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THE publication of this Memoir has been occasioned solely by the diversity of opinion which has prevailed respecting the author of the Letters of JUNIUS, and from the failure of all who have laid claim to that distinction.

The Memoir is written by a celebrated character, and is only a part of a collection of papers which is now in the possession of his immediate descendant. He was the intimate associate of Chatham and the Grenvilles; at once possessed of literary reputation and an ample fortune, a Member of Parliament, and alike acquainted with public measures and ministerial intrigue.