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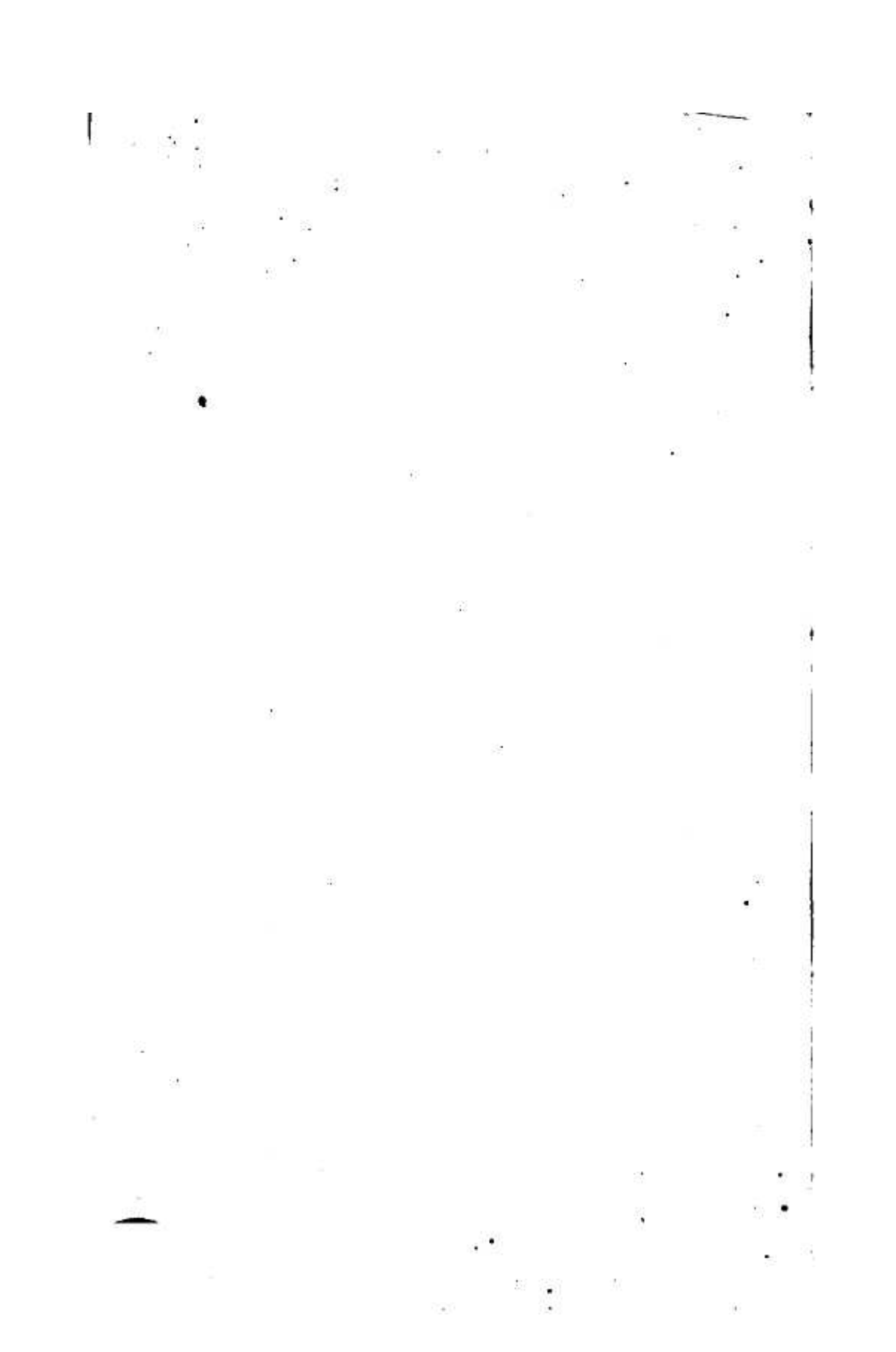
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TO
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
SARAH, COUNTESS OF WARWICK,
AS A SLIGHT
TRIBUTE OF ADMIRATION
OF HER MANY DISTINGUISHED VIRTUES,
THIS VOLUME

IS INSCRIBED WITH FEELINGS OF GRATITUDE AND RESPECT,

BY HER DEVOTED SERVANT,

THE AUTHORESS.



P R E F A C E.

As a miser loves his gold, as a tender mother her only child, even so love I my *Muse*, and though the wild flowers it has been my lot to cull lie but at the *base* of the lofty hill of PARNASSUS, yet they are not less dear, nay, they are perhaps dearer. Love ever regards with a tender care, a more watchful interest, that which clings to it for protection and support. From the simple store my Lyre has produced, I select a few to present to my friends; and although I fear the sadness of my lay will not find its way to the hearts of the *many*—yet, I trust, even they will pardon, and in some measure, forget its melancholy in its truth. Were the quiet and pensive Dove to echo the loud and joyous note of the Lark, or the grave Owl to borrow the gay plumage of the Peacock, such an assumption would be but a mockery, and sit ill upon them—“*Order is Heaven's first-law*”—I trust, therefore, my little Book will not meet with utter neglect, should it be fortunate enough to gain approval in any other respect, because it breathes a deep and plaintive strain. Flowers, the wild and uncultivated, are not the less sweet that they are sprinkled with dew.

Warwick, June, 1846.

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