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- III. SERMONS. — IV. LETTERS.

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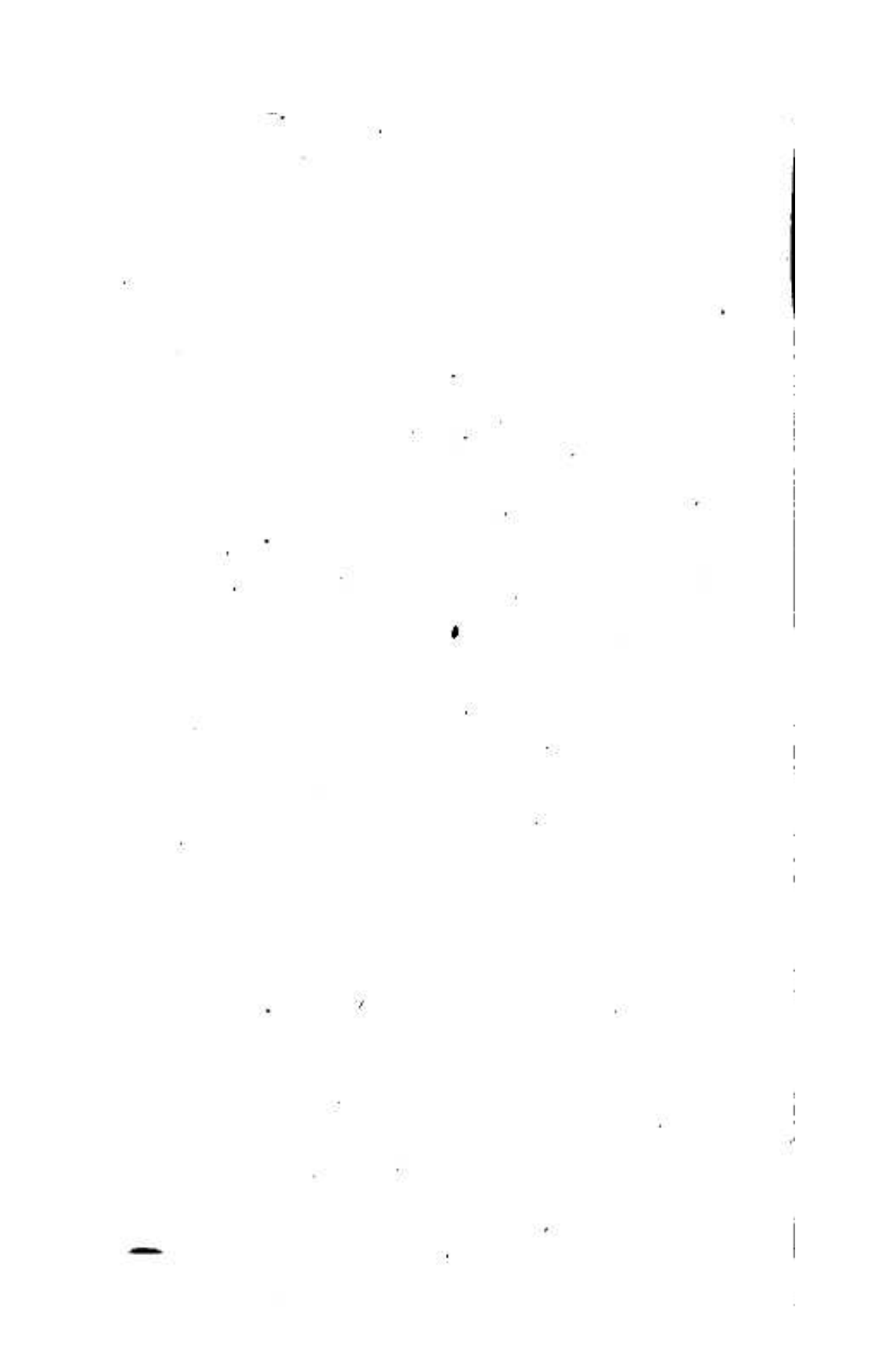
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LETTERS
OF THE LATE
LAURENCE STERNE
TO
HIS MOST INTIMATE FRIENDS,



TO

DAVID GARRICK, Esq.

WHEN I was asked to whom I should dedicate these Volumes, I carelessly answered, To no one— Why not? (replied the person who put the question to me.) Because most Dedications look like begging a protection to the book. Perhaps a worse interpretation may be given to it. No, no! already so much obliged, I cannot, will not, put another tax upon the generosity of any friend of Mr. Sterne's, or mine. I went home to my lodgings, and gratitude warmed my heart to such a pitch, that I vow'd they should be dedicated to the man my father so much

admired—who, with an unprejudiced eye, read, and approved his works, and moreover loved the man—'Tis to Mr. Garrick then, that I dedicate these Genuine Letters.

Can I forget the sweet* Epitaph which proved Mr. Garrick's friendship, and opinion of him? 'Twas a tribute to friendship—and as a tribute of my gratitude I dedicate these Volumes to a man of understanding and feeling—Receive this, as it is meant—May you, dear Sir, approve

* Shall Pride a heap of sculptur'd marble raise,
Some worthless, unmourn'd titled fool to praise;
And shall we not by one poor grave-stone learn
Where Genius, Wit, and Humour, sleep with *Sterne*?

D. G.

Mr. Sterne was born at Clonmel, in Ireland, November 24, 1713; and died, in London, March 18, 1768.

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of these Letters, as much as Mr. Sterne admired you—but Mr. Garrick, with all his urbanity, can never carry the point half so far, for Mr. Sterne was an enthusiast, if it is possible to be one, in favour of Mr. Garrick.

This may appear a very simple Dedication, but Mr. Garrick will judge by his own sensibility, that I can feel more than I can express, and I believe he will give me credit for all my grateful acknowledgments.

I am, with every sentiment of gratitude, and esteem,

DEAR SIR,

Your obliged
humble Servant,

London,
June, 1775.

LYDIA STERNE DE MEDALLE.

