To Robert Barber *Eſq; Deputy to the Treaſurer's Remembrancer in the Court of* Exchequer, *on his attending, whilſt his Son repeated* GAY'S *Fable of the* Hare and Many Friends.

WHILST GAY'S unhappy Fate thy Ear attends,
Thy Heart, indignant, ſcorns his faithleſs Friends;
Thy gen'rous Heart, which never learnt the Way,
A Friend or to deceive, or to betray:
With Honour and Integrity ſo bleſt,
Not Law, infectious, can pollute thy Breaſt:
With Juſtice and Humanity endow'd,
You ſhine, diſtinguiſh'd, 'midſt a venal Croud.