

Maid farewell! may prudence guide,  
 Virtue keep thee by her side,  
 'Till the grave its victim hide.

ERIEUS

Peculiar circumstances alone, which now no longer exist, prevented the earlier insertion of the first of Bion Grapheus's biographical sketches. I hope to receive soon from him the memoirs he is about arranging of the Loverules, Oldjosephs, &c.

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MR. SCRIBBLER,

The common complaint among your greedy readers is the want of biographical sketches;—something about the big-wigs—by what title they powder their heads; and how they came by such airs of superiority and consequential habits. I have often taken up my pen to enlighten the world on these subjects and to perpetuate their fame to future generations; but I have as often felt my inadequacy to penetrate the mists and obscurities in which many of our distinguished men are enveloped. I have no doubt that others have been deterred by similar difficulties; particularly as our friend Jack told me the other day, that he had been toiling six weeks over the genealogy of the Hon. Tory Loverule; and that he had but just found out who his father was. I commended his enterprise and descanted a full hour upon the benefit he would confer on mankind by exhibiting as examples of worth or of detestation the characters of illustrious individuals. In attempting to stimulate Jack, I convinced myself of the importance of this duty, and while you will perform yours by giving publicity to my laborious researches, I shall not fail in the discharge of mine. A distinguished writer says:

“Those men whose vices and crimes have rendered them