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TO  
MISS HESTER ALBINIA BURKE,  
WHOSE NAME WAS THE LAST UTTERANCE FROM THE LIPS OF HER  
LOVED AND GALLANT BROTHER,  
This Volume,  
RECORDING HIS HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT,  
IS INSCRIBED, WITH FEELINGS OF SINCERE SYMPATHY,  
BY HER FAITHFUL SERVANT,  
THE COMPILER.





## P R E F A C E .

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SERVING in the same regiment with the head of the family to which belonged Robert O'Hara Burke, and sharing the personal attachment which every member of that family seems to inspire in those who know them, I naturally felt a deep interest in the noble career and melancholy fate of the gallant Leader of the Australian Exploring Expedition of 1860. Animated by a strong feeling of admiration for the active energy, stedfast courage, and patient endurance shown by this brave man, in every stage of this arduous enterprise, I undertook the present attempt to record the incidents of the Exploration of Central Australia so successfully achieved.

My task has been limited to arranging consecutively the letters and journals of the explorers, and forming the whole into a connected narrative of the

progress and results of the Expedition, the vicissitudes of the exploring party, and the fatal disasters which overtook them at last. In doing so, I have not been able to refrain from censuring the conduct of one of the party in particular, as well as vindicating Mr. Burke; who, in his character as Leader of the Expedition, presents a noble example of those qualities which are called for in the soldier, the voyager, and the pioneer of civilization.

ANDREW JACKSON,  
*Ensign, 3rd Buffs.*

*Malta, June, 1862.*

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