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FALLEN HEROES
OF
THE INDIAN WAR:
A Poem.

IN MEMORY OF HAVELOCK,
AND OTHER BRITONS GLORIOUSLY FALLEN IN DEFENCE
OF ENGLAND'S SUPREMACY IN ASIA DURING
THE SEPOY REBELLION OF 1857-8.

BY
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*Hic manus ob patriam pugnando vulnere passi;
Quique sui memores alios fecere merendo.*
VIRGIL.

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TO
MAJOR-GENERAL
SIR ARCHDALE WILSON, BART., K.C.B.
Conqueror of Delhi;
ONE OF THE GREATEST SURVIVORS
OF
A WAR UNSURPASSED IN ANCIENT OR MODERN TIMES
FOR THE DEVOTION AND HEROISM OF A FEW
OPPOSED TO A NUMEROUS AND BLOODTHIRSTY FOE,
THESE TRIBUTARY VERSES,
TO THE MEMORY OF HIS HEROIC COMPANIONS-IN-ARMS,
WHO WERE IN MAINTAINING FOR ENGLAND THE MOST MAGNIFICENT
APPENDAGE OF HER EMPIRE,
Are Inscribed,
WITH PROFOUND RESPECT AND ADMIRATION
FOR HIS HIGH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CHARACTERS,
BY HIS VERY OBEДИENT, HUMBLE SERVANT,
THE AUTHOR.

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At length, succeeding to the storm of
grief,

Heaven's rainbow smile assures the
wish'd relief.

Day dawns, and past the long and dismal
night,

Eternal Goodness vindicates the right!

Britannia, Spartan Mother, hastes again
To render justice to her children slain.
With triumph crowned, she views with
 moistened eye
The graves of those who nobly dared to
 die!

As first in war, the foremost in review,
Give we those chiefs the tribute justly
 due:
Immortal Havelock, Lawrence, Wheeler,
 Neill,
And Nicholson, the unexcell'd in
 zeal—