

The Epistle Dedicatory.

to preserve from being obliterate
or diminish'd.

May Your *Grace's* Meritorious
Services for the Publick, as well
as Your particular Benefactions,
be always had in honourable
Remembrance, and meet just Re-
turns of Applause and Thank-
fulness: May Heaven multiply
Your Years, that You may en-
crease the Number of Your Great
and Glorious Actions: May You
long exert the Zeal which, in
many famous Instances, You have
manifested for Your *QUEEN'S*
and Country's Interest and Ho-
nour: And may You Live to
continue Your wonted Beneficence
to those whose Circumstances ne-
cessitate them to flie to the Re-
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Age of that *Asylum* : That You
may receive the Recompence of
abounding in Good Works, in
as extraordinary a Proportion, as
You have been Remarkable for
Deserving it ; Is the daily and
heartly Prayer of,

My LORD,

YOUR GRACE'S most Obliged,

and most Dutiful Chaplain,

Edm. Arwaker.

THE
PREFACE.

THE Hardy Man, who adventures to obtrude a Book upon the Publick, must expect to be accountable for his Undertaking, and Performance: Every one that vouchsafes to be a Reader, claims the Privilege of being aswell a Judge; and thinks he ought to receive Satisfaction in all his reasonable (and perhaps unreasonable) Criticisms.

I was not unapprehensive of my being liable to this Fate, when I undertook the Translation of these Fables into English Verse; nor can I pretend an Exemption from the Suffering incident to All who are infected with the Itch of Scribbling, and allow the World no more Rest than they give their Pens.

To acquit my self then, aswell as I can; I shall endeavour to Answer all the material
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Objections,

TRUTH in FICTION:

OR,

Morality in Masquerade.

BOOK I.

FABLE I.

The Peasant and Hercules :

Or,

No Pains, no Profit.

A Peasant stock'd his Waggon in a Slough,
And saw no likely Prospect to get through;
Down on a Bank the lazy Lubber lay,
And, when he should have Labour'd, fell
[to Pray ;

Thus did himself from Toil and Trouble spare,
And on the easie Gods cast all his Care :
But most to *Hercules* his Suit address'd,
For he was strongest, and cou'd help him best.