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Bright-eyed Fancy hovering o'er  
Scatters from her pictured urn  
Thoughts that breathe and words that burn.

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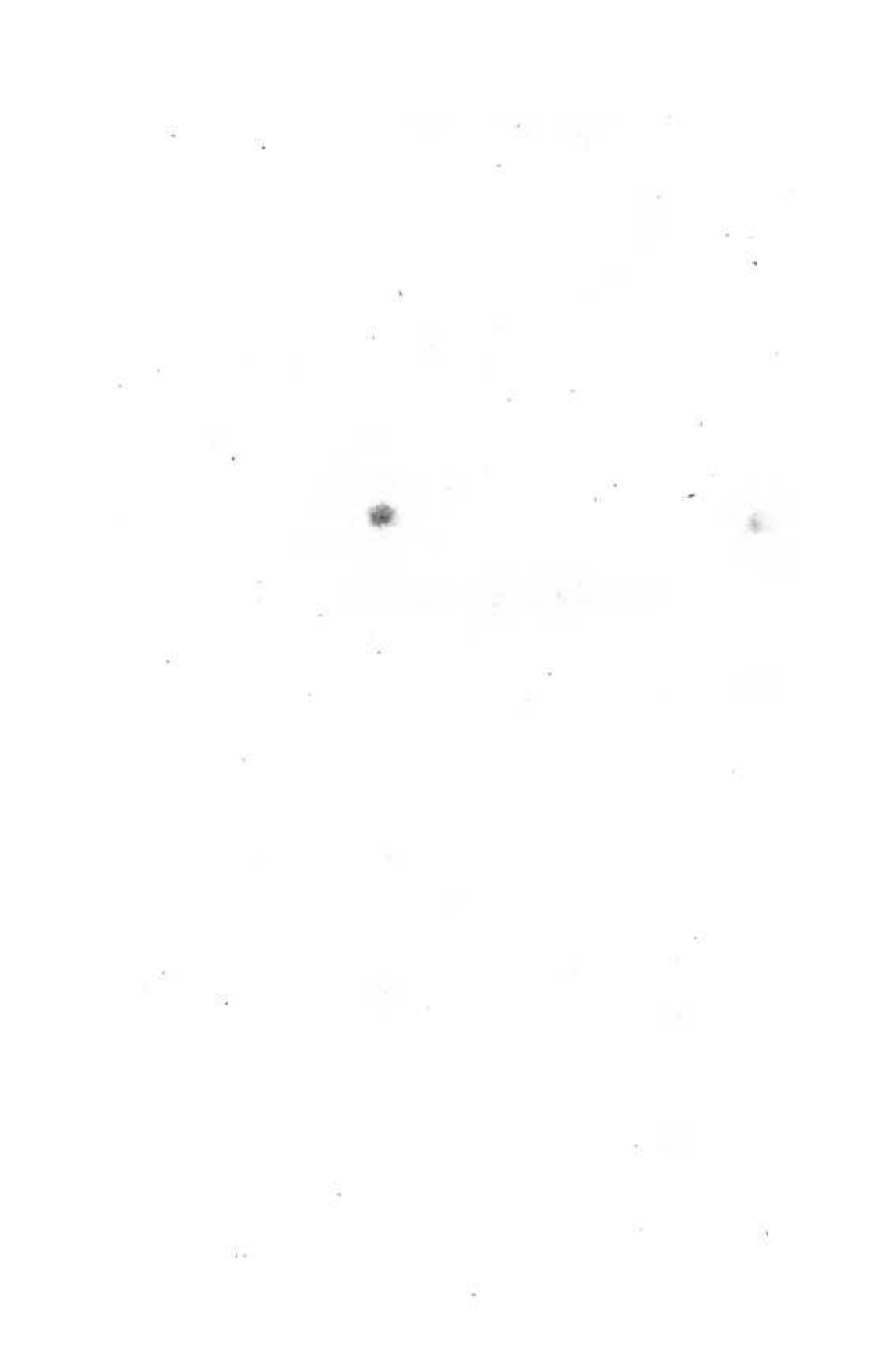
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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## LETTERS TO DR. AIKIN.

Palgrave, 1774.

**T**HANKS to my dear brother for his letter, and the copy of verses, which Mr. B. and I admire much. As to your system, I do not know what to say; I think I could make out just the contrary with as plausible arguments: as thus, Women are naturally inclined not only to love, but to all the soft and gentle affections; all the tender attentions and kind sympathies of nature. When, therefore, one of our sex shows any particular complacency towards one of yours, it may be resolved into friendship; into a temper naturally caressing, and those endearing intercourses of life which to a woman are become habitual. But when