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ACCOUNT OF THE AUTHOR,

IN

LETTERS TO ROBERT SOUTHEY, ESQ.

POET LAUREATE, ETC.

BY MRS. BRAY,

AUTHOR OF "FITZ OF FITZFORD;" "THE TALBA;"  
&c. &c.

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"One  
Not doom'd to ignorance, though forced to tread,  
From childhood up, the ways of poverty;  
From unreflecting ignorance preserved,  
And from debasement rescued — By Thy grace  
The particle divine remain'd unquench'd."  
WORDSWORTH.

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## DEDICATION

TO THE HONOURABLE

THE MARCHIONESS OF TAVISTOCK.

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When Spring, as the queen of the seasons re-  
nown'd,  
Through nature her beauty displays,  
The vallies and woodlands with verdure are  
crown'd,  
And echo with carols of praise.

While spangled with flowers are mountain and  
plain,  
And the meadows new beauties assume ;  
Mid the splendid display of her beautiful train,  
The violet's permitted to bloom.

Content while it blows in its sheltered abode,  
It seems as if anxious to please ;  
And grateful for favours benignly bestow'd,  
It sheds a perfume on the breeze.

Thus humble and grateful my thanks have I  
penn'd,

Like the violet a tribute I pay,  
And hope that Your Ladyship will condescend  
To accept it as Gratitude's lay.

How distant the thought, when at morn's twilight  
hours

My fancy her theme would pursue,  
That the wild strains I sang to the plants and the  
flowers,  
Would ever be noticed by you!

The kindness which you have conferr'd upon me,  
May Heaven in its justice requite!  
Its goodness, combined with your own, e'er shall be  
Remember'd with grateful delight.



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