Written in MONTAIGNE'S *Essays,*

Given to the Duke of SHREWSBURY *in* FRANCE, *after the Peace,* 1713.

DICTATE, O mighty Judge, what Thou haſt ſeen
Of Cities, and of Courts, of Books, and Men;
And deign to let Thy Servant hold the Pen.

Thro' Ages thus I may preſume to live;
And from the Tranſcript of Thy Proſe receive,
What my own ſhort-liv'd Verſe can never give.

Thus ſhall fair BRITAIN with a gracious Smile
Accept the Work; and the inſtructed Iſle,
For more than Treaties made, ſhall bleſs my Toil.

Nor longer hence the GALLIC Style preferr'd,
Wiſdom in ENGLISH *Idiom* ſhall be heard;
While TALBOT tells the World, where MONTAIGNE err'd.