

BONAPARTE ANSWERED;

OR, THE

BRITON'S WAR SONG.

1.

“ Bow, Britons! bow the haughty head;
“ Bend, Britons! bend the stubborn knee;
“ Own your ancient virtue dead,
“ And know not that ye once were free.
“ Think not, as your fathers thought,
“ Speak no more, as Britons ought;
“ Act no more the Briton's part
“ With valiant hand and honest heart;
“ What indignation bids you feel,
“ Dare not, dare not to reveal;
“ Tho' Justice sharpen, dare not grasp the lance,
“ Nor single-handed tempt the might of France.

2

“ Me HOLLAND, ITALY obey;
“ Her breast with many a war-wound gor'd,
“ And, crush'd beneath my iron sway,
“ Me HELVETIA owns her Lord.
“ Boast not then your Fleets, that sweep
“ The eastern and the western deep;
“ Boast not then your sea-wash'd land,
“ Rampart-girt by Nature's hand;
“ Fleets and billows stay not me—
“ Then bow the head and bend the knee.
“ Britons, no more your rival ranks advance,
“ Nor single-handed dare to cope with France.”

3.

Yes! as our Albion's root-bound oak
Stoops to the tempest, we will bow!
Yes! we will bend as the tall rock
Mocking the wave that chafes below!
Now by the sable Prince embued
Once and again in Gallic blood;
By the laurels, that intwine,
HARRY, thy helm; and MARLB'ROUGH, thine;
By our Chiefs on Nilus' tide,
Him who triumph'd, him who died;
By him whom Acon's turrets raise
To lion-hearted RICHARD's praise;
Yes! we will stillour rival ranks advance,
And single-handed brave the might of France.

4.

Come then, come thou Consul-King!
Launch thy navies, arm thine host,
And, beneath night's fav'ring wing,
Thy banners plant on England's coast.
Come! but hope not to return:
Here other thoughts thou soon shalt learn;
Shalt feel, that Britons still may claim
The honours of the British name;
Can fearless still maintain their stand
On British as on Syrian land;
Still rise superior to the Sons of Chance,
Still single-handed crush the pride of France.

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