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BUCKINGHAM.

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OF
BUCKINGHAM
AND
LANSDOWNE.

THE
P O E M S
O F
JOHN SHEFFIELD,
EARL OF MULGRAVE,
MARQUIS OF NORMANDY,
A N D
DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM.

“ — Nec Phœbo gratior ulla est

“ Quam sibi quæ Vari præscripfit pagina nomen.”

VIRG.

TO
THE MEMORY OF
JOHN SHEFFIELD,
DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM,
THESE
HIS MORE LASTING REMAINS,
(THE MONUMENT OF HIS MIND,
AND MORE PERFECT IMAGE OF
HIMSELF)

ARE HERE COLLECTED BY THE DIRECTION OF
CATHARINE HIS DUTCHESS:
DESIROUS THAT HIS ASHES MAY BE HONOURED,
AND HIS FAME AND MERIT COMMITTED
TO THE TEST OF
TIME, TRUTH, AND POSTERITY.

The shining arms with haste prepare,
Then to the glorious combat fly;
Our minds unclogg'd with farther care,
Except to overcome or die:
And, for reward, &c.

They fight, oppression to increase,
We for our liberties and laws;
It were a sin to doubt success,
When freedom is the noble cause:
And, for reward, of the just gods we claim
A life with freedom, or a death with fame.

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