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# R E A D E R.

**T**HE Person in whose Behalf the following Pages are wrote, is sensible how difficult, how irksome, a Task it is, for any one to speak of himself. Yet there are Occasions, when the most moderate Man, after being cruelly attacked, injured, and calumniated, may urge his own Innocence, without the least Violation of Modesty. Any Apology, in this Place, is conceived the less necessary; as he hopes the following Facts will sufficiently plead his Excuse, and justify this Address to the Public. To this Tribunal he would very long since have