

encroaching upon their usual quantum of sixteen or twenty columns of lucrative advertisements, to admit of any thing that may not be perfectly agreeable to the powers that be, which my productions are not, or which are against the current of public opinion, which those of Mores are, I think it right not only to make my own paper the vehicle of my justification, but to apprize Mores that, if he wishes to continue his remarks, I will give insertion in the Scribbler to his letters, in order that I may have the pleasure of refuting them in the same, or the following numbers.

From what was said in No. 43 on this subject, such of my readers as have not seen the Gazette will perceive that the charges brought against the Scribbler by Mores, are those of indecency, immorality, and personal malignity. To these he has added accusations of impiety, sophistry, inability, bombast, etc. I might boldly refer my readers to all the former numbers of the Scribbler, and know I should stand acquitted of these imputations; whilst posterity, (for I have the confidence that men of some genius can not fail to feel, that my work will descend to future times,) will scarcely believe that such charges were ever made, even though they see them stated in this, the only memorial that will then remain of them; yet, I proceed, in my reply as follows.

TO MORES.

Sir,

Your second letter contains little else than a repetition and amplification of your assertions in the former. You seem to take it for granted that I desire to evade, or am unable to refute, the charge you have brought against the Scribbler of immorality and indecency. Had you attentively read my last letter, which was principally employed in repelling your personal insinuations against me, you would have seen that I only deferred your charge of obscenity till another opportunity; and since it seems that