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### **ESPADA**

# DA JUSTIÇA

#### SOBRE OS REOS

Do horroroso delicto praticado no Navio pelos que morrerao enforcados aos 14 de Agosto de 1781.

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### ODE.

Ó Tu do Ethereo Jove Irmao potente, [1]
Supremo Pai das humidas Deidades, \* ...
Que manejas terrifico tridente,
Que dominas as mesmas tempestades,
Tu que todas as gentes senhoreas
Na procellosa, nivea, vasta herança, \* ...
Que os cavallos maritimos enfreias,
Distinguindo a tormenta da bonança,
Levanta sobre o Pélago profundo
A limosa cabeça, e vinga o Mundo.

Sacrílegos Tipheos, [2] que conspirados
Sem respeito a coriscos tortuosos
Sobre os Orbes voluveis, e sagrados
Intentastes alçarvos ambiciosos,
Nos raios crepitantes destruidos,
Em castigo do cego atrevimento,
De pérfidos ingratos, e atrevidos
Contra o supremo Deos do Firmamento,
Vêde a outros Tipheos; [3] delicto insano!
Que empunhao armas sobre o largo Oceano.

De Inexoraveis filhos circulada Aligera mulher<sup>[4]</sup> cega, e robusta, De Mercurio nas Artes educada \* ... Ah que tudo extremece, tudo assusta! Dos bens alheios ávidas Arpias,<sup>[5]</sup> Das cavernas Estygias povoadoras, Tristes imagens só de tyrannias, Dos maiores insultos aggressoras Vao atacar na liquida corrente A nadante morada, a inerme gente.

Já as nocturnas aves vao pascendo Com os bicos de ferros aguçados; Nos quentes corações satisfazendo Os vís desejos nunca saciados: Aos tristes palpitantes destruidos Calcao os pés immundos, e cruentos, De huns resoao inda alguns gemidos, Outros de todo já não tem alentos: He tudo confusao, tudo agonia, Que encobre a noite, té que chega a dia.

Aos maniatados corpos traspassando Do silencio nocturno a amiga turba, Que se farta no sangue miserando, E o socego do publico perturba, Huns entregaõ o peito ao golpe duro, Sem remedio saõ outros aprehendidos; Huns escolhem o mar por mais seguro, Outros escapaõ sim, mas escondidos; Este cahe, outro expira, aquelle geme, Correm rios de sangue, e tudo treme.

Com este pezo as aguas se incurvaraõ, E Neptuno apôs delle, logo erguendo A lança triplicada, se avistaraõ Em sanguentadas ondas decorrendo; As formosas Nereidas<sup>[6]</sup> lhe assistiaõ,

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As crystallinas lagrimas limpando, E os ligeiros Delfins tristes corriaõ, Com mil ordens a Eolo<sup>[7]</sup> decretando: Os Euros [8] sibilantes quiesceraõ; Boreas, e Aquilões emmudecêraõ. Torpe, execrando, barbaro, incontrito, Em vao, em vao procuras asylarte, Pois que a culpa em sagrado he hum delito, Que o sagrado não deve perdoarte: Elle te guardará por criminoso, E os mesmos elementos conjurados Farao o teu supplicio tormentoso, Por crimes nunca de outros cogitados: Caso de horror, de susto, magoa, e pranto, Que ás mesmas féras causaria espanto! Oh que incuravel mal! Oh que fadiga Com diligencia insana procurada, Que a homens contra homens volve, e obriga, E que faz a Republica turbada! Grande fome, alta sede do Thesouro, Que motivas o odio, a vil surpreza, Só por fartarte hydropica no ouro, Atropellando as leis da natureza! De immortal fome, ah Tantalo [9] ambicioso, Tanto mais farto, quanto mais sequioso! Vem ó filha do Ceo, de Themis filha, [10] Que nascendo do Ceo, ao Ceo tornaste, Em cuja mão direita a espada brilha, E na esquerda equilibrios ensinaste; Dispoem golpes mortaes, golpes sensiveis, Contra os filhos da terra, vís, cruentos, Monstros da tyrannia os mais terriveis, Dignos de alto castigo, altos tormentos; Corta filha de Jove[11] a iniquidade, Tanto delicto, insulto, e crueldade. Já os ferreos grilhões, grilhões pezados Arrastraõ os crueis insultadores, Já ficao comprehendidos, e accusados Do delicto maior, culpas maiores; Confessos, maniatados, e arguidos Gemem, debaixo dos mais justos pezos, A certeza de serem percutidos, O tormento de serem Réos, e prezos, De pagarem as vidas tantos damnos Para maior horror dos deshumanos. Olhai crueis a sorte do tormento, Que nao tem proporção com tal insulto, Assim como differe do cruento O justo coração, [12] o mesmo indulto. Ide, ide pagar feios delictos, E ser nos altos póstes presentados; Nao incautos, sem tempo, inda que afflictos, Com culpa, com favor, e preparados; Vêde, vêde o que póde a alta Piedade, Inda quando castiga a víl maldade. {14} A mão mimosa, [13] e Regia, junta ao peito O coração mostrando mais piedoso, Cheio de luz, e cheio de respeito, De hum semblante purissimo, e formoso, Que espalha sobre todos a riqueza, Rios de Graça, mil preciosidades; A maior exemplar de alta grandeza, Que honra o sacro Throno, e as Magestades, He, quem fez castigar o impio roubo, Quem nos fez libertar do voraz lobo.[14] Venturosa Ulysséa, ergue o rosto, E beija a sacra Maõ, que em nós derrama O socego, a fortuna, a paz, e o gosto, Huma chamma de amor, e outra chamma; Affina, a aurea lyra, e teus louvores Cheguem aos Ceos voluveis, estrellados, Cujo supremo Author lhe dá favores,

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Protesto, que como filho da Santa Igreja Romana, me sujeito aos preceitos da Fé, e da Religiaõ Catholica, e que as palavras Mythologicas desta composição Poetica são ornatos da Poesia, e não verdades della.

Defronte da Ermida de Nossa Senhora da Gloria em casa do Author se vendem todas as suas obras.

- Neptuno filho de Saturno, Irmão de Jove, e Deos dos Mares.
- [2] Tipheos, sao os Gigantes filhos da terra, que pertenderao fazer guerra a Jupiter.
- [3] Aqui se tomaõ pelos aggressores da culpa nos Dominios de Neptuno.
- [4] A ambição dos Réos.
- [5] Avidas Arpias se tomaõ pelos Réos.
- [6] Nereidas Ninfas do mar.
- [7] Eolo Rei dos ventos.
- [8] Euros, Boreas, e Aguilões, são os ventos Sul, Norte, e Africo.
- [9] Tantalo Rei Frigio, que foi homicida de seu filho, e padece fome, e sede junto dos pomos, e das aguas.
- [10] A filha de Themis he Astréa Deosa da Justica.
- [11] Filha de Jove he a mesma Astréa filha de Themis.
- [12] A piedosa sentença com que a Rainha Nossa Senhora foi servida castigar os aggressores.
- [13] A Imagem da Piedade figurada no ternissimo peito da nossa Soberana.
- [14] Voraz lobo se entende pelos mesmos aggressores.

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