REVIEW.

[FROM THE LONDON ORACLE.]

A poetical epistle to Benjamin Count Rumford, Knight of the White Eagle, &c. &c. by PETER PINDAR, *Esq.*

Peter Pindar delights to celebrate celebrated men; and he is fond of ſubjects of poetry which can be illuſtrated by alluſions to the concerns of the tabl and th Kitchen. On both theſe accounts he has been induced to add the name of the worthy and ingenious count Rumford to the liſt of thoſe conſpicuous perſonages whom his impudent, roguiſh, ſportive wit has from time to time uſed as butts, by playing on which he might excite the public merriment.—But, whatever we might incline to ſay of his former efforts, we muſt warmly diſapprove the liberties which he in the preſent inſtance takes with a man of the firſt eminence in the philoſophical, the political, and the economical world. How infamouſly miſchievous theſe lines of exordium is which Peter ſays that his Muſe

"Strikes to count Rumford's tuneful name the ſtrings,
Who from his fav'rite little Rumford came,
To build on ſmoke his fortune and his fame."

Can any man read theſe lines, 'ſpite of their tolerable humour, without juſt indignation?

"Friend to thy fame (and may it laſt thee long!)
Though G—— and B—— grow jealous of th ſong;
Howe'er its praiſe may wound ſome courtly folk
That ſong ſhall thunder to the man of ſmoke!"

"Knight of the Diſhclout! whereſoe'er I walk,
I hear thee Rumford, all the kitchen-talk:
Note of melodious cadence on the ear,
Loud echoes Rumford here, and Rumford there!
Lo, ev'ry parlour, drawing room, I ſee,
Boaſts of thy ſtoves, and ta ks of nought but thee.
Yet, not alone my Lady and young Miſſes,
The Cooks themſelves could ſmother thee with kiſſes!
Yes! Miſtreſs Cook would ſpoil a gooſe, or ſteak,
To twine her greaſy arms around thy neck.
Through newſpapers, through magazines, review,
Happy mine eyes thy ſplendid track purſue—
Thy ſage opinion in each journal read—
A vein of tinſel 'midſt a load of lead!"

How ludicrous, and how impudent, the following Miltonic compariſons!

"High o'er the wondering world Van Butchell tow'rs,
And on the ruptured mob his truſs's pours:—
High mounted Katerfelt and his Cat,
Proud of the voice of Fame, in glory ſat:—
High o'er the world the mighty Merlin ſits,
Though much of gall his jealous mouth emits!

"High o'er the world Sir Joſeph ſoars ſublime,
The great and fertile ſubject of my rhyme:—
Yet higher thou ſhalt mount, whoſe angry toe,
Kick'd from thy ſhop the Hero of Soho;
And aiming, too, at Garnet's luckleſs crown,
Daſh with thy leaden journal knock him down:
For who with ſage opinion dare appear,
While Rumford's mouth of oracles is near?
Behold th' Elector bowing to his merit!
Bavaria owns his beggar hunting ſpirit;
Who, when poor Munich trembled, almoſt loſt,
With godlike ardor pierc'd th' Egyptian Hoſt,
And ſeiz'd (which hiſtory muſt ever note)
And ſeiz'd!—a daring Gipſey by the throat;
And gave him! (what ſuch bravery can reward?)
And gave him!—to the Serjeant of the Guard—
For which th' Elector deck'd the Man of Stove,
With true blue Ribbons, and the Bird of Jove!"

The following anecdote ſhould not have been unneceſſarily proclaimed to thoſe who have not been honored with the count's converſation:—

The Count's conſtant aſſertion is, "I never was yet in the wrong—I know every thing."

In the following lines, a new improvement of the Royal Inſtitution is prophetically pointed out:—

"With rapture have I viſited thy houſe,
And marvell'd at thy vaſt extent of nous.
Thanks to thy care that 'midſt its ample round,
Soup, tea and toaſt, and coffee, may be found,
And wine, and punch, and porter, freſh'ning draught,
Mending the monſtrous wear and tear of thought.
Thus a new birth ſhall Rumford's glory tell,
And from its bowels ſpring a Grand Hotel!"

PETER delights in amatorial imaginations:—

"Yet 'mid thine Houſe's philoſophic glooms,
Since Converſation has its private rooms,
Extend the thought by love delicious led;
And give of Graham the celeſtial bed!
In would ſubſcriptions like a torrent pour!
Nymphs of Delight would leave each Cyprian Bower—
The Bond-ſtreet Loungers to thy call repair,
And form, like Smithfield, a perpetual Fair."

