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Beware what spirit rages in your breast,  
For ten inspir'd ten thousand are possess'd. ROSCOMMON.

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ART. I. *The History of the County of Cumberland, and some Places adjacent, from the earliest Accounts to the present Time; comprehending the local History of the County; its Antiquities; the Origin, Genealogy, and present State of the principal Families, with Biographical Notes; its Mines, Minerals, and Plants; with other Curiosities, either of Nature or of Art. Particular Attention is paid to, and a just Account given of, every Improvement in Agriculture, Manufactures, &c. By William Hutchinson, F. A. S. Author of the History of Durham, &c. Vol. II. 4to. 708 pp. Fine Paper, 15s.; Superfine Demy, 18s. 6d.; Medium Vellum, 11. 2s. 6d. Jollie, Carlisle; Law, &c. London. 1797.*

THIS is the concluding volume of a work, some account of which we gave in our Review for July last (p. 69) and it is but doing justice to the author to say, that we have perused it with equal, if not greater satisfaction, than the preceding. Not that we discover more diligence and attention in the execution; but that the sea-ports, and coal-works, the romantic scenery around the lakes in the neighbourhood of Keswick, the account of Carlisle, and the surprising revolutions which that city has experienced, and the part of the county in gene-

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ART. 66. *Some Account of the Life and Writings of the Reverend Dr. George Stanhope, Vicar of Lewisham and Deptford, and Dean of Canterbury.* 8vo. 80 pp. 2s. 6d. London, printed for the joint Benefit of the Sea-Bathing Infirmary at Margate, and the Literary Fund, for the Relief of Authors in Distress. 1797.

As this tract is printed for charitable purposes, it is a pity that it is not stated in the title-page where it may be purchased. It was printed, however, by Mr. John Nichols, from whom, doubtless, any bookseller may procure it. The writings of the worthy Dean, particularly his Commentary on the Epistles and Gospels, are held in just estimation by the pious members of our Church; and a more full account of his life than hitherto has been produced, must undoubtedly be thought desirable. If the present publication does not offer many new facts, it has, at least, the merit of expanding the account of the works of Dr. Stanhope, and digesting the narrative of his Life, in a more regular form. Of such documents as he found attainable, the writer has made a very proper use, we regret only, that they were not more copious, and we hope that they are not yet exhausted. To record the virtues of men, eminent for learning and piety, is a public service of great importance, by means of which, if only one instance of zealous and successful imitation should be produced, the whole country, and posterity at large may be materially benefited.

ART. 67. *The Source of Virtue and Vice, or a few Remarks as well on the Impropriety of great Part of the Bishop of Landaff's Reasoning in his Apology for the Bible, as in Favour of the Age of Reason.* 8vo. 1s. 6d. Crosby. 1796.

This whimsical performance was communicated to us with the signature of John Michael Baloudoufroutskou, which is equally ridiculous with the contents. It can hardly be necessary to do more with regard to this book, than to quote the following passage. "I have found that eating and drinking of certain things, with a few other circumstances in the way of living, are the *only* causes of virtuous and vicious inclinations within us." Yet, whatever the reader may think to the contrary, the writer is certainly very serious.

ART. 68. *Truth for the Seekers; or a fair and full Statement of the Facts which gave Rise to the Imprisonment of the Quakers now in York Castle.* 8vo. 24 pp. 6d. Jordan. 1797.

ART. 69. *A Defence of the Prisoners in York Castle, for not paying Tithes, against the Charges of George Markham, Vicar of Carlton, in Yorkshire, contained in his Book, entitled Truth for the Seekers.* 8vo. 32 pp. 4d. Phillips, George-Yard. 1797.

These pamphlets form the sequel to one which was noticed in our ninth volume, p. 691. Mr. Markham, in defending his own severity in the prosecution for tithes, takes upon him to reprobate tithes at large. This is neither consistent, wise, nor just. He says they are hostile to agriculture; an allegation often made, but sufficiently refuted by