
TRANSLATIONS and PARAPHRASES,

IN VERSE,

OF SEVERAL PASSAGES OF

SACRED SCRIPTURE.

I. GENESIS i.

- 1 **L**ET heav'n arise, let earth appear,
said the Almighty Lord :
The heav'n arose, the earth appear'd,
at his creating word.
- 2 Thick darkness brooded o'er the deep :
God said, " Let there be light ;"
The light shone forth with smiling rays,
and scatter'd ancient night.
- 3 He bade the clouds ascend on high ;
the clouds ascend and bear
A wat'ry treasure to the sky,
and float upon the air.
- 4 The liquid element below
was gather'd by his hand ;
The rolling seas together flow,
and leave the solid land.
- 5 With herbs, and plants, and fruitful trees,
the new-form'd globe he crown'd,