THE HONORABLE

DUDLEY CAMPBELL.

MY DEAR DUDLEY,

As you have chosen the noble though arduous profession of the Law, I dedicate to you the LIVES OF THE CHIEF JUSTICES, in the hope that they may stimulate in your bosom a laudable ambition to excel, and that they may teach you industry, energy, perseverance, and self-denial. Learn that, by the exercise of these virtues, there is no eminence to which you may not aspire,—and, from the examples here set before you, ever bear in mind that truly enviable reputation is only to be acquired by independence of character, by political consistency, and by spotless purity both in public and private life.

I cannot hope to see you enjoying high professional distinction; but, when I am gone, you may rescue my name from oblivion, and, if I should be forgotten by all the world besides, you will tenderly remember

Your ever affectionate Father.

CAMPBELL