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omitted two poems by Doctor Odell: *The American Times*, and *The Word of Congress*—which are already edited in *The Loyalist Poetry*. To the critical reader, who may object to the occasional omission of a phrase allowable enough in the last century, but too coarse for the more delicate palate of this, he would urge that in every such case a dash has been substituted for the discarded word; so, in the language of Peter Pindar,

—Let thy impudence supply the rhyme!

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