

DEDICATION:

BUT nature having denied me the necessary talents to record the exploits of the *Auguste House of NORTHU BERLAND*, in which the *Hero* and *Statesman* have been time immemorial so eminently conspicuous, I esteem myself happy in the honor of being permitted to make an offering of the following sheets, and to lay them at the feet of the *Heir* of that *illustrious family*, in whom concentrate all the *virtues* of his *glorious ancestors*.

I am, most respectfully,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's,

Most devoted, and

Most obedient servant,

R. DONKIN.

New-York, 1st March, 1777.

PREFACE.