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Containing The First of his Letters

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Letter I. From Sir William Trumbull. On occasion of Milton's Juvenilia, encouraging the author to publish his.

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LETTERS

TO AND FROM

Sir WILLIAM TRUMBULL,^a

From 1705 to 1716.

LETTER I.

Sir WILLIAM TRUMBULL to Mr. POPE.

S I R,

Oct. 19, 1705.

I Return you the Book you were pleased to send me, and with it your obliging letter, which deserves my particular acknowledg-ment; for, next to the pleasure of enjoying the company of so good a friend, the welcomest thing to me is to hear from him. I expected to find, what I have met with, an admirable genius in those Poems, not only because they were Milton's^b, or were approved by Sir Hen.

^a Secretary of State to King William the Third. P. Lycidas, and the Masque of Comus. P.

^b L'Allegro Il Penferoso,

P

Wootton,

Wootton, but because you had commended them; and give me leave to tell you, that I know no body so like to equal him, even at the age he wrote most of them, as yourself. Only do not afford more cause of complaints against you, that you suffer nothing of yours to come abroad; which in this age, wherein wit and true sense is more scarce than money, is a piece of such cruelty as your best friends can hardly pardon. I hope you will repent and amend; I could offer many reasons to this purpose, and such as you cannot answer with any sincerity; but that I dare not enlarge, for fear of ingaging in a style of Compliment, which has been so abused by fools and knaves, that it is become almost scandalous. I conclude therefore with an assurance which shall never vary, of my being ever, &c.

L E T T E R II.

SIR WILLIAM TRUMBULL to Mr. POPE.

April 9, 1708.

I Have this moment received the favour of yours of the 8th instant; and will make you a true excuse (tho' perhaps no very good one) that I deferred the troubling you with a letter, when