

And while almighty wisdom he adores, 15
 The vast out-stretch'd creation he explores,
 Through all the elements adventurous goes,
 Though Air, Sea, Earth, and Fire his search oppose.

Now with the juvenile whim of gallant skill,
 (Yet bent some useful purpose to fulfill,) 20
 Sportive the carrier-pigeon's neck he strides,
 And cleaves with rapid wing th'ærial tides,
 From Bagdadt to Aleppo speeds the scroll
 That fans the passions, or informs the soul.
 Or, with Montgolfier dares cœlestial height, 25
 And emulates Elijah's fiery flight,
 Sees cities dwindle, mightiest states grow small,
 And spies in miniature the whole terrestrial ball.

Now, with less bold, yet more ennobling plans,
 The telegraphs of naval tactics scans, 30
 Displays the colours, that, like Iris, fly,
 Or whirls commanding rockets thro' the sky ;