A POETICAL EPISTLE.

There on a Chop, or Steak, in comfort dine, And smack your Lips, o'er glass of gen'rous Wine ? No, no; in this our Land of Liberty, Thousands of miles you'll walk, but no House see. When Night comes on, it matters not a Rush, Whether you sleep in that, or t'other Bush, If Game you've kill'd, your Supper you may eat; If not, to-morrow you'll be sharper set. Yourself, both Cook and Chamberlain must be, Or neither, Bed, nor Supper will you see. Drink you will want not, Water's near at hand; Nature's best Tap ! and always at Command.

Now Works of various kinds, employ all hands; Each to his Post; for no one idle stands. The Salmon now we pack; the next our care, The Codfish for the Market, to prepare. Crews to their Winter-quarters now we send; Whilst some, the Firewood fell; Nets, others mend. The Furrier now, with care his Traps looks o'er, These he puts out in paths, along the Shore, For the rich Fox; although not yet in kind, His half-price Skin, our Labour's worth we find. And when the Beaver lands, young Trees to cut, Others he sets for his incautious foot. On Rubbing-places, too, with nicest care, Traps for the Otter, he must next prepare. Then Deathfalls, in the old tall Woods he makes, With Traps between, and the rich Sable takes.