What dignity both *Peter* and the *Count* have conſpired to confer on *Hasty Pudding!*

"Great Man! the culinary tactics ſtudying,
Inſtructing worlds to eat a Haſty Pudding"

"HASTY PUDDING.] The Haſty Pudding being ſpread out equally on a plate, while hot, an Excavation is made in the middle of it, with a ſpoon into which excavation a piece of Butter, as large as a Nutmeg, is put; and upon it a ſpoonful of brown Sugar, or, more commonly melaſſes. The butter being ſoon melted by the heat of the pudding, mixes with the Sugar, or Melaſſes, and forms a Sauce; which being confined in the excavation made for it, occupies the middle of the Plate. The Pudding is then eaten with—a ſpoon, each ſpoonful of it being dipt into the Sauce before it is carried to the Mouth; care being had in taking it up to begin on the outſide, or near the Brim of the plate; and to approach the Centre by regular advances, in order not to demoliſh too ſoon, the excavation which forms the Reſervoir for the Sauce.

"Such are the Count's culinary tactics in regard to the ſiege of a Haſty Pudding. Nobler generalſhip perhaps was never exhibited by Marlbrough, Turenne, or even Bonaparte himſelf."

How archly miſchievous are the following lines:—

"I know that Envy turns her head away,
And calls the Inſtitution puppet play;
But ah! in cenſure people ſhould be mild;
Philoſophy herſelf was once a child;
Yet ſtill thoſe rude ſounds ſtab mine ear's poor drum,
"A bite—palaver—nonſenſe, fudge, a hum."
In vain its call thee (blaſting thy machines)
"A walking bundle of old magazines."
Believe me, immortality is ſure:
Long as thy chimnies ſhall thy praiſe endure;
Oblivion ne'er ſhall ſwallow Rumford's name;
Aloft aſcending, lo, thy radient Fame,
With thy own curling clouds of ſmoke ſhall riſe,
And ſun like give them luſtre on the ſkies!
I know they mock thee, (in their laughter looſe)
Becauſe thou ſweep'ſt a chimney with a gooſe;
I know the world a jealous ſpirit foſters,
And chriſtens thee, the weakeſt of impoſtors;
'Stead of a war-horſe, one of Polly's hacks;
The Prince, the King, the Emp'ror of the Quacks.
Sir Joſeph of thy journals makes his ſport;
Laughs at thy Dinners keeps thee from our Court,
Or long, long ſince had'ſt thou receiv'd commands,
To come and lounge at levees, and kiſs hands.
Yes! to eclipſe thy blaze, behold him ſtrain,
And rummage the dark coal hole of his brain;
But not one nob is in it, do not doubt:
All, long ago, (believe me) all burnt out!
Too plain I ſee him (jealous of thy name,)
Try ev'ry jockey trick to paſs thy fame:
In vain! the Fates againſt the Knight combine,
Strive as he liſt, the glorious race is thine."

This wicked piece concludes thus.

"Unrivall'd Rumford, ere I cloſe my ſong,
Hear, hear an oracle from Peter's tongue:
Great ſcholarſhip with wiſdom link'd are rare:
Yet theſe unite in thee, I do declare—
For ſcholars ſeldom are the moſt diſcerning:
'Tis true, each Friſcian ſwallows loads of learning;
Yet a poor moth, (that paper idolizer)
Devouring wit, but not a whit the wiſer.
"O ſince from every corner of our Iſle,
Books court thy hand to gain thy gracious ſmile;
Regard my offer, nor the trifle ſlight;
Receive a poet's ſolitary mite;
A little incenſe to embalm thy ſhrine;
A life exceedingly reſembling thine;
The hiſt'ry of that hero with the hunch—
The laughable, th' immortal Miſter Punch."

We regret the more that ſuch a piece ſhould have appeared to raiſe a laugh againſt one of the moſt illuſtrious benefactors of ſociety; becauſe, from its humour, wit, airy ſportiveneſs, and arch malignity, we cannot doubt but it will be univerſally read.

LONDON, September 6.

