

THE
AMERICAN CRISIS*.

No. I.

Projicit ampullas.

Non.

*On souls of slav'ry more than death afraid,
Gage wastes his pardons and his gashonade.*

GENERAL GAGE's Proclamation lies before me, though it is not a subject for criticism, yet it deserves notice; we may overlook the style, but must detest the doctrine; with what judgment the General may command, with what spirit he may fight, with what prudence he may retreat, is yet unknown; but if his conduct in the field is equal to his composition in the closet, the success of his majesty's arms must be owing more to fate than judgment. This murderous proclamation opens with great solemnity, bold assertions, and notorious falsehoods; it proceeds with the persevering spirit of the times; but, alas! its imperious offers of clemency, and its conceited menaces,

* Answer to the Proclamation of General Gage, August 9, 1775.