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TO
WALTER SCOTT, ESQUIRE,
THIS
COLLECTION OF POETRY,
WHICH
IN A GREAT MEASURE OWES ITS EXISTENCE TO A
WISH EXPRESSED BY HIM,
IS INSCRIBED,
WITH
SENTIMENTS OF HIGH ADMIRATION,
AND
SINCERE REGARD,
BY
THE EDITOR.

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INTRODUCTORY MEMOIR.

IN compliance with custom, more than from a conviction of its universal propriety, the following collection of the literary remains of two deceased men of genius is prefaced, with some very brief biographical observations.

Thomas Bedingfeld* was descended, by both his parents, from very ancient and honourable families, being the second son of the late Edward Bedingfeld, Esq. of York, who was a younger son of Sir Henry Arundell Bedingfeld, Baronet, of Oxborough, in the county of Norfolk, by Lady Elizabeth Boyle, eldest daughter of Charles, Earl of Burlington. His

* Feld is the ancient orthography, and signifies the same as Field. See Verstegan, who, however, writes this name "Bedingfield."

mother was Mary, daughter of Sir John Swinburne, Baronet, of Capheaton, in the county of Northumberland. He was born at York on the 18th of Feb. 1760, and, when of sufficient age, was sent for education to the university of Liege, in Germany, where he continued to study the languages, with success, about six years; and whatever observations may have been made, in some instances, on the torpid influence of the system of education pursued in the English seminaries on the continent, it is certain that the mind of Mr. Bedingfeld experienced no such effect; for, after his return to England, he exhibited not only a clear and sound judgment in the study of the law, but an admirable talent for poetry, and great liveliness in conversation. As an introduction to the study of the law, more particularly in that branch of it which is technically called Conveyancing, he was in December, 1780, placed as a clerk in the highly-respectable office of the late Mr. Davidson, of Newcastle upon Tyne, where he met with

George Pickering, the eldest son of a gentleman of the same name, who was successively land-steward to Sir Lancelot Allgood, of Nunwick, and Sir William