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Καίρον εἰ φθίγγαιο, πολλῶν

Πείρατα συνταύσαις

Ἐν βραχεῖ· μείων ἔπεται

Μῶμος ἀνθρώπων

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With vivid words your just conceptions grace,
Much truth compressing in a narrow space;
Then many shall peruse, but few complain,
And Critics exercise their art in vain.

ART. I. *History of Great Britain, from the Death of Henry VIII. to the Accession of James VI. of Scotland to the Crown of England. Being a Continuation of Dr. Henry's History of Great Britain, and written on the same Plan. By James Pettit Andrews, F. S. A. In One Volume, 4to. 1l. 1s. or Two, 8vo. 12s. Cadell and Davies. 1796.*

BEFORE we commence our account of this volume of history, we have unfortunately to lament the death of its author; a man, whose love for literature had made him known to most of those by whom it is cultivated; and whose benignity of manners never failed to improve acquaintance into esteem. His health began to decline about the time when he concluded the present work; either from over-fatigue in the compilation and composition of it, or from some internal cause; and

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bookseller, and has published this account of himself, to destroy the calumny of his malicious enemies. He confesses that his original motive for wishing to settle in America, was an inclination to republican principles; of which, however, he seems to have been fairly cured, by the most regular method, that of experiment.

ART. 52. *The Life of Thomas Paine, interspersed with Remarks and Reflections.* By Peter Porcupine; Author of the *Bloody Buoy, &c. &c.* 12mo. 60 pp. 1s. Philadelphia, printed: reprinted for Wright. 1797.

This tract, professes to be little more than an abstract of the life of Paine, which was published here, under the name of F. Oldys. The author has added a few pertinent and original observations; and evinces a strong detestation of the mischievous disposition, and principles of that too-famous adventurer.

ART. 53. *An Answer to Mr. Paine's Letter to Gen. Washington; or Mad Tom convicted of the blackest Ingratitude, including some Pages of gratuitous Counsel to the Author of the "Cause and Consequences, &c."* By P. Kennedy, Esq. The Second Edition. 8vo. 55 pp. 1s. Rivingtons. 1797.

The virulent attack alluded to in this pamphlet, upon the character of Gen. Washington, has met with universal reprobation, even among those who are least willing to admit the possibility of error in the author of the *Rights of Man*. To such an attack, it seemed scarcely necessary to oppose any counter-statements. The approbation of a country which he had served, and of Europe which he had astonished, was sufficient to rescue so exalted a character from the licentious imputations of a man, who had lost the esteem of his own country, without conciliating that of any other. Mr. Kennedy has yielded to the exasperation of his feelings upon this occasion; and employed a language, in which anger has as great a share as argument. The sentiments expressed in his pamphlet, are such as the subject would naturally call forth.

ART. 54. *Analysis of Paley's Principles of Moral and Political Philosophy.* By C. V. Le Grice. The Second Edition, corrected and enlarged. 8vo. 94 pp. 2s. 6d. Lunn, &c. Cambridge; Robinsons, London. 1796.

As Mr. Paley's *Principles of Moral Philosophy* are made a regular book of exercise in the University of Cambridge, this exact analysis of them may be useful to some students, who are unwilling to take the labour of drawing up such a one for themselves. But of all such exercises the chief advantage is derived from the act of making them, and is not to be imparted, in any comparable degree, to other persons. Such a sketch may, however, serve as a more copious index, or table of contents, and may thus be useful to those who have occasion to make references to the larger work.