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PREFACE.

THE approbation which the perhaps too partial perusal of friends has caused them to bestow on the following Poems, originally printed for private distribution, has at length induced the Author of them to extend their sphere of circulation; and if, though anonymous, they should be received by the Public with some, although not an equal, degree of favour, he will have no reason to regret his subsequent determination.

For those readers who are conversant with Greek literature, he begs to state, that the "Ode to Greece" was translated from the original Greek, which appeared in one of the spring numbers of the "Literary Gazette" of the present year; and he trusts that if he has not rendered it elegantly, he has at least faithfully. He hopes also, at the same time, that distance from the press will, in some measure, prove an excuse for the alterations after printing, and the typographic errata.

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ERRATA.

Page 10, line 1, dele full stop after sight.

- _ 24, _ 11, for " wean" read " ween."
- 82, 15, for "humble" resul "knowbler."
- _ 111, _ 3, for "No _" read " Yet,".

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STANZAS.

I.

As the tired pilgrim views with slumbering eye
Green shady vales, pure springs, and rising towers;
So dream I of the joys of Poesy,
Of Pindus' fountains, and Parnassus' bowers;
And if I seek to cull her humblest flowers,
And o'er my brow entwine the graceful wreath,
"Tis more to while away life's tedious hours,
And smooth the path that leads us on to death,
Than court ephemeral praise, or Fame's as fleeting breath.