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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LORD HOLLAND.

MY LORD,

I TAKE the liberty of inscribing to your Lordship this series of Letters, as well on account of your relationship to the eminent and excellent person who sustains a part in the Correspondence, as for the purpose of acknowledging your liberality in enabling Mr. WAKEFIELD'S representatives to lay the Letters before the Public. Although it is manifest, from the easy, unlaboured style of Mr. FOX, in this Correspondence, that he wrote without premeditation, merely as the occasion prompted, I cannot suppose that any of the friends to his memory will, for that reason, object to its appearance from the press; but will

rather conceive, that the effusions of such a man have an additional value from that circumstance. That such is your Lordship's opinion, I conclude from your concurrence in the design; and, with sentiments of gratitude and sincere respect, I beg leave to subscribe myself,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient
and obliged servant,

The Editor.

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A NUMBER of Letters from the late Mr. FOX were left among Mr. WAKEFIELD'S Papers, after his death; and have remained for some years at the house of his Widow, at Hackney. As they appeared to be written almost entirely on subjects of Classical Literature, it was thought, that if Mr. WAKEFIELD'S share of the Correspondence could be recovered, the whole might form an interesting miscellany to Scholars. Fortunately, Mr. WAKEFIELD'S Letters had been carefully preserved; and, on application to Lord HOLLAND, they were given up, in the most obliging manner, by this Nobleman, as a favour which he wished to confer on Mr. WAKEFIELD'S family.

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The high admiration which Mr. WAKEFIELD felt for the character of the illustrious Statesman, to whom he dedicated his beautiful edition of Lucretius, appears throughout this Correspondence: and the Friends of Mr. WAKEFIELD will feel no small gratification in finding, that the sentiments of esteem and respect were reciprocal.

London, June 1813.

LETTERS,

&c. &c.

LETTER I.

FROM MR. FOX TO MR. WAKEFIELD.

SIR,

South Street, Dec. 17, 1796.

I RECEIVED, a few days ago, your obliging letter, together with the very beautiful book which accompanied it. The dedication of such an edition of such an author is highly gratifying to me; and to be mentioned in such a manner, by a person so thoroughly attached to the principles of liberty and humanity, as you, Sir, are known to be, is peculiarly flattering to me.

I am, with great regard,

Sir,

Your obedient, humble servant,

C. J. Fox.

LETTER II.

FROM THE SAME TO THE SAME.

SIR,

St. Anne's Hill, Monday.

I RECEIVED, ON Saturday, the second volume of Lucretius, together with a pamphlet of yours upon Porson's Hecuba, for which I beg leave to return you my thanks. I had received, some time since, your letter, announcing to me the present of the Lucretius; but delayed answering it till I got the book, which my servant had not then an opportunity of sending me, lest there might be some mistake, from your mentioning Park Street, instead of South Street, for my residence.

I have read with great pleasure your observations upon the Hecuba; but not having Euripides here, there are many points upon which I cannot form a judgment. One thing near the beginning has very much puzzled me: I mean the difficulty which you suppose some persons