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Sate down and scribbled in a trice,
Just what you see — and you despite.

You who can frame a tuneful fong,
And hum it as you ride along;
And, trotting on the king's high-way,
Snatch from the hedge a sprig of bay;
Accept the verse, howe'er it flows,
From one, who is your friend in prose.

What is this wreath, so green! so fair! Which many wish, and few must wear? Which one man's indolence can gain, Another's vigils ne'er obtain?

For what must Sal or Poet sue,

Ere they engage with Ned or you?

For luck in verse? for luck at Loo?

Ah no! 'tis Genius gives you fame,

And Ned thro' skill secures the game.

Written at an INN on a particular Occasion.

From flattery, feasting, dice, and din;
Nor art thou found in domes much higher
Than the low cot, or humble inn.

'Tis here with boundless power I reign,
And every health which I begin,
Converts dull port to bright champain;
For Freedom crowns it at an inn.

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I fly from pomp, I fly from plate,
I fly from Falshood's specious grin;
Freedom I love, and form I hate,
And chuse my lodgings at an inn.

Here, waiter! take my fordid ore,
Which lacqueys else might hope to win;
It buys what courts have not in store,
It buys me Freedom, at an inn.

And now once more I shape my way

Thro' rain or shine, thro' thick or thin,

Secure to meet, at close of day,

With kind reception—at an inn.

Whoe'er has travell'd life's dull round,
Where'er his various tour has been,
May figh to think how oft he found
His warmest welcome—at an inn.

The PRICE of an EQUIPAGE.

Servum si potes, Ole, non habere Et regem potes, Ole, non habere

MAR.

ASK'D a friend, amidst the throng,
Whose coach it was that trail'd along:
"The gilded coach there—don't you mind?

O Sir, says he, what ha'n't ye seen it?
Tis Timon's coach, and Timon in it.