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In Nine Volumes Complete. With His Last Corrections, Additions, And Improvements; As they were delivered to the Editor a little before his Death

Containing His Miscellaneous Pieces In Verse and Prose

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To James Craggs Esq. Secretary of State

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E P I S T L E
 To JAMES CRAGGS, Esq.
 SECRETARY of STATE.

A Soul as full of Worth, as void of Pride,
 Which nothing seeks to shew, or needs to
 hide,

Which nor to Guilt nor Fear, its Caution owes,
 And boasts a Warmth that from no Passion flows,
 A Face untaught to feign; a judging Eye, 5 }
 That darts severe upon a rising Lye, }
 And strikes a blush thro' frontless Flattery. }
 All this thou wert, and being this before,
 Know, Kings and Fortune cannot make thee more.
 Then scorn to gain a Friend by servile ways, 10
 Nor wish to lose a Foe these Virtues raise;
 But candid, free, sincere, as you began,
 Proceed — a Minister, but still a Man.
 Be not (exalted to whate'er degree)
 Asham'd of any Friend, not ev'n of Me: 15
 The Patriot's plain, but untrod, path pursue;
 If not, 'tis I must be asham'd of You.

Secretary of State] In the Year 1720. P.