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Tros Rutuluræ fuat, nullo discrimine habetur. VIRGIL.

Gentile or Jew, a Briton or a Gaul,
Impartial justice here we give to all ;

Hæstis apud antiquos, peregrinus dicebatur.

POMPEIUS FESTUS.

And tho' mongst some, a stranger's term'd a foe,
Not in our pages will it e'er be so.

*Quo Musa tendis ? desine pervicam
Referre sermones Decorum et
Magna modis tenuare parvis.*

HORACE.

But whither mounts th' adventurous muse ? ah ! cease
To vex the high and mighty : hold thy peace ;
Nor tell of viceroys' balls, nor markets, pigs, nor geese.

It is always one of my first cares, to shew that impartiality which is essentially necessary, not only for the due administration of censorial and literary justice, but also for the interests of a work professing to display a true picture of living manners, in order that all may be deterred from misrepresenting or exaggerating the objects that are recommended to my attention, by knowing that they are as open to contradiction by other testimony, and cross-examination by counsel, as if they were in the witness-box of the Court of Kings Bench. The three following communications, therefore, claim a prior attention to others.