was mild, the Cold not chas'd away, But lost in kindly Heat of lengthned day. Heav'n would no bargain for its Bleffings drive, But, what we could not pay for, freely give.

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The Prince of Peace would, like himself, confer A Gift unhop'd without the price of war: Yet, as he knew his Bleffing's worth, took care, That we should know it by repeated Pray'r; [thence. Which florm'd the Skies, and ravish'd Charles from As Heav'n itself is took by violence. Booth's forward Valour only ferv'd to show, He durst that duty pay we all did owe: Th' Attempt was fair; but Heav'n's prefixed hour Not come : fo, like the watchful Traveller, That by the Moon's mistaken light did rife, Lay down again, and clos'd his weary Eyes. 'Twas MONK, whom Providence defign'd to loofe Those real Bonds false Freedom did impose. The bleffed Saints, that watch'd this turning Scene, Did from their Stars with joyful wonder lean, To fee small Clues draw vastest weights along, Not in their bulk but in their order ftrong. Thus Pencils can by one flight touch restore Smiles to that changed face that wept before. With ease such fond Chimæra's we pursue, As Fancy frames for Fancy to fubdue: But when our felves to action we betake, It shuns the Mint like Gold that Chymists make. How hard was then his task, at once to be What in the Body natural we fee? Man's Architect distinctly did ordain The charge of Muscles, Nerves, and of the Brain; Through viewless Conduits Spirits do dispense The Springs of Motion from the Seat of Sense. Twas not the hafty product of a day, But the well-ripen'd Fruit of wife delay. He, like a patient Angler, ere he strook, Would let them play a while upon the hook,

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Our healthful Food the Stomach labours thus, At first embracing what it straight doth crush. Wife Leaches will not vain Receipts obtrude, While growing Pains pronounce the Humours crude; Deaf to complaints they wait upon the Ill, 'Till some safe Crifis authorize their Skill. Nor could his Acts too close a Vizard wear, 'To 'scape their Eyes whom Guilt had taught to fear, And guard with caution that polluted neft, Whence Legion twice before was dispossest: Once Sacred house; which when they enter'd in, They thought the Place could fanctify a fin; Like those that vainly hop'd kind Heav'n would wink While to excess on Martyrs Tombs they drink. And as devouter Turks first warn their Souls To part, before they tafte forbidden Bowls: So these, when their black Crimes they went about, First timely charm'd their useles Conscience out. Religion's Name against it self was made; The Shadow ferv'd the Substance to invade: Like Zealous Missions, they did Care pretend Of Souls in shew, but made the Gold their end. Th' incensed Pow'rs beheld with scorn from high An Heaven fo far distant from the Sky, Which durft, with horses hoofs that beat the Ground And Martial Brass, bely the Thunder's Sound. Twas hence at length just Vengeance thought it sit To speed their Ruin by their impious wit. Thus Sforza, curs'd with a too fertile Brain, Loft by his Wiles the Pow'r his Wit did gain. Henceforth their Fougue * must spend at lesser rate, Than in its Flames to wrap a Nation's Fate. Suffer'd to live, they are like Helots fet, A virtuous Shame within us to beget.

* Their Fury. A French Word.

For by example most we sinn'd before, And glas-like clearness mix'd with frailty bore. But since reform'd by what we did amis.

de; We by our fuff'rings learn to prize our blifs.
Like early Lovers, whose unpractis'd Hearts
Were long the May-game of malicious arts,
When once they find their Jealousies were vain,

With double heat renew their Fires again.
'Twas this produc'd the Joy, that hurry'd o'er
Such swarms of English to the Neighb'ring Shore,
To fetch that Prize, by which Batavia made
So rich amends for our impoverish'd Trade.

ink Oh had you feen from Scheweline's barren Shore, (Crowded with Troops, and barren now no more,)
Afflicted Holland to his Farewel bring
True Sorrow, Holland to regret a King!

