

Primo: give you the postscript of Jeremy Tickler's letter, in my last, and a couple of notes upon his epistle, all which, were omitted for want of room.

P. S. I looked in the other evening, on a sparing club, lately established in this city, with the intention of sketching a few of its leading members, but their insignificance, (being a medley of taylor and counter-hoppers) determined me not to notice them, as being not worthy of the trouble, and much less of a place in your miscellany.*

J. T.

To the Hudibrastic verse, quoted in his letter, I had appended the note † at foot.

*The savage and blackguard practice of boxing, which is a disgrace to the English nation, deserves to be hooted, and exposed, wherever even symptoms of it appear. The only argument in its favour, that has the least shadow of reason, namely, that it enables a gentleman to defend himself against the attacks of a ruffian, is so far baseless, as no gentleman can, by any possibility I can conceive ever put himself in the way of being so attacked, but I must take more scope for this subject another time. In the mean while I am glad to see the Montreal papers have abstained, since my public reproof on the subject, from copying into their columns any more of those shameful narrations of boxing matches, that too often disgrace the English papers; I regret, however, to see the pages of the Albion, (which tho' a New-York paper, is one that, from its plan, may be considered as a British one,) still too often foully prostituted to record such conflicts. I will take occasion here, on the other hand, to express my satisfaction that the *manly, gentlemanly, and useful* art of fencing, is now taught in Montreal, by Mr. JER. LAWLER, at *Pointe à Calliere*. where, by his advertisement, the sword exercises and the use of both the small, and broad sword, can be acquired, as well as the arts of single-stick and cudgel-play.

†Whence this often quoted distich is taken, has been the subject of dispute; it has been currently attributed to Butler, but is not to be found in any edition of Hudibras, that I have seen. All that resembles it is in Canto III. pt. 3.

“For those who fly may fight again,
Which he can never do, that's slain.”

I have some recollection, however, that it is to be met with in an early edition of Hudibras, and was afterwards altered by the author. It has by others been attributed to Sir John Mennes, who published a small volume of poems, 1656 under the title of *Musarum Deliciae*. A ludicrous and very appropriate amplification of it appeared on the occasion of Sir John Murray's disgraceful failure at Tarragona in 1812, which is worth preserving.

One warrior said, and who'll gainsay,
That, “he who fights and runs away,