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OF
MATTHEW PRIOR.

WITH
THE LIFE OF THE AUTHOR,

BY SAMUEL JOHNSON, LL.D.

Let Prior's Muse with softening accents move,
Soft as the strains of constant Emma's love :
Or let his fancy choose some jovial theme,
As when he told Hans Cury's jealous dream ;
PRIOR th' admiring reader entertains
With Chaucer's humour, and with Spenser's strains.
PRIOR shall live as long as *FOPE*.
GAY.
LLOYD.



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