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When Denham sang the Thames, he made ^{to them}
his bright example, as it was his theme.
Hudson you claim my song; but you defy
the powers of pencil or of poetry.

Whilst up thy stream I sail or downward glide
Your beauties and sublimities describe
Enchant my mind & raptures swell my heart
Which words are far too feeble to impart.

Where but of late one sombre forest spread
And naught was heard but savage howl & tread
Of Beast & man - the traveller with surprise
Sees numerous houses, towns & cities rise

Where on your noble stream, the ^{trading} canoe
Was paddled here & there - We wondering view

A thousand vessels sailing to & fro
(Blest interchange) each comfort to bestow -

When on your ~~banks~~ ^{banks} with cheerfulness I stray
And view insurance industry repay

where

Where every man, (unknowing of profane hands)
Is Patriarch of his house & Monarch of his land
I envy not, how blest so e'er you be
But wish to all the world your liberty.
Your forts alone are mould'ring to decay
Whilst explanades their golden fruits display
Oh may ferocious enmity no more
Disturb your quiet or lay waste your shore.
May no explosion with convulsive sound
From blasting nitrous force be heard around
Save when obstructing rocks it hurls aside
And aids your tributary streams to glide
With rich abundance to your sovereign tide.

Now happy Country hear your votaries pray
Make universal concord all your care,
Forget the ills which rose from past complaints,
Of a too rigid Parents harsh restraints

Reflect, whence life & every good you draw
and reconcil'd your mutual love renew,
You both in one great principle agree
Who else at this dread Era dare be free
Long unoffending unoffended live
One bright example to all Nations give
That ^{all but} ~~only~~ this great rivalship may cease
How best to cultivate the arts of peace.

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Mr Lewis on the 7th of Jan

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