

Let all return in print, and gainst you lay,
Excite them to suspect our future wants,
Which ask by us, and genius must ^{them} grant;
Yet they as friends, can to us aid impart,
By giving public buildings, for a start.

4 Honorable President

- 4 When first you organized your present form,
For sending us to Africa's land for corn,
The good to be effected was obscure —
And many thought it useless to endure.
The scorching fevers, burnt out many souls,
And left ~~some~~ some others seemingly on the shores —
While agues crept behind, as plagues of ~~the~~ ^{youre,}
And threw its numbers senseless on the floor.
- 5 Yet some survive, a trembling stand to make,
And act as children in all we partake;
Like the Americans have done of old,
Before they were the arts, and science told.
We are deprived — and have been of the means,
Which other nations had, to venture scenes,
The many objects, which refine the mind,
Were seal'd from us, as horns are from the hind.
- 6 And now we chose out two, and send to you,
By your request, and by our best men's view.
They stand before you, not for alms to ask,
But do a duty, which when done, will last ^{long}
Do for them, not for them, but ~~Hesperus's~~ ^{Grant}
What e'er thy judgment, and thy force command,
Stir up the friends among the Maryland clans,

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