



The E X C E P T I O N.

STANPOPE has gain'd one branch of fame,  
To which, I'll prove, he has no claim.

Say they—"His favours he extends,  
" Without regard to wealth, or friends :  
" Of such disinterested spirit,  
" Nothing prevails, with him, but merit ;  
" Nay, he'll dispense with merit too,  
" When modest want can reach his view."

Mere prejudice! 'tis plain to me,  
No man takes sweeter bribes than he.  
To clear this point from any doubt,  
A parallel shall help me out.

The noble FULVIA spurns at gain :  
Freely she heals her lover's pain :  
But, surely, you'll allow me this,  
That when she grants, she shares the bliss.

So STANHOPE, in each gen'rous action,  
Reaps more than half the satisfaction.

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