POSTSCRIPT.

I. FInding how much this BOOK had obtained in the World, there being several Thousands of them sold in a very few Years, and seeing it was out of Print, and that I was called upon for a Second Impression, I thought it convenient to give it a review, as well for the Benefit of others, as for my own Satisfaction, that I might not only mend the Faults which had escaped in the former Impression, but also add to it whatsoever we should think convenient, both to supply it in several Places, where before it was short or defective in any particular Disquisition or Explication; as also farther to enlarge it, with a number of new and most excellent Prescripts not yet vulgarly known, but kept private in the Breasts of the Learned, and the more Philosophick Sons of Art.

II. The admirable Recipe's which I have added to it, you may see placed by themselves in the Appendices to several Chapters, some One of which Additions, is worth the whole former Book: Besides which I have adorned and compleated it with above a Thousand other Notes and Observations where need required, which are intersperſed thro' the Body of the Discourse in their proper Places, and are either Explicatory or Demonstrative of the Process there in hand.

III. I know it is a great Imposition upon the Buyers of Books to be thus put upon, especially if the Book be of any great price; but in a Work of this Nature it is something more excusable, because the Boundaries or

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Land-marks, as it were, of our Art, cannot be easily set, but a farther Extent seems to remain for enlarging and adding to the perfection thereof.

IV. *However, I hope the farther Charge and Inconvenience of this Impression will not be so much, but that by what is now added thereto a sufficient Compensation will be made, and that the Sons of Art may meet with those things herein, which may Tantamount to more than an Hundred times its value; whereby they will be far from repining at the present Imposition, that they will rather gratefully thank me for the Pains and Care I have taken in the Editing thereof; more especially for that I now tell them*, That in this Edition, I have put my last Hand I ever intend to this Work.

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