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THE following Exercije baving been bonoured with the Litchfield, Cbancellor of the Univerfty of Oxford, for the beft Englifb Verfes on this Subject, compofed by fucb Members of the Univerfity as bad not exceeded four Years from their Matriculation; was afterwards publicly recited in the Theatre, on the Sixth of July, being the annual Conmemoration of the Benefactors to the Univerfity.

## T H. E

## CONQUEST of QUEBEC.

FAREWELL ye Naiads who your Treffes lave Where Isis rolls her unpolluted Wave, Far off to Regions unexplored I fly, To favage Nations and a frozen Sky, Where the Laurentian Stream his copious Stores In whitening Torrents to th'Atlantic pours, Where never Echo his fteep Banks àlong Heard the fweet Accents of a Mufe's Song, But Shouts of barb'rous Diffonance refound, And Blood of Warriors bathes the reeking Ground.

Long time the bafhful Mufe content to ftray Where lift'ning Swains approv'd her fimple Lay, By art untutour'd and unknown to Fame, Had learnt to warble only Delia's Name; Nor from her filent Caves and Grottoes led Had dar'd the crimfon Fields of War to tread: New ardors now her throbbing Breaft invade, For Themes untried She quits the chequer'd Shade, Fierce Tranfport bears her o'er th' embattled Plain, And fofter pleafures call her back in vain. So from the Toils of martial Service freed Thro' flow'ry Meadows roves the Warrior Steed, Now plunges in the River's criftal Tide, To flake his Thirft or cool his glowing Side;
Now on foft Herbage rolls in wanton play, And lengthens out with Eafe th' inglorious Day; But when the Trumpet's piercing Clangor founds He leaps indignant o'er oppofing Mounds, Untafted leaves the gufting Rill behind, And flies to Fame impetuous as the Wind.

## OF QUEBEC.

Where on a Cliff QUEBEC's high Tow'rs arife, Braving with warlike fhew the neighb'ring Skies, WOLFE all the various Arts of Combat tried, And pour'd his Thunders on its rocky Side; But tho' unfhaken ftand the folid Walls While ceafelefs the refounding Tempeft falls, Victorious Hopes his dauntlefs Breaft infpire, Nor Danger can appal nor Labour tire; Armies from him receive the gen'rous Rage And with new Strength increafing Toils engage; Where thro' the Ranks he turns his glowing Eyes Again th' expiring Flames of Battle rife.

E'er the ftill Evening's dufky Shades prevail'd Far up the Stream the crouded Veffels fail'd; There the bold Chief unfolds his mighty Plan, And martial Fury fpreads from Man to Man. Till on her fable Pinions. Night defcends And round the Bands her friendly Veil extends; Then fwiftly borne by the retreating Tide Unfeen and filent o'er the Waves the glide,

And winding cautious near the hoftile Shore Its treach'rous Shoals and op'ning Creeks explore; Till fafely the appointed frand they reach And fpring tumultuous on the flipp'ry Beach.

Where rifing Hills the weftern Tow'rs enclofe,
And weak of Fabric the low Bulwark rofe,
Where France had trufted no advent'rous Foe
Could gain the Mountain lab'ring from below, Planting his Feet againft its fteepy Side Foremoft prefs'd Valour on with daring Stride, Sage Conduct, Refolution void of Fear, And Perfeverance clos'd th' unihaken Rear: Arduous they climb; and where the dubious Way Perplex'd with Brakes and twifting Branches lay Thro' pathlefs Wilds and unfrequented Shades Eager tho' llow advance the bold Brigades, With ceafelefs Toil its craggy Side afcend, And their thick Phalanx o'er the Plain extend.

Soon from th'Atlantic rofe the golden Day, Difpell'd the Gloom, and roll'd the Mifts away,
OF QUEBEC.
To rifing Winds the Red-crofs Banners ftream,And the bright Arms of thronging Cohorts gleam;The Sons of Gaul with Horror in their EyeThro' fcatter'd Fogs the fudden Luftre fpy;Thefe from their Pofts in wild Confufion ftart,Thefe hafte the fatal Tidings to impart,The favage Bands awake their deathful Yell,And the loud Shout with hideous Difcord fwell:Yet e'er the Legions to clofe Combat ranSome chofen Warriors prefs'd before the Van,Where treach'rous Shru'hs protect the fecret StandIn dreadful Amburh lurk th' infidious Band,No vulgar Deaths attend their fatal Aim,But Warrior Chiefs the Fav'rite Sons of Fame.
WOLFE in the Front of Danger led the Way,
And with ftern Pleafure view'd the clofe Array,On him their Eyes the latent Warriors bendAnd leaden Deaths in hiffing Show'rs defcend;His manly Arm receives the grilly Wound,And the red Current ftreams upon the Ground:

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Yet from his Troops the prudent Chief conceal'd The gufhimg Tide, and ftrede along the Field. At length the Battle, Front to Front oppos'd, In Deeds of Death and furious Onfet clos'd; Now echoing Peals of mortal Thunder roar, And pitchy Volumes cloud the Combat o'er; Now burfting Flames the Wafte of War difplay, And for a while recall the Gleam of Day. So when thick Flafhes of the Northern Light With ftreamy Sparkles gild the Face of Night, Sudden the blazing Corufcations fly, Rife the bright Hills and meet th' aftonifh'd Eye, Sudden the momentary Profpects fade, And Earth lies buried in furrounding Shade.

