

TO  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE  
GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE, G. C. B.  
FOUNDER AND PATRON;

TO  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONORABLE  
SIR FRANCIS BURTON, G. C. H. PRESIDENT;  
AND TO  
THE MEMBERS OF THE QUEBEC LITERARY  
AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
THE FOLLOWING ESSAY,  
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IS MOST RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED,  
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THEIR OBEDIENT SERVANT,  
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