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Multa et præclara minantis.—HORACE.
Bespeaking many and most noble boons.

THERE is so much sublimity, and so much imperial magnanimity and munificence, displayed in the proclamation, addressed by the new Emperor of China to his subjects, on his accession to the throne last year, that it is worthy of being recorded as a splendid example of united dignity and benevolence. The pride of superior civilization, and the prejudices of European habits, would fain persuade us that the Chinese Empire is nearly allied to barbarism; and, when this document comes to be discussed by European political writers, they may probably wish us to believe that the vapid, technical, and cautious diction, in which diplomacy wraps up the state-papers of modern Europe, and of its imitator, the federal republic of America, is preferable to this noble production of the East. This proclamation has but recently been received from the American consul at Canton, and the perusal of it will be a sufficient apology to my readers for making it the subject of an essay.

The HE-CHAOU, or joyful proclamation of TAOU-KWANG, Emperor of China.

“Our *Ta-tsing* dynasty has received the most substantial proofs of Heaven’s kind care. Our