

hold of for obtaining the public favour, is the sincerity of his intentions, he cannot but feel an anxious disquietude of mind, at the thoughts of making his appearance before that public which he is convinced hath formed expectations altogether disproportioned to his deserts. He would fain wish to remove, if possible, the disagreeable effects of that unjust prepossession ; but how to do it, he knows not. Impressed with these ideas, he offers this his first number to the public, with doubt and hesitation. These very thoughts have depressed his spirits to such a degree, as to render his mind, feeble at the best, incapable on this occasion of even its ordinary exertions. Embarrassed too, with a number of cares respecting the executive department of a new undertaking, these perplexities have been still farther augmented on this occasion, in an extraordinary degree, so as to divert him in a great measure, at the present time, from being able to attend, as he ought to do, to the more congenial task, to him, of supervising the literary department. In these circumstances, he feels himself under the necessity of supplicating the indulgence of his readers for the defects and imperfections of this number. Should the public be disposed to receive this feeble effort with indulgence, as some of these embarrassments must