

publisher, a mode hardly ever successful, besides the knavery of his printer selling copies surreptitiously, thereby destroying the reputation of the work, it brought him nothing but loss and sorrow. A similar trick by Scapula, ruined the sale of Stephen's Greek Lexicon, of which, in his *Latinity of Lipsius* he bitterly complains. His daughter Matilda, assisting in his *Tables*, authress of the *Lives of celebrated women*, other works, and a clever artist, is now in a lunatic asylum. These are some of the payments to authorship and genius, by what sarcastic writers call a discerning public, which they are simple enough to swallow. On the appearance of *Lewis' Monk*, considerable outcry was raised against many of its passages, though having a great sale; in deference to this outcry, an edition, omitting those passages, appeared, but nobody would buy it: the proprietors then republished the original, which quickly sold, with many others. This is the public that condemns one day what it approves the next; a competent authority truly for passing judgment upon others.

Some years since those lieges united their sweet voices against the inconvenience of Fleet Market; the city authorities thereupon removed said market to a better site, and at a vast expense made the new most eligible and complete: but complainants deserted it and went elsewhere. Again uniting in one loud shout on the nuisance of Smithfield Cattle Market, a gentleman of fortune provided an admirable one at Islington, where said critics, be it observed, always asserted it ought to have been, nevertheless they declined going there—stuck fast to Smithfield, and the gentleman—was ruined. So much for the sweet voices of the million, on which I could largely dilate, but as I am not now writing a treatise, nor is it likely that I ever shall, on a subject so unprofitable, let the present suffice.

The academical agent, at this time, in most repute, was a Mr Foothead, cidevant assistant to Dr Burney of Greenwich, relative of the celebrated Madame Darblay: he is now passed away, previously recipient of the Schoolmasters' Society, founded 1710, an excellent, and I believe wealthy institution, as was a second in 1798: another for similar advantages to Governesses, numbering 15,000 and Tutors 30,000, was lately introduced at London, and a second in Liverpool. He is now supplied by Mr Johnson, Warwick Court, Holborn, who complains of pecuniary tardiness in his employé's, especially the Sub, who, at the