While waiting him his Royal Fleet did ride,
And willing Winds to their low'r'd Sails deny'd.
The wav'ring Streamers, Flags, and Standards out,
The merry Seamens rude but chearful Shout;
And last the Cannons voice that shook the Skies,
And, as it fares in sudden Ecstasies,
At once bereft us both of Ears and Eyes.
The Naseby, now no longer England's Shame,

But better to be lost in Charles his name, (Like some unequal Bride in nobler Sheets)

fit Receives her Lord: The joyful London meets
'The Princely York, himself alone a freight;
The Swift-sure groans beneath Great Gloue ster's
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He that was born to drown might cross the Seas. Heav'n could not own a Providence, and take
The Wealth three Nations ventur'd at a stake.

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The fame indulgence Charles his Voyage bles'd, Which in his right had miracles confess'd. The Winds that never Moderation knew, Afraid to blow too much, too faintly blew; Or out of Breath with joy could not enlarge Their ftraightned Lungs, or confcious of their Charge The British Amphyerite, smooth and clear, In richer Azure never did appear; Proud her returning Prince to entertain With the submitted Fasces of the Main.

ND welcome now, Great Monarch, to your own: Behold th' approaching Cliffs of Albion: It is no longer Motion cheats your view, As you meet it, the Land approacheth you. The Land returns, and, in the white it wears, The marks of Penitence and Sorrow bears. But you, whose Goodness your Descent doth shew, Your Heav'nly Parentage and Earthly too; By that fame Mildness, which your Father's Crown Before did ravish, shall secure your own. Not try'd to rules of Policy, you find Revenge less sweet than a forgiving Mind. Thus, when th' Almighty would to Moses give A fight of all he could behold and live; A Voice before his Entry did proclaim Long-fuffering, Goodness, Mercy in his Name. Your Pow'r to Juffice doth fubmit your Caufe, Your Goodness only is above the Laws; Whose rigid Letter, while pronounc'd by you, Is fofter made. So Winds that Tempests brew, When through Arabian Groves they take their flight Made wanton with rich Odours, lofe their fpite. And as those Lees, that trouble it, refine The agitated Soul of Generous Wine:

So Tears of Joy, for your returning spilt, Work out, and expiate our former Guilt. Methinks I fee those Crouds on Dover's Strand. Who, in their hafte to welcome you to Land, Chok'd up the Beach with their still growing store, And made a wilder Torrent on the Shore: While, fpurr'd with eager thoughts of past Delight, Those, who had feen you, court a fecond fight; Preventing still your Steps, and making haste To meet you often wherefoe'er you past. How shall I speak of that triumphant Day, When you renew'd th' expiring Pomp of May ! (A Month that owns an Interest in your Name: You and the Flow'rs are its peculiar Claim.) That Star, that at your Birth shone out so bright, It stain'd the duller Sun's Meridian Light, Did once again its potent Fires renew, Guiding our Eyes to find and worship you.

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And now Time's whiter Series is begun, Which in foft Centuries shall smoothly run: Those Clouds, that overcast your Morn, shall fly, Dispell'd to farthest Corners of the Sky. Our Nation with united Int'rest blest, Not now content to poize, shall fway the rest. Abroad our Empire shall no Limits know, But, like the Sea, in boundless Circles flow. Your much-lov'd Fleet shall, with a wide Command, Besiege the petty Monarchs of the Land: And as old Time his Offspring fwallow'd down, Our Ocean in its Depths all Seas shall drown. Their wealthy Trade from Pirate's Rapine free, Our Merchants shall no more Advent'rers be : Nor in the farthest East those Dangers fear, Which humble Holland must diffemble here.

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Spain to your Gift alone her Indies owes ; For what the Pow'rful takes not, he bestows: And France, that did an Exile's Presence fear. May juffly apprehend you fill too near. At home the hateful Names of Parties cease. And factious Souls are weary'd into Peace. The discontented now are only they, Whose Crimes before did your just Cause betray: Of those your Edicts some reclaim from Sins, But most your Life and blest Example wins. Oh happy Prince, whom Heav'n hath taught the way By paying Vows to have more Vows to pay ! Oh happy Age! Oh times like those alone, By Fate referv'd for great Augustus' Throne ! When the joint growth of Arms and Arts foreshew The World a Monarch, and that Monarch You.

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A PANEGYRICK on the Coronation King CHARLES II. 1660.

