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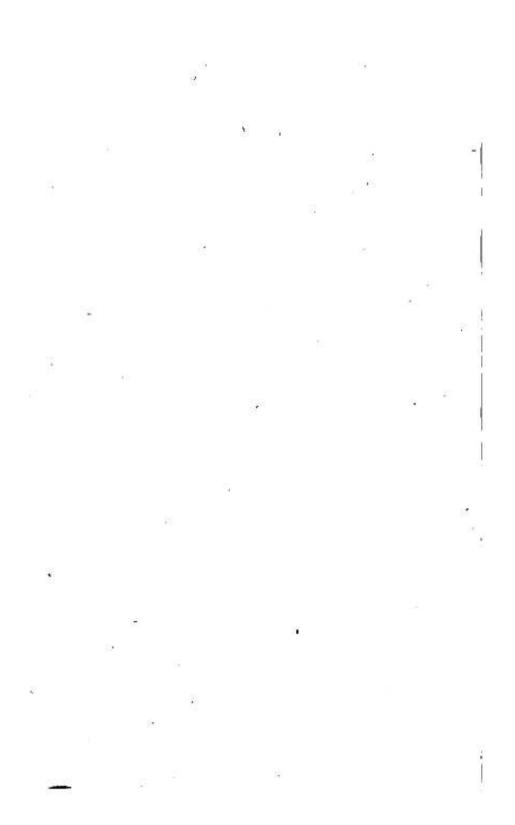
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IN TESTIMONY OF THE HIGHEST RESPECT

FOR HIS GENIUS AS A POET, AND EMINENT ACQUIREMENTS,

THIS WORK IS DEDICATED

BY JANE FAIRFIELD.



TO THE PUBLIC.

It is by no means consistent for one so nearly allied as the wife, to write a biography of the husband. There are many things that, under any consideration, she should not be induced to explain; her feelings are often overcome by the bitterness of grief, or acted upon by sympathy or benevolence. "Facts, not opinions," should be the motto of every candid historian; it therefore requires a biographer who shall try a cause not from malice, or excuse from favor.

I have endeavored, in as concise a manner as possible, to lay before the public a few of the events in the life, and to analyze, as well
as I was able, the mind and character of my late husband. The necessity of expediting the publication of the work, induced me to take
upon myself the responsibility of the task; and as it is my first attempt at authorship, (and I trust it will be the last,) I hope I shall beforgiven for all absurdities of style and composition.

Opposite views are often taken of the same events and characters, by persons of differently constituted minds; and though I may differ from the multitude in regard to the prominent points of character in relation to the poet, I feel quite confident that there are a few among those who knew him best, who will coincide in my opinions. How far I have succeeded, rests with their better judgment.

MARCH 22, 1846.

JANE FAIRFIELD.

