

PART I

HISTORICAL LEXICOGRAPHY AND THE GENERAL DICTIONARY

"... I think it proper to give notice that there are several Words mentioned in the Dictionary, and frequently used amongst some Authors, which are yet very questionable as to their fitness and propriety: Each of these were in the Original Cobby marked with an Asterisk, for the better distinction of them; but by some oversight, these marks have been omitted in the Impression."

John Wilkins, 1668