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formation which he justly considers as of great practical utility, has executed this edition at an expense which ill comports with the modest fortune of a man of letters. It would not become us to accept such a present from an individual. While we allow Education among ourselves to loiter in the porch of Science, and consent to receive from strangers that knowledge of our own country which they should receive from us—for our reputation—let us, at least, reward their services.

Besides his personal merit, the Author of the *Sylva* has hereditary claims upon our gratitude.

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