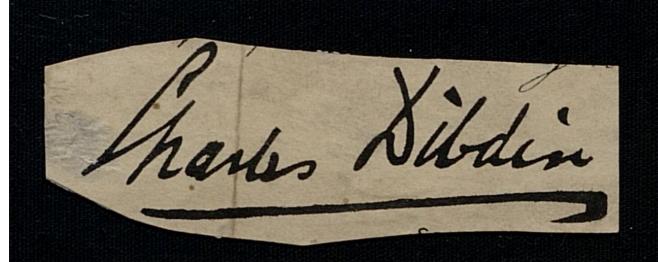
The mortality of the year continues to press with unabated severity in the world to which our labours are principally devoted.—Our contemporaries record the death, in his 72nd year, of the Rev. Dr. T. F. Dibdin, the well-known biographer and member of the Roxburghe Club. He is best known by his 'Bibliomania,' a curious book chiefly valuable for its notes—his edition of Ames—his intimacy with Haslewood—and the taste which he was the means of fostering for tall and uncut copies of rare editions of early printed books.—



DIBDIN, Charles, dib'-din, an English actor, dramatist, and distinguished sea-song writer. At the early age of 16 he produced an opera, called "The Shepherd's Artifice," which was brought out at Covent Garden. In 1778 he was appointed musical manager at Covent Garden. Subsequently he built the "Circus," afterwards called the "Surrey;" and in 1788 published his "Musical Tour." In the following year he gave his entertainment called "The Whim of the Moment," of which he was sole author, composer, and performer. In this piece he sung his ballad of "Poor Jack," which completely won the ear of the public; and, from that time, his reputation as a balladist was established. He wrote no fewer than 900 songs, according to some, and 1200 according to others. In 1805 he retired from public life, and received a Government pension of £200 per annum. B. at Southampton, 1745; D. 1814.

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