

GRAINGER, JAMES, M.D., a poet and physician, born at Dunse, Berwickshire, 1724. After serving his time to a surgeon at Edinburgh, he served in that capacity in the army, but on the restoration of peace in 1748, he took his doctor's degree, and settled as a physician in London; where, however, he principally supported himself by writing for the booksellers. In 1758 he published a translation of Tibullus, which involved him in a dispute with Smollett, who, for some private reasons, defamed him and his work in the Critical Review. Soon after this, Dr. Grainger went to the island of St. Christopher in the West Indies, and while there married a lady of fortune. On his return to England, in 1764, he published his poem entitled 'The Sugar Cane,' which was well received. The same year he printed 'An Essay on West India Diseases.' After a short residence in England, he returned to St. Christopher's, where he resumed practice. He died at Basseterre 24 Dec., 1767. Besides the works already noticed, he wrote an 'Ode to Solitude;' the ballad of Bryan and Pereene; a Latin treatise entitled 'Historia Febris Anomalæ Batavæ,' &c.

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