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In Five Volumes

Walpole, Horace

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Portrait of John Earl Granville

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P O R T R A I T
O F
JOHN EARL GRANVILLE.

Written immediately after his Death in 1763.

COMMANDING beauty, smooth'd by cheerful grace,
Sat on each open feature of his face.
Bold was his language, rapid, glowing, strong;
And science flow'd spontaneous from his tongue.
A genius, seizing systems, slighting rules;
And void of gall, with boundless scorn of fools.
Ambition dealt her flambeau to his hand,
And Bacchus sprinkled fuel on the brand.
His wish to counsel monarchs, or controul;
His means—th' impetuous ardour of his soul;
For while his views out-strip'd a mortal's span,
Nor prudence drew, nor craft pursued the plan.
Swift fell the scaffold of his airy pride,
But, slightly built, diffus'd no ruin wide.
Unhurt, undaunted, undisturb'd he fell;
Could laugh the fame, and the same stories tell:
And more a sage than * he, who bade await
His revels, till his conquests were complete,
Our jovial statesman either sail unfurl'd,
And drank his bottle, tho' he mis'd the world.

* Pyrrhus.

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