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TO
HER GRACE
THE
DUTCHESSE
OF
RICHMOND and LENOX.

Madam,

TIs an unquestion'd Priviledge we Authors have of troubling whomsoever we please with an Epistle Dedicatory, as we call it, when we print a Play; Kings and Princes have never been able to exempt either themselves or their Favourites from our Persecution. I think your Grace (for a Person of so great Eminence, Beauty, Indulgence to Wit, and other Advantages that mark you out to suffer under Addresses of this Nature) has scap't very well hitherto. For I do not remember your Name yet made a Sanctuary to any of these Criminals: But, Madam, your time is come, and you must bear it patiently. All the favour I can shew you, is that of a good Executioner, which is not to prolong your pain. You see, Madam, here the unhappiness of being born in our time, in which to that Vertue and Perfection, the Greeks and Romans would have given Temples and Altars, the highest thing

The Epistle Dedicatory.

~~thing we dare dedicate, is a Play or some such Trifle. But~~
that I now offer to your Grace, you were so kind to when it
was in loose Sheets, that by degrees you have train'd it up to
the confidence of appearing in Print before you : And I hope
you will find it no hard matter to pardon a Presumption you
have your self been accessory to, especially in one that is in-
tirely,

MADAM,

Your Graces Devoted and

Obedient Servant,

CHARLES SIDLEY.

Dramatis