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A *Legendary Poem.*

IN FIVE CANTOS.

I. THE REFUSAL.

III. THE WITCH.

II. THE HERMIT.

IV. THE SPECTRE.

V. THE PILGRIM.

WITH OTHER POEMS.

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1834

TO THE
MOST NOBLE
CHARLES LENNOX,
DUKE OF RICHMOND AND AUBIGNY,

THE FOLLOWING

POEMS

ARE (BY PERMISSION)

INSCRIBED,

WITH GRATITUDE AND RESPECT,

BY

HIS GRACE'S

OBLIGED AND FAITHFUL SERVANT,

FRANCIS WM. JARRETT MORRIS.

PREFACE.

TO MY SUBSCRIBERS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

BEING fully sensible of the demerits of the following Poems, I feel that it would be an act of presumption in me to present them to your notice without, at the same time, making an earnest appeal to your good nature and forbearance in criticising them,—for my lot having been cast among the humbler grades of life, it has not been my fortune to be assisted in their composition by the advantages of a good education; nor has my necessary close application to business allowed me time to improve even the little knowledge that in my early days I did acquire: and furthermore, as circumstances have obliged me to use no delay in printing, I have consequently had no time to profit by the suggestions of my friends, or even to revise and correct for myself; therefore a large portion of your indulgence is solicited to excuse the many errors that I fear will be met with.

I must assure those who have chiefly supported me in this, my humble attempt, that, whatever may be its issue,

I feel that I owe them much, and that the recollection of their kind and good intentions will never be erased from my memory. On this subject I could write with more ease, and with far greater pleasure to myself, than upon any other, but, as I am conscious that their exertions in my favour were but the spontaneous emanations of their hearts, and that they seek for no other gratification than that of knowing they have rendered me a service, I shall content myself with simply returning them my most sincere thanks.

I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,

F. W. J. MORRIS.

Bognor, May, 1834.

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CANTO I.

THE REFUSAL.

I.

THE first shades of eve over Haltondale spread,
As the sun his bright beams on the western hills shed,
While splendidly sinking to rest ;
There Erthenwold Castle, all lofty and gray,
From its eminence caught both Aurora's first ray,
And the last that illumined the west.

II.

Through the summers and winters of ages it pass'd,
Unscathed by long sieges, unharm'd by the blast,—
Still firm on its hill was it found ;
Its turrets were seen from the valley beneath,—
Its banners were counted from Haltondale Heath,—
It rivall'd each castle around.