

A thousand such papers would have been applied to their proper use, unnoticed by me, as a multiplicity of that kind had already been, but on the 10th of August, the following letter appeared in the Public Ledger.

For the Public Ledger.

*To Doctor Shebbeare.*

Sir,

As you seem disposed, by candour, to answer every question which may be asked with good-nature, I think it the proper time to propound the following queries :

1. Did you not, many years ago, solicit subscriptions for an history of England, which you engaged to finish, and declared was then in great forwardness ?

2. Did you not receive subscriptions for this said history, to a very considerable amount ?

3. Has the work (which so many years ago was in great forwardness) ever yet appeared in print ?

4. Had you at the time you received the subscriptions the smallest intention that it should ; have you at this instant the smallest intention that it shall ever be published ?

5. Ought you not, in common honesty, to return the money to the subscribers ; or in common honour to discharge the conditional obligation for which you received it ?

6. If you do neither of these, have we any occasion to search the records to prove your infamy ? must we look to the pillory for the best whole-length picture of the man ; to his public conduct for the best miniature of his moral turpitude ?

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