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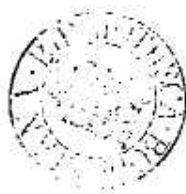
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TO
THE DESCENDANTS OF THOSE CHRISTIAN HEROES
WHO SUFFERED DEATH OR PERSECUTION UN-
DER THE RESTORED HOUSE OF STUART, FOR
THE CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OF SCOT-
LAND, THIS POEM IS RESPECTULLY
DEDICATED.

CANTO I.

THE COVENANTERS.

I.

THE rushing dawn ascends the sky,
And, in the purpling canopy
Star, after waning star, decays,
Dissolved before the coming blaze.
The earth is fresh; the air serene,
From bluest ether to the green
Of ocean, waits the genial flame
Of Day, to fill its balmy frame.
White wreaths of mist the dells exhale
Which cap the cliffs, or slowly sail
Aloft, till every floating fold
Is woven with transparent gold,