N that wild Deluge where the World was drown'd, When Life and Sin one common Tomb had found, The first small Prospect of a rising Hill With various Notes of Joy the Ark did fill: FE Yet when that Flood in its own Depths was drown'd, It left behind it false and slipp'ry Ground; No And the more folemn Pomp was still deferr'd, Of 'Till new-born Nature in fresh Looks appear'd. An Thus, Royal Sir, to see you landed here, Th Was cause enough of Triumph for a Year: Ne Nor would your Care those glorious Joys repeat, W 'Till they at once might be fecure and great: Ho 'Till your kind Beams, by their continu'd flay, Pre Had warm'd the Ground, and call'd the Damps away.

Such Vapours, while your pow'rful Influence dries, Then foonest vanish when they highest rife. Had greater haste these facred Rites prepar'd, Some guilty Months had in your Triumphs shar'd: But this untainted Year is all your own; Your Glories may without our Crimes be shown. We had not yet exhausted all our Store, When you refresh'd our Joys by adding more: As Heav'n, of old, dispens'd Celestial Dew, You give us Manna, and still give us new.

Now our fad Ruins are remov'd from fight,
The Season too comes fraught with new Delight:
Time feems not now beneath his Years to stoop,
Nor do his Wings with fickly Feathers droop:
Soft western Winds wast o'er the gaudy Spring,
And open'd Scenes of Flow'rs and Blossoms bring,
To grace this happy Day, while you appear,
Not King of us alone, but of the Year.
All Eyes you draw and with the Francis Live

of All Eyes you draw, and with the Eyes the Heart;
Of your own Pomp your felf the greatest Part:
Loud Shouts the Nation's Happiness proclaim,
on'd And Heav'n this Day is scaled with your Name.

und, Your Cavalcade the fair Spectators view,
From their high Standings, yet look up to you.
From your brave Train each fingles out a Prey,

I'd, And longs to date a Conquest from your Day.

Now charg'd with Blessings while you seek repose,
Officious Slumbers haste your Eyes to close;
And glorious Dreams stand ready to restore
The pleasing Shapes of all you saw before.
Next, to the Sacred Temple you are led,
Where waits a Crown for your more sacred Head:
How justly from the Church that Crown is due,
Preserv'd from Ruin, and restor'd by you!

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The grateful Choir their Harmony employ, Not to make greater, but more folemn Joy. Wrapt foft and warm your Name is fent on high, As Flames do on the Wings of Incense fly: Mufick her felf is loft, in vain she brings Her choicest Notes to praise the best of Kings: Her melting Strains in you a Tomb have found, And lie like Bees in their own fweetness drown'd. He that brought Peace, and Difcord could atone, His Name is Mufick of it felf alone. Now while the facred Oil anoints your Head, And fragrant Scents, begun from you, are spread Through the large Dome, the People's joyful Sound, Sent back, is ftill preserv'd in hallow'd Ground : Which in one Bleffing mix'd descends on you, As heightned Spirits fall in richer dew. Not that our Wishes do increase your store, Full of your felf you can admit no more: We add not to your Glory, but employ Our time, like Angels, in expressing Joy. Nor is it Duty, or our Hopes alone, Create that Joy, but full Fruition: We know those bleffings, which we must posses, And judge of future by past Happiness. No Promise can oblige a Prince so much Still to be good, as long to have been fuch. A noble Emulation heats your Breaft, And your own Fame now robs you of your Rest. Good Actions still must be maintain'd with good, As Bodies nourish'd with refembling Food. You have already quench'd Sedition's Brand; And Zeal, which burnt it, only warms the Land. The jealous Sects, that dare not trust their Cause So far from their own Will as to the Laws,

