Minions of power, and worshippers of gain,
To save from bigotry its destin'd prey,
And shield three nations from tyrannic
sway."

The fond affection which was cherished between Lord and Lady Russel, is highly characterized in the parting address to her Ladyship.

"O! my lov'd Rachel! all accomplish'd fair!

Source of my joy, and soother of my care! Whose heavenly virtues and unfading charms,

Have bless'd, through happy years, my peaceful arms!

Parting with thee, into my cup was thrown Its harshest dregs, else had not forc'd a groan!

But all is o'er—these eyes have gaz'd their last—

And now—the bitterness of death is past."

There were several other pieces of considerable merit by Mr. Canning. He was a gentleman of talent, and no doubt would have distinguished himself as such; but he died soon after he was called to the bar, and before an opportunity was afforded. His remains were interred in Maryle-Bone new burying ground; and the following inscription written by his accomplished widow, is engraved on his tomb:—

"Thy virtue and my woe no words can tell!

Therefore a little while, my George, farewell!

For faith and love like ours, Heaven has in store

Its last, best gift—to meet and part no more."

The Right Honourable George Canning who was born a short time previous to the death of his father, was put under the protection of an uncle, a respectable merchant in London. He was sent to Eton School, where he speedily distinguished himself, and continuing to improve by such rapid and brilliant successes, that at the age of fifteen he was one of the senior scholars.

A work supported chiefly by the scholars was published in weekly numbers, and entitled "The Microcosm;" the first number of which was issued from the press on the 6th November, 1786. The second number contained twelve articles all written by Mr. Canning, then only fifteen years of age. He was at that early period of his life, much attached to the cause of the Greeks; which attachment is forcibly and beautifully characterized in the following poem, on

## THE SLAVERY OF GREECE.

Unrivall'd Greece! thou ever honour'd name, Thou nurse of heroes dear to deathless fame! Though now to worth, to honour all unknown, Thy lustre faded, and thy glories flown, Yet still shall memory with reverted eye Trace thy past worth, and view thee with a sigh. Thee freedom cherish'd once with fostering hand, And breath'd undaunted valour through the land, Here the stern spirit of the Spartan soil, The child of poverty, inur'd to toil. Here lov'd by Pallas and the sacred nine, Once did fair Athens' tow'ring glories shine. To bend the bow, or the bright falchion wield, To lift the bulwark of the brazen shield, To toss the terror of the whizzing spear, The conquiring standard's glitt'ring glories near, And join the mad'ning battle's loud career. How skill'd the Greeks; confess what Persians slain Were strew'd on Marathon's ensanguin'd plain; When heaps on heaps the routed squadrons fell, And with their gaudy myriads peopled hell. What millions bold Leonidas withstood, And sealed the Grecian freedom with his blood. Witness Thermopylæ! how fierce he trod, How spoke a Hero, and how mov'd a God! The rush of nations could alone sustain,