

**ST. BERNARD'S PRIORY:  
AN OLD ENGLISH  
TALE; BEING THE FIRST  
LITERARY PRODUCTION**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649711901

St. Bernard's Priory: An Old English Tale; Being the First Literary Production by A Young Lady

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**A YOUNG LADY**

**ST. BERNARD'S PRIORY:  
AN OLD ENGLISH  
TALE; BEING THE FIRST  
LITERARY PRODUCTION**



# ST. BERNARD'S PRIORY.

AN OLD ENGLISH TALE;

BEING THE FIRST LITERARY PRODUCTION

O F

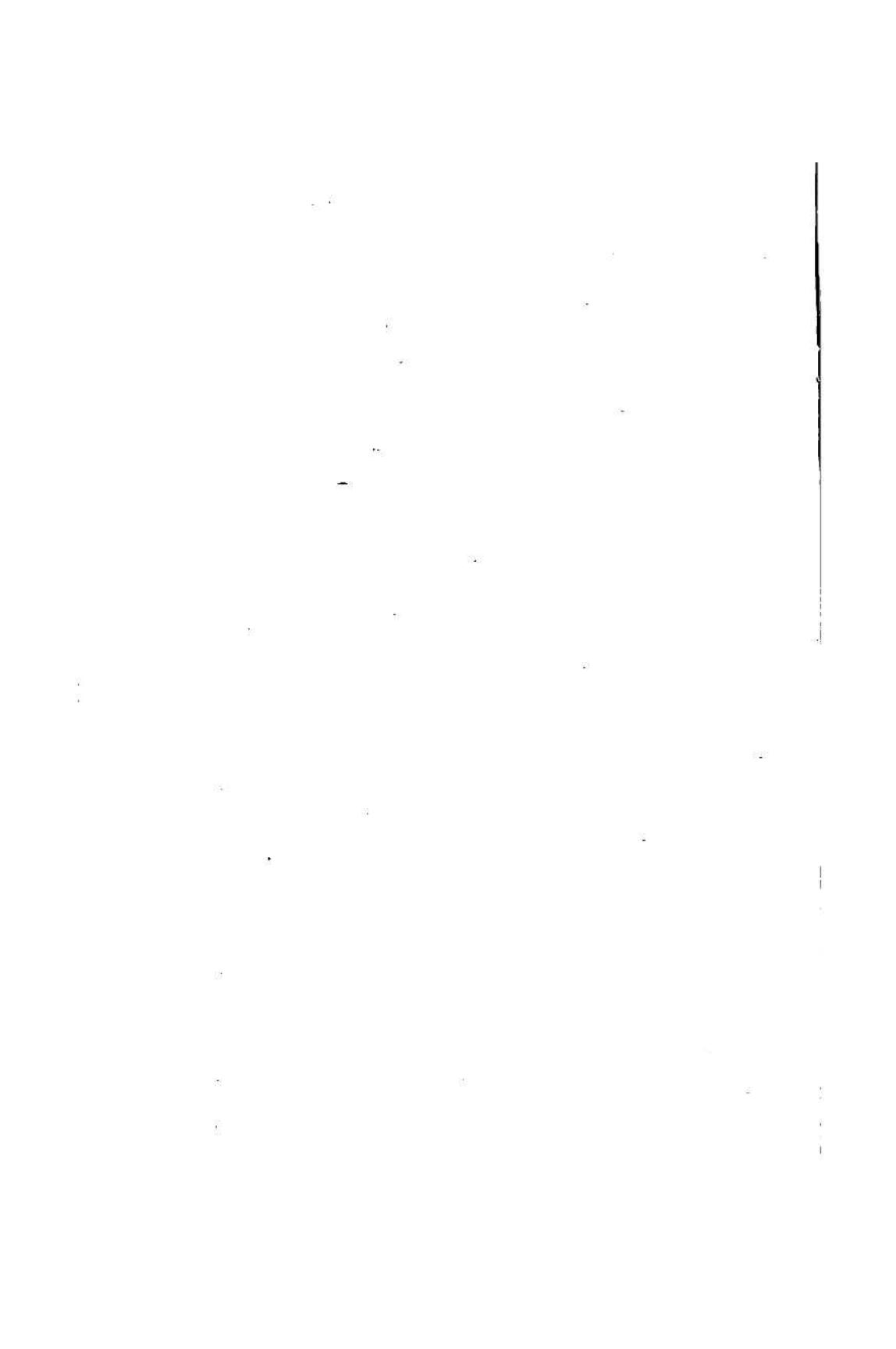
*A Y O U N G L A D Y.*

---

*L O N D O N:*

PRINTED FOR THE AUTHORESS,  
AND SOLD AT  
SWIFT'S CIRCULATING LIBRARY, CHARLES-STREET, ST. JAMES'S SQUARE.

MDCCLXXXVI.



T O H E R G R A C E

THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE.

MADAM,

MAY I hope your Grace's known goodness will plead in favour of the presumption of a female, who, though conscious of her want of merit, has yet dared to offer the first efforts of her pen to Your patronage. Although personally unknown, yet she is no stranger to the Duchess of Devonshire's amiable disposition : Fame, which is allowed a general detractor, can report nothing of your Grace but what will throw fresh lustre upon your character. Under such auspices no one will surely

b

condemn

vi      D E D I C A T I O N .

condemn me, if I entertain some hopes of success ;  
and though St. BERNARD'S PRIORY may not afford  
your Grace any great amusement, yet it may at  
some time or other kill a few tedious minutes, if  
it is possible for your Grace to be ever unem-  
ployed.

I am, with the greatest respect,

Your Grace's most obedient,

and very humble Servant,

*The* AUTHORESS.

No. 25, DUKEL-STREET, ST. JAMES'S,  
May 2, 1786.

INTRO-



# INTRODUCTION.

*To the PUBLIC.*

