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ROBIA HOOD.

In this our spacious isle I think there is not one,
But he ' of Robin Hood hath heard' and Little Johu;
And to the end of time the tales shall ne'er be done
Of Scarlock, George a Green, and Much the miller's son,
Of Tuck, the merry friar, which many a sermon made
In praise of Robin Hood, his outlaws, and their trade.

DRAYTON.

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&c. &c. &c.

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RY

HIS GRACE'S MOST OBLIGED,

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HUMBLE SERVANT,

THE EDITOR.

PREFACE.

THE late eminent antiquary, Mr. Joseph Ritson, collected, with much labour and care, all the historical and poetical remains he could discover relating to that celebrated character, Robin Hood, which he published in the year 1795, in two small 8vo. volumes. The present Publication is a reprint of that Work, which is now become exceedingly scarce and expensive. It being, however, the abn of the present Editor to produce a book which could with propriety be put into the hands of young persons, he has retained only a portion of Mr. Ritson's notes. The rest have been omitted as either irrelevant or inadmissible in a work designed for this class of readers. The Editor conceives, and confidently unticipates, that this little volume will prove peculiarly acceptable at the present moment, in consequence of the hero, and his merry companions, having been recently pourtrayed in the most lively colours by the masterly hand of the author of IVANHOE.

Murch, 1820.