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MARMION:

A TALE

OF FLODDEN FIELD.

IN SIX CANTOS.

Alas! that Scottish Maid should sing
The combat where her lover fell!
That Scottish Bard should make the string,
The triumph of our foes to tell!—LEYDEX.

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IT is hardly to be expected, that an Author, whom the Pub-He has honoured with some degree of applause, should not be again a tresposeer on their kindness. Yet the Author of MAR-MION must be supposed to feel some anxiety concerning its success, since he is sensible that he hazards, by this second intrusion, any reputation which his first Poem may have procured him. The present story turns upon the private adventures of a Actitious character; but is called a Tale of Flodden Field, because the hero's fate is connected with that memorable defeat, and the causes which led to it. The design of the Author was, if possible, to apprize his readers, at the outset, of the date of his Story, and to prepare them for the manners of the Age in which it is laid. Any Historical narrative, for more on attempt at Epic composition, exceeds his plan of a Romantic Tale ; yet he may be permitted to hope, from the popularity of THE LAY OF THE LAST MINSTEEL, that an attempt to point the manners of the feudal times, upon a broader scale, and in the course of a more interesting story, will not be unacceptable to the Public.

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ROMANCE IS INSCRIBED

BY

THE AUTHOR.

MARMION.

Introduction to Canto Ficat.

WILLIAM STEWART ROSE, Esq.

Ashestiel, Ettricke Forest.

November's leaf is red and sear:

Late, gazing down the steepy linn,

That hems our little garden in,

Low in its dark and narrow glen,

You scarce the rivulet might ken,

So thick the tangled green-wood grew,

So feeble trill'd the streamlet through:

Now, murmuring hoarse, and frequent seen

Through bush and brier, no longer green,