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EPILOGUE to The TIMES, a Comedy, by Mrs. GRIFFITH,
October 1779.

A WIFE so very bad—and yet so chaste!
So easily reform'd—though drunk with taste!
Her spouse so fashionable—yet so tender
That he had rather starve himself, than mend her!
An old rich knight, as upright as a steeple,
Yet melting for the woes of younger people!
—Strange times, good folks!—and whence our author drew,
I'll take my oath I know no more—than you.

It could not be from this dear town, where vice
If with one virtue stain'd will bear no price.
Loose as the buxom air, the youth from College
Comes fraught with all Newmarket's solid knowledge;
Pants to have lost th' estate—not yet his own—
And, ere his beard is grown, be quite undone.
Then when to foreign climes he spreads the fail,
'Tis not t' enlarge his mind, but 'scape a jail.

Our sex—but shall I load the weaker kind?
Or can the fail to fray, whose guide is blind?
Let men reform themselves; let holy truth
And orient honour stamp each glowing youth:
Let sage oeconomy restrain his waste,
Discretion rule his pleasures, sense his taste:
Let him the gamester like the coward shun,
Nor hug a Jew, though to avoid a dun:
Be he to England's cause and freedom's true,
Nor, fashion-led, with like indifference view
The venal many, and the virtuous few. :

Then will soft woman, easy mould, receive
Each just impression he shall deign to give;

Will

Will aim by correspondent arts to gain
 The virtuous heart in which she sighs to reign;
 And, taught by no domestic faults to roam,
 Shall find, and fix, enjoyment all at home.

EPIGRAMS.

On the new Archbishop of CANTERBURY. March 1758.

THE bench hath oft 'posed us, and set us a-coffing,
 By signing Will. London, John Sarum, John Roffen.;
 But *this* head of the church no expounder will want,
 For his grace signs his own proper name, Thomas *Cant.*

Left on the Duchefs of QUEENSBERRY's Toilet, the Author
 finding her from Home.

TO many a Kitty, Love his car
 Would for a day engage;
 But Prior's Kitty, ever fair,
 Retains it for an age.