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### EXTRACTS FROM FITZGERALD'S LET-TERS RELATING TO "THE DOWNFALL AND DEATH OF KING ŒDIPUS."

To W. B. Donne.

Market Hill, Woodbridge, October 4, '63.

Sophocles has almost shaken my Allegiance to Æschylus. Oh, those two Œdipuses! but then that Agamemnon! Well: one shall be the Handel and tother the Haydn; one the Michel Angelo, and tother the Raffaelle of Tragedy.

To C. E. Norton.

Lowestoft, Sept. 3, '79.

. . . As to my thinking you could be 'importunate' in asking again for my two Sophocles Abstracts, you must know that such importunity cannot but be grateful. I am only rather ashamed that you should have to repeat it. I laid the Plays by after looking them over some months ago, meaning to wait till another year to clear up some parts, if not all. Thus do my little works arrive at such form as they result in, good or bad; so as, however I may be blamed for the liberties I take with the Great, I cannot be accused of over haste in doing so, though blamed I may be for rashness in meddling with them at all. Anyhow, I would not send you any but a fair MS.