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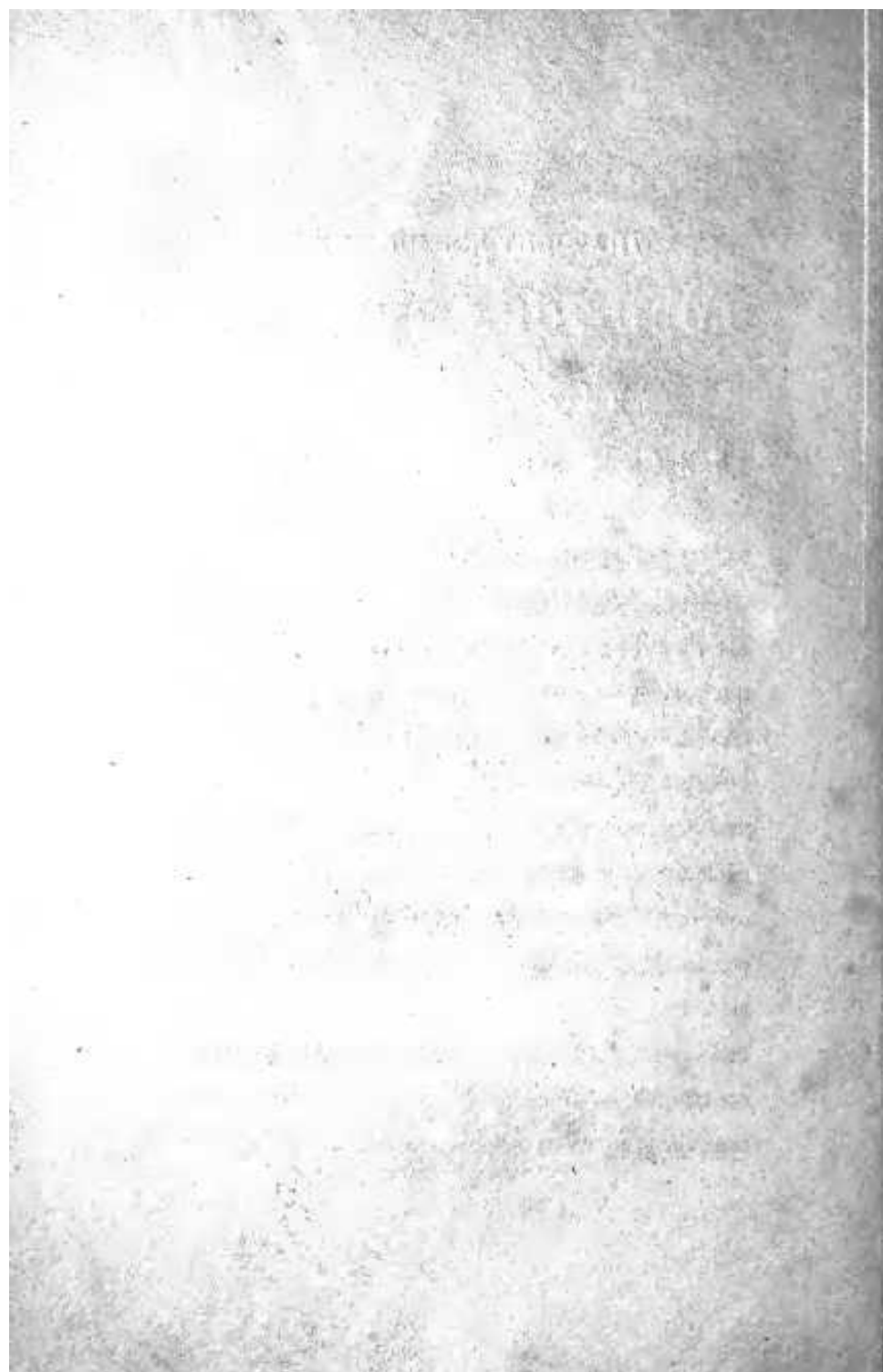
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EDWARD JEFFERY AND SON, PALL-MALL.

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1822.

TO  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LORD JOHN RUSSELL,  
THESE WORKS OF  
SIR CHAS. HANBURY WILLIAMS  
ARE,  
IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF  
NUMEROUS FAVOURS RECEIVED FROM HIS  
NOBLE FAMILY,  
*RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED,*  
BY HIS LORDSHIP'S  
MOST OBLIGED AND  
DEVOTED HUMBLE SERVANT,  
EDWARD JEFFERY.

*May 29, 1822.*





## P R E F A C E.



A PREFACE, in the usual style of prefaces, to the Works of Sir Charles Hanbury Williams would be unnecessary; perhaps, in more senses than one, even impertinent. The simplicity of his character, and of the character of his writings, present formidable obstacles to the grave ceremony with which those portals to new and unexpected publications are generally raised, and set at nought the customary arrangement of their usual cumbrous decorations. A literary career without labour, and a political life without intrigue, furnish little ground for narration, and less for conjecture; and common-place criticism could with difficulty find employment on the works of one who drew solely from the sparkling sources of his own lively mind and

temper. Something, however, is due to the memory of this accomplished person, and much indeed from the Editor of the following sheets to the eminent persons through whose generosity he is enabled to lay them before the public. It is in this place only that these duties can be properly discharged.

The Author, then, was the third of the five sons of John Hanbury, of Pontypool Park, in the county of Monmouth, a descendant of the ancient Worcestershire family of his name, and representative in several parliaments for the city of Gloucester, by Albina, daughter of John Selwyn, of Matson, in the latter county. He was born in 1709, and having completed an education of the best sort, which commenced at Eton, made the usual foreign tour with all the profit which might be expected from his genius. These advantages, which at that time were seldom bestowed on younger sons, arose from a circumstance of some singularity, through which he became possessed of a

considerable fortune in his childhood. Charles Williams, of Caerleon, his father's neighbour, having killed a person in a fray, fled to the continent, and, having on his return, many years after, received from Mr. Hanbury that friendship and countenance which his misfortune had probably induced others to deny him, bequeathed to the young Charles, to whom he had been godfather, the most part of his property, to the amount of more than seventy thousand pounds, conditionally, that it should be laid out in the purchase of estates; and that the legatee should assume the surname and arms of Williams. This gentleman died in 1720, and Charles, who returned to England when he came of age, complied with the condition; took possession of the purchased estates, and of others which his father had bought for him; and in 1732 married the Lady Frances, youngest of the daughters and co-heirs of Thomas Earl Coningsby.

His father died in the following year; and he