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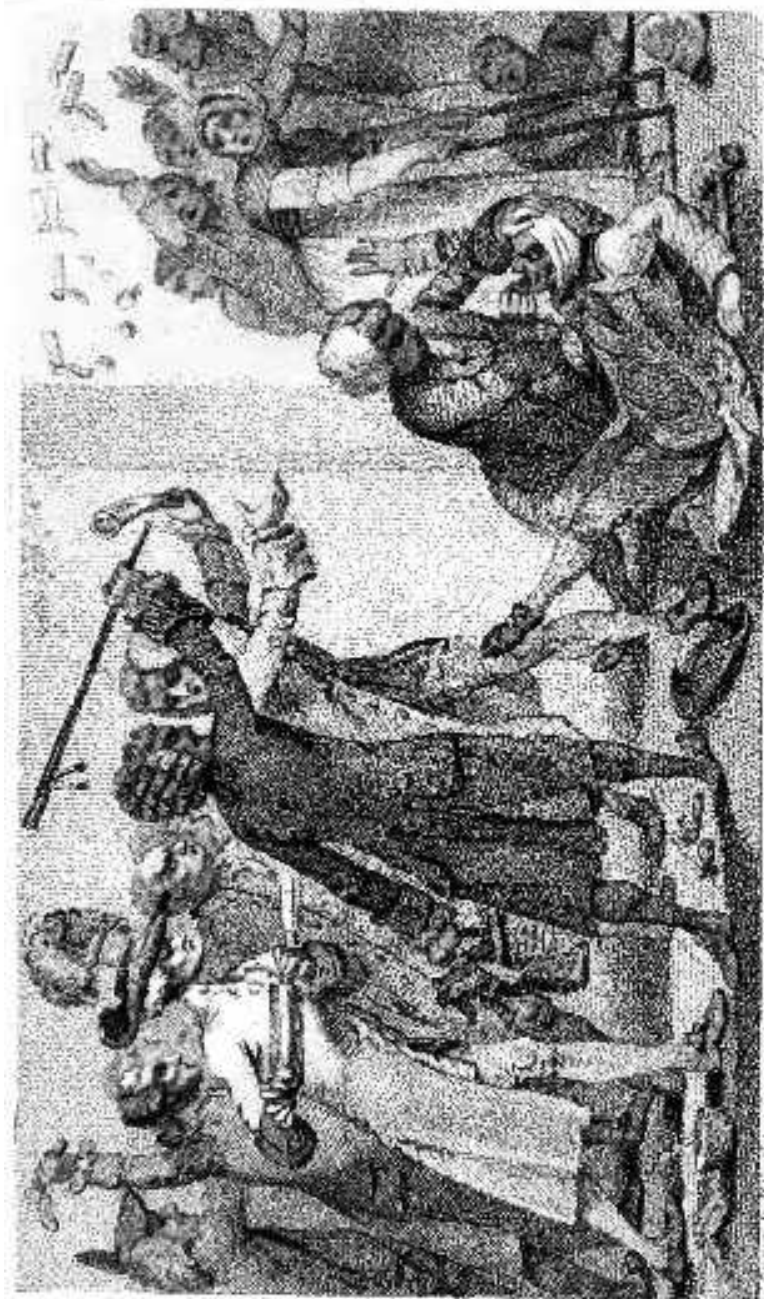


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Come on boys the grand march,  
 'Till we have done these things,

—All the rest go with Missus Minnie  
 'Till she thinks we've done these things,

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AGAINST

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AND THE

PERKINISTIC INSTITUTION.

IN FOUR CANTOS.

MOST RESPECTFULLY ADDRESSED TO

*THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS,*

BY

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AND HONORARY MEMBER OF NO LESS THAN NINETEEN  
VERY LEARNED SOCIETIES.

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## INTRODUCTION.

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**T**HE demand for a second edition of **CAUSTIC'S PETITION**, within the short period of two months from the publication of the first, has excited so much vanity in the author as to induce him to believe that his efforts have not been altogether unacceptable, and to hope that his objects may ultimately prove not to have been altogether unaccomplished. With such a reward for former exertions, and such an incitement for future, it will be thought natural in him to have used his endeavour for a continuance of public favour.

The present edition, which contains more than double the quantity of matter that composed the last, will plead the virtue of industry, even should the merit of the new matter not justly lay claim to that indulgence with which the former was honoured.

Besides enlargement, this edition will be found, especially in the first Canto, to be materially *altered*.

The aim of the alterations has been to avoid, as much as the subjects necessarily enlarged upon would admit, every sentiment and expression, which could offend the heart of innocence, or the eye of delicacy. Addressed, as the poem originally was, to professional men, there was, perhaps, little cause to complain of too great a licence in this particular. The circulation of the work proving, however, to be by no means confined to the medical profession, and promising to be still less so in future, it has been the author's study to savour this to the more general palate, as well as to enlarge the scope of its objects.

Of one, among other advantages, which may generally be derived for the improvement of second editions, viz. the criticisms of monthly journals, the author is in a great measure deprived. Two only (the *Antijacobin* and *Monthly Register*) have yet committed the deeds of Dr. Caustic to the test of their tremendous ordeal.

The sweet drops of their approbation, which, in their great clemency, they have allowed him to taste, instead of the bitter pill, which the