The cumb'rous Rocks obstruct the roaring Stream, That with impetuous Force, his headlong Way Urges destructive, thro' the flow'ry Plain ; Helples, th' astonish'd Peasant looks around, And sees with piteous Eye no Succour near ; No Shelter, no Protection from the Storm, That sweeps his Herds, his Flocks, himself away. So, with wide Ruin, and resistless Shock, Upon th' embattel'd Foe the Britons press : Short the Dispute, for when cou'd Gallic Strength Withstand a British Arm? Glutted with Blood, The Bayonet smoaks, and the fierce Highlander Swist-ranging o'er the Field, wild Havock makes: Thro' ev'ry hostile Rank Confusion flies, And pale Dismay encourages the Rout.

On the triumphant Hoft, Victoria finiles, And to her fav'rite Wolfe, with Joy prefents The laurel'd Wreath—but, ah ! the vital Stream, 3°5 That with unequal'd Warmth that Heart infpir'd,

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