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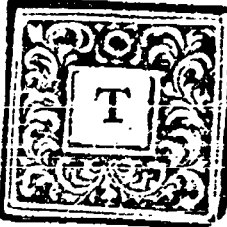
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Mr. Parks,



THE College at *Williamsburgh* is obliged to pay Two Copies of Latin Verses, to the Governour, every Fifth of *November*, as Quit-Rent for Land. The *November* after Col. *Spotswood*, and his Train, return'd from their Progress amongst the Mountains (when the *Tramontane Order* was instituted) Mr. *Blair*, the President, chose for his Subject, The Suppression of the late Rebellion; and Mr. *Blackamore*, the Humanity Professor, compos'd an excellent Poem on this *Mountain Expedition*; which the late Rev. Mr. *George Seagood* turn'd into *English*.

I have sent you the Translation, which (having gain'd the Applause of several good Judges) may probably contribute to the Satisfaction of your Correspondents, that are poetically inclined.

I am,
Sir, Yours,

ECCLESIASTICUS.

Mr. BLACKAMORE'S *Expedition Ultramontana*, render'd into *English Verse*. Inscrib'd to the Honourable the GOVERNOUR.

LET other Pens th' ungrateful News declare
The dire Effects of Northern Civil War;
How furious Men by fatal Madness led,
Pull'd down devoted Vengeance on their Head.
Whilst we thy Care, O *Spotswood*, sing thy Toil,
Which bore thee far into a foreign Soil.
Urge thee to quit soft Ease and grateful Home,
O'er Mountains high and rapid Streams to roam;
And thro' thick Woods impervious to the Sun,
To poisonous Snakes and Monsters only known.
Tell (Goddess Muse,) for thy all pow'ful Art
Is only equal to the Godlike Part;
What lonesome Fields, and unfrequented Floods,
Spotswood did pass thro' dark and desert Woods;
Whilst he, intent upon *Virginia's* Good,
O'er Hills and Dales the noble Task persu'd;
Up steepest Mountains in his Course did run,
Whose Tops were 'bove the Clouds, and Rivals to the Moon,
Contemn'd the Length and Danger of the Way,
He might farther stretch his Royal Master's Sway.
Happy *Virginia*! wouldst thou prize thy Friend,
Who labour'd thus thy Borders to extend;
Encourag'd thee to Arts, train'd thee to Arms;
And guarded thee from more than foreign Harms:
Or were his Thoughts to these alone confin'd,
Higher Cares employ'd his Christian Mind.
Having read in God's Prophetic Page,
After-times should come a glorious Age,
Which all Nations should agree as One;
All one Flock, of one Religion.
O Prospect sweet! he cries, hail happy Days!

" When his blest'd Influence shall the Globe controul,
" And the Messias reign from Pole to Pole.
Unwearied are his Pains, unshaken is his Mind,
To spread this Good to all of Adam's Kind;
In this, ambitious of eternal Fame,
To advance his Sov'reigns and his Saviour's Name;
That GEORGE's Fame may thro' the World be read,
And CHRIST's and Britain's Cross in faithless Nations
(Spread.

Now then, the Hero for his March prepares,
And t'wards the Indian Part his Course he steers:
And thus begins to move by GOD's Command;
As once did *Jeshua* to the Promis'd Land.
All Things and Places full of GOD appear,
And both his Goodness and his Power declare:
And all his Creatures his Commands fulfil
And act by his Express, or his permissive Will.
This Expedition was design'd to trace
A Way to some yet undiscover'd Place;
And barb'rous savage Nations to subdue,
Which neither antient *Greece* or *Rome* e'er knew;
Or else *Virginia's* Borders to secure
And fix the Bounds of his deputed Power:
These, Day and Night, the Regent's Studies are,
And his *Virginia* is his constant Care.

And now the Day was come, when his Command
To distant Climes led on a chosen Band;
All Things conspire to favour the Design,
And luky Omens with their Wishes joyn.
First then, he pass'd the antient Planters Seats,
Whilst each Plantation from his View retreats;
The winding Road thro' thickest Forest leads,
(Whose Trees tow'rd's Heaven shoot up their lofty Heads)
And brings him to the Banks declining Side,
Where *Rapidanna* rows his hasty Tyde;
Whose Current's fiercer than the *Tiber's* was,
When he with headstrong Course his Bounds did pass,
O'erthrew the Rock where *Vesta's* Temple stood,
And mixt the sacred Structure with the Mud.
Kind Nature dreading such Effects as these,
(Whose all-wise Author all Events foresees)
The like in future Ages to prevent,
Cut deep his Banks, and made a steep Ascent,
With rocky Cliffs his Waters did restrain,
Left overcharg'd with sudden Snow or Rain,
He might o'erflow, and drown the Neighb'ring Plain.

Crossing this Stream, he to *Germania* came,
Which from new *German* Planters takes its Name,
Here taught to dig, by his auspicious Hand
They prov'd the teeming Pregnancy of the Land;
For being search'd, the fertile Earth gave Signs
That her Womb swell'd with Gold and Silver Mines:
This Ground, if faithful, may in Time out-do
Potosi, *Mexico*, and fam'd *Peru*.
When he from hence a hundred Miles had pass'd
T'wards *George's Hill* a wishful Eye he cast:
This Mountain taller than the rest appears,
As to the Sky his stately Front he rears;
Which *Spotswood*, mindful of his Sov'reign's Fame,
Grac'd with the Title of his Royal Name