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EDWARD—LORD ELLENBOROUGH.

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, 1801.

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THE following Sketches—for they pretend to little more than the word imports—were, at the time they were penned, thrown off without any intention of seeking for literary fame as the result of their publication.

I entreat my readers to bear this in remembrance.

The earlier ones appeared in a legal weekly periodical at the end of last year, and were received with some favour by many of its readers.

I was subsequently advised to collect them in a separate form, to re-cast, and to enlarge them, as better adapted for more general circulation and perusal. This I have now done, and have added perhaps the more attractive feature to the Essays—Photographic Portraits of the eminent men upon whose lives and talents I have thus ventured to comment.

Should these Sketches meet with the approbation of the Public, there are some odd leaves in my old Note-Books, which contain others, from which I may at a future time make a selection.

I have to offer my sincere thanks to many of my Legal Friends, who have kindly assisted me in this compilation.

In a work comprising many small facts and dates, some inaccuracies in those respects may probably have crept in; any communication which will enable me to rectify them will be thankfully received.

CHANCERY LANE,

1st December, 1866.

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