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You for their Umpire and their Synod take, And their Appeal alone to Cæfar make. Kind Heav'n fo rare a Temper did provide, That Guilt repenting might in it confide. Among our Crimes Oblivion may be fet : But 'tis our King's Perfection to forget. Virtues unknown to these rough Northern Climes From milder Heav'ns you bring, without their Crimes. Your Calmness does no after-Storms provide, Nor feeming Patience mortal Anger hide. When Empire first from Families did spring. Then every Father govern'd as a King. But you, that are a Sov'reign Prince, allay Imperial Pow'r with your paternal Sway. From those great Cares when ease your Soul unbends. Your Pleasures are design'd to noble Ends: Born to command the Mistress of the Seas, Your Thoughts themselves in that blue Empire please. Hither in Summer Ev'nings you repair To take the Fraicheur of the purer Air : Undaunted here you ride when Winter raves. With Cafar's Heart that rose above the Waves. More I could fing, but Fear my Numbers flays; No Loyal Subject dares that Courage praife. In flately Frigates most delight you find, Where well-drawn Battles fire your Martial Mind. What to your Cares we owe, is learnt from hence, When even your Pleasures serve for our Desence. Beyond your Court flows in th' admitted Tide. Where in new Depths the wond'ring Fishes glide: Here in a Royal Bed the Waters sleep; When tir'd at Sea, within this Bay they creep. Here the mistrustful Fowl no harm suspects, So fafe are all things which our King protects.

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From your lov'd Thames a bleffing yet is due, Second alone to that it brought in you; A Queen, from whose chaste Womb, ordain'd by Fatt The Souls of Kings unborn for Bodies wait. It was your Love before made Discord cease: Your Love is destin'd to your Country's Peace. Both Indies, Rivals in your Bed, provide With Gold or Jewels to adorn your Bride. This to a mighty King prefents rich Ore, While that with Incense does a God implore. Two Kingdoms wait your Doom, and, as you choose, This must receive a Crown, or that must lose. Thus from your Royal Oak, like Fove's of old, Are answers fought, and definies fore-told: Propitious Oracles are begg'd with Vows, And Crowns that grow upon the facred Boughs. - Your Subjects, while you weigh the Nation's Fate, Suspend to both their doubtful Love or Hate: Choose only, Sir, that so they may possels With their own Peace their Childrens Happiness.

To the Lord CHANCELLOR HYDE, presented on New-Years-Day, 1662.

My LORD,

WHILE flatt'ring Crouds officiously appear
To give themselves, not you, an happy Year,
And by the greatness of their presents prove
How much they hope, but not how well they love;
The Muses (who your early Courtship boast,
Though now your Flames are with their Beauty lost)
Yet watch their time, that, if you have forgot
They were your Mistresses, the World may not:

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Decay'd by Time and Wars, they only prove Their Former Beauty by your former Love; And now present, as ancient Ladies do. That courted long, at length are forc'd to wooe. For still they look on you with such kind Eyes, As those that see the Church's Sovereign rise; From their own Order chose, in whose high State They think themselves the second Choice of Fate. When our great Monarch into Exile went, Wit and Religion suffer'd Banishment. Thus once, when Troy was wrap'd in Fire and Smoke, The helpless Gods their burning Shrines forfook; They with the vanquish'd Prince and Party go. And leave their Temples empty to the Foe. At length the Muses stand, restor'd again To that great Charge which Nature did ordain : And their lov'd Druids feem reviv'd by Fate. While you dispense the Laws, and guide the State, The Nation's Soul, our Monarch, does dispense, Through you, to us his vital Influence; You are the Channel, where those Spirits flow.

In open Prospect nothing bounds our Eye,
Until the Earth seems join'd unto the Sky:
So in this Hemisphere our utmost view
Is only bounded by our King and you:
Our fight is limited where you are join'd,
And beyond that no farther Heav'n can find.
So well your Virtues do with his agree,
That, though your Orbs of diff'rent Greatness be,
Yet both are for each other's use dispos'd,
His to inclose, and yours to be inclos'd.
Nor could another in your Room have been,

And work them higher, as to us they go.

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Well may he then to you his Cares impart, And share his Burden where he shares his Heart. In you his Sleep still wakes; his Pleasures sind Their share of Bus'ness in your lab'ring Mind. So when the weary Sun his Place resigns, He leaves his Light, and by Reslexion shines.