Mean time fair Viet'ry o'er the crimfon Plains Hov'ring, her Scale in equal Poife fuftains, Soon as to Albion's Sons the Goddefs flew
The Gauls retire, the Vietor Troops purfue, In black Defpair recoils the fainting Band, Sunk is each Heart and weaken'd ev'ry Hand.

## OF QUEBEC.

But while the Britifh Chief his Troops led on To pluck thofe Laurels which their Arms had won, Some winged Fate his mighty Bofom tore, And low to Earth the gallant Warrior bore; His Friends with Pity mark his parting Breath, And paufe fufpended from the Work of Death : No more the vanquifh'd in their fcatter'd Rear His well known Voice infpiring Terrors hear, Elate with Joy the bleeding Chief they view, And the long Labours of the Day renew. Now their defeated Hopes the Britons mourn And from their Grafp the Wreath of Conqueft torn; Till thro' the breaking Squadrons Townshend flies, Revenge and Fury fparkling in his Eyes, Fierce over flaughter'd Heroes tow'rs along, Collects the War and fires the yielding Throng.

Mean while their Chief his fad Affociates laid Beneath the Covert of a neighb'ring Shade; Thence, as the fanguine Torrent ebb'd away, He frove the Scene of Tumult to furvey,

Rous'd by the martial Thunder of the Field, By fits his dim expiring Eyes unfeal'd;
Then fick'ning at the piercing Blaze of Light
Turn'd from the Ranks of War his aching Sight;
Yet fondly anxious for his Country's Fame,
Long as the vital Spirit feeds its Flame, Oft he requires of each attending Friend O'er the wide Plain their careful View to fend, And mark if Gaul the conqu'ring Bands repell'd, Or yet their flight the broken Legions held. " Sweet Peace be thine, replied the Warrior Train,
"In this fad Hour and foften ev'ry Pain,
"For lol thy Townshend at his People's Head "Urges the Rout and conquers in thy Stead, "Refiftlefs bids the Tide of Slaughter flow, "Scatters their Ranks and lays their Heroes low."
To whom the Chief; "I die, fince this is giv'n, "Content, and afk no other Boon of Heav'n."
He could no more; th' unfinifh'd Accents hung In Sounds imperfect on his falt'ring Tongue, His mighty Spirit fled, and mix'd with Wind;
Yet Virtue left a confcious Smile behind.

## OF QUEBEC.

Nor longer now the bloody Slaughter rag'd
With diftant Thunders; Man with Man engag'd:
Thofe who from Caledonian Hills defcend, Where tow'ring Cliffs their rugged Arms extend,
(Stern Sons of Havoc, practis'd to obey
The various Calls of ev'ry dreadful Day,
Now in clofe Order and collected Might
To wait the Tumult of advancing Fight,
Now fearlefs the divided Lines expand,
Ravage at large and mingle Hand to Hand!) With piercing Cries the hoftile Files invade, And Shake aloft in Air the mafly Blade; Where'er their Faulchions heap the Slaughter round Crouds roll'd on Crouds beftrew the loaded Ground, While rufhing to the Front with equal Speed, Their brave Companions of the War fuceed.

With defp'rate Anguilh torn and glowing Shame That ill Succeffes blaft his ancient Fame Moncalm, in vain exerting ev'ry Art, Performs a Leader's and a Warrior's Part,

But now no more his keen Reproach controuls The Coward Terrors that unman their Souls, No Senfe of Glory fires the Vet'ran's Breaft With Horror chill'd and Heav'n-bred Awe depreft. As, where his Squadrons urg'd their Courfe along, Raging he travers'd the diforder'd Throng, Some Britifh Faulchion fped the deathful Wound, And hew'd th' indignant Chieftain to the Ground; Wedg'd in the Rout the garping Heroe lay, And with faint Murmur figh'd his Soul away.

To fwifter Flight the Gallic Legions yield, And trembling quit the long contefted Field; Part haften to the Stream whofe Waves contain Th' extenfive Limits of the fatal Plain, Part to the Bulwarks, from whofe lofty Height Their Friends defponding view th' unequal Fight.

Soon as the Morrow's Sun with genial Ray To the bleak Climate gave returning Day, The Victor's Mercy Gallia's Sons implore, And truft the fickle Chance of War no more;

## OF QUEBEC.

> Their ample Gates unfold; along the Strand In filent Sorrow moves the vanquiih'd Band, While flufh'd with Triumph and of Conqueft vain Pours tow'rd the captive Walls the Britif Train.

Thus from their Toil the glorious Heroes reft, And peaceful Rapture fwells in ev'ry Breaft, Save that as oft the glowing Tale they tell Of fuch as bravely fought or greatly fell, W OLF E's early Fate their penfive Mind employs, And manly Sorrows check their rifing Joys.

Illuftrious Shade! if artlefs Hands like mine Could for an Heroe's Urn the Chaplet twine, The Mufe for thee fhould cull each op'ning Bloom, And with unfading Garlands deck thy Tomb; For oh! What Youth whofe rev'rent Feet are led To thofe fad Manfions of the mighty Dead Where martial Trophies in rich Sculpture fhow The facred Afhes that repofe below, But kindling at the View for Glory burns As on thy Name his fparkling Eyes he turns?

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Ages to come fhall thy great Story hear,
And pay the pious tribute of a Tear,
Thy wond'rous Deeds fhall Vet'ran Sires recite,
Thy Prudence in Debate, thy Toils in Fight,
And ev'ry Warrior to the Tale reply
"Be mine like him to conquer, and to die."

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