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Death

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VI. From Sir William Trumbull.

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LETTER VI.

From Sir WILLIAM TRUMBULL.

Easthamstead, Feb. 22, 1714-15.

I Am sensibly oblig'd, dear Sir, by your kind present of the *Temple of Fame*, into which you are already enter'd, and I dare prophecy for once (tho' I am not much given to it) that you will continue there, with those,

*Who ever new, not subject to decays,
Spread and grow brighter with the length of days.*

There was nothing wanting to compleat your obliging remembrance of me, but your accompanying it with your poem; your long absence being much the severest part of the winter. I am truly sorry that your time, which you can imploy so much better, should be spent in the drudgery of correcting the printers; for as to what you have done yourself, there will nothing of that nature be necessary. I wish you could find a few minutes leisure to let me hear from you sometimes, and to acquaint me how your *Homer* draws on towards a publication, and all things relating thereunto.

I intreat you to return my humble service to Mr. Jervas. I still flatter myself that he will take an opportunity, in a proper season, to see
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us, and review his picture, and then to alter some things, so as to please himself; which I know will not be, till every thing in it is perfect; no more than I can be, till you believe me to be with that sincerity and esteem, that I am and will ever continue, your most faithful friend.

L E T T E R VII.

Dec. 16, 1715.

IT was one of the Enigma's of Pythagoras, "When the winds rise, worship the Echo." A modern writer explains this to signify, "When popular tumults begin, retire to solitudes, or such places where Echo's are commonly found, rocks, woods, &c." I am rather of opinion it should be interpreted, "When rumours increase, and when there is abundance of noise and clamour, believe the second report:" This I think agrees more exactly with the echo, and is the more natural application of the symbol. However it be, either of these Precepts is extremely proper to be followed at this season; and I cannot but applaud your resolution of continuing in what you call your cave in the forest, this winter; and preferring the noise of breaking ice to that
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