

Some have depreciated the English language from its use being limited to a small part of the habitable world, and from its being not understood in other countries. This objection against it was answered when we mentioned its universality as a promise of its duration.— This is daily ceasing; for on the authority of foreign writers well entitled to credit; it appears as before mentioned that in many of the Kingdoms of Continental Europe, and in Italy in particular the study of the English language, has not only become fashionable; but the protection and influence of the Governments have been extended to promote the cultivation of it.

LINES

Written on hearing of the late Enterprise of the Constitutionists in Spain.

Thy spirit, freedom! still is bright,
O'er mountain, field and flood,
It hath surviv'd the dungeon blight,
It is not quench'd in blood!
Nor shall it yield—nor shall it die,
While still erect beneath the sky,
Man, conscious of immortal birth,
Looks proudly up to heav'n—from earth.

Eternal Ruler of the world!
Say, was it Thy decree,
When first this orb thro' space was hurl'd,
Its lord—a slave should be?
That he, who fashion'd by Thy hands,
In thine own glorious image stands,
Should bow his still more glorious soul
To any—save to Thy controul?

Free is the lion in the wild—
The eagle in the skies—
The very dove, unreconcil'd
Imprison'd, pines, and dies;
To all on earth, in heaven, and sea,
Nature's first instinct is—"be free!"
In characters of fire impress'd,
The deepest on the human breast.

And if from her the impulse came
That spurns the tyrant's rod,
Up, Spain! to battle! in the name
Of Liberty and God!
No more for thankless kings to fight,
But for a purer, holier right;
Thy only trust, above—The Lord;
Below—thy courage and thy sword.