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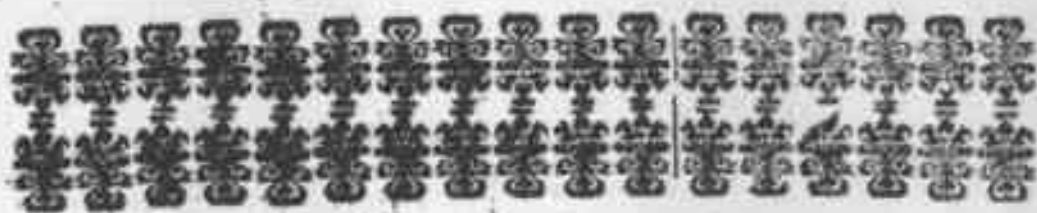
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TO THE  
DUTCHESS  
OF  
ALBEMARLE.

Madam,



*When I consider what favourable Reception my first humble Supplications in this kind have had from your Graces hand, I cannot think my Duty fully paid, nor my Adoration sufficiently express'd, till I Dedicate my whole Life and Labours to your Grace. 'Tis not one act of Devotion that can make a Zealot; and therefore as I made a Present then, I pay you*

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a Tribute now. And though this Poem has but little Merit of its own, yet encouraged by the Honours it has received, like Pages to Princes, it owes its Boldness to its Education; and since your Grace gave it leave to be a troublesome Guest at New-Hall, it lik'd the Entertainment so well, that it resolves to Live and Dye there; and 'tis an Ambition in some respect to be justified; for Poetry should always make up part of the Trains of Princes, especially theirs whose Excellencies are so Divine a subject for it. Under that shelter I approach your Grace, when I must own I have play'd the Plagiary in making the Dutches of Albemarle the Pattern for my Roxolana; only with this difference, that I have copyed below the Life. Your Grace has all her Vertue, without the alloy of her Vanity; and this advantage above her, that Your Grace possesses those Charms which Story never attributed to Roxolana; Her Beauty could subdue, but not secure her Solyman. But your Graces Victories are more compleat; For if our English Chronicle

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nicle (Spight of the fashionable liberty of a Licentious Age) would Character the perfect happiness of a Princely Pair, it must describe the Influence of the Dutchess of Albemarle over the unalterable Affections of her Lord : And as in Duty to such eminent Virtues, & such infinite Perfections, even the most ill-natur'd Age unanimously speaks of your Grace with Veneration; and to secure that Fame your Virtues have so justly acquired, your Grace is as Cautious in the Preservation of it : But so impregnable are your Sacred Principles of Honour, that your Graces Care in that, is but like His, who raises Bulwarks to defend that Town, which of it self before was inaccessible ; nor can I more reasonably impute the Duke of Albemarles, and your Graces more frequent Residence at New-Hall, to any other than a true English Nobleness ; as knowing that your Greatness can better fill a Court than make a part of one. I could be very prolix on so excellent a Theme, for 'tis easie to Write where all Man-kind Dictates ; and I must confess 'tis  
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*the highest Bliss of an Authour, to have those Patrons whose Merits are above Flattery, where the Titles of Great and Good may be given without a Blush. This made Horace speak so largely in the Commendations of his Mæcenas, and Juvenal say so little in the praise of Trajan : For my part I account it my chief Happiness to have been a Witness of your Graces Greatness, and my highest Contemplation to be an Admirer of it. The humblest of which Admirers, is*

Madam,

Your Graces most Obliged,

Most Devoted, and

Most Humble Servant,

Elkanah Settle.

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