

DEDICATION

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C. J. BRYDGES, Esq.

DEAR SIR,

Permit me to dedicate the following poems to you, the one on the tragic death of an illustrious Statesman, with the brightness of whose genius your own could so well sympathize, the other your own affectionate son, Charles, the pride of your manhood and the hope of your declining years. "Snatched away in beauties bloom," from the affections of his Country, and the love of his happy home. They may serve to you not as the productions of genius, but, mementos of two melancholy events, entering so deeply into the recesses of your profound nature.

Trusting you will be sustained under the great trial,

I remain, very respectfully,

Yours,

"MARATHON."