

persons to find between us. Indeed, I must confess, I have been often struck with the resemblance : We are both *Patriots*, both *Projectors* for the public good ; and though you have, it must be confessed, gained considerably the Advantage in the reward of your labours, yet it is well known, I never fail to remind the public of *a poor large family to be provided for*, of my indefatigable pains for their service, and the great obligations they owe me. Who knows but that I may one day reap their favours *unmerited, spontaneous, and unsolicited*.

Sir, it has been the fate of great Geniuses in all ages to be above the reach of common comprehension, and consequently to be known only to each other. The vulgar either stand aloof in stupid amazement, branding us with the names of Fool and Madman ; or admiring us the more, because they comprehend us not ; follow us in crowds, as the parish did the Greek Preacher in the Spectator, and content themselves, if they do not understand the sense, with being able to love and honour the sound. The former perhaps may have been my case, the latter has been undoubtedly yours. You have dealt about your Hand-bills with better fortune, and in a more conspicuous station ; I

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