

VERSES UNDER THE BUSTO OF COMUS IN A  
BUFFET AT HAMMERSMITH.

E AUGUST MDCCL.

BY THE SAME.

WHILE rosy wreaths the goblet deck,  
Thus Comus spoke, or seem'd to speak:

- “ This place for social hours design'd,
- “ May Care and Business never find.
- “ Come, every Muse, without restraint,
- “ Let Genius prompt, and Fancy paint;
- “ Let Wit and Mirth, with friendly strife,
- “ Chase the dull gloom that saddens life:
- “ True Wit, that firm to Virtue's cause
- “ Respects religion and the laws;
- “ True Mirth, that chearfulness supplies
- “ To modest ears and decent eyes;
- “ Let these indulge their liveliest fallies,
- “ Both scorn the canker'd help of Malice;
- “ True to their country and their friend,
- “ Both scorn to flatter or offend.”