

In fact, these Critics, in many Instances, act in Defiance of Truth, Decency, Order and good Sense; and have

believes he was right in having Recourse to the most authentic Materials to compile his Letter; for the Doctor does not pretend to say any Part of it is false. As to the Letter, *Grove* does not think it is so much out of Character as the Doctor would have it; (supposing it was addressed to Mr. *Pitt*, which in Reality it was not *) surely he must know that there is presented yearly, a Memorial of the Transactions of the last Year, to the States General, though it is presumed that these *wise States* knew what had been transacted as well as he who penned the Memorial. — Here *Grove* might turn the Tables upon the Doctor, by asking him, whether he has not as much Right to address a Letter to Mr. *Pitt*, as the Doctor has to dedicate his little History to him? *Grove* admits the critical Doctor says very truly, that Mr. *Pitt* is a *consummate Judge of literary Merit*, but much doubts whether the Doctor will have the good Fortune to meet with Mr. *Pitt's* entire Approbation of his Performance. — Therefore *Grove* advises him to bear, *without repining, the just Censure that may be passed on it, and endeavour to mend his Manners for the future.* See p. 81.

* Let the World therefore judge what Credit is to be given to such Sort of Critics. His unfair Treatment to the ingenious Dr. *Ball*, in the sixth Article, ill becomes one who has assumed the same Profession. — His superficial Compliments to the learned Civilian Dr. *Blackstone*, in the eighth Article, does not evidence the Critic's Knowledge of the great *Charters*, or that of the ancient Constitution of this Kingdom. But to attend a little to this high Critic: He admits, all the Historians were mistaken as to the Time when the Charter *Forista* was obtained, (by which he accidentally includes himself as a Copier from them, and consequently confesses his Ignorance) owing to their having followed the blind Annals of *Matthew Paris*, which Dr. *Blackstone* has confuted.

O Imitatores seruum pecus!

HOR.

Though the two Universities have no Connection with Dr. *Blackston's* publishing the two great Charters, yet this unacademical Critic must throw out his witless and unjust Sarcasms upon them, in the following presumptuous Ejaculation.

“Happy would it be for the Republic of Letters, did other Gentlemen in both our Universities follow his Example, and exert those Talents improved by long Study, by learned Conversation, and particularly assisted by that immense Treasure of ancient Learning, uselessly locked up in the *Bodleian* and College Libraries, for the Benefit of the Public, and Men of Learning, who are not blessed with the same Advantages.” — *Ærugo Mera!*

To be sure, our two Universities will be mightily pleased with our Doctor, the high Critics presuming and prescribing to them a careful Perusal of only all the learned Volumes locked up in the *Bodleian Library*, &c. — When this new Physician † prescribes his Doses, they are so numerous, and so large, that we cannot help crying out in his (and his Brother R. G.'s) Language, *Mercy on his Patients!* *

† A Diploma, 12 l. 10 s. A R--y -J L-- to print Songs, Tales, &c. 8 l. See the Table of Fees, taken by our Critics for Licences, &c.

* *God preserve the King, the Prince, the Peers,
And send our Critics long may wear their Ears* ||

|| See R. G.'s Sign.