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neighbour, or friend, must not be offend-
ed, if I have been obliged occasionally,
in the prosecution of the plan of this
little essay, to put forward some unpalat-
able truths. When I thought, I had
justifiable grounds for finding fault, I have
done so unreservedly and freely; con-
scious that my intention in doing so was
good; and presuming that, a proper con-
struction would be put on my candour.
I have found by experience, that putting
a thing, appearing objectionable, in a lu-
dicrous point of view, was the best and
most efficacious mode, of making a last-
ing impression upon the mind—that such
a style of speaking or writing was more
calculated to be profitable in the end,
when addressed to the individual or to a
community, than if the same ideas were
differently conveyed, gravely, in the form
of the most unanswerable logic, or bril-
liantly, in the witching garb of the most
embellished eloquence. I have therefore
made merry occasionally, at the expense,
of the ignorant husbandman, certainly,
not for the purpose of insulting or hurt-
ing his feelings, but in the fond expecta-
tion, of eventually guiding and perma-
nently serving him. The object of the
foregoing sheets, has been fully developed