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AS Detraction and Envy are ever attendant on, and the certain Criteria of true Merit, so the inconsistent and illiberal Pamphlet, now under our Observation, gives a most glaring Proof thereof; it betrays in the Author a Mind full fraught with the most rancorous Malice; and yet so impotent is his incoherent Malignancy, that he is guilty of strange Wanderings from the honourable Subject he would fain stigmatize: but outrageous Envy commonly defeats that very End which it had proposed to itself.

What an odd Idea must every dispassionate Reader conceive of a Writer, who thus sets out; ‘ In my religious Doubts I apply to Doctor *Whitfield*; in any theatrical Difficulties, I consult the canonical Criticisms of a certain right Reverend; and in my polite Misadventures, the Physician of *Ludgate-hill* is my *celer atque fidelis, secret and speedy*.” A Person who should

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