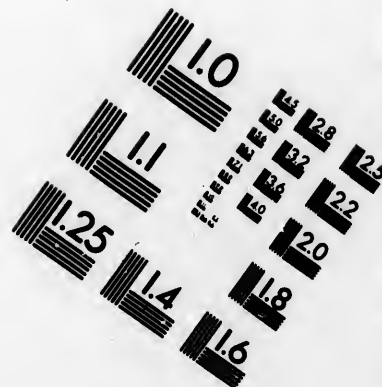
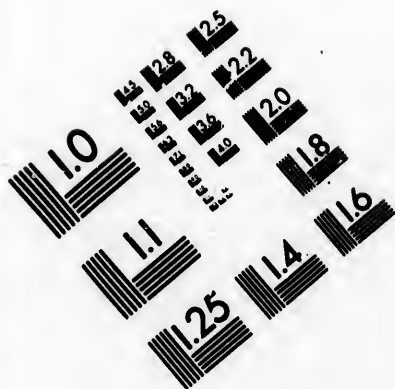
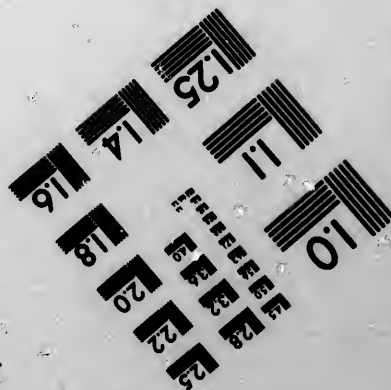
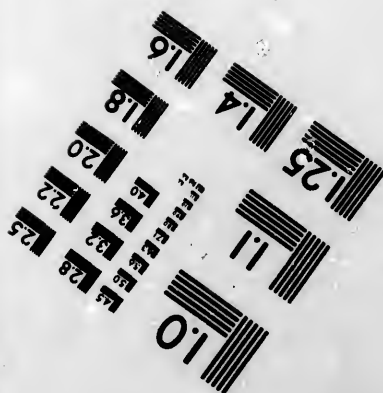
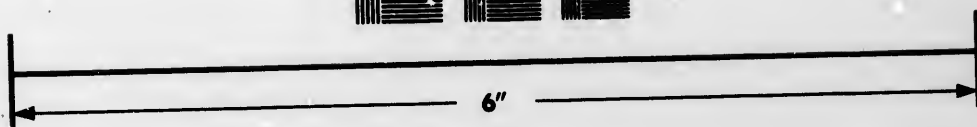
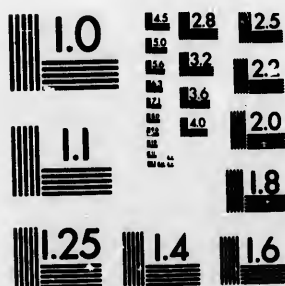




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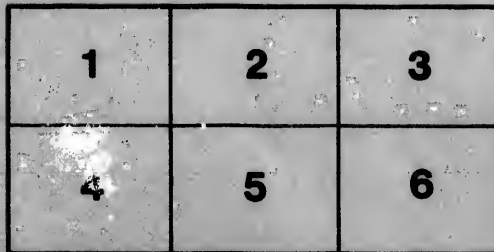
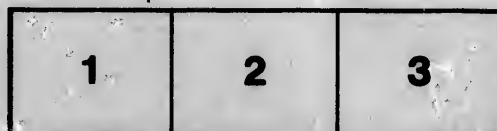
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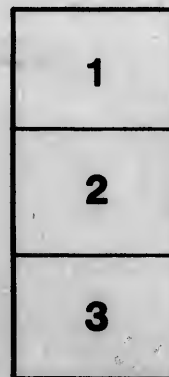
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That flames in Boston's angry soil,  
And frights the Mother-Nation.



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I have only to add, that now, when the Public is in possession of my real Name, it will not, I hope, suffer any national Prejudice to prevent it from receiving

this



this my first Lyrical Attempt with its former Candour.  
 But I must needs say, that if this Ode does not sell as  
 well as Mr. CUMBERLAND's, I shall be apt to impute it,  
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*Knightsbridge, May 6, 1776.*

**O D E**

**T O**

**Mr. PINCHBECK.**

**I.**

**I**LLUSTRIOUS PINCHBECK ! condescend,  
Thou well-belov'd, and best King's-Friend,  
These Lyric Lines to view ;  
O ! may they prompt thee, e'er too late,  
To snuff the Candle of the State,  
That burns a little blue.

