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/ #double rule/ / #center A/ #center TRAVELLER/ / [I]s a Native of all Countries, and an Alien at/ [I]Home. He flies from the Place where he/ was hatched, like a Wildgoose, *and prefers all/ others before it. He has no Quarrel to it, but/ because* he was born in it, and like a Bastard,/ *he is ashamed of his Mother, because she is of/ him.* He is a Merchant, that makes Voyages/ into foreign Nations, to drive a Trade in Wis-/ *dom and Politics, and is is not for his Credit/ to have it thoughts, he has made an ill Return,/ which must be, if he should allow of any of/ the Growth of his own Country.* This makes/ *him quick and blow up himself* with Admira-/ *tion of foreign Parts, and a generous Con-/ tempt of Home, that all Men may admire, at/ least, the means he has had of Improvement,/ and deplore their own Defects.* His Observa-/ *tions are like a Sieve, that lets the finer Flour/ pass, and retains only the Bran of Things;/*

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for his whole Return of *Wisdom proves to be/ but Affectation, a perishable Com-*modity, which/ he will never be able to put off. He relieve/ all Men's Wits are at a *stand, that stay at/ Home, and only those advanced, that travel ;/ as if Change of Pasture* did make great Politi-/ *cians, as well as fat Calves.* He pities the little/ knowledge of Truth which those *have, that/ have not seen the World abroad, forgetting,/ that at the same time he tells us, how little/ Credit is to be given to his own Relations and/ those of others, that speak and write of their/ Travels. He has worn his own Language to/ Rags, and patched it up with Scraps and Ends/ of foreign—This serves him for Wit, and they ap-/ plaud one another accordingly.* He believes/ *this Raggedness of his Discourse a great Demon-/ stration of the Improvement of his Knowledge ;/ as (i) Inns-of-Court (i) Men intimate their Pro-*ficiency/ *in the Law by the Tatters of their Gowns-/ All the Wit he brought Home with him is like/ foreign Coin, of a baser Alloy than our own,/ and so will not pass here without great Loss./ All noble Creatures, that are famous in any/ Vol. II #Center L/*

146 A TRAVELLER./ *one Country, degenerate by being transplanted;/ and those of mean Value only improve—If it/ hold with Men, he falls among the Number/ of the latter, and his Improvements are little/ to his Credit. All he can say for himself is,/ his Mind was sick of a Consumption, and/ change of Air has cured him : For all his other/ Improvements have only been to eat in/ and*

talk with those *he did not understand*; to/ hold Intelligence with all Gazettes,
and from/ the Sight of Statesmen *in the Street unriddle/ the Intrigues of all*
their Councils, to make a/ wondrous Progress into Knowledge by riding/ with a
Messenger, and advance In Politics by/ mounting of a Mule, run through all Sorts
of/ Learning in a Waggon, and found all Depths/ of Arts in Felucca, ride post *into*
the Secrets/ of all States, and grow acquainted with their/ close Designs in Inns
and Hostleries; for cer-/ tainly there is great Virtue in Highways and/ Hedges to
make an able Man, and a good/ Prospect *cannot but let him* see far into Things./
