

seen some of them reduced to spell the very names of those persons, they were beforehand resolved to abuse. Others, of more erudition, are daily pouring themselves out in lampoons, epigrams, advertisements, edicts. Never were the powers of dullness in greater or more universal commotion. Grub-street has not only sent abroad her own aboriginal poets and hawkers; but has likewise pressed into her service, as assistant draughtsmen, card-engravers, and gallows-makers, persons of another importance; who, tho' they have been humble enough, on this occasion, to wear her genuine livery, would yet think themselves injured in being supposed to assist her for hire or reward. Be then their decent and well-meant ingenuity it's own recompence; and the true motives that inspire it, their peculiar distinction! To be more serious. The productions, as such, of these men could not, it is allowed, merit even this short animadversion; did not the obvious tendency of them all, render it, in some sort, necessary. What that tendency is, every man amongst us, who is not the avowed enemy of all good discipline, of all political subordination, acknowledges and laments.