Circumſtances daily occur to ſhew that the late general change of the Miniſtry was occaſioned by the diſmiſſal of Mr. Pitt alone. The king lately viſited and complimented Mr. Dundas; Lord Roſslyn and Mr. Windham are now on the beſt terms with his majeſty at Weymouth; three or four of the old Cabinet remain in office; and the only members of it who do not enjoy royal favour, are Mr. Pitt and Lord Grenville. The anſwer to Bonaparte's overtures of peace in January, 1800, was truſted wholly to Lord Grenville; and he has been ſo much blamed on all hands for its haughty, warlike, and imprudent tone, that he is in high dudgeon, and out of humour with every body, except his brother the Marquis, and his nephew Lord Temple. The Grenvilles at preſent form a little oppoſition of their own. With regard to Mr. Pitt, he would be as welcome at the Thuilleries as at St. James's. Nay, many perſons ſpeculate upon his becoming a flaming leader of the democrats in a ſhort time, when he finds there is no hope of re-entering the Treaſury.

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NEGOCIATION.

The arrival of Mr. Merry at Paris, and the conferences held between that gentleman and M. Talleyrand, the French Miniſter for Foreign Affairs, have, it is underſtood in the Miniſterial Circles, given a new turn to the overtures for negociation. There is little doubt that the firſt wiſh and object of the Chief Conſul was the eſtabliſhment of a naval armiſtice; but as he had no compenſation to make for a conceſſion by which we were to give up every thing and gain nothing, the field of diſcuſſion became more enlarged, and naturally extended itſelf to topics little thought of in the outſet, but embracing various ſubjects of great continental intereſt. A definitive adjuſtment of affairs on the Continent is not improbably under conſideration, involving at once the ſtate of the Batavian Republic, the claims of the Stadtholders, the plan of indemnities in Germany, the peculiar ſituation of Hanover, the political independence and commercial freedom of Hamburgh and Lubeck, the final ſettlement of Naples and Sardinia, and the exigencies and diſtreſs to which Portugal is reduced, with many other points of an important nature. This adjuſtment, to prove ſatisfactory, and to afford any juſt grounds of ſtability, muſt chiefly depend upon the will and acquieſcence of France, and ſhe may have expreſſed her readineſs and ſincerity to concur in the meaſure, if Great Britain conſent, on her part, to reſtore ſome of the colonial poſſeſſions acquired by her navy. Of the ſincereity of his pacific intentions, Bonaparte has certainly no pledge or ſecurity to offer; and this country muſt be content with his profeſſions only, until ſome manifeſtation of an earneſt deſire to promote the grand work of pacification be given by him on the Continent, where he poſſeſſes adequate means. He could not conſiſtently refuſe ſuch a condition, ſince the ſurrender of the three frontier fortreſſes in Germany required by him as a *sine qua non* of the good faith of Auſtria.

Should negociation be conſidered on a ſcale ſo very extenſive as that to which we have alluded, the neceſſity of conſulting the opinions of ſo many Cabinets muſt make the bare outline of preliminaries a taſk of ſeveral months. It has been mentioned, with ſome plauſibility, that the Firſt Conſul, in withdrawing of his troops from the frontiers of Portugal, and in forbearing to take poſſeſſion of the harbours and fortreſſes of that kingdom, has been deſirous of evincing the ſincerity and moderation of his views.

The communications between M. Otto and Lord Hawkeſbury have been ſince laſt Wedneſday more active than on any former occaſion. Several of the diſpatches, ſent off ſo frequently of late by the way of Dover to Calais by our Government, have been addreſſed to the Britiſh Ambaſſadors at Vienna, Berlin, and Peterſburgh. This mode of correſpondence, permitted by the French Government, at the ſpecial inſtance of his majeſty's Miniſters, tends to ſtrengthen the idea that not a partial peace between Great Britain and France is on the tapis, but that a definitive ſettlement of the general intereſts of the powers of the continent is under conſideration.

The Hon. Mr. Paget having obtained, through the medium of M. Otto, the permiſſion of the French Government to travel through France on his miſſion to Vienna, has ſet out on his journey. It is ſaid that he will ſtop a few days at Paris, in order to obtain an explanation of certain difficulties which ſome late propoſals from Citizen Talleyrand gave riſe to in the deliberations of the Cabinet Council held on Wedneſday.

In conſequence of the conciliatory diſpoſition diſplayed in ſeveral recent inſtances by the French Government, we underſtand, that it is no longer required of M. Otto that he ſhould continue to ſend his diſpatches through the cuſtomary channel of the Transport Office.

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