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To Her GRACE
THE
Duchess of ORMOND.

DON Quixote having not only been well Receiv'd upon the Stage, but also boving 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 suffer-ing him to aspire to this Second Honour of Dedicating himself to your GRACE, from whose Noble and unbyass'd Judgment, he may assure himself of an Obliging Reception, and a Generous Security.

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 Chil-
dren at home, ought to behold your Grace with doubl: Reverence,
and unite their Prayers and Wishes, that all things in his Absence
may tend to your Comfort, satisfaction, and Honour; and that the
troublous 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 Leseris 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 o'th' Worla be Blest
with another Noble, Loyal, and Valiant OSSORY Great and
Admir'd as his Illustrous, 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

M A D A M,

Your Graces most Faithful,

And most Humbe Servant

T. D'URFEE.