**B**

**It**

II.

It once had got a stately Wick,  
When in its Patent-Candlestick  
The Revolution put it;  
As white as Wax we saw it shine  
Thro' two whole Lengths of BRUNSWICK's Line,  
'Till B--- first dar'd to smut it.

III.

Since then----but wherefore tell the Tale?  
Enough, that now it burneth pale,  
And forely wastes its Tallow:  
Nay, if thy Poet rightly weens,  
(Though little skill'd in Ways and Means)  
Its Save-all is but shallow.

IV.

Come then, ingenious Artif, come,  
And put thy Finger, and thy Thumb,  
Into each polish'd Handle:  
On thee alone our Hopes depend,  
Thy King's, and eke thy Country's Friend,  
To trim Old England's Candle.

V.

But first we pray, for its Relief,  
Pluck from its Wick, each Tory Thief,  
It else must quickly rue it;  
\* While N---- and M---- sputter there,  
Thou'lt ne'er prevent with all thy Care,  
The melting of the Suet.

VI.

There's TWITCHER too, that old He-witch,  
Sticks in his Bole as black as Pitch;  
† And makes a filthy pother;  
When curst with such a sorry Fiend,  
And lighted too at either End,  
'Twill soon be in a smother.

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\* These Initials, like those in the Banns of Marriage published between N. and M. may be filled up at the Reader's Pleasure.

*Vide Common Prayer Book.*

† Our ingenious Inventor's Snuffers are peculiarly calculated to remedy this evil, to which indeed all Candles are more or less subject.

*See the Patentee's Advertisement.*

But

I fear



VII.

I fear me much in such a plight,  
Those Tapers blest would lose their Light,  
Canadian Fanes that deck ;  
Which pious --\*--- ordains to blaze,  
And gild with their establish'd Rays,  
Our Lady of Quebec.

VIII.

† His Arms, thou hallowed Image ! blest,  
And surely thou canst do no less,  
He is thy Faith's Defender ;  
Thou owest thy Place to him alone,  
As other Jacobites have done,  
And not to the Pretender.

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† It is humbly presumed that the classical Reader will here perceive a boldness of Transition, only to be equalled by PINDAR, and perhaps by HORACE, in some of his sublimer Odes.

IX.

Haste then, and quash the hot Turmoil,  
That flames in Boston's angry Soil,  
And frights the Mother-Nation:  
Know, Lady! if its Rage you stop,  
PINCHBECK shall send you, from his Shop,  
A most superb Oblation.

X.

His Patent-snuffers, in a Dish  
Of burnish'd Gold; if more you wish,  
His Cyclops shall bestir  
Their brawny Stumps, and for thy sake,  
Of PINCHBECK's own Mixt-metal make  
A huge Extinguisher.

XI.

To form the Mass -----, thy Zeal,  
Shall furnish that well-temper'd Steel,  
Thou didst at Minden brandish;  
Nor yet shall G--'s reverend Dean,  
Counting its Worth, refuse, I ween,  
His ponderous leaden Standish.

XII.

Poor Doctor JOHNSON, I'm afraid,  
Can give but metaphoric Aid ;  
His Style's case-harden'd Graces :  
M<sup>r</sup> PHERSON, without Shame, or Fear,  
Sir JOHN DALRYMPLE, and SHEBBEARE  
Shall melt their brazen Faces.

XIII.

And fure, this mixt metallic Stuff,  
Will yield Materials large enough  
To mold the mighty Cone ;  
But how transport it, when 'tis cast  
Acrofs the deep Atlantic Vast,  
'Twill weigh some thousand Stone ?

XIV.

" Leave that to me" our Lady cries,  
" Howe'er gigantic be its Size,  
" I have a Scheme in petto ;  
" I'll fly with it from Shore to Shore,  
" Safe as my footy Sifter bore,  
" Her Cottage to Loretto.

" Swift

XV.

" Swift to the Congress with my Freight

" I'll speed, and on their Heads its Weight

" Soufe with such Skill and Care ;

" That PUTTNAM, WASHINGTON beneath,

" And grasping LEE shall wish to breathe

" § A Pint of PRIESTLEY'S Air.

XVI.

" The Deed is done, thy Foes are dead,

" No longer England, shalt thou dread

" Such Presbyterean Huffers ;

" Thy Candle's Radiance ne'er shall fade,

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