

## XIV.

On, on the vessel flies, the land is gone,  
 And winds are rude in Biscay's sleepless bay.  
 Four days are sped, but with the fifth, anon, 200  
 New shores descried make every bosom gay;  
 And Cintra's mountain greets them on their way,  
 And Tagus dashing onward to the deep,  
 His fabled golden tribute bent to pay;  
 And soon on board the Lusian pilots leap, 205  
 And steer 'twixt fertile shores where yet few rustics reap.

## XV.

Oh, Christ! it is a goodly sight to see  
 What Heaven hath done for this delicious land:  
 What fruits of fragrance blush on every tree!  
 What goodly prospects o'er the hills expand! 210  
 But man would mar them with an impious hand.  
 And when the Almighty lifts his fiercest scourge  
 'Gainst those who most transgress his high command,  
 With treble vengeance will his hot shafts urge  
 Gaul's locust host, and earth from fellest foemen purge. 215

## XVI.

What beauties doth Lisboa first unfold!  
 Her image floating on that noble tide,  
 Which poets vainly pave with sands of gold,  
 But now whereon a thousand keels did ride  
 Of mighty strength, since Albion was allied, 220  
 And to the Lusians did her aid afford:  
 A nation sworn with ignorance and pride,  
 Who lick yet loathe the hand that waves the sword  
 To save them from the wrath of Gaul's unsparing lord.

199. BISCAY'S SLEEPLESS BAY. Biscay, Basque, and Gascony are the same word differently spelt; its derivation is uncertain.

202. CINTRA. A small town in Portugal, a short distance northwest of Lisbon. See note II. 288-314.

203. TAGUS, Spanish *Tajo*; the largest river in Spain.

204. HIS FABLED GOLDEN TRIBUTE refers to a poetical legend that represents the Tagus flowing over sands of gold.

205. LUSIAN, from Lusitania, the ancient name of Portugal.

216. WHAT BEAUTIES DOTHT LISBOA FIRST UNFOLD. Lisbon for its situation has been compared to Constantinople. Its most beautiful parts are along the Tagus, and are first seen approaching by the river.

220. SINCE ALBION WAS ALLIED. The commercial alliance between Britain and Portugal was of old standing. Active help was given on account of the French invasion of 1807 under Napoleon.

222. NATION is in opposition with *Lusians*.