Justice, that fits and frowns where publick Laws Exclude foft Mercy from a private Caufe, In your Tribunal most her felf does please; There only fmiles because she lives at ease; And, like young David, finds her Strength the mon When difincumber'd from those Arms she wore. Heav'n would your Royal Master should exceed Most in that Virtue, which we most did need; And his mild Father (who too late did find All Mercy vain, but what with Pow'r was join'd) His fatal Goodness left to fitter Times, Not to increase, but to absolve our Crimes : But when the Heir of this vaft Treasure knew How large a Legacy was left to you, (Too great for any Subject to retain) He wisely ty'd it to the Crown again : Yet, passing through your Hands, it gathers more, As Streams, thro' Mines, bear Tincture of their Ore. While Emp'rick Politicians use deceit, Hide what they give, and cure but by a Cheat; You boldly shew that Skill, which they pretend, And work by Means as noble as your End: Which should you veil, we might unwind the Clue, As Men do Nature, 'till we came to you. And as the Indies were not found, before Those rich Perfumes, which, from the happy Shore, The Winds upon their Balmy Wings convey'd, Whose guilty Sweetness first their World betray'd;

So by your Counfels we are brought to view
A rich and undifcover'd World in you.
By you our Monarch does that Fame affure,
Which Kings must have, or cannot live secure:
For prosp'rous Princes gain their Subjects Heart,
Who love that Praise in which themselves have part.
By you he sits those Subjects to obey,
As Heav'n's Eternal Monarch does convey
His Pow'r unseen, and Man to his Designs
By his bright Ministers the Stars inclines.

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Our fetting Sun, from his declining Seat, Shot Beams of Kindness on you, not of heat : And, when his Love was bounded in a few, That were unhappy that they might be true, Made you the Fav'rite of his last fad Times, That is, a Suff'rer in his Subjects Crimes : Thus those first Favours, you receiv'd, were sent, Like Heav'ns rewards, in earthly Punishment. Yet Fortune, conscious of your destiny, E'en then took care to lay you foftly by ; And wrap'd your Fate among her precious Things. Kept fresh to be unfolded with your King's. Shewn all at once you dazzled fo our Eyes, As new-born Pallas did the Gods furprize ; When, fpringing forth from Jove's new-closing wound, She ftruck the Warlike Spear into the Ground ; Which sprouting Leaves did suddenly inclose, And peaceful Olives shaded as they rose.

How firangely active are the Arts of Peace,
Whose restless Motions less than Wars do cease!
Peace is not freed from Labour, but from Noise;
And War more Force, but not more Pains, employs:
Such is the mighty Swiftness of your Mind,
That, like the Earth's, it leaves our Sense behind,
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While you fo fmoothly turn and rowl our Sphere, That rapid Motion does but Rest appear. For, as in Nature's Swiftness, with the throng Of flying Orbs while ours is born along, All feems at rest to the deluded Eye, Mov'd by the Soul of the fame harmony: So, carry'd on by your unwearied Care, We rest in Peace, and yet in Motion share. Let Envy then those Crimes within you see, From which the happy never must be free; Envy, that does with Mifery refide, It r The Joy and the Revenge of ruin'd Pride. Bec Think it not hard, if at so cheap a Rate You can secure the Constancy of Fate, Whose Kindness sent what does their Malice seem, By lesser Ills the greater to redeem. Nor can we this weak Show'r a Tempest call, But drops of heat, that in the Sun-shine fall. You have already weary'd Fortune fo, She cannot farther be your Friend or Foe; But fits all breathless, and admires to feel A Fate so weighty, that it stops her Wheel. In all things elfe above our humble Fate, Your equal Mind yet swells not into State, But, like fome Mountain in those happy Isles, Where in perpetual Spring young Nature smiles, Your greatness shews: no horror to affright, But Trees for shade, and Flow'rs to court the Sight: Sometimes the Hill submits it self a while In small Descents, which do its height beguile; And fometimes mounts, but fo as billows play, Whose Rise not hinders but makes short our way. Your Brow, which does no fear of Thunder know. Sees rowling Tempests vainly beat below;

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And, like Olympus' top, th' Impression wears Of Love and Friendship writ in former Years. Yet, unimpair'd with Labours, or with time, Your Age but seems to a new Youth to climb. Thus heav'n'ly bodies do our time beget, And measure Change, but share no part of it. And still it shall without a weight increase, Like this New-Year, whose Motions never cease. For since the glorious Course you have begun Is led by CHARLES, as that is by the Sun, It must both weightless and immortal prove, Because the Centre of it is above.



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