

Next, I must do an act of justice in publishing the following letter.

Quebec, St. Lewis-Street 10th. Nov.

L. L. MACCULLOH, Esq,

Since it has devolved upon Junius (amongst others) to dilate upon facts and other subjects, which your late correspondent Gratiano tacitly avows himself to be inadequate to, he has again taken up his two-edged sword* to animadvert on the feeble efforts of a writer, who has, I trust, failed to depreciate, and prejudice the readers of your miscellany against, so able a competitor, as the person he has so grossly misrepresented; the more so, as his pen is devoted not against literary merits, but against unmerited misfortune.

Had Gratiano but perused the many publications emanating from the pen of the gentleman, whose name he has attempted to expose to public ridicule, he would be convinced, that neither Junius, Tom Brown, nor your readers in general, would countenance malice, unadorned with a shadow of wit, common sense, or truth†; in a word the person designated under the appella-

May live to fight another day :
 But bold, Sir John he doth surpass,
 The valiant hero Hudibras;
 For Murray holds that it is right
 To run away *before* you fight,
 Since he who doth the battle stay,
 May never *live* to run away.

L. L. M.

*Junius has for some time been so much indisposed as to prevent the labours of his pen from reaching Mr. Macculloh.

†I feel regret to have put it into any persons power, to reproach me with having added to the poignancy of undeserved misfortune, by insult; nor should the circumstance alluded to, have found a place, had it not been accompanied by the accusation of the unwarrantable assumption of a merit that belonged to another; for that the anecdote from Ste. Marie Nouvelle Beauce, had both merit and humour, no one can deny; nor is the last letter from Gratiano destitute of humour, which is, however, certainly not justifiable if exercised at the expense of *truth*, as Junius alleges; and if it be not founded in truth, I willingly apologise to the doctor, and beg his pardon for having been misled.

L. L. M.