Cato in Tully boasts of this as the great comfort and joy of his old age, that nothing was more pleasant to him, than the consciousness of a well spent life, and the remembrance of many kindnesses and benefits done to others.

Nov. 1780.

Edward.

2

Il en est d'un homme vertueux a l'égard de sa patrie, comme de la lune, par rapport a la nuit, il la tire de l'obscurité et lui donne un lustre dont elle manquerait sans son mérite.

Novembr 13: 1780.

An anticipated Favour hath two Perfections: one is the Promptitude of it, which obliges the Receiver to gratitude; and the other, in that the same Gift, which, coming later, would be a Debt, by Anticipation is a pure Benefit.

Edward.

November 27: 1780.

5

A man of the brightest
natural genius may, by
a shameful indulgence
of himself in indolence
and ease, become the object
of contempt and ridicule,
and not only prove an

Reprove with gentleness, with Truth commend,
Laugh at a jest, but laugh not without end.
To each Man's calling due regard be shewn,
Neer critize to make your learning known.

Reprennez sans augreur, louez sans flatterie
Ruez passablement, entendez raullerie.
Estimez un chacun dans sa profession,
Et ne critiquez rien par Ostentation.

Reason, and the Art of the rational Agent, are Powers which are satisfied with themselves and their own proper Action, without the Aid of what is external or foreign to them. They act from their internal Principle, and go straight forward to the End set before them. Decr. 22: 1780.

Edward.

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Jan.ry 8: 1781.

Edward.

16

'Tis true Greatness that constitutes Glory, and Virtue is the Cause of both, but Vice and Ignorance taint the Blood; and an unworthy Behaviour degrades and disennobles a Man more than Birth, & Fortune aggrandize, and exalt him.

Jan: 17: 1781.

18

Boast not of thyself, for it shall bring contempt upon thee; neither deride another for it is dangerous. 1781.

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A good Understanding, with a bad Will, makes a very unhappy Conjunction. —— That's an unlucky Wit which is employed to do Evil.

A Spanish Proverb says, Knowledge will become Folly, if Good Sense do not take Care of it.

January 24: 1781.

Edward.

22

Those that admonish their Friends, says Plutarch, should observe this Rule; Not to leave them with sharp Expressions. Ill Language destroys the Force of Reprehension, which should be always given with Prudence and Circumspection.

Edward.