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TO THE PRINTER.

The object of this little book being a personal vindication, and the occasion fugitive, it ought properly to be printed as a pamphlet; but as it is said that there have been sold [Qy, to Mr. Murray, or the public?] There Thousand volumes of the "Life of William Wilberforce," independently of the future thousands of the Life and the "Correspondence of William Wilberforce;" and as there may be among the possessors of those volumes a few score who have a love of historical truth, and who may be glad to bind up with one of them an explanation of some of the remarkable peculiarities in those works, as well as a correction of some of their gross errors:—be pleased to let this be printed in the same size.

The Author.

^{*} Volumes,—not copies,—as some of the periodicals understood the editors. I fell into the same mistake, and was laughed at for my simplicity.

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SECT. I .- INTRODUCTION.

THE misrepresentations which I purpose to expose in this little book, for the greater part, concern primarily and directly myself alone, and not my friend Mr. Clarkson; and the question first raised, and discussed most at length, has altogether the character of those which occupy our civil tribunals, and concerns merely the personal honour of myself and the Messrs. Robert and Samuel Wilberforce. I state this at the risk of inducing the general reader to lay the book down unread; for I am well aware that he will care nothing about me and my character, and, I suspect, very little about my adversaries and their character. I should, therefore, have contented myself with distributing a more condensed statement of these strictly personal matters