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*Substance of the AUTHOR'S FAREWEL to
his READERS.*

AS the Rebellion is now brought to a happy Conclusion by the victorious Arms of his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, it is a proper Time for this Paper, which was entirely occasioned by that Rebellion, to cease with it.

The Intention with which the *Patriot* was undertaken, was to alarm my Fellow Subjects with the Dangers which that Rebellion threatned to their Religion and Liberties, indeed to every Thing valuable which they possessed. These appeared to me to be immediately attacked by the Followers of that Standard which a Popish Pretender bad openly set up in these Kingdoms; and who was at that Time attended with an Appearance of Success that struck the whole Nation with a general Panick.

It is not my Purpose here to claim to myself any extraordinary Merit from the Undertaking. To do all that in us lies, at such a Time, to defend ourselves and our Country, is perhaps no more than we are strictly obliged to. However, I hope I shall be allowed to have hereby discharged my Duty as an *Englishman*, and as a loyal Subject to his present Majesty.

And whoever hath taken the Pains to read these Writings, must likewise own, that I have done this with as little Bitterness and Invective against those

very Parties whose mistaken Tenets had, I am afraid, too much encouraged this Undertaking, and had flattered the Invader with too great Hopes of final Success. I did my utmost to dissuade the Well-meaning but rash Part of my Countrymen from general and violent Attacks on whole Bodies of Men, even on the *Roman Catholic* is themselves, while they retained the Duty of their Allegiance, and preferred that Peace which the Law requires. I endeavoured likewise to obviate, as far as I was able, that Disinclination which was arising among too many against the whole *Scottish* Nation, which I thought was at once unjust and dangerous to the common Cause.

Another Instance of the Lenity of this Paper is, that I have been totally silent with Regard to the Punishment of those Wretches, whose Lives are become forfeited to Justice upon this Occasion. If ever there was a Time when Incentives to Acts of Severity would be seasonable, it is the present, when we have the mildest Administration, under the best natur'd Prince in the World. But whoever knows me at all, must know that Cruelty is most foreign from my own Disposition; I have therefore left these unhappy Men to that Mercy, which I am sure they will find, as far as the Prudence of Policy, and the Insolence of their Abettors will allow it to be extended. This they may expect from that great and glorious Man, who is at the Head of our Law, and whose Goodness of

Heart is no less conspicuous than those great Parts, which, both in the Character of a Statesman and a Lawyer, are at once the Honour and the Protection of his Country.

A Temper like this preserved in a Writer, will, I believe, seldom recommend him greatly to the Party he espouses; but it should always bespeak from that which he opposes, such Treatment as becomes Men to give a fair and honest Adversary. Such I may certainly call myself, since I exerted Vehemence against the Enemy, only then when he was arrayed against us; for the Paper principally intended to inflame this Nation against the Rebels,

was writ whilst they were at *Derby*, and in that Day of Confusion, which God will, I hope, never suffer to have its Equal in this Kingdom.

Whatever therefore may be my Fate, as I have discharged my Duty to my King and Country, and have, at the same Time, preserved even a Decency to those who have (erroneously, I hope) embraced a Cause in Opposition to both, I shall now retire with the secret Satisfaction which attends right Actions, tho' they fail of any great Reward from the one, and are prosecuted with Curses and Vengeance from the other.