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Dedication.

TO

WILLIAM MANNING, ESQ. M.P.

Dear Sir,

In dedicating the present little volume to you, as one of the Representatives in Parliament for the Borough of Lymington, I beg to observe, that it was from repeated solicitations on the part of several of its inhabitants that the Work was written, and from no self-interested motive whatever.

It is, I believe, considered a standard principle in society, that the individual should exert his best endeavours to improve the interests of the community, and if men would only carry this measure into effect, as readily as they admit the expediency of it, how much more useful know-

ledge should we obtain, on various subjects connected with our welfare, than that which we are at present possessed of.

Nor do I know any subject, whereon a greater lack of information presents itself, than local and parochial treatises; which circumstance necessarily tends to render our County Histories, in many instances, very imperfect and inconclusive.

*In compiling the History of Lyminster, I have studied to bring into notice every little circumstance that I considered meriting insertion, and have endeavoured to keep constantly in view the main objects for which it was written—
“amusement and utility.”*

I have the honour to be, dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

And obliged humble Servant,

DAVID GARROW.

*St. John's College, Cambridge,
21st Sept. 1825.*

PREFACE.

THE Author of the following pages, whilst a resident at Lymington, was repeatedly solicited by several of its inhabitants, to write a brief History of its Town and Neighbourhood. He was aware, at the time these solicitations were urged, that such a work was sensibly wanting, particularly to strangers and others visiting the place. He nevertheless considered that there were many of its inhabitants, who, from a long and uninterrupted residence in the neighbourhood, were far better qualified for the task than himself; he, therefore, on the score of delicacy, at that time, respectfully declined the undertaking.

Since then, however, he has received several importunities to a similar effect; and having been assured that there is no probability of a work of this description immediately proceeding from the press, he has at length coincided with the wishes of his friends; and having completed it to the best of his ability, has submitted it to the tide of fate.

With what reception it may meet, the Author cannot indulge an idea: he can only say, that to accomplish the present limited extent of his undertaking, it has cost him much labour and time. He is also fully aware, that in a work as is the present, embracing so many different subjects for consideration, several essential points must have escaped his attention. For the omission of such, he begs leave respectfully to apologise.

On the whole, if the Author should have been so fortunate as to have imparted any information, however trifling, to others, his purpose will have been fully realised. If, however, on the contrary, he should have had the ill-luck

to fail to this extent, still he has one consolation remaining to him ;—namely, that with a view to promote the knowledge of others, he has, by the perusal of some ancient records and several scarce volumes, acquired to himself much useful information, which must ever prove to him a source of singular and lasting satisfaction.