

## VERSES

Written at Mountauban in France, 1750.

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ARN, how delightful wind thy willow'd waves, But ah! they fructify a land of flaves! In vain thy bare-foot, fun-burnt peafants hide With luscious grapes yon' hill's romantic side; No cups nectareous shall their toils repay, The priest's, the soldier's, and the fermier's prey: Vain glows this fun in cloudless glory drest, That strikes fresh vigour thro' the pining breast; Give me, beneath a colder, changeful sky, My foul's best, only pleasure, LIBERTY! What millions perish'd near thy mournful flood b When the red papal tyrant cry'd out-" Blood! Less fierce the Saracen, and quiver'd Moor, That dash'd thy infants 'gainst the stones of yore. Be warn'd ye nations round; and trembling fee Dire superstition quench humanity!

of the Saracens, carried on in the Southern provinces of France.

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By all the chiefs in Freedom's battles lost;
By wise and virtuous Alfred's aweful ghost;
By old Galgacus' scythed, iron car,
That swiftly whirling thro' the walks of war,
Dash'd Roman blood, and crush'd the foreign throngs:
By holy Druids' courage-breathing songs;
By sierce Bonduca's shield, and soaming steeds;
By the bold peers that met on Thames's meads;
By the fifth Henry's helm, and lightning spear,
O Liberty, my warm petition hear;
Be Albion still thy joy! with her remain,
Long as the surge shall lash her oak-crown'd plain!



## The Revenge of AMERICA.

By the Same.

O'er ravag'd fields of rich Peru,
Struck with his bleeding people's woes,
Old India's aweful Genius rose.
He sat on Andes' topmost stone,
And heard a thousand nations groan;
For grief his feathery crown he tore,
To see huge Plata soam with gore;