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J J Gillard

THE PIRATE OF THE GULF.

BY THE AUTHOR

OF

"THE SOUTH WEST."

"A chief on land—an outlaw on the deep."

"He left a Corsair's name to other times,
Link'd with one virtue and a thousand crimes."

BYRON.

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PROFESSOR LONGFELLOW,

THESE VOLUMES

ARE
RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED

BY

THE AUTHOR.

P R E F A C E .

THE leading incidents upon which the present work is founded, are chiefly historical.

With the pages of history, however, we have had to do, only so far as they could be made subservient to our tale, which does not profess to be, exclusively a tale, or history, of the times to which it is referred, but of an individual in some degree connected with them.

Nor with the faithfulness of a biographer, have we portrayed the life of the personage whom we have taken for our hero. We have woven for our purpose a web of fact and fiction, unsolicitous to dye each thread with its own peculiar hue, to enable the curious reader thereby, the more readily to say which is which. But if he chooses to draw out either thread, to inspect it by itself, thinking thereby to judge better of the texture of the whole, we have only to say—the web is his own; and, that if his humour prompt him to break up the watch, the pieces may perhaps reward his curiosity, if they do not demonstrate his wisdom.

New-York, June, 1836.

*of little's preface for a work of such a kind
contains a great many passages of a
style which is unusual*

BOOK I.

BOYHOOD.

CHILDE HAROLD was he hight;—but whence his name
And lineage long, it suits me not to say;
Suffice it, that perchance they were of fame,
And had been glorious in another day;
But one sad losel soils a name for aye,
However mighty in the olden time;
Nor all that heralds rake from coffin'd clay,
Nor florid prose, nor holed lines of rhyme,
Can blazon evil deeds, or consecrate a crime.

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Oh, Love! what is it in this world of ours
Which makes it fatal to be loved!

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The Childe departed from his father's halls.

ByRON.