

INTRODUCTION.

seems to be inexpedient and useless to bestow, as Walker has done, half a page or a page, on a single word, in attempting to settle some trifling point, or, in many cases, to settle a point that, in this country, has never been disputed.

To give a brief statement of the errors, diversities and contradictions of the principal schemes of orthoëpy, which have been offered to the public, within the last half century, two classes of words only will be sufficient, as specimens.

The following lists are not complete, but they comprehend the greatest number of words in their respective classes. The dates at the head of the columns designate the year when the dictionaries in my possession were published, indicating nearly, but not exactly, the origin of each scheme. In the orthography, I have given the letters used by each author, in the syllable which contains the difference of pronunciation; in the others, I have followed the common orthography.

<i>Sheridan,</i> 1784.	<i>Walker,</i> 1794.	<i>Jones,</i> 1798.	<i>Perry,</i> 1805.	<i>Jameson,</i> 1827.
Abbreviature,	Abbreviatureshure,	Abbreviature,	Abbreviature,	Abbreviature.
Accentuate,	Accentshuate,	Accentuate,	Accentuate,	Accentuate.
Accentuation,	Accentshuation,	Accentuation,	Accentuation,	Accentuation.
Actual,	Actshual,	Actual,	Actual,	Actual.
Actuate, &c.	Actshuate,	Actuate,	Actuate,	Actuate.
Admixtshur,	Admixtshure,	Admixture,	Admixture,	Admixture.
Adventual,	Adventshual,	Adventual,	Adventual,	Adventual.
Adventshur,	Adventshure,	Adventure,	Adventure,	Adventure.
Agriculture.	Agricultshure.	Agriculture,	Agriculture,	Agriculture.
Aperture,	Apertshure,	Aperture,	Aperture,	Aperture.
Arkitectshur,	Arkitectshure,	Archiectshure,	Architecture,	Architecture.
Armature,	Armature,	Armature,	Armature,	
Artuate,	Artshuate,	Artuate,		
Attaintshur,	Attaintshure,	Attainture,	Attainture.	
Aventshur,	Aventshure,	Aventure,		
Befortune.	Beafortshune,	Refortune,	Refortune.	Aventure.
Bountyus,	Bountcheous,	Bounteous,	Bounteous,	Befortune.
Calenture,	Calentshure,	Calenture,	Calenture,	Bounteous.
Capitulate,	Capitulate,	Capitulate,	Capitulate,	Calenture.
Capsular,	Capshular,	Capsular,	Capsular,	Capitulate.
Captshur,	Captshure,	Captshur,	Capture,	Capsular.
Cartulary,	Cartshulary,	Cartulary,	Cartulary,	Capture.
Celature,	Celatshure,	Celatshure,	Celature,	Cartulary.
Cinctshur,	Cinctshure,	Cincture,	Cincture,	Celature.
Claushur,	Clauzhure,	Clauzhure,	Clauzhure,	Cingture.
Commensurate.	Commenshurate,	Commenshurate.	Commensurate,	Clauzhur.
Commual,	Commushual,	Commushual,	Commual,	Commensurate.
Compactshur,	Compactshure,	Compacture,	Compacture,	Commual.
Compostshur,	Compostshure,	Compostshure,	Composture,	Compacture.
Concretshur,	Concretshure,	Concretshure,	Concreture,	
Congratulate,	Congratshure,	Congratulate,	Congratulate,	Concreture.
Conjectshur,	Conjectshure,	Conjectur,	Conjecture,	Congratulate.
Conjunctshur,	Conjunctshure,	Conjuncture,	Conjuncture,	Conjecture.
Connatural,	Connatshural,	Connatshural,	Connatural,	Conjuncture.
Constituent,	Constitshuent,	Constituent,	Constituent,	Connatural.
Constructshur,	Constructshure,	Constructure,	Constructure,	Constituent.
Contextshur,	Contextshure,	Contextshure,	Contexture,	Constructure.
Conventual,	Conventshual,	Conventual,	Conventual,	Contexture.
Counter-natural,	Counter-natshural,	Counter-natural,	Counter-natural,	Conventual.
Courtshus,	Courtshous,	Courteous,	Curtcheous,	
Creastshur,	Cretshure,	Creastshure,	Creature,	Courteous.
Cultshur,	Cultshure,	Culture,	Culture,	Creture.
Debentshur,	Debentshure,	Debenture,	Debeature,	Culture.
Decoetshur,	Decoetshure,	Decoecture,	Decoecture,	Debenture.
Defeatshur,	Defeatshure,	Defeature,	Defeature,	Decoecture.
Dejectshur,	Dejectshure,	Dejecture,	Dejecture,	
Departshur,	Departshure,	Departshure,	Departure,	Dejecture.
Dictatshur,	Dictatshure,	Dictature,		Departure.
Discomfitshur,	Discomfityure,	Discomfityure,	Discomfityure,	Dictature.
Discourtsushs,	Discourtsushs,	Discourteous,	Discurcheous,	Discomfityure.
Disnaturalize,	Disnatshuralize,	Disnaturalize,	Disnaturalize,	Discourteous.
Disnatshured,	Disnatshured,	Disnatshured,	Disnatshured,	Disnaturalize.
Divestshur,	Divestshure,	Divestshure,	Disnatshured,	
Dutyus,	Duteous or Dutsheous,	Duteous,	Diveature,	Diveature.
Effectual,	Effectshual,	Effectual,	Duteous,	Diveature.
Enrapshur,	Enrapshure,	Enrapshure,	Effectual,	Duteous.
Estuary,	Estshuary,	Estuary,	Enrapshure,	Effectual.
Estuate,	Estshuate,	Estuate,	Estuary,	Enrapshure.
Eventual,	Eventshual,	Eventual,	Estuate,	Estuary.
Expostulate,	Expostshulate,	Expostulate,	Eventual,	Estuate.
Factshur,	Factshure,	Facture,	Expostulate,	Eventual.
Fastuous,	Fastshuous,	Fastuous,	Facture,	Expostulate.
Featshur,	Featshure,	Featshure,	Fastuous,	Facture.
Fistula,	Fistshula,	Fistula,	Featshure,	
Flatulence,	Flatshulence,	Flatulence,	Fistula,	Feteyer.
Flatuous,	Flatshuous,	Flatuous,	Flatulence,	Fistula.
Fluctuate,	Fluctshuate,	Fluctuate,	Flatuous,	Flatulence.
Fortune,	Fortshune,	Fortshune,	Fluctuate,	
Fractshur,	Fractshure,	Fractshure,	Fortune,	Fluctuate.
Fructuous,	Fructshuous.	Fructuous,	Fracture,	Fortune.
Futshur,	Futshure,	Futshur,	Fractuous,	Fracture.
Garnitshur,	Garnitshure,	Garniture.	Future,	Fractuous.
			Garniture,	Futshure.
				Garniture.