

Dédicace de Don Quixote

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To Her GRACE
THE
Dutcheſs of ORMOND.

DON Quixote having not only been well Receiv'd upon the Stage, but alſo having clear'd himſelf with Reputation, from the Slander and Prejudice which malicious Criticks had reſolv'd upon, to ſully and blaſt him; I could not forbear ſuffering him to aſpire to this Second Honour of Dedicating himſelf to your GRACE, from whoſe Noble and unbiass'd Judgment, he may aſſure himſelf of an Obliging Reception, and a Generous Security.

'Tis the Honour your Grace, and the reſt of the Nobility and Gentry did me to ſee this Play in its Rehearsal or Undreſs, was a happy preſage of its future good fortune; the Stars were all in conjunction to do me good; and I think I may ſafely ſay, without offence, That when the Ladies came to my Third Day, there never was at this time o'th' year, in the Hemisphere of the Play-houſe, ſo dazzling and numerous a Conſtellation ſeen before.

'Tis, Madam, from your GRACE's prosperous Influence that I Date my good Fortune; and I ſhall be very glad if this poor Off-ſpring of my Brain, has Merit enough to deſerve the Honour of a Smile from ſo Great and ſo Good a Patroneſſe.

Further, I dare not proceed on this Subject, leſt I ſhould involve my ſelf raſhly, in praiſe of what is even too great for praiſe it ſelf, and ſo only ſhew my own Ambition, in aſpiring to write on ſo Glorious a Theme, without doing you any Juſtice, who are always infinitely above what ever my Genius can ever pretend to in that Nature.

The World, that knows the Noble Stock from which you ſprung, are ſenſible that 'tis impoſſible for you to derogate from ſuch flouriſhing and ſignaliz'd Virtues; And thoſe likewise that conſider you, as the Happy
Conſort

The Epistle Dedicatory.

Consort of the Great ORMOND, whose indefatigable Zeal to Serve His Majesty, and his afflicted Country, with his dearest Blood and Fortune abroad, leaves him scarce leisure to dry your Tears up for the last Parting, or pay his Paternal Blessing to his dear Children at home, ought to behold your Grace with double Reverence, and unite their Prayers and Wishes, that all things in his Absence may tend to your Comfort, satisfaction, and Honour; and that the troublesome Hours may run swiftly off, to give way to the transporting News of his Happy Return with Fame and Victory.

One of these general Admirers of both your Matchless Deserts and Virtues, I beseech your Grace to believe me, whose Dutious Wishes are constantly Devoted to your Service——And now particularly, may the whole Hierarchy of Angels protect ye in the expected Hour of Trouble; and may the Rejoycing Worthy Part oth' World be Blest with another Noble, Loyal, and Valiant OSSORY Great and Admir'd as his Illustrious, and never to be forgotten Grandfather. And that this unvalu'd Blessing, and all other that can make your Grace, and that Truly Noble, and most Dearly Lov'd Heroe abroad, Happy in one another; May Succeed as your Desire, is the Devotion and daily Wish

Of

MADAM,

Your Graces most Faithful,

And most Humble Servant

T. D'URF EY.