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The Works Of Horatio Walpole, Earl of Orford

In Five Volumes

Walpole, Horace London, 1798

Epitaph on the Cenotaph of Lady Walpole

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FUGITIVE PIECES.

EPITAPH

On the Cenotaph of Lady WALPOLE, erected in the Chapel of Henry VII. in Westminster-Abbey, in July, 1754.

> To the Memory A OKIOF ROS

Catherine Lady Walpole,

Eldest Daughter of John Shorter, Esq. of Bybrook in Kent,

First Wife of Sir Robert Walpole, afterwards Earl of Orford,

Horace,

Her youngest Son, Confecrates this MONUMENT.

She had beauty and wit -Without vice or vanity, And cultivated the arts Without affectation. She was devout, Though without bigotry to any fect; And was without prejudice to any party, Though the Wife of a Minister, Whose power She esteemed But when She could employ it to benefit the miferable, Or to reward the meritorious. She loved a private life, Though born to fhine in public; And was an ornament to Courts, * Untainted by them.

She died August 20, 1737.

* Mr. Pope faid, " She was untainted by a Court."

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