

DEDICATION. iii

The Picture, Sir, which an honourable and most obliging Friend of Mine was pleased to draw of You : The amiable Particulars he told Me concerning your intimate Acquaintance with Literature and the Sciences ; and the Regard you have ever shewn to Them, and to their Professors, made me proud of acquiescing instantly with the Desire He had, that I should grace the following Sheets with your Name.

Those who are conversant with Books, know that the wisest Legislators, antient and modern, always made the Arts and Sciences their peculiar Care ; from a firm Persuasion that the cherishing of Them is not only highly honourable to the Patrons, and to their Country, but productive of the most solid Advantages to it : It being an universally received Maxim, that

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