

DEDICATION.

IN the display of most authors, I have universally discovered as a set off to their writings, the usual appendage of a dedication, emblazoned with all flattering materials to feed the vanity of some great personage to whom it is addressed.

Now I am compelled to take a different proceeding, and so resolve to dedicate this first volume of mine to Nobody, nobody having kindly offered himself as my patron on this vast portion of the globe, to which both my-