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"O! Love of Country! Passion of the Soul!
Inherent in the human mind and heart,—
Implanted by our Mother's sacred tones,
As points she to the hearth of love and hope!
It doth not claim the city only, or the wild;
It emanates from love Maternal here,—
And rises from that Parent to our GOD!"

Tecumseh, Act iv., Sc. 1.

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TO

His Royal Highness

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&c. &c. &c.

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS.

As the immediate production of the recent volume,—"The Tyrian Æra,"—of "THE HISTORY OF ANCIENT AMERICA" was attributable to the deep interest evinced in the subject personally to me by YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—most gratefully, therefore, do I view, and tender those royal and distinguished honours lately bestowed upon the Author;—for they have been but the consequence of that encouragement originally conferred upon me by YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—for which I thus express my deep and lasting obligations.

The present composition owes its existence, also, to YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS; and those who have been graced as I have, not only by the hospitality and the proverbial urbanity of YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, but by repeated interviews, wherein the questions of a deeply-inquiring mind were conspicuous,—with conversations upon History, and the Christian policy of Nations, will feel, with me, no wonder that the characters of PRESIDENT HARRISON, and TECUMSEH, should have called forth that warm commendation, which finds its source in deep sympathy for patriotism,—for nobility of heart and intellect,—and in sincere sorrow for misfortune and departed greatness.

DEDICATION.

HAVING, therefore, received the special permission of YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, to dedicate this Historical Tragedy to the protection of THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, I do so with pride, sanctioned even by humility;—feeling assured, that should it not meet the full expectations which an original theme naturally creates, it will be attributed,—not to any want of enthusiasm,—but to the exalted character of the subject, which, like the electric flash, while it illumines the darkest caverns of the brain, often has the power to blind perception;—yet, if any points of human character could arouse the free mind, and call forth the brilliant energies of the Poet and Historian,—it is those of Patriotism and Honour. Love of Native-land, and its attendant inspiring qualities, belong not alone to the Plains of Marathon,—the Roman Forum,—to the Isle of Albion,—or the Hills of Switzerland,—they are found in all their pristine powers in the deep Forests of the West;—and if MILTIADES,—CAMILLUS,—CARACTACUS and ALFRED, —or the glorious WILLIAM TELL, are worthy of the imitation of posterity,—then, to the latest age, will live the noble character of TECUMSEH of Indiana.

Graced by being permitted to dedicate my fervent illustration of such a Chieftain, to YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—

I remain in all honour and duty,

PRINCE,—

And with permission, subscribe myself,

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS'S

Most truly, and gratefully obliged,

GEORGE JONES.

London, 30th September, 1844.

P R E F A C E,

WITH ORIGINAL LETTERS, &c.

“What! Not read my Preface to a second volume? How know ye then, ye paper-bullet critics, how your pre-judged attack upon the first has been answered? Ye will read the second,—for, ye may therein, see yourselves personified, although ye do dwell in Rome.”—*MS. in the Vatican.*

As this is the first time that an Historical Tragedy, upon the Northern Aborigines of the Western Hemisphere, has been presented to the European Public, the term “original” will not be considered misapplied in its title. The compounding of the words *Israel* and *Indian*, into *Isro-Indian* would be more scholastic, but I have preferred the blending of the two words without abbreviation, that the meaning should be instantly understood; for I desire that this composition should be regarded as a link in my chain of “The History of Ancient America,”—the link between the Tyrian and *Israel Æras*,—so far as the Oratory of the latter race is considered, and which has been alluded to in the Volume already issued. The malignant censure cast upon that Volume by nearly atheistical writers (critics they cannot be termed, unless in derision) I am most grateful for, for it has proved the truth of the additional incidents regarding Christianity; and any truth that would strike at the sandy foundations of such pseudo-critics, would naturally call forth their condemnation. Their enmity, therefore, I esteem; their friendship I should despise; their justice cannot be expected, for malevolence sways the balance. Miserable detractors! Pervertors of Science!—by endeavouring to destroy its first principle,—Truth. Upholders of Calumny!—by supporting each other in detraction. Designers of Evil!—for the actions of “good” you