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TO WHICH IS ADDED,

THE PEDEGREE OF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE EARL OF CARBERY,
LORD PRESIDENT OF WALES,

WITH

A SHORT ACCOUNT OF THE FIVE ROYAL TRIBES OF CAMBRIA.

By **ROBERT VAUGHAN, Esq.**

*Sunt duo treve qui revolunt
Nostram spes insipientem.*
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BALA.
March 1, 1834.

THE AUTHOR'S DEDICATION.

TO THE

RIGHT WORSHIPFULL SIR RICHARD WYNNE,
OF GWEDIR, BARONET,

Sub Knight for the County of Caerwrhan in this present Parliament.

SIR,

I HAD designed this small Treatise (being the first fruits of my study in Antiquities) for your honoured Father; but failing of my purpose by reason of his death (which was untimely to his friends, though not to himself) I thought I might not (without being highly injurious) present a thing once devoted to him to any else besides yourself, who as his heir might lay a just claime to it, and also to my most humble services; I promise myself you will vouchsafe it a kind entertainment, since (I know) both your goodnesse and your interest in the subject, as lineally descended from the Princes of North Wales (whose rights are therein maintained) are more than sufficient to oblige you thereto. The writing of it was upon this occasion: Some Gentlemen of South Wales being dissatisfied with Caradoc of Lan-carran's History of Wales, published by Dr. Powel, in regard that therein the Prince of North Wales is held forth to be Sovereigne over the other two Princes of South Wales and Powys, as being of the elder house, thought fit (in order to the compiling of a more exact history) to draw up certain arguments for the sovereignty of all Wales to be in the Prince of South Wales, and to send them also into North Wales to see what could be said in answer to them, before any further use should be made of them. They were delivered by Sir Thomas Canon, late of Pembrokeshire, Knight, to Sir John Lloyd, of the Inner Temple, Knight, and Sergeant at Law, who delivered them to me above 40 years ago, desiring I would take the pains to peruse and answer them as well as I was able. At his intreaty I undertook it,

THE EPISTLE DEDICATORY.

and, as you will find, done somewhat in it, though in a rude manner, which I hope will be excused in a person, whose only designe is plainly to set forth the truth, which shews always best in its own proper colours without the elaborate dresse and varnish of Rhetorick. But some men possibly may object against this undertaking of mine, that it was needlesse, and that, if it had been to any end, it was no discretion to revive and publish an old Contest long since (God be praised) happily decided. I confesse we have reason to blesse God for his mercy to us in our happy establishment under one Monarch, we may well say we were conquered to our gain, and undone to our advantage, *perissemus nisi perissemus*; but yet it must be granted, that it is no small delight that redounds from the revolving and perusal of old records: though Troy hath for severall ages layn buried in its ashes, both its glory and government being quite dissolved, though the Athenian, Spartan, Theban, and other petit Grecian Estates have long since had their periods, yet we still take a great deale of satisfaction in reading their stories, how they began, grew up, flourished, strove, and decayed. Besides there may be this good use made of it, viz. that by reflecting upon our former miseries and divisions while we contended for sovereignty, we may be inducd to put the greater value upon our present happinesse. Thus having given you an account of the worke, and what I had to say in its defence, I commend it to your protection: and with my prayers to God for you and your noble family, remain, Sir,

Your faithfull Servant at command,

ROBERT VAUGHAN.

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