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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 Wildgoos*e, and prefers all/ others before it. He has no Quarrel to it, but/ becaus*e he was born in it, and like a Bas*tard,/ he is as*hamed of his Mother, becaus*e s*he 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 mus*t be, if he s*hould allow of any of/ the Growth of his own Country. This makes/ him quick and blow up hims*elf with Admira-/ tion of foreign Parts, and a generous Con-/ tempt of Home, that all Men may admire, at/ leas*t, the means he has had of Improvement,/ and deplore their own Defects*. His Obs*erva-/ tions are like a Sieve, that lets the finer Flour/ pas*s, and retains only the Bran of Things;/

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for his whole Return of Wis*dom proves to be/ but Affectation, a peris*hable Commodity, which/ he will never be able to put off. He velieve/ all Men's Wits are at a s*tand, that s*tay at/ Home, and only thos*e advanced, that travel ;/ as if Change of Pas*ture did make great Politi-/ cians, as well as fat Calves. He pities the little/ knowledge of Truth which thos*e have, that/ have not s*een the World abroad, forgetting,/ that at the s*ame time he tells us, how little/ Credit is to be given to his own Relations and/ thos*e of others, that s*peak and write of their/ Travels. He has worn his own Language to/ Rags, and patched it up with Scraps and Ends/ of foreign--This s*erves him for Wit, and they ap-/ plaud one another accordingly. He believes/ this Raggednes*s of his Dis*cours*e a great Demon-/ s*tration of the Improvement of his Knowledge ;/ as (i) Inns-of-Court (i) Men intimate their Proficiency/ in the Law by the Tatters of their Gowns-/ All the Wit he brought Home with him is like/ foreign Coin, of a bas*er Alloy than our own,/ and s*o will not pas*s here without great Los*s./ All noble Creatures, that are famous in any/ Vol. II #Center L/

146 A TRAVELLER./ one Country, degenerate by being trans*planted;/ and thos*e 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 s*ay for hims*elf is,/ his Mind was s*ick of a Cons*umption, and/ change of Air has cured him : For all his other/ Improvements have only been to eat in . . . ./ and talk with thos*e he did not unders*tand; to/ hold Intelligence with all Gazettes, and from/ the Sight of States*men in the Street unriddle/ the Intrigues of all their Councils, to make a/ wondrous Progres*s into Knowledge by riding/ with a Mes*s*enger, 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 pos*t into the Secrets/ of all States, and grow acquainted with their/ clos*e Des*igns in Inns and Hos*tleries; for cer-/ tainly there is great Virtue in Highways and/ Hedges to make an able Man, and a good/ Pros*pect cannot but let him s*ee far into Things./