

## DEDICATION.

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TO MRS. HOWLAND,

DEAR MADAM,

To you, the first lady who visited the "Old Marine," and relieved him from his "poverty, hunger and dirt," I have the honor, by permission, to dedicate this humble tribute of my pen. If it has no other merit, one at least will be found in the fact that it emanates from an anxious desire to promote Christian charity, throughout this, our New Dominion.

I remain, dear Madam,

Your obedient and obliged servant,

THE AUTHOR.