**T**HOUGH well aware of the many observations and criticisms to which every publication is exposed, the authors, as well as their works, being unknown; yet, not deterred by these considerations, from flights of ambition, I throw myself upon the candour and indulgence of a liberal Public, and trust entirely to their generosity to pass over lightly the imperfections of a young female's first literary attempt.

ST. BERNARD'S PRIORY, she fears, will too plainly shew that there has been no other head or pen employed in it but her own. The only thing to recommend

viii    I N T R O D U C T I O N .

commend it is, she is apprehensive, its novelty ; the story not being borrowed from any other author. I mean not, however, to extenuate my own failings, by claiming any merit from the denouement of the story ; as I write only for amusement, I hope those that read it will be entirely swayed by the same motive, in expectation of which I patiently abide my fate.

---

---

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

A.  
Miss Ash  
Dr. Arnold  
Sir Thomas A Price

B.  
Miss M. Briggs  
Miss Burt  
Mr. Bryant, Three Copies  
Mrs. Bryant  
Miss Bolt  
Miss Bowen

C.  
Mr. Colebatch  
Mrs. J. Cooper  
Mr. P. Cooper  
Miss Clarke  
Mr. Calcut  
John Croftill, Esq.  
Mr. Carbonell  
Captain ———  
Mrs. Cook

D.  
Mrs. Drax  
Miss E. Downs  
Mr. Downs  
Miss Dollman  
Lady Danvers  
Miss Doddington  
Mr. Dupuis, sen. Two Copies

Miss DuBerley  
Mr. T. Dupuis  
Mrs. Dupuis  
Mr. C. Dupuis  
Mr. Dale, jun.  
Miss Deerhurst  
Mr. Dobbins  
Miss Duglafs  
Mr. Douglafs  
Miss D.  
J. D.

E.  
Miss Edwards  
Mrs. Edwards  
Miss Evans

F.  
Captain Freemore  
Mrs. Furfur  
Mrs. Forbes  
Miss Fuling  
Miss Harriet Francis  
General Forbes

G.  
Miss Gould  
Miss Goring  
Mrs. George  
Miss A. Green  
Colonel Gould  
Mrs. Gould

c