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benevolent and upright man. Under such impressions, the Editor has peculiar satisfaction in fulfilling the injunction of his departed friend, and prefixing to this Edition "**THE LIFE OF THE AUTHOR, WRITTEN BY HIMSELF.**"--The time at which it was composed, and the composition itself, impress the Editor with every feeling of dear regard and of duty; and, (as a part of that duty) with the propriety of submitting some further remark on this last literary effort of his excellent Friend. Those who knew and were intimate with Mr. BRYAN EDWARDS, will recognize, in this short account of himself, the energy of mind, the industry, and the truth, which characterized his conversations and his life; but all must allow, and some must object, that much therein is omitted, which has usual and proper place in biography, and which the Editor might be presumed, or be called upon, to supply. Some account might be required of his literary essays and legislative acts, so efficient in the cause of humanity towards the negroes, whilst a member of the assembly in Jamaica:--some account might be demanded, of this good